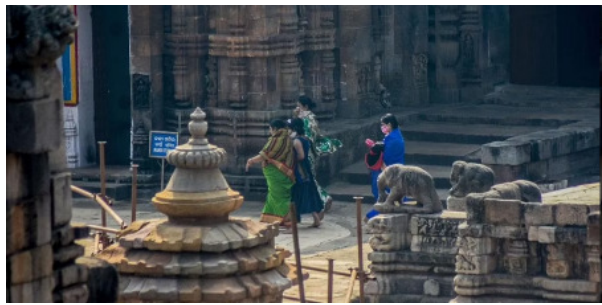


Rituals halted in Lingaraj temple again, Odisha government silent

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): Disruption of rituals at the Lingaraj temple seems to have become the order of the day with the State government remaining silent on the affairs of the shrine. After the Sital Sasthi and Handi Bhanga Jatra fiasco in June, rituals at the 11th-century shrine including offering of 'bhog' to Lord Lingaraj have yet again come to a grinding halt since Tuesday evening due to conflict between two groups of servitors over the



'Paita Lagi' ritual which was scheduled on Wednesday. The two groups are Badu Nijog and Puja Panda servitors.

There has been a disagreement between Badu Nijog and Puja Panda servitors over the ritual on the occasion of Rupayan Yatra of Lord Lingaraj. As part of the ritual, 27 pieces of silk threads (Paita) are offered to the presiding deity by Badu Nijog servitors. However, the Puja Panda servitors demanded that they be allowed to offer three Paitas while the Badu Nijog counterparts could offer the rest. This was protested by Badu Nijog members, leading to disruption of the ritual and subsequently, all other rituals were stopped. Since Tuesday, 'bhog' has not been offered to the presiding deity.

Kamalakanta Badu, secretary of Badu Nijog, said the rights of 'lagi' of all the 27 threads rests with Badu Nijog. **CONTINUED ON: P-7**

Central agencies not unbiased, says Trinamool on Anubrata arrest; to hit streets against Modi government

KOLKATA(KCN): In the backdrop of the arrest of senior Trinamool Congress leader Anubrata Mondal by CBI in a cattle smuggling case on Thursday, the party, while asserting it does not support corruption, questioned the impartiality of the central agencies.

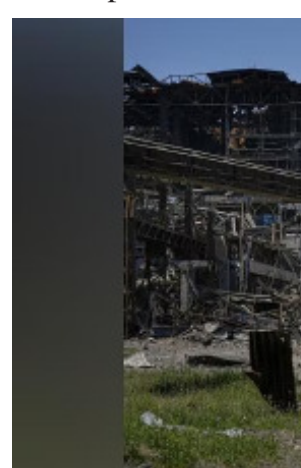
The ruling party of West Bengal announced that it would hit the streets for the next two days against the vendetta politics allegedly being pursued by the BJP-led central government by using its agencies. Senior leader and minister Chandrima Bhattacharya said the TMC will not take any action against



Russia struggles to replenish its troops in Ukraine

UKRAINE(KCN): The prisoners at the penal colony in St. Petersburg were expecting a visit by officials, thinking it would be some sort of inspection. In-

stead, men in uniform arrived and offered them amnesty — if they agreed to fight alongside the Russian army in Ukraine.

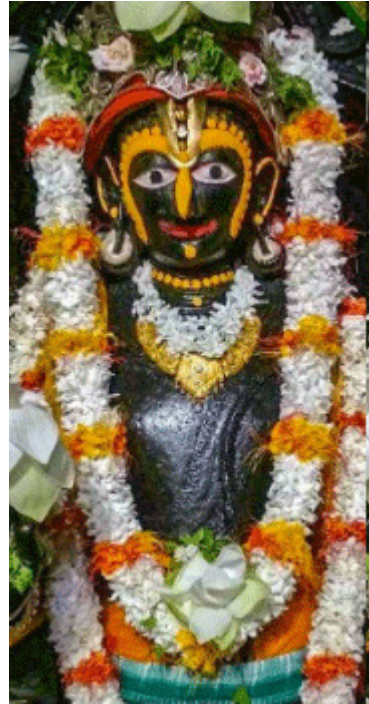


Over the following days, about a dozen

reprisals, she said her boyfriend wasn't among the volunteers, although with years left on his sentence, he "couldn't not think about it." As Russia continues to suffer losses in its

Master Plan for Alarnath

Puri (KCN): For the complete transformation of the famous Alarnath temple at Brahmagiri, the State Government will prepare a master plan within 15 days.



As directed by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, Secretary to Chief Minister (5T) VK Pandian Thursday visited the famous Alarnath temple in Puri district and took stock of existing facilities for pilgrims at the temple site. He held discussions with the sevayats and local people about issues relating to the temple. After detailed discussion he asked the officials to draw up a master plan for the development of the site with proper facilities for pilgrims, tourists and sevayats within 15 days. The master plan will be presented before the Chief Minister for approval.

Puri collector Samarth Verma, senior officials of Works Department and Odisha Building and Construction Corporation (OBCC) officials were present during the visit of Mr. Pandian. Lord Alarnath is famous as he is worshipped as representative of Lord Jagannath, especially during the 15-day Anavasar period of Mahaprabhu after Snana Jatra. The site has been famous for the pilgrimage of saints like Ramanujacharya, and Sri Chaitanya.

Mondal, the party's Birbhum district president, now and will wait for the law to take its own course.

"The party doesn't support any form of corruption or wrongdoing. We have zero tolerance for corruption. The party will take the appropriate decision (on Mondal) at the right time. There is a proper procedure in the party regarding such cases. An allegation against someone doesn't prove him guilty," Bhattacharya said.

Referring to allegations that central agencies go slow in corruption cases **CONTINUED ON: P-7**

ing amid reports that hundreds of Russian soldiers are refusing to fight and trying to quit the military. "We're seeing a huge outflow of people who want to leave the war zone — those who have been serving for a long time and those who have signed a contract just recently," said Alexei Tabalov, a lawyer who runs the Conscript's School legal aid group. The group has seen an influx of requests from men who want to terminate their contracts, "and I personally get the impression that everyone who can is ready to run away," Tabalov said in an interview with The Associated **CONTINUED ON: P-7**

President Vladimir Putin. That has led instead to a covert recruitment effort that includes using prisoners to make up the manpower shortage. This also is happen-

PMAY to benefit 8 Lakh

New Delhi(KCN): Union Government and Odisha Government together have set a tar-

get to provide houses to the more than 8 lakh beneficiaries in Odisha. Union Minister of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Giriraj Singh has said that in this regard the tribal and backward districts should be accorded priority. Mr. Singh said after a meeting with Odisha's Minister of Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water, Forest & Environment and Information & Public Relations, Pradip Kumar Amat here on the issue of to discuss implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Gramin) in the state.



with Swachh Bharat Mission for construction of toilets, Saubhagya scheme for power connection to every household, Har Ghar Nal Se Jal for tapped water and Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana for LPG/Gas connection. It was agreed in the meeting that anomalies pointed out by the Central Team will be resolved.

Later Mr. Amat said the State Government has dismissed 22 officials from services while 44 officers have been suspended and actions have been taken against other 268 employees.

The Odisha government doesn't tolerate corruption and would take stringent action against corrupt officials, he assured. Moreover, both Union and State Governments are working towards providing houses to the genuine poor beneficiaries in a transparent manner, added Mr. Amat.

Union Minister of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Dharmendra Pradhan was present during the meeting. Union Rural Development Secretary N N Sinha and Odisha Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water Principal Secretary Ashok Kumar Meena was present.

International racket whiff in Berhampur gold seizure

BERHAMPUR/ BHUBANESWAR(KCN): Berhampur police and Excise officials busted a gold smuggling racket with the seizure of over 2 kg of gold biscuits and Rs 1.22 crore cash on Tuesday night. Two persons, identified as Dasarath Sahukar (35) of Sangli in Maharashtra and Anand Subudhi (60) of Berhampur were also arrested in this connection.

Berhampur SP Sarvana Vivek M on Wednesday said Excise sleuths informed Baidyanathpur police that they have caught a person (Sahukar) carrying a bag full of cash during routine checking on NH-16 near Ankuli. "Sahukar had boarded a Cuttack-bound OSRTC bus at Berhampur on Tuesday night. Excise sleuths detained the bus on suspicion of

smuggling of ganja. They started checking the luggage of passengers and when they approached Sahukar, he was initially reluctant to hand over his bag. When the officials opened his bag, they found bundles of cash in Rs 500 denomination," the SP said.

Soon a police team led by SDPO Bishnu Prasad Pati rushed to the spot. On being questioned, Sahukar failed to give any satisfactory answer about the huge cash he was carrying. He was then brought to the police station.

