

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup: Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik launches host city logo



BHUBANESWAR(KCN): Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Saturday launched the official host city logo of the state for the upcoming FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup. Bhubaneswar is one of the three host cities.

The tournament, scheduled to be held between October 11

and October 30 across Odisha, Goa and Maharashtra, will be the first FIFA women's competition to be held in India.

Expressing his delight at the launch event, Patnaik said, "Odisha is emerging as a leading sports destination and hosting the FIFA U-17 Women's World

Cup India 2022 is a momentous opportunity for our state. "The official Host City Logo launch of Odisha is an important milestone which also signifies the progress of women's football. We are excited to host the best young female footballers from across the world and espe-

cially, the Indian team who will be playing all their group stage games at the Kalinga Stadium.

"As the Indian team makes their first appearance in a FIFA women's competition, I encourage the people of Odisha to show their support in strong numbers at the stadium."

Murmu: TB most fatal among infectious diseases, its eradication is duty of all

New Delhi (KCN): To speed up the country's fight against tuberculosis (TB) and achieve the target set by the Prime Minister of eliminating the disease by 2025, President Droupadi Murmu launched the 'Pradhan Mantri TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyan' on Friday. Under the programme, patients will be provided food baskets, support for additional diagnostic, and vocational training to family members by the community.

At the virtual event, the President said this "jan andolan" is the duty of all countrymen.



"As compared to any other infection, TB kills the most number of people in India. It has also been seen that the disease mainly affects the poor. This is the reason PM Narendra Modi has set the target of eliminating TB soon... The government's initiative and people's participation can make it a success. When people connect with an abhiyan, the probability of success goes up," said Murmu, appreciating the work of the Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya and his team, along with the state ministers and local officials.

She said India set an example for the world during Covid-19 with tireless efforts of the healthcare workers, community leaders, and citizens and emphasised the need to adopt a similar whole-of-society approach to eliminate TB.

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Mandaviya, who has also pledged to become a Ni-kshay

mitra and support TB patients from his hometown, said, "Over the last two years, there have been many hindrances because of Covid-19 that cannot be ignored. But, increasing the pace of our work, we can eliminate TB by 2025." He said, "I will become a Ni-kshay mitra, you become one, too. Adopt the patients, help them with food and vocation, give them love and strength so that they can recover and live a normal life."

He attributed success of the TB programme on key indicators such as TB case notifications and consistent efforts that led to monthly notification reporting to reach pre-pandemic levels by the end of 2021.

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King Charles III proclaimed Britain's monarch in historic ceremony

LONDON(KCN): King Charles III was on Saturday proclaimed Britain's new monarch in a historic ceremony of the Accession Council that was televised for the first time

King Charles was joined by his wife, Queen Consort Camilla, and his son and heir Prince William ? the new Prince of Wales.

The King had travelled back from Balmoral Castle in Scotland on Friday, where the Queen's health deteriorated and she breathed her last.

Flags lowered atop the palace in mourning for the late Queen were brought back up to full mast after the Accession Council proclamation, which followed a wave of further proclamations across the UK



in history.

"God save the King"? were the words with which those gathered reaffirmed the proclamation made by the clerk of the council.

The throne had passed to the 73-year-old former Prince of Wales following the death of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, on Thursday and Saturday's ceremony marked his formal declaration and oath taking at St. James's Palace in London.

to go into Sunday ? when flags will return to half-mast in a state of mourning for the Queen.

"As the Queen herself did with such unwavering devotion, I too now solemnly pledge myself, throughout the remaining time God grants me, to uphold the constitutional principles at the heart of our nation,?" Charles said in his first televised address as King on Friday evening. CONTINUED ON: P-7

PM Narendra Modi, UK counterpart Liz Truss agree on 'vital importance' of bilateral ties in phone call

London (KCN): British Prime Minister Liz Truss spoke to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday and agreed on the "vital importance" of the India-UK bilateral relationship. In their first phone call since Truss assumed office earlier this week, Modi conveyed his con-



lences on the death of Queen Elizabeth II on behalf of all Indians and paid tribute to the 96-year-old late monarch's "lifetime of service". He two leaders said they looked forward to meeting in person in the near future. "The Prime Minister spoke to Prime Minister Narendra CONTINUED ON: P-7

Plea for contract labors

Angul(KCN): Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Saturday urged Union Coal, Mines and Labour, Employment

tries engaged in coal mining in Angul District of Odisha have been taking exemptions under such provisions to employ contract labour, he said.

On May 29, 2019, NTPC has been waived off the applicability of Section-10 for the coal mining blocks of NTPC for a period of 5 years after due consideration by Central Advisory Contract Labour Board (CACLB) subject to the payment of wages and other benefits as per recommendations of High-Powered Committee appointed by the Coal India Ltd, Ministry of Coal, Government of India, and other prescribed conditions, pointed out Mr.Pradhan.

NALCO, he said, another industry major engaged in coal mining in Angul, Odisha has also applied for exemption under Section 31 of the above-said Act to the Ministry of Labour and Employment through the Ministry of Mines.

CACLB has already conducted various meetings with representatives of NALCO as well as MDO engaged for Utkal D and E coal blocks & its report has been submitted to the Ministry of Labour and Employment, he added.

"Despite these guidelines, some contractors/MDOs are denying payment of High-Powered Committee recommended wages and benefits to their workers engaged in coal mines of NALCO. This is a matter of grave concern as it goes against the spirit of labour welfare espoused by the Government of India," wrote Mr.Pradhan in his letter to his Cabinet colleagues.

He requested the Union Ministers to intervene in the matter and ensure payment of wages to the coal mines labourers as per the recommendations of CACLB.



Ministers to ensure payment of better wages and benefits to contract labourers working at coal mines of NALCO and NTPC in Angul. The labourers should get the wages as per the recommendations of the Central Advisory Contract Law Board (CACLB), Mr.Pradhan said in his letter to Union Minister of coal and Mines Prahlad Joshi and Labour and Employment Minister Bhupender Yadav.

He said though engagement of contract labour in coal mines has been prohibited under Section 10 of the Contract Labour (regulation and Abolition) Act 1970, the industries engaged in coal mining in Angul have been exempted from such rule and allowed to engage contract labour.

However, Section 31 of the Act provides for exemption in special cases subject to prescribed conditions and restrictions. Indus-

Call for Community Resilience

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav on Saturday said there is a need to build the resilience of communities living in coastal areas of the country. Mr.Yadav was speaking at the first National

ecosystems within our coastal regions that support more than 17,000 species of plants and animals.

“This conference comes at an important time as India has submitted its revised NDCs and seeks to create multi-sectoral partnerships to meet these targets” he added

The conference was organised with an objective to bring all the 13 coastal states under one roof to focus on three interrelated themes of coastal and Marine biodiversity, climate mitigation and adoption and coastal pollution. Union Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Ashwini Kumar Choubey said such conferences are important to bring the conversation of resilience and sustainability to the country's coastal areas. He said data-driven policies, and management frameworks, participatory conservation models and convergence between stakeholders are the key pillars for effective coastal management.

Odisha Minister of Forest and Environment Pradip Kumar Amat and other dignitaries were present at the conference

A program on Enhancing Climate Resilience of Coastal Communities is being implemented in partnership with UNDP in the states of Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. Supported by the Green Climate Fund (GCF), the initiative is integrating ecosystem and community-based approaches to adaptation into coastal management and planning.



