

Bengaluru(KCN): The book fair sponsored by Kairali Books was inaugurated by Sreekala P Vijayan, a multilingual poet and writer, at a literary festival organized by the Kairali Arts Society. The inauguration was done with the first purchase of books. The literary festival was presided over by Dr. Chandrasekhara Kambara (President, Kendra Sahitya Akademi). The book launch of several books were held. Dr. Chandrasekhara Kambara's

Padhman, payannur Kunjhiraman, Palakkadan forum president Krishnakumar etc made the event an unforgettable one.

The author of Amazon Bestselling book Amorous Musings, Sreekala P vijayan has once again gained the mass attention through her fictional poetry book Mridula- A woman's poetic reflections. Sreekala being famous for writing poems on relatability of life, has described the pitfalls and emotional traumas of



the virtual world and a group of victims who are unknowingly addicted to it and has become the victims of depression. Though the main theme and story revolves around a character named Mridula, it is the sumtotal of the lives of many who had to make life a scapegoat through modern-day social media communications. She expressed to the mass media that her debut novel named "Lost in Love" will come out after the release of "The Burgeons", a collection of poems by students. Poetess Sreekala P Vijayan said that her writing in Hindi and Malayalam is also progressing. "Mridula", the fictional poetry book is available in Amazon and all leading online bookstores across the world.

Shivante kadumthudi, prof. Nagarajaiah's Charuvasantha, Dr. Prasanna Santhkadar's Su, Dr. P Harikumar's Pravasiyude mundu, Vishnumangalam Kumar's snehasandram ravi nivesham, Premraj K K's Chila Nirangal and Sreekala P Vijayan's Mridula were launched. Gigantic literary luminaries attended the function. Famous poet Soman Katalur, Sargadhara literary forum president Shanthamenon, treasurer Sreejesh Mathrubhumi director Megha

## New Punjab Congress team meets Sonia, Rahul

NEW DELHI(KCN): The new team of

organised a roadmap to strengthen the

polls in Punjab. Sonia Gandhi urged

wards strengthening the party and be the voice of the people of Punjab by raising their issues.

"Met Hon'ble Congress President Smt Sonia Gandhi ji and thanked her for entrusting me with responsibility of rebuilding Punjab Congress. I have assured her that I will work together with all Congress workers-leaders and not leave any stone unturned in bringing back Congress to power," Warring said on Twitter

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Punjab Congress on Monday met party president Sonia Gandhi and former party chief Rahul Gandhi here and dis-

organisation in the state. The meeting came days after the Congress suffered a drubbing in the assembly

new state unit president Amarinder Singh Raja Warring and working president Bharat Bhushan Ashu to work to-

## PM Modi and US President hold virtual meeting

NEW DELHI: In a virtual meeting with US President Joe Biden, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on

India immediately condemned it and demanded a fair investigation. The prime minister

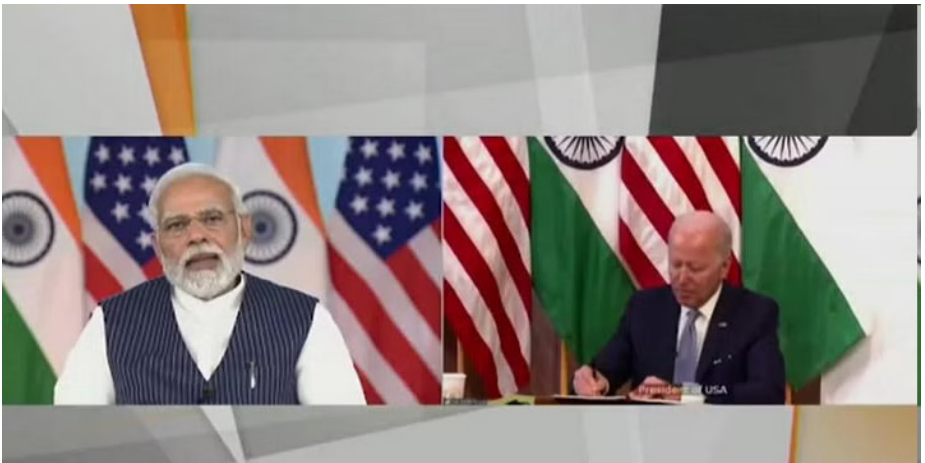
Modi said on ties with the US, adding, "Our talks today are taking place at a time when the situation in

effects of this Russian war. He also referred to the strong and growing defence partnership between India and the US.

The Modi-Biden meeting took place ahead of the fourth India-US '2+2' dialogue in Washington which will be led by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on the Indian side and their US counterparts, Secretary of Defence Lloyd Austin and Secretary of State Antony J Blinken.

The virtual meeting comes in the midst of some disquiet in Washington over India's position on the Ukraine crisis as well as its decision to procure discounted

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Monday night hoped that the ongoing talks between Russia and Ukraine will pave the way for peace in the conflict-torn country. In his opening remarks, Modi described the recent reports of the killing of innocent civilians in Bucha city as "very worrying" and said

referred to his phone conversation with the Presidents of both Ukraine and Russia. "I suggested President Putin have direct talks with the President of Ukraine," Modi said. "As the world's two largest and oldest democracies, we are natural partners,"

Ukraine remains very worrying." On his part, Biden welcomed India's humanitarian support for the people of Ukraine. The US President said US and India are going to continue their close consultation on how to manage and stabilise the

## Senior citizens dazzle with their talent at Elders' Fest in Bhubaneswar

BHUBANESWAR: Stuck at homes for over two years due to the Covid-19 pandemic, senior citizens in the city on Sunday got a platform to showcase their talents and engage in recreational activities.

From singing to performing dance, the seniors, all in the age group of 60 and above, took part in a number of performing arts and other activities during the fourth Elders' Fest organised by city-based Silver Age Foundation as part of its Healthy Ageing programme on Mother's Public School campus. A total of 33 members of the foundation participated in the event which was held in physical mode after a gap of two years. The elderly presented Odissi dance, keyboard music, group dance, fine art exhibition, rhythmic yoga and other cultural activities.

A play 'Baramaja' was also staged by them at

the event. Accompanied by dialogues and music, the drama staged by the senior citizens was a treat to watch for all present.

The members learnt these forms of art through online classes during the Covid period. After Covid restrictions were lifted, the participants rehearsed their performances together for more than three months, said the organisers. The objective of the event was to address loneliness among the elderly and make their lives more comfortable, said Silver Age co-founder Amar Jyoti Mahapatra.

Stating that the foundation will continue to work for the well-being of senior citizens, he said Silver Age will expand Elders' Fest in the coming years to become a pan-Odisha festival. Senior citizen associations from cities of other states will be invited to participate in the event, he said.



## Congress leadership change likely by month-end in Odisha

BHUBANESWAR: The state leadership of the Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) is likely to be changed in the third week of this month.

Sources said that a new president of the state Congress will be announced to replace the incumbent Niranjana Patnaik following the miserable performance of the party in the panchayat as well as the urban local body (ULB) elections. Either Barabati-Cuttack MLA Mohammed Moqim or former union minister Bhakta Charan Das

will be appointed as the next president.