During interrogation, Sahukar revealed that he got the money from Subudhi, owner of Anand jewellery at Berhampur, in exchange of gold. Subsequently, the jeweller was nabbed. **CONTINUED ON: P-7**

Shinde, Fadnavis meet Modi in Delhi

Mumbai/New Delhi(KCN): Maharashtra chief minister Eknath Shinde on Saturday asserted that the "Shiv Sena-BJP alliance" government will complete its tenure and will win the next Assembly election as well. Mr Shinde, along with Maharashtra deputy chief

his deputy are on tour in New Delhi since Friday. Both of them also met the Prime Minister at the latter's residence in New Delhi. In their first meeting after the new government assumed office in the state, both leaders sought his "blessings and guidance" for the development of Maharashtra.



"The chief minister of Maharashtra Shri Eknath Shinde and the deputy chief minister Shri Devendra Fadnavis called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi," the Prime Minister's Office said on Twitter. Earlier, addressing a press conference in New Delhi, Mr Shinde said he would try and understand the Prime Minister's vision for the development of the state and strive to take Maharashtra to newer heights. Mr Shinde said several projects such as the Samruddhi Expressway connecting Mumbai and Nagpur, metro rail in cities, and digging farm ponds to boost **CONTINUED ON: P-7**

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Suvadra Art Gallery Holds Gandhi Exhibition in Delhi

New Delhi(KCN) Bhubaneswar based Suvadra Art Gallery hosted Gandhi art Exhibition in Delhi recently. The Art Mahakumbha on the life and Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi was organised to commemorate the ongoing "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsava." Held



at the historic Speaker Hall of the New Delhi's Constitution Club the special Exhibition witnessed the participations of noted artists based in Delhi and Invited from Odisha. The Mega Event mounted to mark the 75th celebration of India's Independence was attended by hundreds of art lovers of National Capital, leading lights of Non Resident Odias and Intelligentsia's.

Presiding over the ceremony the Chairman of Suvadra Art Gallery and main Organiser Dr. Surya Rath gave a clarion call to present generation of artistes to get imbibed and inspired by the selfless life and truthful phi-



losophy of Mahatma Gandhi. Suvadra Art Gallery is scheduled to organise several patriotic cum creative art events in collaboration with Delhi's local artists in near future, Dr. Rath declared.

The Highlight of the Festival was the designing of Gandhi Idol by Internationally renowned sculptor Rabi Narayan Rath within a matter of just 10 minutes matching with the tune of the Bhajan, "Baishnab jan to .." Ad-



ressing the gathering noted painter Sudhanshu Sutar candidly elaborated the amazing impact of Gandhi's ideals on his artistic concepts and artworks.

FOC-in-C(East) Calls on Chief Minister of Odisha



(Khordha) Vice Adm Biswajit Dasgupta, AVSM, YSM, VSM, FO in C Eastern Naval Command paid a courtesy call on Naveen Pattnaik, Chief Minister of Odisha at his office on 10 August -2022. Earlier during the day the FOC in C East co-chaired the state Apex Level Coastal Security Review Meet-

Famous poet Sankarshan Parida, celebrated writer Dr. Suniti Mund and Well known Social activist Reeta Patra attended the celebration as Guests. The standing of Silver Gandhi fame Mohan Mahapatra in Mahatma's pose and greeting the invitees in his usual pleasant manner was the special attraction point of the exhibition.

The participant artistes, felicitated by the Guests during the occasion for their exem-



plary contribution in the field of art include Sudhanshu Sutar, Prabodh Swain, Sajal Patra, Prabodh Kumar Sahu, Tapan Dash, Anup Chand, Shubhra Chand, Diana Mahapatra, Mamata Samantray, Nibedita Patnaik, Sashikant Rout, Tutu Patnaik, Manas Ranjan Jena, Manoj Mohanty, Sthitadhi Rath, Kumud Dash, Banoj Mohanty, Bikram Nayak,



Soubhagya Mohapatra, Jagannath Mohapatra, Chintamani Biswal, Asish Pandey and Subas Pujari. At the outset young and upcoming Odissi danseuse Abhipsa Dash enthralled the audiences with her scintillating Ganesh Bandana recital.

The entire programme was smoothly managed by the Director of Suvadra Art Gallery Ashok Nayak. Shri Nayak proposed the vote of thanks.

The distinguished dignitaries present include The Chief Editor of Utkal Bharatee Dr. Nirmal



Pattanayak, The Founder President of Kalinga Bharati Foundaion Er. Akshay Samal and President of Suryakhetra Foundation Dr Bipin Mishra.

ing along with the Chief Secretary to the Odisha Government, Suresh Mohapatra. The meeting was held at INS, Chilika and attended by all stakeholders. The C in C briefed the CM on the outcome of the meeting and on other issues of mutual interest between the Indian Navy & the state of Odisha.

Magnetite India launches E-commerce Software Solution 'MagXmart'

Kolkata (KCN): Kolkata headquartered Magnetite India has announced to launch its revolutionary and Next-Gen E-commerce Software Solution MagXmart (www.magxmart.com).



Keeping in mind the basic needs of our daily lives and visible gaps in the industry, this remarkable e-commerce software will change the way people buy products and avail of any services online.

For the past couple of years, Magnetite India and its team have been working continuously to fix the loopholes in sustainability, waste management and India's rural handcraft industry. Admittedly, India is a culturally diversified country with different handmade products from different states and UTs that reflect the uniqueness and greatness of India. In 2019-2020, Indian handcrafted products garnered a whopping \$3.5 billion from worldwide

void between the consumers and sellers through this innovative e-commerce software. MagXmart will allow millions of artisans in India to showcase their products through this



platform and reach an endless number of handmade product-loving consumers. Talented artisans merely get recognition for their extraordinary pieces of work, particularly



some real talents from rural India. MagXmart commits to making the lives of

Samagri section. It has also launched the option to get in touch with a Pandit instantly to make your Puja so effortless and successful.

Mr. Indranil Srimani, Managing Director, Magnetite India, said, "We are confident that MagXmart will not only invoke a revolution in the Indian handicrafts industry but also set a whole new benchmark in the E-commerce Industry in India. MagXmart endeavours to deliver electronics, furniture, branded clothes, jewellery, organic products, handmade products and e-book and more. We envision improving the lives of Indian handcraft artisans as well as rural talents who barely earn pennies to meet

sions and make our environment green and friendly. We aim to promote handmade products to our fullest potential in India so that both parties (buyers & sellers) can reap benefit."

Mr. Indranil Srimani added, "We are committed to inspiring the true talent of Indian youth and creating a better sustainable future for them by patching the loopholes in the marketing of products online. We believe in the power of rural skills and we're all in this together. We aim to bring the shift in demand and boost the homemade product industry, and the essential yet rare services in the city that are an integral part of our lives."

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41st " Foundation Day " of Bhartiya Udyog Vyapar Mandal was celebrated

Delhi(KCN): 41st Traders Foundation Day of the Bhartiya udyog Vyapar Mandal was celebrated in the constitution club of India New Delhi. Representatives from 26 states of India participated. A large number of traders were present. To enhance the grace of the conference and understand the problems of the traders, 4 Union Ministers, many M.P. And M.L.A were present. All the ministers listened the problems of Traders very carefully and assured them of solution. The main problem of traders is GST, harassment by officials, corruption, security of traders etc. Prahlad Khandelwal and Rajesh Agarwal from Cuttack represented Odisha state. Prahlad Khandelwal - said in his address that when GST was implemented then late Arun Jaitley ji had said that there will be no GST on roti, cloth and house, but it is a matter of great sorrow, that today GST has been imposed on the above all three.



exports.

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WATCH 'Manikarnika' trailer: This Kangana Ranaut-starrer looks like bits from a Bhansali product



MUMBAI(KCN): Finally it comes. The trailer of the beleaguered historical "Manikarnika - The Queen Of Jhansi" brings to us a furious, ferocious and feral Kangana Ranaut, who tells the 'gora log', "We both want Jhansi. But you want to rule. I want to serve."

Well, precisely. The Rani Of Jhansi was passionately dedicated to her

kingdom. I don't see much of that dedication in the trailer. Much of it is devoted to displaying its leading lady's skills on horses and with swords. The trailer gives us an epic primer on 'Kangana Rides The Horse', 'Kangana Swats The Enemy', 'Kangana Bays For Blood', so on and so forth.

There is so much of the talented ac-

triss' efforts to appear queenly, the trailer barely offers a glimpse of the impressive supporting cast, namely Danny Denzongpa, Atul Kulkarni, Suresh Oberoi and others who flit by in this steamroller view of a woman warrior's day-out binge. Threadbare thunder in a fancy teacup.

Alarmingly and annoyingly, the film

wears a thick and heavy Sanjay Leela Bhansali hangover. In the way the camera zooms in and pans the long stretches of the battle scenes, I was taken back to Bhansali's "Bajirao Mastani". In fact one of Kangana's derring-do in a battle sequence here, she gambols over her army to strike was a move identical to Ranveer Singh's in

"Bajirao Mastani".

