

Readiness for Monsoon

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha Government has geared up its administrative machineries and is fully prepared for the monsoon season. Chairing a meeting of

ity (OSDMA) outlined the details. Mr.Mahapatra directed the concerned departments to be prepared for the work of providing proper advice and in-

sources should be prepared for immediate deployment as needed. Apart from this, he ordered to keep the hand pumps in the villages and urban areas

ply, provision of food and sanitation with contingency plans, and human resources to farmers were discussed at the meeting.

The IMD provides district and region-wise weather information and a storm impact-based forecast system has been developed.

Doppler Weather Radar Stations at Gopalpur and Paradeep and High Wind Speed Recorders have been installed at Balasore, Chandbali, Puri, Bhubaneswar, Gopalpur and Paradeep which can also work in windy conditions.

All these modern infrastructures help in weather forecasting as well as monitoring the condition.

Regional Director of Indian Meteorological Department HR Biswas said that though Odisha's current climate is suitable for storms, there is no indication of a storm in the next 15 days. Notably, Odisha's geographical position and climate are always prone to floods and storms due to the return of the South West Monsoon, especially in the months of October and November, officials say.



senior officials, Chief Secretary S C Mahapatra discussed preparedness and response in the wake of a natural disaster. Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) Revenue and Disaster Management Satyabrata Sahu, ACS Forest and Environment Mona Sharma, ACS Water Resources Department Anu Garg, and senior officials of Navy, Army, Coast Guard and Indian Meteorological Department participated in the meeting. Mr.Sahu who is also handling charges of Special Relief Commissioner and Managing Director Odisha Disaster Management Author-

formation, protecting and transporting the grain collected in the grain market. The departments were also asked to keep the field officers and staff alert accordingly.

The discussion of the meeting revealed that the storm forecasting and early warning information transmission infrastructure has been improved in Odisha. As the telephone and power supply systems in cyclone are severely damaged, Mr.Mahapatra directed that mobile telecom towers, satellite phone generators, power poles, conductors, substations, and a sufficient number of human re-

functional and make full preparations to make the drinking water supply system functional in case of a storm. Department of Women and Child Development was asked to continue the cyclone preparedness awareness program in the cyclone-prone coastal villages and to prepare a list of the imminent delivery, the elderly, the disabled, the destitute.

Restoration of immediate access facilities, repair of roads and embankments, protection of salinity dams during storms, potable water, urban storm water drainage, alternative power systems in hospitals, food sup-

Modi senses 'silent' poll campaign by Cong in Gujarat, sounds out BJP cadres

ANAND(KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday warned Bharatiya Janata Party workers

Modi, on a three-day visit to his home state, said the Congress has this time appears to have changed its strategy

what appears to me at first glance," he said, addressing a BJP rally at Vallabh Vidyanagar in Anand district.

years, so they have done something new, which is why we need to remain alert," said Modi, who previously served as Chief Minister of Gujarat for 13 years.

The Prime Minister said the Congress, once a dominant political force in Gujarat, is not saying anything openly, but working "silently" by going to villages and adopting its old "manipulative" tricks.

"Therefore, don't be confused because they are not appearing in the press, nor conducting any press conference or making speeches. Beware... the Congress is trying to infiltrate with a new strategy. It does not speak, but is reaching out to villages, holding meet



against the Congress's "silent" campaigning in Gujarat and said the ruling BJP will have to slightly modify its poll strategy to counter what he termed "conspiracy" of the opposition party.

in Gujarat, where Assembly polls are due in the next few months. "I need to warn you because it appears to me that this time the Congress has adopted a new strategy. I have not probed, but that is

He said in previous Assembly elections, the Congress used to make a lot of noise and boast about "finishing" the BJP, which is ruling the state for more than two decades. "But we did not fall (got defeated) in 20

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Mulayam Singh Yadav passes away at 82

Lucknow(KCN): Samajwadi Party supremo and three-time chief minister of Uttar Pradesh Mulayam Singh Yadav died on Monday at a hospital in Gurugram after prolonged illness.

"Mere adarniya pitaji aur sabke netaji nahi rahe - Akhilesh Yadav," the SP tweeted from its Twitter handle.

The 82-year-old former defence minister was

The prime minister said Yadav served people diligently and devoted his life towards popularising ideals of Jayaprakash Narayan and Ram Manohar Lohia.

The Congress and BJP condoled Yadav's demise and said his passing away was an irreparable loss to Indian politics.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced a three-day state mourning and said Yadav's last rites will be conducted with full state honours.

Born on November 22, 1939 into a farming family in Saifai near Etawah in Uttar Pradesh, Yadav spawned the state's most prominent political clan.

Yadv served as defence minister from 1996-1998, and chief minister thrice in



admitted to a hospital since August and was shifted to the Intensive Care Unit of the Gurugram-based Medanta Hospital on October 2.

President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi were among a host of leaders who condoled his passing away. Murmu said the achievements of Yadav, who came from an ordinary environment, were extraordinary

"Dharti Putra' Mulayam ji was a veteran leader and was connected with the land. He was respected by people of all parties. My deepest condolences to his family members and supporters!?" Murmu tweeted in Hindi

1989-91, 1993-95, and 2003-07.

The SP supremo was elected an MLA 10 times and an MP, mostly from Mainpuri and Azamgarh, seven times.

For decades, he enjoyed the stature of a national leader but Uttar Pradesh largely remained the 'akhara' where Yadav played out his politics, beginning as a teenager who was influenced by socialist leader Lohia.

For party workers, even when he was no longer the SP president - the mantle passed on to his son Akhilesh Yadav in 2017 - the patriarch remained 'Netaji', the leader. And his presence on the scene provided the glue that held the Yadav clan

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Putin vows more 'severe' attacks after Russian missiles batter Ukraine

KYIV(KCN): Russian forces launched a barrage of fatal bombardments across Ukraine early on Monday and President Vladimir Putin vowed even more "severe" retaliation against Kyiv.

The biggest wave of strikes across Ukraine in months killed at least 11 people nationwide, and was apparent retaliation for an explosion this weekend that damaged a key bridge linking Russia to the Moscow-annexed Crimean peninsula.

The Ukrainian military said Russian forces had fired more than 80 missiles on cities across the country and that Russia had also used Iranian drones launched from neighbouring Belarus.

"Let there be no doubt," Putin said in televised comments addressed to his security council, "if attempts at terrorist attacks continue, the response from Russia will be severe."

Putin's predecessor, Dmitry Medvedev, warned on social media that the strikes -- which disrupted water and electricity services across Ukraine -- were only "the first episode".

"We were sleeping when we heard the first explosion. We woke up, went to check and then the second explosion came," Ksenia Ryazantseva, a 39-year-old language teacher, told AFP.

"We saw the smoke, then the cars, and then we realised we didn't have a window anymore," she added.

"There's no military target or anything like that here. They're just killing civilians". 'Demonstration of weakness'

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskysaid the Russian strikes had aimed to take down Ukrainian energy infrastructure. Regional officials across the country confirmed wide-

spread disruptions to services.

Russia's defence ministry meanwhile confirmed it had targeted Ukrainian energy, military command and communications facilities, claiming the strikes had been a success and "achieved their aims".

Ukraine's foreign minister said the attacks had not been "provoked" and the onslaught was Moscow's response to a series of embarrassing military losses in eastern Ukraine.

"Putin is desperate because of battlefield defeats and uses missile terror to try to change the pace of war in his favour," minister Dmytro Kuleba wrote on social media.

UK Foreign Secretary James Cleverly said the Russian missile strikes on the Ukrainian capital, Kyiv, and other cities were "unacceptable".

"This is a demonstration of weakness by Putin, not strength," he tweeted, adding that he had contacted Kuleba.

Zelensky said on social media meanwhile that he had spoken with the leaders of France and Germany and urged them to "increase pressure" on Russia.

Dozens injured

In Kyiv, the national police service said that at least 11 people had been killed and at least another 64 wounded.

Ukrainian officials said the central Shevchenko district of the city was hit and that a university, museums and the philharmonic building had been damaged.

An AFP journalist in Kyiv saw a projectile land near a playground and smoke rising from a large crater at the impact site.

