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PV Sindhu launches badminton academy in Vizag

Visakhapatna: Ace badminton player PV Sindhu inaugurated the PV Sindhu Center for Badminton and Sports Excellence on Thursday, marking a major step toward developing young sports talent. Sharing her excitement on social media, Sindhu expressed her goal (Cont.on P2)



75th Foundation Day Celebration of Bharat Scouts and Guides at Raj Bhavan

Vijayawada: Governor of Andhra Pradesh and President of Bharat Scouts and Guides S. Abdul Nazeer has participated as Chief Guest in the 75th Foundation Day and Flag Day celebrations held at Raj Bhavan here on Thursday. Speaking on the occasion, Governor Abdul Nazeer has said that (Cont.on P2)



Lanka Dinakar visits Ramesh hospital's real-time tele ICU facility

Vijayawada: Lanka Dinakar who is the chairman of the 20 point formula committee visited the Real Time Tele ICU Facility for Cardiac patients at Ramesh hospitals on Thursday in Vijayawada. On this occasion, chairman of the Ramesh hospitals explained (Cont.on P2)



JD Vance's victory historic, a Telugu woman will serve as US Second Lady for first time: Andhra CM

Amaravati, Nov 6 (The Capital News) Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Wednesday hailed US Vice President elect JD Vance's victory in the presidential election as a historic moment as it will catapult a woman of Telugu heritage, Usha Chilukuri Vance, as the Second Lady of

the United States. Usha is the wife of JD Vance and her family's ancestral village Vadluru is located near famous Godavari town Tanuku in the lush green West Godavari district, about 35 km from district headquarters Bhimavaram. With the Trump-Vance victory on Wednesday, Usha, 38, is set to become (Cont.on P3)

Indian Americans welcome Trump's re-election

Washington, Nov 7 (The Capital News): Eminent Indian Americans have welcomed the re-election of Donald Trump as the 47th president of the United States and assured to work with him on issues of importance in the US-India ties. "Congratulations to President Donald Trump on his decisive victory. We are in a golden age of American innovation and are committed to working with his administration to help bring benefits to everyone," Google CEO Sundar Pichai said on Wednesday. The American people have spoken, former



South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley said. "Congratulations to President Trump on a strong win. Now, it's time for the American people to come together, pray for our country, and start the process of a peaceful transition," she said. "That begins with Kamala Harris conceding. You can't just talk about unity in a campaign, you have to show it regardless of the outcome," Haley said. Former Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal called it a great day for America. "Let's take a moment to celebrate. Then begins the hard work to get our country back on (Cont.on P3)



Sexual harassment cases can't be dismissed on compromise: SC

New Delhi, Nov 7 (The Capital News): The Supreme Court has declared that a sexual harassment case cannot be dismissed solely because the accused reaches a reconciliation with the complainant's family. Overturning a previous Rajasthan High Court judgment, the apex court emphasized that compromise between parties does not warrant the cancellation of such serious cases. The case, which originated in Gangapur City, Rajasthan, in 2022, involved a minor Dalit girl who lodged a complaint against her government school teacher, alleging sexual harassment. Charges were (Cont.on P2)



YSRCP boycotts MLC elections in citing law and order concerns

Vijayawada: Nov 7 (The Capital News): YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) has declared a boycott of the upcoming MLC elections in Krishna-Guntur and East and West Godavari districts, citing concerns over law and order. The YSRCP stated that the deteriorating situation across Andhra Pradesh prevents fair and peaceful elections, accusing the ruling TDP government of targeting opposition leaders and stifling dissent. The party claimed that YSRCP leaders and activists are being treated like "terrorists," alleging that police have been given free rein to arrest (Cont.on P2)

I'm not anti-business, I'm anti-monopoly: Rahul Gandhi



New Delhi, Nov 7 (The Capital News) Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Thursday asserted that he was not "anti-business" as being projected by the BJP but was "anti-monopoly" and "anti-creating oligopolies". His remarks came a day after he penned an opinion piece in The Indian Express in which he said the original East India Company wound up over 150 years ago but the fear it then generated is back with a new breed of monopolists having taken its place. Gandhi, however, had asserted that a "new deal for progressive Indian business is an idea (Cont.on P2)

No YSRCP activist will be spared if women are targeted: CM Chandrababu

Amaravati, Nov 7 (The Capital News): Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu issued a stern warning to social media activists associated with the YSR Congress Party, stressing that no one will be spared if they cross the line, especially when it involves inappropriate posts targeting women. He emphasized that criminals, regardless of their affiliation, will not be let off lightly. During his visit to the Amaravati region on Thursday, CM Naidu inaugurated a new electricity sub-centre in Thallayapalem village, Tulluru mandal.

