

Mamata reshuffles West Bengal cabinet; nine ministers including Babul Supriyo sworn-in

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oath as cabinet ministers, two as ministers of state and two others as ministers of state --- independent charge by Governor La Ganesan. The portfolios will be announced later. The cabinet reshuffle, the first since the TMC returned to power for the third consecutive

term last year, came when the party is facing a crisis over the arrest of senior minister Partha Chatterjee by the ED over the school jobs scam. Banerjee had on Monday carried out a major overhaul in her party. She had said that four-five new faces

would be inducted into the new cabinet, while a similar number of present cabinet members would be utilised for party work. Finally, the numbers inducted were far higher than earlier expected. Of them, Babul Supriyo, Udayan Guha, Partha Bhowmick, Snehasis Chakraborty and Pradip Mazumdar were sworn in as cabinet ministers. TMC MLA Biplab Ray Chowdhury was sworn in as MOS- Independent charge while Tajmul Hossain and Satyajit Barman were sworn in as ministers of

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PM Modi uses Tiranga as profile picture, urges all to follow suit

New Delhi(KCN): Earlier, in his monthly radio broadcast Union ministers Amit Shah, Rajnath



Urging people to unfurl the National Flag at their homes between August 13 and August 15 as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday put the Tiranga, the Tricolour, as the display picture on his social media accounts.

cast Mann ki Baat, the PM had urged people to put the Tricolour as the profile picture of their social media accounts as India will be celebrating its 75th Independence Day this year. Following the PM, many senior BJP leaders, including

Singh, Nirmala Sitharaman, Ashwini Vaishnaw, G. Kishan Reddy and BJP president J.P. Nadda changed their DPs. "It is a special 2nd August today! At a time when we are marking Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, our nation is all set for Har Ghar Tiranga, a

collective movement to celebrate our Tricolour. I have changed the DP on my social media pages and urge you all to do the same," the PM tweeted. Paying tribute to Pingali Venkayya, who had designed the flag, on his birth anniversary, the PM said, "Our nation will forever be indebted to him for his efforts of giving us the Tricolour, which we are very proud of. Taking strength and inspiration from the Tricolour, may we keep working for national progress." The BJP is planning a host of activities ahead of Independence day. At the BJP parliamentary party

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Lok Sabha passes bill to create Gati Shakti University

NEW DELHI(KCN): The Lok Sabha Wednesday passed a

city to be called Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya. Currently, the Na-

The Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, which also

transport sector to support the ambitious growth and modernisation in the field, was passed by a voice vote after a brief discussion. Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya, a multi-disciplinary and multi-dimensional institute, would be the first central university after rollout of the National Education Policy, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said replying to a debate on the Bill.

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bill that seeks to transform the National Rail and Transportation University into central univer-

sity located in Vadodara is a deemed-to-be institution.

seeks to expand the scope of the deemed university from beyond the railways to cover the entire

Construction of 30 storage structures underway: CM Patnaik

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Tuesday said that the Water Resources department has taken up construction of 30 in-stream storage structures in the State and 16 more are in the pipeline



located across different rivers. Welcoming 106 mechanical engineers who joined the department, the Chief Minister said that these structures will not only help in conserving surface water for different purposes including rural water supply but also increase the groundwater level. Newly-recruited Junior Engineers at the orientation programme Stating that Odisha is primarily an agrarian State, the Chief Minister said that the Water Resources department

has a major responsibility of providing irrigation facilities to the farmers. Besides, the department is responsible for protecting the life and property of people from natural calamities like floods with scientific management of reservoir water, he added. Stating that Odisha now has more than 2,500 dams, Naveen informed that construction of



some more dams like Lower Suktel, Deo, Kanpur and Ghatakeswar is in progress. "Water is now becoming a scarce resource with an ever-growing population

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Nancy Pelosi lands in Taiwan, defying China threats