The demand for a change in the OPCC president had intensified fol-

lowing below par performance of the party in the local elections. A majority of nine MLAs from the party and several other senior leaders had

raised the demand for a change in leadership of the party.

Patnaik had resigned from the post of OPCC

subsequently the Covid-19 pandemic also put a break on the overhauling of the party apparatus in the State.



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president following the party's debacle in the 2019 general elections. However, his resignation was not accepted by the high command and sub-

As political activities have resumed after the Covid-19 pandemic, the national leadership has decided to hand over the party president post to a younger leader.

## Puri gets New Medical College

Puri(KCN): Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik today inaugurated the Shri Jagannath Medical College & Hospital (SJMCH) here in presence of Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya. Secretary to CM V K Pandian and other dignitaries graced the occasion.

The medical college has been established jointly by the Union and State Governments. The medical college has the capacity for admitting 100 MBBS students annually. The academic year of the first batch of the college also commenced today.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said, "This is a historic day for Puri district. I hope that, with the efforts of the teachers and students, this institution will get a great name in serving the people of Puri."

It is heartening to know that the students from the poorest sections have got into the medical college. Especially, the students from the government schools have got the admissions due to the 15 per cent reservation policy of the State government, he said.

He noted that "a long dream of establishing a medical college in Puri has been fulfilled to-

day". The Chief Minister wished the students on the start of their first day in the medical course and thanked the Union Minister for his support in establishing the medical college. Expressing his elation at the event, Mr. Mandaviya, who was on VC, said that the hospital will play a pivotal role in training doctors and providing good medical facilities to the people of Odisha.

He interacted with the students who will be part of the inaugural batch of the hospital and motivated them to work hard and serve in the remotest corners of the country so that healthcare can reach to the last mile. The Health Minister highlighted that the vision of New India as envisaged by the Prime Minister is to

make healthcare accessible and affordable for all people.

He further requested the Chief Minister to integrate Ayushman Bharat Yojana with the existing state health facilities to further improve the access to healthcare in India.

The SJMCH is part of five medical colleges built under Phase-I of the scheme for 'Establishment of new



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## Yours Hope Foundation Trust Distributed Cooked Food in the Campus of DHH Khordha

Khordha (KCN): Sometimes the family members of serious



patients do not have time to look after themselves not even have the time to have food which is the basic necessity as they

leged patients admitted in government hospital are those who come from nearby the district are often poor. In several cases family members decide to stay hungry to save

of underprivileged patients in the District Head Quatre Hospital Khordha and also for the children who come from far off places. Yours Hope Foundation Trust distributed more than 250 cooked meals the patients and their relatives in DHH Khordha under the guidance of the founder and chairman Yours Hope Foundation Trust Mrs. Reena Rani Nayak and the members of the organization Ranjan Nayak, Chandan Samantaray,



are always around taking care of their close ones. Majority of the underprivi-

money. Yours Hope Foundation Trust serves free but wholesome food to families

Santosh Nayak, Bikash Nayak, Gopal Bhanja and other members.

## Max set to make a fashion statement with the launch of its 40th Store in West Bengal, 70th Store in East India

Kolkata (KCN) Max Fashion, India's most loved fashion

investing in this region through innovative, forward-

than 12,000 designs across different categories - apparel,

Pradesh, Imphal-Manipur, along with Balurghat in

East has its strong presence in 11 states with 70 stores. Max's

fashionista's dynamic lifestyle, the latest collection features the season's hottest trends across clothing, accessories and footwear. This Summer Max wants to establish itself as a Summer Fashion Destination for family, youth, and Kids. Max has curated an exclusive range of summer wear for men, women, and children

styles to suit the Indian sensibilities. Max also partnered with a leading NGO - Little Big Help Foundation, to spread happiness and

250/-.  
**About Max:** Max is the leading fashion brand offering customers a one stop shop for clothing, accessories and



brand for men, women and kids, is all set to redefine the fashion space of the city with the launch of its 1st store at James Long Sarani, Behala, Kolkata. Constantly expanding its footprint across India, the launch of the brand's 40th store in the state and 70th store in Eastern

looking business strategies to mark its dominance in the value fashion market. **Leading Actors Soumitrisha & Adrit from the renowned TV Serial "Mithai" were present to inaugurate the store.** The new Max store promises to provide customers a one stop

**• The New Store is spread over 12328 sq ft. giving international shopping experience for the people of Behala**  
**• Leading Actors Soumitrisha & Adrit from the renowned TV Serial "Mithai" inaugurated the store**

footwear and accessories offering the best fashion solutions for everyone. The store provides an international shopping experience with dedicated sections for men, women and kids making shopping a pleasurable experience. **Max Fashion recently expanded its**

North Bengal. Sharing his views on the growth strategy

brand vision is to "democratize fashion" for the



of the brand, **Mr. Rajib Mukherjee - AVP Regional Business Head, East & Central India, Max Fashion** said, "Being the pioneers of fashion retail in the country, we aim to take our offering to customers across the nation. We currently have a presence of over 400+ stores across 170+ cities and plan to expand our retail footprint further. Today max fashion

contemporary middle class by offering global fashion trends at amazing prices. We are certain this store too will be welcomed warmly by the discerning residents of Behala." The store currently stocks the Summer '22 collection present across Womens', Mens' and Kids wear. Complementing every aspect of a

comprising of Breezy Dresses, Holiyay Shorts, Strappy Tops, Tie Dye Tees, Resort Shirts and Summer Essential Footwear and Accessories to suit all your fashion requirements. Max retails out its own private label merchandise which is created by a team of in-house designers who are exposed to international fashion trends and excel in tailor making the

distribute gifts to little children. On the occasion of Poila Boishakh, Max Fashion ensured that the customers would not only enjoy summer collection but also savour the sweets of Bengal with their "Max Mishti & More" event. Age old tradition of treating customers with

footwear needs for the entire family. Max, a division of Lifestyle International (P) Ltd., has pioneered the concept of 'value fashion' in the country, thereby offering the discerning shopper a vast choice with international fashion & quality. It offers apparel, footwear & accessories that are of the latest fashion



Region, marks its emerging foothold in East and Central India. The brand intends to continue

shop for international styles at great prices. Spread across 12328 sq. ft. the store offers more

**footprint in the North East with the launch of its stores at Itanagar, Arunachal**

## Centurion Boosts Youth4Water

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Minister Sports & Youth Services Tusar Kanti Behera said, "It was very good to see the youth taking action to protect their water bodies. It's the need of the hour. I congratulate Youth4Water

spired Odisha youth at more than 300 water bodies spread across all districts of Odisha. They took a pledge to protect water bodies, conduct awareness and pond cleaning activities and share stories about the impor-

Body' pledge and launch of free e-training modules on WASH, Climate Change and Entrepreneurship for youth. Factsheets on how visual indicators can help assess the health status of a pond and