- CM warns social media activists over obscene posts
- Asked police to take firm stance against criminal activity



Addressing a gathering, he condemned the rising trend of offensive social media posts, specifically mentioning how his family and the daughters of Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan had been targeted with objectionable content. Naidu expressed his disappointment over the emotional toll this has taken on Pawan Kalyan and warned that (Cont.on P2)

SC orders liquidation of grounded air carrier Jet Airways' assets



New Delhi, Nov 7 (The Capital News) The Supreme Court on Thursday exercised its extraordinary constitutional powers and ordered the liquidation of grounded air carrier Jet Airways' assets. A bench of Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra set aside the National

Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) decision upholding the resolution plan of Jet Airways and approved the transfer of its ownership to Jalan Kalrock Consortium (JKC). Pronouncing the judgement for the bench, Justice Pardiwala allowed the plea of SBI and other creditors against the NCLAT decision (Cont.on P2)

Lokesh envisions AP as top education hub in five years

Amaravati, Nov 7 (The Capital News): Minister for IT and HRD Nara Lokesh has committed to making Andhra Pradesh the top education destination in India within the next five years. In his address at the International Higher Education Fair (IHEF) organized by VIT-AP at VIT University on Thursday, Lokesh emphasized the importance of preparing youth as job creators rather than job seekers. He outlined plans to introduce advanced technology and foster startup culture, backed by a Rs. 250 crore seed fund through



the AP Innovation Society. Lokesh created a buzz at the fair as he visited stalls set up by representatives from America, Britain, Germany, France, Australia, and Canada, each offering details on higher education opportunities, courses, admissions, stipends, and facilities in their respective countries. Engaging with the delegates, the Minister inquired about the offerings available to students pursuing higher education abroad, underlining his commitment to expanding global educational opportunities (Cont.on P3)

Stock Market Today: Asian shares bounce after Trump's victory as focus turns to Fed



Bangkok, Nov 7 (The Capital News) Shares recovered from early losses in Asia on Thursday after U.S. stocks stormed to records as investors wagered on what Donald Trump's return to the White House will mean for the economy and the world. Markets also were turning their attention to the Federal Reserve's decision on interest rates, due later in the day. Japan's Nikkei 225 was down 0.1% at 39,458.86, while the Koshi in Seoul rebounded to pick up 0.5%, to 2,576.30. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 edged 0.1% higher to 8,204.80. Chinese shares (Cont.on P3)

Lancet study linking deaths to air pollution not absolute: Pollution control board tells NGT

New Delhi, Nov 7 (The Capital News): The Central Pollution Control Board in the National Green Tribunal opposed the findings of a Lancet study, which claimed poor air quality had severely affected mortality rates in 10 major Indian cities. Claiming the study's data may not be "absolute", the CPCB said the deaths couldn't be attributed to pollution alone and that the satellite data and modelling techniques used for extrapolations in it may not necessarily represent the "realistic Indian scenario". The NGT had taken suo motu cognisance of a newspaper report quoting the study, which stated approximately 33,000 annual deaths were linked to air pollution levels that

exceeded the World Health Organisation guidelines. The study examined the cities of Delhi, Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai, Pune, Shimla, and Varanasi. In its reply dated November 4, the CPCB said the study analysed the daily average particulate matter (PM) 2.5 concentrations at one square kilometre spatial resolution across the country between 2008 and 2020. It also used mortality records from each municipal corporation in the 10 cities. "The study concludes that short-term PM2.5 exposure was associated with a high risk of death in India, even at concentrations below the current Indian PM2.5 standard. These associations were



stronger for locally generated air pollutants. However, the study has limitations..." claimed the CPCB report. According to the pollution control board, the "variability in the strength of death registration systems across different states and cities" and the analyses of "cause-specific mortality" as "the international classification of disease codes" was not done by the authors for

most cities. "In the absence of cause of death data, several extrapolations of data take place. Therefore, the deaths cannot be attributed to air pollution alone and thereby may not portray a correct comparison," it claimed. Regarding the adverse health impact of PM2.5 and other pollutants, the CPCB report said air pollution was one of the factors affecting respira-

tory ailments and associated diseases. It said an individual's health was also influenced by several factors, including food habits, occupational habits, socio-economic status, medical history, immunity and heredity. "Ground monitors-based data and satellite study-based data have been used for PM2.5 measurements using a generalised model... satellite data and modelling techniques used for extrapolations may not necessarily represent the realistic Indian scenario and that such an analysis may not be absolute," it added. The CPCB said cities exceeding the national ambient air quality annual standards for PM10 concentrations for five consecutive

years had been designated as non-attainment cities (NAC). "CPCB has identified 130 non-attainment and million-plus cities in the 24 states and union territories including Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai, Pune, and Varanasi," the report said. It said the national clean air programme (NCAP) was launched in January 2019 to reduce PM10 concentration by 40 per cent in these 130 cities by 2025-26. "With the implementation of comprehensive NCAP and various policy interventions, of 130 identified cities, a decrease in PM10 concentration has been observed in 95 cities during 2023-24 as compared to levels during 2017-18," said the CPCB report.



ED searches e-commerce platform sellers in FEMA probe

New Delhi, Nov 7 (The Capital News) The Enforcement Directorate on Thursday conducted searches against some sellers who do business on e-commerce giants like Amazon, Flipkart as part of a FEMA investigation, official sources said. Multiple locations in Delhi, Gurugram (Haryana), Hyderabad (Telangana) and Bengaluru (Karnata

ka) are being searched, the sources said. They said the action is related to the financial transactions being done by some of the "preferred" vendors and sellers who do business through Amazon and Flipkart like e-commerce platforms. The probe is being conducted under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), they said.