TAIPEI(KCN): US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi landed in Taiwan late Tuesday, defying a string of increasingly stark warnings and threats from China that have sent tensions between the world's two superpowers soaring. Pelosi, second in line to the presidency, is the highest-profile elected US official to visit Taiwan in 25 years and Beijing has made clear that it regards her presence as a major provocation, setting the region on edge. Live broadcasts showed the 82-year-old lawmaker, who flew on a US military aircraft, being greeted at Taipei's Songshan Airport by foreign minister Joseph Wu. "Our delegation's visit to Taiwan honors America's unwavering commitment to supporting Taiwan's vibrant democracy," she said in a statement upon her arrival, adding that her visit "in no way contradicts" US policy towards Taipei and Beijing. Taiwan said the trip displayed "rock solid" support from Washington. Reaction from Beijing was swift with US Ambassador Nicholas Burns summoned by the Foreign Ministry late Tuesday and warned

that Washington "shall pay the price" for Pelosi's visit.

"The move is extremely egregious in nature



and the consequences are extremely serious," China's Vice Foreign Minister Xie Feng was

quoted as saying by the state news agency Xinhua. "China will not sit idly by."

Pelosi is currently on a tour of Asia and while

neither she nor her office confirmed the Taipei visit in advance, multiple US and Tai-

wanese media outlets reported it was on the cards -- triggering days of mounting anger from Beijing.

China's military said it was on "high alert" and would "launch a series of targeted military actions in response" to the visit.

It promptly announced plans for a series of military exercises in waters around the island to begin on Wednesday, including "long-range live ammunition shooting" in the Taiwan Strait.

"Those who play with fire will perish by it," Beijing's foreign ministry added.

Taiwan's defence ministry said more than 21 Chinese military aircraft had flown on Tuesday into Taiwan's air defence identification zone -- an area wider than its territorial airspace that overlaps with part of China's own air defence zone.

No need for 'crisis' China considers self-ruled, democratic Taiwan as its territory and has vowed to one day seize the island, by force if necessary.

It tries to keep Taiwan isolated on the world stage and opposes

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An appeal for hara-kiri

Dwit David Philip

It's not foeticide,
Killing the baby in womb
before birth
Many embryos are matured
Have lost the right to take
birth,
Oh Supreme Court your honour
Give us the right to "hara-kiri" though it's not
Japan.
Books, movies, music, writing,
Are being killed in the womb before birth.
Pictures of Buddha, Christ, Muhammad,
Gandhi,
Weeping in the wombs of millions,
Garlanded on the walls,
Doesn't feel good, if they born again and walk.
Police, judges, professors, officials,
Suggesting us with good heart,
The time is not right, to give ideologies free
birth.
Stop it, be practical,
They are ready to give flowers on your pic-
turer in the holy walls.
Traveler, Chaibasha. Jharkhand, India



Quotation of the Day

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“
In the middle
of every
difficulty lies
opportunity.
”

- Albert Einstein -

Odisha Culture : 10 things that you must know!

3. Music

Remember Sona Mohapatra's Coke Studio



track Rangabati? A remake of one of the most popular songs the state has ever produced! Odisha is predominantly a land of tribes and each tribe has its distinct song and style of dance. Anyone delving into the vast pool of elements that define Odisha's culture must definitely take into account the Odissi music which forms a whole branch of Indian classical music. Even before the development of Odia as a language, Odissi songs had been written. Notable Odia poet Jayadeva was the first to have composed lyrics to be sung and this gave shape to Odissi music. Very different from the ragas of Hindustani and Carnatic music, Odissi ragas are sung in druta tala (fast beats). The classical dance of Odissi is performed with this form of music.

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4. Dance

Originally performed by Devadasis, Odissi bears the closest resemblance to temple culture than any other existing form of dance. It



traditionally depicts the divine love between Lord Krishna and his consort Radha, drawing inspirations from the lyrical compositions of poet Jayadeva. The dance basically involves a mythical story, symbolic costumes, abhinaya (expressions), mudras (gestures) and is extremely graceful.

