

Mega Port Vision For Paradip

Paradip(KCN): Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,

merger of Inland waterways of Mahanadi with Coastal water of the

that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of a strong Atma Nibhar

Union Minister said. "In order to become a super power our new generation should undergo new innovation thought process, start-ups, connectivity, industry, science and technology," he said and added, "There should be coherent approach between the teaching community, parents and students."

Sonowal launched "Vidya Ashribad Scheme" for the local school students belonging to the marginalized section of the society who are being provided with study kits comprising of school bags, shoes and other accessories. He also launched the "Baristha Kalyan Yojana" under which the inmates of Maa Santoshi Old Age Home were provided utility kits.

PPA Chairman PL Haranadh outlined about the prospects of various projects like 2nd exit-cum-road flyover (Gati-Shakti Project), sewerage treatment plant, creation of 'Aayush Garden', Paradip College Boy's Hostel and container scanner which were inaugurated by the Minister.



Sarbanand Sonowal Monday said that under Maritime Vision-2030, the Paradip Port Authority will become a mega port.

"For this, employees, the stakeholders like exporters, importers will have to play a crucial role," he said addressing the media, employees and denizens of Paradip at a meeting at the newly inaugurated Biju Convention Centre.

The Union Minister said that Paradip is going to become one of Asia's prominent industrial hub with large projects of around Rs 10,000 crore.

"Port based industrialization is on the anvil. With the

Bay of Bengal via Paradip Port, a huge potential for development has been created," he added. As the nation is celebrating Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Paradip Port Authority that came into existence post-independence has achieved tremendous success and created its own identity, he said.

Apart from the employees, the local population has also extended its whole hearted support, he said while also thanking Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik for support in development of Paradip Port.

"In future also they should continue this type of support so

Bharat is realised," he said.

Sonowal said in the spirit of 'Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, through Sabka Prayas' the efforts of several line ministries were synchronised for the holistic and speedy development of the nation, the Prime Minister had announced the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan worth Rs. 100 lakhs crore.

'Gati Shakti' aims to provide systematic, multi modal connectivity to various economic zones for seamless movement of people, goods & services resulting in efficient conduct of logistics and economic activities, the

Mamata to attend national conclave in Delhi on Apr 30, appointment with PM sought



KOLKATA(KCN): West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee will visit New Delhi on Friday to participate in a national conclave where Prime Minister Narendra Modi is also an invitee, a senior state secretariat

official said on Monday. The conclave on pendency of cases across courts in the country is scheduled for Saturday. Chief Justice of India N V Ramana, several high court judges and chief ministers have been invited to the



event, which is expected to be inaugurated by the PM, he said. Asked whether the Trinamool Congress supremo would be meeting Modi in the national capital, the official said an appointment has been

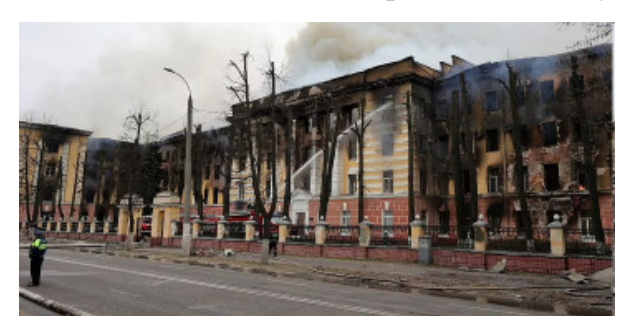
sought with the prime minister, but the "response is still awaited". The details of Banerjee's itinerary are not known yet. Banerjee had met Modi in New Delhi during her last visit in November 2021.

17 dead in Russian military research facility fire last week

MOSCOW(KCN): At least 17 people have died in last week's fire at a Russian military research facility, authorities said Monday.

The regional government in Tver, a city about 180 kilometers (112 miles) northwest of Moscow, said that so far only five of the vic-

tims had been identified. The blaze at



the Central Research Institute for Air and Space Defense of the Russian Defense

Ministry in Tver erupted Thursday

and it took authorities a day to put it out. Officials previously

said 27 people were injured and 13 of them were hospitalised.

The cause of the fire wasn't immediately clear.

The research institute was involved in the development of some of the state-of-the-art Russian weapons systems, reportedly including the Iskander missile.

Odia litterateur Binapani Mohanty passes away at 89

CUTTACK(KCN): Eminent Odia litterateur Binapani Mohanty (89) passed away following a prolonged illness at her residence here on Sunday. A noted literary fig-

best stories are 'Pata Dei', 'Khela Ghara', 'Naiku Rasta', 'Bastraharana', 'Andhakarara', 'Kasturi Murga O Sabuja Aranya' and 'Michhi Michhika'. Her short story 'Pata

Telegu. A film made on her story 'Andhakarachhai' titled 'Bhanga Salita' was highly appreciated. She was conferred Padma Shri in 2020. She was the founder

of the Odisha Lekhika Sansad, an organisation for women writers. Her last rites will be conducted at Sati Chaura here on Monday, according to her nephew Biswadas Mohanty.Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Sunday expressed deep grief and announced that her last rites will be con-

ducted with state honours.

Stating that Mohanty always forcefully presented the struggles of women in their lives in her novels and short stories, the Chief Minister said her writings gave inspiration for women empowerment. Her death has created a void in Odia literature, he added. Condoling her death, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said she made monumental contributions to Odia literature, especially fiction writing. "Her works have been translated in various languages and attained great popularity. Condolences to her family and admirers," he added. Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan said that her writings have enriched Odia literature. Her works will be remembered for all time to come.



ure in the field of Odia fiction writing, Mohanty was awarded with several prestigious literary awards including Atibadi Jagannath Das award, Sahitya Akademi Award and Sarala Samman. Her literary career began with the publication of 'Gotie Ratira Kahani' in 1960. Some of her

Dei' won her the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1990. She had penned three Odia novels and translated Russian folk tales from English to Odia. Her many short stories too have been translated into different languages like English, Hindi, Kannada, Malayam, Marathi, Bengali, Urdu,

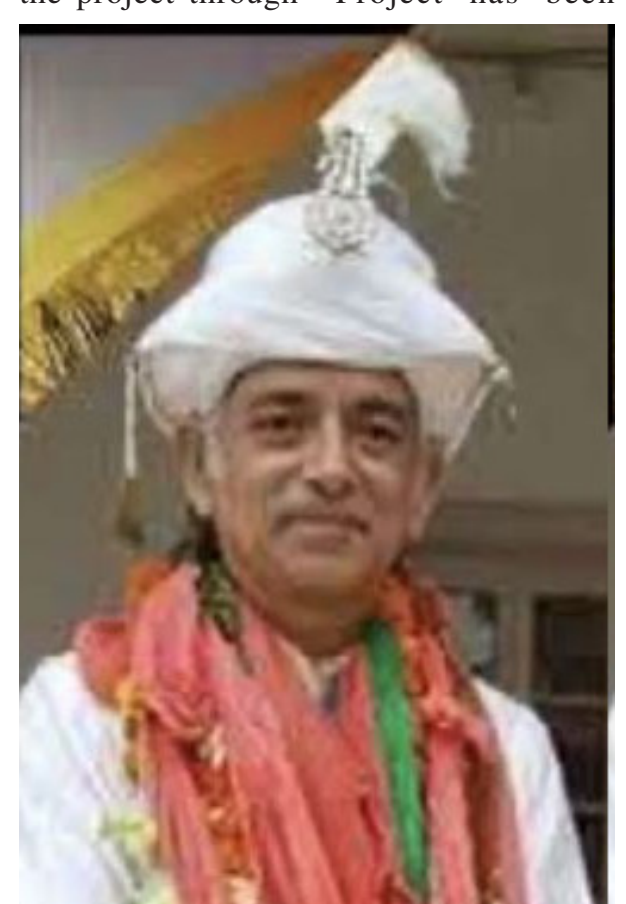
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Shreemandir Is Safe; Gajapati

Puri(KCN): Breaking silence over Shreemandir Parikrama Prakalpa which is now dragged into controversy, Puri King Gajapati Dibyasingha Deb said Shree Jagannath temple is totally safe and everyone should extend hands for execution of the project. Speaking to media persons here after chairing the Temple Management Committee, the King said the Shreemandir Parikrama Prakalpa (Heritage Corridor Project) is highly essential for the security of the temple, in the interest of devotees, beautification of temple periphery and putting the temple at a proper place at international-level.

