

Amit Shah to be on 3-day visit to MP, Bihar and Puducherry from April 22-24

NEW DELHI (KCN): Union Home Minister Amit Shah will be on a three-day trip to Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Puducherry between April 22 and April 24, top government sources said.



During the visit, Shah will be in Madhya Pradesh on April 22 followed by Bihar on April 23 and Puducherry on April 24. On April 22, the Home Minister will be participating in the 48th All India Police Science Congress (AIPSC) meeting in Bhopal as the chief guest at 11 am. Madhya Pradesh Police in association with the Home Ministry and the Bureau of Police Research and Development is organising the event

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Veer Kunwar Singh on April 23. Shah will also attend a program in Jagdishpur in Bihar's Arrah district on the same day in which Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) workers will be present with 75 thousand flags.

"The programme will be a non-political event. The coming generation will be informed about the sacrifice of Veer Kunwar Singh. The programme will be organised under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to celebrate the 75th year of India's independence," said sources. On April 23, the Home Minister will reach Puducherry to attend an event.

Char Dham Yatra: Uttarakhand govt training drone pilots for surveillance

DEHRADUN(KCN): The Uttarakhand government is training drone pilots to enroll them to keep an eye on Char Dham Yatra. The intention of the training is also to monitor disaster-hit areas in the state whenever the need arises.



The hill state has a total of 170 registered drone pilots who are being trained by the Information Technology Development Agency (ITDA) of the state government. Amit Sinha, director of the ITDA said, "All

the registered drone pilots of the state are being trained to handle drones for keeping an eye on the Char Dham Yatra. They will be deployed during the Yatra season. A fixed remuneration will be paid for their services." Officials from the ITDA told that the agency is planning to train at least 1000 drone pilots who can help at the time of disaster. The drone pilots will be the eyes and ears of the government in the air to provide information and assistance in traffic and disaster management. The Char Dham Yatra will commence next month and a high number of pilgrims are expected to visit the four shrines- Kedarnath, Badrinath, Gangotri, and Yamunotri. This year will be the first time after the year 2019 that Yatra is expected to take place hassle-free. In 2019, over 38 lakh pilgrims visited the four shrines. CONTINUED ON: P-7

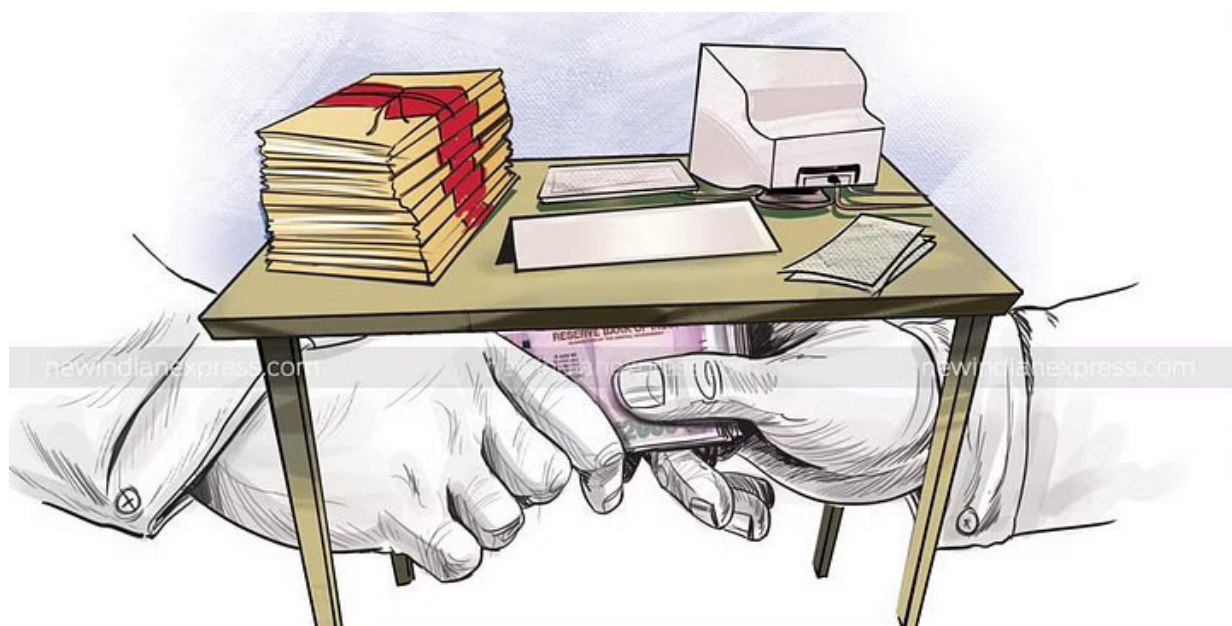
Journalists have a vital role in war against corruption: USAID Executive Director

BENGALURU(KCN): In its war against corruption, the multi-pronged approach of the US Government involves working with its allies and partners around the world, holding individuals accountable and helping journalists, whose role in the fight against corruption is critical.

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) had announced a suite of new programmes as part of the Summit for Democracy process last year.

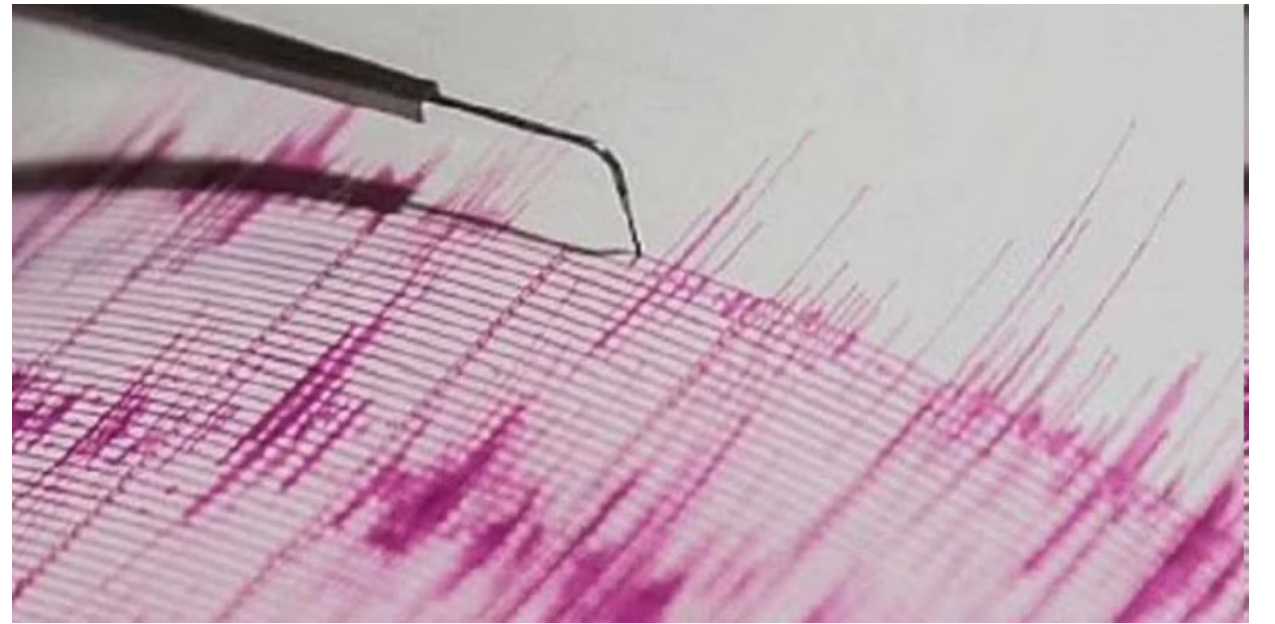
"The first is the Empowering Anti-Corruption Change Agents Program, which will boost support to frontline actors in civil society and media who are exposing corruption and speaking truth to power. This includes journalists, who play such a critical role in bringing to light vast corruption schemes," said Executive Director, USAID, Shannon Greene, while addressing select journalists from across the globe during the anti-corruption virtual reporting tour (VRT) organized by the US State Department. Greene also serves as a senior advisor to the Administrator of USAID. Recognising the role of journalists in the fight

against corruption and the risk they run including risk to life and spurious lawsuits, she informed that the USAID is creating a new



