

India-US economic relationship moving to new heights of cooperation and expansion

Kolkata (KCN): India- USA economic co-operation is key to script short ,medium



long term healthy growth and development in both nations despite challenges as empha-



sized by various speakers of the economic conclave organised by Indo American Chamber of Commerce (IACC) - East India Council in Kolkata on 24th August 2022. IACC organised economic conclave on the topic

Will welcome EC decision on plea for Soren's disqualification, BJP trying to topple govt: Congress

NEW DELHI(KCN): The Congress on Thursday said it will welcome the Election Commission's decision on a plea seeking Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren's



disqualification as an MLA, while accusing the BJP of trying to destabilise the state government from day one.

The Election Commission (EC) is believed to have told Jharkhand Governor Ramesh Bais that Soren should be disqualified as an MLA for violating electoral norms, Raj Bhavan sources said.

However, the Raj Bhavan has officially not confirmed the development.

Reacting to the development, AICC general secretary in-charge of Jharkhand Avinash Pande said the Congress will welcome whatever decision the Election Commission takes on the matter.

"However, it is not hidden from anyone that from the day the 'Mahagathbandhan' govern-

North Korea sees suspected Covid-19 cases after victory claim by Kim Jong Un

SEOUL (KCN): North Korea on Thursday said it found four new fever cases in its border region with China that may have been caused

by coronavirus infections, two weeks after leader Kim Jong Un declared a widely disputed victory over COVID-19.

North Korea's state-



health workers were conducting genetic tests on the samples

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Economy in terms of Indo- US Trade " in the backdrop of 75 years of India's Independence and " 75 years of Indo- US Economic Relations " .

The economic conclave was address by Shrimati Vandana Yadav (IAS) Secretary , Industry , Government of West Bengal , Ms. Melinda Pavek , Consul General of USA & Guest of Honour inagurated the conclave.Other distingui- CONTINUED ON: P-7

ment was formed in Jharkhand, the BJP has been making efforts to weaken and displace it including by misusing constitutional institutions such as the Enforcement Directorate, the Central Bureau of Investigation and others.

"It is trying to create obstacles in development work using the constitutional institutions," he said.

"After the decision, all alliance partners will hold discussions and devise a strategy on the way forward," Pande said.

"We want our bigger alliance partner to take all constituents (of the government) with it in a respectable manner and move towards fulfilling our promise to the people to serve them for five years. As far as the Congress legislative party is concerned, it is united," he said.

The EC sent its opinion to Governor Bais earlier this morning on the plea seeking Soren's disqualification for violating electoral norms by extending a mining lease to himself.

The Jharkhand government consists of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) which has 30 MLAs in the 81-member Assembly, the Congress with 17 legislators, and the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) with one.

The main opposition BJP has 26 MLAs in the House.

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Monsoon fury: People forced to drink flood water in marooned Odisha villages

BALASORE(KCN): Unable to get potable water in marooned villages in parts of Odisha, a number of people are forced to drink what is available - the muddy and contaminated water that has accumulated in villages in the past few days due to flood.

Though the water in flooded rivers has receded significantly and is flowing below the danger mark, many villages still remained marooned. Many mud houses have collapsed or damaged, food has become scarce, and there is no place to attend to nature's call. Diarrhoea cases are also being reported from the 14 districts affected by the deluge as people are drinking contami-

nated water. "We are managing with dry food like

make them drinkable due to lack of fuel. "Those who had

Minati Sethy, a septuagenarian woman, said she is not able to



flattened rice, but unable to get a drop of water to drink. Tube wells and other sources of drinking water are submerged in the flood. We are forced to drink the flood water," Makara Dalei of Nayabali village under Baliapal block of Balasore district. He said villagers are not even able to boil the flood water and

cooking gas connection are also affected as cylinders have been swept away along with other household articles after flood water entered homes," he said.

There is no power in the area due to the flood and water cannot be supplied under the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation scheme.

cook because of lack of dry firewood. Elderly people of her Uluda village under Bishnupur gram Panchayat, who could not be evacuated, are virtually starving, she said.

Sethy said she has been surviving with watered rice which was cooked three days ago before the flood water of the

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Congress demands CBI probe into recruitment scams

DEHRADUN(KCN): A Congress delegation



led by state party president Karan Mahara on Thursday called on Uttarakhand Governor Lt Gen Gurmit Singh and demanded a probe either by the CBI or a sitting high court judge into recruitment scams of different departments.

The Congress delegation said people arrested so far in connection with the Uttarakhand Subordinate Services Selection Commission pa-

per leak scam were mere "pawns". The "big fish" are yet to be caught, said the delegation, including former Leader of Opposition in Uttarakhand Assembly Pritam Singh and former state party president Ganesh Godiyal.

In a memorandum submitted to the governor, Mahara alleged that wrongdoings had been committed not only in the UKSSSC paper leak but also in recruitment held in different departments, including education and cooperative.

Noting that a high-level probe alone can bring out the truth in these scams, Mahara said an investigation either by the CBI or a sitting high court judge should be ordered into the scams.

Through a separate memorandum, the delegation also sought the governor's intervention in addressing the problems being faced by women associated with self-help groups.

Odisha CM to meet party MLAs on August 28



BHUBANESWAR(KCN): Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik is likely to interact with all BJD MLAs and State office-bearers at Kalinga Stadium here on August 28. Sources said the CM will discuss the implementation of government schemes with the MLAs who

are expected to give feedback on the ground situation based on their interactions with the beneficiaries. Besides, further strengthening of party organisation at the grassroots level will also be discussed. The MLAs will also be asked to give a sta-

tus report on the fulfilment of assurances given by the ruling BJD in the 2019 election manifesto and the promises which are yet to be met. The meeting, which will come three months after the Ministry reshuffle, is likely to be a preparatory meet-

ing with an eye on the 2024 Assembly elections. Naveen's proposed interaction with the MLAs has assumed significance in view of the changed approach of the main opposition BJP and the attempt of Congress to revive its organisation in Odisha.

National conference of SAIL affiliated workers union held at Bolani

Bolani (KCN): The mining worker's union affiliated to Steel Authority of India (SAIL) is holding a national conference of mine workers on behalf of CITU at Jawaharlal Nehru Chittabinodan Center auditorium, Bolani Mining Colony. CITU's National General Secretary Tapan Sen participated as

various demands such as recruitment of regular workers in permanent positions in various mines and factories of SAIL, equal pay for equal work, respectable new wage contracts, movement against privatization and disinvestment of all Nation-owned enterprises including SAIL. In this program, the Mining Co-ordination Committee was formed to intensify the miners' movement and fight for the workers' rights. The committee consists of Bishnu Charan Mohanty, Biddy Prasad, Indramani

Behera, Sujit Bhattacharjee, Gurprasad Banerjee, Deepak Ghosh, along with Balani Mines, Kiriburu Mines, Meghahatuburu Mines, Kalta Mines, Roxy Mines, Tensa Mines, Barsuan Mines, Taldih Mines, Ramnagar, Jitpur etc. Apart from Chasnala,

the chief speaker in the program organized under the supervision of Indramani Behera, President of Keonjhar Workers Union affiliated to CITU. Steel Workers Federation of India National General Secretary Lalit Mishra, State President Satyanand Behera State Secretary BC Mohanty, Jharkhand State CITU Secretariat member BD Prasad, KK Tripathi, Biswajit Dev and coal mining leader Sudeep Bhattacharjee were among others present. He expressed his opinion through speeches against the labor law policy of the central government. Apart from this, collective discussions were held regarding various demands such as employment of regular workers in permanent positions in various mines and factories of SAIL, equal pay for equal work, respectable new wage contracts, movement against privatization and disinvestment of all Nation-owned enterprises including SAIL. Apart from this, collective discussions were held regarding

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New agencies drag feet, Odisha's capital paints dirty picture

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): Its peak monsoon and Capital City is raising a stink, thanks to piles of garbage dumped across residential colonies.