"Mahaprabhu's work doesn't belong to any individual, group, party..it belongs to all. Everyone's cooperation is needed for

projects being undertaken for the benefit of devotees. And it is not proper to oppose the project through



demonstration and protests," Mr.Deb said. If there is any issue or problem, it should be resolved through dia-

logue and mutual understanding, he suggested. Notably, the Heritage Corridor Project has been

dragged into controversy as few organisations allege that the project has been undertaken without the approval

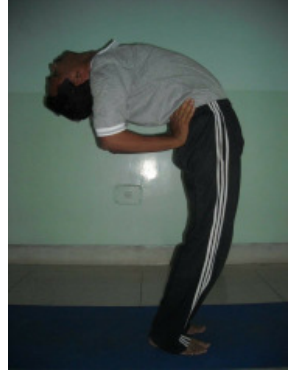
of statutory bodies like ASI and NMA. It was also alleged that the construction activities near the temple may have an impact on the structure. A case on this issue is also pending in Orissa High Court now.

During the Management Committee meeting, annual budget of Rs 248 crore for the year 2022-23. Besides, discussion was held on signing of an MoU for the setting up of an Adarsh Gurukul for the children of the sevayats, said Chief Administrator of Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA), Vir Vikram Yadav. The Adarsh Gurukul sub-committee of SJTA has been asked to further study the MoU and it will be put before the Management Committee during its next meeting, he said.

Programme on 'Yoga for Pain Management' was Organized

Kolkata(KCN): A special programme on "Yoga for Pain Management" was jointly organized by Vivekananda Rock Memorial & Vivekananda Kendra Kanyakumari, Pachimabanga Pranta, Netaji Nagar Karyasthan and Sri Ramakrishana Sevashrama, Tikatal,

Khordha, Odisha. In this special virtual Yoga session with emphasizing on the common bone health issues like Arthritis, Back pain, Knee pain, Neck pain etc are conducted by the Yoga & Wellness Expert Mr. Sanatan Mahakud. Mobility and flexibility of the joints keeps a person healthy and energetic. Like other exercises, regular Yoga practices, Proper Diet, Relaxation, Recreation and Prayer are the most essential for each and every individual, said



Mr. Mahakud. These habits would help to lead a happy, healthy, stress free and balanced life.



Even though programme was open to all, it was mostly attended by the members and well wishers of Vivekananda Rock Memorial & Vivekananda Kendra Kanyakumari, Pachimabanga Pranta, Netaji Nagar Karyasthan and Sri Ramakrishana Sevashrama, Tikatal, Khordha, Odisha.

Argument turned to bloody clash in Ulliburu village

Barbil(KCN): A discussion between two groups in Ulliburu village of Karakhendra panchayat under

between the two sarpanch aspirants in the recent panchayat election. But days after the election,

were hospitalized while one of them "seriously and critically injured. According to

challenge to police. Using gun definitely indicating to a worse direction of law and order situ-



Barbil police station of Keonjhar district has sparked in to a bloody clash. According to reports, there were some opinion differences

their supporters had an argument on some facts and this argument converted to a violent clash where there was several gun firings. Three person

some, the dispute between the two parties over the transportation work. But truth is yet to clear. How ever this kind of violent clash is definitely a

ation in future. Police need to be strict and must impose action against the miscreants to protect this area ,says intellectuals.

Skrabati Narasingh Rotary Mother & Child Hospital starts on 27th The contributions of Dr. Raseshwari and Narayani are commendable

Sambalpur (KCN) : The inauguration of Skrabati Narasingh Rotary Mother & Child Hospital at Bhatra, will be held on 27 th in Sambalpur. Informed by the hos-

Child Hospital Trust of Rotary Club of Sambalpur, Rotary Dist Switzerland and supported by eminent lady Dr. Narayani Panda as Golden Patron of this project. Dr. Ashok Singh has guided till its completion.

The hospital's only motive is to provide affordable and quality healthcare. The hospital never turned away any patient because of her inability to pay for treatment and always try to fund treatments through donations by generous supporters. The hospital is equipped with best quality healthcare tools. At present the hospital has operation theatre, labor room, ward for patient, OPD and also hold its promise to be the most economical one with the best results, as briefed.

This will be inaugurated by Naba Kishore , Health Minister, Govt. of Odisha in presence of RI Director A. S. Venkatesh and RI Dist. Governor Sunil Pathak. In the press meet Trust chair Dr Raseswari Panigrahi, Trust Secretary Dr. Ashok Singh, Bikram Senapati, Prez. Rotary Club of Sambalpur, Dr. Narayani Panda, Damodar kar, Susanta Mahapatra and other office bearers were present.



pital management here on Monday, the management members , the project was initially proposed to Rotary by Dr. Raseswari Panigrahi, Sr. Gynecologist Ex-HOD VIMSAR & Ex-MLA by donating her land for the hospital. The project cost is around four Cores and the funding is done through Rotary Global Grant, 130 trustees of Skrabati Narasingh Rotary

Eminent Journalist, Poet Pravat Mallick's Mother passed away

Cuttack Sadar(KCN) : Cuttack Sadar Barada Gram Panchayat belongs to village

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Chanchapada eminent journalist, renowned poet, sahitika and the honorable sub editor of leading cultural organisation Saraswati Kala Parisad (SKP) Kandrapur Mr. Pravat Kumar Mallick's mother Bengalata Mallick (82) passed away. She was one of the good pious lady, an ideal lady also well known for great personalities in their locality. In her death lots of eminent personalities paid their

ground all kriya karmasanskar done with given first fair by son Kedarnath Mallick. In her dead body middle son Upedra, daughter, son in law, four nos daughter in law, nati, natuni and relatives were present. Moreover Late Bengalata's husband retired Railway service man Duryodhan Mallick, and elder son health department service person Bipini Bihari Mallick passed away some days before.

Odisha Mo-Parivar Collects 72 units of Blood through Jeevan Bindu Programme

Khordha (KCN): Municipality, Sourya Ranjan Mohanty, Khordha town BJD President Mahamad



district Co-ordinator Odisha Mo-Parivar, Dillip Kumar Hota organized a blood donation camp in BJD party office Khordha. BJD Joint -Secretary in-charge of Odisha Mo-Parivar Rudra Narayan Samantaray inaugurated the camp. A total 72 units of blood were collected in the camp. BJD women's wings state vice-president Basanti Mohapatra, Khordha District BJD women's wings President Gitanjali Patsani, Chairman Khordha Municipality, Kanaka Lakshmi Mohanty, Vice-Chairman Khordha Arif, Khordha Block Vice-Chairman Prakash Samantaray, Biju Yuva Janta Dal State Secretary Rudra Nath Dutta, BCJD, State General Secretary Nasim Khan and Councillor of Khordha Municipality, BJD party leaders and workers of Khordha Assembly Constituency were present and encouraged the blood donors. In this blood donation camp more than 10 women's and Physically Handicapped Persons were voluntarily donates their blood and success the programme.