Immigration check post inaugurated at India-Bhutan border in Assam

New Delhi, Nov 7 (The Capital News) An immigration check post for the entry and exit of third country nationals on the India-Bhutan border in Assam was inaugurated on Thursday in the presence of Bhutanese Prime Minister Lyonchhen Dashi Tshering Tobgay, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said. In his address at the event, Prime Minister Tobgay welcomed the operationalisation of the immigration check post at Darranga, saying it will boost tourism and economic development in eastern Bhutan. He thanked the government of India for its efforts to promote greater connectivity in the region, the MEA said. During the visit of the



King of Bhutan to India in November 2023, "the two sides had agreed to designate Darranga (Assam) / Samdrup Jongkhar (Bhutan) as Immigration Check Post between Bhutan and India to facilitate the entry and exit of third country nationals by land route", the MEA said in a statement. During the inauguration, Assam Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya under-

lined the long-standing ties of friendship between Bhutan and India and recent initiatives for cross border infrastructure development and enhancing people to people connectivity. He reiterated the Indian government's commitment to expand the partnership further based on the priorities of the Royal Government of Bhutan, it added. The inauguration ceremony

was also attended by Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar, Minister of State for External Affairs Pabitra Margherita, Leader of Opposition of Bhutan Dasho Pema Chewang, elected representatives from India and Bhutan and senior officials from both the countries. "Earlier, third country nationals were permitted to enter/exit Bhutan only via the Paro International Airport or the Jaigaon-Phuentsholing land border. Opening of this new Immigration Check Post for third country nationals is expected to further boost connectivity, promote tourism and people to people ties," the statement said.

Calf elephant strays from herd in Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve; rescued

Bhopal, Nov 7 (The Capital News) An 18-month-old elephant calf that got separated from its herd has been rescued at Madhya Pradesh's Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, which was in the news over the death of 10 jumbos last week, an official said on Thursday. "This female baby elephant does not seem to be from the herd that lost 10 tuskers last week. The calf appears to be from some other herd," BTR deputy director Prakash Verma told PTI over the phone. The calf was rescued around 10 am on Wednesday from a spot inside the reserve, far from the area where the 10 elephants died, he said. The remaining three elephants of the 13-mem-



ber herd have two female sub-adults below 20 years and one female jumbo aged around three years, he said. "We have studied the pictures of the baby elephant, which is a part of the remaining three jumbos, and this one. Both look different," the forest official said. Veterinarians are keeping a close on the rescued calf, he said. "After it becomes normal and two to

three days of observation, we will connect it to an elephant herd. Thereafter, we will observe whether the herd accepts it. We want to connect it to its actual herd," the director said, stressing that they want the wild animal to remain in the wild. Verma said the elephant calf, which was given mild sedatives before its rescue, is doing fine. On October 29, four wild

elephants were found dead in Sankhani and Bakeli under the Khalil range of the reserve in the state's Umaria district, while four others died on October 30 and two on October 31. Chief Minister Mohan Yadav on Sunday suspended two senior reserve officials for alleged lapses after a high-level probe team submitted its report in connection with the jumbo deaths.

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also climbed. Hong Kong's Hang Seng gained 0.9% to 20,729.01. The Shanghai Composite index also was 0.9% higher, at 3,413.47. Trump has promised to slap blanket 60% tariffs on all Chinese imports, raising them still more if Beijing makes a move to invade the self-governing island of Taiwan. Investors are adding to bets built earlier on what the higher tariffs, lower tax rates and lighter regulation that Trump favors will mean. Higher tariffs on imports from China would add to the burdens Beijing is facing as it struggles to revive slowing growth in the world's second-largest economy. Higher tariffs on imports from China, Mexico and other countries also would raise the risk of trade wars and other disruptions to the global economy. But Trump's win raised expectations that Beijing may ramp up its spending and other stimulus to counter such trends. The Standing Committee of China's legislature is meeting this week and is expected to announce further measures by Friday. On Wednesday, the U.S. stock market, Elon Musk's Tesla, banks and bitcoin all stormed higher, as investors made bets on what Donald Trump's return to the White House will mean for the economy and the world. Among the losers the market sees: the renewable-energy industry and potentially anyone worried about higher inflation. The S&P 500 rallied 2.5% to 5,929.04 for its best day in nearly two years. The Dow Jones Industrial Average surged 3.6% to 43,729.93, while the Nasdaq composite jumped 3% to 18,983.47. All three indexes topped records they had set in recent weeks. The impact of Trump's second term will likely depend on whether his fellow Republicans win control of Congress, and that's not yet clear. Investors see Trump's policies