Defamation Defense Fund so that journalists have access to insurance and can withstand the financial pressures they inevitably face in

Moderate intensity earthquake hits Odisha's Nayagarh district



BHUBANESWAR(KCN): An earthquake of moderate intensity hit Daspalla town in Odisha's Nayagarh district on Friday, officials said.

Relief Commissioner (SRC) office said the earthquake was of 3.5 magnitude quake. The National Centre of Seismology said the epicentre of the

3.5 magnitude was at a depth of 10 kilometre in Ganjam district and was felt at 11.19 am. There was also no report of any loss of life or damage to

property, a district official said. Last month, a moderate earthquake of 3.5 magnitude had hit Kalahandi and Nabarangpur districts of Odisha.

Financial aid sought for labourers who allegedly suffered burn injuries at JSW BPSL plant



JHARSUGUDA(KCN): State BJP Secretary Tankadhar Tripathy has recently demanded Rs 10 lakh assistance and free medical treatment to four labourers who allegedly suffered burn injuries at JSW BPSL plant. Tripathy said that four

labourers, Karan Oram, Nilamani Oram, Anjan Oram and Ashok Dhurua, all residents of Titeimal Village under Bhalaida panchayat of Jharsuguda district, had gone to work at the plant where they suffered burn inju-

ries on March 11 night. He said that one of the labourers suffered 80 per cent burn injuries. "Two labourers were admitted to Ispat General Hospital, Rourkela, while other two labourers were sent to VIMSAR, Burla.

However, they returned home after exhausting all their money. The condition of these labourers is not good," Tripathy said. He also sought police proceedings against the contractor responsible for the lapses.

doing this work. Greene added that addressing the transnational threat of corruption requires building new pathways for collabora-

but also internally within the US Government. ALSO READ | Biden first US president to make the fight against corruption a national security priority

James Walsh, principal deputy assistant secretary in the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs at the US State Department said that in "response to the threat of corruption over the last several decades, the United States has leveraged diplomatic and foreign assistance tools to support preventative measures and criminal justice responses to promote the enforcement of international anti-corruption obligations, and to strengthen domestic anti-corruption laws, institutions, and regulations."

Speaking about the multipronged approach adopted by various US agencies to counter corruption, Director Barry Fullerton from the Office of Global Programs and Policy, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, US Department of State said, they preserve and strengthen the multilateral anti-corruption architecture, improve the US diplomatic engagement CONTINUED ON: P-7

Arcelormittal company for fronted for prevention of forest fire

Barbil (KCN):The most common hazard in forests is forests

summer, when there is no rain for months, the forests become

prevention in the forest .In this regard company has held

under the guidance of PramodMishra, General Manager



fire. Forests fires are as old as the forests themselves. They pose a threat not only to the forest wealth but also to the entire regime to fauna and flora seriously disturbing the biodiversity and the ecology and environment of a region. During

littered with dry senescent leaves and twinges, which could burst into flames ignited by the slightest spark. Visualising this threat Arcellor Nippon Mittal company has initiated an awareness programme on fire

one meeting on 11th April and decided to make people aware on cause of out break of fire and prevention. ANML company is operating in Thakurani mines which surrounded by reserve forest. AS a precaution measure company official

mines ,other company officials along with the forest officials of Barbil forest range conducted one work shop followed by mock drill. Project head Anil Rahi along with forest watcher coordinated the programme successfully.

No train service for sixteen hours after Ispat Express from Manoharpur to Rourkela, Dissatisfaction

Rourkela (KCN): People have demanded for train

almost sixteen hours. From Manoharpur to Rourkela at

is followed by Kalinga Utkal Express at 3.00 pm,

sheep and goats in the only bus from Manoharpur to



from Manoharpur to Rourkela in the evening and Rourkela to Manoharpur in the morning. In the afternoon after the Ispat Express at 12:20 no train facility till the next day morning from Manoharpur Station. After Ispat Express then after about fifteen to sixteen hours there is Samaleshwari Express which has an option to reach Rourkela from Manoharpur at 4:40 am in the morning. Thus there is dissatisfaction among the people as there is no option to come from Manoharpur to Rourkela by train for

Samleshwari at 4.40 am, Saranda MEMU at 7.39 am, Kalinga Utkal Express at 7.59 am, South Bihar Express at 10 am and Ispat Express at 12.20 pm. And after that there is no train from Manoharpur to Rourkela for about sixteen hours which is a serious matter of concern. Similarly, to go from Rourkela to Manoharpur, there is Samaleshwari Express at 9:47 pm, followed by Ispat Express at 11:10 am. There is no train to Manoharpur after Ispat Express and before Samleshwari Express. Gap between these two trains for about 12 hours. This

South Bihar Express at 3:20 pm and Saranda MEMU at 4:15 pm from Rourkela side. People are very angry and sad because of this attitude of Railways. Recently, for the stoppage of some trains, there was a strong protest by the villagers at Bamra station of Sambalpur under Chakradharpur rail division, as a result of which the stoppage of some trains started. How serious is Chakradharpur Rail Division regarding the smooth running of trains, it is a very big question. At present, people are helpless to come like

Rourkela. Due to which people feel like suffocating. One, after so much struggle on the epidemic corona, people have got relief. Now coming and going in such a crowd is fraught with great hardships. Some local people requested through the newspaper that they should be given facilities and train operations should be started to come from Rourkela to Manoharpur in the morning and from Manoharpur to Rourkela in the evening so that the small poor people live in rural areas can get help to make a living.

Tender Awarded For Bh'Patna MC

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The State Government has awarded a tender of Rs 161.15 crore for construction of the teaching hospital for the new Medical College at Bhawanipatna in Kalahandi district.