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It's a highly derivative world created by people who seem to have the resources but not the vision. We could do with a lot more chutzpah when recre-

ating such an important chapter from Indian history.

It's not all a wash-out, though. Kangana seems to convey sufficient fire and elasticity. Her accent is a downer, though.

This is the way the trailer moves: uplifting one moment down to being a disappointment the next. Let's hope the film is not as uneven in tone.

When Julia Roberts realised she was famous

LOS ANGELES (KCN): Actress Julia Roberts, 51, revealed that the first time she realised she was famous was when she was in a bathroom stall at age 21 and a fan asked her for an autograph.

The actress had just starred in the 1988 film "Mystic Pizza" at the time of her bathroom encounter.

The Oscar-winner told the story during an appearance on an episode of a podcast, reports dailymail.co.uk.

ALSO READ: 'Ben Is Back' film review She had her fame awakening after returning home to Georgia to visit her mother and younger sister. The three caught a movie and

Roberts stopped by the bathroom afterward.

"It was after the movie was over and I was in the bathroom and there was a woman in the bathroom who said, 'Hey, girl in stall number one, were you in 'Mystic Pizza?'" she said.

The pushy fan proceeded to slip something under the stall and asked the "Mystic Pizza" star to sign it.

Hansika in Mohanlal's next Tamannaah Bhatia and Shruti Hassan are the new gal pals

It seems Mohanlal-B to @Hansika for her While Rockline



Unnikrishnan team's untitled film is getting bigger and bigger. After Vishal and Srikanth, another popular south star Hansika Motwani will be making her Mollywood debut through the film. The update was announced by the director himself on his official Facebook page.

"I wish great luck

new release Bogan. She will have a very special appearance in my Mohanlal film produced by Mr Rockline Venkatesh," posted Unnikrishnan.

According to the director, who had last teamed up with Mohanlal for Mr Fraud, VFX and special effects will have a lot of importance in the the big budget project.

Venkatesh, who has made films like Bajrangi Bhaijaan and Linga, is the producer, the project also boasts of an excellent crew. Manoj Paramahansa, who has cranked camera for films including Vinnaithaandi Varuvaaya and Nanpan, is the cinematographer. 4 Musics, the band behind the hit songs of Oppam, will be scoring the music.

Tamannaah Bhatia has been bonding with her contemporary Shruti Hassan.

talk everyday due to their busy schedules, but they always make sure to make time on

for Shruti. Tamannaah says, "Shruti is a sweetheart and a dear



for a while now. Tamannaah chose to take some time out last week to meet her new BFF Shruti Hassan to celebrate her birthday.

According to a source close to Tamannaah says. "Tamannah and Shruti share a special bond, the two actresses may not be able to

each other's birthdays. Shruti Hassan, who celebrated her birthday couple of days ago with close friends, had Tamannaah as one of her special guests. It is said that Tamannah makes it a point to not miss her friend's special day at any cost. She had also brought a special gift

friend. Since we both have tight schedules, we don't get much time to spend with each other the rest of the year, so I needed to be at her birthday party so that I could be with her. I have been attending her birthday since the last three years and making sure to be with her on her special day."

India@75 and the saffron surge in Indian politics

The Indian National Congress has always been a momentous political force in India. Except



for some occasional convulsions against the party and its rule by leaders like Jayaprakash Narayan, the Congress predominantly remained a powerful platform which could success-

fully withstand successive storms and sail the country through political whirlwinds. Its growth as a dominant political entity in India remained relevant until a political wind began to blow against it from the Sangh Parivar courtyard. The BJS (Bharatiya Jan Sangh), as that was the political outfit sprung from the stem of the parivar known as, was chiefly to propagate a new political ideology based on nationalistic principles and traditions. It consistently flapped its wings to fly beyond the terrain of power occupied by the Congress but failed to do anything significant until its new avatar, the BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party) came into being. India's political spectrum turned topsy-turvy almost permanently for the Congress soon after the advent of a chaiwala from Gujarat. Its hope to come back as it did in the previous periods did not fructify, and Modi in his full-fledged second term seems to have tightened his grip further and the Congress has almost become a boat without a rudder.

With more than 2700 registered and recognised political parties, India should be enlisted as first among the countries with a complex political environment. The BJS came into existence on 21 October 1951 with a view of changing the political narrative in India. The idea that the BJS put forth was to probably give India a political leadership based on the values of Bharatiya Sanskriti. This was the reason the BJS (later the BJP) did not enjoy public support in the beginning with a sizable population of the country keeping them under the carpet with a strange de-

nial and suspicion.

Though the RSS was active, its political clone the BJS failed to make inroads in its journey but its transmuted version the BJP could later bring about the ideological transformation the founders of the BJS dreamt about. The journey of BJS to BJP reveals the inexorable efforts that it carried out for the last 70 years. Why could such an ideology spring and flourish in a secular political setting in India? The answer probably indicates a decision that culminated in chiselling a large landscape into two fragments; one a secular democratic country and the other an Islamic Republic on religious lines. A silent discontent among the majority remained rock-solid and sedimented while the Nehruvian model of administration and its successive governments represented an alienated version of democracy that kept a large chunk of India's populace under a surreptitious denial.

Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee an agitator and nationalist had to resign from the Nehru cabinet for the ideological differences he sensed in the beginning itself. With the second RSS chief rendering enough functional backing, Mr. Mookerjee was quick to begin the new political outfit the BJS. From Atal Bihari Vajpayee's mild and inclusive Hindutva to the aggressive version of Hindutva propelled by Narendra Modi, the BJP's journey to power was phenomenal. A genuine ineptness that the Congress and other national parties have swooped in could reveal the quantum of damage that the Modi upsurge was capable of causing. The present dispensation under him is blamed to be authoritarian and the queue that the opposition parties are slowly inching against Modi with their ideological contradictions is probably leading them to an ultimate political irrelevance. A growing disenchantment with the Nehruvian politics and the minority appeasement carried out by the Congress could help the saffron ideology to flourish and the Ayodhya movement was a milestone, a detonation point for the BJP. Not

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to forget, an umbilical connection be-

tween the RSS and its political avatars remained consistently visible since 1951. Deen Dayal Upadhyay an RSS veteran codified the ideology which the BJS and BJP continued to embrace all through their political operation. 'Integral Humanism' propounded by him became the Bhagavad Gita of the saffron legion in 1960.

From thirteen days to thirteen months to a full term in the government, the BJP under Vajpayee tasted the compulsions of coalition politics and its possibilities as well. On April 17, 1999 the veteran leader in Vajpayee became emotional in the parliament as his side of the ruling coalition lost the required margin by one vote in the parliament as AIADMK decided to unfasten the knot. But the organisational growth of the BJP was rapid and the Congress and many other parties in the opposition failed to learn from the means and methods that the BJP adopted for its exceptional expansion. Now the party under the leadership of Modi can be negligent of any coalition dharma as it enjoys a clear mandate to rule. The main question is should the expansion of the BJP be seen as an outcome of the charisma of Prime Minister Modi alone? Probably there are various factors that contributed to the celebrated expansion of the party. The cadre system that the BJP could establish in line with its base organisation the Sangh was perfect and the discipline it could infuse among its workers was worth studying. Secondly, most of the renowned parties in India are family enterprises and their history is evidently full of rampant corruption of dynasties. BJP for that matter was a new entrant into a modern political scene with its grass root workers rising to hold prominent positions in the party. This garnered a great amount of respect and attraction and the Modi factor of good governance was an added feature that the party was strengthened with. The large organisational base of the Sangh Parivar has always been an accelerating force

helping the BJP's prospects mounting manifold.

The Bharatiya Janata Party could successfully mobilize its resources for winning elections and expand its electoral base. It is not only Hindutva that the party was trying to fit in but also responding to the incompetence of the opposition with severe arrogance and institutional involvement. With the investigative agencies behind the opposition parties, the BJP is all set to further damage their prospects and busy framing narratives on its consistent efforts to fight corruption. A divided opposition, more divided than ever before, is crumbling further with many of its heavyweights facing the wrath of investigation against corruption. Towards the last leg of its second term, the Modi government is seen to be marching unhurt as no corruption charges could be established against it. The Gandhi family's desperate gimmick to gain relevance in Congress was the Black Friday drama the country witnessed in the national capital recently. It is a now or never battle for the party and its family enterprise. Except for the South Indian states the BJP is a significant force everywhere in the country. The strategies that the party devise frequently put the opposition in a hazardous situation. Elections for the post of President and Vice-President proved the diplomatic stretch that the BJP was capable of and the results were evidently throwing light on the confusion engulfing a scattered opposition. From the three seats it won in its first Lok Sabha elections to the mammoth number of seats it won in the last general elections - from BJS to BJP, the saffron ideology has passed various tests and tribulations. When its leaders decided to scrap the BJS in 1980, they would not have thought that the new version of their party, the BJP would politically capture India. The moot point of the moment is; does this saffron surge hold the key to the future?

