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First batch of elephants begins journey to Mysuru to take part in Dasara festivities

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MYSURU

The first batch of nine caparisoned elephants that will take part in the Mysuru Dasara festivities in October began their journey from the Veeranahosahalli gate on the outskirts of the Nagarahole Tiger Reserve to the city on Wednesday.

Signalling the countdown to the Dasara celebrations, the elephants led by 58-year-old tusker Abhimanyu, who is slated to carry the golden howdah during the *Jambo Savari* - the stately march from the jungle camps to the city of palaces.

The event where the elephants were accorded ce-



Traditional ceremony: Elephants start from Veeranahosahalli gate in Nagarahole Tiger Reserve. PTI

remonial reception was witnessed by a large number of people, as the occasion set the ball rolling for the celebrations that commence from October 3.

With the mahouts on their back, the elephants marched a distance before boarding separate trucks for Mysuru.

All nine jumbos arrived

here traversing a distance of 70 km and are camping at the Aranya Bhavan campus.

The elephants will enter the palace on August 23.

- An annual festival that is spread over 10 days, brings alive the vibrant culture of the city and bathes it in a halo of effervescent beauty.
- Dasara is a festival that celebrates the triumph of good over evil and is celebrated all over India.
- However, the magic of the Mysuru Dasara is on an altogether different level.
- . Mysuru Dasara celebrations go back many centuries in time and it is believed was started during the time of the Vijayanagara empire.
- The grandeur of the Dasara celebrations was further enhanced by the Wodeyar dynasty which ruled the erstwhile Kingdom of Mysore for over 5 centuries.
- What makes the Mysuru Dasara even more special is the mythological connection of the city to Mahishasura, the demon who was vanquished by Goddess Durga.

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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

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Centre, surveillance teams have been deployed in all airports in the State and those returning from countries where mpox has been reported should report to the health authorities if they develop symptoms, a statement issued by the Health Department said.

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- Mpox came into limelight in 2022, in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic. Kerala reported two cases of mpox in March this year.
- The disease, caused by a virus of the same family as small pox, is transmitted through close skin-to-skin contact, sexual contact and through very close interaction with the infected person.

The Hindu –Economy (GSIII)-Page 12

Were 8 crore new jobs created in three years?

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ECONOMIC NOTES

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Employment, or the lack of it, has been a major issue of debate among economists and policy makers in India in recent years. Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi claimed that India created “eight crore new jobs in the last three to four years”. The Prime Minister was using data from the India-KLEMS database hosted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). As per this database, the total number of workers in India rose from 56.6 crore in 2020-21 to 64.3 crore in 2023-24, that is, a net rise by 7.8 crore workers. Tailing this claim, the research team of the State Bank of India (SBI) published a validating report that claimed a match between the total



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▼ In India KLEMS, the estimates of population in 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 were borrowed from the Economic Survey (ES), 2021-22. The ES

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Indian Express-Health(GSII)-Page 1

On Govt table: Double Ayushman Bharat's insurance cover limit, count of beneficiaries

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DOUBLING INSURANCE cover under Ayushman Bharat to Rs 10 lakh (and up to Rs 15 lakh for women), adding another 4 lakh private hospital beds under the scheme and increasing the number of beneficiaries from 55 crore to 100 crore — these have been pitched as the Union Health Ministry's key priorities for the NDA's third term, *The Indian Express* has learned.

The key action points have been listed out in the report of the Group of Secretaries (GoS) on social sector that has been tasked to articulate goals for the next five years and timelines for their achievement. The GoS on social sector, which covers nine ministries, including Health, Ayush, Sports, Culture and Education, is

expected to make a presentation to the Cabinet Secretary soon.

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As of June 30, 7.37 crore hospital admissions worth Rs 1 lakh crore have been authorised under the scheme.

The BJP counts the scheme amongst the NDA government success stories and the party manifesto for the Lok Sabha polls this year also promised to

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HEADLINES OF THE DAY



PIB-IR(GSII)

Prime Minister's Office

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Air-Governance(GSII)/Economy(GSIII)

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Do you know ?

Ministry of Ministry of Micro, Small And Medium Enterprises, through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), is implementing Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) across the country including Assam, Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan State for assisting entrepreneurs in setting up of new units in the non-farm sector. It aims to provide employment opportunities to traditional artisans/ rural and urban unemployed youth at their doorstep.