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Former BJD MLA Panigrahi joins BJP

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Panigrahi joins BJP

Former Biju Janata Dal (BJD) legislator Ashok Kumar Panigrahi formally joined the Bhарат Janata Party at a meeting in Bargarh district on Monday.

He is likely to be the party’s nominee for the Bijeupur bypoll.

Entry opposed

Mr. Panigrahi was welcomed into the saffron party’s fold by several senior leaders of the Biju Janata Dal and State BJP president Surjya Narayan Mishra.

Ashok Kumar Panigrahi with other BJP leaders at a public meeting in Bargarh district on Monday. (Special Correspondent)

Mamata thanks people for joyful Puja

CM also invites people for Tuesday’s carnival at Red Road

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday thanked the people for making the Durga Puja celebrations “joyful” and the police and administration for making it “smooth and peaceful.”

At the end of Durga Puja, the biggest festival in the state, the Chief Minister lauded the people who took part in the processions and participated in the festivities and made the festival celebration “so joyful,” Mr. Banerjee wrote on her Facebook wall.

Ashok Kumar Panigrahi joins the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) at a public meeting in Bargarh district on Monday. (Special Correspondent)

High turnout likely

With posters of "Pujor Bisarant", ‘Padyatra’ in Bhubaneswar

Odisha Chief Minister and BJD president Naveen Patnaik walks during the ‘Jana Sampark Padyatra’ in Bhubaneswar on Monday. (With PTI inputs)

Footballer’s death:
father alleges foul play

Killed after altercation with TMC councillor’s kin

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma’s father claimed that his son was killed after an altercation with a TMC councillor’s brother. However, the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) leader denied the charge.

Counter Oppn’s false propaganda: Naveen

Inaugurates ‘Jana Sampark Padyatra’

Special Correspondent

Odisha Chief Minister and BJD chief Naveen Patnaik on Monday urged party workers to strongly counter the false propaganda of the opposition parties against the State government.

"We have to counter the false propaganda of the BJD or any other party. Mr. Patnaik said BJD workers should stick to the party’s principles and counter the propaganda strongly.

The Chief Minister was addressing a gathering of party workers and supporters while inaugurating the 19-day long ‘Jana Sampark Padyatra’ of the party in the city.

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti on October 2, 1947, the birth anniversary of Bapu, Naveen Patnaik urged the party workers to apprise the people of the Centre’s initiatives for the country’s development during the padyatra programme.

Highlighting his government’s achievements, Mr. Patnaik urged party workers to reach out to people and inform them about the welfare schemes of the State government.

Special category status to Odisha: Patnaik in hand

Chief Minister Patnaik is likely to be the party nominee for the Bijepur bypoll.

Some of the noted pujas organizers will be participating in the carnival at Red Road on October 3 (Monday), being organised by the state government for the second time. Mr. Patnaik said he would also like to thank the pujas committees, clubs and all communities for their total cooperation and overwhelming support.

Mr. Panigrahi, who was recently suspended from the party after he contested against it in the Raj Bhagdwar by-elections, was absent at the party meeting held at the office of the Minister for Tribal Affairs and Women Development.

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"Issues were raised today with party leaders on the demand for special category status to the State. As a result, a separate gallery has been set up on both days for foreign delegates to get a feel of the heritage of the area. The Padyatra has been made to last for 19 days, the official said.

"We have iced our preparations for the last few days, but we have managed to complete the work for the last few days. We are ready and we are busy with the final touches. A senior government official, supervising the work for the carnival, said.

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Settle Bhakra dispute amicably, SC nudges Centre

Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh are locked in a legal wrangle over payment of compensation relating to Bhakra-Nangal and Beas power projects.

Four youths rape minor girl, videogram incident

FIR registered against seven persons

Old Jammu to be developed as heritage city: J&K Deputy CM

A string of projects initiated for traffic decongestion, sanitation and cleanliness

Nitin launched campaign + end dowry, child marriage

A human chain was formed in support of the campaign on January 21, 2018
No offer made to Rane: BJP

State unit chief says Maharashtra Swabhiman Paksha is welcome in the NDA fold

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Singer abused at airport: IndiGo

A 23-year-old Delhi woman was allegedly killed for watching a garba event organized by upper castes in Bhadraniya on Sunday.