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The power of puppetry in communicating science

On August 6th, an outstanding puppetry workshop was conducted by Dr Sima Mukhopadhyay as a part of the 35th Science Communication and Media Practices course conducted jointly by the Indian Science News Association (ISNA) and Vigyan Prasar, Ministry of Culture, Government of India. The workshop was conducted at the Academic Staff College at Raja Bazar Science College, Calcutta University and participated by both current and past students of ISNA in addition

Letter to Editor Gone from sight never from hearts!

Cricket fans are in pain and suffering as a result of an announcement that former international umpire Rudi Koertzen passed suddenly at age of 73 following an accident. In the course of his 18-year career, he umpired 108 Tests, 209 ODIs & 14 T20I, earning the prestigious title of Emirates Elite Panel umpire for the ICC. Rudi, is remembered for his deliberate arm rise to dismiss batters, refereed 331 international games, the second highest number of any umpire. Rudi was a superb cricket umpire & domestic Portea cricketer also who will remain in heart of every cricket lovers forever.

Yours
Vijaykumar H.K., Raichur

to council members and other dignitaries.

It was indeed a monumental experience for both past and present students of Science Communication and Media Practices to explore various facets of puppetry and hitherto unknown domains that could be used in effective science communication. The workshop started with an erudite presentation by Dr. Sima Mukhopadhyay in explaining the origin and history of puppetry from a global perspective including Indian context. She was captivating in explaining various forms and branches of puppetry with illustrative examples as well as fresh demonstrations with real puppets in the class room situation.

From glove puppets, string puppets, stick puppets, box puppets, muppets, screen based shadow puppetry and direct interaction based exchange of complex ideas of science communication through use of appropriate puppets and muppet models, she captivated the audience by her elegant presentation style, lucid language use and several mini acting to demonstrate the power of use of puppetry in science communication.

It was emphasized in the workshop that puppetry could be an effective tool in communi-

Saikat Kumar Basu

cating science successfully in rural and other economically backward areas with poor levels of education. Puppetry could translate complex science into the simplest and easily digestible manner for both literate and illiterate populations to make them aware of several issues related to social security, gender bias, health abs hygiene, agricultural challenges, conservation of local biodiversity, fight against superstitions, caste and religious prejudices as well as in communicating important messages regarding the negative aspects of open defecation, treatment of snake bite victims, preventing under age marriages in rural areas, forest conservation, gender and sociology-cultural traditions abs practices as well as about important government projects helping in betterment of employment, agricultural productivity, health and hygiene as well as population control through use of contraceptives. It was quite amazing to explore the fascinating world of entertainment cum spread of successful education, awareness and sensitivity among ignorant and illiterate rural as well as fringe forest communities, religious minorities, marginal labourers or those working in unorganized sectors in both rural and

urban settings. The students learnt to make simple puppets, to design their own scripts and make their presentation in groups to highlight various aspects of science communication in this outstanding puppetry workshop. In this one day workshop, presenter and puppetry expert Dr. Sima Mukhopadhyay made a big difference in felicitating the better understanding of the strength of puppetry in science communication. We associate puppetry only with pure entertainment; but she was instrumental in demonstrating how this ancient art and basic technology could be used to communicate science to the ordinary public in an engaging manner. She also highlighted and provided class demonstration of using waste materials in making cheap puppets that are attractive, communicative and highly engaging in attracting the audience in a captivating manner. Dr. Mukhopadhyay took this art to a different level demonstrating its monumental power in effective science communication. I sincerely thank both ISNA and Vigyan Prasar in organizing this outstanding interactive workshop for training the next generation of efficient science communicators.

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Gotabaya Rajapaksa arrives in Thailand from Singapore after his visit pass expires

SINGAPORE/BANGKOK: Sri Lanka's ousted president Gotabaya Rajapaksa arrived in Thailand on Thursday on a charter flight for a temporary stay before seeking permanent asylum in another country after his short-term visit pass expired in Singapore, according to a media report.

Rajapaksa is believed to have arrived at Bangkok's Don Mueang Airport around 8 pm Bangkok time from Singapore's Seletar Airport earlier in the evening, The Straits Times newspaper reported.

Rajapaksa arrived in Bangkok on the same day



that his visa in Singapore expired, the report said.

Rajapaksa boarded the flight from Singapore to Bangkok, after Thailand confirmed a day before that it had received a request from the current Sri Lankan government for him to visit the country.

A condition for Rajapaksa's stay in Thailand is that he should not cause problems for the country.

Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha on Wednesday confirmed a temporary visit to Thailand by the 73-year-old embattled Sri Lankan leader for humanitarian reasons, and said he promised not to conduct political activities in the kingdom during his search for permanent asylum in another country.

After fleeing to the Maldives on July 13, Rajapaksa then flew to Singapore, where he announced his resignation a day later after months of protests over Sri Lanka's unprecedented economic crisis.

"This is a humanitarian issue. We have made a promise that it's a temporary stay. No (political) activities are allowed, and this will help him find a country to take refuge in," Prayut was quoted as saying by the Bangkok Post newspaper on Wednesday.

Foreign Minister Don Pramudwinai said the ousted president can stay in Thailand for 90 days as he is still a diplomatic passport holder, the report said.

Don said the Sri Lankan government did not oppose the visit and the Thai government would not make accommodation arrangements for him. The visit would not pose conflicts with Colombo as acting President Ranil Wickremesinghe had worked for him when he was in power, he added.

Bihar Speaker approves Nitish government's request for Assembly session on August 24; trust vote on agenda

PATNA: Bihar Assembly Speaker Vijay Kumar Sinha on Thursday said he has approved a request from the office of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar to hold a special session on August 24.

The new government is set to prove its majority on the floor of the House on that day.

Sinha, a senior BJP leader against whom MLAs of 'Mahagathbandhan' have moved a no-confidence motion, also said that he was visiting Delhi but refused to divulge whether a meeting with top leadership was on the cards. "I have given my approval to the letter received from the chief minister's office. I am going to Delhi and will be back the day after tomorrow. I do not want to say much since I hold a constitutional post," he told reporters.

According to sources in the new ruling alliance, comprising RJD and Congress, besides Kumar's JD(U), and supported by the Left from outside, the schedule of the new session was discussed at a meeting of the two-member cabinet held on Wednesday, shortly after the chief minister was

The minister said a condition for Rajapaksa's stay was that he should not cause problems for Thailand. Meanwhile, a report in the Daily Mirror newspaper in Sri Lanka said Rajapaksa will return to Sri Lanka in November after his 90-day Thai visa runs out.

The Sri Lankan government had directly appealed on behalf of the ousted President and sought permission to allow him to seek temporary shelter in Thailand, the report said.

However as the 90 day Thai visa runs out in November, political sources said that Rajapaksa will return to Sri Lanka as he was a Sri Lankan citizen and had all the legal rights to remain in the country. Although several attempts had been made for Rajapaksa to seek asylum in the Middle East, he had not received any favourable response, the report said.

It also said that the cost for the Rajapaksas to flee from the country was borne by himself and his son Manoj Rajapaksa and no state funds had been utilised so far except for the Air Force flight that was used to transport him and his wife from Colombo to Male last month.

Sri Lanka, a country of 22 million people, is under the grip of an unprecedented economic turmoil, the worst in seven decades, leaving millions struggling to buy food, medicine, fuel and other essentials.

The massive protests that began in March culminated with Rajapaksa's resignation.

The protesters accused the Rajapaksa family, which has dominated Sri Lanka's political scene for nearly two decades, of plunging the country into the worst economic crisis since the country's independence in 1948 through mismanagement and corruption.

The country, with an acute foreign currency crisis that resulted in foreign debt default, had announced in April that it is suspending nearly USD 7 billion foreign debt repayment due for this year out of about USD 25 billion due through 2026. Sri Lanka's total foreign debt stands at USD 51 billion.

The United Nations has warned that 5.7 million people "require immediate humanitarian assistance," with Sri Lankans experiencing extreme shortages of essentials including food, fuel and medicines.

The new Sri Lankan government led by Rajapaksa's ally Wickremesinghe faces the task of leading the country out of its economic collapse and restoring order.

Sri Lanka has seen months of mass unrest over the worst economic crisis, with the government declaring bankruptcy in mid-April by refusing to honour its international debt.

sworn in again, and Tejashwi Yadav returned as his deputy.

A cabinet notification confirming the convening of the session on August 24 is, however, yet to be issued and the sources said it may await expansion of the council of ministers which is likely next week. The CM had, earlier in the day, told reporters that cabinet expansion will take place "after August 15". Meanwhile, Congress members in the state said they were awaiting the decision of top leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi on the party's representation in the new cabinet.