BGVS, WaterAid India, Swasthya Plus, Radio Bulbul, Tata STRIVE, NSS and NYKS. Prize winning entries of the Youth4Water Innovation Challenge were displayed at the Signature event. The inno-

fact youth needs to be even more concerned about it because, unless we take steps now, in the coming years there will be a severe water crisis. We are taking several steps for water security. I invite youth to connect



team on the initiative and. I am especially happy about the free training modules and encourage all youth to learn from them and become Water Guardians of Odisha. I especially ask them to be vigilant about preventing pollution of water sources." On the occasion of World Water Day, Minister, Dignitaries, Members from Centurion, UNICEF and Youth4Water interacted with and in-

tance of the water body in their lives. The Jala Mahotsav started with a 'Kalash Ceremony' in which all dignitaries on the dais together poured water into an empty kalash. This symbolizes that collective action is the way forward to remove the problem of water scarcity. The program included interaction of the Minister with youth at the pond sites, jointly taking the 'I pledge to take care of my Water

livelihood options that youth can get from ponds, were also released. The first volume of 'Jala Ra Katha' a compilation of stories written by youth on waterbodies they have grown up around, was also launched. The Minister also awarded Certificates of appreciation to all Youth4Water Partners present i.e. Department of Water Resources, Centurion University, PanTISS,

vator youth also made a presentation to share their idea. Speaking on the occasion, Monika Nielsen, State UNICEF Chief UNICEF Odisha said, "I encourage all youth to join Youth4Water. By the end of the 2022, we hope to have at least 1 lakh youth made aware and 20000 youth trained as Water Guardians" R R Nayak, Additional Secretary, Water Resources said, "Water is a universal need. In

with us and help us provide sustainable water for all" Supriya Pattanayak, VC Centurion University said, "Centurion University is committed to giving education with a heart. I have faith that if they put their minds to it, youth can do anything. We are happy to have partnered with the Youth4Water campaign. In the coming months, we will certainly take forward the action plan for work conservation".



"Mishti" was loved by the customers who relived the nostalgia once again. Adding further joy to the shopping experience, Max has also announced an exclusive inaugural offer for first 200 customers who shop for Rs.1999 or above, will get an assured **Gift Voucher worth Rs**

trends at a great price, making it affordable to many. The store ambiance offers an international shopping experience making shopping for the entire family an absolute delight. Max present across 19 countries and available in 170+ cities in India with 33 million families and counting.



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**Chitah Yajnesh Shetty join hands with Pravin Shah and Sagoon Wagh of Time Group**

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Sanjay Sharma Tamil and Telugu people in action, music, dance etc and will give them



Companies for his from the film industry like Pravin

Sohail Khan, Nana Patekar, Jeetendra, Sukhwinder Singh, Jayantilal Gada, Rajat Bedi, Chitah Yajnesh Shetty, Sunny Singh, Gurmeet Choudhary, Rakhi Sawant, Isha Koppikar, Johny Lever, Siddhant Kapoor, Arjun Bajwa, Mukesh Rishi, Kumar Taurani, Ramesh Taurani, Ganesh Jain, Umesh Shetty, Deviprasad Shetty, Manmohan Shetty, Satish Kaushik, Ashok Pandit, Anand Pandit, Narendra Hirwani, Ram Gowda, etc at-



Raj): After 17 years, Time Group launched 8 films, 3 web series, Time Audio and Time Talent. For which a grand party was held at the Sahara Star Hotel in Mumbai on 7th April 2022. Out of which two films named 'Freedom at Mid Night' (Director Chandra Mouli) and 'Operation Khiladi' (Director Sanjeev Krishnamurthy) are being produced by Time Films, NH Studio, Triflix, Ninjoor Pictures. It will be made in

languages in which the banner of Ninjoor Pictures is owned by well-known martial arts expert Chitah Yajnesh Shetty. The shooting of both the films will start this year. The event was presented by Umesh M Shetty of Laxmi Narayan Group of Companies. On this occasion, Chitah Yajnesh Shetty said, "I am grateful to Pravin Shah, Sagoon Wagh and their entire team of Time Video, they supported me a lot. Through Time Tal-



a chance in films. support to us."



Shah, Sagoon tended the party



Thanks to Umesh Many veteran producers, directors, Wagh, Sridevi and made it successful.

**Social Worker Kiritbhai Chavda honored by Shri Desai Sai-Sutar Gyati Mandal Mumbai**

Mumbai(KCN, Sharma occasion of 45th death



Sanjay Raj): On the



Darji Wadi, Kandivali (East), Mumbai. On this occasion, social worker Kiritbhai Amritlal Chavda was honored by the organization. He was honored for his contribution to the society and for being appointed as the editor of the Mumbai Tarang Gujarati edition. On this occasion, the President of the organization Shri Kantilal Keshav Lal Mistry, Vice President Chhotubhai Kalabhai Gohil, Trustee Shri Bachubhai Nanjibhai Sarvaiya, General Secretary Sunilbhai M Gohil, joint secretary Rohitbhai Parsotamdas Rathod, Dilipbhai Patel etc. participated in the program and became engaged in devotion. Remembering the revered saint Shiromani Bajrangdas Bapa from the heart.



## Leadership is the way to change the problem into opportunity

If we are undertaking a journey by road, we would consult a roadmap. Life works in the same way. We can wander along



knowing for sure where we are going or we can set goals and develop plans. They may not guarantee a smooth trip but they will indicate the right direction to travel.

Without them, life is like getting lost on a freeway. We can go around in circles without getting anywhere.

Some people hesitate to set goals. One version is that it is better not to have any goals and be pleasantly surprised when good things happen. It is better than setting goals and not able to reach them. It is common that man thinks that only good things will happen. Rarely people fail to reach a goal after setting them in the beginning. If they don't reach the goals, of course, there will be disappointment. One can wander along never knowing for sure where we reach or we can set goals and develop plans.

Naturally, each day we live gives birth to the next: we all live for the present because the future is uncertain. Even if we write

down what will happen a decade hence, it does not happen that way because we change so much along with the World. It is therefore important that we make short-term goals and long-term goals. The advantage is that we can see the progress we make as we travel ahead in life. Each day, that we live is followed by another day until suddenly we have a lifetime behind us.

The fascinating part of getting older is that our goals become clearer and more complex. We can relax a little after the first goal is achieved before setting the next one. We can challenge people more as we love them more. We can forgive ourselves more often as we constantly push ourselves to greater heights. Each day of a lifetime is new and each day is a foundation and a step. We are all writing the story of our life everyday that we live. Some are short stories and others are novels because we add imaginary things to make the story interesting !

Anything works in life if we are willing to take risks. While in the police, it was all risk whether it was crime or law and order. When I came out of a crisis. I used to feel exhilarated because of the feeling that I have achieved something. It happens in all

**Uma Sankar Prasad**

trades and professions and that perhaps is the thrill and excitement we go through !

In a study of about so many managers, authors, Psychologists of different Universities, it is found that leaders who faced stress with a positive attitude of challenge, commitment and control, remained much healthier than their pessimistic counterparts. A positive attitude can slowdown the aging process. Optimists suffered less from degenerative disorders, lived longer, healthier lives than did their pessimistic peers. I have seen a woman running her 100th marathon, trim, attractive, vibrant in her seventies. Some people look aged 50 when they are 70 and the secret is optimism.

The two defining aspects of human nature are being reasonable and light hearted, being able to reason and laugh. Laughter is a powerful coping tool in our lives. Laughter is healing. Some people read comic stories, see comic movies and perceive the lighter side of life. A sense of humour allows us to shift perspective enabling us to distance ourselves from stress, regain equilibrium and discern solutions to solve problems. Psychologists say that humour snaps open our minds stabilising our emotion. Abraham Lincoln

once said "If ever I met someone uglier than me. I will shoot the wretch and put him out of his misery".