potentially leading to stronger economic growth. That helps push prices down and yields up for Treasuries. Tax cuts under Trump could further swell the U.S. government's deficit, increasing borrowing and forcing yields even higher. The yield on the 10-year Treasury jumped to 4.43% from 4.29% late Tuesday, which is a major move for the bond market. It's up substantially from August, when it was below 4%. Investors expect the incoming president's policies, particularly higher tariffs, to fan inflation and add costs to U.S. household bills. Sharp cutbacks in immigration could also leave businesses short-handed, forcing companies to raise wages for workers faster and put more upward pressure on prices. Much of Wall Street's run to records this year was built on expectations for coming cuts to interest rates by the Federal Reserve, as inflation has headed back down to its 2% target. Easier interest rates help boost the economy, but they can also give inflation more fuel. The Fed will announce its latest decision on interest rates Thursday, where the expectation is still for a cut, according to data from CME Group. But traders are already paring back forecasts for how many cuts the Fed will provide through the middle of next year. In other dealings early Thursday, the U.S. dollar weakened against the Japanese yen, slipping to 154.46 from 154.62. The euro rose to \$1.0740 from \$1.0730. U.S. benchmark crude oil gained 45 cents to \$72.14 per barrel. Brent crude, the international standard, was up 55 cents at \$75.47. The price of bitcoin slipped to \$75,780 after hitting an all-time high above \$76,480 on Wednesday, according to CoinDesk. Trump has pledged to make the country "the crypto capital of the planet" and create a "strategic reserve" of bitcoin.

Indian Americans..

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track!" said Jindal. "It's almost morning in America," said entrepreneur-turned-politician Vivek Ramaswamy. "Now let's go save a country," he said. "Congratulations to President Trump. We look forward to working with him and his administration on issues of bilateral importance in the US-India relationship, and on global challenges that the two countries can lead together," said M R Rangaswami, founder of Indiaspora, a community engagement platform. Ajay Jain Bhatnara, a major fundraiser of the Kamala Harris campaign, also congratulated Trump. "Congratulations President-elect Trump! America failed to elect its First Women President again! People have voted for a change to handle border issues, the economy, immigration, crime, and wars! I respect their choice. We did all we could!" said Bhatnara. New York-based prominent entrepreneur Al Mason said: "God saved Trump from two assassination attempts - there is a reason for the same. Trump is going to be a messiah for the American people and the rest of the world. There will be a very prosperous America, a safer world free of wars. In fact, a golden era begins for the United States of America." Dr Krishna Reddy, chair of Indian American Friendship Council, congratulated Trump on the super victory. "This is the beginning of super US-India relations and together we keep the world safe again. This is the great strength of Indian Americans to build a robust economy again and Indian Americans are a great part of this success," he said.

JD Vance's victory..

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America's Second Lady --- the first Indian-American in that role. "I would also like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to JD Vance, on becoming the US Vice President-elect. His victory marks a historic moment in Andhra Pradesh, will become the first woman of Telugu heritage to serve as the second lady of the US," said Naidu in a post on X. Calling this a moment of pride for the Telugu community around the world, Naidu said he looks forward to the opportunity to invite them (JD Vance and Usha) to visit Andhra Pradesh. Earlier, the chief minister congratulated

Donald Trump for winning the 2024 US presidential election and wished him success. The chief minister said that Trump's election would further strengthen ties between India and the US. "I congratulate Donald Trump on his victory in the US Presidential Elections and wish him success as he prepares to lead his country forward. His first tenure marked significant strengthening of the Indo-US partnership," said Naidu in a post on X. The TDP chief expressed confidence that the two nations, India and the US, will foster greater cooperation under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Trump.

Lokesh envisions..

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for Andhra Pradesh's youth. At the event, Lokesh also took time to explore various student innovations showcased by Wit University. He expressed keen interest in a state-of-the-art drone developed by the students, capable of detecting floods and aiding agricultural work. The Minister also inspected other notable inventions, including a driverless vehicle, robotic hand rover, smart dog collar, Shakti 2.0 with next-generation pH sensors, and a high-speed drone that can reach 180 km/h in just three seconds. A humanoid robot designed by the students also caught his attention. Lokesh congratulated the students on their remarkable creativity, taking selfies and photos with them to celebrate their accomplishments. High lighting the State's transformation, Lokesh encouraged students to focus on reinvention in line with global

technological advancements. He also spoke about overcoming personal challenges, citing his electoral defeat in Mangalagiri in 2019, which motivated him to serve the people, ultimately leading to his victory in subsequent elections. Lokesh reiterated the government's commitment to developing Amaravati into a world-class city, with rapid infrastructure progress and plans to make Andhra Pradesh the highest per capita income state in India. He also praised Wit-AP for providing a global platform to connect Andhra Pradesh students with leading international universities. The event was attended by VIT-AP chancellor G Viswanathan, who also advocated for an increase in India's education budget, noting that only 2.9 per cent of the central budget was allocated to education last year, compared to 4-6 per cent in developed countries.



