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and emphasised that after the Ranji outing he was ready for the important match on Saturday.

To a query whether he pushed himself for the Ranji match to prove his fitness, he said, "Yes, I did push myself into the match and I ran around a supplied for light of larger." couple of times. I opted to play this match as I was injured for the last two weeks and was not sure of going into a high pressure match without some match

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nial batsman said. Inzamam did not believe that the recent victories against India would give them a psychological edge. "Results of previous matches do not matter. It is a new match." There will also be some pressure of playing India in India, he said but added that every outing against India, no matter where, does involve a lot of pressure. "I hope the boys will enjoy the game." The Pakistan team arrived at around 1600 hours by a PIA flight en route Kolkata for the day-night encounter at the Eden Gardens as a part of the Platium Jubilee celebrations of the Indian Cricket Board. It is first time in five years that the Pakistan cricket team are coming to India, the last time being in 1999 when they had played in the Asian Test championship. ped, Clarke confirms

on as new hope as they grappled with a problem of plenty. The 34-year-old Lehmann, who was at the risk of losing his spot to Clarke, was included subject to proving Nov 10 s today n Katich nann for

Lehmann had also missed the fourth Test after he pulled his hamstring in the third match against India and if he is unable against fluid and the is diable to recover sufficently, his place would go to 29-year-old Katich, said Chairman of Selectors Trevor Hohns. "Both Simon and Nathan performed exceptionally in India and it was a very difficult decision to leave them out," said Honns, Squad: Nicky Fonting (capt), Adam Gilchrist (vice-capt), Matthew Hayden, Justin Langer, Damien Martyn, Darren Lehmann, Michael Clarke, Shane Warne, Jason Gillespie, Michael Kasprowicz, Glenn McGrath, Brett Lee. in India and it was a very difficult

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the aim was to retain the young team, that had fetched "unexpected" results against Pakistan, for the prestigious sixnation event beginning in Pakistan next month. "Gagan was not there in the team that played against Pakistan," Gill told reporters when asked specifically if the forward's

career was effectively over.
The Punjab player was not picked for the eight-match Test series against Pakistan in October despite reporting fit, fuelling speculation of a fall-out with IHF during the Olympic Games. The IHF chief also made it clear that there would be no place in the team for veterans Dhanraj Pillay and Baljit Singh Dhillon. "There is no question of taking Pillay back into the team. I don't think Baljeet has a chance either," Gill said. On the current team, he said, "the young boys have a lot of potential. They play as a team, which is important,"

different golf courses in the past 14 years. Previous winners of the tournament include former world number ones Nick Faldo, Tiger Woods and Greg Norman

Urban Information system, mitigation of drinking water shortage in cities, particularly in southern states by setting up desalination plants and egovernance in municipalities. He also said that the ministry has released the entire 10% lumpsum budget provision for creation of vital infrastructure projects in North Eastern states including Sikkim for the last three years.

A power point presentation on various projects of the ministry was

have been spent on this and the government is working on the feasibility of increasing the allocation for this and also to revamp accelerated urban water supply programme which is meant for towns with less than 20,000 population. Regarding solid waste management in cities and towns Shri Azad announced that he would be visiting Vijayawada and Hyderabad shortly to examine the feasibility of adopting the power generation projects using solid waste.

Expressing concern over Most states in favour of legislation on admissions: Arjun

Bangalore, Nov 10 State education ministers will meet in first week of January to discuss issues pertaining to admissions in private professional colleges and feasibility of having a central legislation to regularise them, Union Resources Human Development Minister Shri Arjun Singh said today. Shri Singh said most of

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country are financial and managerial needs of cities and

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He also observed that one

the states were in favour of such a central legislation The January meeting would seek to come to some conclusions on that front "Education is a state subject. I cannot do all by

#### India has the potential to grow at 10 pc: IMF

New Delhi, Nov 10 Upbeat over Indian economy, IMF said today the country had the potential to grow at 10 per cent annualy for several years, higher than the Tenth Pl in target of 8.0 per cent. "Civen the right per cent. "I wen the right looks of polisies, a growth of something I surely fustion of years," Il first deputy managing rector Anne Krueger said lere at 'Bancon', the backer's open and the looks of the backer's open and the looks of the backer's open and the looks of the looks

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"India has do better... ustaining high rate of growth is key to poverty allevation," Krueger, who has authored a book comparing the economic potentials of India and China, said. India was already reaping the benefits of opening up of its economy during the early 1990s and more would follow once it got more integrated with the world economy, she said. The financial sector was crucial for any economy to sustain economic growth, she added.

#### Convention by Jehovah's Witness

I on Blair, Nov 10 Like every ar, this year also, Jehovah's wiresses, Shadipur will be orgated at three-day convention at Tamizhar Sangam Hal here from Nov. 12, 2004 white will continue up to Nov 14: 204. Speeches, exhibition, orview, drama, symposia et will from parts of the come tion.

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myself. If there are some central conclusions, central legislation can be framed. If everybody (states) wants (such a law), it can be done", the minister said.