The State Cabinet has recently approved the lowest percentage rate composite tender of Iron Triangle Ltd. amounting to Rs.161,15,61,766.00 for construction of the medical college. The medical college will have a 650 bedded teaching hospital Including attendance rest shed, Aahar center, mortuary, internal road, compound wall, box cell bridge, drain, landscaping etc., sources said. The work has been targeted for completion within a period of 30 months. The medical college is being set up under Central Sponsored Scheme, 'Establishment of new Medical Colleges attached with existing district/ referral hospitals' with fund sharing between Centre and State Government as 60:40. The approval project cost of the medical college is Rs 325 crore, of which State's share is Rs 130 crore and Centre's share is Rs 195 crore. The Government of India has, so far, released Rs 100 crore for the medical college. In March 2018, the State Government had signed an MoU with Vedanta Ltd for the construction of a 500 bedded teaching hospital for the medical college at Bhawanipatna, Kalahandi. However, the Government, in March 2021, ter-

minated the MoU with the company due to an inordinate delay in execution of the project. Later, the State Government has decided to construct the MCH under the Central Scheme and the Works Department has been asked to take



over the construction work, the sources said. Once commissioned, the tertiary care health institution will fulfill long-time aspirations of the people of the region. The people of the district and nearby regions will no longer have to travel to cities for advanced and specialised treatment, thereby saving on out-of-pocket expenditure on health. Under its scheme, the Centre has approved establishment of new medical colleges at Balasore, Baripada (Mayurbhanj), Bolangir, Koraput, Puri, Jajpur and Bhawanipatna (Kalahandi) districts. Of which the MCH at Balasore, Baripada, Bolangir, Puri and Koraput has started functioning. The total approved cost for the MCHs is Rs 1520 crore, of which State's share is Rs 608 crore and Centre's share is Rs 912 crore. Out of the Central share of Rs 912 crore, the Health Ministry has, so far, released Rs 817 crore.

MahaBishub Sankranti celebrated joyfully at Barbil

Barbil(KCN): Today, the MahaBishub Pana Sankranti is celebrated in many

organized by Munda attended as the Chief Guest while MridalaMohanty ,principal Joda programme was followed by many cultural events in presence of



parts of Barbil. Similarly, Baishakhi is celebrated at the Gurdwara by the Sikh community. A number of cultural events were

and many other places in Barbil . A large-scale event was held at the Town Hall on behalf of the Sambad SahityaGhar . Padma Shri Dr. Tulsi women's college as chief speaker and Dillip Mishra, former chairman ,Barbil municipality attended the meeting . The y

Odisha Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes Parivar Celebrated State Level

Khordha (KCN): Odisha Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes Parivar Celebrated State Level Dr. B. R.Ambedkar Jayanti at Jayee Rajguru Town hall, Khordha. The Chief

Odisha SC & ST Parivar President, Ambedkar will be to develop India on the



Guest of the Occasions Editor "SAMBAD " & MLA, Khandapada, Soumya Ranjan Pattnaik, Guest of Honour MLA, Jatni & Senior Congress Leader Suresh Sangram Keshari Mohapatra, Senior Advocate & Former President Khordha District BAR, Association, Khordha, Sisir Kumar Parida, Social Activist Sanjaya Pattnaik,

Mohan Nayak were present and said that " Dr. Ambedkar was a staunch critics of the Indian caste system and is credited with bringing various reforms to elevates the marginalized communities. His life long dedication to fighting social evils such as caste discrimination and oppression. Dr. principles of social and economic, justice and equality of status and opportunity. This is a day to reiterates our commitment to fulfils dreams for our nation. The Chief guest felicitated MLA, Jatni, Suresh Kumar Routray with Dr. B.R. Ambedkar award for social activist of the year.

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Free Maha Arogya Shibir and Blood Donation Camp' organized by social organization 'Ekata Manch' completed successfully

Mumbai (KCN) : Like every year, this year also a huge 'Free

cost. At the same time blood donation camp was also organized.

tion of sanitizers and medicines, vaccination drive, food dona-

the organization." Prashant Kashid, Ac-

attached to him that he used to introduce

Kashid, Kishori Pendnekar, Ashok



Maha Arogya Shibir, Cancer Screening and Blood Donation Camp' was organised by Shri Ajay Kaul, President of social organization, 'Ekata Manch' on 14 April 2022 at Children Welfare Centre High School Ground, Yari Road, Andheri (West), Mumbai. More than 150 different types of doctors participated and thousands of patients were examined. In this camp, eye examination and spectacle distribution, blood test, diseases related to children and women, dental examination, skin disease, ear, nose, throat, ECG, cancer test, ayurvedic treatment etc. were done free of

Doctors from Nair Hospital, Cooper Hospital, Sion Hospital and some private doctors also participated. All the doctors and guests who came on this occasion were honored by Shri Ajay Kaul. Mr. Ajay Kaul, President of social organization, 'Ekata Manch' said, "The organization provides all kind of help for operation to those who are poor and needy by organizing such camps continuously for the last 15 years. Medical camp could not be organized for 2 years in between during Corona outbreak, but a lot of medical help was done, which included blood donation camp, distribu-

tion, hospitalization, providing ambulance and oxygen facilities, etc. Many such facilities were given free of cost to the people by

Chairman, Children Welfare Centre High School, said, "In 2007, a young child Saugat was brought to Nepal by his parents, he was suffering from cancer. He along with

him to the people by calling him his son. Unfortunately he passed away after 8 months. Since then, in his memory, we organize such great camps, due to which if someone has any

Bhau Jadhav, Shailesh Phadse, Bala Ambedkar, Dr. Zahir Ghazi, Yakub Memon, Dr. Roshan Sheikh, Altaf Khan, Raghunath Kulkarni, Siraj Inamdar,



Ajay ji was undergoing treatment while he was living with Ajay sir. He was so

disease then it could be detected and treated on time." Ajay Kaul, Prashant

Pratima Khopde, Shailesh Mohite etc, together made the program successful.

Anil Kapoor celebrates 30 years of 'Beta'

MUMBAI: Actor Anil Dixit-Nene commented, "Absolutely agree with you".



years of his hit "Beta" and recalled how the 1992 film was the "biggest blockbuster" of the year. Directed by Indra Kumar, the drama also starred Madhuri Dixit-Nene, Aruna Irani, Anupam Kher and Laxmikant Berde. Kapoor took to Instagram and shared the film's poster, along with pictures from an award ceremony. "It was a great feeling for us as actors when our film was the biggest blockbuster of the year 1992 and received so much love and all the accolades! Celebrating 30 years of 'Beta,'" the 65-year-old actor wrote.

The film's soundtrack, composed by Anand-Milind, featured chartbusters like "Dhak Dhak Karne Laga" and "Koyal Si Teri Boli". "Beta" was Kumar's second collaboration with Dixit-Nene after their 1990 hit "Dil". The actor-director also worked in the 1995 drama "Raja" and the 2019 comedy "Total Dhamaal". Kapoor and Dixit-Nene were already a hit onscreen pair courtesy films like "Parinda", "Tezaab" and "Ram Lakhan", when they delivered blockbuster "Beta". The duo last appeared together in "Total Dhamaal".