"The number and names are always decided at their level. We are awaiting their word," said Congress Legislature Party leader Ajeet Sharma.

The new cabinet is expected to have about 35 ministers, 16 of whom would be likely from the RJD, which has the largest number of MLAs, followed by 13 from the JD(U), four from Congress and one from HAM. An Independent, who was a minister in the NDA government but quit the alliance along with Kumar, may get a berth.

China to provide USD 118 million assistance to Nepal, promises to expedite work on BRI projects

BEIJING: Facing headwinds over its South Asia push after Sri Lanka's worst economic crisis, China has warmed up to Nepal by pledging USD 118 million in aid and announcing a slew of trade concessions while vowing to speed up work on the stalled BRI projects.

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi

told a media briefing here on Thursday on the Wang-Khadka talks.

During the talks, Khadka reiterated Nepal's unwavering commitment to the one-China policy and assured that the Nepali territory will not be allowed to be used for any activity against China.

Beijing is seeking its friends and al-

mained stuck like the Chinese projects in Sri Lanka and Pakistan in recent years. In the ongoing financial crisis in Sri Lanka which led to the virtual bankruptcy of the island nation, China, which has billions of dollars of investments leading to criticism of debt traps, offered about USD 73 mil-

lion in aid and a

large amount of rice but declined to provide USD 2.5 billion bridge finance or Colombo's request to reschedule its loans to China. The Chinese disinclination to step in proactively to help Sri Lanka while India provided nearly USD 4 billion assistance prompted former Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to declare that Beijing is shifting its strategic focus into Southeast Asia. Rajapaksa fled the country due to mounting protests and resigned last month from Singapore. Nepal also called for timely implementation of the Chinese projects stuck since 2020 due to the covid pandemic. The two ministers expressed their commitment for the timely implementation of the agreements signed and understandings reached during high-level visits in the past, the Nepal Foreign Ministry statement said.

They agreed to expedite the implementation of China-assisted projects in Nepal. On this, the Chinese side assured the Nepali delegation that China will soon start the construction works of the second phase of the Kathmandu Ring Road Improvement Project,

it said. "The two foreign ministers took stock of overall aspects of Nepal-China relations and agreed to promote further cooperation in various sectors, including trade, connectivity, investment, health, tourism, poverty alleviation, agriculture, disaster management, education, culture, and people-to-people exchanges, among others," the statement said.

Both sides expressed satisfaction over the progress made in a range of matters of bilateral cooperation since the official visit of Wang to Nepal in March this year. China will provide additional covid-19 vaccines and related medical assistance as much as required by the Himalayan nation, it said.

The two sides will negotiate and conclude an implementation plan for Belt and Road cooperation as soon as possible, and will convene a meeting of the Joint Commission on Economy and Trade and a meeting of the Working Group on Facilitating Trade within this year, the Chinese Foreign Ministry statement said.

"China welcomes Nepal's efforts to export more tea, medical herbs and farm and pasture products to China, and encourages Chinese enterprises to invest in Nepal, so as to help the country develop manufacturing and modern agriculture and enhance its capacity for self-driven development," it said.

The two sides also decided to establish a joint mechanism for pandemic control in border ports. They agreed to open R a s u w a - K y e r u n g a n d T a t o p a n i - Jangmuports for two-way trade and Hilsa-Pulang port for one-way trade as soon as the fresh wave of covid-19 pandemic in Tibet Autonomous Region of China is controlled.



announced the concessions for Nepal in his meeting with his Nepalese counterpart Narayan Khadka in the eastern Chinese city of Qingdao on Wednesday.

Khadka was on his first visit to China since Sher Bahadur Deuba took over as Prime Minister of Nepal replacing the pro-Beijing K P Sharma Oli last year after which Kathmandu struck a more balanced foreign policy, firming up ties with India and with the US.

Early this year, China expressed concern over the Nepal Parliament's ratification of the contentious US-funded USD 500 million Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) compact, ending months of deadlock between the Nepalese political parties.

Foreign Minister Wang announced USD 118 million in aid to Nepal and fund the feasibility study of the China-Nepal cross-border railway through the Himalayas via Tibet over which experts have raised concerns about the likely damage it could cause to the fragile ecosystem. China will offer zero tariff treatment for 98 per cent of export items from Nepal that will come into effect from September 1 this year, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin

lies to firmly ratify the one-China policy after US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi riled China by visiting Taiwan, which China claims as part of its mainland.

Since her visit last week, China conducted week-long drills around Taiwan and virtually laid seize to the self-ruled island. For his part, Wang reiterated to Khadka China's continued and unconditional support for Nepal's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity and assured support for the landlocked country's development endeavours as per the priority of the Government of Nepal, according to a statement issued by the Nepalese Foreign Ministry.

Both sides agreed to form a bilateral technical committee to make necessary preparation for the functioning of the existing mechanism of the Nepal-China Joint Boundary Inspection Committee, it said.

The initiative comes in the backdrop of allegations of encroachment on Nepalese territory by China, which Beijing has denied.

Nepal also wanted China to implement various multi-billion Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) projects which have re-

Manipur and Nagaland sector warmly welcomes and felicitates the eminent Indian weightlifter S. Mirabai Chanu in 143 battalion

Imphal (KCN): Today on 11/08/2022, Shri

Manipur and Nagaland Sector, welcomed S.



Sandeep Dutta, Inspector General, Manipur and Nagaland Sector, Rajni Dutta, Manipur and Nagaland Sector CWA President, Shri D.K. Tripathi, Deputy Inspector General (Admn.), Manipur and Nagaland Sector, Shri L. Laojam, Commandant, 143 Battalion, all gazetted officers, subordinate officers and jawans warmly welcomed and felicitated the eminent Indian weightlifter Mirabai Chanu in 143 Battalion. She has recently won Gold Medal in Commonwealth Games-2022

HLCA clears 10 investments

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The High-Level Clearance Authority (HLCA) of the State Government headed by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Wednesday approved ten investment proposals worth Rs 74,620.18 crore. These projects will provide employment opportunities for over 24,000 people in the State. The Committee approved the proposal of ReNew EFuels Private Limited (REFPL) to set up a green hydrogen & green ammonia plant in Paradip against an investment of Rs 2000 crore which will generate employment opportunities for 2000 persons. The establishment of these plants will have a pragmatic environmental impact since they will create ammonia and hydrogen using renewable resources, which will cater to the demand of the steel and fertiliser sector in Odisha, said an official.

The Committee has also given approval for setting up of 60,000 MT industrial structure and 6,000 MT steel plant equipment facilities to Tata Steel Limited (growth shop) with an investment of Rs 1000 crore with employment opportunities for over 2451 people. The HLCA approved the proposal of Adani Enterprises Limited to set up a 4.0 MTPA Alumina Refinery and 175 MW CPP Plant in Kashipur, Rayagada district. The company has proposed to invest Rs 41,653 crore for this project, which will generate employment opportunities for over 7750 people. In addition, the panel gave nod to set up 2.5 MTPA steel plant and 370 MW CPP in Kalinga Nagar, Jajpur district, by Orissa Alloy Steel Pvt Ltd against an investment of Rs 8,000 crore that will provide jobs for 5000 people.



Sompuri Infrastructures Private Limited got the approval of the state government to set up a 24 MTPA pellet plant & 6 MTPA of filter cake at Dhamra, in Bhadrak district. The company will make an investment of Rs 7811 crore, which will generate employment opportunities for over 684 people. Similarly, the above company will also set up a 30 MTPA Beneficiation plant at Deojhar, in Keonjhar district and a 30 MTPA Slurry Pipeline connecting its proposed 30 MTPA Beneficiation plant at Deojhar, in Keonjhar district to the proposed pellet plant at Dhamra, in Bhadrak district against investments of Rs 4592.18 crore and Rs 3674 crore which will create employment opportunities for 250 and 600 persons respectively.

Approval was also given to Aarti Steels Limited for expansion of a steel plant at Athgarh, in Cuttack district at an investment of Rs 3000 crore, which will generate employment for over 3587 people. This project will facilitate availability of raw materials to Auto component manufacturers. Moreover, the committee approved the proposal of ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India Limited for setting up a 6 MTPA Beneficiation Plant and 12 MTPA slurry pipeline in Keonjhar district against an investment of Rs 1490 crore generating employment opportunities for 600 persons. Rungta Metals Private Limited (RMPL) got the approval for setting up of 0.5 MTPA integrated steel plant creating employment potential for 1125 persons against an investment of Rs 1400 crore in Rairangpur in the district of Mayurbhanj.

6K Cr connectivity plan

Bhubaneswar: Odisha Government has prepared a Medium Term Infrastructure Plan for road transport, civil aviation and railways sector with an investment of Rs 6367.34 crore in the sector during a period of five years, from 2022-23 to 2026-27. Bishnupada Sethi, Principal Secretary Commerce & Transport held brainstorming with senior officials of the Department of Commerce & Transport.