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Durga Puja in the New Millennium: Jewels to the Crown of India

Kolkata(KCN): The Durga Puja in Kolkata; as well as for the state of West



Kolkata and across West Bengal is a national socio-religious event that has been celebrated with pomp and grandeur for the past several centuries. This national event over the years have manifested into an international event drawing both national and international tourists to the City of Joy in massive numbers. It is not only a national celebration of the Bengali communities; but, an event of socio-cultural unity, diversity and integrity of India that attracts people in large unimaginably massive numbers to join this celebration. Recently UNESCO has granted World Heritage tag to the Durga Puja celebration adding to a monumental international feather to the cap of the city

of Kolkata; as well as for the state of West

jured, physically or mentally challenged individuals, young children and senior citizens who are un-



this user-friendly site but can also enjoy the 360° view of Puja Pandals across Kolkata from the

able to participate in this due to several socio-cultural, medical and logistics limitations. But two



continent of Asia on a city for a sociology-religious event with international heritage, making Durga Puja an international festival like the grand Carnivals of Central and South America and the Caribbean Islands. However, amidst this grand celebration we often forget the plight of our sick, in-

brothers, Kshitij Shah and Shahil Shah have designed a wonderful website for everyone to be able to see the picturesque Durga Pujo of Kolkata (West Bengal, India) at <https://durgadarshan.org/> One can not only navigate across all the major and minor pandals across the City of Joy through

comfort of your home. For those who could not do pandal hopping during the festive days or those who are located outside Kolkata or West Bengal or India can now enjoy and screws the pomp and grandeur of this international festival from their desktops, laptops, palmtops, tablets and smart phones connected to an internet. The online and offline modes of enjoying the Durga Puja this year crowned with UNESCO tag is a monumental achievements for us all to celebrate this year! I sincerely believe that this Puja will bring to all the joys of success and diminish the sadness, sorrow and darkness of our life replacing them with peace, unity, integrity and prosperity for all.

Tele-MANAS For Mental Care

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Establishing a new milestone in the field of mental health on the occasion of

of Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare was launched today. Acknowledging the

work that will withstand the challenges amplified by the pandemic, Government of India announced National Tele Mental Health Programme (NTMHP) in the Union Budget 2022-23.

Tele-MANAS aims to provide free tele-mental health services all over the country round the clock, particularly catering to people in remote or underserved areas. The program includes a network of 23 tele-mental health centres of excellence, with NIMHANS being the nodal centre and International Institute of Information

Technology-Bangalore (IIITB) providing technology support. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bengaluru and National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHRSC) will provide the technical support. A toll-free, 24/7 helpline number (14416) has been set up across the country allowing callers to select the language of choice for availing services. The calls would be routed to Tele-MANAS cells in the respective state and union territory. In Odisha AIIMS Bhubaneswar has been designated as Mentoring Institute.



World Mental Health Day, Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States (Tele-MANAS) initiative

mental health crisis in wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and an urgent need to establish a digital mental health net-



GOPABANDHU JAYANTI OBSERVED AT DAV, KALINGANAGAR

CPMG, West Bengal Circle Indicates innovations to be brought in Parcel Packaging System in India Post and Introduction of Know Your Postman App

Kolkata(KCN): The West Bengal Circle of the India Post is going to offer facelift to its parcel packaging system indicated the Chief Postmaster General (CPMG), West Bengal Circle Miss J Charukeshi today in a Press conference to highlight the celebration of the National Postal Week from October 9 to October 13, 2022. She stated that instead of age-old cloth packaging, India Post, West Bengal Circle is going to introduce simple corrugated wrapping, plain standard polythene wrap packaging and bubble wrapping in post offices having good foot-falls shortly. Such a packaging innovation is going to be introduced by CPMG, West Bengal Circle in Burrabazar, GPO, Park Street and Howrah post offices. In future the system will be extended in 43 other post offices under the West Bengal Circle stated Ms Charukeshi to the media representatives present in the conference.

While deliberating on the activities chalked out to observe the National Postal Week, Ms Charukeshi deliberated upon the unique initiative taken up during the Durga Puja to promote letter writing, when around 10,000 creatively designed postcards were distributed at two mega Pujo Pandals in Kolkata-Chetla Agrani and Suruchi Sangha, both in South Kolkata for which, the last date of online submission of which is October 15, 2022. All such letters will be tagged to facebook, stated the CPMG while deliberating on the subject. Besides, India Post West Bengal Circle is going to launch the 'Know Your Postman App' for the booking of retail parcels from home and through online methods, where the postman is going to reach the door-step of the parcel-booker. The CPMG, West Bengal Circle also spoke on India Post West Bengal Circle's efforts to offer the general insurances to the marginalised sections of the society up to Rs 10 lakh cover, with an annual premium of Rs 256 to Rs 399 from the part of India Post Payments Bank (IPPB), for which, the organisation has tied up with Bajaj and TATA AIG. Ms Charukeshi also briefed activities like Swacchata Abhiyan is being carried out across all post offices as a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav also. Various programmes and activities aimed at generating broader awareness about the role and services of Post Offices have also been planned during the

week. She said, on the occasion of observation of Philately Day tomorrow, release of special covers, Quiz competitions, seminars and workshops have been planned to engage with youngsters and enthruse them to take up philately as a hobby and also to inform them about Deen Dayal Sparsh Scholarship, Dhai Akshar Competition. Special Covers on the theme "One District One Product" (ODOP) will be fo-



cusused by each circle to promote PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme launched by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries under the banner of "Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan". Two Special Covers on the theme 'ODOP' viz.



'Ginger Based Products' and 'Bakery Snack Confectionary products' will be released at Gangtok tomorrow. A Special cover on 'Marine and Fish Products' of South Andaman, was also released at Port Blair on October 5, 2022 in this connection.

Two Special Covers on Unsung Heroes, viz. Ms. Pritilata Waddedar & Shri Dhrubesh Charan Chatterjee will also be released at Kolkata Yogayog Bhawan tomorrow. Ms Charukeshi said, October 13, 2022 will be observed as "Antodaya Diwas". A seminar will be organized on the topic "Upliftment of poor, marginalised and



backward sections of the society and Role of the Postal Department". This will be an interactive session with senior officers from the state government. Awareness camps will be organized on social security schemes like Direct Benefit Transfer, Social Security Pensions, Jan Suraksha Schemes, Sukanya Samridhi Accounts, AePs and other savings services of the Post Office. Financial literacy camps to adopt safety measures while doing digital transactions to avoid frauds shall be organized in rural, remote and under developed areas.

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'Adipurush' director Om Raut defends Saif's look as Raavan in his film

MUMBAI: The controversy around the upcoming Hindu mythological film 'Adipurush', which The film was earlier trolled for its poor VFX which was visible in its teaser. Then the Home Minister of on the Internet are trolling the film because of Saif Ali Khan's look as Raavan in the film. Now, the director trayal of Raavan, the director told Aaj Tak: "Our Ravan in today's time is demonic, he is cruel. The one who ALSO READ | Adipurush director Om Raut responds to trolling over VFX: "The film is made for the big everyone's blessings for this. Who-soever is speaking about the film are our elders. I am listening to all of them and taking note of everything. When you will



stars pan-India star Prabhas, Kriti Sanon and Saif Ali Khan in leading roles, seems to be gaining further momentum with each passing day. Madhya Pradesh, Narottam Mishra objected to Lord Hanuman being depicted in a 'leather costume'. More recently, a section of people of the film, Om Raut has come out defending the portrayal and his creative choice. Reacting to the film's heavy trolling over Saif's portrayal of Raavan, the director told Goddess Sita is cruel. We have shown what Raavan looks like in today's time. This is not a film or a project for us." screen" Calling the film "a mission" for the entire production team, Raut further said: "Our film is a symbol of our devotion and we need watch the film in January 2023, I will not disappoint anyone." The film, which will see Prabhas as Lord Ram and Kriti essaying the role of Sita, will drop in theatres on January 12, 2023.