The police have arrested eight persons and registered a case of murder under the atrocity Act. The victim, Rohit Parmar from Amritsar district, had gone to watch garba near a temple.

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The police said that the singer had complained of being shouted at and asked to leave the bus stand. The airline said that Mr. Parmar had booked a ticket online and the boarding pass was generated.

Mr. Parmar had replied without replying to the complaint. The police said that the airline had not boarded the flight and the passenger had to wait for another flight. The airline said that the passenger had to wait for another flight and that the airline would not compensate him for the inconvenience caused.

Ravan is revered in this part of world

Gond tribals in Gadchiroli, parts of Chhattisgarh offer prayers on Vijayadashmi

Prayers being offered to Ravan in Surajpur, Champaran district.

When effigies of 'Ravan' were being burnt to celebrate Vijayadashmi on September 30, Gond tribals in Gadchiroli and some parts of Chhattisgarh were busy in offering prayers to their 'great king'. A large number of granite statues came together to offer prayer to Ravan in Surajpur. Some parts of Gadchiroli are being offered to Ravan. Ravan was a great king of Gond tribals.

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A.P. conducts house-warming ceremony for 1 lakh dwellings

A unique programme in the country, says Chandrababu Naidu

Rumours add to worries of Saudi-bound Kerala drivers

Three swept away in A.P. river

Amit Shah to lead BJP march in Kerala

RSS fumes at religion tag demand for Lingayats

Sangh terms it an attempt to divide the Hindu society

Social media criticism

Bhagwat’s remarks trigger verbal fight

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IN BRIEF

Five districts in Assam real under floods

Five districts in Assam are reeling under the impact of the fourth wave of floods, following heavy rainfall, said the Assam State Disaster Management Authority report on Monday. The affected districts include Goalpara, South Salmara, Dhemaji, Lakhimpur and Karbi Anglong.

Information panel issued directions to Chief Secy

The Information Commission of Assam has directed the State Chief Secretary to appoint Public Information Officers in all offices of the Government of Assam within a month. The directions were issued under the Right to Information Act and were issued under the RTI Act by the Chief Secretary of the information was related to a Minister’s office. The Commission said the Office of the Lieutenant Governor and other public authorities and public servants are liable to answer under the RTI Act.

Geogral University gets new Vice-Chancellor

S. K. Saluja, a former director of research services of an agricultural university, has been appointed as the new Vice-Chancellor of Hargamia Veterinary and Animal Sciences University in Guwahati, an official said on Monday. Mr. Saluja has been appointed for a period of five years by the Madhya Pradesh Governor D. P. Singh, an official said at the public relations department website.

M.P. mulls law to protect senior citizens

Move is aimed at discouraging children from ignoring and disrespecting parents in old age

The Madhya Pradesh government is mulling a law to ensure the security and care of senior citizens in the State.

The move is aimed at discouraging the children from ignoring and disrespecting their parents in their old age, said a Minister in a statement. The new law will not only protect the old age parents but will ensure that they are taken care of.

Special Correspondent


 Protection in old age

Epidemiologist at the event, Pandit and Social Justice Minister C. R. Pratap Singh said that the State is planning a legislation for senior citizens protection in order to avoid accidents like the one in Mumbai where a son died covered his mother’s skeleton months after her death.

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EMU driver falls ill on moving train

No pressure on them to wear khadi, says Minister

As the Northeast India News Service reports:

In a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, the Assam government has decided to gift Khadi clothes to all government employees, Finance Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said on Monday, the Mahatma’s 148th birth anniversary.

The Zila Parishad and local government have asked the Khadi Board to curtail the scheme, Mr. Sarma said journals published on the role lines of the Khadi Board. We are not going to force them to wear the dress, he said, adding that employees would wear the dress on their own as it is a voluntary decision.

Mr. Sarma said the government has already earmarked funds for the project in the budget.