Conference on Sustainable Coastal Management in India here. This conference was organized by the Green Climate Fund supported project – Enhancing Climate Resilience of India's Coastal Communities.

Officials from all 13 coastal states of India have attended the conference to focus on the three interrelated themes of coastal and marine biodiversity, climate mitigation and adaptation and coastal pollution.

“With the changing climate, we need to build the resilience of communities living in coastal areas.” said the Union Minister.

He said the Indian coastline is of immense strategic, economic and social importance to the country. Spanning 7,500 kilometres, it is the seventh longest in the world, and is home to 20 percent of the country's population. Three of India's four metropolitan cities lie on the coast, he pointed out.

Mr.Yadav said there is a great diversity of

5 deaths in 10 days shock Malkangiri village in Odisha



MALKANGIRI(KCN): Mathili police on Friday arrested one Narendra Madri after a complaint was lodged by Haldikund villagers against him allegedly for the death of a villager who was getting treated under him. Madri, a native of Salimi village, is allegedly a practitioner of quackery.

The residents of Haldikund village under Mathili block have been spending sleepless nights as six persons of the hamlet have succumbed to some unknown disease in the last 10 days. Locals complained that the symptoms began with swelling on the hands and legs followed by fever leading to the deaths in three to four days. Sources said, instead of getting treated at the hospital, the locals

prefer getting treated by village quacks which is said to have worsened the situation.

Meanwhile, a health team led by Dr Amiya Kumar Swain went to the village to take stock of the situation. The team collected blood samples and started treating the affected persons. Contacted, chief district medical officer (CDMO) Praful Kumar Nanda clarified that not six, but all the five deaths are suspected to be due to kidney and liver failure.

“The deceased were chronic alcoholics. It was revealed after a test was conducted on one patient who was admitted to the Mathili subdivision hospital, “ he said adding that another team from Malkangiri will reach the village on Saturday.

Odisha CM felicitates NEET-UG State topper Priya Somadutta Nayak

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): Priya Somadutta Nayak, a student of city-based SAI International School, who topped the State in National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) UG - 2022, was felicitated by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik here on Friday.

Priya who scored 705 out of 720



marks figured among the top-50 rank holders in the prestigious entrance test. With 99.997 percentile he was All India Rank 39 in the exam. The youngster said he had been studying for nearly 10 hours a day and was preparing for the NEET UG for the last two years.

Watch out suicide warnings

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Around 80 per cent of people committing suicide send out tell-tale warning signs before doing the unthinkable but prompt action can prevent such deaths, an eminent psychiatrist said on Saturday.

“Most of the adolescents, before killing themselves, drop hints about their mental condition which are mostly ignored by family members, colleagues, teachers or friends,” Prof. (Dr.) Surjeet Sahoo, Head of the department of Psychiatry at the Institute of Medical Sciences and SUM Hospital here, said while addressing a program held here to mark the World Suicide Prevention Day. The program was organized by the Department of Mental Health Nursing of the SUM Nursing College, faculty of nursing of SOA.

Stating that these suicides were preventable, Prof. (Dr.) Sahoo said it was extremely important to identify the warning signs and take immediate steps to stop the person from taking the extreme step.

“When someone is dropping hints of not being around for long, or visiting a friend to say goodbye or giving away belongings to friends and relatives, it should be viewed seriously and timely action taken to avoid the tragedy, he said adding “it is not easy to predict a suicide, but such signals can be recognized if the family, friends and society at large have the empathy to help the person.”

Thirtyfive per cent of suicides, he said, were linked to family problems and disputes.

What is needed, Prof. (Dr.) Sahoo said, is the need to listen to a person carefully, under-

stand the his or her feelings, take every complaint seriously and assess how upset the person is. It is necessary that the person is not left alone and if the situation appears serious, professional assistance should be sought at the earliest, he said.

Describing suicide as a psychiatric and medical emergency, he said such tendencies

arose from factors such as depression, suicidal thoughts, loss of support from family and friends, living alone, unemployment, drug and alcohol abuse and stress. Most people commit suicide thinking it was a permanent solution to a temporary problem, he added.

Suicide was the third leading cause of death for young people in the age group of 15 to 24 years with two-third of such deaths among youths occurring in the 18 to 24 age group, he said.

“Most people who commit suicide send

out some clue or warning of intent before doing it. A suicide attempt is also usually made during a particularly stressful time but if the person receives timely help in managing that crisis, he or she can often move on with life successfully,” he said.

Brahma Kumari Shivshakti, who also addressed the meeting, said the path of spirituality was the way out of such situations. She urged the students to derive positive energy through meditation. Dr. Sasmita Das, Associate Dean of SNC also spoke. The Dean Prof. Pravati Tripathy was present.

Students also staged a skit on the occasion explaining the problem of stress and hopelessness in people.

‘Bharat Jodo’ cuts off Odisha, breaks heart of Congress leaders

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): Even as the State Congress has set a target to improve its tally in the Assembly from nine to 90 in the 2024 elections, the exclusion of Odisha from the party's ‘Bharat Jodo Yatra’ has come as

couraged to actively participate in the revival process of the party. This is not the first time that the decision of the Central leadership has gone against the party's interest in the State. Former president of

placed by Sarat Pattanayak. The incumbent State party chief is also reported to be unable to function as senior leaders are not cooperating with him. Congress MLA from Cuttack-Barabati con-

yatra will be conducted at the State level. AICC secretary G Rudraraju, however, said it was not possible to include all states in the yatra. He said plans are afoot to send some leaders and workers from the



a huge disappointment for its rank and file. Though the party has made arrangements for leaders from the State to meet former Congress president Rahul Gandhi at some point during the yatra and is also planning a padayatra by roping senior national leaders, the hype will be missed and its impact minimum. Party sources said the yatra could have at least united the different factions in the State to work together for the next elections. Besides, the rank and file who are feeling abandoned for the last several years would have been en-

Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) Niranjan Patnaik was changed six months before the 2014 elections and that too when the party was on the path of revival by winning by-polls to three urban local bodies. Similarly, his successors could not last for more than three years before he was brought back again six months before the 2019 elections. After a miserable performance by the party in the polls, Patnaik resigned. But his resignation was not accepted and he continued reluctantly for three years before being re-

stituency Mohammed Moqim said that the Bharat Jodo Yatra under the leadership of Rahul Gandhi was needed for the State. “It would have brought all leaders and workers under a single umbrella and enabled them to fight for the party in the next elections,” he said and added that plans to locally organise the yatra in the presence of some central leaders will not have much impact. Former minister Ganeswar Behera also admitted it would have been better if Odisha was included in the yatra. However, the

State to meet Gandhi at some point during the yatra. Besides, senior leaders Jairam Ramesh and Digvijay Singh will reach Odisha on September 17 to hold discussions with local leaders and finalise the yatra at the State level. Sources said a 1,800 km long yatra will be held in Odisha and its focus will be on western Odisha and tribal majority districts. However, the State yatra will also not cover Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapara, Jajpur, Puri, Angul and Dhenkanal districts.

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Bhowanipur 75 Palli comes up with a unique idea, 'Aitijhya Beche Thakuk' - 'Let the Heritage Live' as it's Theme to uplift the morale of the rich culture of West Bengal for Durga Puja

Kolkata(KCN, ANKIT AGARWAL) The members of Bhowanipur 75 Palli have taken up the challenge to discover the theme 'Aitijhya Beche Thakuk' - 'Let the Heritage Live', to uplift the morale of the rich culture of West Bengal for this year's Durga Puja. Bhowanipur 75 Palli is one of the eye-catching Pujas of the city for its innovative



concept and style of celebration. This Puja is particularly famous for its unique style of pandals and also for the social work which the committee carries out throughout the year.