Though Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) has engaged new agencies, a majority of them are facing teething problems in commencing operations, leaving daily sanitation exercises badly hurt. To carry out sanitation work effectively, the BMC which in the past operated with just three agencies - Jagruti, Ramky and PMR Consortium - roped in seven new ones this year. Though work was supposed to be taken up by the new agencies last

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through the old agencies. As a result, garbage heaped up on the road has become a common sight. "The stench emanating is unbearable. The waste poses health hazards during the rainy season," rued a resident of Jayadev Vihar. A hassled BMC has already been slapped show cause notice on one agency for poor performance, said a BMC official. Sanitation work was affected in the city after Ramky allegedly did not

poor preparedness of some of the agencies. BMC Commissioner Vijay Amruta Kulange said the new agencies have been asked to start their services at the earliest. The operation of two agencies has been affected due to legal hurdles, he said. BMC recently came up with a fresh standard operating procedure (SOP) making it mandatory for eateries, commercial establishments as well as residential societies and in-

While enforcement at marketplaces has started, residential areas are waiting and that is where the garbages are piling up. A resident wondered why a fine is not being imposed on households dumping waste on the roadsides. Officials of the BMC sanitation wing said enforcement against waste dumping will start soon. "We have started it for commercial areas and will form squads for residential areas," said BMC deputy commissioner Suvendu Sahoo.

Learning Life Saving Simple CPR Skill, need of Hour: Dr. Ashutosh Biswas

Bhubaneswar(KCN): One in four deaths in India are due to cardiovascular diseases. Heart disease is the leading cause of death in India. In the recent past the country has witnessed many deaths due to sudden cardiac arrest outside hospital. As per studies, after heart attack cardiac arrest at home have increased from 60 to more than 90 per cent, with sedentary lifestyle during COVID. Not only car-



diac diseases, cardiac arrest can be the terminal stage of any life-threatening conditions, said experts on the occasion of launching Community CPR education in India building a Nation of Lifesavers with a collaborative effort of American Heart Association (AHA) and AIIMS Bhubaneswar. Intervening within 2-3 minutes of cardiac arrest is crucial to maintain blood circulation to the brain and get time for availability of immediate medical facility or an ambulance. In such scenarios the role of bystanders (life saver) becomes vital to make sure the brain survives until medical services are available. Survival from cardiac arrest largely depends on how quickly CPR is started and the quality of CPR given. To answer the critical need



for community cardiopulmonary resuscitation or CPR education in India where it is estimated that 98% of the residents are not trained in CPR.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) is an easy hand technique to maintain the heart function, said AIIMS Bhubaneswar Executive Director (Co-Convener AHA-AIIMS Col-

laborative) Dr. Ashutosh Biswas. Providing Life Saving Simple CPR training in the community can help to large extent for the above purpose. In this context, AHA & AIIMS Bhubaneswar will train more than One lakh Community Members over two years, added



Dr. Biswas, Chief of Mission Aligned Business and Health Care Solutions, AHA John Meiners, Convener AHA-AIIMS Collaborative & President AIIMS Mangalagiri Dr. T. S. Ravikumar, AIIMS Bhubaneswar Medical Superintendent Dr. S N Mohanty, DEAN(Research) Dr. Binod Kumar Patro, DEAN (Exam) Dr. Manoj Kumar Mohanty, Programme Leader AHA-AIIMS Collabora-



Dr. Priyamadhava Behera, and Divya Trikha, Mission Advancement, Advisor AHA attending the programme spoke about the importance of training community simple CPR skills.

Five hundred master trainers trained in this programme. Each trained volunteer will train at least 75 community members in Hands-only CPR. Through this effort more than One Lakh community members will be trained in the next two years.

Two elephants electrocuted in Odisha's Keonjhar district



KEONJHAR(KCN): In a shocking incident, two elephants were electrocuted in the OUAT campus in Keonjhar under the Keonjhar Sadar range on Thursday morning. Both were females and had given birth to two calves less than a month back. The two, about 25-year-old, were part

of a group of nine elephants roaming in Judia of the Sanaghagara forest area. For the past few days, the group has been living in this forest. On Thursday morning, a group entered the OUAT premises and came in contact with 11 kV wire which led to their death. DFO HD Dhanral and Sadar

Ranger Bijay Kumar Mahant rushed to the spot. The incident has exposed a glaring lack of coordination among forest, energy and other government agencies in securing elephants' movement. Herds of elephants have been living in the region but no remedial measures were taken.

Odisha has of late grabbed headlines over a spate of elephant deaths and suppression of the incidents. Poaching too has been a cause of concern. Electrocution deaths though are not new. The state reports one of the highest numbers of elephant electrocution in the country.

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HRITHIK ROSHAN & SAIF ALI KHAN STARRER VIKRAM VEDHA'S TEASER RELEASED

Kolkata (KCN): Hrithik Roshan and Saif Ali Khan as



The teaser of Vikram. The 1 minute 46 seconds long visual teaser from the film 'Vikram Vedha' was launched online today. Vikram Vedha's teaser emerged as a pleasant surprise to viewers with action packed visuals and an engaging story featuring Indian actors Hrithik Roshan as Vedha

catchy background music. Overall, the teaser promises Vikram Vedha to be a complete entertainment package. The teaser, along with actors Hrithik Roshan and Saif Ali Khan and makers Pushkar-Gayatri received rave reviews and



appreciation cop Vikram (Saif Ali Khan) sets out

to track and chase a dreaded gangster Reliance Entertainment in Vedha (Hrithik association with



Roshan). What unfolds is a cat-and-mouse chase, where Vedha - a master storyteller helps Vikram peel back layers through a series of stories leading to thought-provoking moral ambiguities. Vikram Vedha is presented by Gulshan Kumar, T-Series and Friday Filmworks & Jio Studios and YNOT Studios Production. The film is directed by Pushkar & Gayatri and produced by Bhushan Kumar & S. Sashikanth and Vikram Vedha will hit the big screens globally on 30th September 2022..