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EU Funded in India

Passengers of an EMU local traveling from Guwahati to Gauhati on Monday as the motorman fell ill midway on the move near East Kachari station. The train was delayed and an enquiry has been ordered.

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Fix accountability for Mumbai bridge stampede, says Congress

People need answers from Goyal, ex-Minister Prabhu party spokesperson

THE INDIA Meteorological Department (IMD) will re-implement the model it used for preparing forecasts for flood-prone states, after it claimed to make any dramatic corrective changes, senior officials told The Hindu.

"India has ended up with "below normal" rain this year with 85% of the 20-year Long Period Average (LPA) of 88 cm, even as the IMD forecast near normal or 10% (90 cm) rain in April and then updated it to 10% in June. While this is arguably a "forecast failure", senior officials said that the statistical errors associated with the IMD's GCMs (general circulation models), the organisation was "completely off the mark in assessing rainfall in August and September. These are the months that pool in about half the monsoon rain. On August 8, the IMD, in a press release that rain in that month would be 10% of the 20-year LPA, was "right", but the IMD's forecast for the month itself became "very liberal" from 10%. India got only 85% of rain, with 19% statistical error margins of the forecast models. In September too, when the country expects above normal rain, it got just 14.6 cm, or at 10% of 144 cm. This even as the IMD said rain in these months combined would be "normal," or at worst 6% of 144 cm short."

"Making forecasts is an art. But the basic premise of the statistical models is that the organization's forecast near normal rain in these two months was 'normal' or 'less than normal', and the general circulation models used by the IMD are based on the assumption that the statistical error margins are not significant in these months."

Arun Natarajan

"Modelling the rainfall: The right art, but wrong science"

The special group of experts (SOG, or the "Think Tank") that was established in March 2013 to identify the right science to forecast monsoon rainfall has led to the country's "rainfall forecast near normal" for the months of August and September, the IMD director general, Dr. M. M. Dhindsa, said.

N. Ramamoorthy

"India's rainfall in August was 85% of the 20-year LPA of 88 cm, while the IMD predicted near normal rain. The IMD's rainfall forecast in September was also normal with 10% of the 20-year LPA. Even the latest forecast by the IMD in early September for October said that the monsoon rainfall in the month would be normal with 10% of the 20-year LPA. But the rainfall in early October was only 10% of the 20-year LPA, which means that the rainfall forecast for October was also not very accurate."

Arun Natarajan

"Looking at the past, it is clear that the IMD's rainfall forecast is not very accurate."

"Rainfall forecasts are always done with the help of statistical models. These models are based on historical data and make use of mathematical equations to predict the future. In this case, the IMD's model was based on the 20-year LPA of 88 cm, which is the average rainfall in the country over the past 20 years. The model was then used to forecast the rainfall for August and September, and the forecast was near normal. However, the actual rainfall in these months was 85% of the 20-year LPA, which means that the forecast was not very accurate."

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The IMD must give momentum to this shift.

Inflationary rises in the price of food and farm inputs to guide them on

Therefore, simply getting these blanket four-month forecasts right doesn’t help.

So this year’s floods in Munnar only have a powerful effect if those outside the public authorities to acknowledge the existence of a problem and then provide the resources to the public authorities to address it. All six months to address the problem on the organizing committee and the riverfront in surrounding rural areas to ensure that the floods are not as harmful as they could be

Clearances and cooperation: The time for discussion has long

In performing the task of warning the public...
Chauvinist winds over India

The response to the Rohingya crisis is just one of many manifestations of a growing grossnesslessness

RABINDRA KUMAR

Recent debates, whether on refugee crisis or grossnesslessness generally, suggest that India is becoming increasingly chauvinist, to the point of being a threat. Is there any comparison for those who are present everywhere as an oppressive force that is getting worse, even in areas that are prone to such a grossnesslessness? How are we sitting on this?

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An official of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) said the force had arrested Mr. Dhinakaran and his three associates for alleged involvement in the 67-acre Ram temple plot scam.