Mrunal Thakur: My parents and cat give me a sense of belonging

MUMBAI: Mrunal Thakur who recently appeared in the short film 'Jahaan' and is now gearing up for the feature 'Jersey' opposite Shahid Kapoor,

Mrunal told IANS: "As artists, we are living with different characters because we are acting them on-screen. The process is quite overwhelming be-



says despite all the fame, success, and multiple professional commitments, her only way to maintain her sanity is living with her parents and pet cat. Starting her career with the television show 'Mujhse Kuchh Kehti... Yeh Khamoshiyaan', the actress gained her visibility with films including - 'Love Sonia', 'Super 30', 'Ghost Stories', 'Toofan', 'Dhamaka'. While the short film 'Jahaan' talks about belonging, asked about her sense of belonging as an artist, in conversation with IANS, Mrunal opens up.

cause we are getting into the skin of the character. Then a day comes when the filming gets over and we leave the character. At times that hurts too, emotionally, because sometimes a character impacts the actor." She continued, "It might just sound insane...the only way to maintain sanity for me is to go back to my home, cutting off from that world. Now that I am doing good work, more than often I am asked why do I still live with my parents, far away from the city, instead of living independently."

Remembering the anonymous loyalists of Babasaheb

Dr. Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar resigned from the central cabinet of Jawaharlal Nehru on 27th September 1951. Both of them locked horns on Hindu code Bill. Baba Saheb informed



about his resignation through a historic speech given in parliament. He returned to his government residence at 22 Prithviraj Road

around 1600 hours. He shifted from 22 Prithviraj road to 26 Alipur road a house of his friend next very day, after leaving cabinet, most of his time was spent on study and writing. While residing in 26, Alipur road he wrote his last book "The Buddha and his Dhamma". In his writing, he elaborated the teachings of Gautam Buddha. His work was translated in many languages like Hindi, Gujarati, Telugu, Tamil, Marathi, Malayalam, Kannada, Japanese etc. He breathed his last in 1956 in his residence 26, Alipur road itself. Actually, from 1951 to his last moment he was accompanied by his 3-4 associates and close disciples. They had a firm faith in Babasaheb and his belief. One of them was Bhagwan Das. The contribution of Bhagwandas in spreading the thoughts of Babasaheb among the masses was incredible. He often met Babasaheb in his 26 Alipur residence. Born in 1927 Shimla, Bhagwandas permanently settled in Delhi after meeting Babasaheb. He edited the compositions and speeches of Babasaheb and wrote books on it. His work "Thus Spoke Ambedkar" written in four volumes is the only book in the world that

impart the thoughts of Babasaheb to intellectuals and the general public. He was interested in Dalit unity and he tried to unite many castes including Dhaanuk, Khateek, Balmiki, Hela, Koili etc. to bring in Ambedkarites revolution. Working on ground level he wrote on various issues of dalits which were

R K Sinha

He used to preserve all the clippings of articles and public comments of Babasaheb published in newspapers and magazines. Under his patronage he became a good reader also. He became a close associate of BabaSaheb. With passage of time, he wrote an important book named "Dr. Ambedkar Ki Charcha".

struggles done by Babasaheb towards the welfare of vulnerable groups of society. Babasaheb accepted enthusiastic and energetic Rattu as his close companion. At that time there did not exist a big communication gap between leaders and common people, like present times. Rattu hailed from Hoshiarpur of Punjab. He also lived like the shadow of Babasaheb.



He used to preserve a carbon copy of all the matters dictated by Babasaheb. He used to study and job simultaneously. After resigning from Nehru's cabinet Babasaheb

published in many magazines and newspapers. Bhagwaan Das wrote four books on sweepers and one small book also on washermen. His famous book "Main Bhangi Hoon" was translated in many indian languages and it is like a paper of dalit history. Once Dalit thinker S.S. Darapuri said Bhagwandas ji worked for the welfare of the downtrodden through out his entire life. He wrote 23 books. Bhagwan Das took historical steps by raising the issues of untouchability and discrimination in India towards the dalit on International stages. He died in 2010 at the age of 83. The Library of Babasaheb was a collection of thousands of books. Babasaheb loved his library. DeviDayal was the bookkeeper there. DeviDayal was with Dr. Ambedkar since 1943. Whenever Babasaheb spoke in public on any issue used to write it down as a duty. It is hard to say from where did he get this inspiration.

It has many important information. He narrated in his book that on 30th December 1948 what was the reaction of him after Gandhiji was assassinated." After hearing the news of Bapu, he got shocked. He got totally upset and disturbed for 5 minutes. After regaining his normal condition, he said. "Bapu didn't deserve to meet such violent ent". DeviDayal was greatly helped his wife in taking Dr. Ambedkar during illness, because after the illness of her husband she wrote better words about DeviDayal on the pages of diary. DeviDayal breathed his last in 1987. Naanak Chand Rattu also used to be with Babasaheb as a shadow. Babasaheb came to Delhi in 1942 as a member of Viceroy's executive council. He was allotted government residence at 22 Prithviraj road. Thereafter 20 years old Rattu joined him. He also knew typing. Rattu was aware about the works and

called Rattu and told him to vacate the government residence the next day. This was unprecedented. Rattu started hunting for a new home. Luckily a friend of Babasaheb gave a proposal to shift in 26 Alipur road house. Babasaheb agreed. Rattu ji made Babasaheb shift to his new house the very next day. Means he had a real management qualities. Health complications of Babasaheb began to be seen in 1956. 24 hours, Rattu ji took care of him and accompanied him. After his death Rattu ji toured though out India to spread the thoughts of Babasaheb. Before his death in 2002 he wrote a book on the last years of Babasaheb. All these associates of Babasaheb should also be remembered. They joined Babasaheb selflessly. Where can we find such angels these days!

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Face yoga is a natural, alternative option that uses a variety of massage and exercises to target your face, neck, and shoulders.

This beauty trend has grown in popularity in the past few years with various face yoga methods making an appearance on our social media feeds. Face yoga relaxes, tones and gives a natural boost to the skin, while simultaneously resetting your facial muscle. When you regularly do facial exercises,



the blood circulation increases to that area and that tightens your skin and brings a glow to your face. When your facial muscles are put to use with face yoga, it stretches the 57 face and neck muscles to tone, firm and boost circulation, for a youthful appearance. Facial yoga can be extremely beneficial for those who want glowing, youthful skin. 1-Make A Fish Face---- This pose stretches the neck region and helps tone the jawline and chin. Fish Face exercise is the easiest and the best way to ensure a firmer looking skin. Fill your mouth up with as much air as possible. Puff up your cheeks to accommodate more air. Now, shift the air from one side to the other with as much speed as possible. Practise this for a couple of minutes every day to achieve glowing skin and fuller cheeks.