Appealing to fans' inner writers, Anupam Kher offers autographed

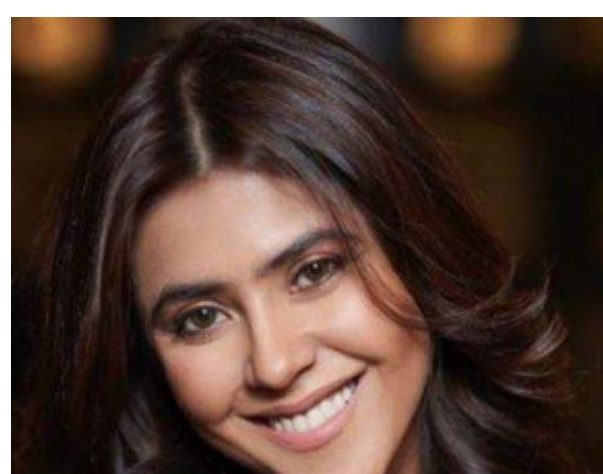


NEW DELHI: Asking his fans to rejuvenate their inner writers, veteran actor Anupam Kher, offered them to send his autographed book 'Your Best Day is Today' on Tuesday. Kher hopped on to Twitter and shared a candid picture of him. Calling on his fans to give a suitable

caption for the picture, he wrote "Mujhe meri ye tasveer pasand hai. (I like this picture of mine) I will send an autographed copy of my latest book #YourBestDayIsToday to the person whose caption for this pic I like the most!" Adding to the cation, he noted "Hindi or English - apka caption kisi bhi bhasha me chalega! Chaliye! Apne andar ke lekha ko jagaiye!! (your caption will go in any language! Let's go! Wake up your inner writer,) with Hibiscus smiling face and heart-shaped smile emoticon. Within a few hours of being posted, fans of the former Chairman of Film and Television Institute of India started coming up with innovative captions and showcased their creative skills. A day ago, the 65-year-old star shared a clip of his mother lauding PM Modi and scientist's efforts for the new COVID-19 vaccines.

SC grants Ekta Kapoor interim protection from arrest in FIR over web series

NEW DELHI(KCN): The Supreme Court on Thursday granted interim protection from arrest to TV producer Ekta Kapoor in an FIR against her for al-



leged objectionable content in her web series "XXX season 2". A bench headed by Chief Justice SA Bobde granted interim protection to

Kapoor. She had moved the apex court after the Indore bench of the Madhya Pradesh High Court, in November this year, dismissed her petition seeking that a case filed against her for alleged objectionable content in web series "XXX season 2" be quashed. The High Court had dismissed a petition of Kapoor seeking quashing of a case registered against her for alleged obscenity in a web series produced by her. The complainant had alleged an episode of the series 'XXX uncensored' was obscene and caused annoyance to him, hurt his religious feelings and dishonored the Army. The case was registered at the Annapurna police station, Indore, under Sections 294 (Obscene acts and songs), 298 and 34 (Acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention) of the India Penal Code and various relevant sections of the IT Act and the State Emblem Act.

Aakanksha Singh joins team Mayday

Ajay Devgn's Mayday has been creating a massive buzz because of its interest-



the icing on the cake is that Ajay Sir is directing the film. It's actually happening! ing star cast, which includes Amitabh Bachchan, Ajay Devgn, Rakul Preet Singh and Angira Dhar. Talented actress, Aakanksha Singh has now joined the team. Aakanksha will es-saying the role of Ajay Devgn's wife in the film. She joined the shoot yesterday. Aakanksha says, "It's like a dream come true to be a part of such a big and much-awaited film. I am so excited to share the screen with Ajay Sir and Amitabh Sir; and

'Wanted to make a film on Indian Army with Shah Rukh Khan', says Director Kabir Khan

MUMBAI (KCN): Filmmaker Kabir Khan, who is gearing up for the release of his web series "The Forgotten Army: Azaadi Ke Liye", based on Indian National Army (INA), says he wanted to make a film on the subject starring Shah Rukh Khan. He added that Shah Rukh didn't charge a fee for the voiceover he gave for the series. "Shah Rukh has very graciously given the voiceover. The series is based on a true story, so there is an introduction of a few minutes before every episode along with real footage, where he has lent his voice. I talked about it with Shah Rukh earlier as well, when this was a film script. Back then, I wanted Shah Rukh to do the film. We even had a few meetings but we couldn't take it forward," said Kabir while promoting the series along with its lead actors Sunny Kaushal and Sharvari Wagh.

Herbal Remedies for Sun-Tan in Monsoon

Many people skip applying sunscreen during the monsoon season because they believe the dark, grey skies won't have the same damaging effect as a bright summery one.



If you're under the impression that there's no sun amid the cloudy weather, then you couldn't be more wrong. Even if you do not see sunrays in the monsoon, they affect

your skin.

Simply put, as long as there is daylight enough to distinguish the time of day from night, there is sunlight. And if there is sunlight, there are sun rays.

These rays easily pass through clouds in monsoon season and hit our skin. Clouds do not prevent us from UV rays

Sunrays consist of harmful UV and infrared rays that can cause a host of skin conditions like tanning which can happen during monsoon also.

Sun tanning is one of the immediate effects of sun exposure during monsoon. What causes tanning? Exposure to the sun increases the production of melanin, which is the skin's pigment, or colouring matter. Melanin actually protects the skin from the sun's harmful ultraviolet radiation. Once melanin is produced in the lower layers of the skin, it moves up to

the skin surface. Since it is dark in colour, the skin also becomes tanned.

Since the sun is playing hide and seek these monsoons, let's find out some easy ways on how to remove tan with these natural remedies that can be easily made at home. They will help repair the affected cells, revive sunburn skin and make it glow as well.

Using a facial scrub is useful. You can buy a facial scrub according to skin type. If the skin is dry, a scrub should be used only once a week, but for oily skins, it may be used more often. The scrub should be applied and rubbed gently on the skin with small circular movements. Then wash it off with plain water. This helps to remove dead skin cells, along with their contained pigment. The skin becomes brighter and the tan is gradually removed. You can make scrubs and packs at home with kitchen ingredients. In fact, many such ingredients can be applied on the skin to gradually remove tan and also soothe the skin, in case of sun burn.

Scrub: Ground almonds (badaam) make a good facial scrub. Soak the almonds in hot water till the skin comes out easily. Then allow them to become totally dry. Grind them into a powder, making sure to follow absolute hygiene and cleanliness. Keep this powder in an airtight jar. Every morning, add a little curd or cold

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milk to two teaspoons of the powder and rub the mixture gently on the skin. Wash it off with water. Mixing rice powder with curd and using it as a scrub helps oily skins.

To remove tan: Add a pinch of turmeric (haldi) to curd and apply daily. Wash it off after 20 to 30 minutes. Or, mix one teaspoon honey with two teaspoons lemon juice and apply daily on the face, washing it off with plain water after 20 minutes.