Neeraj Bharadwaj is shooting for web series 'Saazish' in Bhopal



Mumbai (KCN, Sanjay Sharma Raj): Film and TV veteran and famous actor Neeraj Bharadwaj is shooting for the web series 'Saazish' in Kalua Khurd, Bhopal, which will soon be airing on Disney Hotstar. It is produced by Col. S S Pattnaik

and the director is Hiralal Khatri. About which Neeraj Bharadwaj says, "I am playing the role of city's famous lawyer Abhay Pratap Singh, who gets the brother of villain Shahbaz Khan punished. After that Shahbaz Khan commits a on my family and me. I am not able to do anything. After that conspiracy is hatched and then what happens is still a secret. My role in this is different, I hope people will like it, and just like before, I will definitely be able to make a place the audience with my performance." By the way, Neeraj Bharadwaj will soon have a webseries named Madgaon ...A Murder Case. Its shooting has been completed. The main cast of the web series 'Saazish' are Mugdha Godse, Shahbaz Khan, Raza Murad, Mustakh Khan and Dev Manaria with Neeraj Bharadwaj. Its screenplay and dialogues are by Vinod Vats, Vikas Vashisht and Ajay. Its cameramen are Manish Vyas and Amar Vyas, music is by Manish Bhanushali. It is produced by Col.S S Pattnaik, co-producer Dev Manaria and executive producer is Anu Madrasi. It will be coming soon on Disney Hotstar. Its shooting is going on in Bhopal followed by



lot of oppression in the heart of Vadodara.

Economics Nobel for role of banks in financial crises

The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences for the year 2022 in Memory of Alfred Nobel is awarded to Ben Bernanke, Douglas Diamond and Philip Dybvig. The laureates explained the central role of banks in financial crises. They have demonstrated the importance of preventing widespread bank collapses.



In the early 1980s, these laureates laid the scientific foundation for modern research into these issues in three articles. Diamond and Dybvig developed theoretical models that explain why banks exist, how their role in society makes them vulnerable to rumours about their impending collapse, and how society can lessen this vulnerability. These insights form the foundation of modern bank regulation.

Through statistical analysis and historical source research, Bernanke demonstrated how failing banks played a decisive role in the global depression of the 1930s, the worst economic crisis in modern history. The collapse of the banking system explains why the downturn was not only deep, but also long-lasting.

Bernanke's research shows that bank crises can potentially have catastrophic consequences. This insight illustrates the importance of well-functioning bank regulation, and was also the reasoning behind crucial elements of economic policy during the financial crisis of 2008–2009. At this time, Bernanke was head of the US central bank,

the Federal Reserve, and was able to put knowledge from research into policy. Later, when the pandemic hit in 2020, significant measures were taken to avoid a global financial crisis. The laureates' insights have played an important role in ensuring these latter crises did not develop into new depressions with devastating consequences for society. The work for which Bernanke is now being recognised is formulated in an article from 1983, which analyses the Great Depression of the 1930s. Between January 1930 and March 1933, US industrial production fell by 46 per cent and unemployment rose to 25 per cent. The crisis spread like wildfire, resulting in a deep economic downturn in much of the world. In Great Britain, unemployment increased to 25 per cent and to 29 per cent in Australia. In Germany, industrial production almost halved and more than one third of the workforce was out of work. In Chile, national income fell by 33 per cent between 1929 and 1932. Everywhere, banks collapsed, people were forced to leave their homes and widespread starvation occurred even in relatively rich countries. The world's economies slowly began to recover only towards the middle of the decade. Before Bernanke published his article, the conventional wisdom among experts was that the depression could have been prevented if the US central bank had printed more money. Bernanke also shared the opinion that a shortage of money probably contributed to the downturn, but believed this mechanism could not explain why the crisis was so deep and protracted. Instead, Bernanke showed that its main cause was the decline in the banking system's ability to channel savings into productive investments. Using a combination of historical sources and statis-

Pradeep Kumar Panda

tical methods, his analysis showed which factors were important in the drop in GDP, gross domestic product. He found that factors that were directly linked to failing banks accounted for the lion's share of the downturn.

The depression began with a fairly normal recession in 1929 but, in 1930, it developed into a banking crisis. The number of banks halved in three years, in many cases due to bank runs. These happen when people who have deposited money in a bank become worried about the bank's survival, and so rush to withdraw their savings. If enough people do this simultaneously, the bank's reserves cannot cover all the withdrawals and it will be forced to conduct a fire sale of assets at potentially huge losses. Ultimately, this may drive the bank into bankruptcy.

The fear of more bank runs led to falling deposits in the remaining banks, and many banks were afraid to grant new loans. Instead, deposits were invested in assets that could be sold quickly in case depositors suddenly wanted to withdraw their money. These problems with obtaining bank loans made it difficult for businesses to finance their investments, as well as huge financial hardship for farmers and ordinary households. The result was the worst global recession in modern history.

They have significantly enhanced literature on understanding of the role of banks in the economy, particularly during financial crises. An important finding in their research is why avoiding bank collapses is vital.

Modern banking research clarifies why we have banks, how to make them less vulnerable in crises and how bank collapses exacerbate financial crises. Their analyses have been of great practical impor-

tance in regulating financial markets and dealing with financial crises. For the economy to function, savings must be channelled to investments. However, there is a conflict here: savers want instant access to their money in case of unexpected outlays, while businesses and homeowners need to know they will not be forced to repay their loans prematurely.

In their theory, Diamond and Dybvig show how banks offer an optimal solution to this problem. By acting as intermediaries that accept deposits from many savers, banks can allow depositors to access their money when they wish, while also offering long-term loans to borrowers.

However, their analysis also showed how the combination of these two activities makes banks vulnerable to rumours about their imminent collapse. If a large number of savers simultaneously run to the bank to withdraw their money, the rumour may become a self-fulfilling prophecy – a bank run occurs and the bank collapses. These dangerous dynamics can be prevented through the government providing deposit insurance and acting as a lender of last resort to banks.

Diamond demonstrated how banks perform another societally important function. As intermediaries between many savers and borrowers, banks are better suited to assessing borrowers' creditworthiness and ensuring that loans are used for good investments. Ben Bernanke analysed the Great Depression of the 1930s, the worst economic crisis in modern history. Among other things, he showed how bank runs were a decisive factor in the crisis becoming so deep and prolonged. When the banks collapsed, valuable information about borrowers was lost and could not be recreated quickly. Society's ability to channel savings to productive investments was thus severely diminished.

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CHEETAH RETURNS

Let's not forget the Veterinarians

The world's fastest land animal has already to make a comeback in India, more than half a century after it became extinct in the country. This is the first time a large carnivore is being moved from one continent to another and being reintroduced in the wild. It's a big feather in India's cap to restore a lost treasure. The earliest historical references of cheetahs in the subcontinent are in classical Greek records of India from the geographer Strabo, about 200 years before the Common Era. The name "cheetah" comes from the Sanskrit word chitraka which means "spotted". Cheetah coursing, i.e. breeding and training the animal for hunting, was a common practice in the Mughal times. Emperor Akbar and Jahangir are said to have housed thousands of cheetahs for this purpose. It was under the British that Cheetahs suffered irreversible loss of both their habitat and population due to the clearing of large forest areas for plantations and their hunting for trophies. Environmental historian Mahesh Rangarajan argues that the administrative policies of the British like bounty hunting of cheetah and considering them as 'vermin' played a "major role in its (cheetah) extermination in India. Earlier in 1970s, India tried reintroducing Asiatic cheetahs from Iran. However, there was a regime change in Iran following the 1979 Iranian revolution and the deal could not take place.



The current plan to reintroduce cheetah dates back to 2009, after a feasibility study conducted by the Union Environment Ministry and the Wildlife Trust of India found Kuno, Madhya Pradesh as the most suitable for the reintroduction. But the plan soon ran into hurdles as the Supreme Court (SC) stayed the order to reintroduce the cheetah in Kuno because the National Board for Wildlife had not been privy to the matter. The court said that priority should be given to the reintroduction of the Asiatic lion, which is only found in Gir National Park in Gujrat. In January 2020, the SC approved cheetah's reintroduction after a government plea. The project was hit again by the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic in the same year. It was only after the dissipation of third wave of Covid-19 that the project was expedited. According to officials, plans for the cheetah translocation to Kuno are in compliance with the International Union for Conservation of Nature's guidelines, with focus on the forest site quality and prey density. The plan has received all the requisite certifications from the Conservation on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), a multilateral treaty to protect endangered plants and animals, as well. University of Pretoria (UP) academics had played a lead role in driving the reintroduction of wild cheetahs into India as part of efforts to ensure the survival of the species. Way back veterinary wildlife specialist professor Adrian Tordiffe of UP's faculty of veterinary science, rightly pointed out that, "very few new reserves can accommodate cheetahs in South Africa, and if no new space is

found to accommodate the expanding population, animals will have to be placed on contraceptives to limit their numbers. This would be a tragedy, when there are protected areas within their historical range elsewhere in the world". Prof Tordiffe and Professor Leith Meyer, Director of the Centre for Veterinary Wildlife Studies at UP, have been working with the Wildlife Institute of India and the Indian Tiger Conservation Authority on the relocation project since 2020, along with Vincent van der Merwe, who manages the cheetah metapopulation in South Africa and who sourced the 12 animals being prepared for their new home in the state of Madhya Pradesh.