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Abhinaya in Odissi Dance (Source)

Other important dance forms include: Chhau
This is a form of tribal martial dance that origi-

nated in Mayurbhanj. Two groups of dancers armed with swords and shields, alternatively attack and defend themselves with vigorous movements and elegant stances all to a background music noted for its rhythmic complexities and vigorous percussion.

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5. Gotipua

Gotipua refers to boy dancers who dress up as girls. Always dancing in pairs, boys aged from 6 to 14 are usually students of akhadras or gymnasias set in the periphery of the Puri temple. Enthralling acrobatic moves complement the singing which is done by the boys themselves.

Pala
A unique form of balladry, it combines Odissi music, elements of theatre and Sanskrit poetry along with the must-have wit and humour. A singer accompanied by four to five-piece band describes episodes from religious epics or other Puranic texts.

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6. Dalkhai (Sambalpuri)

Ask any Odia about Odisha's folk dances and 'Sambalpuri' might be the first thing you will hear. There are many other forms of Sambalpuri dance but Dalkhai is the most famous one. It originated in the tribes of Sambalpur and is continued to be performed especially in festivals like Dussehra.

odisha culture, culture of odisha Traditional Sambalpuri Dance (Source)

Men join young women dancers clad in Sambalpuri saris, as drummers/musicians and together they narrate the love story of Radha and Krishna or episodes from Ramayana and Mahabharata.

7. Language

The Official language spoken by the majority of the population is Odia. The language of the state belongs to the Indo-Aryan family that is closely related to Bengali and Assamese. The Adivasis of the state still speak few tribal languages that belong to the Dravidian and Munda language families.

8. People of Odisha

With 95% of the populace following Hinduism and over 62 tribal communities residing on the same soil, people of Odisha live in harmony with mutual respect for minorities. The cultural diversity of Odisha is admirable. It is said that the state stands as a coastal corridor between the northern and southern parts of the country. As such, it marked the assimilation of cultures of both Aryans and Dravidians in the days of yore. Owing to this and being mostly rural, Odias are a religious bunch but definitely not communal. Odisha is also a state with one of the lowest crime rates.

9. Tribals of Odisha

Finding joy in the simple pleasures of life, its people are down-to-earth with minimal needs. The state may be slow in terms of development and poor in terms of economy, but a bowl of pakhala (water-soaked rice) is all it takes to put



a smile on an Odia's face. Culture and tradition stand as strengthened pillars of any Odia household's upbringing. With humble and open arms, the state welcomes any guest as its own. Humane, kind and helping - you may not speak the same language but you are sure to feel at home.

10. Cuisine

Your ultimate love, Odisha Rasogolla, Khira Mohana has been served as bhog in the Jagannath Temple, in Puri
And to address the mystery of the general potbellies, Odias love rice. It is the staple around here. Compared to cuisines of other states, Odia cuisine uses less oil and spice but packs in a bountiful dash of flavour.



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Source

A typical Odia meal consists of rice, dal/dalma (a kind of dal cooked with nutritious vegetables), a vegetable dish or two, something fried and a fish/meat curry. Traditional dishes like Pakhala (water-soaked rice), Chhena Poda (a roasted cheese dessert) and Mansa Tarkari (meat curry cooked with potatoes) are loved all over the state irrespective of innumerable dialects, uniting natives together.

11. Festivals

Major Odia festivals that bring together people from all backgrounds together are:

Ratha Yatra

The annual chariot festival held at Puri, which is flocked by millions of devotees. It involves transporting idols of deities namely, Jagannath, Balabhadra and Subhadra on a grand chariot from the Puri temple to the Gundicha temple who stay there for a period of nine days.

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Source

Prathamashanti

Celebrated to pray for a long life for the first-



borns, it is a major winter festival. The sweet, delectable delicacy Enduri Pitha is made especially for this occasion.

Rajo

A three-day festival celebrated in mid-June, this is a significant occasion for girls as it is dedi-

cated to the worship of earth Goddess. Swings are played on and pithas (special rice cake delicacies) are exchanged.

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Source

Jhota-Chita arts or the traditional white art majorly practised in rural Odisha, are specially created during this festival.