Take the sandalwood powder and make it into a paste with the help of tender coconut water. Apply it to the tanned skin and wash it off with water after a while. You may replace coconut water with rose water or use the juice of cucumber instead.

To remove tan on oily skin: Mix cucumber pulp with yoghurt and apply it on the face daily. Wash it off after 20 minutes. It will suit oily skin, since cucumber is an astringent.

For oily skin: Mix tomato pulp with one teaspoon honey and apply daily for 20 minutes.

For sunburn: Cold milk applied daily, using cotton wool, not only helps to soothe the skin, but also keeps it soft. It also makes the skin colour lighter over a period of time, if used daily. It would suit normal to dry skins.

To soothe sunburn: Another remedy to

soothe sunburn and protect the skin is by using sesame seed, or "til". Taking a handful of the sesame seed, crush it and add half a cup of water. Let it stand for two hours. Strain the liquid and use it to wash your face.

Cleansing and Skin Lightening Mask: Mix cucumber and papaya pulp with one teaspoon curd, one teaspoon honey, 4 teaspoons oatmeal and one teaspoon lemon juice. Apply on face and neck, twice a week and wash it off after half an hour.

Body: Massage daily with sesame seed oil. Mix besan with curd, lemon juice and a little turmeric. The paste should be thick and should not drip. Apply on neck, arms and legs three times a week for 30 minutes. Wash it off and then apply the oil, as recommended.

For hands: Take 2 tablespoons of sunflower oil and 3 tablespoons of coarse sugar. Mix together till it becomes a paste. Apply and rub into hands. Rinse off after 15 minutes.

For feet: Add lemon juice to water and soak feet in it. Cools cleans and removes tan and odour. Rubbing a lemon on the feet also helps.

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Salman Rushdie attack : Religious disorder strikes again

Should the world have voiced its sentiments louder against the stabs that



Salman Rushdie had on his neck and face? The versatile author with critical wounds cautions the world about the extent into which

r e l i g i o u s fanaticism has stretched its ugly claws. Should there be a sensible effort to quell the madness that distorted spiritual theories pounce on the world with? Can there be a solution at all in this regard? I suspect the laxity with which the world deals such ruthlessness. Universal epithets to narrate freedom of speech and expression could be seen fading into insignificance. The effect of such live narratives is not probably meant for religions with exclusive mindset. The slow death of Salman Rushdie would accentuate the power centers that enjoy decreeing fatwas and essentially their belligerence would grow manifold and unquestioned. The New York stabbing on one of the most celebrated writers would leave an ugly question destined to remain unanswered forever. Why do clerics go scot-free after every fatwa and the execution that follows? A life in exile since 1989, Salman Rushdie must have known the real threat that awaited him. The Ayatollah fatwa took 33 years to spill blood, slitting the old man's wrinkled skin. Though he kept ascending to fame after every book that he wrote, the inner core of the writer must have sensed the dead man in him. Rushdie's wounds would make people sense the abnormality that is plaguing the contemporary world. His book the Satanic Verses for which he was awarded a fatwa profoundly spoke of the anomalies and hypocrisies that the world of faith sinking us in. Another instance of brutality, loaded with

religious madness was on 7 January

2015. This time it was Charlie Hebdo, the French Satirical weekly newspaper that had the darkest day in its history. 12 people were killed and 11 injured in a terrorist attack which was known to be a reaction on cartoons published on the Islamic prophet Muhammad. There are many examples of violent extremism to that effect and can be narrated here. But there is a question that significantly sticks out silently with remorse and reprisal. Is violence a legitimate response to religious offence? Can religions easily discard human rights in a world that stands more scientific than religious? A world mostly pluralistic in essence cannot justify disrespect of any religion. But why such instances should not be treated with civility within the framework of modern and available judicial processes? Of course the essential impact of a radical outrage by anybody cannot be narrated as the common behaviour of a particular community. The absence of a civil dialogue in a world of diverse tendencies must be seen as one reason. But the solution should not be limited to a controlled periphery but there should also be consistent cultural exchanges among diverse beliefs. What happened to Charlie Hebdo cannot be singled out. There were selective attacks on writers and news offices multiple times before. The 'Lajja' author Taslima Nasreen also had the same fate. Her novel depicted the persecution ran on innocent Hindus by Muslim radicals during the Babri Masjid demolition in 1992 in her home state Bangladesh. The price she had to pay for being truthful was heavy. She had to flee her country and later made many countries her home including India in exile for almost three decades. Feel the real sense from her words. She says, "I

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is how it seems my life will draw to a close as well, as if I am destined to live the rest of my life on foreign soil. Book bans, Islamic fanatics, fatwas and feminist silences-I bore the brunt, but nothing could force me down. But now I know I will never be home again." For Muslims, Prophet Muhammad is adorned with a divine sanctity and questioning his greatness would bring wrath of the believers. Blasphemy against him is unquestionably punishable in Islam and the world irrespective of its secular credentials bows to the practice that a particular religion holds supreme. Though the Iranian government officially distanced itself from the recent attack on Rushdie, the festivity that the attack brought to many people in the country was actually provocative. Satanic Verses was published more than thirty years ago when Hadi Matar, Rushdie's attacker, was not even born. So essentially, if the fatwa could not ignite fire of vengeance in the young man, what he was probably intoxicated by was the hallucinatory ideals of his faith which gave him the audacity of hope and a reason to plunge for the crime.

Rushdie, one of the most celebrated writers with some of the finest writings, has been identified as anti-Islamic. The agony of the Booker Prize winning writer with his best ever written novels Midnight's Children, Shame, The Moor's Last Sigh and The Enchantress of Florence literally evokes the quest for freedom that no religion would probably dare to slit open to wounds. The Indian born writer's misery is the price that he pays for his literary brilliance and eminence. The Rushdie experience and the exile that Taslima Nasreen was forced into pose significant challenges to all the

liberal democracies across the globe. The idea of freedom among cultures and the freedom of speech that the world is blindly vocal about are seriously threatened and the effect of the sneaky Islamic fundamentalism is penetrating into the social jurisdiction of societies terribly pulling the edifice of coexistence. Is there a glimmer of hope when countries like Saudi Arabia steps in for elementary changes giving more freedom to its citizens to express and expose? A religious ruling by Sheik Abdul Rahman al-Barrak calling for the execution of two writers for apostasy in Saudi was met with severe criticism. The act was termed as 'intellectual terrorism by clerics of darkness' and the criticism was documented with more than 100 human rights activists daringly putting their signatures from the region. A world bouncing in tandem with the madness of radicalism is truly thickening around. The assassination of the Egyptian writer Farag Foda in 1992 was a result of a fatwa by radical Muslim clerics and an attempt to murder the Egyptian Nobel prize-winner Naguib Mahfouz in 1994 was the effect of another fatwa. With its largest pluralistic population, India should have reacted to what the Rushdie incident has provoked. But there was a studied silence among the political leadership in the country which probably thought not to condemn the brutal violence on the India born writer. We should have stood in solidarity with the writer. Our choosing to remain passive on the crime tells us those unwritten facts of compulsion that the world's largest democracy is in. India's celebrated 'freedom of speech' seems to have become a paper tiger.