The name 'Bhowanipur 75 Palli' is at present regarded as an emerging star amongst the leading theme pujas of south Kolkata. Incidentally for the past few years, our puja presents a new theme which has created a firm place in millions of hearts across the globe. Moreover, keeping the trend on, in this year 2022, our puja came up with a new line of thought, 'Aitijhya Beche Thakuk' - 'Let the Heritage Live', which is to be showcased through the means of our puja theme by the renowned artist Sri Prashant Pal on 58th Year. The culture of Bengal has always been very rich through its various paintings and



arts since ancient times. Bengal's Pot Shilpa or Pot Art is one of the exceptions all over the contemporary world, being globally acknowledged. Over the ages, this art has been inextricably linked with various regions of Bengal.

From ancient times, Pot artisans and artists used to narrate many unknown, unheard morale of epics, fables from puranas and historical tales and fantasies in various fairs, cultural events, religious gatherings through their Pot-chitras. This art was not only used in various religious rituals but also enhanced the beauty of the houses of Bengal. With due course of time, the traces of this gorgeous art of Pot Shilpa have gradually faded from Bengal. Later, these Pot artists used to explore and portray around Kalighat area of

Kolkata, lastly nesting in a corner of this city. Today this art is almost extinct in Kolkata.



Although people in some villages, like Pingla, Nayagram of Medinipur district are the last bearers and carriers of this legacy who survive in scattered teams. In addition, another tribal community of Bankura is still trying to make a living from this Pot Shilpa. In spite of this, the rich heritage of Pot Shilpa, the livelihood of Pot artists are getting lost in the circle of darkness. Despite the acceptance of the Pot Shilpa in rural life, it is faintly in demand and having recessions in urban communities.

Amidst being on the scene of our present society, let us design a character of a Pot artist - Lalan. In spite of being a devotee of Allah, he is committed to memorize the mythological scriptures of Hindu deities. As he spreads his hand to pray to Allah likewise he does not hesitate to fold hands



and bowing down his head at Hindu deities during his act of portraying his own created Potchitras. Limitless to earthen pottery, he endeavours to highlight pottery by stepping along the time with new things. He creates Pot-art out of a variety of discarded items. To save this Pot heritage from extinction, Lalan chooses the path of new creations and innovations. He decides to tour through villages and cities with his Potshilpa and explain to people the story of his Potchitra. Hopefully, the Potshilpa will win the hearts

of people with its new content and will be appreciated and accepted with its comeback to Bengal's life once again.

At Pingla village in West Midnapore, a Patachitra Folk Art Centre has been developed as part of Rural Crafts Hubs, a project supported by Unesco and the department of micro, small and medium enterprises and textiles, Government of West Bengal. Speaking to the media, Sri. Sayan Deb Chatterjee, Convener of Bhowanipur 75 Palli said, "It's a great honour that UNESCO has recognized Durga Puja of Bengal as an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.



So, we believe this extinct art form of Pot Shilpa will regain its lost glory and fame through our puja presentation this year. People associated with Pot Shilpa belonging from Pingla and Nayagram villages of Midnapore district will perform, display, exhibit and sell their artworks in organized stalls in the vicinity of the puja. The facilities and all expenses related to transportation, food and lodging will be entirely at our cost, similar to the way we did last year for the Chau and Jhumur artists who performed



live and the Mask artists from Purulia district who exhibited and sold their artworks, incurring their own profits. We are inspired by our Honble CM Smt Mamta Banerjee and will do our bit to help at least some of them."

Disney's Marvel unit files lawsuits to keep rights to 'Avengers' characters from copyright termination

WASHINGTON: Disney's Marvel unit has filed lawsuits to acquire full control of 'Avengers' characters including Spider-Man, Iron Man, Black Widow and others.

According to The Hollywood Reporter, the complaints come against the heirs of some late comic book geniuses including Stan Lee, Steve Ditko and Gene Colan.

The legal document seeks "declaratory relief that these

blockbuster characters are ineligible for copyright termination as works made for hire." Reportedly, if Marvel loses, Disney would have to share ownership of characters worth billions.

Marvel has faced terminations from Ditko as well as Larry Lieber's (who worked at Marvel as a writer, too) estate.

In August, the administrator of Ditko's estate filed a notice of termination on Spider-Man, which first

appeared in comic book form in 1962. Under the termination provisions of copyright law, authors or their heirs can reclaim rights once granted to publishers after waiting a statutory set period of time. According to the termination notice, Marvel would have to give up Ditko's rights to its iconic character in June 2023, reported The Hollywood Reporter.

Larry also filed termination notices to Marvel in May.

The heirs of the comic book creators (including Black Widow creator Don Rico) are being represented by Marc Toberoff, who had also represented Superman creators Jerry Siegel and Joe Schuster in an unsuccessful termination attempt against DC which saved off termination by counterclaiming against Toberoff.

As per The Hollywood Reporter, Dan Petrocelli represented the pub-

lisher at that time and will be representing Disney for the new case. Petrocelli has already filed several lawsuits against Lieber, Don Heck, Patrick Ditko, Don Rico and Keith Dettwiler. The cases will focus on the creation of famous comic book characters and who should be deemed the statutory author. One of the complaints filed on Friday asserted, "Marvel had the right to exercise creative control over

Lieber's contributions and paid Lieber a per-page rate for his work." If the plaintiffs win, Disney would have to share profits with the others and hold on to at least a share of character rights as co-owners.

As per The Hollywood Reporter, the termination provisions of copyright law only apply in the United States, allowing Disney to continue to control and profit from foreign exploitation.

Swami Vivekananda's speech that changed the Global perspective

(September 11, 2022 marks the 129th anniversary of his Chicago Address)
What is September 11 known for? The sudden emotion pumps into the mind of an average person would be grief that the memories of a horrendous terror attack that the American state



was traumatized by. Thousands of people being thrown under the debris of the twin towers, America's hegemony propelled by its material success got shattered for a while in 2001. Destruction to a humongous magnitude takes time to evaporate from the sphere of memory. Tangential is its impact if lessons are not learned. But what about an initiative that appears to be minimal but enormous and consistent in its effect for decades and sure to stay for centuries? The visit paid by a saint to the land of affluence the U.S should be remembered for all positive reasons as India was known as the land of snake charmers and black magic among the western world, an epithet that it was sarcastically adorned with. The superstar saint Swami Vivekananda lived in India when the world was away from conceiving the idea of social media and visual media inventions. Still he became famous in America, the country that he chose to appraise his great thoughts of amity, compassion and intellectual veracity. Could a saint of his stature have planned such a journey with a purpose to emancipate a country that reeled under colonial rule with a spiritual churning as the task in hand? Vivekananda could do it with complete temerity.

Vivekananda's visit to America and his historic speech in the World Parliament of Religions at Chicago on 11 September 1893 became a turning point in India's course of spiritual journey. His mission was to revive the ancient glory of India to a western

audience in the language that they understood.