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Source

Durga Puja

If there is any place after Kolkata that is a must-visit during Durga Puja, it is Cuttack. Richly decorated idols are installed in pandals, bringing about a uniform spirit of holiness in the state. Both Navratri and Vijaydashmi are celebrated with huge pomp and show.

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Source

Maha Shivaratri

Considered as the night on which Lord Shiva performed his Tandava dance, it is celebrated by observing fast and visiting Shiva temples. Married women pray for the well-being of their spouses and unmarried women pray for an ideal husband.

People across Odisha celebrate Shivaratri with gusto. Apart from these traditional festivals, Odisha has highlighted its culture by bringing into focus various fests. While the Dhuli Festival, Kalinga Mahotsav and Rajarani Festivals focus on music and dance, the Beach Festivals of Chandipur in Puri showcase handloom, cultural talent and food exhibitions.

12. Clothing

Even though modernity has manifested its roots deeper than ever, a tradition in the form of outfits still has a special place in native hearts.

Women adorn themselves with saris mostly, the famous ones being - Katakai, Bomkai and Sambalpuri. The Sambalpuri Ikat saris are the most sought-after buys made by tourists. Even though its tie and dye process is borrowed from Indonesia, the designing is indigenous and original with weaving practices and techniques unparalleled in other parts of India.



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Hand-woven Sambalpuri Ikat Saree (Source)

Men traditionally sport the Dhoti-Kurta along with the Gamucha (a thin, coarse cotton towel).

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Traditional Odia Couple (Source)

Odisha may be still catching up to the fast-paced ways of urbanity and it may not even be on top of your must-visit places, but one cannot deny the charm that small towns always carry. The sense of satisfaction that you will get while relishing a plate of Bhaata -Dali-Bhaja (rice-dal-fry) at a small eatery, enjoying a free-wheeling conversation with the friendliest locals, remains unmatched.

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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.

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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 Vinnaitaandi 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."

Data protection is a bigger part of our lives

Privacy is one of the most urgent issues associated with information technology and digital media. People should protect their privacy, control their digital footprint and



escalate the protection of privacy and data as priority. It serves as

a timely reminder for organisations about the importance of correctly handling and safeguarding individuals' personal data. It is led by the National Cyber Security Alliance, a non-profit, public private partnership focused on cyber security education for all online citizens. Internet banking frauds and ways to avoid them is undoubtedly a topic that has been done to death. And yet, people across country continue to lose money in such frauds with an alarming frequency. Today computer and internet has become very common and necessary for our daily life. Back in 1990, less than 1 lakh people were able access

Internet worldwide. Now around 2.5 million people are

hooked up to surf the net around the globe. The internet brings joy to our lives but at the same time it has some negative sides too. The cyber criminals are always in a search to find out the new ways to attack the possible internet victims. New generation is growing up with computers and most important is that all the monetary transactions are moving on to the internet. So, it has become very important for us to be aware of the various Cyber Frauds being committed with the help of computers. The Cyber Frauds today are on rise and the latest & perhaps the most complicated problem in the cyber world. According to a survey, for every 500 Cyber Frauds, only 50 get reported to the police, and just one out of this 50 is registered as an FIR. Personal data is now considered as the "black gold" of tomorrow, in particular because it enables companies to better address the market needs. There are many individuals who are

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generally unfamiliar about the risks related to the protection of

their personal data and of their rights in this respect. It is well known fact that most of the citizens all over the world are unaware about their rights in relation to data protection while some people are breaching data protection laws unknowingly on a daily basis. According to an Internet and Mobile Association of India report, India has around 400 million Internet users. Data protection is a bigger part of our lives. But, often we ignore its importance. We come across data protection issues at work, when browsing the internet, when dealing with public authorities, when we shop, when we book tickets online and in many other circumstances. Whether data is stored on premise or with an external private or public cloud provider, organisations should assess and reassure both employees and customers that data is collected, processed, accessed, shared, stored, transferred and secured in accordance with all laws and regulations, and

that data is only being used in pre-agreed, legitimate and lawful ways.