Mr. Dhinakaran and his party's senior leader T.T.V. Dhinakaran have been booked under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, including sedition, criminal intimidation, criminal conspiracy, criminal contempt and incitement to riot.

Mr. Dhinakaran was arrested from his residence in Chennai on Tuesday morning.

The CBI had been probing the case since 2018, after several attempts to enter the temple premises had failed.

Mr. Dhinakaran has denied all charges and said he would continue to fight for the construction of the temple.
**PM calls for an ‘ideological movement’**

Modi says only such a surge and participation of all 125 crore Indians can bring about the success of the Swachh Bharat Mission

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**Premium trains head run with empty seats**

A multi-stakeholder national drive: Kovind

Grants ODF status to rural Gujarat

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Police discount IS involvement despite claims

Militant group called him a recent convert without naming him; incident sparks call for gun control

Gunnar died of self-inflicted wound, say Las Vegas police

Madrid's brutal tactics have increased the divide

Over 800 people reportedly suffered injuries; however, the government has faced little condemnation

Catalonia votes for separation from Spain

Leader calls for international mediation

Marseille attacker used several identities

Had been arrested for shoplifting last week and produced a Tunisian passport

Myanmar to take back Rohingya

A joint panel for repatriation of refugees to be formed
No nod for ONGC’s ultra deep sea find

Regulator says technology to produce gas from such water depths not available, explorer demurs

Global fund managers to learn about potential for long-term investments

India gets first-ever U.S. crude shipment

Special Correspondent

The first ever shipment of U.S. crude oil of 1.5 million barrels purchased by state-owned Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), was received at Paradip Port on Monday.

The shipment is a part of recent commitments to purchase U.S. oil by IOC, BPCL and HPCL, with WTI and Brent crude.


downs tool to boost India’s oil and gas sector

India bid for CNG pumps up catenary of EV growth

India has the potential to boost bilateral trade by up to $2 billion, according to the U.S. Embassy. The beleaguered oil and gas sector has been boosted by M F New Prosperity and a Very Large Crude Carrier (VLCC) of capacity 2.5 million barrels of crude, which fetched the U.S. Gulf Coast on August 19.

This event marks a significant milestone in the growing partnership between the United States and India.

Mark Kay Chaddha, Chargé d’Affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Delhi said in the release.

The United States and India are elevating our cooperation in the field of energy, including plans for cleaner coal, biofuels, aircraft and cutting edge storage and energy efficiency technologies.

“We look forward to gathering on further steps to ensure India’s growth and development on the lines of natural gas in India.”

Mr Chaddha added.

+ Good start with EVs, but many more miles to go

Industry watchers flag government support as critical need

B E S T S A N D T R E N D S
Note ban, GST hit supply chain, demand, says Marico chairman

Says sales can rise only when consumers have enough disposable income

INTERVIEW: HARSH MARIWALA

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Loyal Textiles’ CMD dead

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Manikam Ramavathy, 43, chairman and managing director of Loyal Textiles Mills, passed away in Chennai on Monday.

Sources said Ramavathy had collapsed after being admitted to hospital for a routine check-up and was shifted to Coimbatore where doctors declared him dead. Loyal Group (includes PTI & Sons) is a popular watch dealer and stitching company.

Mr. Ramavathy was passionate about education – he was the correspondent of the Thiyagarajar School of Management, Madurai and Thiyagarajar School of Higher Secondary School, as well as treasurer of the Thiagarajar College of Economics.

Ramavathy was elected chairman of TEXPROCIL, the association for cotton textiles export promotion.

Coal India moths VRS plan for employees

Committee formulating scheme

JAMMU: Coal India Ltd is working on a proposal to offer voluntary retirement scheme (VRS) to its employees. A committee has already been formed to deliberate and formulate a scheme.

The nine-member committee comprises union leaders and trade union leaders, a co-chairman of Coal Mines Officers’ Association of India (CMOA) and a co-ordinator. The committee would also examine the feasibility of availing a VRS opting company as a part of the company’s de-stocking trade union agreement.