It is a proud moment for the country and also for entire veterinary fraternity that among the members who are part of world's first inter-continental large wild carnivore translocation project, two of them are veterinarians namely Dr Y V Jhala, Dean and Scientist, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, and Dr Sanath Krishna Muliya, Assistant Veterinary Officer at the National Zoological Park, Delhi. The long journey of cheetah from from Namibia to Kuno was tough challenge for the Vets. The Veterinarians fired tranquiliser darts from moving helicopters to capture cheetahs. After capture, the tranquilised cats were microchipped, injected with antibiotics to prevent infection, rehydrated with drips, had their blood taken for DNA and then were put in crates. Once in the crates, the cheetahs were administered with an antidote to wake them up from the anaesthetic, but also a mild tranquiliser to keep them awake and calm during the journey. This has made it much easier to transport these animals in the plane. The veterinarians onboard from South Africa and India were in constant supervision about how the animals are behaving during the journey. Dr Sanath said during the 10-hour journey, visual examination of each animal was undertaken every hour to ensure the animals are healthy and no journey stress is there. As per Mr van der Merwe, Cheetahs feed once - usually 15kg of meat - every three days. In South Africa, for example, cheetahs are mainly fed common warthogs, although they prefer medium-size antelopes. Feeding a cheetah before a long journey can be risky and lead to the cat falling sick and choking on its vomit so the India-bound cheetahs were not fed for two days before the journey.

As per the protocol the cats are now under quarantine in a fenced camp in the Kuno National Park (KNP) and will remain so for a month. All cats have homing instincts, and they are inclined to walk back home and quarantine will break that by putting them up in holding facilities for one or two months. Namibian veterinarian Dr Ana Vincent was currently staying at the Kuno National Park. Indian veterinarians Dr Jitendra Jatav and Dr Omkar Anchal from the Madhav National Park in Sheopur are keeping a watch movement of the cheetahs. These experts are monitoring them from a hole in a loft near their quarantine enclosures to ensure least human intervention.

Most people do have the concerns that the introduction of the cheetah into India will bring new

Dr. Gyana Ranjan Mishra

diseases to the country or that they would die from diseases picked up in India. In a transcontinental conservation translocation program such as the current one, proper precautions and mechanisms need to be in place to ensure that no novel pathogens from country of origin (southern Africa) are inadvertently introduced into India (KNP) and prevalent pathogens at the Indian release sites that may be novel to the Southern African cheetah against which they may have no natural immunity are appropriately addressed so that they do not cause undue morbidity and mortality. Among the initial steps to avoid unwanted disease/health complication is the selection of disease resistant founder stock. The founder stock for current cheetah introduction project are all free ranging, naturally bred individuals, thus likely not to be at high risk of harboring major diseases. However this problem was effectively addressed by veterinarians who had carried out adequate preliminary investigations, prophylaxis and other veterinary preventive medicine measures in founder animals. In order to to prevent novel wildlife disease which are being reported for wild cheetahs in Africa like Anthrax, Mycobacterium Sp., Sarcocystis, Feline herpesvirus (FeHV), Feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV), Other uncommon diseases include Canine distemper (CDV), Feline parvovirus (FPV), Feline calicivirus (FCV), Rabies, Feline coronavirus (FCoV) and Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP), all the cheetah being translocated (founder stock) to India had already been appropriately sampled and screened using appropriate molecular diagnostics/seroprevalence methods as per international norms. Systematic collection of cheetah scats is under process at the KNP on a regular basis to monitor the cheetah diet through scat analysis. Such samples are used for parasitological assay by the veterinarians which will help in assessing the prevalence of parasitic infections. Genetic analysis of all founders (micro-satellite based, and genomic analysis) had already been carried out by the expert veterinarians and subsequent monitoring of the cheetah population genetics based on microsatellite and/or SNP analysis would allow for monitoring loss of genetic variability and inbreeding (if any) and help decide on active management of the metapopulation through immigrants from other cheetah populations in India or from Africa.

Veterinary teams had already been recruited at KNP to manage the released cheetahs and other carnivores, in cases of straying, injury and conflict. Each team would be equipped with a wildlife rescue van, wireless systems, adequate drugs, darting equipment and other necessary paraphernalia. A well-equipped veterinary and rescue care center has been constructed with long-term housing facilities for at least 3-5 cheetahs and leopards for medical interventions and treatments at the center of KNP. There is a plan to vaccinate all the free-ranging dogs in the surrounding villages of KNP against rabies, canine distemper and parvovirus periodically, to prevent the contagion from reaching cheetahs and other wildlife and to prevent infection of the local human population. Free-ranging dogs seen inside the cheetah habitat within the sanctuary

harassing wild ungulates would be controlled. To prevent spread of livestock borne diseases (such as anthrax), a veterinary monitoring system has already been introduced wherein all the livestock of the surrounding villages would be vaccinated for foot and mouth disease (FMD), rinderpest at free of costs by the forest department with the help of veterinary department. Continuous disease monitoring of the populations of wild ungulate and feral cattle within the NP would be undertaken.

In programs of carnivore introduction, one has to be aware of the human dimensions of such undertakings. The pre-eminent importance of considering people's reactions to receiving previously absent wild carnivores in their environment shines through in many of the contributions. The need to involve people whose livelihoods may be affected is absolutely essential. Confidence of local villagers would be won through various outreach & awareness programs.

Here the veterinarians along with forest officials, local PRI members and personals from NGOs will act as a change agent and will carried out awareness programs at schools, colleges and villages sensitizing people about the conservation problems and various issues relating to human-wildlife conflict. Livelihood securities for the local communities is a major issue which need to be ensured at any cost. Since the people who got displaced from their native land from KNP are basically hunters and food gatherers, so it is quiet easy for them to adopt animal husbandry practises rather than agriculture and other complex activity for their livelihood. Here the various livelihood support programmes like poultry, dairy farming and small animal rearing will be encouraged by the local veterinarians in order to give alternative source of income to the people who are now restricted to move to the reserve area or had lost their livelihood due to displacement.

Wildlife conservation is challenging. We live in a world where our wildlife is threatened more than ever. This is a multidisciplinary teamwork which involves specialists from many different fields with expertise in ecology, behaviour, environment, human-wildlife interaction, parasitology, conservation and many other fields. However when it comes to conservation, veterinarians had never get the due credit in the past as they deserve it. However, the gulf between the different members of the big puzzle that keeps our wildlife alive is rapidly narrowing as each becomes more aware of the need to co-operate with the other. Now the biologists, ecologists, wildlife managers and others have begun to appreciate the unique skills of experienced wildlife veterinarians and the importance of disease as a threatening process. There are many activities in wildlife management and conservation which can involve veterinarians. At the same time Veterinarians have to accept the fact that their possible contributions to wildlife conservation extend far beyond their narrow view of the diagnosis and treatment of sick animals in order to make meaningful contribution, they need to acquire a broad understanding of biological and ecological issues.

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'Urban Naxals' trying to enter Gujarat, state will destroy them: PM Modi

BHARUCH: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said 'Urban Naxals' were trying to gain entry into Gujarat by changing their appearance, but the state will destroy them. The PM was speaking after laying the foundation stone of the country's first bulk drug park in Gujarat's Bharuch district.

The project will play a key role in ensuring import substitution and make India self-reliant for bulk drugs, which accounted for more than 60 per cent of the total pharmaceutical imports in 2021-22, as per a government release. Modi said, "Urban Naxals are trying to enter the state with new appearances. They have changed their costumes. They are misleading our innocent and energetic youth into following them."