Some Wiseman said "Life is not a risk, life is not a duty, life is a glorious adventure. A Chinese Philosopher, tells a story of a man who made accurate arrows and another an exceptional Bow. Each man praised the excellence of his creation but accomplished no more until the master archer showed them how to use the bow and arrow together to hit any target. The Japanese distinguish between heaven and hell, saying that hell is a vision of suffering and frustration, heaven is a vision of delight !

A leader is one who can convert a problem into an opportunity. He is able to figure out multiple ways to get to the destination. A pessimist sees a problem as a roadblock, wrings his hands in despair and stands where he is without doing anything.

W Edward Deming, the man who brought Total Quality Management to postwar Japan said "Improve constantly and forever every process of planning, prevention and service." The Japanese translated that into KAIZEN a Philosophy of constant improvement. Continuous growth is affirmation of human spirit. Who knows what lies below the surface !

**Columnist, Khordha**

## India will show the way to the world: SRI M

His memoir "Apprenticed to a Himalayan Master - A Yogi's Autobiography", became an immediate bestseller upon its release in



2011. Almost 11 years down the road, Padmabhushan SRI M, the spiritual guide, social reformer, and author,

has now come up with the Bengali edition of the sequel to that best seller- "The Journey Continues". The bengali edition, titled "Pathchola cholechhe Nirontor" has been translated by senior journalist and author, Ritwik Mukherjee. Mukherjee has also translated SRI M's maiden novel- also a Best seller- Shunya. Both the books, published by Magenta Press, were released by SRI M himself in Kolkata on April 08, in presence of Swami Suparnananda Maharaj, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture.

The educationist with a difference, has authored a number of books over the course of the past few years. His oeuvre includes well known works on meditation, on the Upanishads, and a novel titled 'Shunya' which has garnered a lot of interest, as well as the 2017 released "The Journey Continues", which acts as a sequel to his memoir. He has had several books published by Pen-

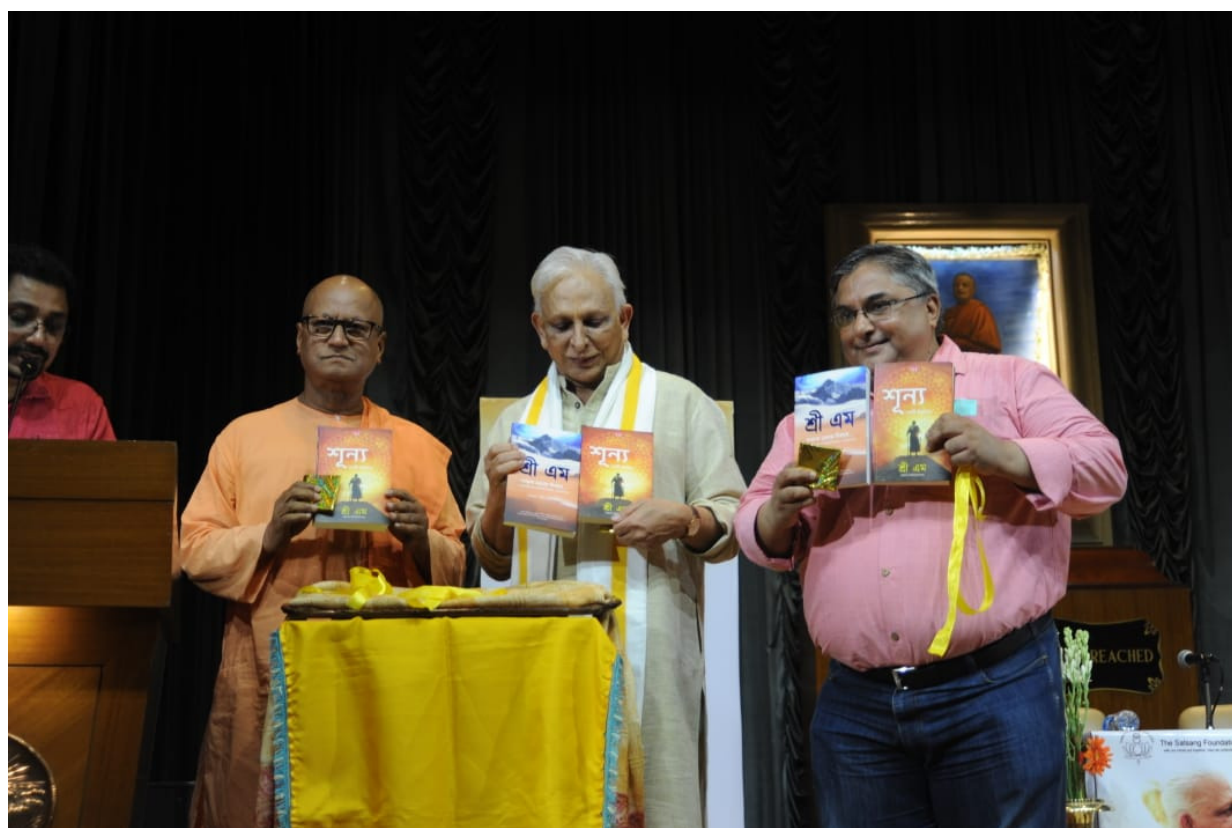
ing infinite bliss and power within'.

SRI M, who is also the founder of The Satsang Foundation, published a collection of short stories, and a

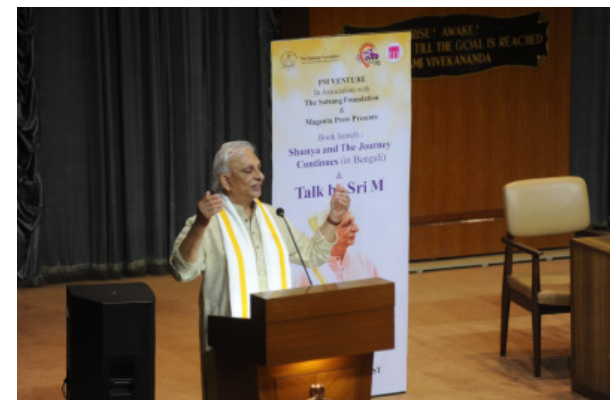
**Ritwik Mukherjee**

both in 2020. Apart from being an author, the yogi is also a reputed speaker and has delivered speeches at institutions such as World Health

him for three and a half years, wandering freely, the length and breadth of the snow clad Himalayan region. What he learnt from his Master Maheshwarnath Babaji, trans-



translation and commentary on Patanjali's Organisation (WHO), the United Nations



Office at Switzerland, the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, and at global corporations like Google and Yahoo. His novel 'Shunya', talks about the profound nothingness of "shunya" or zero. The book is described as "a meditation on the void which collapses the wall between reality and make-believe, the limited and the infinite" by Goodreads. SRI M was born in Trivandrum, Kerala. At the age of nineteen and a half, attracted by a strange and irresistible urge to go to the Himalayas, he left home. At the Vyasa Cave, beyond the Himalayan shrine of Badrinath, he met his Master and lived with



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Yoga sutras - 'Yoga also for the Godless',

Badrinath, he met his Master and lived with



long Satsang, with large participation from different districts and blocks of Odisha, and an interactive session with the members of Alka Jalan Foundation. During the course of his addresses at all the events, SRI M, who has recently been appointed as Adjunct Professor of Practice (APoP) in the Department of NRCVEE - National Research Centre for Value Education in Engineering at IIT, Delhi and has also been appointed as the Chancellor of the Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, said the value education and Sanskrit should be made part of the curriculum at the schools level and also said that India will eventually show the way to the world in the years to come.