Social Activist Amitabh Samal requested Prime Minister Narendra Modi to intervene the Rourkela Airport work

Rourkela (KCN): Social Activist and President of Rourkela Jagran Manch Amitabh Samal wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and said that

However the official expansion of runway of Rourkela Airport is just 190 meters i.e. only to cater 70 seated aircrafts like ATR 72. The extension of runway at Rourkela Airport is being deliberately limited to 6273 ft which will anyhow not allow bigger aircrafts like Boeing and Airbus to operate from here. He said that it also came in his notice that 1349 ft of the existing runway would be discarded and the reason is unknown. The total expansion henceforth would have been 7622 ft however is being limited to 6273 ft which is really a matter of concern. SAIL has allocated sufficient land



Rourkela Airport Upgradation is an extreme need for the pride of Odisha and has been a long demand of the people of Western Odisha including Smart city Rourkela which is yet to be functional (Rourkela is densely populated with a population of 20 Lakhs in and around). It plays an important role for overall progress of Sundargarh District, Steel Authority of India Limited, National Institutions like NIT and various small and medium enterprises. Presently Rourkela Airport has a runway length of 6066 ft (1820 mtr) which is enough to cater 70 seater aircrafts like ATR 72-600 and De Havilland 8-400 aircrafts. It should be noted that Airbus Planes like A320 A320 Neo and A321 Neo need a minimum runway length of 6825 respectively. A330 needs 9090 ft while Boeing 737-800 needs 7598 ft and 737-900ER needs 9800 ft of runway which are operated with 4C License.

about 146 acres for Airport Expansion and with little more expansion the length of the runway can be extended up to 8000 ft for smooth operation of Big body aircraft. Social Activist Amitabh Samal requested PM Modi to intervene the Airport work for Upgradation and to make the airport operational as soon as possible which has been extremely delayed since 2017 as smart city Rourkela and its surroundings has got enough potential to grow. He mentioned that Taxiway, Terminal building , boundary wall has not yet completed and now the limitation factor of runway which is having an unknown reason as minimising length of the runway will be obstacle for the progress of Western Odisha including Rourkela. Amitabh Samal sent it's copies to Chief Minister Of Odisha Naveen Patnaik, Union Cabinet Minister for Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya Scindia, Secretary 5T to Govt. of Odisha V K Pandian.

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I'll keep venting my anger through my films: 'Thappad' director Anubhav Sinha

NEW DELHI(KCN): With three back to back films on the troika of troubling contemporary issues - religion, caste and gender -- director Anubhav Sinha, who seems to have hit a purple patch, says he is an angry man and will continue to vent his ire through his cinema.

Fresh from the success of his latest film "Thappad", a nuanced look at domestic violence and male entitlement, Sinha said this is his "most fertile" period.

"I'm jumping between stories. As soon as I finish one, I start my next. I want to address everything. I'm still an angry man. I'll keep venting my anger through my films," the director told PTI in an interview.

Patriarchy, in his view, "is in our blood, in our bones".

"It has been for centuries and we don't even realise that we have it," Sinha said.

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Before "Thappad", which released on February 28, Sinha made "Article 15" on the caste divide in 2019 and "Mulk" on religious polarisation in 2018.

"Perhaps this is the most fertile time for me. I keep finding good stories so I don't

see a reason not to work. I'm a workaholic and there

Thappad: The slap that Indian society needed?

make mistakes while telling the story of "just a slap".

wakes up when we are fast asleep to cook for us and then leave for

makes his own tea, loves his family and has a special corner in his heart for his daughter. "The film talks about 'anupayukt' (unsuitable) men but that doesn't mean there are no good men around. I wanted to have one good man in the middle but realised that he was too sweet. That is why, I wanted to say that even he made a mistake."

A revealing conversation between Mishra's character and his wife, played by Ratna Pathak Shah, tells the audience how he overlooked her musical aspirations even while being the caring husband.

Sinha said "Mulk", "Article 15" and "Thappad" are not a trilogy, but the success of the first two gave him the confidence to tackle the latest.

"When I made 'Mulk', a courtroom drama, it was a little verbose because there were things I had to say. So it ended up speaking more. Its box office success gave me a certain degree of confidence. I truly believe my films should do well at the box office," he said. "Article 15" made Rs 65 crore at the box office and "Mulk" almost Rs 30 crore.

"Thappad" is also on a healthy profit track with Rs 21 crore in its first week.

Sinha is happy. It is not on a blockbuster point because this is not a Rs 100 crore film. It has its own loyal audience and the reaction has been really strong.



is no other engagement in my life. I'm meeting good writers, some are one or two films old, some are new. Things are falling into place organically," he said.

The 54-year-old, who began his career in 2001 with the romantic drama "Tum Bin" and went on to make commercial potboilers such as "Cash", "Dus" and "Ra.

One" before changing gears to more meaningful cinema, said he works on two scripts simultaneously.

That is why he is able to come up with at least one film a year. So, while he was making "Article 15" with co-writer Gaurav Solanki, he was also working on the script of "Thappad" with Mrunmayee Lagoo.

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"Similarly, while Mrunmayee and I were busy with 'Thappad', two other writers were writing my next two," he said.

"I spend time with my writers, meet them at 8 in the morning to discuss what we have written. I am always working on two scripts. It takes more time between two films when you don't have a ready script," he added.

Sinha credits the women in his team for "Thappad", hailed as a landmark film by many critics.

The Taapsee Pannu-starrer is about a homemaker whose life falls apart when her corporate executive husband slaps her in a party.

According to Sinha, the women in his crew ensured he didn't

"After the #MeToo movement, I told my team to hire as many women as possible. So there are always a lot of women in my team. I talk to them and they read the script and come up with their own suggestions.

"While constructing a shot, if I have some confusion or a question, I discuss with them and try to find a solution. The only credit I take is that I'm receptive to their ideas." His late mother did not connect with his earlier films but would have loved "Thappad", he said.

In 2010, he started cooking as a hobby. But it took his mother to make him realise that cooking can be a chore if you have to do it four times a day, everyday.

"I realised this woman

her school. She was a teacher. This affected me even as a child. Thankfully, I never saw any kind of violence, physical or otherwise, but yes, we are all misogynists.

"My father would carry his own plate from the table and made the morning cup of tea. There were no words like 'feminists' and 'chivalry' in our lives then but it must have subliminally affected me that my father was like that. Still the cooking chores were done by my mother," he said.

Though the director does not mention it, the protagonist Amrita's father, played by Kumud Mishra, may have something to do with Sinha's personal experience.

He is gentle and large-hearted, quotes poetry,



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Revisiting Anandamath: Ramkamal Readies Rare Celluloid Experience

You cannot certainly ride on a man-pulled rickshaw, go down memory lane and beyond and revisit Anandamath that gave the first mantra to the Swaraj movement- Vande Mataram, 150 years ago, so easily. But the author and editor turned filmmaker- Ram Kamal Mukherjee,



is riding on the success of his third feature film- "Rickshawala" and giving it a shot to offer a rare celluloid experience. Mukherjee is joined by the former Zee Studio Head Sujoyy Kuttii to create their magnum opus "1770 - Ek Sangram", inspired by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay's best-selling nationalist novel Anandamath. The film will also mark the 150th year of 'Vande Matram' that triggered the Swaraj movement in India against the British Empire. Mukherjee-Kuttii duo roped in none other than K V Vijayendra Prasad of Bahubaali and RRR fame, to helm the creative of this magnum opus and remake of Bankim Chandra's Anandamath. Produced by Shhailendra Kkumar from SS1 Entertain-

ment, Suraj Sharma from P K Entertainments, the film will be made in Hindi, Tamil and Telugu. After winning the hearts of critics and audience worldwide for his film 'Season's Greetings', Mukherjee's third feature film Rickshawala, set in the heartland of Kolkata, also fetched 11 international and national awards at film festivals and was selected at the prestigious ImagineIndia International

Ritwik Mukherjee



Film Festival in Madrid, Spain. But recreating Anandamath will be a much bigger challenge for the young filmmaker and Mukherjee minces no word in admitting that. "It's my dream project as creative producer. I will be working with India's celebrated creative team, and make sure that it's a visual treat for audiences. I feel that this is the right time to tell the story of Anandamath. The story of Sanyasis who fought against the British Raj and sowed the seed of independence," says Mukherjee.