Alternatively Softly close your lips and then draw your cheeks inwards as much as possible, making a 'fish face' look. Try smiling while holding this posture for about 15 seconds and then withdraw. Repeat this exercise for about next five minutes For wrinkle-free facial skin, try this yoga "asana" along with Pranayama. Stand straight and place feet and legs wide apart. Cover face with palms and breathe deeply and quickly for 10 counts. Then while continuing breathing, rub the face with the fingers, starting from the chin and going to the forehead. Include the area around the eyes. This helps to make the skin smooth, firm and radiant. 2--Forehead: Did you know that frowning is an exercise for the forehead? Frown as much as possible, pulling the eyebrows towards one another. Then lift the eyebrows as far as possible. While doing this, open your eyes as much as you can. Relax them and repeat 5 times. Anti-ageing Facial Yoga For Forehead: Place both hands on the forehead facing inwards and spread all of the fingers out between the eyebrows and hairline. Now Gently sweep the fingers outwards across the forehead, applying light pressure to tighten the skin. Relax and repeat 10 times. 3-Eyes: This not only benefits the skin around the eyes, but the eyes itself. They have

Shahnaz Husain

much relevance nowadays, for people who are glued to computer and television screens for long periods. Keeping your head still, move only the eyes up and down ten times. Then move them from one side to the other ten times. Then, roll the eyes, first clockwise and then anticlockwise, for a total of ten times. Widen your eyes as big as you can for your best surprised face. Hold this expression as long as you can—even until your eyes start to water! After, relax your face and repeat. Look upwards and raise your eyebrows at the same time. Then gently close your eyelids, while still looking up. Since our eyelids have the tendency to droop with age, this stretching exercise can help keep them firm. 4---Neck: Sitting straight, tilt the head back and look at the ceiling. Keeping the mouth closed, do a chewing movement, while still looking up. Repeat the chewing movement 15 to 20 times. Then pucker lips and stretch the lips forward, as if you are trying to kiss the ceiling. Do this 10 times. Relax and repeat 5 to 6 times. Still sitting upright and tilting the head back, with mouth closed, move the lower lip over the upper lip as far as possible. Hold it for a count of 5. Relax and repeat 5 times. Sit upright and open the mouth wide open, drop the lower jaw and push it for-

ward, holding it for a count of 10. Come back to the starting position and repeat it 5 times. 5-Lips: Pucker the lips and try to bring the corners of the mouth together as much as possible. Hold for a count of 5. Relax and repeat 5 times. Then, keeping lips closed, smile as broadly as possible. Hold for 5 counts and then relax and repeat. The lips should be kept closed during this exercise. 6-Cheeks: With the lips closed, smile in a relaxed way and then suck in your cheeks towards the teeth. Hold it for a count of 10, then relax and repeat 10 times. Next, smile as widely as possible, keeping the lips closed. Try to make the corners of the lips go towards the ears, as far as possible. Then, wrinkle your nose. Keep to a count of 5. Relax and repeat. Keeping your teeth and lips closed, blow air under your top lip and Keep it there for 10 counts, then move the air to your left cheek, hold for 10 counts, then to your lower lip for 10 counts and then to your right cheek for 10 counts. Relax and repeat 5 times. I will advise you to do facial yoga consistently for 20-30 minutes, seven times a week, changes may start to be noticeable in four to six weeks

The author is international fame beauty expert and is called herbal queen of India

Indian Diaspora keeping identity of India alive wherever they are: Rajnath Singh

WASHINGTON: The people of Indian origin keep the identity of India alive wherever they are in the world, Defence

viewed the entire gamut of bilateral defence cooperation and the regional security situation, including in the Indo-

nity in the United States has established itself here. This is a result of the efforts of the community, he added.

tant role to play in maintaining this stability and continuity. "This ground reality cannot be ignored," Singh said. He is



Minister Rajnath Singh has said, applauding the Indian-Americans for maintaining the "complete identity" of their culture thousands of miles away from their home country. The defence minister was here to attend the India US 2+2 ministerial in Washington DC. Thereafter, he travelled to Hawaii for meetings at IndoPACOM headquarters and then to San Francisco. Describing his five-day trip to the US as fruitful, Singh said he had a wonderful meeting with his American counterpart Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin. On Monday, Singh held bilateral talks with Austin and re-

Pacific and the broader Indian Ocean Region. "I congratulate you for maintaining this complete Indian identity," Singh told a group of Indian-Americans during a public reception hosted in his honor by the Indian Consulate in San Francisco on Thursday. "This is not a small thing. People lose their (cultural identity) when they stay at some place for a long time," he said. Indians living outside India always feel pride in calling themselves Indians. Singh said he was making his fourth trip in his political career to the United States and the first in San Francisco. The Indian commu-

"Had I come here as a political leader, not on my official tour, I would have met the Indian community in all the places I visited here," he said. India and the United States, being the largest democratic powers, have the potential to establish global "peace and prosperity". The relationship between the United States and India is multifaceted, economic, strategic, and defence as well, he said. "Today the entire world knows that India and the US are natural allies," Singh said, asserting that this relationship has stability and continuity and at the same time the two countries have an impor-

scheduled to leave San Francisco for India on Friday. The Indian Diaspora, which keeps on climbing to new heights in the US, plays a key role in this relationship, Singh said. People in India are always proud of the achievements that the people of Indian origin or its diaspora achieve here. For instance, when Parag Agarwal became the Twitter CEO, people in India felt that someone among their own has become the head of Twitter, he said amidst applause. Similarly, there are several tech leaders in the US from among us, be it Satya Nadella of Microsoft or Sunder Pichai of Google, he said.

Pakistan-occupied Kashmir 'premier' Niazi resigns after revolt in Imran Khan's ruling party

ISLAMABAD: In another setback to Imran Khan, the Prime Minister of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, Sardar Abdul Qayyum Niazi, has resigned following a revolt in the ruling Pakistan

"I, the undersigned, resign from my office of the prime minister", reads the handwritten resignation dated April 14, which was addressed to the PoK president Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry. Dr Asif Hussain

PoK, Ministry of External Affairs Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi had said that Pakistan has "no locus standi on these Indian territories" and it must vacate all Indian areas under its illegal occupation.

party, failure to highlight Kashmir issue and implement party manifesto in addition to bad governance, nepotism and violation of merit", the Dawn report said. Speaking at a presser in Islamabad on



Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party against him. Niazi, hand-picked by his party chief Khan, resigned on Thursday after 25 lawmakers of his party moved a resolution of no-confidence motion against him to replace him with party's regional president Sardar Tanveer Ilyas. Niazi's ouster comes days after Khan lost a no-confidence vote in the National Assembly to become the first Pakistan prime minister to be removed unceremoniously from power. Under Article 16 (1) of the Constitution,

Shah, secretary of presidential affairs, confirmed that Chaudhry has received and accepted Niazi's resignation and forwarded the same to the chief secretary for issuance of a formal notification, Dawn newspaper reported. Niazi came to power last year after PTI secured 32 seats in the 53-member House. India had rejected the elections in PoK, saying the "cosmetic exercise" was nothing but an attempt by Pakistan to "camouflage its illegal occupation". Reacting strongly on the elections in the

"The so-called elections in Indian territory under the illegal occupation of Pakistan are nothing but an attempt by Pakistan to camouflage its illegal occupation and the material changes undertaken by it in these territories," he had said. "Such an exercise can neither hide the illegal occupation by Pakistan nor the grave human rights violations, exploitation, and denial of freedom to people in these occupied territories," Bagchi said. The ruling party lawmakers had charged Niazi with "loss of the trust of the parliamentary

Thursday, Niazi said "baseless allegations" have been levelled against him in the no-trust resolution. "I first sent my resignation to the party chairman Imran Khan and then to the president after a lapse of one hour," he said, adding that he would continue to work as an ordinary worker of the party. Niazi was part of the All Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference before leaving it to join the PTI three years ago. He was also elected from the platform of the Muslim Conference in 2006 and has also served as the Minister of Food.