**Author is a Kolkata based Freelance journalist.**

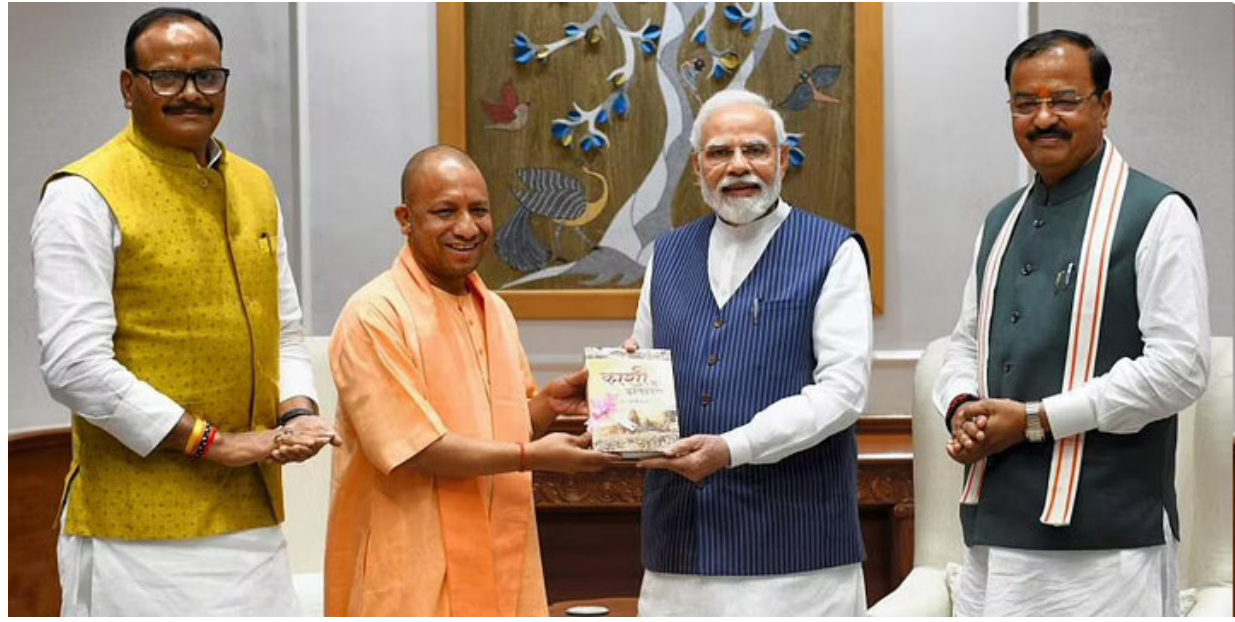


# Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath likely to find a place on BJP Parliamentary Board soon

LUCKNOW/NEW DELHI(KCN): The day-long visit of UP CM Yogi Adityanath along with the two Deputy CMs to Delhi on Monday led political circles in Lucknow go abuzz with speculation of his possible induction into the BJP Parliamentary Board, the apex decision making body, soon.

The resounding win for a second consecutive term in the country's politically most crucial state is being seen as the first step towards elevation of Yogi Adityanath's political stature in the party by way of his likely ascension to the parliamentary board, where the only Chief Minister who is a member is Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

## UP CM Adityanath, his deputies meet President, PM Modi in Delhi



NEW DELHI: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and his two deputies called on President Ram Nath Kovind and Prime Minister Narendra Modi here

on Monday. This is the chief minister's and his two deputies' -- Keshav Prasad Maurya and Brajesh Pathak - first meeting with the prime minister and the president

The BJP's highest decision-making body is its 11-member parliamentary board which takes important decisions about the party's policy in Parliament and state legislatures.

Currently, the elite Board has four vacancies which have resulted due to the demise of senior BJP leaders Sushma Swaraj and Arun Jaitley, elevation of Venkaiah Naidu to the post of country's Vice President and retirement of Thawarchand Gehlot as leader of the Rajya Sabha.

The seven remaining members include PM Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP na-

tional chief JP Nadda, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Union minister Nitin Gadkari, MP CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan and party general secretary (Organisation) B L Santhosh.

Meanwhile, according to highly-placed sources in Delhi, the existing four vacancies on the board are likely to be filled shortly to expedite the party's policy-making process ahead of the assembly elections in Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh. During the pandemic, the formal physical meetings of Parliamentary Board have been rare. As per the sources, it has been an exchange of ideas only among the big three, Modi, Shah and Nadda, and the decisions are communicated to other members. Nevertheless, for BJP leaders, sharing a post on the board is deemed to be an honour.

"The victory in the recently concluded Assembly elections in the state has given a push to CM Yogi not only as UP CM but also as a senior leader who will also have a say in crucial decisions," said a senior BJP leader. Moreover, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) has also been throwing

its weight behind Yogi. In the UP Assembly election also, the RSS was pulling out all stops to ensure a second term for Yogi.

"Besides Yogi, other names doing the rounds for induction into the coveted panel include Bhupendra Yadav, Piyush Goyal and one from SC," sources said. Meanwhile, on Monday, after reaching Delhi along with his two deputies -- Keshav Maurya and Brajesh Pathak -- Yogi Adityanath met President Ramnath Kovind, PM Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP national chief JP Nadda. "Monday's visit of UP CM Yogi Adityanath to Delhi to call on the PM and other senior BJP leaders might include discussions over his induction in the panel," a senior leader at the party central office said.

As per highly placed sources, the UP CM along with both the Deputy CMs, was expected to sit with the BJP top brass to discuss issues related to the state especially in the wake of the upcoming 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

# Congress disciplinary panel issues show cause notices to Thomas, Jakhar



## Rajnath Singh exhorts US aerospace, defence majors to join 'Make in India', 'Make for World' initiatives

WASHINGTON(KCN): Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday (local time) met with US aerospace and defence majors Boeing and

part in the fourth India-US 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue. During his stay in the US till April 15, Singh will hold talks with the US leadership on

guidance and a vision for further consolidating the relationship," a Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) statement stated.

last week called Jaishankar to review regional and global priorities, including the situation in Ukraine. The last 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue

NEW DELHI: The Congress Disciplinary Committee on Monday gave a show-cause notice to Congress leaders K V Thomas and Sunil Jakhar for alleged anti-party activities. The Disciplinary Committee, led by senior Congress leader A K Antony, has given them one week to reply to the notice and if it is not

found satisfactory, action will be taken against them, party leader Tariq Anwar said. Anwar, a member of the panel, told reporters that no final decision has yet been taken, but a show-cause notice has been issued to Thomas and Jakhar on why action should not be taken against them for their statements against the party.