It has drafted the five-year plan proposing an investment of Rs 1232 crore in the road transport sector, Rs 930 crore in the aviation sector and Rs 4205.34 crore in railways sector. As per the draft plan, the State Government will develop 20 truck terminals to avoid illegal parking on NH & SH, port & mining areas as a measure of road safety & benefit of drivers & helpers. During the five years, 20 truck terminals are proposed to be built with a cost of Rs100 crores. During 2022-23, 10 truck terminals are proposed to be built up with a cost of Rs.50 crores and during 2023-24 rest 10 truck terminals are proposed for construction during 2024-25, officials said here on Wednesday.

Steps will be taken for detection of traffic rule violations through camera surveillance systems for reduction of road accidents and fatalities. During 2022- 23, the project is proposed to be implemented in one stretch of road with a cost of Rs.10 crore while the project will be taken up in two stretches of road during the year 2023-24 and another two stretches of road during 2024-25. The proposal is to be implemented with Rs.20 crore for each year.

The total cost of the above projects is Rs 50 crore for five stretches of road. In the State, there are more than 4000 kms of NHs, which are highly vulnerable from the point of view of road safety. As there is a need for more funds, an amount of Rs. 350 crores has been proposed in the projects under the scheme for special assistance to the State for capital investment. Similarly, for unbiased testing of driving skills through camera and sensors, it is proposed to complete civil construction of testing tracks in 10 locations during 2022-23 with a cost of Rs.12 crores and start work in 4 new loca-

tions during 2023-24 with an outlay of Rs.16 crores. In order to cater to the rising number of stage carriages, contract carriages as well as goods carriages on the roads, the Government is going to construct two Automated Testing Centres (ATC) during 2022-23 at an outlay of Rs10 crore, during 2023-24, three ATCs with an outlay of Rs.15 crores and one ATC is proposed to be constructed during 2024-25 at an outlay of Rs.5 crore.

Under the newly launched Electric Vehicle Policy, the State Government is proposed to provide subsidy of Rs.200 crore on purchase of EV during 2022-23, 2023- 24, 2024-25 2025-26 (each year Rs. 50 crore) which will make Odisha a lucrative destination for manufacturers of EVs by strengthening the supply eco-system, the officials said.

It is proposed to construct Block level Bus Stands in all 314 blocks of the state with passenger amenities. Out of 314 Block level Bus Stands, construction of 242 Block level Bus Stands are proposed to be taken up during the year 2022-23 to 2026-27 with a total amount of Rs.824 crore.

Under the aviation sector, the Department of Commerce & Transport has proposed to allocate an amount of Rs.232 crores for development of Jeypore airport in Koraput under RCS-UDAN scheme. An amount of Rs112 crore was proposed for additional private land acquisition of acre 204 during 2022-23. During the year 2023-24, an amount of Rs.120 crore was proposed for further expansion of the runway up to 1800 mtrs and other developments towards the northern side. Now, the above proposal is included under the scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment, they said. An amount of Rs.300 crores is proposed for construction of a new green field airport at Puri. Out of Rs.300 crore, Rs.150 crores is reserved for land acquisition of private land during 2022-23, Rs.75 crores is reserved for construction of runway and boundary wall during 2023-24 and Rs.75.00 crores is reserved for construction of Terminal building, ATC tower during 2024-25. Under railway sector, the Government has proposed an allocation of Rs. 433.20 crore for Barbil-Banspani new Rail link, Rs 700 crore is proposed for Bargarh-Nuapada railway line, Rs.1600 crores for Gunupur- Therubali new Rail link project and Rs.1472.14 crores for Paradeep-Dhamara rail link project. The programme will be funded through different State Government schemes and Central Government schemes/plans. Besides Funds under Special Assistance to State for Capital Investment are sought for, added the officials.





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Aviation stocks fly high as govt lifts domestic airfare caps

NEW DELHI: Aviation stocks were in heavy demand on Thursday, a day after the Civil Aviation Ministry said that domestic airfare caps will be removed.



The Union Aviation Ministry on Wednesday said that limits imposed on domestic airfares will be removed from August 31, after a span of approximately 27 months.

Shares of InterGlobe Aviation opened at Rs 2,070.05, then gained further to touch 2,080.80, registering a jump of 2.09 per cent over its last close.

SpiceJet Ltd opened at Rs 46.05, then jumped as much as 6.80 per cent to Rs 47.90 a share.

"The decision to remove airfare caps has been taken after careful analysis of daily demand and prices of air turbine fuel (ATF). Stabilisation has set in and we are certain that the sector is poised for growth in domestic traffic in the near future," Aviation

Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said on Twitter. ATF prices have been coming down during the last few weeks after jumping to record levels, primarily due to the Russia-Ukraine war that began on February 24.

On August 1, the price of ATF in Delhi was Rs 1.21 lakh per kilo-litre, which was around 14 per cent lower than last month. ALSO READ | Domestic airfare caps to be removed from August 31, says government. The ministry had

imposed lower and upper limits on domestic airfares based on flight durations when services were resumed on May 25, 2020, after a two-month lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic. On Wednesday, the Civil Aviation Min-

istry stated in an order: "After review of the current status of scheduled domestic operations viz-a-viz passenger demand for air travel, it has been decided to remove the fare bands notified from time to time regarding the airfares with effect from August 31, 2022".

Russia struggles to replenish its troops in Ukraine

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Press. "And the Defense Ministry is digging deep to find those it can persuade to serve."

Ukraine says 9 Russian warplanes destroyed in Crimea blasts

Although the Defense Ministry denies that any "mobilization activities" are taking place, authorities seem to be pulling out all the stops to bolster enlistment. Billboards and public transit ads in various regions proclaim, "This is The Job," urging men to join the professional army. Authorities have set up mobile recruiting centers in some cities, including one at the site of a half marathon in Siberia in May.

Regional administrations are forming "volunteer battalions" that are promoted on state television. The business daily Kommersant counted at least 40 such entities in 20 regions, with officials promising volunteers monthly salaries ranging from the equivalent of \$2,150 to nearly \$5,500, plus bonuses.

The AP saw thousands of openings on job search websites for various military specialists.

The British military said this week that Russia had formed a major new ground force called the 3rd Army Corps from "volunteer battalions," seeking men up to age 50 and requiring only a middle-school education, while offering "lucrative cash bonuses" once they are deployed to Ukraine.

But complaints also are surfacing in the media that some aren't getting their promised payments, although those reports can't be independently verified.

In early August, Tabalov said he began receiving multiple requests for legal help from reservists who have been ordered to take part in a two-month training in areas near the border with Ukraine.

The recruitment of prisoners has been going on in recent weeks in as many as seven regions, said Vladimir Osechkin, founder of the Gulagu.net prisoner rights group, citing inmates and their relatives that his group had contacted.

It's not the first time that authorities have used such a tactic, with the Soviet Union employing "prisoner battalions" during World War II.

Nor is Russia alone. Early in the war, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy promised amnesty to military veterans behind bars if they volunteered to fight, although it remains unclear if anything came out of it.

In the current circumstances, Osechkin said, it isn't the Defense Ministry that's recruiting prisoners — instead, it was Russia's shadowy private military force, the Wagner Group.

Yevgeny Prigozhin, an entrepreneur known as "Putin's chef" because of his catering contracts with the Kremlin and reportedly Wagner's manager and financier, brushed aside reports that he personally visited prisons to recruit convicts, in a written statement released by his representatives this month. Prigozhin, in fact, denies he has any ties to Wagner, which reportedly has sent military contractors to places like Syria and sub-Saharan Africa.

Large explosions rock Russian military air base in Crimea

According to Osechkin, prisoners with military or law enforcement experience were initially offered to go to Ukraine, but that later was extended to inmates with varying backgrounds. He estimated that as of late July, about 1,500 might have applied, lured by promises of big salaries and eventual pardons. Now, he added, many of those volunteers — or their families — are contacting him and

seeking to get out of their commitments, telling him: "I really don't want to go."

According to the woman whose boyfriend is serving his sentence at the penal colony in St. Petersburg, she offers to leave the prison are "a glimmer of hope" for freedom. But she said he told her that of 11 volunteers, eight died in Ukraine. She added that one of the volunteers expressed regret for his decision and doesn't believe he will return alive. Her account couldn't be independently verified, but was in line with multiple reports by independent Russian media and human rights groups.

According to those groups and military lawyers, some soldiers and law enforcement officers have refused deployment to Ukraine or are trying to return home after a few weeks or months of fighting.

Media reports about some troops refusing to fight in Ukraine started surfacing in the spring, but rights groups and lawyers only began talking about the number of refusals reaching the hundreds last month.

In mid-July, the Free Buryatia Foundation reported that about 150 men were able to terminate their contracts with the Defense Ministry and returned from Ukraine to Buryatia, a region in eastern Siberia that borders Mongolia.