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Philosophy can be presented at its best when words are aligned in tune with the impulse of the listener and spiritual values with metaphorical expositions hold the essence and presence of life in unison. The speeches that Vivekananda delivered on a foreign soil had an electrifying impact on an audience that often had the habit of underrating thoughts that the eastern world held supreme. Vivekananda accentuated the idea of Universal Brotherhood that India propagated from the ages of sages and the confidence and exuberance with which he managed the stage was brilliant. To a rapturous audience who initially sat in contempt with a visible belittling intent stood up cheering the guest from the east in saffron robes as he presented his views in the first speech. The real game began there. He enjoyed the largest audience ever since the first speech he made in the parliament. Curious listeners thronged in large numbers to capture a glimpse of the young yogi and drink from his beaker of wisdom and he left no stone unturned to make his points count. Addressing the gathering as "Sisters and Brothers of America", Vivekananda was giving a valuable insight on Universal Brotherhood to the hypocrisy that the colonial mindset of the west was enmeshed in. If the parliament of religions was held to superimpose the hegemony of the western semitic thoughts over other spiritual beliefs, Swami Vivekananda had unequivocally unseated the notion of western dominance in philosophy and spirituality. The speech that he began his intellectual fireworks with had a message to the world about a land and its religion that taught humanity toleration and universal acceptance. Of course, wonderful was his intellectual eloquence and his sparkling eyes reflected the penance that he strengthened his spiritual personality

through. The element of surprise that India offered in the field of spirituality was this; an ordinary saint with no academic credentials to showcase his scholastic brilliance could mould an ordinary boy to a spiritual giant. The story of Ramakrishna and Vivekananda (teacher and student) would astonish every genuine seeker of the truth. A patriot to the core, Vivekananda had influenced everybody who jumped into the pyre of freedom movement. For him, spirituality supported by a patriotic fervour was the key to open the path to independence; an elevation of the country into its potential self was its outcome.

India, under colonial rule could not have heard words more powerful than those uttered by Vivekananda in a foreign soil. The brave monk said, "I am proud to belong to a religion which has taught the world both tolerance and universal acceptance. We believe not only in universal toleration, but we accept all religions as true. I am proud to belong to a nation which has sheltered the persecuted and the refugees of all religions and all nations on earth." Neither India nor its ancient religious beliefs could have been represented in words better than this. These statements in his opening speech could very well blow the lid of western hypocrisy. This was a goal half achieved for Vivekananda and the oratory he continued until the culmination of the Parliament of Religions gained tremendous admiration from students, intellectuals, philosophers and the western media. The storm that he created on a world stage got transmuted into a spiritual mission. Foreseeing the precariousness that the world religions are pushing humanity through, Vivekananda impressed upon the multiplicity that nature offered and the underlying unity of oneness that India, the ultimate spiritual destination, discovered and

propagated. His critical examination on the semitic exclusive propaganda warned the world of severe consequences and alarm bells were rung against the fight and bloodshed that religions with rigid spiritual ethos were bound to bring. Juxtaposing religious ideals of varying colours and trends and practices, Vivekananda could successfully prove the meaning of spiritual liberation. His direct attack on the Christian missionaries on their wayward and deceiving ways of proselytizing innocent Indians was the sign of a strong spiritual personality turning tables on a myopic yet belligerent western symbolism. Great was his effort and greater was its effect. The western mindset on India's spiritual existence had changed tremendously since Vivekananda interacted with it. While invoking Vivekananda's speech last year, Prime Minister Modi recalled the essence of his speech and its capacity to create a more just, prosperous and inclusive planet. When the world is reeling under religious fanaticism with bloodshed in the name of a single masculine almighty, throwing social coherence into perils, Vivekananda's views stand out seamlessly focused on compassion and ethics. His comprehensive spiritual representation on the multitude that the world is, and the cohesion that it is capable of, is visible in his metaphorical narration. Vivekananda's prayerful mind thus envisages, "As the different streams having their sources in different places all mingle their water in the sea. The different paths which men take through different tendencies, various though they appear crooked or straight, all lead to the same reality." September 11 should evoke feelings of religious solidarity in a world of intolerance and acrimony.

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Kill your problems, not yourself

10th September is observed as World Suicide Prevention Day. It was established in 2003 by the International Association for



S u i c i d e Prevention in conjunction with the World Health Organization (WHO). Suicide is continuously talked about the subject in our society. The main focus to observe the day is to focus attention on the issue, reduces stigma and raises awareness among organizations, government, and the public, giving a singular message that suicide can be prevented. Suicide is voluntary, taking a person's own life. Suicide is defined as death caused by self-directed injurious behavior with intent to die as a result of the behavior.

Nearly 3000 people on average commit suicide daily, according to WHO. For every person who completes a suicide, 20 or more may attempt to end their lives. Relatives and close friends of people who die

by suicide are a high-risk group for suicide. Suicide occurs

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across all age, economic, social, ability, racial, gender and ethnic boundaries. Suicides can be difficult to understand, especially when we are unaware a person is struggling. It is estimated that around 700,000 people a year take their life around the world. For every suicide, there are likely 20 other people making a suicide attempt and many more have serious thoughts of suicide. Millions of people suffer intense grief or are otherwise profoundly impacted by suicidal behaviours. Although suicide is a deeply personal and an individual act, suicidal behaviour is determined by a number of individual and social factors. Suicide can occur among all age groups, but it is most commonly seen among teenagers and young adults. When a person attempts suicide, this isn't necessarily a sign that they want to die. Instead, it's an indicator that they are in great emotional pain, but don't know how to deal with it.

A c c o r d i n g to Article 21 of the Indian constitution, "No person shall be deprived of his life or personal liberty except according to procedure established by the law". While the constitution covers the right to life or liberty, it does not include the 'right to die'. Studies says that the frequent occurrence of suicide pacts and family suicides, which are more due to social reasons and can be viewed as a protest against archaic societal norms and expectations. Suicide rates were also up among daily wage earners, businesspersons, and those in the farm sector. More than 1.5 lakh people died by suicide across India in 2020. Poverty, unemployment, debts and educational problems are also associated with suicide. More than 90% of people who are suicidal or commit suicide to suffer from mental illness. Suicide is especially a critical factor in our society during the ongoing pandemic. People who suffer from depression or have genetic

vulnerability have more tendency to act on their suicidal thoughts. In our country attempted suicide is a punishable offence. Section 309 of the Indian Penal Code states that "whoever attempts to commit suicide and does any act towards the commission of such an offense shall be punished with simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with a fine or with both". Depression and suicide are rampant in today's time and is a growing issue of concern. There is much that friends and family members can do to help people who are depressed or contemplating suicide. Depression is an illness that pushes a person to commit self-harm or even commit suicide. There is an urgent need to develop a national plan for suicide prevention in India. People who are suffering from deteriorating illnesses, therefore, must visit a mental health specialist. Suicide is a serious problem and any suicide threat or attempt should be taken seriously.

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Congress Bharat Jodo Yatra Live: 'Typical BJP mischief,' says Jairam Ramesh after Rahul slammed for meeting controversial pastor

New Delhi :Congress Bharat Jodo Yatra Live: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi kicked off the third day of his ambitious nationwide 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' from Mulagumoodu in Kanyakumari on Saturday morning. He faced criticism from the BJP for meeting the controversial Tamil pastor George Ponnaiah. A video clip of the meeting has gone viral in which Gandhi is heard asking, 'Jesus Christ is a form of God, is that right?' To which, Ponnaiah responds: 'He is the only God.' Congress leader Jairam Ramesh, meanwhile, dismissed the criticism as "Typical BJP mischief".