Congress blames Centre for coal crunch, power crisis in Maharashtra

MUMBAI: Maharashtra Congress president Nana Patole on Friday said the power crisis in the state has been caused due to lack of coal supply by the Central government. Talking to reporters here, Patole claimed that though the Union coal minister has advised states to import coal, the imports will only

benefit some of the BJP's industrialist friends and will make electricity expensive. "The Union coal minister has advised states to import coal. However, when coal is imported, it will only benefit some of the BJP's industrialist friends and it will make electricity more expensive and ordinary consumers will have to bear the brunt of it," he alleged. The Congress leader further said that the allegations of corruption in the allocation of coal mines, which were made during the UPA re-



gime, were later found to be false. The then PM Manmohan Singh had a vision, he was ready to empower the energy department. But under the Modi government, no new coal mine has been created, this is a ploy of privatisation, he claimed. When asked about the use of loudspeakers on mosques, Patole charged that some parties were trying to further their political interests by raising the issue of loudspeakers on mosques. "Why is one particular religion being targeted, when loudspeakers are being used in places of worship across all faiths? The Constitution does not teach you to hate any religion," the former speaker said. Communal forces should not try to instigate one religion against another, he said, adding that efforts are being made to create a religious rift in Maharashtra and action should be taken against such people. Speaking about Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's visit to Mumbai, Patole said the date for the same has not been fixed yet. During his visit to Mumbai, Gandhi will meet Congress MLAs, ministers and party office bearers. The visit will be important for coordination among the MVA constituents and implementation of the common minimum programme drafted by the parties, Patole said.

Meet Madhulika Singh: The woman who saved 15 men from angry mob in Rajasthan's Karauli

JAIPUR: This is the story of Madhulika Singh, a single mother of two children who saved at least 15 men -- most from another community, from an enraged mob that had come to attack them during the violence earlier this month in Rajasthan's Karauli.

soon, there was violence and stone-pelting. Madhulika said: "People were running... downed the shutters... they said riots have broken out. I had locked the gate of the shopping complex and asked them (who came to take shelter there) not to worry. I saved them as humanity stands sacrosanct."



Madhulika, 48, stood alone in front of the mob that rushed towards her shop during the violence on April 2. A widow, she has been running a garments business for the last five years since her husband died. When the procession was being taken out to mark the Hindu New Year, it entered an area where many people of a particular community reside. Suddenly, she heard people shouting and screaming. According to police, during the procession, "sensitive" slogans were played on a loudspeaker and

Around 15 men told her they were scared, and were unable to decide whether to leave or stay put. Madhulika Singh said the mob tried to break in but she stopped them. Mohammad Talib and Danish were among those who were present in that shopping complex. "Madhulika didi saved us. She told us not to worry," said Talib. Mithilesh Soni, who runs a salon in the same shopping complex, said she and three other women attempted to douse the flames with buckets of water.

Somepur in Odisha hottest in country at 44.20 C Water in reservoirs dry up, Rabi crops impacted

BHUBANESWAR : Somepur in Odisha was the hottest in the country on Thursday as it sizzled at 44.2

recorded 40 degree Celsius or more on Thursday. Balangir recorded 42.8 degree, Baripada 42.5, Jharsuguda

degree each, Balasore, Malkangiri and Chhatrapur 40 degree each on the day. The Twin Cit-

next five days. Maximum temperature is expected to be more than 40 degree Celsius and it is likely to remain above normal by 2 degree to 3 degree at many places in interior Odisha during next two days," said Bhubaneswar Meteorological Centre Scientist, Umasankar Das. Meanwhile, the IMD on Monday said that south-west monsoon seasonal (June to September) rainfall over the country as a whole is most likely to be normal (96 pc to 104 pc). Odisha is likely to receive normal rainfall during this year's monsoon, said Das.

BHAWANIPATNA: Deficit rainfall from

Indravati major project has been

Pradip Kumar Sahu. The district has 135

up, it is difficult to manage water supply.

Similarly the 280 check dams aimed to provide Rabi irrigation to 1073 ha are going dry due to poor flow of water. The condition of 935 Lift irrigation projects supposed to irrigate 13222 ha are in no way better. As per Odisha Lift Irrigation sources, only 10794 ha have been irrigated through 835 projects.

To make matters worse, flow of water in small rivers like Sandol, Utei has also substantially reduced due to poor monsoon rain affecting LI projects in the banks of these rivers in Narla and Karlamunda blocks. The 136 Water Harvesting Structures (WHS) of soil conservation department aimed at providing water to 950 ha are mostly in semi dry condition now thus failing to provide water.



June 2021 to October 2021 has marred prospects of good yield in Rabi season in the district. The situation has also aggravated as irrigation sources other than the Indravati project are far below their target coverage areas.

According to an assessment of Agriculture department, a target was fixed to cover 62321 hectares (Ha) in the current Rabi season from various sources like major, medium, minor and lift irrigation systems. Though the

providing irrigation to over 18680 hectares as per the Rabi programme, the contribution from other sources has been far low.

Hardly 60 to 65 percent of the target given to minor irrigation projects, check dams and lift irrigation projects has been achieved as water levels have depleted. "In view of this, the Rabi prospect this year does not seem bright except in Indravati project programmed areas," said chief district agriculture officer

minor irrigation projects of which 97 are reservoir type MIPS. Twenty-nine MIPS were programmed to provide irrigation for 1118 ha but only four are providing water to 305 ha. The Behera MIP is covering only 257 ha against its target of 1214 ha, Pipal nullah three ha against 324 ha, Bagpur 20 ha against 24 ha and Karanjkot MIP achieving five hectares against 305 ha target. MI division sources said since the reservoir of the MIPS are not filled



degree Celsius. It was followed by Akola in Maharashtra which saw the mercury rising up to 43.6 degree Celsius on the day.

At least 15 other places in Odisha

42.2, Boudh 42, Talcher 41.8, Angul 41.7, Sundargarh and Titilagarh 41.5 degree each, Parlakhemundi 41, Sambalpur 40.8, Nayagarh and Bhawanipatna 40.5

ies of Bhubaneswar and Cuttack recorded 37.7 and 38.4 degrees respectively.

"There will be no large change in maximum (day) temperature in Odisha during the

Why Joda plunged into unrest over Ram Navami, no answers yet

BHUBANESWAR : On March 1, Keonjhar's mining town Joda celebrated Maha Shivaratri with all festivities. The

conducted smoothly, police was clearly caught unawares and unprepared. Participants of the procession for Ram

ceeded the next day towards the temple remains unanswered. The deployment, too, fell short of what was required to prevent

never been any flare-up in the area in the past and this year's incident has come as a rude shock. Another source said, senior



Jaleswar Shiva temple where all ritualistic customs took place is located in Ward 4 of the town, a Muslim-dominated area. A newly established temple, it was the first time Shivaratri was being observed at the shrine and everything went off smoothly.