"The Urban Naxals are setting foot from above. We won't let them destroy our young generation. We should warn our children against the Urban Naxals who have taken up the task of destroying the country. They are agents of foreign powers. Gujarat will not bow down its head against them, Gujarat will destroy them," he said in a veiled attack on the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP).

The Arvind Kejriwal-led AAP is trying to make inroads into BJP-ruled Gujarat where the Assembly polls are due later this year.

"Urban Naxal' term is often used by some segments of the political spectrum to describe sympathisers of the Naxalism cause as well as certain social activists.

PM Modi said "people with Naxal mentality" tried their best to stop the Sardar Sarovar dam project.

He had last month alleged that "urban Naxals and anti-development elements" with political backing had stalled the construction of Sardar Sarovar dam on the Narmada river in Gujarat for many years by running a campaign that it would harm the environment.

Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel had also earlier alleged that "urban Naxals" opposed the Sardar Sarovar dam project. He had labelled activist and Narmada Bachao Andolan leader Medha Patkar as an "urban Naxal".

Notably, Patkar had unsuccessfully contested the 2014 Lok Sabha polls from Mumbai North East as an AAP candidate.

On Monday, Modi said, "I had to specially tell our adivasi brothers that Naxalism started in (West) Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, some parts of Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Andhra, Telangana and Gadchiroli in Maharashtra...Naxalism is destroying the lives of our adivasi youth."

"They made them hold guns and instigated them...there was crisis all around," he said. Modi said at that time (when he was the chief minister of Gujarat), he had the challenge to not let Naxalism set in.

"I had to save the life of our adivasi brothers and sisters who live in the entire eastern belt (of Gujarat) - from Ambaji to Umargam. I had to work hard to ensure they were not inflicted with a disease like this. And for that, we took up the task of tribal area development," Modi said.

The PM said he could say with satisfaction

UK PM Liz Truss hands trade minister's job to Rishi Sunak's ally

LONDON: British Prime Minister Liz Truss on Monday handed a junior trade minister's job to an ally of her leadership rival Rishi Sunak, in a move seen as an attempt to rally the governing Conservative Party behind her and curb rebellious moves on the backbenches.

Greg Hands, a vocal supporter of the former Indian-origin Chancellor, replaced Conor Burns as Minister of State in charge of Trade Policy in the Department for International Trade (DIT) after the latter was sacked recently following allegations of serious misconduct. Hands was one of Sunak's high-profile backers in the Conservative Party leadership contest and his inclusion was welcomed by other Sunak loyalists as a sign that Truss wants to build bridges with that faction of the party.

"No one is more experienced and knowledgeable than Greg Hands on trade. A welcome addition back to the Liz Truss government," tweeted former Transport Secretary Grant Shapps, also a staunch

that the state's tribal people paid heed to his words and trusted him.

"As a result, Naxalism could not enter this way. For this, I thank our adivasi brothers and sisters and express gratitude to them," Modi said.

The PM said earlier Gujarat even had a chief



minister from the tribal community.

"But from Umargam to Ambaji, the schools did not have even the science stream. If there is no science (education) in Class 10 and 12, however you talk about reservation, can these children become doctors or engineers?" he asked.

Modi said his government's efforts have ensured that tribal youth become doctors and engineers and fly planes.

"Lakhs of them get scholarships. We have universities named after adivasis -- the Birsa Munda Tribal University and the Govind Guru University. Today, new confidence and opportunities have risen up for our adivasi youth," he said.

Modi said it was because of the collective efforts of the people of India, especially the young generation, farmers, labourers, small businessmen and industrialists that the Indian economy now ranks fifth, as against the 10th position when he took over as the PM in 2014. "And not just that, when it went from sixth to fifth position, the country felt a special pride because those at the fifth position were the ones who ruled us for 250 years. We were their slaves, and now our youth have taken my country ahead," he said.

For this, the young generation, farmers, labourers, small businessmen, small industrialists--they all deserve fame, he said.

"When the country has reached fifth (position) from 10th, then the rights belong to you and your effort," he added.

PM Modi also lauded the contribution of Bharuch district in the development of Gujarat and India.

"Today, my Bharuch is known for industry, trade, ports...the country's first bulk drug park is going to be set up in Gujarat, and that too in Bharuch," he said.

He also said the foundation stone for the Ankleshwar airport (in Bharuch district) was being laid now, something which he tried to get from the Centre when he was the chief minister of Gujarat, but "leaders from Bharuch who were sitting in Delhi did not listen" to him.

Bharuch has more industries compared to many small states in the country. The number of jobs provided by Bharuch is a record in itself, he said.

With the new airport, development will gain pace. The work on the airport will be completed fast with the "double engine governments of Narendra-Bhupendra," the PM said.

Sunak supporter.

Sunak, the first British Indian candidate to compete for the top job at 10 Downing Street, was defeated in the Tory membership voting round last month after being a consistent frontrunner to replace Boris Johnson among the governing party's MPs in the shortlisting phase of the leadership battle in July. Hands said it was "an honour and a great privilege" to be part of the government, and is likely to also be involved in the ongoing India-UK free trade agreement (FTA) negotiations, believed to be in their final stages ahead of the proposed Diwali deadline. ALSO READ | Leading a listening government that learns from its mistake: UK's Truss on policy U-turns The new appointment comes at a time when there are growing fears of a backbench discord within the Tory party since the government's embarrassing U-turn over a key tax announcement abolishing the top rate of income tax for the wealthiest.

Task target for Tahsildars

Bhubaneswar: Taking a big step to rectify Record of Rights (RoR) in the name of actual tenant of land, Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Revenue & Disaster Management Satyabrata Sahu has asked all Tahasildars to dispose of 200 such cases each month. "ACS, R&DM has instructed each Tahasildar to dispose of 100 partition cases and 100 suo moto updation of column 2 cases in each month so as to reflect the ground reality on land records," the Revenue Department said in a tweet.

In an aim to extend benefits of various welfare schemes to the actual tenant of

land, Mr.Sahu had earlier asked all Collectors to update the

issued to concerned land owners in the last settlement which

So, these RoRs have the name of the ancestors of the present tenants in Column 2 of the RoR. As a result of this, their eligibility in many welfare schemes such as PM Kisan is not incontrovertible and often, the actual tenants are subjected to elaborate documentation for not having their name in their RoR. These persons are deprived of obtaining agricultural inputs and formal credit from banks or banking institutions. The Tahasildars will suo-moto update the RoR on their own or on receipt of report from any of his subordinate officers.



name of the actual tenant in Record of Rights (RoR).

In many Tahasils in Odisha, RoRs were finally published and

was conducted between 1960s and 1990s and there have been no further revision settlement since then.

NATO chief condemns 'horrific' Russia attacks on Ukraine



BRUSSELS(KCN): NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg on Monday slammed Russia's "horrific and indiscriminate attacks" on civilian targets in Ukraine

and pledged to continue supporting Kyiv.

"Spoke with (Ukraine) Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba and condemned Russia's

horrific and indiscriminate attacks on civilian infrastructure in Ukraine," Stoltenberg tweeted. ALSO READ | Putin calls Kerch Bridge attack "a terrorist

act" by Kyiv "NATO will continue supporting the brave Ukrainian people to fight back against the Kremlin's aggression for as long as it takes."

3 US-based economists given Nobel Prize for work on banks

STOCKHOLM: This year's Nobel Prize in economic sciences has been awarded to the former chair of the U.S. Federal Reserve, Ben S. Bernanke, and two U.S.-based economists,

ing how to study issues that don't easily fit traditional scientific methods.

A week of Nobel Prize announcements kicked off Oct. 3 with Swedish scientist Svante Paabo



Douglas W. Diamond and Philip H. Dybvig, for research on banks and financial crises. The prize was announced Monday by the Nobel panel at the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm.

The committee said their work had shown in their research why avoiding bank collapses is vital.

Nobel prizes carry a cash award of 10 million Swedish kronor (nearly \$900,000) and will be handed out on Dec. 10.

Unlike the other prizes, the economics award wasn't established in Alfred Nobel's will of 1895 but by the Swedish central bank in his memory. The first winner was selected in 1969.