PHOTO FEATURE

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AP Governor Abdul Naseer participating in 75th Day celebrations of Scouts and Guides at AP Raj Bhavan on Thursday



Minister for HRD & IT Nara Lokesh inaugurating international higher education fair at VIT in Amaravati on Thursday. Lokesh taking part with interaction session with students



The priests performing Sri Valli Sahita Subramanya swami kalyanam at Durga temple on Thursday



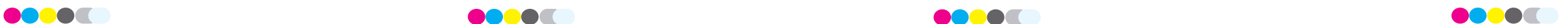
Newly appointed TTD Board Members Bhanuprakash Reddy and Koteswara Rao taking oath as members at Tirumala on Thursday and receiving Prasadam and blessings from temple officials on Thursday



20 Points Formula chairman Lanka Dinakar visiting real time tele ICU facility center at Ranesh hospitals in Vijayawada on Thursday

Minister Vasamsetty Subhash having free meals programme of Durga temple in Vijayawada on Thursday

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Joe Biden gets blamed by Harris allies for vice president's resounding loss

Washington, Nov 7 (The Capital News): Joe Biden's name wasn't on the ballot, but history will likely remember Kamala Harris' resounding defeat as his loss too. As Democrats pick up the pieces following President-elect Donald Trump's decisive victory, some of the vice president's backers are expressing frustration that Biden's decision to seek reelection until this summer — despite longstanding voter concerns about his age and unease about post-pandemic inflation as well as the U.S.-Mexico border — all but sealed his party's loss of the White House. "The biggest onus of this loss is on President Biden," said Andrew Yang, who ran against Biden in 2020 for the Democratic nomination and endorsed Harris' unsuccessful run. "If he had stepped down in January instead of July, we may be in a very different place." Biden will leave office after leading the U.S. out of the worst pandemic in a century, galvanizing international support for Ukraine in the aftermath of Russia's invasion and passing a \$1 trillion infrastructure bill that will impact communities for years to come. But

having run four years ago against Trump to "restore the soul of the country," Biden will make way after just one term for his immediate predecessor, who overcame two impeachments, a felony conviction and an insurrection launched by his supporters. Trump has vowed to radically reshape the federal government and roll back many of Biden's priorities. "Maybe in 20 or 30 years, history will remember Biden for some of these achievements," said Thom Reilly, co-director of the Center for an Independent and Sustainable Democracy at Arizona State University. "But in the shorter term, I don't know he escapes the legacy of being the president who beat Donald Trump only to usher in another Donald Trump administration four years later." The president on Wednesday stayed out of sight for the second straight day, making congratulatory calls to Democratic lawmakers who won downballot races as well as one to Trump, who he invited for a White House meeting that the president-elect accepted. Biden is set to deliver a Rose Garden address Thursday about the election. He issued a statement



shortly after Harris delivered her concession speech on Wednesday, praising Harris for running an "historic campaign" under "extraordinary circumstances." Some high-ranking Democrats, including three advisers to the Harris campaign, expressed deep frustration with Biden for failing to recognize earlier in the election cycle that he was not up to the challenge. The advisers spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to comment publicly. Biden, 81, ended his reelection campaign in July, weeks after an abysmal debate performance sent his party into a spiral and raised questions about whether he still had the mental acuity and stamina to serve as a credible nominee. But

polling long beforehand showed that many Americans worried about his age. Some 77% of Americans said in August 2023 that Biden was too old to be effective for four more years, according to a poll by the AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs. The president bowed out on July 21 after getting not-so-subtle nudges from Democratic Party powers, including former President Barack Obama and former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. He endorsed Harris and handed over his campaign operation to her. Harris managed to spur far greater enthusiasm than Biden was generating from the party's base. But she struggled to distinguish how her administration would differ from Biden's. Appearing on

ABC's "The View" in September, Harris was not able to identify a decision where she would have separated herself from Biden. "There is not a thing that comes to mind," Harris said, giving the Trump campaign a sound bite it replayed through Election Day. The strategists advising the Harris campaign said the compressed campaign timetable made it even more difficult for Harris to differentiate herself from the president. Had Biden stepped aside early in the year, they said, it would have given Democrats enough time to hold a primary. Going through the paces of an intra-party contest would have forced Harris or another eventual nominee to more aggressively stake out differences with Biden. The strategists acknowledged that overcoming broad dissatisfaction among the American electorate about rising costs in the aftermath of the coronavirus pandemic and broad concerns about the U.S. immigration system weighed heavy on the minds of voters in key states. Still, they said that Biden had left Democrats in an untenable place. Harris senior adviser David Plouffe in a posting on X

called it a "devastating loss." Plouffe didn't assign blame. He noted the Harris campaign "dug out of a deep hole but not enough." At the vice president's concession speech on Wednesday, some Harris supporters said they wished the vice president had had more time to make her pitch to American voters. "I think that would have made a huge difference," said Jerushat alla Pallay, a Howard University student who attended the speech at the center of her campus. Republicans are poised to control the White House and Senate. Control of the House has yet to be determined. Matt Bennett, executive vice president at the Democratic-aligned group Third Way, said this moment was the most devastating the party has faced in his lifetime. "Harris was dealt a really bad hand. Some of it was Biden's making and some maybe not," said Bennett, who served as an aide to Vice President Al Gore during the Clinton administration. "Would Democrats fare better if Biden had stepped back earlier? I don't know if we can say for certain, but it's a question we'll be asking ourselves for some time."