Sujoyy Kuttii, on his parts, says, "I am glad that we are revisiting classics. As an executive producer, I am excited to recreate the magic of Vande Mataram on screen. I have worked with Vijayendra sir in Manikarnika and also worked closely with him on a couple

of other projects too. When Ram Kamal approached me with 1770 Ek Sangram, I immediately thought of Vijayendra sir, because of its scale and structure. I am glad that we have young producers like Shhailendra Kkumar and Suraj Sharma who believe that the screenplay is the real hero of the film. Once we are ready



with the first draft of the screenplay we will start locking our main leads."

"When Sujoyy Kuttii approached me for Anandamath, I was a bit taken aback. I had read the novel many years ago, and frankly speaking I didn't feel that today's generation would be able to connect with the subject. But when I met Ram Kamal and he shared his vision on Anandamath, he had a completely different take on the novel. It was commercial and connected with human emotions. After a couple of sessions, now I am excited to work on the subject with a completely fresh perspective. It will be a huge challenge for me, to recreate the magic of Anandamath," said veteran writer K V Vijayendra Prasad.

This mega budget feature film will be shot in Hyderabad, West Bengal and London. Young producer Suraj Sharma from PK En-

tainment says, "As a student I was inspired by movies based on novels. I have grown up watching films like Lagaan, Jodha Akhbar, Bajirao Mastani and Bahubaali. We read Bankim Chandra's work in our school, but they didn't have Anandamath in the syllabus. So when Ram Kamal sir, narrated the story, I was excited. Unfortunately people forgotten these gems that we have in our literature. I was certain that I would like to debut as a producer with a film that would connect with the soul of India. I am just 21, and I am grateful that I have such veterans like Sujoyy Kuttii, Vijayendra sir and Shhailendra ji, heading the creative aspect of 1770 Ek Sangram."

Currently the makers are busy shuttling between Mumbai and Hyderabad to lock the first draft of the screenplay. By the end of May, they will be releasing the teaser poster. "We are expecting to shoot from October, while we will need 120 days of pre-produc-



tion. This is a mammoth project, and requires a massive budget to mount. It will take almost a year and half to make this film," says Mukherjee. Afterall, it's bringing back and recreating an often forgotten chapter of India's freedom movement and will need lot of unshackling of ideas and creativity.

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Focus on Export Promotion

As per latest export data, there is the sudden surge in exports of goods and services in 2021-22 after registering a decline for two consecutive years. While the exports of goods zoomed by 43.8% to reach an all-time high of \$419.7 billion in 2021-22, that of services rose by 20.9% to touch \$249.2 billion. And

the total exports of goods and services were valued at a humongous \$668.9 billion after posting a 34.3% growth in 2021-22.

However, these surging growth numbers hide more than they reveal. Because if one takes a three-year average to capture the impact of the fall in exports in the previous two years, the growth of goods, services, and the total exports in 2021-22 slump to 10%, 6.8%, and 8.5%, respectively. These are certainly decent figures, but no cause for any celebration.

Moreover, the surge in Indian exports is mainly due to global factors rather than the government trade policies. For instance, in the case of merchandise or goods exports, the flows initially rose at double-digit levels in the latter half of the last decade and then suddenly plunged in the last two years, with the exports even shrinking by 7.2% in 2020 following the disruptions caused by the pandemic.

However, global exports then staged a marked recovery in 2021 by surging nearly 27%. This has also been reflected in the Indian goods exports that rose by a substantial 54.6% in 2021 after declining in the previous two years. Exports growth of the three largest global exporters—Germany, China, and the United States—was a modest 24.1%, 28.1%, and 23.9%, respectively. Although Indian goods exports surged the highest among the major economies in 2021, the country's share in global exports rose by just 0.1% from 2.4% in 2019 to 2.5% in 2021, while that of China rose

much faster from 9.6% to 10.5% during the same period.

Despite this recovery in Indian exports, the share of the Indian exports sector in the larger economy still lags substantially behind the peak levels it attained in the middle of the last decade. The surge of goods exports in 2021-22 pushed up the exports share in the gross domestic product (GDP) to 13.5%, while that of services exports rose to 7.3% and thus the share of the total goods and services exports went up to 20.8%.

This is still far short of the peak shares when goods exports touched 17.2% of the GDP in 2013-14, or when services sector exports share rose to 8.9% of the GDP in 2008-09 and the total share of exports of both goods and services went up to 25.4% of the GDP in 2013-14. So, it is amply clear that despite the current surge, the share of the Indian exports sector in the GDP is still almost 5 percentage points below the peak levels clocked around a decade back.

The other reason for worry is that despite the current exports surge, the trade deficit has once again widened sharply. Numbers for 2021-22 show that the merchandise trade deficit almost doubled from \$102.6 billion in 2020-21 to \$192.2 billion in 2021-22, raising its share from 3.8% to 6.2% of the GDP. However, the surplus gained from the services trade, which partially compensates for the merchandise trade deficit, has slowly shrunk over the years, from a peak of 3.9% of the GDP to 3.1% now. The shrinkage in trade surplus from services sector, which rose sharply after the start of the reforms in the 1990s, can be traced back to the global financial crisis that shrunk the share of the services sector exports in the GDP from a peak level of 8.9% to just 7.2% now. The dwindling share of both goods and services exports in the GDP has together shrunk the total share of the Indian exports sector in the GDP by around 5 percentage points from their peak levels of 25.4% in 2013-14 to just 20.8% now.

Pradeep Kumar Panda

Consequently, the share of services sectors in the total exports, which almost doubled its share from 19.8% to 36.4% between 1990-91 and 2006-07, has largely stagnated since then and even fallen marginally to just 35.1% in 2021-22. Although the latest numbers show that the current surge has boosted the share of goods exports in the total Indian exports by 6 percentage points to 64.9% in just one year, it is still too short a period to claim that there has been any significant turnaround in the prospects of merchandise exports and that the current exports gains are sustainable.

On the contrary, the disaggregated exports numbers in fact show that the current surge in goods exports is unlikely to be sustained as it is rather narrow-based and dominated by a few goods like petroleum products (153.6%), yarn, made-ups and handlooms (55.7%), gems and jewellery (50.3%), and engineering goods (46%).

Numbers indicate that though agriculture exports have risen to an all-time high of \$50 billion, the growth of exports of other important products like drugs and pharmaceuticals, rice, and tea were in single digits, while that of spices and iron ore declined. Such marked disparities in the growth of exports of major products also put a big question mark on the sustainability of the current exports surge.

However, the overall prospects of the external sector remain benign with the foreign exchange reserves still hovering around \$618 billion by the end of financial year 2021-22. This will ensure that the economy remains cushioned from any adverse trends, at least in the short run, and help maintain greater stability.

Focus may be on export promotion. The existence of favorable trade policy in a region forms the basis for the strategic advantage to the stakeholders and provide a vision of the country. The pillar covers the paramount trade policies vital for the expansion of export

business. It evaluates whether the particular policy has been implemented in the country. A prevalent environment with good infrastructure, connectivity, and access to finance play a significant role in attracting new investments in any region. A conducive ecosystem with regulatory ease and a facilitative environment spurs business activity. This pillar tries to capture the performance of the states on similar grounds. The existence of efficient business ecosystem strengthens the backward and forward linkages of the exporting industry, thereby enhancing their output and growth. It covers a wide range of areas like Ease of Doing Business, Innovative Capacity, Cluster strength, Financial Ability, Logistics and more. In addition to the comprehensive enabling environment in the country, peculiar attention must be given to the export business ecosystem, which drives competition and growth in the export specific sector. The pillar covers indicators like area under Export Promotion Industrial Parks, Export Promotion Zones, Existence of Trade Guide, Number of Inspection agencies - NABCB certification and others, which are essential to attract new investors and increase the productivity of the existing ones.