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Workshop on 'Gender Sensitive Reporting and Writing' organized for scribes

Bhubaneswar(KCN): With an aim to promote equal and sensitive representation of gender in the media UNICEF Odisha organized a workshop on Gender Sensitive Reporting and Writing for journalists in Odisha today.

At the outset of this workshop, Ms. Radhika Srivastava, Communication and Advocacy Specialist, UNICEF, Odisha gave the welcome address and set up the context. Dr Monika Nielsen, Chief of Field Office, UNICEF Odisha also addressed the media and spoke of UNICEF's commitment to gender equality. Ms. Madhuri Das, Gender Specialist, UNICEF, Delhi delivered key notes on becoming more gender sensitive. Ms. Kasturi Ray, Senior News Editor, The New Indian Express moderated the entire workshop.

The workshop started with an informal discussion on what the reporters/ journalists expect from this event. According to global data presented at the workshop, only 23% content in the media related to women while less than half of stories were reported by women. Data also showed that among spokesperson's quoted, only 19% were women¹. A checklist for media was presented at the workshop, giving tips to journalists on how they can make their stories more gender sensitive, challenge social norms and ensure that voices of women are equally heard. Legislations such as The Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986 exists to prohibit indecent portrayal of women through advertisements, publications, writings, paintings etc.

The check list also includes gender sensitive methods on reporting on crime against women and emphasizes on publishing follow up stories to write on the issue even as the focus is on the crime survivor.

The participants discussed the various challenges and barriers they face within their workspace and in the external environment related to gender sensitive reporting, especially since most women do not make it to decision making positions within media organisations.

Addressing the media Dr Monika Nielsen, Chief of Field Office, UNICEF Odisha said,

"Gender equality is essential to realizing the mandate of UNICEF to uphold the rights of all children. Gender norms harm both girls and boys. Harmful practices such as child marriage, exploitation, child labour are often a result of behaviours and practices stemming from gender norms. As we recover from the pandemic, it is a critical time to discuss Gender equality, shifting power relations between genders and addressing discriminatory norms and gendered barriers. Speaking on the role of media on gender, Ms. Srivastava said, "Media plays a crucial role on changing mindsets and perceptions and a gender sensitive media can promote greater gender equality and challenge patriarchal system of our society."

She urged media houses to include sources who are women and are able to provide a woman's perspective while ensuring equal representation from women. She said it is important to explore an issue from a woman's perspective, and report on how women are impacted by it. This is especially important during disasters which Odisha so often faces, she said.

Ms. Das explained the various stages of gender equality. She said, "Gender must be considered at all levels of news production: from the editorial department where decisions are made about what stories to cover, to the field where stories are gathered, to the final publication of the story with headlines and visuals. Our goal is to create a gender equal society and in this the media can play a very constructive role. Charity begins at home. So as a media house, all need to be very mindful of the impact of gender sensitive reporting. Media houses should not do something just for the sake of sensation and high earned TRPs."

During this workshop, a group activity was also conducted among the scribes present in the house. The working journalists shared their thoughts and challenges in gender stereotype reporting and writing. The participants were felicitated with participation certificates.

Ukraine Nuclear Plant Disconnected From Grid: Operator

Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant under occupation by Russian troops was disconnected from the national power supply on

Telegram. The Zaporizhzhia plant -- Europe's largest nuclear facility -- has been occupied by Moscow's troops

Ukraine's national supply system after a power line was twice disconnected by fires at ash pits in an adjacent thermal

Energoatom said, "start-up operations are underway to connect one of the reactors to the network". Kyiv officials have



Thursday, the state energy operator said.

"The actions of the invaders caused a complete disconnection of the (Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant) from the power grid -- the first in the history of the plant," Energoatom said

since the opening weeks of the war. It has remained on the frontlines ever since, and in recent weeks Moscow and Kyiv have traded blame over shelling around the complex in southern Ukraine. Energoatom said the plant was disconnected from

power plant. The three other power lines "were earlier damaged during terrorist attacks" by Russian forces, the operator said.

As a result, the two of the plant's six reactors still functioning "were disconnected from the network".

said they believe Moscow has seized the station in order to divert power to the Crimean peninsula annexed by Russia in 2014.

Energoatom could not be immediately reached for comment on whether the supply had been diverted.

HC allows Air India employees to stay at quarters until Ganpati festival

MUMBAI: The Bombay High Court on Thursday refused

namely Aviation Industry Employees Guild (AIEG), Air

quarters, around 400 the quarters. But not beyond that. Till September 24, there



to quash the eviction notices issued to employees of Air India to vacate their staff quarters but permitted them to stay there till September 24 in view of the upcoming Ganpati festival.

A division bench of Chief Justice Dipankar Datta and Justice M S Karnik disposed of three petitions filed by employees unions,

Corporation Employees Union (ACEU) and All India Service Engineers Association (AISEA), seeking quashing of the airline's notice issued in October last year and May this year.

Some 1,600 families reside in the AI staff quarters at Kalina, and while some have already vacated their quar-

the notice, the HC, however, said employees can continue living there till September 24, adding there would not be any coercive action till then.

"Since Ganesh Chaturthi is celebrated widely and passionately in Mumbai, the employees are given time till September 24. Till then they can continue to reside in

won't be any coercive action against those who continue to reside in the house," the court said.

During the course of hearing, which spanned over a month, the airline company assured the court it will not take any coercive action against employees for not vacating the premises before the stipulated deadline.

Injuries on Sonali Phogat's body, says post-mortem report; murder charge pressed against two associates

PANAJI: Goa Police on Thursday pressed a charge of murder against two associates of actor and BJP leader Sonali Phogat after a post-mortem report mentioned that there

ficer to ascertain," it added.

Phogat, who hailed from Hisar in Haryana and found fame on TikTok, was brought dead to the St Anthony Hospital in Anjuna in North



were "multiple blunt force injuries" on her body.

Section 302 (murder) of the Indian Penal Code was added to the case related to the death of the 42-year-old leader, a senior police official told PTI here.

Sudhir Sagwan and Sukhwinder Wasi, who had accompanied Phogat when she arrived in Goa on August 22, were named as accused in the case, he added.

Her brother Rinku Dhaka had filed a complaint against the two men at Anjuna Police Station on Wednesday.

A panel of forensic experts from the Goa Medical College and Hospital conducted the autopsy on her body on Thursday morning after her family agreed to the procedure. Dr Sunil Shrikant Chimbolkar of the Forensic Science Department of GMCH in his report reserved his opinion on the cause of death.

"The cause of death due to the best of my knowledge and belief is reserved pending chemical analysis. Histopathology and serological reports of the tissues preserved," the report said.

"However there are multiple blunt force injuries over the body. In view of the above, the manner of death is for the investigating of-

Goa district on August 23 morning. The cause was given as a suspected heart attack.