Gandhi on Friday said that his Bharat Jodo Yatra was an attempt to "connect with people" and to "undo the damage caused by the BJP and RSS". Asked about the upcoming polls to elect the Congress' next President, Gandhi said that he had made up his mind and his decision would be clear once the elections take place. "It'll be clear whether I become Congress president or not when the election takes place. Please wait till that time," he told reporters.

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The Congress leader reached out to the Opposition parties, saying everybody has a role to play. "It is not that the Congress party is the only party," he said. Asked about the challenges in bringing the Opposition together, particularly getting leaders like Nitish Kumar and Sharad Pawar to rally behind it, Rahul said: "It is the responsibility of the entire Opposition to come together, and I am pretty confident... Everybody has a role in it. It is not that the Congress party is the only party... everybody has a role in it. And that discussion is in progress," he said.

Congress Bharat Jodo Yatra Live: Rahul Gandhi kicks off day 4 of Yatra from Kanyakumari; 'Typical BJP mischief,' says Jairam Ramesh after Rahul slammed for meeting controversial pastor

Rahul Gandhi obliges to selfie request during Bharat Jodo Yatra

Rahul Gandhi obliged to a selfie request by a father with his child during Bharat Jodo Yatra. Amit Shah targets Rahul Gandhi over Bharat Jodo Yatra: 'Study Indian history first'

Taking a jibe at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi over his ongoing 'Bharat Jodo Yatra', Union Home Minister Amit Shah Saturday said the former Congress president should study the country's history first.

Addressing BJP booth-level workers in Rajasthan's Jodhpur, Shah said, "I want to remind Rahul baba and Congressmen about his speech in Parliament. Rahul baba had said India is not a nation at all. Rahul baba, in which book did you read this? This is the nation for which lakhs and lakhs of people sacrificed their lives..." Read more

Queen Elizabeth II cherished 'warmth and hospitality' of India visits

London: Queen Elizabeth II, who died aged 96 on Thursday, was the first British monarch to accede to the throne after India's Independence from colonial rule in 1952 and cherished the "warmth and hospitality" she received during her three State Visits to the country over the course of her reign ? in 1961, 1983 and 1997.

"The warmth and hospitality of the Indian people, and the richness and diversity of India itself have been an inspiration to all of us," she said in one of her addresses.

In 1961, the Queen and her husband, the late Prince Phillip ?Duke of Edinburgh, toured Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata ? then Bombay, Madras, and Calcutta ? and also visited the Taj Mahal in Agra and paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi at Raj Ghat in New Delhi. They were Guests of Honour at the Republic Day Parade on the invitation of the then President, Dr Rajendra Prasad, and an enduring image from the tour shows the Queen addressing a massive crowd of several thousand people packed into Ramlila Grounds in Delhi for her address, dressed in a fur coat and hat. In 1983, her visit was in time for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) and she famously presented

Congress, BJP spar over video clip of Rahul Gandhi's interaction with Christian priest The Congress on Saturday hit out at the Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) for its 'mischievous' post on a Christian pastor's conversation with former party president Rahul Gandhi, who is on his 3,570-km Bharat Jodo Yatra.

Jairam Ramesh, Congress' General Secretary in-charge of communications, tweeted, "An atrocious tweet from the BJP hate factory is doing the rounds. It bears no relation what-



soever to what is recorded in the audio. This is typical BJP mischief that has become more desperate after the successful launch of #BharatJodoYatra which is evoking such a huge response. (sic)". Read more.

'Typical BJP mischief,' says Jairam Ramesh after Rahul meets controversial Tamil pastor After the BJP slammed Rahul Gandhi for meeting controversial Tamil pastor George Ponnaiah, Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said that this was "typical BJP mischief". "It bears no relation whatsoever to what is recorded in the audio. This is typical BJP mischief that has become more desperate after the successful launch of Bharat Jodo Yatra," he said.

Rahul Gandhi meets controversial Tamil Pastor George Ponnaiah

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday met the controversial Tamil pastor George Ponnaiah. A video clip of the meeting has gone viral in which Gandhi is heard asking, 'Jesus Christ is a form of God, is that right?' To which, Ponnaiah responds: 'He is the only God.'

'It's Rahul Gandhi's Nafrat Jodo Abhiyan; Cong has long history of being anti-Hindu,' says BJP's Shehzad Poonawalla

Slamming the Congress' Bharat Jodo Yatra, BJP's Shehzad Poonawalla said: "It's Rahul Gandhi's Nafrat Jodo Abhiyan. Today they've made a person like George Ponnaiah the poster boy of Bharat Jodo Yatra who challenged, threatened Hindus & said inappropriate things about Bharat Mata. Congress has a long history of being anti-Hindu."

'42% youth are unemployed; is Bharat's future secure if theirs isn't?' says Rahul Gandhi



history. "It is no secret that there have been some difficult episodes in our past. Jallianwala Bagh is a distressing example," the monarch noted in her banquet address.

She and her husband later paid a visit to the scene of the 1919 Jallianwala Bagh massacre in Amritsar to place a wreath at the memorial, amid widespread calls for an apology for the thousands killed at the orders of a British General during the Raj era.

Over the years, the Queen has also hosted

Day 2 of Rahul's Bharat Jodo Yatra: Notes from the road

Rustling up support

As Rahul Gandhi began the second day of his Bharat Jodo Yatra, he was joined by the team behind 'Village Cooking Channel', a popular YouTube channel that has around 1.79 crore subscribers. Rahul had tried his hand at cooking with these YouTubers during a trip to Tamil Nadu in January 2021. On the menu was mushroom biryani and onion-curd salad, with Gandhi lending a hand in the preparation be-



fore sitting down to eat.

Man of many tongues

The polyglot in Jairam Ramesh was on full display Friday. Ahead of a press conference addressed by Rahul Gandhi, Ramesh spoke to the restive press corps, who were hustling to find seats and camera positions, in English, Hindi, Tamil and Kannada. One person, one question, he told the gathered reporters before smiling and referring to the Congress's one-person-one-post rule. Read more.

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A prime minister at the helm with a resounding mandate, the flagging political fortunes

three Indian presidents ? Dr Radhakrishnan in 1963, R. Venkataraman in 1990 and Pratibha Patil in 2009.

"Britain and India have a long-shared history which today is a source of great strength in building a new partnership fit for this new century," the Queen said in her State Banquet address for President Patil at Buckingham Palace.

"Nearly 2 million of our own citizens are tied by descent and enduring family links to India. They represent one of the United Kingdom's most dynamic and successful communities? relations between our two countries are built on strong and deep foundations, and are set fair for the 21st century," she said.

The Queen's death triggers what is dubbed in Britain's royal circles as Operation London Bridge ? or the formal preparations and protocol that kicks in following the death of the monarch ? with Operation Spring Tide, or the accession of her son and heir Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales, to the throne.

"London Bridge is down" is allegedly the way in which the death of the monarch would have been communicated to the Prime Minister, Liz Truss, by the Queen's Private Secretary,

of their parties, and a massive public outreach starting from Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu and spanning thousands of kilometres. There are several parallels between Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's ongoing Bharat Jodo Yatra and the Bharat Yatra in 1983 that Chandra Shekhar, not yet a PM, undertook almost four decades earlier against Rahul's grandmother and then PM Indira Gandhi.