Measuring export performance is necessary to assess actual results. This particular pillar, unlike others, is an output-based dimension. It helps to examine how much the country has achieved and improved in the export sector. Growth and Diversification of exports constitute the export performance of the country.

All the vital parameters, namely Export Promotion Policy, Institutional Framework, Business Environment, Infrastructure, Transport Connectivity, Access to finance, Export Infrastructure, Trade Support, Research and Development Infrastructure, Growth Orientation and Export Diversification need strengthening for export promotion.

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Servitors back Srimandir heritage corridor project of Puri's Jagannath temple

BHUBANESWAR/PURI: Amidst the raging controversy over the construction work of Jagannath Temple heritage corridor project, representatives of sevayats have thrown their weight behind the State government giving it a huge breather. The servitors have demanded that moves by some political leaders to derive mileage out of the issue by holding padayatras and dem-

onstrations against the project should be stopped. In a memorandum submitted to Collector Samarth Verma, the sevayats demanded that attempts to politicise the issue to garner cheap mileage must be stopped. As per the decision of the managing committee of the Jagannath Temple, demonstrations cannot be held in the area around the temple and the Grand Road. It added that there-

fore, the move to stall the project should be stopped.



BJP MP from Bhubaneswar Aparajita Sarangi has given a call for padayatras against

the alleged illegal construction on April 27 at Puri.

The memorandum said that the heritage corridor project work should be completed at the ear-

liest to enhance the glory of abode of Lord Jagannath in

the entire world. The project has been conceptualized keeping in view the benefit of every

devotee of Lord Jagannath in the world the sevayats' memorandum said and maintained that the locals of Puri have extended full cooperation to the project all along. They also said details of the project work have already been shared with them which is why sevayats and residents of nearby Shata Sahi (seven streets) have cooperated with the project. The sevayat repre-

sentatives from seven nijog (association of servitors) including Taluchha Nilakanta Mahapatra, Ramakrushna Dasmahapatra and Gourahari Pradhan told mediapersons that they have requested the Collector to take initiative to complete the heritage corridor project before 2024. They also pointed out that hundreds of servitors in response to appeal of Chief Minister Naveen

Patnaik surrendered their land for the project and residents living around the Srimandir supported the heritage project which will spread Sri Jagannath dharma in the country. Pilgrims will also get better facilities. It is unfortunate that politicians and vested interests have started a move to stall the project, the servitor leaders said and cautioned that any attempt to derail it will be thwarted by the servitors.

Kalajyoti - Odissi Gurukul : About Kalajyoti and the Founder Guru

Kolkata (KCN): Kalajyoti - Odissi Gurukul, cradled by nature, is a paradise for learners of any stream of Indian culture, surrounded by serenity was established in the year 2003. It is developed with love and dedication step by

most dedication - a star dancer is believed to have arrived on earth. It is one of the rare dance institution of Kolkata which functions as per ancient Gurukul system in a campus with natural ambience drives foreign and Indian students from different parts of the World to live and learn from the Guru Indian traditional Art and Culture. A loving Guru, a dynamic performer and an excellent choreographer - Guru Monalisa Ghosh has mesmerized the National and Gobar audience since last 3 decades. She has established Odissi dance training curriculum in Germany, Austria, UAE, and The Neth-

Guru Giridhari Nayak, who recently passed away, was performed by observing one minute silent, and offering flower. The torch bearer of Guru Giridhari Nayak, his daughter Sujata Nayak's graceful Odissi recital marked

Meghomala Ghoshal, Afrina Nasrin 27th was the grand Finale and the last day of Kalajyoti Mahotsav 21-22. Executive members of Kalajyoti extended a hearty felicitation to Sri Vabhav Tiwari, IPS, Superintendent of Police, Baruiapur as the Guest of Honor.



step by Guru Monalisa Ghosh and her



team. Here you are convinced that art is for all - irrespective of creed, caste, financially challenged or affluent. Monalisa Ghosh has spent her formative years in Cuttack, Odisha and since then she dedicated herself to Odissi. Groomed under Late Guru Ramani Ranjan Jena, Guru Raghunath Dutta attending specialization under Padmavibhusan Guru Kelucharan Mahapatra, and Padmasree Sanjukta Panigrahi. Her thirst for learning motivated her to get training from Guru Giridhari Nayak, and attended workshops under Guru Ratikanta Mahapatra and Guru Bishnu Sasmal. Kalajyoti is a dream child of Guru Monalisa Ghosh, who believes dance is an inner expression of devotion, joy, love, and spiritual ecstasy and when these are in harmony with ut-

erlands. Guru Monalisa Ghosh has widely performed in several cities of Europe during her visit twice a year, receiving huge critical acclaims and accolades. She has presented her choreographies with her ensemble in important festivals in India and has been felicitated by famous Organisations. Monalisa's 25 years visit to European countries twice a year as a visiting Guru and performer has served as a huge contribution in popularizing the beauty, philosophy and spiritual aspect of Odissi Dance to the West. Her humanitarian contribution stretches further - in partner with Art Vision Quest of Gabrielle Poendl in Uttenweiler, Germany, Monalisa Ghosh conducts workshop for the refugees of the war stuck countries. Kalajyoti Mahotsav 21-22 Since 2020, Kalajyoti established its own ethnic Theatre - Kalamandap, the ambience attracted maestros to perform on this stage. Kalajyoti made a grand celebration of 75 years of Bharatiya Azadi, as Kalajyoti Mahotsav 21-22, supported by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India. While it is difficult to get 50 percent audience at the renowned performance halls of the city, Kalajyoti attracts a full house audience in the Kalajyoti Mahotsav at Rajpur, South 24 Parganas. Kalajyoti Mahotsav 21-22 began with 'Pratiba Anwesana', a National competition on virtual medium in different fields of Culture. On 25th, 26th and 27th March at least 250 dancers and musicians were staged. Curtain opened on to Guru of Kalajyoti Smt. Monalisa Ghosh making an auspicious beginning leading her disciples in Jagannath Arati in Odissi Style a Kalajyoti presentation where Guru lead the way to a spiritual homage with all disciples - true to the meaning of Gurukul. The were accompanied by melodious and rhythmical supports. Senior disciples brought the arati to the honoured guests - a perfect Devotional atmosphere. On the 25th of March a shradhanjali to Odissi



the beginning of the program. The guest of honors for the evening were Dr. Professor Pushpita Mukherjee, HOD Dance, Rabindra Bharati University, and Sri Kalayan Sen Barat, the renowned music composer. On the 26th of March Guru Smt. Poushali Mukherjee was Kalajyoti's eminent Guest of Honor. Along with Executive members of Kalajyoti lighting of the lamp ceremony was performed every evening by the Guests of Honors. Guest of Honors appreciated the marvelous contribution of Kalajyoti and veteran performer Monalisa Ghosh in establishing such a naturally enriched traditional Gurukul. Though Kalajyoti Mahotsav, gives priority in presenting upcoming talents and in the field of Classical Dance but performances by veteran dancers were a treat for the audience. On the 26th of March Kalajyoti presented students of Sahaj Path, encouraging and bringing a ray of light into the life of specially abled children. For the 26th March, The highlight of the evening was 'Nirvaan' performed by senior exponents of Kalajyoti groomed under Guru Monalisa Ghosh. This dance is dedicated to Dev adi Dev Mahadev, a transcendent state in which there is neither suffering, desire, nor sense of self, and the subject is released from the effects of karma and the cycle of death and rebirth. Nirvaan has received standing ovation from audience not only in India but in Western countries. An unique composition of Guru Monalisa Ghosh combining Odissi and Gotipuo stance. Performed by Senior disciples - Suvojit Dutta, Atasi Biswas, Tanusree Neogi, Suchetana Das, Sanghamitra Jana,

with his flute recital. He was accompanied by eminent table maestro Sri Ujjwal Bharati. It is a matter of pride and honor for Kalajyoti that Eminent personalities of Kolkata and Maestros enjoyed being present at the Mahotsav. Hence Kalajyoti moves forward climbing the



ladder of success keeping balance between the East and West - by Online training by Guru Monalisa Ghosh to students from Canada, USA, Europe and UAE. The effort of the Kalajyoti Team needs appreciation as over 70 Dancers participated at the 2 days Festival, the fact which impressed was all dancers were presented professionally and all received felicitation by eminent guest of honours. Kalajyoti's venture found success in fulfilling its aim of providing stage to such large number of talented performers. All credit goes to the dedicated effort of Monalisa Ghosh and Kalajyoti Team, comprising of President Smt. Sarbari Das, Secretary Sri Amit Biswas, Vice President Sri Indraneel Das. We look forward to more such presentations by Kalajyoti in future for cultural inspiration to the society.

