

Capital Foundation Day: Bhubaneswar MP Aparajita Sarangi not invited to function, seeks inquiry

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): Bhubaneswar MP and BJP national spokesperson Aparajita Sarangi on Wednesday wrote to Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik seeking an inquiry into why she was not invited to the 74th Capital Foundation Day function organised by the state government.

"Our political ideologies may be different, but you may kindly agree with me that the state government needs to learn to extend the minimum courtesy to the people's representatives," she wrote.

Sarangi, who has been elected to the Lok Sabha from Bhubaneswar parliamentary constituency, said as a public representative it is her



'right' to be invited to the public function organised by the state government to celebrate the formation of the Odisha capital. "I am extremely respectful to all those among us who hold

Constitutional position and I expect the same kind of behaviour to be displayed towards the seat of the Member of the Parliament, which

you will appreciate, is a Constitutional post," she wrote. The Bhubaneswar MP said she was deeply pained to know that the invitation for the function organised by the state

government, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation and Capital Day Celebration Committee has been sent to all except her. Stating that it doesn't seem to be an 'innocuous omission', she wrote that she expects the Chief Minister to direct the concerned state authorities to inquire into the matter and find out the individuals responsible for it. Sarangi also underlined that the move has hurt all the people of Bhubaneswar who had elected her. "They would all like

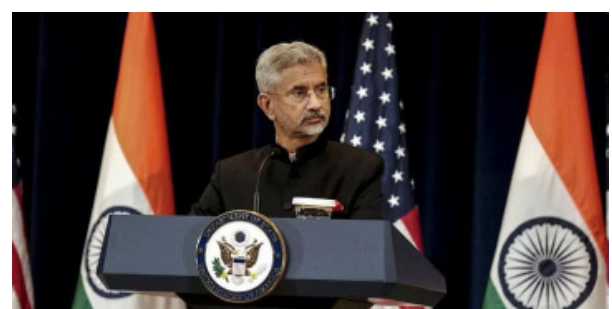
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Relationship between India and US has strength and comfort level to discuss all issues: Jaishankar

WASHINGTON(KCN): The relationship between India and the US has the strength and comfort level today to discuss all the issues including those on which the two sides don't agree with, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Wednesday as he concluded his trip to the American capital. Jaishankar was here to attend the 2+2 minis-



terial dialogue along with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. The US delegation was led by Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin.

The 2+2 ministerial was preceded by a virtual meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Joe Biden.

In an interaction with a group of Indian reporters here, Jaishankar said that the discussion ranged on all issues, which of course was dominated by the situation in Ukraine, developments in India's neighbourhood and the Indo-Pacific, in addition to bilateral issues. However, the human rights issue was not part of the discussion, he asserted.

In response to a question, Jaishankar strongly refuted the notion that the situation in Ukraine is going to hurt India-US relationship.

Two buried alive at JSW dumping yard in Ballari, police launch investigation

BALLARI(KCN): In a shocking incident, two persons died at

area, allegedly in search of scrap material. While they were



the dump yard of the JSW steel plant near Sultanpur village of Ballari district. The duo had gained entry into the restricted

looking for the scrap, a heap of mud came on them and buried them alive. The deceased Honnuraap (18), a

resident of Rajapura

village and Ramanjeneya (50), a resident of Tamati village of Ballari district had left home on Tuesday but did not return. After which the family had lodged a missing complaint at the Kudatini police station.

The police said that the deceased duo entered the JSW dumping yard unit to get waste material such as iron bars. "But at the same time, a mud

heap came crashing on them from above. The JSW officials have also visited the site. We have instructed the factory heads to arrange for security or a fence to guard the area," the official added. The JSW plant has 575 acres of dump yard where waste materials are stored. But the locals allege that there is a security fence and anybody easily enter the yard.

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PM Modi hails heroic efforts of those involved in Deoghar rescue operation

NEW DELHI(KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said the entire country applauds the heroic efforts of those involved in the rescue after a ropeway accident in Jharkhand as he interacted with the personnel of various agencies and civil society members who took part in the operation.

Over 60 tourists were trapped in cable cars midway for over 46 hours at Trikut Hills, about 20 km from the famous Baba Baidyanath temple in Deoghar in Jharkhand since Sunday after a ropeway malfunction that resulted in trolleys colliding. They were evacuated by combined teams of the Indian Air

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Three persons died in the tragedy. Modi said the country is proud that it has such a skilled force in the form of Army, Air Force, National Disaster Response Force, Indo-Tibetan Border Police and police force, which have the capacity to bring the people of the country out of every crisis safely. The prime minister

in the rescue operation and sought to know about their experience. The entire country applauds heroic efforts of those involved in the rescue operation in Deoghar, he said. Modi expressed sadness that the lives of three persons could not be saved and said, "Our deepest sympathies are with the families of the victims." He also

jured.

"For three days, round the clock, you completed a difficult rescue operation and saved the lives of many people of the country," Modi told the rescue personnel. Home Minister Amit Shah, who was also present during the online interaction, said various agencies worked in coordination to complete the rescue operation with minimum harm.

became the new prime minister of the country. Quoting sources, Geo TV reported that the Pakistani High Commission in London



has also been directed to start work on the renewal of the passports of the PML-N leaders. Several corruption cases had been launched by the previous government led by Imran Khan against the 72-year-old

supremo of Pakistan Muslim League (Nawaz) since his ouster from office by the Supreme Court in July 2017 in the

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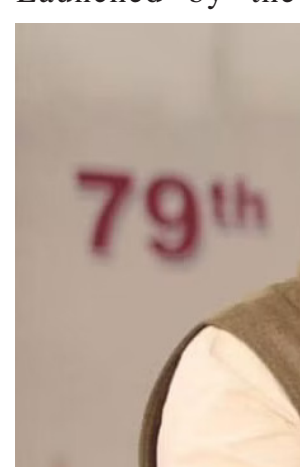
10 Union Ministers to visit backward districts in Odisha

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): Union Ministers have started taking stock of achievements of the welfare programmes of the Narendra Modi government at the Centre in aspirational districts of the State. With the BJP observing Social Justice Fortnight across the country from April 6, the foundation day of the party, the review of Central schemes by Union Ministers is part of the massive public contact exercise undertaken by the party across the State. The Central leadership of the party has deputed 10 Union Ministers to visit an equal number of districts covered under the Aspirational Districts

Programme. Launched by the

Koraput district on Tuesday. The other Union Ministers scheduled

to visit the State include Ashwini V a i s h a w (Malkangiri) Arjun Munda (Kalahandi), Prahlad Singh Patel (Gajapati) Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti (Balangir), S Baghel (Nuapada) Shobha K a r a n d l a j e (Nabarangpur), Som Prakash (Rayagada) and Subhas Sarkar (Kandhamal).



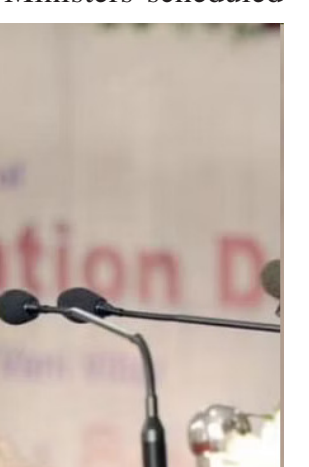
Prime Minister in January 2018, the programme aims to bring rapid transformation of most under-developed districts of the country. Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Sanjeev Balyan is the first among the 10 Union Ministers who visited

Koraput district on Tuesday.



Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan is coming on a four-day visit beginning Wednesday. During his stay, he is scheduled to attend different programmes in Dhenkanal district on April 13, 14 and 15 and likely to hold a party meeting in Bhubaneswar on April 16.

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Dalit the name
Damba, Pana, Harijan, Mushahar
Not a poem, play, novel or film
slam, atrocious, slow poison, subjugation,
Atrocious, yesterday, today for generations

Conversion
Rehabilitation
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Peace
Human rights

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Devilish action or
Continuation of generation, or

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Preparation, Social celebration,
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Mens rea !
For power, Supremacy, Dominance

Equality, community, peace, justice

Motive, My Mens rea

Art
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Gospel truth "is truth" / Motive My menaria

Omen,
Is His cross at Golgotha ! Salutations
Omen, my Mens rea ?

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A Horeseman's Prayer

Dearest God in heaven,
Give me the strength to guide my horse.
Make my hands soft and my head clear,
Let my horse understand me, and I him
My heart you have blessed with a special love for these animals,
Let me never lose sight of it.
My sould you have gifted with a deep need for them,
Let that never lessen.
Always let my breath catch as the sun gleans on an elegant head,
Always may my throat tighten at the sound of a gentle nicker.
Let the scent of fresh hat and a new bag of grain always be sweet to me,
Let the touch of a warm nose on my hand always bring a smile.
I adore the joy of a warm day on the farm,
The grace and splendor of a running horse.
The thnder of its hooves makes my eyes burn and my heart soar,
Let it always be so.
Dearest God, grant me patience,
For horses are harnesssed wind and wind can be flighty.
Let me not frighten or harm them,
Instead show me ways to understand.
Above all, dear God, fill my life with them.
I am not whole without them.
When I pass from this world, send my soul to no heaven without them,
For this love you have given me graces my existence.
I shall cherish it and praise you for it for all time.
Amen.

Quotation of the Day

All perfection and every divine virtue are hidden within you.
Reveal them to the world.



Classical Dance-A slice of Indian culture through the Art of watercolour paintings

Probing through the everyday neighbourhood places in your city for work, shopping or any other purposes, you are not just prone to experience the scent and distinct flavour of your place, but you pass through years and years of culture and tradition, which has made your city what it is today. Each city of India has its own influence on history through the rich customs and traditional art, transcended from one generation to another. If you are someone who regrets having missed all these deeply-etched impressions of civilization around you in this fast paced world, there is a way to consume the glorious heritage in its true form and essence without using a time machine.

Artistic depiction of Indian culture
India is a land where various tradi-

India's artistic excellence multiplied at every turn with enthralling strokes, capturing the brimming essence of these elegant art forms.

The stellar bond between Artwork, Nature and Indian Classical Dance The mesmerizing rhythm and the impulses of the natural world have always encapsulated artists, hypnotizing them with its beauty.

In fact, the first nature-art pact started with cave paintings, where humans used earthly pigments to illustrate their worldly thoughts.

However, art evolved with time and artists began to explore the marvels of nature through breath-taking landscapes and also began to dig deep into the vast complexities of the human

mind for a direct connection with the Nature. Without any doubt, Nature has been the first inspiration for all art forms to take birth in this world. One such art form with a rich legacy is the Indian classical Dance that has been here for more than 2000 years.

Classical art forms in India have always been universal in their approach, opening the profound gateways of positivity through spiritualism. On the same note, Indian classical dance forms are no different and are built on the same principle to create a transcending effect on human lives through the portrayal of nature.

For example, in the famous composition called Chaliye Kunjan in Bharatanatyam, the Nayika demands her beloved partner to spend time with her by elaborating the propositions of nature. Such striking dance patterns and variations have been captured by several artists over the years who have closely followed the evolution of Indian Classical dance.

With widely prevalent painting techniques out there, the bond between art, nature and Indian classical dance forms a full circle through the rich and organic Watercolour paintings on the conventional dance forms of India. Exploring splendid watercolour paintings on Indian Classical Dance Watercolour is known as the master medium due to the fact that it brings

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instant involvement through the emotional quotient of the subject, artistically represented using pigment colours. Most eminent artists agree that Watercolour paintings are the best way to go about describing nature and the cultural variations in every country. In fact, Watercolour paintings play an important role in the diversity of arts.

1. Getting Started
To begin with, Dance is a very old tradition of India, which infuses the principle of celebration through spirituality. Most of the Indian classical Dance forms largely rely on devotional scriptures to narrate philosophical tales that enhance the quality of human life. These watercolour paintings are so emotionally absorbing that you get connected to the abstract world of Dance instantly.

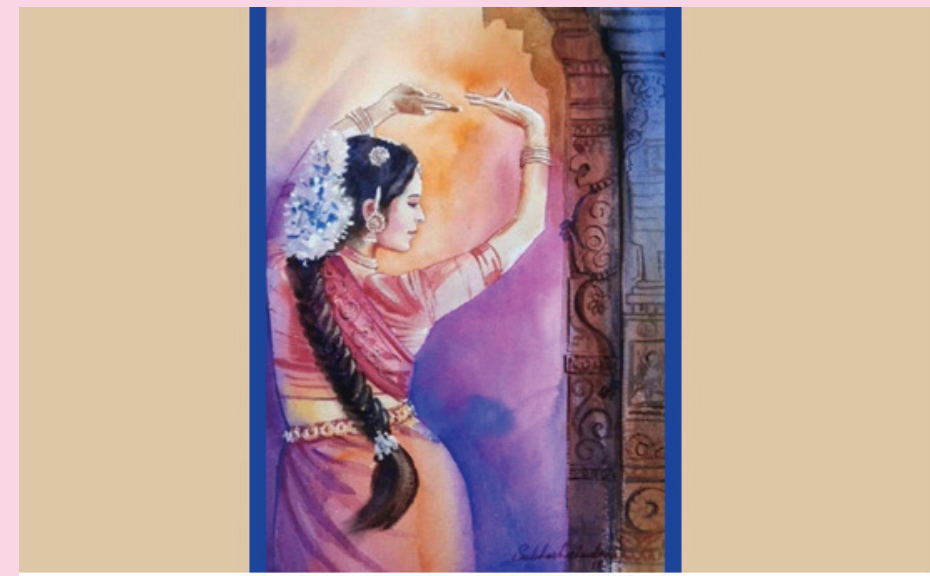
With time, India saw the development of ethnic dance forms and styles

For example, the animated Indian Folk dance painting of the "Namaskara" pose in Bharatanatyam is always a treat to watch for all Indian art enthusiasts. Similarly, the amazing Kathak watercolour paintings mostly capture the magnificent swirl with a dynamic splash of colours.

The best part about these classical dance forms are the varied attires and ornaments they use to propagate their art. Efficient artists who recreate these salient features in their paintings elevate the visual sense in the viewers for a rich profusion of emotions.

3. Discovering the inner beauty
Indian classical dance forms are nothing but expositions of the Divine in human form through various styles and storytelling techniques. The physical, spiritual and esoteric nature of these dance forms are complex in nature that they invoke a holistic effect on the viewer.