There's no doubt that Data Protection Day serves as a timely reminder for organisations about the importance of correctly handling and safeguarding individuals' personal data. Maintaining of data bases is not as much difficult task as maintaining its integrity, so in this era the most concerned debate is going on to innovate a perfect method of data protection. Raising awareness of, and compliance with, data protection and privacy across the organisation must not be seen as an exercise that can be satisfied once a year. It requires ongoing committed activity from everyone within the organisation, from the top down/bottom up. It is the very big headache for the business houses, financial institutions and the governmental bodies so as to give adequate protection to their huge databases.

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3rd August 2022 Clean Your Floors Day

Clean the Floor to be Healthier

Every house stands on the floor. Floor is the strong base of every house. The house will seen as decent and beautiful if the floor is clean, safe and colourful. In ancient era, people used mud built floor, but it makes more dirty, unhygienic and needs more maintenance. In an

evolutionary manner several types of dynamic flooring design and material come out for homes. The floor has been seen in houses like; concrete floor, vinyl floor, Terrazzo Floors, Linoleum Floors, Ceramic Tile Floors, Marble Floors, Wood Floors etc. Owner of house decides that which type of floor to be constructed. Most of the houses are found concrete and marble floor. It prevents moisture and debris from seeping into the naturally porous surface. Moisture is the number one enemy for vinyl floors. Water is enemy for wood floor. Again in changing trends & now a days, people most sought-after material for flooring in Indian homes. Concrete is the most commonly used floor design material

Letter to Editor

Either U or Me or U & Me

We the people witnessing the grimy politics day in & out. The reason for this is the thirst for looting public's money as much as possible by getting into power some how by dealing or tussling in the manner of U & Me or U or Me by the political parties respectively. Therefore parties eventually muddling country's democratic sanity. The perfect example of this is lotus party. Lotus party is indeed habituated the the toppling game i.e., stealing of coalitions in many states of the country by its so called operation lotus from last decade & a half or so to get into power. Because of this Operation lotus menace, many states are offering its legislative members in terms of crores & also to its state's common man many freebies at the cost of Indian economy according to thier will & wish to remain in the power. The repercussions of this made the Indian economy to sink like a Titanic. I think the antidefection law should be amended so that it avoids this kind of horse trading culture or atleast our judiciary especially supreme court has to intervene against this ruckus on its own by taking cognizance of the matter to shun this toppling game.

Yours,
Vijaykumar H K, Raichur

in India for home floors as it is long-lasting material. It's

easy to clean, long-lasting and offers timeless beauty, especially when used as flooring. Similarly Vitrified tiles floor tiles are similar to traditional ceramic tiles but include silica and clay in the mix. They are easy to procure and lay. Vitrified tiles come in a variety of styles, patterns and colours, making them a viable alternative to marble or granite. After availability such kind of advanced and technically constructed materials for flooring, people are making floors for their houses based on their economy, requirement, following to others and thought. Some people say that marble is slippery and may cause harm for elder persons. Further it makes home cool than other type of floor.

The most important fact is that the floor shall be clean and safe always. We are using the floor for walking, sitting and doing everything daily. Really people are very much dependent on the floor not only making the houses more attractive but also to make it comfortable. We know that dirty environment leads to the growth and spread of germs and bacteria and creates unhealthy condition. Along with the unclean floor, the air also gets contaminated due to the dirt and dust. And if we work or live in a space which is not cleaned daily, we would fall sick often. Basic hygiene has to be followed in the offices, school, hospital,

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bacteria in our home for which the family members may fall sick. A survey conducted by the Hygiene Council involved researchers visiting 35 United States homes to swab for bacteria in 32 distinct locations found that the floors directly in front of toilets contain an average of 764 bacteria per square inch. While the floors directly in front of the kitchen sink contain an average of 830 bacteria per square inch. A study says that 94% of workers reported feeling more productive in a clean workspace. 14% of consumers polled said they would stop visiting a store that was not that clean and 29% said they would continue visiting an unclean store only if it was absolutely necessary. Studies show that 70% to 80% of dirt and debris that enters a facility comes through the front door, by way of building occupants and visitors' shoes. Some people using carpet for their flooring. Study also reveals that there are over 200,000 bacteria in every square inch of carpet, including some truly sickening germs, such as campylobacter and norovirus.