Industrial visits organized by Heritage Institute of Technology

Kolkata (KCN): Recently on 22nd April, 2022, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Heritage Institute of Technology organized an Industrial visit to Diamond Beverages Pvt. Ltd (Bottling Plant of Coca-Cola) at Taratala Works in a batch of 32 students accompanied by 2 Faculty members. The industrial visit was attended by the 3rd Year 6th Semester B.Tech-

students from 3rd and 4th year B.Tech (AEIE) accompanied by 4 faculty members visited the



Industry.

"After the Covid-19 pandemic lockdown, such industrial visits are now planned at regular intervals to give the students a practical exposure to technical education" said Shri P.K. Agarwal, CEO, Heritage Group of Institutions Kolkata.



Mechanical Engineering students.

On 11th April 2022, Department of Applied Electronics and Instrumentation (AEIE) Engineering had organized an Industrial Visit at Metro Control,

Metro Railway, Kolkata. A group of 40 stu-

Singh Urges Unhindered Coal Supply

New Delhi: Union Minister for Power, R K Singh and Union Minister for Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw held a meeting here

Power PSUs and states of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Maharashtra joined virtually.

cluded increasing operational efficiency for loading and unloading of coal, increasing percentage of rakes allotment for

32% more coal freight loading between the months of September 2021 - March 2022.

There has also been an increase in 10% freight, by efficiently mobilizing resources after April 2022.

During the year 2021-22 Indian Railways has augmented the transportation of Coal through Railways by a record 111 Million tonnes and loaded a record 653 Million Tonnes of coal as compared to 542 Million tonnes in the previous year i.e. a growth of 20.4 %.

Further during the period September 2021 to March 2022 loading of coal to power sector was augmented by 32% in just 2 quarters.

In April 2022, IR has taken many steps to prioritize the loading of coal to power sector which has led to increase in supply of coal of more than 10 % within one week time.



today to discuss short term and long term strategies for dealing with increasing power demand.

Power Secretary, Alok Kumar, Coal Secretary, A.K Jain and senior officials from Ministry of Power, Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Railways were present. Representatives from Coal and

Mr. Singh urged all stakeholders at the Centre and state level to work hand in hand for unhindered power supply.

He urged the Power Generation companies to own freight rakes under the scheme of Ministry of Railways to deal with logistic constraints in coal supply. Issues discussed in-

Power sector, and other logistics issues. In the meantime in order to ensure swift supply of coal across power plants, additional trains and rakes by Indian Railways have been initiated to augment transportation of coal through its network. Indian Railways has ramped up the coal transportation resulting in

EU Commission President, PM Modi launch India-EU Trade and Technology Council

NEW DELHI: As vibrant democracies, India and the EU share common values and interest.

"But our values are not shared by everyone. So let us jointly address the rising challenges to our open and free societies," said Ursula von der Leyen, President of the EU Commission, while speaking at the Inauguration of the seventh Raisina Dialogue today that was jointly organised by the Ministry of External Affairs and Observer Research Foundation. ALSO READ | Important for India and EU to engage in geo-political avenues: President Kovind

"We also need to strengthen our cooperation in the digital field. India is a powerhouse when it comes to new technologies, from artificial intelligence to quantum computing. Our cooperation is about way more than investment and infrastructure," Ursula von der Leyen said. The EU Commission President also met with Prime Minister Narendra Modi where they established the India EU Trade and Technology Council (TTC). A first for India, but second for the EU as they established the first TTC with the US.

"Delighted to hold talks with President of EU Commission. We reviewed the full

range of India EU ties including economic and cultural linkages," said PM Modi.

PM Modi and Von Der Leyen also discussed the strong co-operation on climate and clean energy between the two sides. As India and the EU celebrate 60 years of diplomatic ties, the TTC will enable them to handle challenges in trade, trusted technology and security, and thus deepen cooperation in these fields between the EU and India.

The TTC is expected to provide the necessary structure to operationalise political decisions, coordinate technical work, and report to the political level to ensure

implementation and follow-up in areas that are important for the sustainable progress of Indian and European economies.

President of the EU and PM Modi were also the co-chairs of the 27+1 EU Summit at Porto in May 2021. "President EU Commissions personal leadership was largely responsible for the impetus given to the initiatives designed to take our ties to the next level. These include an FTA, an investment agreement and a geographical indications agreement," said External Affairs Minister, Dr S Jaishankar at the Raisina Dialogue today.

Children Getting Arthritis Afflicted

Bhubaneswar: Children are getting increasingly afflicted by rheumatoid arthritis these days but the problem can be addressed through proper diagnosis, tests and treatment.

This was stated by Prof. Surjit Singh, Director of the Post-graduate Institute of medical Research, Chandigarh on Sunday.

Speaking as the chief guest at the two-day 13th conference of the Odisha branch of Indian Rheumatology Association at IMS and SUM Hospital here, Prof. Singh expressed concern over the development.

Prof. Bidyut Kumar Das, Head of the department of Rheumatology at SCB Medical College Hospital, Cuttack, said only 10 government run Medical College Hospitals in India had full-fledged rheumatology departments but the facility for treating rheumatism in children is available in PGI, Chandigarh.

Prof. Das, who is scientific chairperson for the conference, said there was a great need

for opening a Rheumatology department in government -run medical College Hospitals.

He said the Covid pandemic had multiplied the misery of patients afflicted with rheumatoid arthritis.

Prof. Gangadhar

Sahoo, Pro-Vice Chancellor of SOA and Dean of IMS and SUM Hospital, said the disease could be controlled by change of lifestyle.

The conference was also addressed by Dr. Pradipta Sekhar Patro, Head of Department

of Immunology and Rheumatology at IMS and SUM Hospital and Organising Secretary of the conference, Dr. Bijay Kumar Mishra and Dr. Manoranjan Behera, President and Secretary respectively of Odisha branch of IRA.

Babasaheb Ambedkar Nobel Peace Prize awarded

Mumbai (KCN): Babasaheb Ambedkar Nobel Peace

Rights Council' of Eastern India (Police Welfare Of-

Branch President Bhagwan Patra, State Organization Secretary Subhash Chandra Appeli, District General Secretary R Jagabandhu Reddy and Odisha State President Pramod Raul were also present in the program. Even though he is a professional businessman, he still has a passion for doing social work. Creating social institutions and serving people through it There is interest. The group has always been at the forefront of service. Now that they have been honored in Mumbai, congratulations have been sent from various quarters.