A month later, the same locality turned a battleground of sorts for the two communities during Ram Navami. At the centre was the same temple. What went wrong? No one would point out clearly. There were far too many gaps which led to the flare up. For record's sake, Keonjhar or for that matter, Joda has not reported communal disharmony in a long time. With Shivaratri

Navami wanted to hoist flags at the Shiva temple on Sunday night but police denied permission. They then went till Hanuman Mandir, located in the same Ward but outside the minority-dominated region, where they put up the flags. The next day, the participants went towards the Shiva temple and confrontation started. Police was present but was unable to control the situation. There are far too many double-speak on what went wrong. Inspector of Joda police station Padmalaya Sahu said the procession was permitted for the old route (till the Hanuman Temple) and not till the Shiva temple. How, then, the procession pro-

any escalation. On the other hand, sub collector Rama Chandra Kisku said, permission was given for the procession but he did not have the specifics. A Bajrang Dal leader said they had received oral permission for the procession till Shiva temple on Monday. There is also little clarity if an all-community meeting was convened and issues were thrashed out well in advance. However, SP M i t r a b h a n u Mahapatra said, a meeting was held before Ram Navami to ensure it went off smoothly. Why Joda plunged into unrest over Ram Navami Some members of the minority community said that there has

officers let the guard down on Monday night which led to further escalation the next day. "Very senior officers should have camped at Joda to prevent the situation from getting out of hand," said an insider. However, the SP said, things are under control. "Internet services have been restored and we are keeping a close watch on the situation," he added. On the day, flags were hoisted at the Shiva temple in presence of the SP and other officials. However, prohibitory orders under Section 144 of CrPC continue to be in effect. Two cases have been registered and investigation is continuing, the officer added. Police are yet to make any arrest in connection with the violence.



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IDBI Bank seeks shareholders nod for 10-fold hike in MD and CEO salary

NEW DELHI: Private lender IDBI Bank has proposed a nearly 10-fold hike in the salary of its managing director and CEO Rakesh Sharma who had been instrumental in bringing the bank out of the RBI's restrictive prompt corrective action (PCA) framework.

The bank has sought the approval of its shareholders through a postal ballot which started on April 6 and will end on May 5, 2022, to pass the ordinary resolution, among others.

The lender, in which LIC holds a majority stake, will declare the results of the postal ballot on or before May 7, 2022.

Members' permission is also sought to re-appoint Sharma as the MD & CEO for another three years with effect from March 19, 2022.

The bank proposes for approval of the members to transact special business through postal ballot only by way of voting through electronic means, to consider and, if thought fit, to pass as ordinary resolution for re-appointment of Rakesh Sharma as a non-rotational director and Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (MD&CEO) for a period of three years with effect from March 19, 2022, the bank said in a regulatory filing. The Reserve Bank approved Sharma's re-appoint-

ment in mid-February.

"pursuant to the recommendation of the NRC and the board of directors of the bank, approval of the members of the bank, be

tirement benefits among others.

Any revision, in salary and perquisites shall be recommended by the Nomination & Remuneration Committee

and improving the overall performance of the bank during his tenure".

It said the promoters and stakeholders of the bank have also shown confidence in

it added.

A seasoned banker with over 40 years in banking, Sharma had started his career in State Bank of India and held various responsibilities in both

hanced regulatory supervision or Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework after a gap of nearly four years on its improved financial performance.



and is hereby accorded to the payment of remuneration by way of salary, allowances and perquisites to Rakesh Sharma, as the MD&CEO of the bank with effect from March 19, 2022, up to Rs 2,40,00,000 approximately for FY2022-23, to be approved by the RBI," IDBI Bank said in the filing.

The perquisites involve the facility of semi-furnished accommodation, club membership, car for official purpose, entertainment expenses, payment of income-tax on perquisites by the bank to the extent permissible, medical reimbursement, leave and leave fare concession, gratuity, re-

(NRC) and board and subject to RBI approval, the bank said. Sharma draws a salary of Rs 2.64 lakh per month, while the bank has proposed to raise the salary to about Rs 20 lakh per month.

Following RBI's approval, IDBI Bank in a meeting held on February 24, 2022 had approved the re-appointment of Sharma for a period of three years with effect from March 19, 2022, subject to the approval of the members of the bank.

Explaining the rationale behind seeking a hike in Sharma's salary, IDBI Bank said Rakesh Sharma has done "a commendable job in bringing the bank out of PCA

him, since he has been able to bring transformational changes in the bank. "Rakesh Sharma is fit and proper to be re-appointed as MD&CEO pursuant to the fit and proper norms issued by the RBI," it added.

The lender said that it Sharma has given his consent to be re-appointed and is not disqualified from being appointed as director on the board of the bank.

Sharma possesses the requisite qualifications, skills, experience and special knowledge required for the said post.

The annual remuneration payable to Sharma during his tenure is subject to approval of the RBI,

India and abroad.

He moved from the position of Chief General Manager in SBI to Lakshmi Vilas Bank as MD&CEO and served there from March 7, 2014 till September 9, 2015.

He then joined Canara Bank as MD & CEO on September 11, 2015 and served for a period of three years till July 31, 2018.

While in Canara Bank, he also held the position of Chairman in the group companies of Canara Bank. He then joined IDBI Bank as MD & CEO with effect from October 10, 2018 and continues to be the MD & CEO.

In March 2021, the RBI removed IDBI Bank from its en-

RBI had placed IDBI Bank under PCA framework in May 2017, after it had breached the thresholds for capital adequacy, asset quality (net NPAs was over 13 per cent in March 2017), return on assets and the leverage ratio.

IDBI Bank previously categorised as a public-sector bank is now termed as private sector lender controlled by LIC.

As per bank's shareholding pattern as of March 31, 2022, LIC has 49.24 per cent stake in the bank and government holding stands at 45.48 per cent, taking their combined equity to 94.71 per cent.

Government picks 61 companies under Production Linked Incentive scheme

NEW DELHI: The Centre on Thursday shortlisted 61 companies under the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme with an approved financial outlay of Rs 10,683 crore for a period of five years, the textiles ministry said.

This would generate direct jobs of 2,40,134. A total of 67 applications were received for the PLI scheme. These companies elected for PLI scheme include Shahi Exports, Trident Ltd, Paragon Apparel, Pratibha Syntex, Avgol India, HP Cotton etc.

As per Textile Minister UP Singh, in the above 61 applications, the proposed total invest-

ment expected from the applicants is Rs 19,077 crore and a projected turnover is Rs 1,84,917 crore over

a period of 5 years. "The scheme has two parts, Part 1 where minimum investment is Rs 300

crore and minimum turnover required to be achieved for the incentive is Rs 600 crore; and

Part-2, where mini-

centive is Rs 200 crore," the release said.

Government-approved PLI scheme for textiles prod-

ucing India's manufacturing capabilities and enhance exports. In a bid to further boost the growth of the

sued on September 24. Operational Guidelines for PLI scheme were issued on December 28. Applications under



num investment is of Rs 100 crore and minimum turnover required to be achieved for the in-

ducts, namely MMF Apparel, MMF Fabrics and Products of Technical Textiles, for en-

sector, centre also removed the import duty of cotton. The notification for the scheme was is-

PLI scheme for textiles were received through web portal from January to February.

Char Dham Yatra: Uttarakhand govt training drone pilots for surveillance

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The offerings also came down to a valuation of Rs 8 Crore in the year 2020 from Rs 55 Crore in comparison to the year 2019. In 2021, the number of devotees witnessed a jump in comparison to the year 2020. In 2021 more than 5 lakh pilgrims visited the four shrines while in 2020, 3.22 lakh pilgrims visited the shrines.