Not only floor of residence but also visiting place, office, mall, school, hospital, gym etc shall be safe, hygiene and clean. Since pre-independence period, our Father of Nation Mahatma Gandhi also gave a mantra of cleanliness to everyone and he believed

that cleanliness is even more important than freedom. Frequent cleaning and mopping will keep the floor as well as the people healthy. Using phenyls, floor cleaner to make it hygienic is also necessary. At the every entrance, a mat may be kept for less dirt. Shoes and dirty materials must be kept outside of moving or using area or facility or home. It is necessary to use marble sealer to close off the micro-pores over this natural stone material. Its porous quality is what makes it vulnerable to moisture and makes it retain dust and dirt easily, so a good layer of sealant is absolutely required. It has also been seen that in rural as well as city areas the children discharging excreta which retain pathogens on floor. Never use soap-based detergents and avoid over-wetting. Don't use wax polish either, as this will make the floor slippery. To remove marks and stains, it may be used a dilute solution of water and vinegar depending upon type of floor and it's viability. So Cleanliness shall be maintained by using suitable cleaning material is highly required. In this regard personal knowledge to make the floor clean and safe everywhere is not a response but a responsibility of every person so that children, elder, patient, pregnant women will be more safely reside. Ultimately it makes us socially, financially, culturally healthier.

Bijipur, Brahmagiri, Puri

How to develop concentration ?

To achieve thought of power ,practice of concentration or undecided action is necessary. According to patanjali ,concentration is holding the attention fixed upon one thought, where all consciousness is lost save that of the shape on which the mind is fixed.

One of the best and simplest practices for developing concentration is to read a sentence from a book. You are not conversant with the subject matter and then reproduce the idea expressed in the sentence . try it several times. Next take a whole paragraph ,then pages ,then chapters, and finally whole book. There is no better exercise than this. Another simple exercise to develop the ability of concentration of lines

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of poetry every day. Concentration of mind is achieved when wanderings of mind is checked compare the mind with a monkey ,who jumps from one branch to another branch of a tree. Our mind jumps freely from one branch to another. Although monkey jumps from a tree to another tree also ,but man's mind does not jump from a tree to another tree. He only wanders within the tree. So we have to restrict our mind to a particular matter of thinking of extent instead of allowing the mind to several ways. It is not difficult .possible to some extent. Single line of thinking is easy and

it is also the first stage of concentration. You can practice it in night preferably before going to bed. Suppose you see a movie. Try to recollect what you seen. You can also think of a series of events of a day. They pas through your mind as a chain event after event. This helps to develop not only concentration but also serves as a good exercise for developing memory. The method of reviewing past events makes you more care ful and intelligent as it enables you to learn you short comings besides improving concentration. The more you can concentrate the more powerful is your thought and it is easier to achieve your goal.

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Odisha State Open University Celebrates "Sambalpuri Din"



Sambalpur (KCN): On the eve of 109th Birth Centenary of Guru Satyanarayan Bahidar, Odisha State Open University celebrated "Sambalpuri Din" on 01.08.2022 in much fanfare in its G M University Campus. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Arka Kumar Das Mohapatra along with all the staff members came to the office with the popular traditional Sambalpuri dress.