Prize 2022 was awarded to Prashant Malu, a social worker and a member of the 'International Human

ficer) in Mumbai, a well-known figure from Berhampur. East India Editor Santosh Kumar Hota, Ganjam



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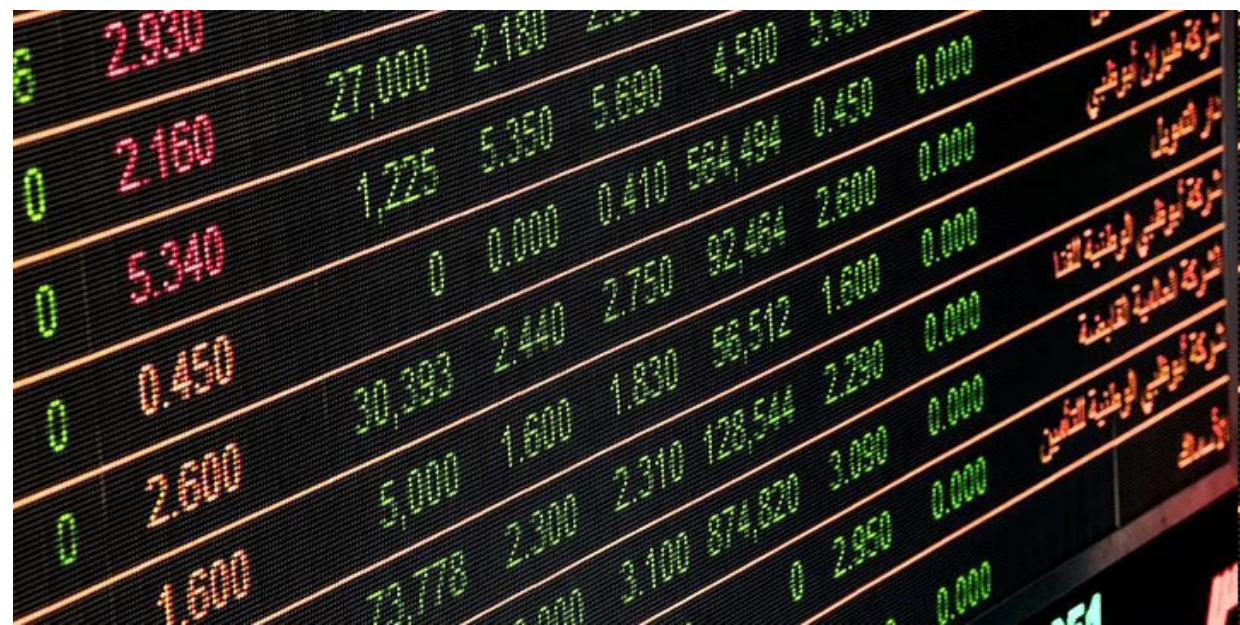
Sri Lanka exchange halts again after 13 per cent plunge

COLOMBO: Crisis-hit Sri Lanka's stock exchange halted again Monday after a nearly 13 per cent plunge, derailing the bourse's tentative reopening after a two-week break aimed at forestalling a market collapse. The island nation is grappling with its worst economic downturn since independence in 1948, with months of regular blackouts and acute shortages of food and fuel. Equities have shed nearly 40 per cent of

est rates and defaulted on its \$51 billion foreign debt. The local S&P index fell seven percent in the opening minute of trade, more than the five percent needed to trigger an automatic half-hour halt. Shares continued their rapid slide after a brief resumption, prompting the market to declare a halt to trading for the rest of the day. Sri Lankan officials were in Washington last week to negotiate with the International Monetary Fund for a

Lanka to appoint advisors on debt restructuring in next 20 days. Sri Lanka's economic collapse began to be felt after the coronavirus pandemic torpedoed vital revenue from tourism and remittances, leaving the country unable to finance essential imports. Utilities unable to pay for fuel have imposed long daily blackouts to ration power, while long lines snake around service stations each morning as

thousands of protesters have been camped outside the seafront office of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to demand his resignation for more than two weeks. Nationwide demonstrations have seen crowds attempt to storm the homes and offices of other government figures. Last week a man was shot dead when police fired on a road blockade in the central town of Rambukkana -- the first fatality since largescale protests began last



their value since January, with the local currency falling by a similar amount against the greenback in the past month. Monday was the first morning of trade on the Colombo bourse since a weeklong Sri Lankan New Year holiday and a subsequent five-day trading halt after the government hiked inter-

bailout, but official sources said there was no immediate prospect of emergency funding from the lender. Colombo is now banking on further bilateral help from India, China, and Japan to help keep the country afloat, a finance ministry source told AFP. ALSO READ: Sri

people queue for petrol and kerosene. Hospitals are short of vital medicines, the government has appealed to citizens abroad for donations, and record inflation has added to everyday hardships. 'Painful few years' Public anger over government mismanagement of the crisis is at a fever pitch and

month. Finance minister Ali Sabry, who is part of the delegation meeting with the IMF in Washington, warned last week that the economic situation would likely deteriorate even further. "It is going to get worse before it gets better," Sabry told reporters. "It is going to be a painful few years ahead."

Much-awaited LIC IPO to open on May 4: Sources

NEW DELHI: The initial public offering of the country's largest insurer LIC will open on May 4 and close on

IPO: Govt to dilute 3.5 per cent stake instead of 5 per cent as planned earlier. The IPO values LIC at

to the public as it would suck liquidity from the market. Situation is already very volatile in view of

(SEBI), in case it fails to roll out the IPO before May 12. The Finance Ministry had



May 9, sources said. The IPO, through which the government will sell 3.5 per cent stake in state-owned Life Insurance Corporation (LIC), will fetch Rs 21,000 crore to the exchequer. ALSO READ | LIC

Rs 6 lakh crore. Explaining why the government has decided to sell a smaller portion of the equity in the insurance behemoth, one of the sources said, "We can't take a risk of selling a larger share

Russia-Ukraine crisis and resurgence of Covid cases in many parts of the country." Notably, the government will have to file the fresh documents with the markets regulator the securities exchange board of India

previously planned to launch the IPO of LIC by March this year but it had to postpone the roll-out on account of tensions between Russia and Ukraine.

RBI imposes Rs 1.12 crore penalty on Bank of Maharashtra

MUMBAI: Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a penalty of Rs 1.12 crore on Bank of Maharashtra

Banks, and guidelines on managing risks and code of conduct in outsourcing of financial services by

ter of non-credit of customs duty to the government account by the bank, it added. In another release,

Apex Bank, Chandigarh for contraventions with RBI directions on housing finance.



for non-compliance with certain directions, including those related to Know Your Customer (KYC) norms. The penalty has been imposed for violation of provisions related to KYC, creation of a Central Repository of Large Common Exposures - Across

banks. The Statutory Inspection for Supervisory Evaluation (ISE) of the public sector bank was conducted with reference to its financial position as of March 31, 2020, it said in a release on Monday. Also, scrutinies were conducted in the mat-

RBI said it has imposed a penalty of Rs 12 lakh on Rajkot Nagarik Sahakari Bank, Rajkot for 'non-compliance with the direction on Interest Rate on Deposits'. Separately, the central bank has imposed a penalty of Rs 25 lakh on The Haryana State Co-operative

According to the releases, the penalties are based on deficiencies in regulatory compliance and are not intended to pronounce upon the validity of any transaction or agreement entered into by the banks with their customers.