Watercolour painting on Indian Classical Dance seizes the moment by bringing out various untold emotions conveyed through eyes, hands and facial movements, allowing us to retrospect the hidden inner beauty



tions, culture, religions, languages, music and much more merge seamlessly, while also securing a well-crafted place for themselves in the dazzling aesthetic history of India. But what really integrates the ethnic beauty and the traditional identities of each Indian State and Union territories?? The sparkling manifestations of Art. Indian Art brings in various folds of art forms like painting, pottery, sculpture, weaving and much more under its wing for a stunning representation of Indian glory. While these art forms record the lively cultural diversity in India, they also become a part of the country's movement that intensifies the creative sensibilities of the masses. Putting the spotlight on Indian painting, the artistic expression found its way to the surface through channelled inspirations of individual artists.

As a matter of fact, Indian paintings have seen the light since the Indus valley civilization period, after which most artwork during the Kings' era was focused on murals and miniatures. At a time when classical melodies and divine dance forms took the centre stage,

through a dedicated platform with institutionalised procedures at the helm.

2. The blend of different cultures
Although there are only eight classical dance forms officially recognized in India, every State has its own dance culture, filled with different folk history and traditions. Some of the prominent classical dance forms originating from different States in India are Bharatanatyam, Kathak, Kuchipudi, Manipuri, Odissi and Kathakali from Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Manipur, Odisha and Kerala respectively. Bharatanatyam, which is based on the celestial rhythm of Carnatic music, along with Kuchipudi and Odissi are charismatic disciplines used to devote oneself to their supreme belief through the realms of Art. Kathak and Kathakali, both the dance forms are incredible tools of storytelling as they portray rooted tales of their place of origin.

that is absolutely enlightening. Impact of Indian Culture on Art It is very evident that the Indian Culture has impacted the entire Art spectrum positively with numerous mosaic fragments on the ever glorious history of the country.

To put it differently in an even more precise manner, there can be no better way to understand India's true colours other than exploring these radiant art works.

Having said that, whenever you feel far away from your culture and traditions in this constantly evolving modern world, feel free to purchase a watercolour painting on Indian classical dances or any other art form of your choice, for there is nothing like a Indian Wall Art that can take you back in time, allowing you to steer your own version of a satisfying alternate reality.

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

MUMBAI(KCN): 'Operation Khiladi' 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 known martial arts expert Chitah

Yajnes Shetty. The shooting of both the lot. Through Time Talent, we also train



films will start this year. people in action, music, dance etc and



The event was presented by Umesh M Shetty of Laxmi Narayan Group of Companies. On this occasion, Chitah Yajnes Shetty said, "I am grateful to Pravin Shah, Sagoon Wagh and their entire team of Time Video, they supported me a

Wagh, Sridevi Shetty Wagh, Sohail Khan, Bajwa, Rishi, Mukesh Kumar



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Sukhwinder Singh, Jayantilal Gada, Rajat Bedi, Chitah Yajnes Shetty, Sunny Singh, Gurmeet Choudhary, Rakhi Sawant, Isha Koppikar, Johnny Lever, Siddhant Kapoor, Arjun Jain, Umesh Shetty, Deviprasad Shetty, Manmohan Shetty, Satish Kaushik, Ashok Pandit, Anand Pandit, Narendra Hirwani, Ram Gowda, etc attended the party and made it successful.

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

Mumbai (KCN, Mumbai Tarang Mistry, Vice President General Secretary Rathod, Dilipbhai Remembering the



Sanjay Sharma Gujarati edition. On Raj): On the occasion of 45th death anniversary of Param Pujya Sant Shiromani Bajrangdas Bapa, a program of devotional songs and bhajans was organized by Shri Desai Sai-Sutar Gyati Mandal Mumbai on 22 January 2022 at Desai 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



dent Chhotubhai Kalabhai Gohil, Sunilbhai M Gohil, Patel etc. participated in the program. Shiromani



organization Shri Bachubhai Rohitbhai and became engaged in devotion. Bajrangdas Bapa from the heart.

Focus on Renewable Energy

NITI Aayog has recently published State Energy and Climate Index (SECI) 2022 with the objective of measuring the efforts of states



made in the climate and energy sector in India. The first such index, SECI 2022 provides detailed analysis of performances of individual states to help enhance the service delivery on various parameters of energy which have been devised keeping in view India's goal for climate change and clean energy transition.

The index consists of 27 indicators under six parameters namely DISCOM's performance; access, affordability and reliability, clean energy initiatives; energy efficiency; environmental sustainability and new initiatives. The states and UTs are categorised into three groups (front runners, achievers and aspirants) based on the composite SECI score calculated on relevant data provided by concerned ministries for the reference year 2019-20. Gujarat, Kerala and Punjab are top three performers among larger states, Goa, Tripura and Manipur are best performing states in smaller state categories and Chandigarh, Delhi and D&D/D&N are top performers amongst the UTs. Odisha is ranked at 16th and is placed in the achiever category.

Experts from different institutions and relevant ministries finalized the parameters and indicators following several rounds of deliberations and discussions. The institutes and ministries involved in the process of finalization of parameters and indicators included IIT Bombay, IIT Kanpur, TERI, CEEW, Prayas, Ministry of Power

(MoP), Central Electricity Authority (CEA), Ministry of

Pradeep Kumar Panda

Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG), Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), and Alliance for an Energy Efficient Economy (AEEE). The data was provided by different ministries such as CEA, PPAC and Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH). Parameters such as 'performance of DISCOMS' has been given 40% weightage; both 'access, affordability and reliability of energy' and 'clean energy initiatives' have been given 15% weightage each; 'environmental sustainability' and 'new initiatives' have been given 12% weightage each and 'energy efficiency' has been given 6% weightage in the overall index.

The country-level scores of each parameter are calculated as an average of the state-wise score for their respective parameters. The overall score for India works out to be 40.6. The average score at the national level for DISCOM's performance is 56.8. The average scores of the parameters 'access, affordability & reliability', and 'environmental sustainability' are 46.4 and 37.7 respectively. Similarly, the average scores of the parameters 'clean energy initiatives' and 'energy efficiency' are 22.2 and 29.1 respectively. The all-India average score for new initiatives is 11.1 which is the lowest among all parameters.

SECI score reveals that Gujarat, Kerala, Punjab, Haryana, Uttarakhand, and Maharashtra are the front-runners under the category of larger states. Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Assam, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal,

Bihar and Odisha are the achievers. However,

Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh fall under the aspirants category. Gujarat has achieved the highest score of 50.1 and Chhattisgarh has the lowest score of 31.7. Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and Orissa have greater scope for improvement in the parameters of 'clean energy initiatives', 'energy efficiency', 'environmental sustainability' and 'new initiatives'. Among the smaller states, Goa and Tripura are front-runners, Manipur is achiever and remaining smaller states fall in the category of aspirants. The highest score of 51.4 was achieved by Goa and the lowest score of 27 by Arunachal Pradesh. All the small states are performing average in the category of environmental sustainability and access, affordability & reliability with scores in range of 55-40 and 60-30 respectively.