AAP accuses BJP of using police, DDA to stop Purvanchalis from celebrating Chhath

New Delhi, Nov 7 (The Capital News) Senior AAP leader Somnath Bharti on Thursday accused the BJP of using the police and the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) to stop Purvanchalis from celebrating Chhath Puja in the national capital. Addressing a press conference, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA from Malviya Nagar accused the BJP of preventing devotees from Hauz Khas village from celebrating the festival at a park where it used to be observed for many years. "The anti-Purvanchali face of the BJP has been exposed after it stopped people from the Hauz Khas village from celebrat-



ing Chhath at the place where it used to be held for many years by using the police and the DDA," Bharti alleged. No immediate reaction to Bharti's allegations has come from the saffron camp. The AAP leader also alleged that the BJP has filed an FIR against the devotees citing that the place where Chhath celebrations were held is a

protected forest land. "The BJP has not only stopped the people from celebrating the festival, they have also filed an FIR against them citing that the park is part of a protected forest land," Bharti said. The accusations follow previous confrontations between the AAP and the BJP over the preparations at the Chhath Ghats. Chhath

Puja has gained prominence in the national capital as it is a significant event for Delhi's Purvanchali community, which consists of Bhojपुरी-speaking residents from eastern Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Jharkhand. The community makes up for nearly 30-40 per cent of the electorate in Delhi where Assembly elections are due early next year.

Bhutan PM invites Indian investors for individual, collaborative ventures

Darranga (Assam), Nov 7 (The Capital News) Bhutan Prime Minister Dashi Tshering Tobgay on Thursday invited Indian investors to his country for individual as well as collaborative ventures, especially in the eastern part of the Himalayan kingdom. He also stressed on showcasing eastern Bhutan and northeastern India together to the outside world to attract tourists. Speaking at the opening of the first Integrated Check Post (ICP) along the India-Bhutan border at Darranga in Assam, Tobgay said, "We (Bhutanese) didn't need a passport to enter through Assam, but tourists from other countries needed it." He



narrated his own experience of accompanying English tourists in 1986 from Bhutan to Darranga and the problems faced by his companions to enter India. The ICP will ensure that tourists from other countries can now seamlessly enter into India, he emphasised. Terming it a "momentous occasion", the prime minister pointed out that not only top officials of Royal Bhutan government were in attendance at the inau-

guration but the leader of opposition of the country was also present. "We want to prosper together with India. We export boulders to Bangladesh, but we are also exporting some manufactured goods and we want to boost it further," Tobgay said, adding that Bhutan is getting both goods and services from India, which can be increased further. Stressing his government's initiatives in eastern Bhutan, along which

the newly-opened ICP is located, the PM said, "I invite investors from Bhutan to invest more meaningfully in eastern part of our country. I also invite investors from India to invest in ventures of their own as well as in collaborative ventures." Highlighting the age-old relations between the two countries, he said, "We must build on our friendship and what better way than through people-to-people contact. This ICP will help in tourism as well as business exchanges." "I also want to commit to a special programme to market eastern Bhutan and northeastern India together to the world," Tobgay added, referring to the shared heritage with the region.



Bhubaneswar: Passengers protest over cancellation of same flight twice

Bhubaneswar, Nov 7 (The Capital News) Several passengers staged a protest at the Biju Patnaik International Airport (BPIA) here on Thursday over the cancellation of a flight to Hyderabad twice. Many of them claimed their work schedule was hampered due to the cancellations. According to the agitating passengers, their flight to Hyderabad from Bhubaneswar, operated by a private airline, was cancelled on Wednesday. They alleged that they were told the flight was rescheduled on Thursday but it was cancelled again, thus

inconveniencing them. They also alleged that the authorities at the airport did not inform them about any specific reason for the cancellations. The Director of BPIA, Bhubaneswar, Prasanna Pradhan, said there was a delay in the flight's arrival from Hyderabad on Thursday due to technical issues. "However, the flight landed in Bhubaneswar at 11.15 am on Thursday and was ready to fly to the destination. Safety is the first and foremost priority in case of technical issues and the passengers should accept the delay," Pradhan said.

President Xi congratulates Trump; says China, US should find 'right way' to manage differences

Beijing, Nov 7 (The Capital News) Chinese President Xi Jinping on Thursday congratulated President-elect Donald Trump on his election victory and called for China and the US to find the right way to manage the differences by strengthening dialogue and communication. Trump won the US presidential election for a second term on Wednesday in one of the most remarkable comebacks in American electoral history. Xi, in his congratulatory message to Trump, called for the two countries to strengthen dialogue and communication, properly manage differences and expand mutually beneficial cooperation, official media reports here said. "I urge China and the US to expand mutually beneficial cooperation," Xi said. "I call for the right way for China,

and the US to get along in the new era," he said, adding that both the countries, the top two economies of the world, should strengthen dialogue and communication. History teaches that China and the United States gain from cooperation and lose from confrontation, Xi said, noting that a stable, sound and sustainable China-US relationship serves the two countries' shared interests and meets the aspirations of the international community. He expressed the hope that the two sides will uphold the principles of mutual respect, peaceful coexistence and win-win cooperation, strengthen dialogue and communication, properly manage differences and expand mutually beneficial cooperation. Also on Thursday, Chinese Vice President Han Zheng congratulated J D Vance on his