Yogi Adityanath seeks increase in incentives for natural farming

NEW DELHI: Stating that the Uttar Pradesh government will implement natural farming in 135 state-owned farms from the upcoming kharif season, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday demanded that the Centre should raise the incentive for natural farming to Rs 31,000 per hectare besides making a budget allocation for carrying out branding and marketing of the produce. Currently, as many as 542 progressive farmers are successfully practising natural farming in the state on around 527 hectares of land. Their services will be utilised as key resource persons to promote natural farming in various districts, he said. Addressing virtually a 'national workshop on innovative agriculture' organised by Niti Aayog in Delhi, Adityanath said, "Implementation of cow-based natural farming in the state will help in the protection and promotion of cow breeds as well."

lenges as he suggested the Centre includes in the scheme guidelines a budget for activities related to branding and marketing. Since assessment of soil health and presence of organic carbon before sowing and after harvesting is necessary, the CM said an appropriate budget needs to be provided for conducting the soil tests. Highlighting steps taken to promote natural farming in UP, Adityanath said the state has been promoting this method of farming for



"Use of cow dung and urine will improve soil health and reduce use of imported chemical fertilisers. Use of crop residue in natural farming and its use in mulching will also help curb stubble burning," he said. The chief minister emphasised on the need to protect mother earth and said natural farming will help achieve multiple goals including conservation of natural resources, environment, enhance farmers income and people's health. As the government prepares a roadmap on natural farming, Adityanath demanded that "incentive to farmers for natural farming should be enhanced and brought at par with the Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) incentive of Rs 31,000 per hectare. " Under the PKVY, Rs 50,000 per hectare is provided for organic farming, which includes farmer incentive amount of Rs 31,000 per hectare for a period of three years. Under its sub-scheme Bharatiya Prakritik Krishi Paddati (BPKP), Rs 21,000 per hectare is provided, out of which farmers incentive is only Rs 2,000 per hectare, he said. Highlighting the marketing challenges faced by farmers doing organic or natural farming, the chief minister said value addition of products and their marketing is one of the biggest chal-

the last two years. Demonstration plots have been organised in the fields of five agricultural universities, Krishi Vighyan Kendras, 10 regional agricultural testing and demonstration centers and state agricultural management institute, Rehmandkheda, Lucknow. In addition, under the centrally-funded scheme of BPKP, an action plan of Rs 82.82 crore has been approved by the central government for 35 districts of the state covering an area of 38,670 hectares. The programme will be implemented for three years starting from Kharif this year, he said. Horticulture and agro-forestry have also been included in natural farming within 10 km of river Ganga in selected districts under the Namami Ganga program. This will benefit more than 2 lakh farmers. Stating that Bundelkhand region of the state has traditionally been practising natural farming in different forms, the chief minister said to promote it further it is proposed to set up clusters of 500 to 1000 hectares in all the 47 development blocks of all seven districts of the region. About 47,000 hectare area will be targeted in the next five years with the project cost of Rs 175.46 crore, benefiting 1.17 lakh farmers, he added.

On a historic run, Gokulam hoping to use serial success for tilt at top flight football

KOCHI: I-League? Check. Durand Cup? Check. Indian Women's League? Check. As Gokulam Kerala FC continues its rapid rise in Indian football, the latest feather in the cap for the Malabarians is to set a new unbeaten record in the I-League.

After Gokulam beat Punjab FC 2-0 on Saturday, they stretched their unbeaten run in the league to 18 games and in the process rewrote the earlier record of Churchill Brothers which was set 12 years ago.

With five games to go in the league, going undefeated through the entire league phase doesn't seem far-fetched. After a 3-2 defeat to Churchill last season, they embarked on a streak

that included 14 victories and four draws which has stretched into this season.

But whether they go on to achieve such a rare feat or not, Gokulam's meteoric rise through the Indian football landscape is impressive.

When the club was founded five years ago, by the admission of their club president VC Praveen, they were trying to find their feet and they didn't set Indian football alight overnight. In their first season in the league, they finished seventh. In the next season, they finished a lowly ninth in the eleven-team league.

A standout feature about Gokulam is that the club has a hands-on approach where everyone from the management to

the coach works in tandem in a bid to try and improve with each passing season. Their reserve side had won the Kerala Premier League title in the 2017-18 season



which was a sign of things to come.

At the national level, it was when Gokulam went on to lift the Durand Cup in 2019 by beating Mohun Bagan in Kolkata everyone sat up and took notice.

Showing their all-round commitment to the game, Gokulam is among only a few ISL or I-League clubs to have a women's team

and they went on to lift the Indian Women's League crown in 2019.

The big moment for the club was winning the I-League last season which was the

primary objective for the club when it was first founded.

"After winning the league last season, as a club, we wanted to avoid the trend of the champions struggling the next season. We've seen how teams like Aizawl, Chennai City and others struggled the next season after winning the title. As a club, we couldn't ac-

cept such a scenario. Last season we huffed and puffed to the title. We didn't want to leave things to the last game this time," said Praveen.

The team has been so dominant this season that going the whole season undefeated is something the club could look to target.

"We have come so far and now we have to go for it," added Praveen.

As for head coach Vincenzo Alberto Annese, the Italian tactician wants to focus only on the next game.

"I hope that we hold onto this record for many years. But my only focus is on the next game. We achieved this thanks to hard work and commitment and translating what we do in training into matches," said Annese.

With success and silverware backing them, the club has arguably earned its right to compete in the top division

which at the moment is the Indian Super League.

Late last year, the All India Football Federation announced that the winners of the 2022-23 I-League season will get to play in the 2023-24 ISL season.

But according to Praveen, there has

been no word on it from AIFF.

"There has been no official or unofficial word about the merger from the AIFF. The I-League teams have been discussing among themselves and trying to get some clarity from the AIFF. We would like to hear some-

thing about it. When you see that even historic clubs like Churchill Brothers and Mohammedan Sporting are not playing in the top league, it is sad. As a club, we always want to be part of the top league in the country," concluded Praveen.

Rahi Sarnobat wins women's 25m Pistol T4 trials



NEW DELHI: Reigning Asian Games gold medallist Rahi Sarnobat won the women's 25m pistol competition in the national selection trials at the Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range here on Monday. Sarnobat shot 26

in the gold medal match to leave behind Haryana's Vibhuti Bhatia, who settled for silver with 22 hits. Punjab's Ruby Tomer won the bronze.

The national selection trial 3 & 4 for pistol events has five more competition days left on its schedule. In the junior

women's final, local girl Naamya Kapoor overcame the challenge of Olympian Manu Bhaker to strike gold with 23 hits in the final.

Punjab again won bronze, this time through Simranpreet Kaur Brar.

AIFF general secretary Kushal Das molested employees at workplace: Ranjit Bajaj

NEW DELHI: Entrepreneur Ranjit Bajaj, who owned I-League club Minerva Punjab FC, on Monday alleged that All India Football Federation (AIFF) General Secretary Kushal Das had molested employees at workplace, a charge outrightly

rejected by the national body and its top official.

Bajaj, who sold off Minerva Punjab FC in 2020 after owning it for seven years, said there were "two cases of molestation of employees at workplace" and the head of the committee which deals with sexual harassment complaints at the AIFF was "forced by president Praful Patel to bury the report".



"...Kushal Das RESIGN Or I will be revealing details about you which have been buried by @praful_patel #METOO #metooindia enuf is enuf," Bajaj tweeted. "...two cases of molestation of his employees at the workplace...head of madatory (mandatory) sexual harassment complaint of-

Act, 2013," the AIFF said in a statement. "The AIFF follows a strong ethical code of conduct within the organisation, ensuring the protection and well-being of all its staff members.

"The allegations made by Mr Bajaj are defamatory in nature, causing harm not only to Mr Das but also to the entire footballing fraternity in India. In consideration of the same, the AIFF has considered it prudent to take appropriate legal action against the concerned individual."

The AIFF said it will also refer the matter to the Executive Committee, and also to the AGM for appropriate action. Jyotsna Gupta, the current head of the Internal Complaints Committee said she or her panel has not received any com-

plaint against Das or any AIFF official. "As head of the committee, I have not received any such report (of sexual harassment) against the general secretary or against any official of the AIFF," Gupta said.

"It was a shock to me that somebody would make such allegations against the GS. The workplace at the AIFF is safe and secure for women."

Shantha Gopinath, who headed the committee before Gupta took over last year, said she had not received any complaints against Das.

Nandini Arora, Project Director, Local Organising Committee of the 2022 women's FIFA U-17 World Cup, also said that the female staff of the LOC have not faced any issue while working with Das. After selling off Minerva Punjab FC, which is now competing in the I-League as Roundglass Punjab FC, Bajaj is now running Minerva Academy Football Club in Mohali.

He has a history of run-ins with the AIFF which had suspended him for one year in 2018 after being found 'guilty' of making racist remarks against a referee.

In 2019, the AIFF reprimanded Bajaj for his strong comments against the AIFF on social media.

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