"We have given them notice. We will await their reply and if the reply is not found satisfactory, we will take action against them," he said. Anwar said the charges against both the leaders are serious and that is why the Disciplinary Committee chaired by Antony met to take note of it. KV Thomas had at-

tended a seminar organised by the CPI(M) on April 9 in Kerala against the party's wishes and local state leaders had been seeking action against him. Jakhar had criticised former chief minister Charanjit Singh Channi and termed him a liability for the party after the Congress lost to AAP in Punjab.



Raytheon and exhorted them to take advantage of the policy initiatives in India aimed at 'Make in India' and 'Make for World'. "Raksha Mantri Shri @rajnathsingh met with the U.S. aerospace & defence majors Boeing and Raytheon after reaching Washington DC. He exhorted the companies to take advantage of policy initiatives in India to steadily march from 'Make in India' towards 'Make for the World'," tweeted the Office of the Defence Minister.

The minister arrived in Washington DC on Sunday as part of his five-day US visit during which he will take

ways to deepen the India-US strategic partnership. The defence minister will also meet his US counterpart Lloyd J Austin III at the Pentagon on Monday. India and the US are set to hold the 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue on Monday, with the Indian side being led by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar.

"The Dialogue would enable both sides to undertake a comprehensive review of cross-cutting issues in the India-US bilateral agenda related to foreign policy, defence and security with the objective of providing strategic

The MEA also stated that the 2+2 India-US Ministerial Dialogue will also provide an opportunity to exchange views about important regional and global developments and also on issues to address common interests and concerns.

The EAM during his stay in the US during April 11-12 will meet his counterpart, Secretary of State, Antony Blinken, besides senior members of the US administration to advance the India-US strategic global partnership, MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi informed during a media briefing. Ahead of the 2+2 dialogue, Blinken had

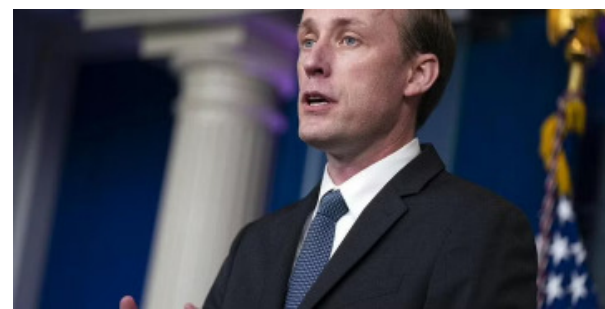
between the two countries was held in October 2020 in New Delhi.

ALSO READ: Rajnath Singh, Jaishankar arrive in US to attend 2+2 ministerial India and the United States held a bilateral 2+2 inter-session meeting in September last year in Washington and exchanged assessments on developments in South Asia, the Indo-Pacific region and the Western Indian Ocean. Ahead of the 2+2 dialogue between India and the US, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to hold a virtual meeting with US President Joe Biden on Monday.

# US official: Russia appoints new Ukraine war commander

WASHINGTON(KCN): After its striking post-invasion setbacks, Russia has appointed a new Ukraine war commander, a US official said Sunday. Russia has turned to Gen. Alexander Dvornikov, 60, one of Russia's most experienced military officers and, according to US officials, a general with a record of brutality against civilians in Syria and other war theatres.

The senior official who identified the new commander was not authorised to be identified and spoke on condition of anonymity.



But the White House national security adviser, Jake Sullivan, said "no appointment of any general can erase the fact that Russia has already faced a strategic failure in Ukraine".

"This general will just be another author of crimes and brutality against Ukrainian civilians," Sullivan told CNN's State of the Union. "And the United States, as I said before, is determined to do all that we can to support

Ukrainians as they resist him and they resist the forces that he commands."

The decision to establish new battlefield leadership comes as Russia gears up for what is expected to be a large and more focused push to expand Russian control in the Donbas and follows a failed opening bid to conquer Kyiv, the capital.

Dvornikov gained prominence while leading the Russian group of forces in Syria, where Moscow has waged a military campaign since 2015 to shore up President Bashar Assad's regime during a devastating civil war.

Dvornikov is a career military officer and has steadily risen through the ranks after starting as a platoon commander in 1982. He fought during the second war in Chechnya and took several top positions before being placed in charge of the Russian troops in Syria in 2015. In 2016, Putin awarded Dvornikov the Hero of Russia medal, one of the country's highest awards.

Dvornikov has served as the commander of the Southern Military District since 2016. Sullivan described the general as having a record of brutality against civilians in Syria and said "we can expect more of the same in this theatre." But he stressed that the US strategy remains the same in providing Ukraine the military and logistical support it needs.



## Check Illegal Use Of Domestic Cylinders; OLPGDA

Bhubaneswar: The Orissa LPG Distributors' Association (OLPGDA) has requested the State

whole world was indoors we stood as an example and rendered our services. We write to you today

mercial connections come under 18 per cent GST whereas domestic connections come under 5 per

market share and unnecessary dumping of cylinders are happening in many places. A push sale to domestic consumers is deviating the user pattern, they point out.

Further, the Association suggested the Government impose a penalty in the form of a fine when a commercial establishment violates the above requirement.

It will bring a behavioural change among restaurants and commercial establishments and encourage the sale of commercial cylinders, it said.

The Association further informed that southern states use commercial cylinders in commercial establishments which is not the case in Odisha.

"We request you to kindly consider the above so that it can bring transparency in the user pattern and add revenue to the exchequer," they added.



Government to check illegal use of domestic cylinders in commercial establishments in the State.

OLPGDA President Biswanath Mukherjee and Secretary Lopamudra Buxipatra have jointly written a letter to the Principal Secretary, Food Supply & Consumer Welfare, Virvikram Yadav in this regard.

"LPG distributors as a community have been serving this nation since 1965. Even during the pandemic, when the

to emphasise on how the LPG Industry can contribute to the State Exchequer with your cooperation," they said in the letter.

The Association urged the Government to make use of commercial cylinders mandatory as a source of cooking fuel in commercial establishments at the time of issue of food licenses as is the case of commercial electricity connection for commercial establishments.

This step can guarantee a higher SGST collection since com-

cent GST, it said.

Sale of commercial cylinders per month/year in Odisha is 21,733 MT, which is around 1,14,3842 of 19 kg cylinders. A simple 10 per cent increase in commercial cylinders will add Rs 3 crore revenue to the State Exchequer, pointed out the OLPGDA.

Further, the LPG distributors' body said Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are being unconstitutional in many ways and distributors are being harassed in the name of growth of

## Pact for Green Energy

Bhubaneswar: In another significant step towards green growth and industrialization, Odisha Government under the leadership of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Bharat Petroleum Corpora-

Director of the company participated in the event, wherein Principal Secretary Industry, Hemant Kumar Sharma outlined objectives of the MoU.

MD PICOL, Bhubendra Singh Poonia and Executive Director Renewable

like BPCL has joined hands with State Government for production of renewable green energy". He added, Odisha as a lead State in metal and petrochemical investment destination would like to produce and utilize more of green energy in differ-

within the specified time limit.