In the third category of UTs, D&N/D&D, Chandigarh, Delhi and Puducherry are in the category of front-runners with a score of 53.2, 55.7, 55.6, and 48.5 respectively. J&K, A&N, and Lakshadweep fall in the category of aspirants with scores 29.3, 29.4, and 26.9 respectively. In terms of the first parameter of DISCOM's performance, four UTs have scored above all India average and the overall score is in the range of 25-75. Similarly, in terms of the second parameter, three UTs have scored above all India average and the overall score is in the range of 25-61. Except Delhi, all other UTs' performance on energy efficiency parameter needs improvement. On the parameter of clean energy initiatives, Chandigarh, D&D/D&N, and Delhi are performing well with scores of 69.2, 68.6, and 67.6 respectively.

Odisha has secured the SECI score of 37.1 (Overall rank 22 and Category rank 16) and comes under the category of achievers. Odisha's scores in different parameters such as 'DISCOM's performance'; 'access, affordability and reliability'; 'environmental sustainability'; 'energy efficiency'; 'clean energy initiative'; and 'new initiatives' are 59.0, 57.4, 22.6, 21.8, 4.8, and 0.9 respectively. Odisha has secured relatively better score in two parameters namely 'DISCOM's performance' (59.0) and 'Access, affordability and reliability' (57.4). However, in 'clean energy initiatives' parameter, its score is fourth lowest (4.8) among the larger states and it is placed just above Assam (4.3), Jharkhand (2.9) and Chhattisgarh (2.1). Similarly, in 'new initiatives' parameter, its score is 0.9 which is the third lowest among the larger states and it is just above Telangana (0.4) and Andhra Pradesh (0). In the parameters of 'energy efficiency' (21.8) and 'environmental sustainability' (22.6), the state has greater scope of improvement.

The state needs to take concerted efforts in the areas of clean cooking fuel (LPG), renewable energy penetration (solar and wind energy), and CNG vehicle penetration. The state also needs to implement new initiatives related to electronic vehicle penetration and developing charging infrastructure for electric mobility. There is also huge scope for energy savings in commercial and public buildings and utilization of renewable energy potential in the states. Therefore, the state government needs to take several proactive policy reforms, put in place enabling institutional frameworks and incentive mechanisms in order to promote suitable energy and environmental sustainable measures.

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Aambedkar: The saviour of poor

The mission of Aambedkar's life was the establishment of human dignity, development of self-respect among the



downtrodden classes and attainment of self-salvation. In a word, it was man-making! Aambedkar was a great teacher who taught the common man to have belief in his potential power, to rouse it up, to develop it, and to stand on his own feet. Man should not think that he was a mere nobody, that he was good for nothing and that he was a helpless log. His advice to the down-trodden classes, and especially to young men, was exemplary. He asked them to rely on their self, on their own efforts, to trust and exercise their own intelligence and to seek refuge in reason. To him nothing was more sacred than learning. Nature made none a slave. No man was born a dullard. He recalled to students the glorious traditions and untiring industry, high aims and high sense of public life of Ranade, Tilak and Gokhale. He related to his people the story from the Greek mythology of the Godless Demeter who tried to develop superman's power in a child by keeping it on fire every day.

His message to his people was that they should strive endlessly, sacrifice the present pleasures for a great future and should go through the ordeal of fire and sacrifice till they attained their goal. "You must have a firm belief in the sacredness of your goal. Noble is your aim and sublime and glorious is your mission. Blessed are those who are awakened to their duty to those among whom they are born. Glory to those who devote their time, talents and their all to the annihilation of slavery. Glory to those who would keep on their struggle for the liberation of the enslaved in spite

of heavy odds, carping humiliations, storms

Uma Sankar Prasad

and dangers till the down-trodden secure their human rights".

Aambedkar, therefore, did not like that his hungry men should envelop themselves in the coils of Bhakti, the cult of devotion, the opium of helplessness. He asked the common man not to resign himself to his fate and accept his positions as a divine dispensation. The ignorant people believed that their fate was pre-appointed and irrevocable. Aambedkar wanted to root out this disease from their minds. Like Vivekananda, he told them that it was sentimental nonsense which made them important. For Bhakti made their nerves soft, delicate and yielding.

Aambedkar tried to divert the minds of the down-trodden from the thought of life after death to their present life of degradation. He wanted them to enjoy material amenities and to bring themselves up to the cultural level of the majority. This was an antidote to the demoralized and dehumanized minds of the scheduled caste people who had been made to accept their position as a divine dispensation. At the same time, to the more advanced men and societies he softly warned that material comfort is by no means the solvent of all human ills. Man does not live by bread alone. He is a cultural being.

That is why thinking people regarded the life of Aambedkar, who was one of the greatest protestant Hindu leaders of modern India, as a phase in the renaissance of Hinduism and in the reorganization of Hindu social order. The first renaissance of Hinduism was inaugurated by the Upanishads with their stream of new thoughts when the gods, priests and sacrifices receded into the background. With the resurgence of orthodox priests and ideas of sacrifices, decadence set in again

with added vigour. At this time the Buddha

came forward to rejuvenate and recognize the social and religious systems of the Hindus. He attacked the priestcraft, the institution of sacrifice and stood for the abolition of the ramifications in society.

With the rise of Sankaracharya Hinduism style absorbed Buddhist principles, but tightened its hold on the caste system and karmakand. Then came another revival with the spiritual teachings of Ramanuja, Chakradhar, Kabir, Ramananda, Nanak, Chaitanya, Namdeo and other saint poets of Maharashtra. The fourth phase began with the rise of Ram Mohan Roy, Phooley, Ranade, Dayananda and Vivekananda carried forward by Savarkar on a rationalistic basis. Gandhiji's contribution was more of a humanitarian nature than a social one.

Aambedkar's movement saw the fifth phase of the renaissance of Hinduism and reorganization of the Hindu social order. His revolt against Hinduism and Hindu society was volcanic and varies from the Buddha to Veer Savarkar; for Aambedkar was the first great revolutionary leader who rose for the first time from among the oppressed people during the history of over two thousand years of their slavery. He started not only a war against Hinduism and Hindu social order but also a mental revolution unprecedented in the history of Hinduism, to purify and revolutionize Hinduism, to reorganize and degradation. His contribution, therefore, to Hinduism and to Hindustan will be considered greater than that of most of the modern Hindu Leaders like Ram Mohan Roy, Dayananda and Vivekananda; for, unlike them, he was contributed to the constitutional and political thought and development of this country.

Aambedkar wanted reorganization of the Hindu social order on the basis of liberty, equality and fraternity. In other words, on the basis of social equality and democracy. He demanded liberation of Hindu society from casteism and priestcraft. If the Hindu acted up to his principals, they would be a free people a living, movable race, a moving society. According to his social philosophy, every Hindu must have the liberty to associate in all legitimate ways with his co-religionists. The Hindus must build a common Social Code. If they had the freedom to marry among themselves, to dine together, to work together in all spheres of life, they would become a united people, and would have ability to grow and to assimilate new members in their fold. Aambedkar was for one national language, the Hindi: one common script, the Nagari. He expected all classes to do their own thinking. It was not good for them to leave thinking to a certain section of the society which called itself the custodian knowledge. They should develop the ability to think over the problems which affected their destiny, religion and country. Thus his social philosophy appealed to the Hindus to liberate Hinduism and Solidify Hindu Society, and to revitalize the Hindu thought and abolish the caste system and the touch-me-not-ism. Indeed his emphasis on the abolition of the caste system was so great that like Karl Marx, who sent the expression class struggle resounding throughout the world, Aambedkar sent the expression caste system reverberating throughout the world. It is, therefore clear that his was the cause of Hindu Society, the cause of the country, the cause of humanity. The service rendered to the scheduled Caste Hindus was service rendered to the cause the poorest of the poor in the world.