Some of the servicemen are facing repercussions. Tabalov, the legal aid lawyer, said about 80 other soldiers who sought to nullify their contracts were detained in the Russian-controlled town of Bryanka in the Luhansk region of eastern Ukraine, according to their relatives. Last week, he said that the Bryanka detention center was shut down because of the media attention.

But the parent of one officer who was detained after trying to get out of his contract told the AP this week that some are still being detained elsewhere in the region. The parent asked not to be identified out of safety concerns.

Tabalov said a serviceman can terminate his contract for a compelling reason — normally not difficult — although the decision is usually up to his commander. But he added: "In the conditions of hostilities, not a single commander would acknowledge anything like that, because where would they find people to fight?"

Ukrainian resistance grows in Russian-occupied areas

Alexandra Garmazhapova, head of the Free Buryatia Foundation, told the AP that soldiers and their relatives complain of commanders tearing up termination notices and threatening "refuseniks" with the prosecution. As of late July, the foundation said it had received hundreds of requests from soldiers seeking to end their contracts.

"I'm getting messages every day," Garmazhapova said.

Tabalov said some soldiers complain that they were deceived about where they were going and didn't expect to end up in a war zone, while others are exhausted from fighting and unable to continue.

Rarely, if at all, did they appear motivated by antiwar convictions, the lawyer said.

Russia will continue to face problems with soldiers refusing to fight, military analyst Michael Kofman said, but one shouldn't underestimate Russia's ability to "muddle through ... with half-measures." "They're going to have a lot of people who are quitting or have people who basically don't want to deploy," said Kofman, director of the Virginia-based Russia Studies Program at the Center for Naval Analyses, on a recent podcast. "And they've employed a lot of measures to try to keep people in line. But ultimately, there's not that much that they can do."

Shinde, Fadnavis meet Modi in Delhi

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irrigation, which were initiated by Mr Fadnavis but had run into delays under the Thackeray-led Maharashtra Vikas Aghadi government, will be put on fast-track.

On Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray's demand for a mid-term poll in Maharashtra, Mr Shinde said that the question does not arise as in democracy, the number matters. "We have the support of 164 MLAs. We have formed a strong government in Maharashtra as per the constitution. It will complete the full term," he said.

On the dispute over who gets to use the party symbol, Mr Shinde said, "We are Shiv Sena and haven't done anything illegal. We have been recognised as the Legislative party."

Mr Thackeray on Friday said that nobody can take away the bow and arrow, the symbol of the Shiv Sena and it will remain with him.

Mr Shinde reiterated that the rebel MLAs had made all the efforts to resolve the issues with Mr Thackeray. "The existence of our MLAs came under threat under the MVA government. Only the natural alliance of the BJP and Shiv Sena can take Maharashtra ahead. We tried to communicate this issue (with Uddhav Thackeray) but did not succeed. Therefore, we took this move (joining hands with the BJP)," he said.

Asked whether he was disappointed at the "demotion" to the post of deputy chief minister, Mr Fadnavis said he had merely followed the directives of his party. "My party made me big by appointing me as the chief minister. It is not a question of being large hearted. I have followed the directives of my party," Mr Fadnavis, who served as the Maharashtra chief minister from 2014 to 2019, said.

"I am with Mr Shinde. I have been the chief minister and I know the chief minister is the leader. We will work under Mr Shinde's leadership. Our primary goal is to make this government successful," he added.

Mr Shinde and Mr Fadnavis left for Pune on Saturday evening en route to Pandharpur, where the chief minister will worship Lord Vitthal on the occasion of Ashadhi Ekadashi on Sunday.

Meanwhile, the rebellion in Shiv Sena continued to grow. The Thackeray faction announced that they have removed former Navi Mumbai civic chief Vijay Nahata and former Opposition leader in the municipal corporation Vijay Chougule from the party after they joined the Shinde camp.

Shiv Sena mouthpiece Saamna on Saturday declared that the duo had indulged in anti-party activities and hence were removed from the party.

The ongoing rebellion has already dented the Thackeray faction, as 66 out of 67 corporators from Thane have joined Mr Shinde while several MPs are also backing him.

Rituals halted in Lingaraj temple again, Odisha government silent

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as per the temple record of rights but since 2020, Puja Panda servitors have been demanding that they be allowed to offer the three threads to the deity. "This is unacceptable," he said.

Although the Lingaraj temple trust called a meeting of both the servitor clans on Tuesday night, none attended it. Sources said as the rituals were also stopped by the two servitor groups over the same issue last year, a case has been filed by the temple office against the two groups with the Odisha Hindu Religious Endowment Commission.

This is the third time rituals in the temple have been disrupted this year, the first two being during the Sital Sasthi and Handi Bhang rituals. "The State government, Endowment Commission and temple trust board is to be blamed for this. This has been happening despite a 2012 Orissa High Court ruling that rituals in Lingaraj temple cannot be stopped by anyone," said secretary of Brahmana Nijog, Biranchi Narayan Pati.

International racket whiff in Berhampur gold seizure

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Subudhi admitted that he had purchased 23 pieces of gold biscuits weighing around 2.2 kg from Sahukar and paid a cash of around Rs 1.22 crore. Since South Africa has been imprinted on the gold biscuits, police suspect the gold was possibly smuggled from a foreign country but the verification is still underway.

Sahukar told police that he works for a Cuttack-based jeweller but investigators are yet to confirm his claims, said the SP. "The duo failed to produce any document related to the gold. Since it's a case of tax evasion and smuggling, we seized the cash and the gold biscuits. Police will be hand over the gold and cash to Income Tax department after proper documentation," the SP added.

The seizure in Berhampur assumes significance as the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has initiated a money laundering probe against a large scale foreign origin gold smuggling racket which is reportedly active from the Bangladesh border to many states such as Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand.

ED's investigation has revealed that the modus operandi of the smugglers involved in the racket is that the foreign origin gold is being smuggled into the country after it is received in Myanmar from where it is transported to Bangladesh and then to West Bengal and other neighbouring States.

Sources said Berhampur police suspect the seized gold biscuits may have been smuggled from Myanmar or Nepal and further verification in this regard will be carried out by the Income Tax department.

Central agencies not unbiased, says Trinamool on Anubrata arrest; to hit streets against Modi government

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against BJP leaders, she questioned their impartiality.

"We have serious doubts about the functioning of the central agencies. We have seen that they are silent when it comes to taking action against BJP leaders against whom there are allegations of corruption," she said. "For next two days, protest rallies will be taken out in various parts of the state against the functioning of the central agencies," the TMC leader said.

The CBI, after interrogating Mondal for around an hour on Thursday morning, arrested him from his residence in Bolpur in Birbhum district allegedly for not cooperating in its probe into the cattle smuggling case.

The TMC's stand on the issue of Mondal was in sharp contrast to that of another party heavyweight Partha Chatterjee who was arrested on July 23 by the Enforcement Directorate in the school jobs scam.

The ED found crores of rupees in cash in flats owned by a woman considered close to him. Chatterjee was stripped of his cabinet portfolios and party posts within five days of his arrest.

The TMC did not hit the streets against central agencies following his arrest. "What Partha Chatterjee has done is shameful. We condemn it. But Anubrata Mondal is a good leader and an organiser. The CBI has arrested him based on allegations. It has to be proved in the court," he said.

Alexander Zverev in fight to be fit for US Open

MUNICH: Germany's world number two Alexander Zverev says he is facing a battle to be fit for the US Open following surgery on torn ankle ligaments at the French Open. Zverev only returned to the practice court last Sunday after the injury he suffered during his semi-final against Rafael Nadal at Roland Garros in June. He turned on his ankle during that match, screaming in pain when trailing Nadal 7-6 (10/8), 6-6 after three hours of play. He left court in a wheelchair, returning shortly after on crutches and in tears to announce his retirement, with Nadal going on to extend his record Grand Slam haul to 22, routing Norway's Casper Ruud in the final.



Speaking in Hamburg at a press conference on Thursday the Tokyo Olympic champion Zverev said: "Obviously I am going to try to make it to the US Open even if it's in a very very short time." Last week Zverev revealed that he suffers from type 1 diabetes, admitting he had struggled to accept his condition and had tried to hide it from the world.

The last Grand Slam of the season starts in New York in a little over a fortnight on August 29. If Flushing Meadows comes too soon Zverev is aiming to return for the September 13-18 Davis Cup group phase against France, Belgium and Australia in his native Hamburg.

Women referees call shots at Commonwealth Games

HYDERABAD: Women punched big time at the recent Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. They won most golds — 146, two more than men; made waves in the pool and were in absolute charge of play, controlling most of the action as referees. The Queen's Games had to have women on top. They sure

ees acting tough and handling the rough and unruly guys in a football match... it provides a power equation that is very different," the renowned badminton coach added. India did have its women referee representation at the Birmingham CWG, in Akshata Shete-Jadhav, who was judge at the rhythmic gymnastics event.