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Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant told reporters in Panaji on Thursday that state Director General of Police Jaspal Singh was personally monitoring the investigation.

The autopsy was earlier scheduled on Wednesday, but Phogat's brother claimed she was murdered by two of her associates and the family would agree to autopsy only after an FIR was registered against them.

On Thursday morning, Sonali Phogat's nephew Mohinder Phogat told PTI that the family had consented to autopsy on condition that it would be video-graphed.

Dhaka, her brother, had alleged that a short while before her death, Phogat had spoken to her mother, sister and brother-in-law.

She sounded disturbed during the conversation and complained against her two colleagues, he claimed.

Three years ago, one of her aides had sexually assaulted her after spiking her food and later blackmailed her, Dhaka further alleged in the police complaint.

Odisha Mineral Areas Development Corporation approves six projects worth Rs 1,752 crore

BHUBANESWAR: The Board of Directors of the Odisha Mineral Areas Development Corporation (OMBADC) on Wednesday approved six new projects estimated at Rs 1,752 crore. The meeting chaired by Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mahapatra approved piped water supply scheme for 787 villages in 11 blocks of Mayurbhanj worth Rs 856.87 crore. CEO of the corporation G Rajesh said Rs 250.72 crore was sanctioned for natural farming in 36 blocks of Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj and Sundargarh districts and this will benefit 2,49,021 farmers in 216 panchayats.

The other projects approved by the OMBADC board included improving the quality of education in 36 Odisha Adarsh Vidyalayas (Rs 489.53

crore), the establishment of a comprehensive rehabilitation centre for Mayurbhanj and Keonjhar districts (Rs 106.36 crore), construction of all-weather connectivity for 23 blocks of Keonjhar district (Rs 19.64 crore), infrastructure development in Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanja Deo University, Mayurbhanj (Rs 29 crore). Meanwhile, the State has executed 29,829 housing projects worth Rs 402 crore, 215 tap water supply projects costing Rs 618.59 crore, social and farm forestry projects including afforestation and soil and moisture conservation activities worth Rs 56.06 crore and skill development of tribal youths from 691 mining-affected areas of 29 blocks in 8 districts with fund utilisation of Rs 2.04 crore.

Where Ukraine war stands after six months

KYIV: When Russian President Vladimir Putin invaded Ukraine on Feb. 24 in an unprovoked act of aggression, many expected a quick victory.

Six months later, the largest military conflict in Europe since World War II has turned into a grinding war of attrition. The Russian offensive has largely bogged down as Ukrainian forces increasingly target key facilities far behind the front lines, including in Russia-occupied Crimea.

A look at where things stand:

A BOTCHED BLITZ

When Putin declared the start of the special military operation, he urged Ukraine's military to turn against the government in Kyiv, reflecting the Kremlin's belief that the population would broadly welcome the invaders. Some of the Russian troops coming in from Moscow's ally of Belarus, just 200 kilometers (about 125 miles) north of the capital,

The Russians have taken control of the entire Luhansk region, one of two provinces that make up the Donbas, and also seized just over half of the second, Donetsk. Russia currently occupies about 20% of Ukraine's territory.

Putin will try to bite one piece of Ukrainian territory after another to strengthen his negotiating stand, said Mykola Sunhurovskyi, a military analyst with the Kyiv-based Razumkov Center think-tank. His message to Ukraine is: If you don't sit down for talks now, things will get worse and we will take even more of your territory and kill even more of your people. He's trying to raise not only external but also internal pressure on the Ukrainian government.

The Donbas offensive has slowed as Moscow was forced to relocate some of its troops to Russia-occupied areas in the south to fend off a potential Ukrainian counteroffensive.



reportedly brought their parade uniforms with them in preparation for a quick triumph. Those hopes were quickly shattered by fierce Ukrainian resistance, backed by Western-supplied weapons systems to the government of President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

Airborne troops sent to seize airfields around Kyiv suffered heavy losses and armored convoys stretching along the main highway leading to the capital were pummeled by Ukrainian artillery and scouts.

Despite numerous attacks on Ukrainian air bases and air defense assets, the Russian air force has failed to win full control of the skies and suffered heavy losses, limiting its ability to support ground forces.

One month into the war, Moscow pulled its troops back from areas near Kyiv, Kharkiv, Chernihiv and other major cities in a tacit acknowledgment of the blitz's failure.

SHIFTING BATTLEFIELDS

The Kremlin then shifted its focus to the Donbas, Ukraine's eastern industrial heartland, where Moscow-backed separatists had been fighting government troops since 2014 following Russia's annexation of the Crimean Peninsula.

Relying on their massive edge in artillery, Russian forces inched forward in ferocious battles that devastated the region. The strategic port of Mariupol on the Sea of Azov that became a symbol of Ukrainian resistance fell in May after a nearly three-month siege that reduced the city to ruins.

More than 2,400 Mariupol defenders who holed up at the giant Azovstal steel mill later surrendered and were taken prisoner. At least 53 of them died last month in an explosion at a prison in eastern Ukraine that Moscow and Kyiv blamed on each other.

Russian troops seized the Kherson region, north of Crimea, and part of the neighboring Zaporizhzhia region early in the conflict. It has installed pro-Moscow administrations there, introduced its currency, handed out Russian passports and launched preparations for referendums to pave the way for their annexation.

But Ukrainian forces recently reclaimed some ground, striking bridges and targeting munitions depots.

Meanwhile, both sides have traded accusations of shelling the Russia-occupied Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant, Europe's largest, raising fears of an atomic disaster.

Ukraine has forced Russia to conduct a massive redeployment of forces and spread them all along the front line, from Kharkiv to Kherson, said Ukrainian military expert Oleh Zhdanov. It's very hard to stretch them along such a big distance.

Although Kyiv doesn't have enough weapons to launch a big counteroffensive, time plays in Ukraine's favor, he said. The longer the pause lasts, the more weapons Ukraine will receive from its allies.

UKRAINIAN SUCCESSES

Western weapons, including U.S. HIMARS multiple rocket launchers, have boosted Ukraine's military's capability, allowing it to target Russian munitions depots, bridges and other key facilities with precision and impunity.

In a major symbolic victory in April, the flagship of Russia's Black Sea Fleet, the Moskva missile cruiser, exploded and sank while on patrol after reportedly being hit by a Ukrainian missile. That dealt a heavy blow to Russia's pride and forced it to limit naval operations.

Kejriwal questions source of Rs 800 crore 'offered' by BJP to 40 AAP MLAs



NEW DELHI: Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday questioned the source of the Rs 800 crore allegedly offered by the BJP to 40 AAP MLAs for switching sides. After a meeting of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) legislators at his residence, Kejriwal, along with his

MLAs, went to Rajghat to pray for the failure of the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) "Operation Lotus".

"Even mattresses and walls at my deputy Manish Sisodia's residence were searched by the CBI but not even a single unaccounted penny was found. A day after

the CBI's raids, Sisodia was approached by the BJP with an offer of the chief minister's post and to betray Kejriwal. I am lucky to have Sisodia, who has no greed for the chief minister's post," Kejriwal told reporters.