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Man hacks 5 family members to death over property dispute

CUTTACK: A 42-year-old man hacked five members of his family to death over a property dispute in Kusupur village under Mahanga police

house and on finding it locked from outside, informed the police. IIC of Mahanga police station Nihar Ranjan Mohanty, Salepur

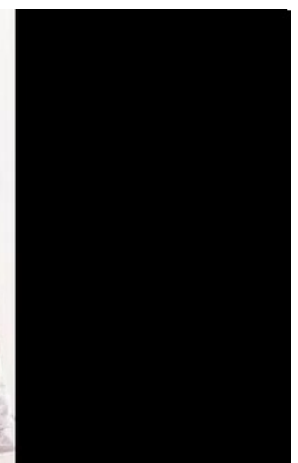
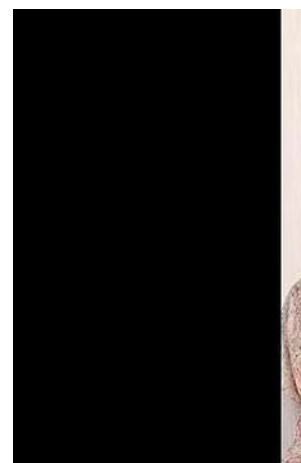
law," said Shiva in the video. According to the investigators, there was a long standing dispute between the two brothers over

sleeping inside their room at about 2.30 am. He then locked the house from outside and made the video before giving himself up.

Basing on the preliminary investigation, IG of Police (central range) Narasingha Bhol told mediapersons that all the five members of the family were murdered in very scientific manner as the accused had resorted to cut the wrist veins. They died of profuse bleeding while asleep.

"Sedation of the deceased persons by the accused before the crime may not be ruled out. While post-mortem reports are awaited, the accused will be thoroughly interrogated to ascertain the involvement of any other person," Bhol said.

Locals, though, suspected involvement of more persons. "How was he able to hack five people without any resistance? None of us heard anyone scream. He went ahead to shoot a video and then travel to Balichandrapur," said a local.



limits of the district in the wee hours on Tuesday. The accused Shiva Prasad Sahoo surrendered at Balichandrapur police station in Jajpur hours after allegedly killing his brother Alekh Chandra Sahoo (46), sister-in-law Rashmi Rekha (41), niece Smruti Sandhya (19) and nephews Smruti Sai (18) and Smruti Saurav (16).

The matter came to light when the accused, a driver by profession, shot a video admitting to have killed the five family members and sent it to some villagers. Locals then rushed to Alekh's

SDPO Bimal Barik with a scientific team broke open the door in the presence of the local executive magistrate to find mutilated bodies of the five lying in a pool of blood.

In the video, Shiva said his brother and the other family members were torturing him over family dispute for a long time and on Monday, all the five had assaulted him. "I lost my mental balance and killed them in a fit of rage. I am going to surrender at Balichandrapur as I have no means to go to Mahanga police station. I am ready to face action as per the

partition of their land and household assets. As a result, Shiva had been residing separately along with his family in a rented house at Nanpur under Balichandrapur police limits, around five km away from Kusupur.

Shiva said, he had come to Kusupur on Monday evening and had a quarrel with his elder brother's family over property. Alekh and his family members allegedly assaulted him. In a fit of rage, he allegedly took a chopper and hacked Alekh, his wife, daughter and two sons to death while they were

PM Modi expected to attend G7 summit in Germany

NEW DELHI: Will they? Won't they? This has been the most discussed news in the diplomatic circles today after some reports appeared indicat-

Schloss Elmau in the Bavarian Alps. Germany is chairing the grouping for the third time. The member countries of the G7 include US, UK,

(which got cancelled due to the pandemic) and the UK too invited India, but due to Covid PM Modi attended the summit virtually.

between Russia and Ukraine.

"I have repeatedly asked the Presidents of Russia and Ukraine to speak directly to each other and seek a



ing that the host for this year's G7 Summit, Germany, would not invite India.

However, the rumours have been quashed and sources say that not just India, but even South Africa, Senegal and Indonesia are likely to be invited to the summit which will be held between June 26 to 28 at

France, Germany, Japan, Canada and Italy.

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This will be India's fourth consecutive invitation to G7 since 2019. India was invited by France as a goodwill partner in 2019, US had invited India in 2020

"The summit is more than two months away, and we can't seem to figure out what triggered this debate," say sources. The world has been under pressure to take a tough stand against Russia amidst the conflict in Ukraine. India has been maintaining that peace can be achieved only through a dialogue

resolution through a dialogue," PM Modi said recently while virtually interacting with US President Joe Biden, prior to the 2+2 ministerial summit.

PM Modi is expected to meet German Chancellor Olaf Scholz next month for the 6th Indo German Inter-Governmental Consultations.

Naveen inaugurates Biju adventure park at Gopalpur



BHUBANESWAR: Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Tuesday virtually inaugurated Biju Adventure Park at Gopalpur. He said that it will promote tourism in Gopalpur and attract youngsters towards adventure sports.

The park has been developed with a

cost estimate of Rs 2.5 crore. It has been named after Biju Patnaik, as an honour to his aviation skills and his aptitude for adventures. The park has many facilities including River Crossing Zip Line. For the first time ever in Odisha, a River Crossing Zip Line course has been

set up across a stretch of 250 metre. This will give a panoramic view of the serene and scenic Gopalpur beach. Other facilities in the park are a 40 feet giant swing, air gun shooting, bungee trampoline, mechanical bull ride, netted cricket and all terrain vehicle rides.

Many other adventure sports activities like rock climbing, rappelling, dashing cars, zorbing are in the pipeline and will be operationalised very soon to cater to more tourists and enhance the global tourist footprint for Gopalpur, a release by the Chief Minister's office said.

Contractor death: Congress demands arrest of Karnataka minister Eshwarappa on murder charge

NEW DELHI: Stepping up the ante against the BJP over the death of a civil contractor in Karnataka, the Congress on Wednesday said arresting minister K S Eshwarappa on murder and corruption charges is the only way to ensure justice. Congress general sec-

Eshwarappa on murder and corruption charges is the only way to give justice to a BJP worker," Surjewala said. "Why is PM silent? Why is CM mum? Why is BJP president quiet? The deafening silence of BJP points to complicity in corruption at the highest

and anger of family cannot be described in words. The Congress will fight for justice to Santosh Patil. Our demands are arrest Eshwarappa, add section 302 (punishment for murder) of the IPC and sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act to the FIR, release Rs 4 crore pay-

thorough and transparent investigation, Eshwarappa rejected the demand for his resignation. In his purported suicide note sent by WhatsApp to some media houses, Patil, who hails from Belagavi district, allegedly held Eshwarappa respon-



retary and chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala also questioned the silence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and BJP president J P Nadda on the death of Santosh Patil who had levelled bribery charges against the senior minister earlier. Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Minister Eshwarappa has been booked for abetment of suicide based on a complaint from Prashanth Patil, the brother of the deceased.