Officials said that the numbers dipped due to the Covid-19 pandemic following which the yatra was suspended in 2020. In 2021 the yatra started on September 18, 2021, after Uttarakhand High Court allowed the pilgrimage to the four shrines. The HC had allowed Char Dham Yatra with Covid safety measures and restrictions. A total of 800 devotees were allowed at Kedarnath Dham, 1200 at Badrinath, 600 at Gangotri, and 400 devotees at Yamunotri in a day.

Interestingly, last month, the Char Dham law which was brought in by the Trivendra Singh Rawat government that brought the four shrines and 51 other temples under the purview of a board was abolished. This, following protests by priests and religious organisations. Presently, the management has gone back to the traditional system.

Now, all stakeholders including priests, hotels, restaurants, and homestay owners are expecting good business. The stakeholders include temple trusts, hotels, restaurants, chopper companies that provide rides, transportation vehicles- private and government-owned, owners of mules, and many others. The yatra provides work to more than 10000 people directly or indirectly forming an economic ecosystem that benefits the shrines as well as the areas around these shrines.

Last year, to compensate for economic damages due to the cancellation of the Char Dham Yatra, religious tourism and other touristic activities in Uttarakhand for a second consecutive year, Chief Minister

Pushkar Singh Dhami on Wednesday announced a relief package of around Rs 200 Crore for over 1.63 lakh people in the state.

Journalists have a vital role in war against corruption: USAID Executive Director

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on anti-corruption and leverage foreign assistance to fight against corruption.

He added that the US has renewed its commitment and leadership across multi-lateral fora to advance their "priorities through engagement in the UN convention against corruption, the G7, the G20, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, and regional bodies such as the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum, the Organization of American States, and the Council of Europe. In each of these fora, we are promoting implementation of international anti-money laundering and anti-corruption obligations and standards."

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Explaining the role of USAID, Greene said that they balance their support and media to "serve as watchdogs and expose corruption, with the equally critical work of enhancing the effectiveness, independence, and accountability of public sector institutions."

She spoke about the Global Accountability Program, which will strengthen US frameworks for fighting transnational corruption, including by ending opaque business practices, combating kleptocracy, disrupting the movement of illicit finance and goods, and enhancing the ability of countries to not just prevent but also to detect and investigate corrupt actors and networks.

"And then finally, on partners, we are really trying to expand the partners that USAID engages with, because it is those partners who are so instrumental in the fight against corruption," added Greene.



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Man City fends off Atlético, reaches Champions League semis

MADRID: Manchester City held Atlético Madrid to a 0-0 draw to return to the Champions League semifinals and keep alive its hopes of winning Europe's top club competition for the first time. City advanced thanks to its 1-0 win in the first leg last week. In the end, it was Pep Guardiola getting the best of Diego Simeone in the battle of styles between City's offensive-minded tactics and Atlético's more cautious approach. Atlético's attack struggled to find the net again and the Spanish club managed only three attempts on target after having none in the first leg. The hosts played the

final minutes a man down after defender Felipe was sent off for kicking an opponent. The benches had been cleared a few moments earlier as Atlético's players appeared upset with City's attempt to waste time. The match ended with more than 12 minutes of stoppage time and Atlético had a couple of goods chances to break the deadlock but couldn't capitalize on them. Runner-up last year, City will next face Real Madrid, which eliminated defending champion Chelsea on Tuesday at the Santiago Bernabéu Stadium. In the other quarterfinal on Wednesday, Liverpool advanced

past Benfica to set up a semifinal against Villarreal, the modest Spanish club that eliminated Bayern Munich on Tuesday. Atlético was able to have the Wanda Metropolitano Stadium at full capacity after the Court of Arbitration for Sport on Wednesday accepted the club's appeal to overturn UEFA's closure of a 5,000-seat section as punishment for a fan's Nazi salute in the first leg in England. The club was trying to reach the semifinals for the first time in five years. Atlético is now winless in its last seven Champions League games at home, while City is unbeaten in its last 13 away games in all competitions, with 10

wins. Playing in its 100th Champions League game from the group stage to the final, City controlled possession early on and kept Atlético from creating any significant threat. Criticized for playing overly defensively in the first leg, Atlético tried to press forward more often at the Metropolitano and ended with more total attempts than City. But Atlético's top forwards, including starters Antoine Griezmann and João Félix, failed to score again, as did veteran Luis Suárez after coming off the bench near the end. Atlético has been held scoreless in its last three matches in all competitions, with only four total shots on target.

Manchester United interim manager Ralf Rangnick 'understands' disappointment as fans protest

LONDON: Manchester United interim manager Ralf Rangnick says fans are entitled to voice their opinions ahead of an expected protest against the club's unpopular ownership before Saturday's Premier League match against lowly Norwich.

The 1958 group has announced plans for supporters to march to Old Trafford ahead of the game. They plan to remain outside the stadium until the 17th minute of the match, marking one minute for each year of the Glazer family's ownership.

There was a heavy security presence around United's Carrington training ground on Friday after around 30 fans congregated with an anti-Glazer banner before the gathering was dispersed by the police.

"We know that football is a game of passion and emotion. I think we can all understand our supporters are disappointed both with where we stand in the table but also the performance which we showed against Everton," Rangnick said.

"But I believe our supporters are one of, if not the, best in England and as long as they protest in a peaceful way and as long as they still support the team in the stadium I think they have the right to express their opinion. I can understand they have been disappointed," he added.

On May 2 last year, Liverpool's visit to Old Trafford was called off after a planned peaceful protest -- estimated to be 1,000-strong -- escalated, with fans breaking into the stadium and causing damage. Feelings against the US

owners have intensified again since the failed European Super League project and United's on-field struggles have added to the sense of frustration among fans.



Last week's 1-0 defeat at Everton, coupled with Tottenham's 4-0 win at Aston Villa, has left United six points off the top four with seven games left to play, making qualification for next year's Champions league unlikely.

Rangnick believes the team has improved since he took over from Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, who was sacked in November, but said they had lacked consistency. "What we couldn't do is do it in a sustainable way and a longer period of time. I'm disappointed by that. I thought we could have played sustainably on a higher level. I'm not happy with that for sure but this is what we will try to do for the rest of the season," said the German.

England left-back Luke Shaw is expected to miss the rest of the campaign following an operation to remove metal bolts from his leg. "He will be out for at least another four or five weeks. It will be difficult for him to be available for the remaining seven games," Rangnick said.

IPL 2022: Deepak Chahar ruled out of Chennai Super Kings following back injury



MUMBAI: Chennai Super Kings pacer Deepak Chahar has been ruled out of the ongoing season of the Indian Premier League (IPL) after he suffered a back injury during his rehabilitation at the National Cricket Academy. The 29-year-old

pacer was under rehab to recover from quadriceps and later injured his back. He had sustained the injury while playing for India in a T20I match against West Indies in February. On the other hand, Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) have signed fast bowler

Harshit Rana as a replacement for pacer Rasikh Salam for the rest of the IPL 2022 season. "Salam, who played 2 games for KKR this season, has been ruled out owing to a lower back injury and will take no further part in the tournament. His replace-

ment, Harshit Rana, from Delhi will join KKR at his base price of Rs 20 Lakh," stated an official IPL release. Chennai Super Kings have won one match out of their five outings in IPL 2022 so far, while KKR have claimed victory in three matches.




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