He said people have elected a "hardcore honest" government

in Delhi, which will not betray them.

Earlier in the day, the AAP alleged that 40 of its Delhi MLAs were targeted by the BJP with an offer of Rs 20 crore each to switch sides, even as all the 62 of its legislators were accounted for during a meeting at Kejriwal's residence.



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Revenue Secretary Tarun Bajaj gets additional charge of Corporate Affairs Secy



NEW DELHI: Tarun Bajaj, Revenue Secretary, has been given an additional charge of secretary at the Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

Dolo 650 maker Micro Labs rejects allegations of Rs 1,000 cr worth freebies to doctors

NEW DELHI: Drug firm Micro Labs has termed the allegations that it offered freebies worth Rs 1,000 crore to doctors to promote its anti-inflammatory drug Dolo 650 as baseless. The Supreme Court on Thursday was told by

additional charge of the post of Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs to Tarun Bajaj, IAS (HY:1988), Secretary, Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance with immediate effect and till

Sameer Mahendru: From CBI witness in 2013 graft case to accused in Delhi excise 'scam'

NEW DELHI: Indospirit's Managing Director Sameer Mahendru, who is being probed by the CBI for alleged bribery to influence Delhi's excise policy, was once the agency's key witness against two infrastructure and development officials convicted for graft in 2013, according to officials.

the appointment of a regular incumbent or until further orders, whichever is earlier," said an order issued by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) on August 22. Tarun Bajaj was appointed

Monsoon fury: People forced to drink flood water in marooned Odisha villages

Continued from page-1 inundated their village. Her 10-year-old granddaughter Geeta, who was shifted to a high land on the river's embankment, does not realise the plight of the villagers.

The girl was heard reciting an Odia poem from her textbook when a PTI reporter visited the river bank in Baliapal block. "The administration has not provided safety to the people. It is foolish to expect drinking water from them," said the dejected elderly woman.

ALSO READ | Odisha farmers resent delay in flood damage assessment The Balasore district administration, however, said it is providing food to over 7,000 evacuated people who are lodged in 40 shelter homes.

Of the 136 marooned villages in Balasore district on Wednesday, 115 are in Baliapal block. The situation is more or less similar in other affected blocks like Bhograi, Basta and Jaleswar, said Harish Behra, a local school teacher.

There is scarcity of drinking water, polythene sheets and healthcare services for the elderly and pregnant women, he said. Women in groups are going on boats in search of a place where they can attend to nature's call.

"Now only the blessings of Indra Dev (Rain God) can save us," said Mamata Patra, sitting in a makeshift tent on an embankment in Bhogara area. Director of Public Health Service, Dr Niranjana Mishra, said in Bhubaneswar that as many as 900 cases of diarrhoea have been reported from 14 flood-affected districts.

The disease spreads due to the consumption of contaminated water, he said. Odisha floods: 48 free kitchens, yet the marooned have no food The Water Resources Department said that the flood situation has improved in the Mahanadi and Subarnarekha river system. The peak flood water has already passed, but it may take time for the water to recede from villages in low-laying areas, the department's chief engineer B K Mishra said. Residents of Ganjam district have sent three truckloads of essential materials such as water bottles, dry food packets, medicine kits and other items for the flood-affected people of Balasore district.

India-US economic relationship moving to new heights of cooperation and expansion

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shed personalities address the conclave were Dr. V Subba Rao former Governor of Reserve Bank of India, D K Joshi Chief Economist CRISIL Ltd, Debasish Sen MD, HIDCO, Chandra Shekhar Ghosh CMD Bandhan Bank, S. Bhattacharya former CMD, Coal India Ltd, Sanjeev Paul VP, Tata Steel Ltd, Nirupam Choudhuri Regional Director, NASSCOM. Session Moderator was Dr. Suman Mukherjee (Economist)

Addressing the conclave, Vandana Yadav mentioned there are social & cultural ties as well as Defence and Trade ties between India and USA. Vandana Yadav mentioned there is great scope for multi sectoral cooperation between India and USA including opportunities for investment by US companies in upcoming projects in West Bengal including Defence corridor that is coming up.

Ms. Melinda Pavak US Consul General mentioned about more than two centuries old India-US relationship with Kolkata. USA is celebrating its 230 years of diplomatic presence in Kolkata in 2022.

India-US relationship at 75 years firmly rooted in shared values of democracy, freedom, prosperity and security.

As largest & oldest democracies in the world, India and USA are committed to preservation and promotion of shared ideals and multisectoral cooperation & collaboration at bilateral, regional, global level. While strengthening traditional sectors of cooperation in Defence & Trade, India and USA promoting cooperation & collaboration in cyber security, energy, climate issues, space including new and sunrise sectors.

Kapil Kaul, National President, IACC in his address emphasized on three "E"--Energy, Ecology and Environment to be guiding factors while promoting multi sectoral cooperation.

North Korea sees suspected Covid-19 cases after victory claim by Kim Jong Un

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tight restrictions and quarantines until health workers determine the cause of the illness. KCNA said health authorities were giving extra attention to the cases because none of the four patients had a history of coronavirus infections.

The country's emergency anti-virus headquarters dispatched "talented epidemiological, virology and test experts to the area" and is taking steps to "trace all persons connected with the suspect cases, and persons going to and from the relevant area and keep them under strict medical observation," KCNA said.

North Korea said there have been no confirmed COVID-19 cases in any part of the country since Aug. 10 when Kim declared victory over the virus, just three months after the country acknowledged an outbreak.

Even as he ordered preventive measures eased, Kim called for vigilance and the maintaining of tight border controls to prevent the virus from reentering the country. Ryanggang province is one of the border areas where North Korean officials for years struggled to clamp down smuggling activities with China.

An official from South Korea's Unification Ministry, which handles inter-Korean affairs, said Seoul isn't ruling out the possibility that the virus could reemerge in the North.

"North Korea may additionally report on the situation, including whether the fevers were confirmed as COVID-19, and we would need to wait for that before making judgements," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity during a background briefing.

While Kim claimed that the country's success against the virus would be recognized as a global health miracle, experts believe the North has manipulated disclosures on its outbreak to help him maintain absolute control.

The victory statement signals Kim's aim to move to other priorities, including a possible nuclear test, experts say. After admitting to an omicron outbreak of the virus in May, North Korea reported about 4.8 million 'fever cases' across its mostly unvaccinated population of 26 million but only identified a fraction of them as COVID-19.

It claimed just 74 people have died, which experts see as an abnormally small number considering the country's lack of public health tools.

Kim's declaration of victory over COVID-19 during a national meeting in Pyongyang was followed by a combative speech from his powerful sister, who said Kim had suffered a fever himself while steering the anti-virus campaign and laid dubious blame against South Korea while vowing deadly retaliation.

North Korea claims that its initial infections were caused by anti-Pyongyang propaganda leaflets and other items carried across the border by balloons launched by South Korean activists, a claim the South has described as 'ridiculous' and unscientific.