The 37-year-old contractor, who claimed to be a BJP worker, was found dead at a lodge in Udipi in a case of suspected suicide on Tuesday. "Arresting Minister

echelons of power," the Congress leader said on Twitter. He also alleged that the BJP is mired in corruption in Karnataka and it is time to show them the door. "Top to bottom, the entire BJP Govt is mired in the muck of corruption. Time to show BJP the door in Karnataka," Surjewala said, after the president of contractors' association in Karnataka alleged that the chief minister's office was involved in the matter. Surjewala also met the family of the deceased contractor in Belgaum and assured that the party would fight to ensure justice to them. He was accompanied by several state Congress leaders. "The pain, anguish

ment for contract and Rs 1 crore compensation to the family and a government job for his wife. The Congress will give Rs 11 lakh assistance to the family in this hour of grief," he said. The death of the contractor triggered a huge political row with the Congress demanding the resignation of Eshwarappa or his dismissal from the Cabinet. The Congress also urged state Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot to dismiss Eshwarappa from the Council of Ministers, even as the embattled BJP leader called for a probe into the "conspiracy" behind the death of Patil. While Chief Minister Bommai said the police would conduct a

sible for his death. A defiant Eshwarappa, however, maintained he was not at fault and said he had even filed a defamation suit against Patil after the contractor had alleged that the Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (RDPR) Minister had demanded 40 per cent commission for some works. On March 30, Patil, who had claimed that he was a BJP worker, said he had executed a work in the RDPR department and wanted the payment due to him but Eshwarappa allegedly demanded 40 per cent commission in the Rs 4 crore work, prompting the opposition Congress to dub the BJP dispensation in Karnataka as a "40 per cent sarkar".

Chaitra Yatra concludes at Tara Tarini

BERHAMPUR(KCN): Around one lakh people across Ganjam visited the hill top shrine of Tara Tarini, the presiding deity of the district, on the last Tuesday of the Chaitra

Mela. Braving the scorching sun, devotees waited since early hours for the temple door to open, to offer puja to the deity. 5T secretary VK Pandian and wife Sujata Pandian ac-

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to Bhubaneswar, the 5T secretary reviewed the ongoing works at the temple.

Every year, thousands of people from Ganjam and other districts besides neighbouring Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal visit the shrine during Chaitra month. On every Tuesday during the holy month, devotees traverse 999 steps to reach the temple while many get their children tonsured.

Prabasi Odias Extend Warm Felicitations to Kishore Dwibedi

Noida(KCN): Non Resident Odias accorded warm Felicitations to World Odisha Society

Bhal said that As an Odia, he is feeling proud for Shri Dwibedi's Painsaking endeavour in uniting Odias of different countries under one WOS forum. Advocate P K Tripathy wished Luck to WOS. Fame Poet Sujata Shiven prayed Lord Jagannath to continue to bless Shri Dwibedi In his tireless task of ensuring unity among Odia Diaspora worldwide.



(WOS)'s Chairman Kishore Dwibedi. Participating in a felicitation ceremony jointly hosted by High Five Global Networks and Prabasi Odia Organisations of National Capital Region, distinguished dignitaries extended a rousing reception to Shri Dwibedi and Wished all round success of WOS under his able leadership. Organised at the sector - 2, Noida, Headquarter of High Five Global Networks the glittering celebration witnessed tremendous enthusiasm and awesome euphoria amongst the Friends, Colleagues, Fans, Followers and Well Wishers of Shri Dwibedi and members of World Odisha Society. Shri Dwibedi was back to Delhi last week after spending almost two years of confinement in Bhubaneswar due to Covid restrictions.

Delivering welcome address Main Organiser the Founder of High Five CA Sudhir Dash lauded the unparalleled leadership qualities of Shri Dwibedi. In case we equate the plethora of Prabasi Odia organizations as umbrellas Kishore Dwibedi has the strength to raise mountain Girl Gobardhan on their heads to protect them, Dash added. Founder of Odisha Positive and Leading legal luminary Sanjib Mohanty exuded confidence that with the re arrival of Kishore bhai, Delhi Darbar has again got back it's lost glory and has become active and lively. Mentioning that Shri Dwibedi could successfully unite Odias worldwide under one platform Joint General Secretary of WOS's India Chapter Nibedita Giri, applauded his accomplishments. The Director of High Five Yogendra Singh pointed out that



Shri Dwibedi has the unique magnetic quality to connect with public. Senior Journalist Jaiprakash Pandey said that Kishore bhai has the rare acumen to mix up with all stratas of people in society. Young Journalist Sahashransu Mohapatra Observed that his generation of mediemen have been greatly influenced by the writings of Shri Dwibedi.

Secretary of Jagannath Temple committee in Noida's Sector 121 Manoranjan Mohanty, FCA emphasised that Shri Dwibedi's personality has been the source of Tremendous inspiration to Odias and Non - Odias of National Capital Region.

Admiring the fighting spirit of Shri Dwibedi, Director of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation Dr. Debendra Majhi declared that Kishore bhai has always been a winning warrior. Youth Team Member of WOS Nandan Dwibedi described his father as a dynamic person. Noted Physician Dr Pawan Gupta expressed satisfaction that World Odisha Society has been earning laurels under the efficient Stewardship of Shri Dwibedi. Ace Entrepreneur Bimal



Shree Jagannath Temple in Hauz Khas by the Secretary of Management Committee Ravi Pradhan. Others who were present include senior Advocate Abani Sahu, Khirod Patra, Aphisar Rout, convener of mother tongue movement Pabitra Maharath and manager of the temple Rashmi Ranjan Behera. Former Union Minister Jual Oram was the Chief Guest during a get together arranged by industry consultant Ramesh Sahu at Ananda lok in honour Of Kishore Dwibedi.



Roy also visited the shrine. Before returning

Kolkata B.Tech boy develops software to prevent sexual harrassement

Proud to state Souvik Ghosh, a B.Tech-



Third Year Applied Instrumentation and Engineering student from Heritage Institute of Technology had developed a Computer Vision Software which

works on artificial intelligence and can

prevent sexual harrassement through surveillance cameras. The device will start playing a loud alarm or siren sound upon registering the fist. This would alert the

citizens around the vicinity. Alternatively, if the person shows their index finger or points to number one, the system will directly inform the police. Souvik named the Software 'SATHI' and feels that this can help to prevent sexual abuse which is day by day increasing in our country.

'My interests lie in data science, computer vision and deep learning. Along with a tech enthusiast, I am also a social worker and an active member of Rotaract Club, Heritage Institute of technology. I realized that harassment happens in crowded places and many women feel hesitant to bring it to notice or shout in public

places. They fail to react. This has motivated me to develop 'SATHI'," said Souvik. "At Heritage Institute of Technology, we provide a broad based research platform where students can invent some real time projects which can give solutions to many problems faced by people across the Country," said P.K. Agarwal, CEO, Heritage Group of Institutions, Kolkata. "Souvik is really a hard working student and his analytical approach is appreciable," said Dr. Madhura Chattopadhyay, Head of the Department, Applied Electronics & Instrumentation Engineering, Heritage Institute of Technology Kolkata.