Chandra Shekhar already had a reputation by then as one of the 'Young Turks' who had tried to take on Indira Gandhi when in the Congress. At the time he set off on his yatra, Indira Gandhi was at the peak of her popularity, having managed to successfully dump out of power the Janata Party, a rag-tag group of Opposition parties that had ended the Congress's uninterrupted run of power at the Centre in the 1977 elections. The Janata Party was in a shambles and riddled with factional feuds, and Chandra Shekhar was a part of it. Read more.

'Adorable start to the day': Rahul Gandhi poses for photos

Rahul Gandhi kicks off day 4 of Yatra from Kanyakumari

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi kicked off the fourth day of his ambitious nationwide 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' from Mulagumoodu in Kanyakumari on Saturday morning. Take a look at today's schedule:

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi clicks a selfie with party workers during the ongoing 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' of Congress, in Kanyakumari district, Friday, Sept. 9, 2022. (PTI Photo/Atul Yadav)

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi kicked off the third day of his nationwide wide Bharat Jodo Yatra in Tamil Nadu's Nagercoil on Friday. Here's what happened:

Hashtag politics: The BJP's official social media handle put out an image of the Congress leader alongside a T-shirt similar to what he was wearing with a price tag that said INR 41,257, and a caption that read, "Bharat, Dekho". In response, Saral Patel, the Congress's national social media convener, said the BJP was "rattled by the public's response" to the yatra and was "trying everything to divert people's attention from it".

Who is the Congress' next President? Breaking his silence on the coming Congress presidential election and reports that he is not keen to contest, senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi Friday said he does not see any "contradiction" between not heading the Congress party and yet leading - or "participating" in his words - the Bharat Jodo Yatra. He said he has clearly decided what he is going to do and asserted "there is no confusion in my mind at all".

Congress on wheels: About 60 truck-mounted container vans turn into air conditioned bedrooms for the Yatriis everyday. The containers are parked in colour-coded zones, depending on the number of beds they have.

Apart from ones the 120-odd partymen walking alongside Rahul, from Kanyakumari to Kashmir, are staying in, there is a container turned into a mini-conference hall. We take you inside these containers.

who will also tell the Cabinet Secretary and the Privy Council of senior officials and ministers.

The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) Global Response Centre is responsible for informing governments outside the UK where she is Head of State, followed by other Commonwealth nations including India. The day of her death is referred to as D-Day, with each subsequent day a countdown until the funeral, expected 10 days after her death.

It comes just days after she appointed her 15th Prime Minister, Liz Truss, at Balmoral Castle in Scotland, where she had been staying for her summer break. It marked a historic first for a British Prime Minister to not be anointed at Buckingham Palace in London after it was decided the journey would be avoided for the monarch, who has been suffering some mobility issues since last year and has been using a walking stick.

The UK had celebrated the Platinum Jubilee of its longest serving monarch on a grand scale in June, coinciding with Queen Elizabeth II's official birthday. Her husband, Prince Philip, passed away aged 99 last April.

Rahul Gandhi should read country's history first: Shah targets 'Bharat Jodo Yatra'



JAIPUR: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday targeted Congress leader Rahul Gandhi over his ongoing 'Bharat Jodo Yatra', saying he needs to study the country's history first.

Congress leader, Shah said he has gone out on 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' wearing a foreign brand T-shirt and a jersey. "I want to remind Rahul baba and Congressmen about his speech given in Parliament. Rahul Baba had said India is not a

nation at all. Rahul Baba, in which book have you read this? This is the nation for which lakhs and lakhs of people have sacrificed their lives," Shah said. He was addressing BJP booth level workers in Rajasthan's Jodhpur.

"Rahul Gandhi has gone to connect Bharat, but I think that he needs study Indian history," Shah said. He claimed the Congress cannot work for development. "It can only work for appeasement and vote bank politics."

Biden resumes \$450 million aid to keep Pak F-16 jets flying

WASHINGTON: Reversing the decision of its predecessor, the Biden Administration has approved a whopping \$450 million F-16 fighter jet fleet sustainment programme to Pakistan.

As a notification to the US Congress, the State Department has made a determination approving a possible foreign military sale of F-16 case for sustainment and related equipment for an estimated cost of \$450 million, arguing that this will sustain Islamabad's capability to meet current and future counterterrorism threats by maintaining its F-16 fleet.

The Defense Security Cooperation Agency delivered the required certification notifying Congress of this possible sale on

Wednesday. This is the first major security assistance to Pakistan after Trump in 2018 had announced to stop all defense and security assistance to Pakistan alleging that Islamabad was not a partner in its fight against terrorism.

The Pentagon said this proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by allowing Pakistan to retain interoperability with US and partner forces in ongoing counterterrorism efforts and in preparation for future contingency operations.

The proposed sale will continue the sustainment of Pakistan's F-16 fleet, which greatly improves Pakistan's ability to support counterterrorism operations through its robust air-to-ground capability. Pakistan will have no difficulty absorbing these articles and services into its armed forces, it said.

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The United States Government has notified Congress of a proposed Foreign Military Sales case to sustain the Pakistan Air Force's F-16 programme. Pakistan is an important counterterrorism partner, and as part of longstanding policy, the United States provides life cycle maintenance and sustainment packages for US-origin platforms, a State Department spokesperson said.

Pakistan's F-16 programme is an important part of the broader United States-Pakistan bilateral relationship. The proposed sale will sustain Pakistan's capability to meet current and future counterterrorism threats by maintaining its F-16 fleet. The F-16 fleet allows Pakistan to support counterterrorism opera-

engine component improvement programme, and other technical coordination groups; aircraft and engine hardware and software modifications and support and aircraft and engine spare repair/return parts.

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Waterlogging in Bengaluru after heavy rainfall



Bengaluru: Bengaluru reeled under severe waterlogging, as incessant heavy rainfall lashed the city.

Waterlogging led to traffic jams and disruptions in the lives of normal people in several parts of Bengaluru including Koramangala. One of the locals said that waterlogging has taken place due to heavy rainfall and it has made driving very difficult.

"Too much rain has taken place. We woke up in the morning and saw that waterlogging had started. Water on the road had come up to the level of the divider. After that, we started pumping water out of the road and basement. My whole basement has got submerged under water," a local resident told ANI.

Another local said that this situation happens every year and they have to pump out water due to a poor drainage system.

"This happens every year, waterlogging takes place after the rain and we have to pump out water. There is no permanent solution. When the road was being made, the drainage system wasn't prepared well. It leads to many difficulties for the public, many women have actually slipped and fallen into the water," another local said.

Earlier in July, Karnataka suffered heavy floods due to rains, after which rescue missions and relief work had to be carried out. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai also had to seek financial assistance from the Centre.