The MoU envisaged joint collaboration between Government and BPCL for exploring feasibility of setting up green energy hydrogen plants both for domestic use and export. Setting up requisite infrastructure



tion Limited (BPCL) for exploring the feasibility of setting up green energy and hydrogen plants in the State.

The MoU was signed between Industrial Promotion and Investment Corporation (IPICOL) and BPCL today in State Lokseba Bhawan in the presence of a high level Team led by Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mahapatra, and Development Commissioner Pradeep Kumar Jena. Senior officers of BPCL led by Arun Kumar Singh Chairman and Managing

Energy BPCL Amit Garg signed the agreement.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Secretary Mr. Mahapatra said, "Odisha has high potential for production of green energy from ethanol, solar and hydrogen". He assured that State Government would push forward the green energy project in a big way, and BPCL would be provided all support from grounding to commissioning of the projects.

Development Commissioner said, "This is momentous occasion when a company

ent sectors for arresting the carbon footprints.

Highlighting the growing demand of green energy, Chairman and MD BPCL Mr. Singh said, "Odisha figures out in its innovative ventures. Many parts of Odisha has great potential for production of solar and green based ethanol energy". Thanking State Government for its facilitating policies and ground level support in earlier projects of BPCL, Sri Singh expressed the hope that the present project would meet its target

and knowledge sharing would be other important facets of the MoU. Green hydrogen would help in reducing aggregate green house emissions. It would also help Odisha-based heavy industries to supplement their non-fossil power requirement.

Sources said, BPCL aspired lead the green energy sector through combination of skill and technology. The company targeted to build a renewable energy production capacity of 10 gigawatts comprising a mix of solar, wind, small hydro and biomass by 2040.

## Get Back to Nature opens exclusive store in Dumduma, Bhubaneswar



BHUBANESWAR: An organic food brand, Get Back to Nature, opened its first exclusive store at Cosmopolis Apartment in Dumduma area of the City.

The firm founded by software professional Poonam Mohapatra is offering chemical and residue free food

products to the customers. Get Back to Nature's store was inaugurated by former MP Prasanna Kumar Patasani. "I am glad to inaugurate Get Back to Nature store. Quality and purity of the food we consume is very much vital for our health. Organic foods are highly

nutritional as they contain no chemicals. I urge people to opt for more organic food products because if we take care of our health, our health will take care of us," he said.

"Initially, we are planning to open our outlets in residential apartments. Soon, we will be

have 10 more outlets in Bhubaneswar and subsequently we will open stores across Odisha," said Get Back to Nature's Founder, Poonam Mohapatra. The brand is offering food products like lentils, honey, nuts, cooking oil, spices, fruits, vegetables, among others.

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## India's fuel sales hit 3-year high in March

NEW DELHI: The country's fuel demand soared 4.2 per cent to a three-year high in March as petrol and diesel consumption rose above pre-pandemic

sumption, saw the demand rising by 6.7 per cent to 7.7 million tonnes. Petrol sales, which crossed the pre-Covid levels a few months ago, were

cooking fuel consumption rose, there was a de-growth in industrial fuel. Petrol consumption was up 10.3 per cent at 30.85 million tonnes in 2021-22

cent at 28.33 million tonnes.

Jet fuel or ATF demand soared 35 per cent to 5 million tonnes but was less than 8 million tonnes consumption in the pre-pandemic year.

This was mainly because full aviation services resumed only towards the end of the last month.

Petroleum coke consumption fell 9.7 per cent to 14.1 million tonnes while kerosene demand was down 17 per cent at 1.5 million tonnes in FY22. Consumption of naphtha, which is used as a fuel in industries, as well as that of bitumen, used in road construction, were marginally higher at 14.2 million tonnes and 7.7 million tonnes, respectively.



levels, according to official data released on Monday. Total petroleum product consumption in March stood at 19.41 million tonnes, the highest since March 2019, data from the Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell of the oil ministry showed. As the economy continued to rebound from the deep impact of the third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, demand for transport fuel rose in March.

Diesel, the most used fuel in the country accounting for almost 40 per cent of all petroleum product con-

sumption, saw the demand rising by 6.1 per cent to 2.91 million tonnes. Demand for both fuels in March was above pre-pandemic levels.

Diesel consumption was higher due to strong demand from agriculture sector as well as stocking up by consumers and petrol pumps in anticipation of a price hike.

Cooking gas (LPG) demand grew by 9.8 per cent to 2.48 million tonnes in March.

Fuel demand in the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022 was up 4.3 per cent at 202.71 million tonnes, the highest since FY20.

While auto and

while diesel sales were up 5.4 per cent at 76.7 million tonnes.

The demand for petrol in FY22 was the highest ever while the diesel sales were the highest since 82.6 million tonnes of consumption in 2019-20. Consumption of LPG was up 3 per

### Domestic air passenger traffic up 59 per cent in FY22, 40 per cent lower than pre-pandemic level: ICRA

MUMBAI: India's domestic air passenger traffic is estimated to have grown by around 59 per cent year-on-year to 84 million in FY22, although it is still about 40 per cent lower compared to the pre-pandemic level, credit ratings agency ICRA said on Monday. It also expects elevated Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) prices, aggravated by geo-political issues, to remain a near-term challenge for the industry and will be a key determinant of profitability for the sector. On a sequential basis, domestic passenger traffic spiked about 37 per cent to 10.6 million in March, driven by a near to normalcy in airline operations owing to the waning of impact of the pandemic, ICRA said.

The passenger traffic on local air routes was 7.7

## RBI regulated markets to start trading at 9 AM from April 18

MUMBAI: Trading in markets regulated by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will start from 9 am onwards from April 18, with the restoration of pre-pandemic trading timings. Currently, the markets open at 10 am. The trading hours for various markets regulated by RBI were changed on April 7, 2020 in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic that had resulted in operational dislocations and elevated levels of health risks.

Later, with the easing of operational constraints, the trading hours were partially restored with effect from November 9, 2020.

From April 18, the trading hours of these markets will be from 9 am to 3.30 pm, the central bank said in a release on Monday.

"With the substantial

easing of restrictions on movement of people and function-

ing of offices, it has now been decided to restore the opening time for regulated financial markets to their pre-pandemic timing of 9 am," the release said.



Call/notice/term money; market repo in government securities; tri-party repo in government securities; commercial paper and certificates of deposit; repo in corporate bonds; government securities (central government securities, state develop-

ment loans and trades, including forex derivatives; and rupee interest rate derivatives. These markets are regulated by the central bank.

policy, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das had said that markets regulated by the central bank will start trading from 9 am from April 18.

### PM Modi and US President hold virtual meeting

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Russian oil.

The US President last spoke to Modi and other Quad leaders during a virtual meeting in March.

Unlike its Quad partner countries, India has not yet condemned the Russian invasion of Ukraine and it abstained from the votes at the UN platforms on the Russian aggression.

India has been pressing for an immediate cessation of violence in Ukraine and seeking a resolution of the crisis through diplomacy and dialogue.

Modi held phone conversations with Russian President Vladimir Putin on February 24, March 2 and March 7. He had also spoken to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy twice.

In a meeting with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov on April 1, Modi conveyed that India stands ready to contribute in any way to the peace efforts to resolve the conflict in Ukraine.

### Puri gets New Medical College

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medical colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals'.