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RBI may hike repo rate by 25 bps in June: Report

MUMBAI: With the Reserve Bank of India prioritising inflation overgrowth, the repo rate is likely to be hiked by at least 25 basis points in June,

yearly basis in March 2022 as compared to 6.07 per cent in February 2022 mainly on account of spiralling food prices. The Russia-Ukraine

being higher than CPI food prices, which indicated incomplete pass through of prices. The gap was 4.7 per cent in January 2022

FY23. This is higher than RBI inflation at 5.7 per cent," the report said. Inflation prints are now likely to stay higher than 7 per cent



SBI's Ecowrap report said on Wednesday. In its monetary policy announced last week, the RBI had left the repo rate unchanged at 4 per cent. The six-member monetary panel also decided to remain accommodative while focusing on withdrawal of accommodation to ensure that inflation remains within the target going forward, while supporting growth. "We now expect a 25 basis point (bps) rate hike each in June and August, with a cumulative rate hike of 75 basis points in the (interest rate hardening) cycle," the report said on Wednesday. Retail inflation, as measured by Consumer Price-based Index (CPI), surged to 6.95 per cent on

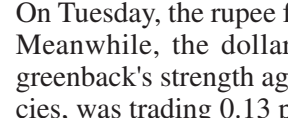
conflict has significantly impacted the trajectory of inflation. The March 2022 inflation print shows wheat, protein items (chicken in particular), milk, refined oil, potato, chillies, kerosene, firewood, gold and LPG contributing to the overall inflation in a substantive manner. The conflict has pushed up prices of chicken abruptly as chicken feed imports from Ukraine are getting disrupted. The pressure on sunflower oil supplies from Ukraine has led to changes in export policy from Indonesia, thereby leading to lower palm oil imports, the report said. There was a huge gap between WPI and CPI food inflation with WPI food prices

and it has now reduced to 2.3 per cent. "We have already taken the impact of this pass through of WPI food inflation to CPI food inflation while estimating our average CPI of 5.5-6 per cent (oil price of USD 95-USD 100 per barrel)," the report said. The report's estimates show that one per cent increase in the Minimum Support Price (MSP) leads to a rise of four basis points in CPI inflation. "Thus, overall higher MSP should lead to upside risk to CPI inflation of 48-60 bps over our earlier inflation forecast of 5.8 per cent. Thus, taking the impact of MSP on inflation, CPI inflation could be pushed above 6 per cent in

till September, it said, adding that beyond September, inflation prints could hover in the range of 6.5-7 per cent. "Our FY23 inflation forecast is now closer to 6.5 per cent, taking into account the possibility of an extended food price shock," the report said. It further said given that the spread between G-sec (Government Securities) yields and repo rate jumps in an increasing interest rate cycle, G-Sec yields could touch 7.75 per cent by September. "We believe, RBI will keep the G-Sec yields capped at 7.5 per cent through unconventional policy measures," it said.

Rupee slips 3 paise to settle at 76.18 against US Dollar

MUMBAI: The rupee declined 3 paise to close at 76.18 (provisional) against the US dollar on Wednesday, tracking the strength of the greenback in the overseas market and weak domestic macroeconomic data. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened lower at 76.15 against the American currency, then slipped further to 76.26. It finally settled at 76.18, down 3 paise over its previous close.



On Tuesday, the rupee fell 24 paise to end at 76.15. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.13 per cent higher at 100.42. "The US Dollar index broke above the USD 100 mark (a level that was last seen in May, 2020) post the CPI data release yesterday," according to Emkay Global Financial Services. The US CPI report released on Tuesday showed that inflation in the United States rose to a four-decade high of 8.50 per cent in March.

Pakistan government directs interior ministry to renew Nawaz Sharif, Ishaq Dar's passports

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Panama Papers case. Nawaz Sharif left for London in 2019 after the Lahore High Court granted him four-week permission to go abroad for his treatment. He had given an undertaking to the Lahore High Court to return to Pakistan, citing his record to face the process of law and justice within four weeks or as soon as he is declared healthy and fit to travel by doctors. The previous Khan-led government had refused to renew Nawaz Sharif's passport after it expired in February last year, but then-interior minister Sheikh Rasheed had said if the PML-N supremo wanted to return, he could be issued a special certificate. Nawaz Sharif was given bail in the Al-Azizia Mills corruption case in which he was serving seven-year imprisonment in Lahore's Kot Lakhpat jail. The court has declared him a proclaimed offender (PO) in the Toshakhana case. In December last year amid escalated political activities, a debate erupted over the rumours of the PML-N supremo's possible return to Pakistan, but his party maintained that Nawaz would return after he has fully recovered. Although PML-N parliamentarian Javed Latif on Monday has claimed that Nawaz Sharif will return to the country after Eid which will be celebrated in the first week of May, the party spokesperson has asserted that nothing is final on his comeback till he is declared fit to travel by his doctors.

Two buried alive at JSW dumping yard in Ballari, police launch investigation

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The locals have now requested the administration to install a boundary for the restricted area. Jambaiiah KS, a social activist from Sultanpur village said that dumping yards and burning waste is causing harm to the village for many years. "There is no security to the dumping yard unit and many times poor people enter the area illegally looking for the scrap material. It's the negligence on part of JSW and the company should provide compensation to the deceased," he demanded. A spokesperson from the JSW Steel Plant, Ballari, said that the investigation is underway. "There has been the death of two persons in the dumping yard. Our teams have visited the place," the spokesperson said.

Capital Foundation Day: Bhubaneswar MP Aparajita Sarangi not invited to function, seeks inquiry

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to know about the reason behind the omission of my name and about the person or persons responsible for it," she said. Sarangi shot off the letter to the Chief Minister hours after she took to micro-blogging site Twitter seeking to know the reason she was not invited to take part in the function. Minister and Bhubaneswar Ekamra MLA Ashok Chandra Panda who urged all not to drag the event into controversy, however, agreed that the Capital Foundation Day event should be organised in a more disciplined manner involving everyone.

Relationship between India and US has strength and comfort level to discuss all issues: Jaishankar

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progress, were a set of issues which came up," he said. Observing that the Ukraine conflict has also had a very direct impact on the global economy, he said they discussed the energy situation at some length, food security of all countries, and what could be done, along with the humanitarian situation and what different countries are doing. "Other than the Ukraine situation, we spent a fair amount of time on the Indo-Pacific reviewing what had been the progress in September," he said, adding that the preparation is on for the next Quad summit meeting in Japan.

"The President and the Prime Minister spoke about it. It was sort of fairly detailed, where are we, what more do we have to do between now and the next time we meet, and how do we take it forward," he said. There was a lot of discussion about more economic activities in the Indo-Pacific, what is it that different countries can do and especially what is it that the Quad can do to really promote greater economic cooperation in that region, he said. "There was interest, on some developments in the Indian subcontinent. There have been difficulties in Sri Lanka. There have been changes in Pakistan. There was a little bit of discussion on what all has recently happened in Nepal, Myanmar," he said, adding that they are typical of India-US interaction. Jaishankar said the two countries updated each other about Afghanistan, and what have been the developments there and there were some discussions on the Gulf situation. "We got a sense on where things are in regard to the JCPOA," he said, referring to the talks on the Iranian nuclear deal. On global issues, the two countries had discussions on COVID, health response, vaccine supplies, climate change, energy, and post Glasgow, how the two countries can work together and the global economy as a whole, apart from energy and food. "We spoke about terrorism, about our cooperation in the UN Security Council committees, FATF. There was - in our 2+2 format - some exchange of views on defence, including how American companies could come in more strongly in Make in India policies," he said.