Last year, half of the award went to David Card for his research on how the minimum wage, immigration and education affect the labor market. The other half was shared by Joshua Angrist and Guido Imbens for propos-

receiving the award in medicine for unlocking secrets of Neanderthal DNA that provided key insights into our immune system.

Three scientists jointly won the prize in physics Tuesday. Frenchman Alain Aspect, American John F. Clauser and Austrian Anton Zeilinger had shown that tiny particles can retain a connection with each other even when

separated, a phenomenon known as quantum entanglement, that can be used for specialized computing and to encrypt information.

The Nobel Prize in chemistry was awarded Wednesday to Americans Carolyn R. Bertozzi and K. Barry Sharpless, and Danish scientist Morten Meldal for developing a way of "snapping molecules together" that can be used to explore cells, map DNA and design drugs that can target diseases such as cancer more precisely.

French author Annie Ernaux won this year's Nobel Prize in literature Thursday. The panel commended her for blending fiction and autobiography in books that fearlessly mine her experiences as a working-class woman to explore life in France since the 1940s.

The Nobel Peace Prize went to jailed Belarus human rights activist Ales Bialiatski, the Russian group Memorial and the Ukrainian organization Center for Civil Liberties on Friday.

'Birds of Bhubaneswar'

Bhubaneswar: For the first time birds available in Capital City are listed in a well-researched book "Birds Of Bhubaneswar" is now available for nature lovers.

Thanks to the efforts of an ardent nature lover and veteran IFS Officer, Rajiv Kumar Chair-



person of Odisha Biodiversity Board (OBB) the book has been released in the wildlife Week Celebrations held here on 7 October here.

Department of Forest, Environment & Climate Change observed the "68th Wildlife Week" from 2-8 October, 2022. In this occasion while observing Wildlife Week on 7 October, 2022.

In the State level function a book on "Birds of Bhubaneswar: Glimpses of Avifauna in Diversified Habitats" was released prepared by Odisha Biodiversity Board.

Rajiv Kumar, IFS, Chairman, OBB has been is guiding force behind this effort, said a senior scientist of OBB.

This book provides key features for identification of species, description, common names, scientific names, vernacular names,

residential status, IUCN status, size, special features, food habit, habitat ecology, voice, occurrence and breeding behaviour of the birds along with their taxonomic details and nomenclature of 204 species of birds (out of total 244 documented in the city) occur-



ring in the Capital City of Bhubaneswar.

In addition to this, various common interesting facts associated with some of the species have also been mentioned in the book which makes it interesting for common readers. It is a fact that Bhubaneswar as a city is growing rapidly with lots of anthropogenic activities. However, it is a matter of surprise and great satisfaction that population of faunal species especially the rich diversity of birds in the city has been found significantly encouraging. It is expected that the book not only will help researchers and students to enrich their knowledge but also help to create awareness among common urban public which ultimately will lead towards the conservation of these beautiful creation of nature in urban habitats. Ace Mandarin Satyabrata Sahu, who was recently ACS Forest Environment and Climate Change was instrumental in publication of the book for which OBB Officials have expressed their 'Sincere Thanks' for the initiative. Senior OBB Official said it is because of pursuing efforts of Mr. Sahu the book could be released on 7 October.

Congress pushed North-east to violence and anarchy: Amit Shah in Assam

GUWAHATI: Union home minister Amit Shah launched a frontal attack on the Congress here on Saturday, alleging that the 70 years of the grand old had party pushed Assam and the northeast into violence and anarchy. Addressing party workers and booth committee members, Shah, accompanied by BJP president J.P. Nadda, said, "Seventy years of Congress pushed Northeast to violence and anarchy. BJP's eight years under Prime Minister Narendra Modi brought it back into the mainstream."

people were addressed, and five tribal agreements were signed."

Assam was identified by violence, terrorism and protest, he said, adding, "Now, it is known for peace, infrastructure and development." Expressing gratitude to veteran party workers who held the flag of the party aloft during its fledgling, Shah said, "We never imagined we would form government on our own in Assam during my Vidyarthi Parishad days. Today, the BJP's consecutive rule in the state is ensuring all-round development."



Lauding the BJP regime, Shah said, "The northeast has marched ahead on the path of peace and development during eight years of BJP rule. BJP has established peace in Assam with 9,000 people laying down arms and joining the mainstream."

Targeting Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, he said, "Rahul Gandhi gave Congress an agenda to remove the Armed Forces Special Power Act (AFSPA) from the northeast if they came to power (in 2019). That was for appeasement. When it was asked from me, I said we'll first bring peace to the northeast and will remove AFSPA but won't do it only for appeasement."

Stating that more than 60 per cent of Assam was out of AFSPA, he said, "Under PM Modi's leadership, the issues of Karbi, Boro and Bru

He also recalled that during the Congress regime of Chief Minister Hiteswar Saikia, BJP protesters, including himself, were assaulted.

Earlier, Shah and Nadda inaugurated the party's headquarters in the presence of Union minister Sarbananda Sonowal, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, state party head Bhabesh Kalita, Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha and others.

Shah also chaired a regional meeting on 'Drug Trafficking and National Security' in Assam to discuss the drug scenario in the north-eastern states and ways to mitigate it. Chief Ministers and Directors-General of Police of all northeastern states participated in the meeting.

Nitish says Prashant Kishor had asked him to merge JD(U) with Congress

SITAB DIARA: Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Saturday claimed that poll strategist-turned-politician Prashant Kishor had asked him to merge his JD(U) with the Congress.

Speaking to reporters in Sitab Diara, the birthplace of socialist icon Jayaprakash Narayan, Kumar claimed that Kishor was working for the BJP.

"He came to meet me recently of his own accord. I did not invite him. He speaks so much but hides

commitment I have made in return for any post," said Kishor.

Kishor, the founder of political consultancy I-PAC, was inducted into the JD(U) in 2018 by Kumar and was elevated to the national vice-president's post within a few weeks.

However, a squabble with Kumar over the Citizenship (Amendment) Act and the National Register of Citizens (NRC) led to his expulsion from the



the fact that once he had asked me to merge my party with the Congress," said Kumar.

The chief minister was responding to Kishor's claim that he spurned a recent request by Kumar to lead the JD(U).

"Let him speak whatever he wants. Whatever he says, does not make any sense. Four-five years ago, he had told me to merge with the Congress. Now, he is working for the BJP," said Kumar.

Kishor had on Tuesday claimed that Kumar had called him to his residence about 10-15 days back and asked him to lead JD(U).

"I said it is not possible. I cannot go back on the

party in a couple of years.

In May, he announced the 'Jan Suraj' platform, and is at present on a 3,500-km-long march that would cover every nook and corner of the state.

Meanwhile, the chief minister paid floral tributes to Jayaprakash Narayan on his death anniversary, and reviewed the development works undertaken by his government in and around Sitab Diara.

He also visited a primary health centre (PHC) named after Narayan's wife Prabhavati Devi. "This health centre will have all medical facilities and villagers will not have to go to the district town for better treatment," he said.



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Financial bids for IDBI Bank likely to be invited by March

NEW DELHI: The financial bids for qualified bidders. It is registered non-shareholders. only after due banking finance The combined stake



IDBI Bank privatisation is likely to be invited by March and the conclusion of the sale process is expected in the next financial year, officials said. Last week, the government along with Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) invited preliminary bids for selling 60.72 per cent stake in IDBI Bank. The last date for putting in Expression of Interest (EoI) is December 16. Once the EoIs come in and the interested parties clear RBI's 'Fit and Proper' assessment and gets Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) security clearance, data room access would be given to

diligence, that bidders would put in financial bids. Usually it takes about six months for the process of due diligence to get completed and financial bids to come in. We hope to invite financial bids for IDBI Bank by March, officials added.

Considering that this would be the first case of strategic sale in bank, a lot of queries are expected to be raised during the due diligence process. The process of IDBI Bank strategic sale is likely to conclude by September, the officials added.