He indicated that the Centre could move forward on this issue only when states want such a law. "I chances...There could be some dispute (raised by states) later", he remarked. To a query, Singh said if

the states agree to have a Central legislation in this regard in the January meeting, the Centre could frame a legislation thereafter so that it comes into being from the next academic year.

### World at risk of bird flu pandemic: WHO official Miami, Nov 10

The world is at great risk of a new pandemic of deadly bird flu, but is ill-prepared to handle it, a top World Health Organisation official said at an international conference in Miami. "It's a very difficult issue ... where there's been a crescendo to the present situation and where incomplete understanding of the risk factor could lead to a global pandemic," said David Heymann, who heads WHO's communicable diseases section.

"We can say the risk is great, but we cannot quantify it," he told AFP during the American "Hygiene's annual meeting. "The world is not prepared to handle it," he said. He told experts at the gathering the flu vaccine's current production capacity of 300 million doses was far short of what is needed,

and that the vaccine cannot be stockpiled.

Public health officials and vaccine manufacturers were to convene in Geneva, Switzerland, this week to plan for the eventuality of a pandemic. Fears of a worldwide outbreak have been heightened by recent cases of avian flu in Thailand and Vietnam, where the disease has killed 32 people so far this year.

The strain, known as H5N1 led to the culling of millions of poultry throughout Southeast Asia. The discovery of infected ducks and migratory hirds is further cause for

other hand, The con inoning committee forward th repairing spinal cord Severe Acu Syndrome (SARS) was far less damage in people who likely to make a comeback after a 2002-2003 outbreak that killed hundreds of people, most of them in Asia

## India, Pakistan far from achieving global education goals: UN

United Nations, Nov 10 Though a record number of children go to school and efforts are being made to increase resources for education, achievement of global education goals by 2015 seems unlikely, especially in developing countries like India, Pakistan and Bangladesh, a UN report has said.. The goal of universal primary education is unlikely to be met by 2015, as many children

# **Environmentalist**

visit isles Port Blair, Nov 10 Shri Viswanath, BL, an adventurist and environmentalist from Bangalore, Karnataka has come to Andaman Islands to study the flora and fauna of these islands. The solo trekker has been trekking on his study tour from 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 2004 to 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 2004. He has done such studies earlier in Western Ghats, Karnataka and has educated people about the nature's importance and participated in various nature awareness programmes.

drop out before finishing primary education and many more are leaving without mastering even a minimum set of cognitive skills, UNESCO's 2005 Education For All report has

"Highly populous countries like India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and 22 sub-Saharan African countries are very far from achieving the goals, with multiple challenges to tackle," the report pointed. "Overcrowded classes, poorly qualified teachers and illequipped schools with scant learning materials is a familiar picture in many countries, Director-General of UNESCO, Koochiro Matsuura, said. The report said though more children are going to school worldwide and significant efforts are being made to increase resources, broaden access to school and improve gender parity, the exhaustive analysis of research data shows the quality of education systems is failing children in many parts of the world and could prevent many countries from achieving the goal of Education for All.

White House Press Secretary Scott McClellan told reporters here. Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh called up Bush last week to congratulate him on his re-election and

term. During the four years of the American leader's first term, India saw a speedy development of so-called Next Steps in Strategic Partnership' between the two countries.

## Indians top foreign student enrollment in US

New Delhi, Nov 10 Indian students dominated the US higher education institutions this year, constituting nearly 14 per cent of the total number of international enrollments in American universities, according to a new report. The trend continued for the fourth consecutive year this year despite the overall number of international student enrollments declining by 2.4 per The drop follows minimal

increase the prior year, 0.6 per cent in 2002/03), preceded by five years of steady growth, it said. A record 79,736 Indian students came to study in the US in the year 2003-2004, which is 7 per cent more than the previous year, followed by China (61,765), whose overall number has decreased by 5 per cent since last year.

Indian students now constitute 13.9 per cent out of the total of 572,509 international students in the US, according to Open Doors 2004 annual report on international education published by the Institute of International Education (IIE) with support from the State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Af-However, India's rate of

increase this year has slowed from the previous year's dramatic 12 per cent growth, the report said.

The majority of the Indian students study at the graduate level, the report found. In 2003-2004, 79.0 per cent or 63,013 were graduate students which was up eight per cent from 2002/03, 17.0 per cent or 13,531 undergraduate students which was down 9 per cent from last year and four per cent or 3,192 students in the others category which was up 29 per cent from last year.

# Oz scientists achieve spinal cure breakthrough

Melbourne, Nov 10 It would certainly cheer up people like Shahrukh Khan and Sunny Deol who have suffered for long from problems. Researchers at Melbourne University have discovered how to regrow nerves in damaged spinal cords, making their effort the most successful attempt yet

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and become quadriplegic or

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take some more years before

it is used at the operating

table. The researchers have

said that they could reconstruct 70 per cent of

each mouse's spinal cord,

which is far greater than

other regrowth methods

that are on trial. "Our recent

findings are a major step

forward. In the past it was believed that adult nerves lacked the ability to regrow but work over the last few years has shown that not to be true," Ann Turnley the lead researcher at the Centre for Neuroscience, said. The research focused or a molecule, EphA4,

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