Mobile Check In Odisha NH



New Delhi(KCN): The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MORTH) has engaged the services of Mobile Inspection Vans (MIVs) for Quality Inspection of National Highways through Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) in 4 States – Gujarat, Rajasthan, Odisha and Karnataka – on Pilot basis. This is part of Ministry's commitment towards constructing National Highways with global quality standards. Use of these MIVs will augment the existing quality control & quality acceptance systems of NH works by introducing a more proactive approach for identifying issues related to quality. Quarterly 2000 km of NH Projects will be inspected in each state using these Mobile Inspection Vans. Inspections would be conducted in various projects being implemented by NHAI/ NHIDCL/ State PWDs and other executing agencies of MoRTH. The Contract Agreement for Gujarat was signed today. Contract Agreement for Rajasthan, Odisha and Karnataka will be signed soon. More such vans shall be engaged in other states in future. Test Results generated as well as alerts for the non-conformity through these MIVs shall be shared with various stakeholders on real-time basis through a Quality Control Portal, which is being developed by MoRTH.

SOA honors Surya Deo

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Eminent film critic and author Mr. Surya Deo, who was chosen for special mention in the 68th National Film Award 2020 for best writing on cinema for his book in Odia — 'Kali Pain Kalira Cinema', was felicitated by Siksha 'O' Anusandhan (SOA) on Wednesday. SOA Founder President Prof. (Dr.) Manojranjan Nayak felicitated Mr. Deo whose book competed with 21 other publications to get the award. Congratulating Mr. Deo on his success, Prof. (Dr.) Nayak said SOA would plan to undertake research on Odia cinema and culture in collaboration with the film critic. Mr. Deo narrated his experience in retracing the history of Odia cinema, the challenges he faced when conducting re-



search and in documentation. The book contained detailed documentation of 21 Odia classics which included mythological, pure entertainment and parallel cinema. It contained more than 100 rare photographs and posters. The Pro-Vice Chancellor-cum-Registrar of SOA, Prof. (Dr.) B.B. Pradhan, Advisor Prof. Jayadev Pati, Director Dr. Mahendra Prasad, CEO of Summa Real Media Private Limited Mr. Sunil Das, Prameya-News7 Group Editor Mr. Gopalkrushna Mohapatra, Prameya Group's Director (Sales and Marketing) Mr. Himanshu Hota and Working Editor of News7 Mr. Debanarayan Sethi were present. Prof. Jyoti Ranjan Das, Dean (Students Welfare) of SOA proposed the vote of thanks.

US, India will work to advance free and open Indo-Pacific: White House

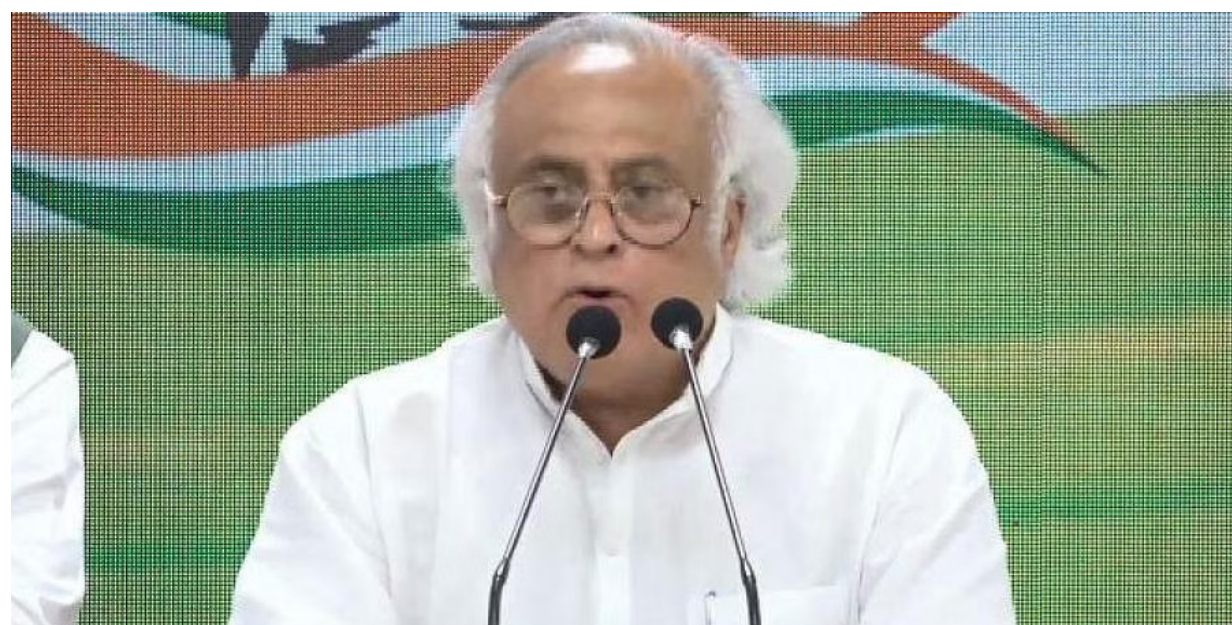
WASHINGTON: The US has extended greetings to India on 75 years of its independence and said the two countries will work to advance a free and open Indo-Pacific and address the challenges they face around the world. "We congratulate the people of India on 75 years of independence," White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters at a press conference here while responding to a question on Tuesday. She said that India's non-violent freedom struggle was an inspiration to the world, and the US hopes