election as vice president of the United States, state-run Xinhua news agency reported. As the results of the US presidential elections poured in on Wednesday pointing to a sweeping victory for Trump, who pursued a tough policy against China in his first term including clamping tariffs on over USD 380 billion Chinese exports to the US, Beijing reacted guardedly and said that it respects the choice of the American people. Our policy towards the United States has been

consistent and we will continue to view and handle the China-US relations in accordance with the principles of mutual respect, peaceful coexistence and win-win cooperation," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning told a media briefing here. She dismissed the question on Trump's campaign promise to sharply raise tariffs on Chinese imports, higher than his first term. "We do not respond to hypothetical questions," she said. The return of Trump as US President for a sec-

ond term after a gap of four years has increased Beijing's anxieties especially when the Chinese economy faced a serious slowdown resulting in a declining growth rate and business environment with job losses and increased unemployment. In its flash editorial on Trump's re-election, state-run China Daily said his victory "could mark a new beginning in the China-US relations if the chance that has been offered is not wasted. The upcoming four years will provide new opportunities for the next US administration to take the overall picture of the China-US ties into account and strengthen dialogue and communication with China to properly handle the differences that exist between the world's two largest economies, which range from the Taiwan question to trade, and

to the South China Sea," it said. In his first term, Trump launched a trade war against China by imposing tariffs on over USD 380 billion on Chinese imports in 2018-19, saying that China is ripping off America. His successor Joe Biden has continued the tariffs, denting China's profits. During his campaign, Trump threatened to impose over 60 per cent tariffs on Chinese imports which last year accounted for USD 427.2 billion. The China-US relations became tense over a host of policies pursued by Trump including blocking Chinese tech. He also blamed China for the Covid-19 pandemic, saying that the virus emanated from a biolab in Wuhan. The military relations between the two countries also remained tense under Trump's previous presidency.



Jurel shines, Rahul fails as India A flounder bounce test

Melbourne, Nov 7 (The Capital News) Dhruv Jurel showcased his sound technique and cool temperament while wickets fell like ninepins at the other end in another shoddy batting display by India A on the opening day of the second unofficial Test against Australia A at the iconic MCG on Thursday. Jurel (80 off 186 balls), who came to bat in the third over scored nearly half of India A's paltry first innings total of 161 in 57.1 overs with only other batter to cross 20-run mark was Devdutt Padikkal (26). Veteran KL Rahul (4), opening the batting, done in by a peach of a delivery from Scott Boland (1/51 in 15 overs). Michael Naser (4/27 in 12.2 overs), one of the finest and unluckiest among contemporary Australian pacers, dealt a telling blow in the opening over from which India A

couldn't recover. At stumps, Australia A were 53 for 2 in reply with Mukesh Kumar again looking best among Indian bowlers. What stood out during the day was Jurel's composure and ability to play late, using soft hands. When there was extra bounce, he would quickly loosen his bottom hand grip to ensure that the ball didn't go to slip or gully region. He judged the length perfectly and flicked six off Boland was a treat to watch. While Rishabh Pant is the first-choice wicketkeeper batter, Jurel's ability to leave deliveries on length should put him in a better position than Sarfaraz Khan in the middle-order batter role. It was also the day when one got an indication that India senior team might bank on Rahul's experience of opening the innings if Rohit Sharma skips a match. However, Boland

got him with a perfectly pitched up delivery that straightened to take his outside edge. But Rahul would be any day better than Abhimanyu Easwaran (0) who is increasingly looking out of sorts at this level. This was after Naser bowled a hostile opening over with Easwaran left in a complete tangle to a well-disguised short ball that ballooned to gully. Inform Sai Sudharsan (0) then got a Naser delivery that was aimed at his midriff and he tried to fend it, resulting in a regulation catch in the slips. Skipper Rituraj Gaikwad's suspect technique got exposed when he jabbed with hard hands at a delivery that bounced a tad extra from length to be caught at slips. Nitish Reddy (16) played the most indiscreet shot as he tried to dance down the track to counter the steep bounce, getting ousted by Beau Webster.

Aston Villa gives away bizarre penalty for handball to gift Club Brugge win in Champions League



Brugge (Belgium), Nov 7 (The Capital News) Aston Villa's winning run in the Champions League ended after a bizarre penalty incident that coach Unai Emery described as the "biggest mistake" he's ever seen in his career. The mental lapse by defender Tyrone Mings, who on Wednesday conceded a spot kick by picking up the ball with his hand after a short goal kick by goalkeeper Emiliano Martínez, gifted Club Brugge a 1-0 win. Villa had won its first three games without conceding a single goal in the club's first appearance in the elite competition since it was the defending champion 41 years ago. "His mistake is completely strange. It's the biggest mistake I witnessed in my career," Emery

said. "It has only happened one time in all my life. Today, a similar incident did happen already in the Champions League last season — but a penalty kick was not given that time. In the quarterfinals, Arsenal defender Gabriel went unpunished for picking up a short pass from goalkeeper David Raya in the first leg against Bayern Munich. Bayern's then-coach Thomas Tuchel later criticised the referee who had said he would not award a penalty for a "kid's mistake." A difference in the Villa incident was that the ball went forward out of the six-yard box with Martínez seeming to have intentionally restarted play early in the second half. Mings apparently thought