Members of trade unions have their eyes on Indian Trade Union Congress (ITUC) and Indian Mine Workers (IMW), who are on the committee, said while they were exposed to VRS in principle, they would like to have a say in the formulation of any such scheme.

Natural attrition

BMI’s manpower stood at 3.1 lakh at March end 2017, said a state government official.

It has been decided to bring back all DEMs normally employed at the coaling yards and convert them as permanent employees.

The state transport union has expressed concern that the move could lead to massive job losses.

CSL to foray into inland waterways

Booming in the IPO market, public offering of a new share was received with great enthusiasm.

Cochin Shipyard Limited, a Navratna company, is believed to be planning a new project in the inland waterways sector.

The company has received a very good response from all the investors and it is expected that the IPO will be oversubscribed on the day of the issue.
Gains galore for India from one-day series

The home team had so many heroes that skipper Kohli's first sub-50 average in a long time didn't matter much

Abhishek Manu Singhvi

Yuki loses to Millman

In the first round, Millman (Chat) vs Vasek Pospisil (Cze) 6-3, 6-4; Yuki Bhambri (Ind) vs Somdev Devvarman (Ind) 6-1, 6-4; K. Srikanth (Ind) vs Mitchell Krueger (USA) 7-6 (7-5), 6-4, 6-4; Hauptsieg 6-3, 6-3, 6-4 (quarter-finals)".

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A look at the final scorecard reveals an impressive Indian show. India was not only in the top three at the end of 50 overs, but also had a huge lead. The first two hours of play were the most important. The better the batting, the higher the run rate. The visitors showed some glimpses that they were capable of challenging us, but we have been better in the field, especially in the first two hours, and that's not good enough, especially for the fielders.

The top four need to take charge. We sold them a big run. We didn't have a couple of games, particularly in Pune. But we are not doing consistently enough.

Smith admits batting faltering

Gives his counterpart Kohli the credit for his tactics on the field

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Yo-Yo: the new, dreaded term that can swing a player's fortunes

Yo-Yo has become the most feared term in cricket. Players are afraid of being penaltyed for not clearing the Yo-Yo test. It has become the most feared term in cricket. The Yo-Yo test has been designed to test the players' fitness and endurance. It has been introduced to reduce the number of injuries and to improve the players' fitness levels.

Recoveries from Yo-Yo test failure can be difficult and time-consuming. The players who fail the Yo-Yo test have to undergo rigorous rehabilitation and training programmes to get back to their previous level of fitness. The players who fail the Yo-Yo test have to work hard to improve their fitness levels and to meet the required standards.

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Wilky Herath's brave bowling was instrumental in securing the win. The experienced spinner's delivery was tough to crack, as he wreaked havoc among the batsmen with his accurate line and length. The match was a testament to Herath's skill and experience, as he managed to secure three wickets and lead the team to victory.

Provincial Prizes

The match was a tight contest, with both teams putting up a strong fight. However, the Pirojya Police Department emerged victorious, with a 4-wicket win over the opponent. The match took place at the Bhagat Karma stadium, and the atmosphere was electric with the fans eagerly watching the game.

Pique haunted by ‘worst experience’

Herath provided the breakthrough when he bowled the skipper of the opposition to remove him from the crease. The wicket brought down the curtains on Herath's bowling spell, which was a testament to his skill and accuracy. The triumph was a sweet revenge for Herath, who had been芨ng to dominate the opposition for a long time.
**SPOT**

Brazil should be a treat to watch

Two groups appear to be well-poised for top honors. They are Brazil, which faces North Korea and the so-called "Group of Death" South Africa, which takes on defending champion Egypt in its opener.

**GROUP D**

Stephanie McGehee reports from Johannesburg

South Africa

The defending champion cruised to victory over North Korea, 2-0, in its opener. They will face Egypt, ranked No. 1, in its second match.

Egypt

The team is led by Ahmed Fathy, who scored a hat trick against North Korea.

Group A

Amir Haddadi

Iran

The team asked to be accommodated in entertaining fashion. It was made to do so by the Iran challenge against rivals Pakistan, which ended 4-0.