Private sector banks, foreign banks, Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

companies, Sebi-registered Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs), a fund/investment vehicle incorporated outside India would be allowed to submit bids, either individually or as consortium. The net worth threshold for bidders has been kept at Rs 22,500 crore, and they must report net profit in three of the past five years. Besides, 40 per cent of the equity would have to be locked in for 5 years. Currently, LIC holds 49.24 per cent stake in IDBI Bank, while the government holds 45.48 per cent stake. The remaining 5.2 per cent stake is with the public

of the government and LIC in IDBI Bank would come down from 94.72 per cent, to 34 per cent after the conclusion of this strategic sale. The government will sell 30.48 per cent stake and LIC will offload 30.24 per cent, taking the total to 60.72 per cent, along with transfer of management control. In case, the bidder intends to amalgamate IDBI Bank with itself, the government and LIC will vote for such amalgamation or merger at the board or shareholder meetings.

The announcement of IDBI Bank privatisation was first made in Union Budget of 2021-22, following which the

acquiring 51 per cent of the total paid-up equity share capital of the bank. Shares of IDBI Bank closed at Rs 46.55 apiece, up 9.02 per cent over previous close on the BSE. At the current market price, the sale of 60.72 per cent stake would fetch about Rs 30,000 crore to the exchequer.

Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs gave in-principle approval for strategic disinvestment and transfer of management control in May 2021. IDBI Bank was categorised as Private Sector Bank by the RBI with effect from January 21, 2019, consequent upon LIC

together, at least to a degree. A ?socialist?, Yadav was open to possibilities in politics. Thanks often to mergers and splits, he had been affiliated with a series of parties -- Lohia's Sanyukt Socialist Party, Charan Singh's Bharatiya Kranti Dal, Bharatiya Lok Dal and Samajwadi Janata Party. He founded his own SP in 1992. Yadav struck deals with the Bahujan Samaj Party, the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Congress whenever needed to form or save the governments led by him in Uttar Pradesh. In 2019, Netaji sprang a surprise by praising Modi in Parliament, wishing that he would return as prime minister after the next election. This, when his party saw Modi's BJP as its main rival in UP. The remark baffled analysts.

Just as another comment, back in 2014 at a rally, triggered outrage when he spoke against the death sentence for rapists, saying ?boys make mistakes?. And then, there was his advocacy of the idea that India, Pakistan and Bangladesh should form a confederation. Yadav, who took part in student union agitations and briefly taught at an inter college after getting a Political Science degree, first became an MLA in 1967. During his second term as MLA from the same constituency, Indira Gandhi declared Emergency and Yadav was sent to jail, like many opposition leaders. Back in the ring after the 1975-77 Emergency, Yadav became the state president of the Lok Dal. When the party split, he headed one faction of the state unit. Yadav was leader of Opposition in the UP Legislative Council and then in the state assembly, before becoming the chief minister in 1989 with the BJP extending outside support to his Janata Dal government. When the saffron party withdrew support over the Babri Masjid-Ram Janmabhoomi issue in 1990, the Congress kept his government afloat for some months. In November 1993, Yadav again headed a government in UP, supported by the BSP. It collapsed when the ally pulled the rug. The SP leader then moved to the national stage, being elected to the Lok Sabha in 1996 from Mainpuri. As opposition parties tried to form a non-BJP alternative to the Congress, Yadav briefly appeared to be in the fray for the prime minister's post. But he ended up becoming the defence minister in the United Front government headed by H D Deve Gowda and the Sukhoi fighter jet deal with Russia was finalised during his term. Years later, he would be part of short-lived coalition of Janata Parivar parties that hoped to fight the 2015 Assembly elections in Bihar together. In 2003, Yadav became UP chief minister for the third time after the collapse of a short-lived BSP-BJP coalition government. In 2012, the SP was again in a position to form the UP government. But the senior Yadav stepped aside so that his son Akhilesh could become the state's youngest CM at 38. But squabbling in the party and the family led to a coup of sorts by Akhilesh Yadav in 2017. Akhilesh, the son from his first wife Malti Devi - he later married Sadhna Gupta - was at loggerheads with the old guard that included uncle Shivpal Singh Yadav. In the final years of his life, the ailing patriarch played a diminishing role in the affairs of the party that he had founded.

Mulayam Singh Yadav passes away at 82

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together, at least to a degree. A ?socialist?, Yadav was open to possibilities in politics. Thanks often to mergers and splits, he had been affiliated with a series of parties -- Lohia's Sanyukt Socialist Party, Charan Singh's Bharatiya Kranti Dal, Bharatiya Lok Dal and Samajwadi Janata Party. He founded his own SP in 1992. Yadav struck deals with the Bahujan Samaj Party, the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Congress whenever needed to form or save the governments led by him in Uttar Pradesh. In 2019, Netaji sprang a surprise by praising Modi in Parliament, wishing that he would return as prime minister after the next election. This, when his party saw Modi's BJP as its main rival in UP. The remark baffled analysts.

Just as another comment, back in 2014 at a rally, triggered outrage when he spoke against the death sentence for rapists, saying ?boys make mistakes?. And then, there was his advocacy of the idea that India, Pakistan and Bangladesh should form a confederation. Yadav, who took part in student union agitations and briefly taught at an inter college after getting a Political Science degree, first became an MLA in 1967. During his second term as MLA from the same constituency, Indira Gandhi declared Emergency and Yadav was sent to jail, like many opposition leaders. Back in the ring after the 1975-77 Emergency, Yadav became the state president of the Lok Dal. When the party split, he headed one faction of the state unit. Yadav was leader of Opposition in the UP Legislative Council and then in the state assembly, before becoming the chief minister in 1989 with the BJP extending outside support to his Janata Dal government. When the saffron party withdrew support over the Babri Masjid-Ram Janmabhoomi issue in 1990, the Congress kept his government afloat for some months. In November 1993, Yadav again headed a government in UP, supported by the BSP. It collapsed when the ally pulled the rug. The SP leader then moved to the national stage, being elected to the Lok Sabha in 1996 from Mainpuri. As opposition parties tried to form a non-BJP alternative to the Congress, Yadav briefly appeared to be in the fray for the prime minister's post. But he ended up becoming the defence minister in the United Front government headed by H D Deve Gowda and the Sukhoi fighter jet deal with Russia was finalised during his term. Years later, he would be part of short-lived coalition of Janata Parivar parties that hoped to fight the 2015 Assembly elections in Bihar together. In 2003, Yadav became UP chief minister for the third time after the collapse of a short-lived BSP-BJP coalition government. In 2012, the SP was again in a position to form the UP government. But the senior Yadav stepped aside so that his son Akhilesh could become the state's youngest CM at 38. But squabbling in the party and the family led to a coup of sorts by Akhilesh Yadav in 2017. Akhilesh, the son from his first wife Malti Devi - he later married Sadhna Gupta - was at loggerheads with the old guard that included uncle Shivpal Singh Yadav. In the final years of his life, the ailing patriarch played a diminishing role in the affairs of the party that he had founded.

acquiring 51 per cent of the total paid-up equity share capital of the bank. Shares of IDBI Bank closed at Rs 46.55 apiece, up 9.02 per cent over previous close on the BSE. At the current market price, the sale of 60.72 per cent stake would fetch about Rs 30,000 crore to the exchequer.

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Putin vows more 'severe' attacks after Russian missiles batter Ukraine

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Several trees and benches nearby were charred by the blast and a number of ambulances were at the scene.

"If there is no urgent need, it's better not to go to the city today," Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko said.

In the western city of Lviv, mayor Andriy Sadovyi said there were disruptions to electricity and hot water services after bombardments that targeted critical infrastructure, including energy facilities.

AFP photographers there said plumes of black smoke could be seen rising above the town's skyline.

Moldova, a pro-democracy former Soviet republic, said several Russian cruise missiles targeting Ukraine had crossed its airspace, and it had summoned Moscow's envoy to demand an explanation.

"Our thoughts are with the victims of the brutal strikes," Moldovan Foreign Minister Nicu Popescu said on Twitter.

Moldova, which is a candidate to join the European Union, has a small breakaway region, Transnistria, which is armed and supported by Russia.

Crimean bridge attack

Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko, a close ally of Putin's, meanwhile claimed on Monday that Ukraine was preparing an attack on his country's territory.

He said Russia and Belarus would "deploy" troops together, without specifying where. The autocratic leader also accused Ukraine, alongside neighbouring Poland and Lithuania, of training Belarusian militants for carrying out attacks at home.

The strikes across Ukraine came a day after Moscow blamed Kyiv for the blast that damaged a bridge linking Crimea to Russia, leaving three people dead.