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Our bowlers can challenge any kind of batting line-up: Sri Lanka captain Dasun Shanaka

DUBAI: Sri Lanka captain Dasun Shanaka heaped praise on their bowling line-up and said that the Sri

"Always acceptable these kinds of results. The combination we have with the left-arm fast bowlers, the leg

runs, Sri Lanka got off to the worst start as they lost their star opener Kusal Mendis in the second over of the

41 deliveries. After the 14th over of the match, Sri Lanka needed 30 runs in 36 balls. The duo of



Lanka bowlers can challenge any batting line-up going around. Wanindu Hasaranga's 3-wicket haul followed by Pathum Nissanka's brilliant unbeaten 55-run knock guided Sri Lanka to an easy five-wicket victory over Pakistan in their Super Four clash at Asia Cup 2022 at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium on Friday. Sri Lanka ended the Super 4 stage campaign with three victories in as many matches, defeating Afghanistan, India and Pakistan.

spinners - the variation we have is amazing," said Dasun Shanaka in a post-match presentation. In their last of the Super Four stage against Pakistan, Sri Lanka conceded 17 extra runs. Showing concern over the extra runs Sri Lanka captain said, "I think the extras were a concern in this game, and the lines the fast bowlers bowled. These are areas we can improve, if we could get early wickets in the next game that will be good." Talking about the match, chasing 122

match. Sri Lanka dealt with another blow as Danushka Gunathilaka went back to the pavilion without scoring a run. At that point, Sri Lanka were at 2/2. Dhananjaya de Silva then tried to play some big shot but fell prey to Haris Rauf, scoring 9 runs in 12 balls. Pathum Nissanka and Bhanuka Rajapaksa then tried to anchor Sri Lanka's innings as they smashed big shots while taking singles. While playing the much-needed innings Nissanka brought up his half-century in

Nissanka and Shanaka joined hands and helped their team cross the 100-run mark. However, Shanaka was sent packing by Mohammad Hasnain after scoring 21 runs in 16 balls. Wanindu Hasaranga then came to the crease and smashed two fours in the over of Mohammad Hasnain. In the 17th over, Hasnain conceded 17 runs. Hasaranga smashed a big four on the last delivery of the 17th over to take his team home against Pakistan and clinched the match by five wickets.

King Charles' warm gesture: Uses ink pot gifted by sons William, Harry as he's officially declared British Monarch

LONDON: King Charles III on Saturday signed the declaration which officially made him the new British Monarch

William - the new Prince of Wales, who added their signatures to the formal proclamation documents. During the meeting,

The touching gesture comes after months of tension between Harry and his father and brother. In his bombshell interview

wrote on Twitter: "The ink pot on the signature table at today's Accession was a gift from Prince William and



using ink from a silver pot gifted to him by his sons, Prince William and Prince Harry. King Charles was on Saturday proclaimed Britain's new monarch in a historic ceremony of the Accession Council. He was joined by his wife, Queen Consort Camilla, and his son and heir Prince Wil-

which was televised for the first time in history, Charles had to sign two copies of the declaration. He did so using a fountain pen with black ink from a small silver pot. Camilla and William also used the pot when they signed the documents, the Mirror newspaper reported.

with Oprah Winfrey, Harry accused Charles of cutting him off financially and said William was "trapped". The use of the ink pot during the historic ceremony was seen as a show of support by the now Prince of Wales and the Duke of Sussex. Royal correspondent Rebecca English

Prince Harry." The throne had passed to the 73-year-old former Prince of Wales following the death of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, on Thursday and Saturday's ceremony marked his formal declaration and oath-taking at St. James's Palace in London.

Rupee falls 7 paise to 79.89 against US dollar

MUMBAI: The rupee declined by 7 paise to close at 79.89 (provisional)

The US Dollar surged as economic data from the US surprised the mar-

in a range of Rs 79 to Rs 80.50 in the next couple of sessions.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.16 per cent higher at 110.39. Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, advanced by 0.54 per cent to USD 93.33 per barrel. On the domestic equity market front, the BSE Sensex ended 168.08 points or 0.28 per cent lower at 59,028.91, while the broader NSE Nifty declined 31.20 points or 0.18 per cent to 17,624.40. Foreign institutional investors were net buyers in the capital market on Tuesday as they purchased shares worth Rs 1,144.53 crore, according to the exchange data.



against the US dollar on Wednesday tracking a strong dollar in overseas markets and losses in the domestic equities.

The US ISM services PMI unexpectedly rose to 56.9 in August from 56.7 in July. However, weak crude oil prices and foreign fund inflows cushioned the downside.

Murmu: TB most fatal among infectious diseases, its eradication is duty of all

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Mandaviya lauded the contribution of supportive schemes such as the Ni-kshay Poshan Yojana that provides Rs 500 support through direct benefit transfer to the patients. Over 65-lakh persons have received a total support worth Rs 1,700 crore under the programme since it was launched in 2018, according to the Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan. The Health Secretary said over 1.22 lakh health and wellness centres have been operationalised across the country and services to cure TB are being offered by them. The government has also focused on utilising technology and started creating digital health IDs for TB patients under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Health Mission to ensure proper diagnostics and treatment are available to them.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the domestic currency opened at 79.93 per dollar. It hovered in a range of 79.84 to 79.94 during the session. The domestic unit finally settled at 79.89, down 7 paise over its previous close of 79.82. Anuj Choudhary - Research Analyst at Sharekhan by BNP Paribas said that a strong dollar overseas hit the rupee sentiment.

USDINR spot price is expected to trade

PM Narendra Modi, UK counterpart Liz Truss agree on 'vital importance' of bilateral ties in phone call

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Modi this afternoon, following the death of Her Majesty The Queen," Downing Street said in a readout of the phone call. "The Prime Minister thanked Prime Minister Modi for his heartfelt condolences, which he said were on behalf of 1.3 billion Indians. The leaders acknowledged the grief felt by the many people of the UK and India, and paid tribute to Her Majesty the Queen's lifetime of service," the statement said.

King Charles III proclaimed Britain's monarch in historic ceremony

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"And to my darling Mama, as you begin your last great journey to join my dear late Papa, I want simply to say this: thank you. Thank you for your love and devotion to our family and to the family of nations you have served so diligently all these years. May ?flights of Angels sing thee to thy rest,?" he said. A Principal Proclamation was read in public for the first time by the Garter King of Arms from the balcony overlooking Friary Court at St James's Palace, accompanied by a 41-gun salute fired by The King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery at Hyde Park in London. The Privy Council, which includes politicians, senior members of the clergy and Supreme Court justices, first gathered without the King to proclaim the new monarch and arrange business relating to the proclamation.

Following the proclamation, King Charles III held his first Privy Council meeting and made his personal declaration to "assume the duties and responsibilities of sovereignty" and follow in the footsteps of his late mother. On Friday, the King held his first audience with British Prime Minister Liz Truss at Buckingham Palace, soon after he was greeted with applause and cheers by large crowds gathered at the palace gates in mourning for the Queen and to catch a glimpse of the new monarch and his Queen Consort. It was so touching to see so many people? It's a moment I'd been dreading, but one must try and keep going,? Charles was heard saying to Truss, in a brief clip released of his first audience as the Prime Minister expressed her condolences.

While formal details are to be released by Buckingham Palace, it is expected that the Queen will lie in state at Westminster Hall in London for the public to pay their respects. In the coming days, the Queen's coffin will depart her Balmoral estate for the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh ? the official residence of the British monarch in Scotland. From here, it will be taken in procession to St. Giles' Cathedral in the city, where the Queen will lie at rest, allowing the public to view her coffin. The coffin will then move to London, ready for lying in state for around four days before her funeral.

Modi had tweeted soon after the news of the Queen's passing away in Scotland on Thursday, describing her as a "stalwart of our times". "I had memorable meetings with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II during my UK visits in 2015 and 2018," Modi recalled in his tweet. "I will never forget her warmth and kindness. During one of the meetings she showed me the handkerchief Mahatma Gandhi gifted her on her wedding. I will always cherish that gesture," he said. The UK and India are in the midst of negotiating a free trade agreement (FTA), with a Diwali deadline set by Truss' predecessor Boris Johnson for the completion of a draft agreement.