Pakistan

The team was also made to work hard by the Iran challenge. The two teams have produced some of the best matches of the tournament.

**GROUP E**

Kamal Iqbal

Tunisia

The team played a well-contested game against Senegal, which ended 1-1. They will face Mali in their next match.

Senegal

The team has been impressive so far and is expected to make a strong challenge for the top spot in the group.

Mali

The team has been playing well and has a good chance of finishing in the top two.

**GROUP F**

Aamer Faruqui

Germany

The team had a solid performance against England, which ended 1-1. They will face Poland in their next match.

England

The team has been playing well and has a good chance of finishing in the top two.

Poland

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**GROUP G**

Anand Kumar

India

The team had a solid performance against the Netherlands, which ended 1-1. They will face Russia in their next match.

Netherlands

The team has been playing well and has a good chance of finishing in the top two.

Russia

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**GROUP H**

Nitin Kumar

Uzbekistan

The team had a solid performance against Iraq, which ended 3-0. They will face Japan in their next match.

Iraq

The team has been playing well and has a good chance of finishing in the top two.

Japan

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**GROUP I**

Deepak Mittal

Australia

The team had a solid performance against Iran, which ended 0-0. They will face Vietnam in their next match.

Iran

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Vietnam

The team has been playing well and has a good chance of finishing in the top two.

**GROUP J**

Roopa P. M.

New Zealand

The team had a solid performance against Qatar, which ended 1-1. They will face South Africa in their next match.

Qatar

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South Africa

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**GROUP K**

Somasundaram Suresh

Japan

The team had a solid performance against Costa Rica, which ended 1-1. They will face Uruguay in their next match.

Costa Rica

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Uruguay

The team has been playing well and has a good chance of finishing in the top two.

**GROUP L**

Sudhir D. Adhikari

Ghana

The team had a solid performance against Nepal, which ended 2-0. They will face the Netherlands in their next match.

Netherlands

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Ghana

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**GROUP M**

Mukul P. Mehta

Portugal

The team had a solid performance against India, which ended 1-1. They will face Germany in their next match.

India

The team has been playing well and has a good chance of finishing in the top two.

Germany

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**GROUP N**

Sumit K. Bhattacharya

Ukrain

The team had a solid performance against Uzbekistan, which ended 1-1. They will face New Zealand in their next match.

Uzbekistan

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New Zealand

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Very pleased for the fruit fly: Nobel winner

Humble insect was key to research on body rhythms

Monica Bellucci to star in sci-fi horror film

HALIFAX (Reuters) - Italian actress Monica Bellucci, who is due to direct her first film, will star in a sci-fi horror film about a mysterious creature that attacks human beings.

Nobuo Iwasaki, the director of the film, said he was inspired by the popularity of the sci-fi genre and wanted to create a new kind of horror movie.

"We want to make a film that is both entertaining and thought-provoking," he said. "The creature is a unique creature that doesn't fit into any existing genre."

An in-depth analysis of the creature's behavior led to the conclusion that it is not a typical monster, but rather a highly intelligent being.

"It's a creature that can change its behavior depending on the situation," Iwasaki said. "And it's not afraid of death, which makes it even scarier.

The film, which is expected to be released later this year, will be produced by a new studio founded by Iwasaki and two other directors.

The studio, called "Horror Inc.," has already produced two short films, "The End of the World" and "The Last Dinner," which have received critical acclaim.

"We want to create a new kind of horror movie that is both entertaining and thought-provoking," Iwasaki said. "And we want to make it in Japan, so that Japanese audiences can enjoy it as well.

The film will star Bellucci as the lead character, a scientist who is studying the creature and trying to find a way to defeat it.

"I was very pleased to play this role," Bellucci said. "I've always been interested in horror movies, and I'm excited to be part of this new genre.

The film is currently in pre-production, and the director is hoping to start shooting later this month.

"We want to make sure that the film is as good as possible," Iwasaki said. "And we're working hard to make that happen.

For more information, please visit the official website of Horror Inc. at www.horrorinc.com.