the ball was not yet in play. He walked forward to pick it up with his left hand and returned it to place it at the corner of the six-yard box. Brugge captain Hans Vanaken converted the penalty in the 52nd minute to give Brugge a 1-0 lead, placing the ball to Martínez's left as the World Cup-winning Argentina goalkeeper dived to his right. Martínez tried to persuade German referee Tobias Stieler after the game that he had made a mistake. Villa defender Ezri Konsa suggested the referee compounded his mistakes because Mings had previously been shown a yellow card in the first half. "He's on a yellow already, so why not send him off for that?" Konsa told British broadcaster TNT in a post-game interview. Villa had been the surprise leader in the 36-team standings and provisionally dropped to fifth before hosting Juventus in three weeks' time. Brugge has six points from two wins and two losses, and was in 20th place. After all eight rounds in January that would earn a place in the knockout playoffs round. AP SSC

Mikel Arteta angered by two penalty calls in Arsenal loss at Inter

Milan, Nov 7 (The Capital News) Arsenal coach Mikel Arteta said a 1-0 loss to Inter Milan in the Champions League was "very, very difficult to accept" after two penalty decisions went against his team. The only goal of the game came just before halftime on Wednesday after Inter was awarded a penalty when a free kick into the area skimmed off Mehdi Taremi and onto Mikel Merino's outstretched arm, and Hakan Çalhanoğlu converted from the spot. Merino had a penalty appeal of his own rejected earlier in the match — after being checked by the video assistant referee — when he appeared to be punched in the head by Inter goalkeeper Yann Sommer as they both went for a cross. "Well, I don't understand, it's just a deflection," Arteta said on the penalty th



at was awarded against Merino. "There is no danger all, you can not react because the ball is very close. But OK, they decide there is a penalty. But then if that's a penalty, the one on Mikel Merino, you know, when he punches in the head, it has to be 1,000% a penalty. And these are the margins in this game and very, very difficult to accept. Çalhanoğlu's penalty was the first goal conceded by Arsenal in

the Champions League this season. And Arteta felt his team should have got more from what he said was "by far the best (match) that we played in the last few years" in Europe. Arsenal pushed hard for the equalizer but the Inter defense withstood wave after wave of attack. "(I'm) extremely frustrated as well because there are two decisions that at the end marks the result and the course of the game," Arteta said. AP SSC



Ashu Reddy Sizzles in Portugal

Social media sensation Ashu Reddy is currently vacationing in Portugal and has been sharing stunning pictures from her trip. In her latest post, she looks absolutely stunning in a white and black cutout dress. Her open hair and glossy makeup, accentuated by a pink lipstick, complete the glamorous look. Ashu's confident pose and radiant smile have captivated her fans.

Thug Life Teaser: Intense and Gripping



Ulaganayagan Kamal Haasan's next film, Thug Life is directed by Mani Ratnam. The team announced the film's release

date today, on the occasion of Kamal's birthday. The team released a special teaser, on this occasion which also has new shots, featuring Simbhu. The

team confirmed that Thug Life will be released in theatres on June 5th, 2025 in Telugu and Tamil. The film is billed to be an intense and gripping action drama. In the teaser, we can see different looks of Kamal Haasan, fighting the goons. There are no dialogues but an interesting score of AR Rahman elevates the teaser. Simbhu is seen in the teaser, playing holi and jumping with a weapon drenched in blood. In the end, a clean-shaven look of Kamal is revealed, with the release date that the film will hit the screens in June next year. Thug Life marks Mani Ratnam and Kamal Haasan's reunion after 36 years. They did Nayakan in the past. Thug Life also features Trisha, Nassar, Joju George, Ali Fazal, Aishwarya Lekshmi and Abhirami.

Ghaati FL: Lady Superstar Is Back

Anushka Shetty is back with an electrifying new project Ghaati. Directed by the visionary Krish Jagarlamudi and produced by Rajeev Reddy, Sai Babu Jagarlamudi, and Vamsi-Prasad, the film promises to be an action-packed thriller that will see the actress in a never-before-seen role. The makers have unveiled the first look poster to coincide with Anushka's birthday, revealing an intense and fierce new avatar of the actress. In the poster, Anushka is seen drenched in blood. Her serious expression, combined with her teary eyes, nose rings, and a bold bindi, makes it clear that she is ready to tackle a role like never before. Anushka's character, as suggested by the first look,



seems to be strong-willed, bold, and unrelenting. What catches the eye is the letter "i" in the title logo, designed as a bindi. The movie comes with a powerful tagline- Victim, Criminal, Legend. As the film nears completion, Ghaati is generating a lot of buzz, with the makers set to release a special glimpse of the film today at 4:05 PM. The production is being handled on a grand scale, with top-tier technical experts involved in various departments. Cinematography is by Manojh Reddy Katasani, and music is by Nagavelli Vidya Sagar. As the first look poster leaves audiences intrigued, it also raises the anticipation sky-high, making Ghaati one of the most awaited releases in recent times.