There was some talk on the critical and emerging technologies on issues like 5G and reliable supply chains also, he added. Responding to a question on the CAATSA sanctions, Jaishankar said it is for the Americans to decide. "That's essentially for them to sort out. I mean, it is their legislation and whatever has to be done is to be done by the administration," he said. Jaishankar said there was no specific request from the US for India to mediate on the Ukrainian situation. "No, there was no specific message or shall I say, coming in communication, which was suggested to us. That's not quite how it works. What you are having at this point of time are a set of countries who have relations. We will have relations with all the parties concerned," he said.

Asserting that the Ukraine situation is something that worries everybody, he said it not just worries everybody, it also has consequences for most people. "So, there is a natural interest in the international community to say, what can we do to help ease the situation," he said. "Our discussions with the Americans was more about what is it we can all do to, first of all, encourage an early secession of hostilities? That's where we believe that the focus should be. And we do think, a large part of the international community and many other countries, some of whom have also taken very active interests, think along very similar lines," Jaishankar said.

Poet Wansoo Kim's poetry book "Heart Of God (Chinese Translation)" touches Amazon #1 best seller



Bengaluru (KCN): Wansoo Kim is a poet and author from South Korea. He achieved Ph. D. in English literature in Korea. He is a retired professor. He has published 28 books so far. He has got many prestigious awards such as World Peace Litera-

ture Prize(2004) and WORLD POETIC PILLAR(2021). Using a combination of Biblical study, spiritual growth, prayer and meditation, he has developed a deep understanding of life questions that are difficult to answer. He has developed a unique

style of writing that incorporates dialogues with Jesus. These conversations will capture the reader into an understanding of spiritual growth and development through an easy-to-read manner. The book is a treasure for every reader who believes in God.

Pandemic life had created a lot of mental traumas and an open conversation with someone close to you is of great help. A conversation with God can be life saving. The book contains elements that are natural. The book is widely appreciated.

Spanish city of Malaga to host Davis Cup Finals in 2022-23

MADRID: The late Spain after the first announced.



ter stages of the Davis Cup Finals will be played in the southern Spanish city of Málaga in November, organizers said Wednesday. The revamped tennis competition will remain in

two editions were played in Madrid. The group phase will be played from Sept. 14-18 in the Italian city of Bologna, the Scottish city of Glasgow, the German city of Hamburg and a fourth city yet to be

Innsbruck, Austria, and Turin, Italy, hosted group matches this year along with Madrid. The quarterfinals, semifinals and final will all be in Málaga from Nov. 21-27 on indoor hard courts. The

city will also host the final stages in 2023, the International Tennis Federation and organizing group Kosmos Tennis said. Málaga had been one of the cities chosen to host group matches this year but it will now be replaced after being selected for the finals.

There had been speculation that Abu Dhabi would be the new host for the Davis Cup Finals but some players and team captains had expressed concerns with having to travel there late in the season.

Northern Ireland's women's football team coach apologises for 'more emotional than men' remark

LONDON: The coach of Northern Ireland's women's team apologized on Wednesday for saying girls and women are susceptible to conceding multiple goals in a short space of time be-

cause they are "more emotional than men". Kenny Shiels provoked criticism for the comments he made after his team's 5-0 loss to England on Tuesday which ended Northern Ireland's chances of qualifying for next year's Women's World Cup.

the 26th minute. Northern Ireland let in four more goals in a 27-minute span in the second half. Shiels' team conceded three goals in nine minutes against Austria on Friday.

sage that your words can carry. "We all know - and we get it drilled into us as footballers - the five minutes after you concede a goal, the five minutes after you score a goal across the board, not just in



cause they are "more emotional than men". Kenny Shiels provoked criticism for the comments he made after his team's 5-0 loss to England on Tuesday which ended Northern Ireland's chances of qualifying for next year's Women's World Cup. "In the women's game, you'll have noticed, I'm sure you will if you go through the patterns," the 65-year-old Shiels said in the post-match news conference, "when a team concedes a goal, they concede a second one within a very

very well". In a statement released on Wednesday, Shiels said he was "sorry for the offense that (the comments) have caused". "Last night was a special occasion for the women's game in Northern Ireland and I am proud to manage a group of players who are role models for so many girls, and boys, across the country. I am an advocate for the women's game and passionate about developing opportunities for women and girls to flourish," he said. After conceding the opening goal against England in

Shiels, who has coached Northern Ireland since 2019 after nearly three decades managing in the men's game, described the second goal in such a situation as "an emotional goal". Former England and Arsenal striker Ian Wright said Shiels was "talking foolishness". "Talking about emotional women!" Wright wrote on Twitter. "Didn't that man see how many times I was crying on the PITCH!" Siobhan Chamberlain, the former goalkeeper for England's women team, said Shiels needed to be "aware of the mes-

women's football, in men's football as well, you're more likely to concede a goal, you're more likely to potentially go on to score again. That's not just in the women's game, that's in the men's game as well. And to just generalize that to women is a slightly bizarre comment," she told the BBC. Northern Ireland played in front of a crowd of 15,348 at Windsor Park in Belfast - a record for a women's match in the country. The team has reached the European Championship for the first time and will face Norway, Austria and host England in group play in July.

'Mental strain' of leading India may be taking toll on Rohit Sharma in IPL 2022: Graeme Smith

MUMBAI: Former South Africa skipper Graeme Smith feels the "mental strain" of leading the Indian team across formats may be taking a toll on Rohit Sharma in the ongoing IPL. Rohit's Mumbai Indians, who have

order. Gets them off to a start, sets up the game that allows everyone else to play. When he is scoring runs MI are going to win a lot of the time," he said.

Besides enduring four straight losses as the team's skipper, the opener has managed to score just 80 runs at an average of 20. Smith said that Rohit regaining his touch with the willow makes things easier for MI. "He's just such a key player. If you look at the line-up, Rohit, an outstanding player, hasn't found form.



won the IPL a record five times, are yet to open their account in the 15th edition of the lucrative league, having lost all their four matches so far.

This after the swashbuckling opener has led India to white-ball series victories against the West Indies and Sri Lanka followed by a Test series at home against the islanders. "This is the first tournament he is captaining MI since becoming India's white-ball captain. Does that mental strain take a toll in the IPL? It's something to consider," Smith was quoted as saying by 'Cricket.com'.

Rohit was appointed India's full-time Test captain in February with his first assignment being the series against Sri Lanka in March. For his franchise this season, Rohit has not been at his best with the bat and Smith, one of South Africa's finest captains, wondered if it has to do with him leading the country across formats. "Rohit is the energy at the top of the

You've got Ishan Kishan, Suryakumar Yadav injured for a couple of games. He has now come in and is looking good and then Pollard as the power finisher. You've got Brevis there but he's a young man. That's a very strong batting line-up," he said.

Ahead of the multiple-time IPL winners' match against Punjab Kings, Smith called for left-arm spin bowling West Indies all-rounder Fabian Allen's inclusion in the playing XI. "I've got for Tymal Mills to try and show some support to Bumrah. I've gone for Fabian Allen as well," Smith said, citing the presence of many right-handers in the Punjab Kings line-up.

"My reason for that Punjab have a largely right-handed batting line-up and I like the fact he can spin the ball away from them and that will provide Rohit Sharma with another useful option and lengthens the batting line-up slightly," Smith reasoned.

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