Outside experts believe it's more likely that the virus spread when the North briefly reopened its border with China to freight traffic in January and surged further following a military parade and other large-scale events in its capital, Pyongyang, in April.

There are concerns that the threats by Kim's sister portend a provocation, possibly a nuclear or missile test or even border skirmishes.

Some experts say the North may try to stir up tensions as South Korea and the United States hold their biggest combined military training in years to counter the growing North Korean nuclear threat.

The Ulchi Freedom Shield exercise, which involves aircraft, tanks and warships, continues in South Korea through Sept. 1.

Diplomacy between Washington and Pyongyang to defuse the nuclear standoff has stalled since 2019 over disagreements in exchanging crippling U.S.-led sanctions against the North for the North's denuclearization steps.



an NGO that the Central Board of Direct Taxes has accused the Bengaluru-based drug firm of distributing Rs 1,000 crore freebies to doctors for prescribing its 650 mg tablets.

In a statement, a Micro Labs spokesperson said that in some of the recent media reports it has been falsely and maliciously alleged that the company has been distributing freebies worth Rs 1,000 crore to promote Dolo 650 in one year. "This is highly misleading and is affecting the reputation of Micro Labs, pharmaceutical industry and doctors," the spokesperson added.

The annual sales of Dolo 650 have been Rs 360 crores, about 8 per cent of the company sales. Despite the raw material cost tripling during COVID times, Micro Labs maintained its uninterrupted supplies without any price change as per the government fixed retail price of less than Rs 2 per tablet, the spokesperson noted.

'Pharma company dis-

tributed Rs 1000 crore freebies to prescribe Dolo 650mg tablets': SC told

With an economical option like Dolo 650, doctors across the country have been able to manage most of their patients in the pandemic without re-

sorting to expensive antiviral and other drugs, the spokesperson said.

"To think of distribution of freebies worth thousands of crores is thus highly preposterous. The company would like to clarify that the amount referred to pertains to the total sales and marketing expenses incurred by the company for its total India business in the last five years' period and spent across its whole portfolio," the spokesperson added.

The medication has been prescribed by doctors due to its quality, effective and speedy relief from fever and on the trust built over three decades, the spokesperson said. "We are fully cooperating with the authorities to provide all the necessary information and explanation for their due consideration," the spokesperson added. Last month, the Income Tax department had conducted searches at the premises of the drug firm over alleged tax evasion.

As the revenue secretary under the Ministry of Finance in April 2021. Earlier, Bajaj was given the additional charge of the economic affairs secretary till August 12, as per a government circular.

State gears up for HWC

Bhubaneswar(KCN): With only a few months left for the Hockey Men's World Cup, 2023, the State Government has tightened its seat belts to set global benchmarks by successfully hosting the mega sporting event.

The state is going to host the event for the second time in a row after its massive success in Hockey Men's World Cup of 2018. The Asian Ath-

letics Championship in 2017 was also a resounding success. To ensure that the marquee event is even bigger and better than its previous edition, Odisha Chief Minister's Office (CMO) held a meeting here on Monday.

Top govt officials, including Chief Secretary, Suresh Chandra Mahapatra, Secretary to Chief Minister V K Pandian, Principal Secretaries and heads of different Departments were present at Lok Seva Bhawan today. Senior officials from Cuttack and

Rourkela administration joined in through Video Conferencing. Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mahapatra emphasised on the challenges of the event as it will be held in two cities at the same time. But, he added, the state administration is confident of ensuring a smooth, successful and memorable world cup for players, officials,

fans and spectators. "We are eagerly looking forward to welcoming the top teams of the world. There are certain areas that need special attention and we will be reviewing the development periodically," he stressed. Different government departments have worked seamlessly and efficiently and executed an exceptional event in 2018 that made a global impact on Odisha's image, and the same has been asked of them for this edition. In fact, the state is hoping to better

return as brand ambassadors. Secretary Sports R Vineel Krishna said that the construction of the infrastructure and facilities in co-host city, Rourkela, is going on in full swing and the development is being monitored closely and will be ready in the coming months. Other aspects related to upgradation and beautification of Rourkela have also been keenly taken up

by the district administration. In Bhubaneswar, the new turfs have been laid at the Kalinga Hockey Stadium a few months back and is match ready. For smooth and successful hosting of the sporting event at both venues, requirements, roles and responsibilities for different areas including security, fire safety, transport, connectivity, accommodation, tourism, information & technology, finance, public works amongst others were discussed at the meeting.

"This has never happened before and we should be extremely proud of this. Odisha has set a benchmark in hosting international events," he said. Mr.Pandian further said that the Chief Minister has directed to use this world cup as an opportunity to showcase not only Odisha's capability as a remarkable host but also the art, culture and heritage of the state. He encouraged all department heads to come together and ensure players and fans have a memorable experience and

return as brand ambassadors. Secretary Sports R Vineel Krishna said that the construction of the infrastructure and facilities in co-host city, Rourkela, is going on in full swing and the development is being monitored closely and will be ready in the coming months. Other aspects related to upgradation and beautification of Rourkela have also been keenly taken up



AIFF elections: Former India captain Bhaichung Bhutia files nomination for president's post



NEW DELHI: Indian football legend Bhaichung Bhutia on Thursday filed a fresh nomination for the post of president ahead of the All India Football Federation (AIFF) elections that are scheduled to be held on September 2.

The 45-year-old former India captain's nomination was proposed by the Andhra Football Association (AFA) and seconded by the Rajasthan FA.

"I have filed my nomination for the AIFF president's post and I feel I am the right person for the job," Bhaichung told PTI.

"I have played so many games for the country and top clubs and I also know a bit on the administrative side as I am in Mission Olym-

pics Cell of sports ministry as well as in other committees. I want Indian football to reach new heights," he added.

Bhaichung had earlier filed his nomination for the president's post and was backed by his former teammate Deepak Mandal and seconded by eminent woman footballer, Madhu Kumari.

Former Mohun Bagan and East Bengal goalkeeper Kalyan Chaubey, a BJP leader from West Bengal, has also filed his nomination and is considered to be firm favourite for the top post.

Chaubey's nomination was proposed by the Gujarat Football Association and seconded by Arunachal Pradesh.

England women's record goalscorer White quits football



LONDON: Ellen White, England's all-time record women's goalscorer, on Monday announced her retirement from football with immediate effect after a glittering 17-year career that culminated in last month's Euro 2022 triumph.

"Manchester City Football Club can confirm that Ellen White has retired from football," her club said in a statement. "England's all-time women's record goalscorer, the legendary striker ends her playing career

this summer on the highest of highs and having left an undeniable impact on the game as a whole," it added. The 33-year-old forward scored 52 times in 113 appearances for the Lionesses, while her club career also included stints at

Arsenal, Chelsea, Notts County, Birmingham, and Leeds. She played an integral role in helping England women lift their first ever major trophy, scoring two goals during this summer's home-hosted tournament.

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