All the hospitals under the scheme have been built at an approved cost of Rs 945 crore with 60 per cent contribution (Rs 567 crore) from the Centre. With the inauguration of this institution, all five medical colleges have become functional now.

Overall, there has been a 55 per cent increase in medical seats in the State from 387 in 2013-14 to 596 in 2020-21.

Under Phase II and III of the scheme, two more hospitals in Jajpur and Kalahandi districts of Odisha has been approved. Central share of Rs 150 crore and Rs 100 crore respectively has been released to the State government for the two new medical colleges.

The medical college has started functioning with health facilities of the District Headquarter Hospital (DHH), Puri. A 650-bedded teaching hospital is under construction by the State government. This medical college and hospital will provide quality health care services to the people of Puri district and also to a large number of tourists visiting Puri town.

Radhaballava Behera, a medical student, thanked the State Government for the reservation policy for the government school students. He is the son of a sharecropper from Balasore district and was admitted under the quota made for the government school students.

Another student Bhatta Hembram from Mayurbhanj also interacted with the two leaders. He comes from a very poor tribal family in a remote area of Mayurbhanj. His parents are daily labourers with a large family of 8 children.

With grit and determination, he achieved his dream of admission in medical college. He also thanked the State government for the quota for the government school students.

In his interaction with the students, Mr. Mandaviya motivated the students to work for the rural population and provide the best of health care for the poor patients

## SEBI comes with new guidelines to evaluate risk value of gold, gold-related instruments

NEW DELHI: SEBI on Monday came out with a new framework for evaluating the risk level of commodities, gold and gold-related instru-

ments, in which mutual funds are permitted to invest on a risk-o-meter.

In a circular, the markets regulator said it has been decided that investment in such commodities by the mutual fund schemes will be assigned a

score of 3 (moderate), 4 (moderately high), 5 (high) and 6 (very high), respectively. Explaining with an example, SEBI said if the price of gold has annualized volatility of 18 per cent based on the price of

gold of the past 15 years, then gold and gold-related instruments will have a risk value of 5 (high) on risk-o-meter. In October 2020, the regulator had said invest-



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## Charleston Open: Sania Mirza-Lucie Hradecka lose in final



CHARLESTON: Veteran Indian tennis player Sania Mirza and her Czech partner Lucie Hradecka's splendid run at the Charleston Open ended after they lost the title clash to Andreja Klepac and Magda Linette. The unseeded Mirza

and Hradecka went down 2-6 6-4 7-10 in one hour 24 minutes to the fourth seed Polish-Slovenian duo on Sunday. Mirza and Hradecka had a stunning run at the WTA 500 event, reaching the women's doubles final after pulling off

a major upset by stunning top seeds Zhang Shuai and Caroline Dolehide in the semifinals. In the quarterfinals, they got the better of third seeds Alexa Guarachi and Jessica Pegula. Mirza and Hradecka had also reached the semifinal

of the Dubai Tennis Championships in February. The 35-year-old Mirza, who is India's most accomplished woman tennis player having won six Grand Slam titles, including three mixed doubles trophies, had earlier announced that 2022 would be her last season.

## Chelsea respond to Thomas Tuchel blast but Real Madrid mission still 'difficult'

LONDON: Chelsea might have responded to Thomas Tuchel's tirade with a 6-0 demolition of Southampton, but the Blues boss knows it will be "very difficult" to stage an epic Champions League escape act against

as Chelsea tore Southampton to pieces at St Mary's, racing into a four-goal lead before half-time as they eased fears that they might slip out of the Premier League's top four. Asked if the

was necessary to step up. "It is on the players to live up to what we play and they did it in an impressive manner. "So it's now a time to move on because we've found what makes us strong and

Marcos Alonso and Kai Havertz also on target. It was especially pleasing for Tuchel to see England forward Mount back among the goals after an inconsistent season. Werner's rare goals were also encouraging given Chelsea will need all the firepower they can muster to get past Real. With away goals no longer counting double, Chelsea would at least force extra-time if they lead by two goals at the end of normal time. Whether their defence can contain red-hot Real striker



Real Madrid on Tuesday. Tuchel read the riot act to his players in a crisis meeting last Thursday as he tried to shake them out of an alarming slump that saw Real win 3-1 in the quarter-final first leg at Stamford Bridge. That damaging defeat, which came just days after Brentford thrashed Chelsea 4-1 in the Premier League, prompted Tuchel to question his players' desire and focus. Immediately after the Real loss, an unusually emotional Tuchel claimed Chelsea's reign as Champions League holders was over. The German got the response he wanted

Southampton rout could boost Chelsea's chances in Madrid, Tuchel said: "It was necessary that we turned things around. We came from a long streak of games, then we had the international break and we had five days afterwards where we didn't feel the same. "So it was not a huge turnaround, it was not necessary to change everything, but it was the moment for us, I had the feeling, to tell the group the truth, my honest opinion, and tell them as a part of the group this is how I feel. "And so the message was clear, and obviously everybody took it in the right way, I included myself in the message, and so it

it was another proof of that and we keep on going." 'Different game' Although Chelsea have restored their equilibrium, Tuchel knows overturning their first leg deficit against La Liga leaders Real at the Bernabeu will still be a huge task. "It is a completely different game and opponent. The situation does not get easy," he said. "That will be a very difficult task and there is no change to it. We did what we wanted against Southampton and that is the good news." Timo Werner and Mason Mount both scored twice against Southampton, with

## FIH Hockey Women's Junior World Cup: Gritty Indian team to take on England in bronze medal match

POTCHEFSTROOM: After losing the semi-final to the mighty Netherlands 0-3, the Indian junior women's team are now focused on their all-important bronze medal match against England on Tuesday, in the FIH Hockey Women's Junior World Cup. For Indian hockey fans, this is a deja-vu moment. Back in the 2013 Women's Junior World Cup too, the Netherlands had beaten India 3-0 in the semi-final and the Indian team led by Sushila Chanu then had faced-

point thinking about what's happened in the past. Now we need to be absolutely focused on the upcoming match against England. Getting off to a good start against them will definitely give us the right momentum and that is what we will be looking for against them," she added. England, meanwhile, comes into the bronze medal match after a 0-8 loss to Germany in the semi-final on Sunday. They were the table-top-



off against England in the bronze medal match which they eventually won after a tense shootout. Will this young team led by Salima Tete be able to repeat the success of 2013 awaits to be seen. But a rather disappointed captain Salima Tete rued the team's missed chances against the Netherlands. "We are quite disappointed with our match against the Netherlands. We created so many chances but could not convert. It just felt like it wasn't our day," Salima Tete said in a statement. Moving on, Tete said, the team has had a fruitful discussion post their semi-final debacle and is now focused on the task at hand. "There is no

pers from pool B, having beaten South Africa and Ireland convincingly. In the quarter-final, they got the better of the USA 2-1 in a thrilling encounter where England recovered from an early setback, having conceded a goal in the 3rd minute. "England is a good side and we watched videos from their previous matches. I just feel it is important for us to be focused on our game and ensure we score from the chances we create and be tight in our defending. It's important we don't allow space for them and we must play to our strengths," stated vice-captain Ishika Chaudhary.




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