"Rhythmic gymnastics is a women oriented sport. In this field we do have a few male judges but it's mostly a femaledominated sport," explained the 30-year-old former gymnast who is a member of the Asian Gymnastics Union Technical Committee and also an official of the Gymnastics Federation of India. Women are kicking right ahead indeed. In another first, women referees will officiate matches at the men's football World Cup in Qatar this year — three women referees and three women assistant referees will be part of the global showpiece event in November-December. International basketball federation (FIBA) too is getting more women referees into its fold. "As per a policy implemented in 2021, every national federation should have at least one female referee. Secondly, during the Basketball World Cup, 90 per cent of the referees are females. Also, at the Asian Championships, it is only referees from neutral countries from here and there that are male, otherwise they're all females. In Europe it has become very popular now, for every game they have a mix of male and female referees officiating the matches," informs FIBA technical delegate Norman Isaac, who is also chairman of the Basketball Federation of India's Technical Commission. The 3x3 version of basketball was part of the programme at the recent Commonwealth Games. "FIBA also conducts a webinar for women officials every first Monday of the month where experiences and judging techniques are shared. There is a referees exam in the first week of October and FIBA has made it mandatory for India to send two representatives, out of which one should be a female. At the BFI too, we are going to have at least half-a-dozen to 10 referees in the first cycle, beginning next year," Norman informs. He puts the women refs right up there. "Women are very strong mentally, and don't get intimidated by players. I can tell you that some of them are stronger than men and can withstand any pressure. Besides, they are well-protected. FIBA also has a disciplinary panel which deals with any infringement on a woman referee," Norman, also a former Fiba referee, explained. More power to the women.

were on song, and simply lived up British rockstar Mick Jagger's superhit — She's The Boss. The fairer sex certainly rocked at the Games with their increasing presence in every sphere of activity. Women putting their feet down and erring, imposing men in place was such a sight. For example the Super Heavyweight boxing final between the towering Delicious Orié of England and India's Sagar Ahlawat was strictly supervised by a puny Paola Falorni, referee for the big bout. And one could only admire when Marcia Chiasson used her referee's whistle to telling effect as George Ramm and Lowe Bingham wrestled for bronze in the men's 65kg bout. Women were definitely in control with the wrestling competition officiated by 15 female and six male referees, making it the first time in wrestling history that over 70 per cent of referees were women at a major Games. That was thanks in large part to the United World Wrestling's (UWW) gender equality strategic plan which comes after the International Olympic Committee's announcement last year to achieve gender parity for the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris. "We are committed to advancing wrestling in the right direction and promoting topics such as diversity, achieving gender parity, equal opportunities and access to education in all areas of our sport," UWW president Nenad Lalovic had said. Pullela Gopichand, Badminton Association of India vice-president, concurred with the view. "Gender equality is something to achieve in sport, especially in the officiating, playing or coaching and support staff segments. I think there's been a conscious push from the government also to ensure there is some kind of parity in gender at various events," he said. "I have seen some really good quality women referees across the board. From the visual perspective too women referees present a neat picture. It feels very good to see women refer-



ees acting tough and handling the rough and unruly guys in a football match... it provides a power equation that is very different," the renowned badminton coach added. India did have its women referee representation at the Birmingham CWG, in Akshata Shete-Jadhav, who was judge at the rhythmic gymnastics event. "Rhythmic gymnastics is a women oriented sport. In this field we do have a few male judges but it's mostly a femaledominated sport," explained the 30-year-old former gymnast who is a member of the Asian Gymnastics Union Technical Committee and also an official of the Gymnastics Federation of India. Women are kicking right ahead indeed. In another first, women referees will officiate matches at the men's football World Cup in Qatar this year — three women referees and three women assistant referees will be part of the global showpiece event in November-December. International basketball federation (FIBA) too is getting more women referees into its fold. "As per a policy implemented in 2021, every national federation should have at least one female referee. Secondly, during the Basketball World Cup, 90 per cent of the referees are females. Also, at the Asian Championships, it is only referees from neutral countries from here and there that are male, otherwise they're all females. In Europe it has become very popular now, for every game they have a mix of male and female referees officiating the matches," informs FIBA technical delegate Norman Isaac, who is also chairman of the Basketball Federation of India's Technical Commission. The 3x3 version of basketball was part of the programme at the recent Commonwealth Games. "FIBA also conducts a webinar for women officials every first Monday of the month where experiences and judging techniques are shared. There is a referees exam in the first week of October and FIBA has made it mandatory for India to send two representatives, out of which one should be a female. At the BFI too, we are going to have at least half-a-dozen to 10 referees in the first cycle, beginning next year," Norman informs. He puts the women refs right up there. "Women are very strong mentally, and don't get intimidated by players. I can tell you that some of them are stronger than men and can withstand any pressure. Besides, they are well-protected. FIBA also has a disciplinary panel which deals with any infringement on a woman referee," Norman, also a former Fiba referee, explained. More power to the women.

Madrid starts Spanish league defense aiming for title sweep

BARCELONA: Real Madrid starts the Spanish league season overflowing with confidence that it can retain the domestic title despite Barcelona spending big to add top talent to its team. Barcelona hosts Rayo Vallecano on Saturday, a day before Madrid visits the newly promoted Almería in the opening round of the league. Led by Ballon d'Or favourite Karim Benzema, Madrid delivered an outstanding campaign last season by winning the Champions League for a record-extending 14th time and running away from Barcelona and Atlético Madrid in the league. After retaining all its starters and important reserves, as well as making select reinforcements to its midfield and defence, Carlo Ancelotti's team is openly talking about their aspirations to sweep up all the titles in play.

Madrid was in championship form on Wednesday when it won the UEFA Super Cup after easing past Eintracht Frankfurt 2-0 thanks to goals by Benzema and David Alaba. Now it wants to not only defend its European and Spanish titles, but also win the Copa del Rey and the Spanish Super Cup. "When you're successful, it's difficult to do it again," Madrid defender Dani Carvajal said after the victory over Frankfurt. "We're going to fight for everything. Barcelona, Atlético and Sevilla will make life difficult in La Liga. We have to approach the Champions League game by game. We've won one title and we're aiming for the next five."

Madrid will start its league title defence on Sunday in southern Spain at Almería, which won the second division last season. The modest Almería's biggest threat is Nigeria forward Umar Sadiq. Ancelotti, who exceeded expectations last season after returning for a second stint in charge of the team, should have more to work with from the bench this season. Little-used veterans Gareth Bale, Isco Alarcón and Marcelo have all left. Madrid has added defender Antonio Rüdiger and defending midfielder Aurelien Tchouameni. Madrid will still boast its mix of proven winners in Benzema, Luka Modric, Toni Kroos and Thibaut Courtois, along with younger players Vinícius Júnior, Federico Valverde, Éder Militão and Rodrygo. Ancelotti praised the team spirit his players have forged, saying that "this is the healthiest (locker room) I have coached" in his long career that has

included success at AC Milan, Chelsea, Bayern Munich and Paris Saint-Germain.

Madrid, however, should have to face a tougher challenge from Barcelona, which finished 13 points adrift in second place after a tumultuous season following the exit of Lionel Messi.

Unable to contemplate another year without a title, the highly indebted Barcelona sold 25% of its Spanish league television rights for the next 25 years and part of its own production company to get the money needed to reinforce its squad.

So instead of fielding an attack led by Memphis Depay and Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang, former Bayern star Robert Lewandowski will be its top striker. Winger Raphinha has arrived from Leeds to compete with Ousmane Dembélé, Ferran Torres and Ansu Fati for playing time on either side of Lewandowski, while Jules Koundé moved from Sevilla to greatly boost its defence. Those three signings cost the club 160 million euros (USD 165 million). Barcelona also bulked up in defence with Andreas Christensen and in midfield with Franck Kessie, who arrived as free agents.

"We have to admit that (Barcelona) has added some quality players, with Raphinha, who I know well, with Lewandowski, who is another world-class player," Madrid midfielder Casemiro said. "They will try to play their best. We will also want to play better, so let the best team finish on top."

It remains unclear if Barcelona's new signings will be able to make their competitive debuts against Rayo due to the league's salary cap rules that limit how much clubs can spend on players relative to their financial balance. With Barcelona still holding 1 billion euros (USD 1 billion) in debt, it has seen its salary cap shrink dramatically.

Club president Joan Laporta has said that his club will be able to register its new signings but two days before the home opener at Camp Nou, Barcelona has yet to officially register Lewandowski and its other new players with the league. Madrid, Atlético and Sevilla, along with most of the other clubs, have registered their new players. The deadline is the end of August to play in the 2022-23 league season.

So Barcelona's busy off-season is likely not over. The club may need to sell players or more club assets to get its new transfers in league action as it tries to give Madrid a genuine challenge.



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