Carlos Alcaraz defeats Frances Tiafoe to advance to US Open final matchup against Casper Ruud

NEW YORK: The Latest on the U.S. Open tennis tournament (all times local):

11:55 p.m.: Carlos Alcaraz has advanced to the U.S. Open final by beating Frances Tiafoe 6-7 (6), 6-3, 6-1, 6-7 (5), 6-3.

The 19-year-old from Spain will try to join 1990 champion Pete Sampras, who was also 19, as the only teenagers to win the U.S. Open in the professional era that began in 1968.

The No. 3 seed will play No. 5 seed Casper Ruud of Norway on Sunday in the final. The winner of that match will move up to No. 1 in the rankings on Monday.

11:15 p.m.: Frances Tiafoe has used his perfect play in tiebreakers at the U.S. Open to send the semifinals to a fifth set. Tiafoe won a tiebreaker from Carlos Alcaraz for the second time in the match,

the U.S. Open semifinals since 2006 and with a win would become the first Black man from the U.S. in a major final since MaliVai Washington was the runner-up at Wimbledon in 1996.

7:35 p.m.: Frances Tiafoe and Carlos Alcaraz have started the match that will determine the second U.S. Open men's finalist.

Tiafoe is trying to become the first American man to play for the title in New York since Andy Roddick in 2006. He is in his first major semifinal.

So is Alcaraz, the No. 3 seed who got to the semifinals by edging Jannik Sinner in a match that ended at 2:50 a.m., the latest finish ever at the U.S. Open.

The winner will play No. 5 seed Casper Ruud on Sunday.

in 33 minutes. The first set went to a tiebreaker, which Ruud won 7-5 in 58 minutes.

He is trying to reach his second major final of the year, having lost to Rafael Nadal at the French Open.

4:15 p.m.: Casper Ruud won a 55-shot rally to wrap up a tiebreaker and take the first set of his semifinal match against Karen Khachanov.

The lengthy exchange of shots ended when Ruud hit a backhand down the line that Khachanov hit into the net, giving the Norwegian the tiebreak 7-5.

The fifth-seeded Ruud is trying to reach his second major final of the year. The No. 27-seeded Khachanov never has.

3:15 p.m.: Casper Ruud is trying to reach his second Grand Slam final of the year in

The winner will face No. 3 Carlos Alcaraz or No. 22 Frances Tiafoe.

2:30 p.m.: Rajeev Ram and Joe Salisbury became the second team in the professional era to repeat as U.S. Open men's doubles champions, beating Wesley Koolhof and Neal Skupski 7-6 (4), 7-5.

The top-seeded team joined the Hall of Fame duo of Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde in 1995 and '96 as the only teams to go back-to-back in New York since 1968.

Salisbury ensured he will remain the No. 1 player in the doubles rankings with his 17th straight U.S. Open win, combining men's and mixed doubles.

Koolhof and Skupski, the No. 2 seeds, were playing at the U.S. Open for the first time as a team.

1:25 p.m.: The men's singles semifinals highlight the day at the U.S. Open, where play on Arthur Ashe Stadium began with the men's doubles final.

The top-seeded team of Rajeev Ram and Joe Salisbury were seeking a second straight U.S. Open title in that match against the No. 2 seeds, Wesley Koolhof and Neal Skupski.

That would be followed by the first semifinal between No. 5 Casper Ruud and No. 27 Karen Kkachanov. Ruud was trying to reach his second major final, having lost to Rafael Nadal at this year's French Open. The other three semifinalists have all reached that level for the first time.

The night match pits No. 3 Carlos Alcaraz against No. 22 Frances Tiafoe, the first American man to reach the U.S. Open semifinals since Andy Roddick was the runner-up in 2006.



winning it 7-5 to improve to 8-0 in tiebreakers in the tournament.

Pete Sampras has the record for most tiebreakers without a loss in the U.S. Open, going 7-0 in 2000.

Tiafoe also won a tiebreaker in the first set before Alcaraz won the second and third sets.

The winner will face No. 5 Casper Ruud on Sunday.

10 p.m.: Carlos Alcaraz rolled to a 6-1 win in the third set against Frances Tiafoe to move one set away from the U.S. Open final.

The No. 3 seed won 13 of the first 14 points en route to a 4-0 lead and wrapped up the set in just 33 minutes.

Alcaraz had a 25-9 advantage in total points won in the third.

The winner will play No. 5 Casper Ruud.

9:30 p.m.: Carlos Alcaraz has evened the second U.S. Open men's semifinal against Frances Tiafoe.

After Tiafoe took the opening set in a tiebreaker, the No. 3 seed from Spain answered by taking the second 6-3.

Alcaraz earned the first service break of the match to open a 4-2 lead and went on to hand the 22nd-seeded Tiafoe his second lost set of the tournament.

8:40 p.m.: Frances Tiafoe has won the first set against Carlos Alcaraz by extending his perfect record in tiebreakers in this U.S. Open.

Tiafoe won it 8-6 when Alcaraz double-faulted on the 22nd-seeded American's fifth set point. That made him 7-0 in tiebreakers in this tournament.

Alcaraz had dropped a pair of them in his five-set victory over Jannik Sinner in the quarterfinals.

8:20 p.m.: Frances Tiafoe got a thumbs-up and a shout from Michelle Obama during the first set of his U.S. Open semifinal match against Carlos Alcaraz.

The former first lady is sitting in a front-row seat behind one of the baselines. She and Tiafoe exchanged thumbs-up to each other and she shouted out his name.

Tiafoe is the first American man to make

6:15 p.m.: Casper Ruud moved into his second Grand Slam final of the year by beating Karen Khachanov 7-6 (5), 6-2, 5-7, 6-2.

The No. 5 seed from Norway will play either No. 3 Carlos Alcaraz or No. 22 Frances Tiafoe on Sunday in the final.

Ruud also kept alive his hopes of moving to No. 1 in the rankings on Monday.

Ruud lost to Rafael Nadal at the French Open his first time playing for a major title.

5:35 p.m.: Karen Khachanov has forced a fourth set in his U.S. Open men's semifinal match against Casper Ruud.

Khachanov broke Ruud's serve in the final game to win the third set 7-5.

The fifth-seeded Ruud won the first two sets 7-6 (5), 6-2.

Khachanov, seeded 27th, won five-set matches in the previous two rounds to reach his first major semifinal.

5:20 p.m.: New partner, same destination for Caty McNally.

McNally earned a second straight trip to the women's doubles final by teaming with fellow American Taylor Townsend for a 1-6, 6-3, 6-3 victory over the 12th-seeded team of Caroline Dolehide and Storm Sanders.

McNally lost in the final last year with Coco Gauff, who recently reached No. 1 in the women's doubles rankings. But she and partner Jessica Pegula, who were the No. 2 seeds, were ousted in the first round.

The 20-year-old McNally went on to pair up in New York with Townsend, who returned to the tour this year after giving birth to a son in March 2021.

The duo lost the first set in 26 minutes and fell behind 2-0 in the second before mounting their rally.

McNally and Townsend will play the No. 3-seeded team of Barbora Krejckova and Katerina Siniakova in Sunday's final.

4:50 p.m.: Casper Ruud is a set away from the U.S. Open final after easily winning the second set against Karen Khachanov.

The No. 5 seed from Norway won it 6-2

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