"The authors, perpetrators and sponsors are the Ukrainian secret services," Putin said of Saturday's bridge bombing, which he described as a "terrorist act".

The blast that hit the bridge sparked celebrations by Ukrainians and others on social media.

But Zelensky, in his nightly address on Saturday, did not directly mention the incident, and officials in Kyiv have made no direct claim of responsibility.

On Saturday, Russia said some road and rail traffic had resumed over the strategic link, a symbol of the Kremlin's 2014 annexation of Crimea.

The 19-kilometre (12-mile) bridge is also a vital supply link between Russia and the annexed Crimean peninsula.

Some military analysts argue that the explosion could have a major impact if Moscow sees the need to shift already hard-pressed troops to Crimea from other regions -- or if it prompts a rush by residents to leave.

Modi senses 'silent' poll campaign by Cong in Gujarat, sounds out BJP cadres

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ings," Modi said. He said BJP workers needed to remain alert and counter this new strategy of the main Opposition party.

"Do not assess them on the basis of the fact that they have not conducted public meetings, press conferences, or made statements... There is a need for you to remain alert for the coming elections," the Prime Minister said.

The BJP's star campaigner maintained the country's oldest political party is still leaving no chance "to insult Gujarat".

"It has adopted a new strategy, to spread poison in villages, telling people by interpreting things differently," he said at the rally on the second day of his visit to Gujarat.

He asked BJP cadres to reach out to voters and do door to door canvassing for the upcoming polls.

"We will have to understand this well and add a few new aspects to our strategy. I am sure BJP workers under the leadership of CR Paatil (Gujarat unit president) will tackle any crisis. We have to defeat the Congress's conspiracy by going door to door (of voters)," Modi said.

Bank of England announces more market support measures amid recent tax cuts

LONDON: The Bank of England on Monday said it was launching a temporary facility aimed at easing liquidity pressures that arose after the UK government's budget shocked markets.

The BoE "announces additional measures to support market functioning", said a statement, adding that the central bank was ready to increase the size of its UK government bond

the dollar. That triggered the emergency buying of long-dated bonds by the BoE. The central bank has so far made purchases of so-called gilts totalling around £5 billion (\$5.5 billion), far less than its £65-billion limit.

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purchases under an emergency measure due to end Friday.

The BoE said it is launching a Temporary Expanded Collateral Repo Facility, enabling "banks to help to ease liquidity pressures facing" client funds beyond the end of this week.

Markets have been spooked by Britain's recent budget announcement from the government of new Prime Minister Liz Truss. The unveiling of debt-fuelled tax cuts aimed at supporting Britain's recession-threatened economy sent UK bond yields soaring and the pound tumbling to a record low against

The purchases are "to restore market functioning in long-dated government bonds and reduce risks from contagion to credit conditions for UK households and businesses," the BoE stressed in Monday's statement.

Owing to the turmoil, Fitch last week lowered the outlook on its credit rating for British government debt to negative from stable.

The pound was down slightly against the dollar Monday but comfortably above the record-low level that was close to parity.

BMC's road facelift plan for Hockey World Cup 23

BHUBANESWAR: In a bid to give a facelift to city roads ahead of FIH Men's Hockey World Cup in January 2023, the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) has prepared a 30-point check list and has engaged senior officials to ensure their implementation in a time bound manner.

dian wherever required among others. BMC officials will also regularly inspect street light functioning status and ensure that no illegal advertisement boards or kiosks are fixed to those poles. They will also ensure that there is no hanging cables near median street lights. The condition of

nals and police posts, no advertisement boards will be put up at road junctions. The officers will also require to supervise regular cleaning of Mo Bus shelters and cycle docking stations. "As per instruction, mechanical sweeping, night sweeping, ZERO GPS drive, cleaning of trees,

will be centralised road cutting permission and no road cutting will be allowed without permission from authority concerned. The cycle track maintenance work will also be expedited, officials informed. Sahoo said both Mayor and the Municipal Commissioner have reviewed implementation of this check list on Fri-



Sources said Mayor Sulochana Das and Municipal Commissioner Vijay Amruta Kulange have asked all officials in the deputy commissioner rank and above to supervise the works in different parts of the city. The check list includes repair of potholes, road level, drain cover, repair and maintenance of medians and construction of new me-

footpaths will also be regularly checked and ensured that no illegal advertisement hoarding, signage boards are erected on footpaths. The civic body will ensure that tree guards if not required will be removed from trees. Besides, tree trimming and fresh plantation work will also be carried out as per requirement. To ensure clear visibility of traffic sig-

poles and walls (TPW), removal of defunct vehicles, structures, regular cleaning of construction and demolition waste of roads will also be monitored by the officers," said BMC deputy commissioner for sanitation Suvendu Sahoo. The civic body will also take measures to identify parking and no parking zones, address stray cattle and dog menace. There

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Qatar hires third cruise ship as floating hotel for World Cup

GENEVA: A third cruise ship was hired by World Cup organizers in Qatar on Monday to operate as a soccer fan hotel docked in Doha Port to add much-needed rooms for the tournament.

per person per night during the group stage, with a minimum two-night stay. Qatar does not have the hotel capacity for all teams, workers, volunteers and fans at the World Cup and is creating camping and

4,000 cabins as floating hotels to help house the expected 1.2 million international visitors. The high-end flagship MSC World Europa is starting work at the World Cup after being built in France.

Women's World Cup announced Basic rates include breakfast on board with an option to pay a 90 euro (\$87) daily supplement for all meals. Alcohol is expected to be available on board with MSC offering wine and



Geneva-based MSC Cruises announced the agreement only six weeks before the World Cup is scheduled to start on Nov. 20. The 1,075-cabin MSC Opera will be available from Nov. 19 to Dec. 19. Prices for the Opera were listed Monday on MSC's website starting from 470 Swiss francs (\$470)

cabin sites, hiring cruise ships, and encouraging fans to stay in neighboring countries and fly in for games. **ALSO READ** | FIFA won't sanction Indonesia over fatal crush, Widodo says
MSC previously signed a deal with the Qatari government in 2019 to provide two ships with about

Prices on the cruise ships fall during the tournament when half the teams go home. During the round of 16 and quarterfinals, the cheapest rooms on MSC Opera cost 320 Swiss francs (\$320), then 220 Swiss francs (\$220) during the final week. **ALSO READ** | India

draft beer. Qatar is a Muslim-majority country that typically limits the consumption of alcohol to luxury hotels but has eased its rules for FIFA's commercial partners, including the corporate hospitality provider at stadiums and World Cup sponsor AB InBev, the brewer of Budweiser.

Ready for Football World Cup

Bhubaneswar: With State Government's all-out effort, stage is all set for the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup India 2022™, whose six matches will be organised here at iconic Kalinga Stadium from Tuesday. The world is



looking at Bhubaneswar for the mega events. All 16 participating nations have arrived at the venues, which are ready to host the talented young footballers. Odisha and Goa will see the opening games being played with hosts India taking the field against USA from 8 PM at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar.

Morocco and Brazil are the other teams in India's group.

The seventh edition of the prestigious tournament has four groups – A, B, C and D – and Navi Mumbai, the third venue, is set to host the grand final on October 30. The Kalinga Stadium football ground has been decked up on Sambalpuri design. About 12,000 spectators can enjoy each match in the stadium.

The Commissionerate Police has put in place elaborate security arrangements in and around Kalinga Stadium. Police Commissioner Saumendra Priyadarshi said four-layer security in place for the matches.

"Police administration has made elaborate security arrangements for the match. Today we had a briefing and rehearsal for that. There will be a four-layer security arrangement," Mr. Priyadarshi said here after reviewing security arrangements at Kalinga Stadium.

While one layer of security arrangements have been made inside the stadium, another layer will guard the outer side and another in between the inner and outer layers. The fourth layer of security arrangements have been made in different locations around the city for the World Cup, he informed.

The beyond boundary wall arrangement is mainly smooth traffic movement and proper parking, Mr. Priyadarshi added.

As many as six Add'l DCPs, 14 ACPs, 30 Inspectors, 100 officers, 240 Constables, 15 platoons of policemen, and 142 Lady Stewards will be deployed under the direct supervision of DCP, the Police Commissioner stated. It is for the first time a mega sports event like FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup is being held in the State.




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