that the next 75 years will see India continue to prosper. "As the world's oldest democracy and the world's largest democracy, respectively, we will continue to work together every day to deliver opportunities, security, freedom, and dignity to our peoples," she said, noting that this year, the US and India are celebrating 75 years of their diplomatic relationship. She underlined that the two countries are partners in many important areas, including defence, vaccines, climate, tech, and our ever-growing people-to-people connections.

'Congress under siege': Party leaders rush to AICC HQ amid heavy police presence

NEW DELHI: The Enforcement Directorate(ED) on Wednesday temporarily sealed the office of Young Indian (YI) company housed in the premises of Congress-owned newspaper National Herald here as part of an ongoing money laundering investigation, official sources said. Shortly after the ED action, the road to AICC headquarters was blocked by the Delhi police with the Congress saying policemen were deployed there and also around the residences of party chief Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi nearby as if they were "terrorists", and claimed the party was "under siege" by the Modi government. But the police said barricades were erected and its personnel deputed to avoid any untoward situation. The barricades were later removed. Addressing a hurriedly convened press conference at the party office, Congress leaders Jairam Ramesh, Ajay Maken and Abhishek Singhvi said the Congress party will not be intimidated by this kind of "cheap and petty politics" and will continue to raise people's issues. The seal in the office of YI was put in order to "preserve the evidence" which could not be collected as authorised representatives of the company were not present during the raids that were launched on Tuesday, official sources said. ALSO READ | Money laundering probe: ED seals Young Indian Ltd. office in National Herald premises in Delhi The rest of the National Herald office on the top floor of the four-storey 'Herald House' building and other offices are open for use, the sources added. The passport office is also housed in the 'Herald House' located at Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg. A notice affixed under the signature of the ED investigating officer outside the YI office space said it cannot be opened "without prior permission" from the agency. Officials said the ED team had emailed the summons to the principal officer/in-charge

of YI, who happens to be senior Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge, seeking their attendance to open the cabins for it to carry out raids but they have not received any response, so far. The ED on Tuesday raided a dozen locations, including the National Herald newspaper and web portal office in Herald House as part of its money laundering probe in the National Herald-AJL-Young Indian deal. The agency sleuths left the premises in the



wee hours of Wednesday after they collected some documents, digital data and questioned some staffers. Kharge, the leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha, had visited the 'Herald House' building on Tuesday evening along with party colleague Pawan Bansal but he left and the search could not be conducted, officials said. ALSO READ | ED raids National Herald office, other locations in Delhi days after Sonia Gandhi's questioning As and when the authorised person (for YI) presents themselves for concluding the search, the seal will be removed, they added. In his tweet, Ramesh shared a video showing heavy police presence outside the AICC headquarters at Akbar road and the road sealed for traffic, alleging it was "vendetta politics".

"Delhi Police blocking the road to AICC Headquarters has become a norm rather than an exception! Why have they just done so mysteriously," Ramesh tweeted. "The Congress is under siege. Delhi police has surrounded our HQs, and homes of INC President and ex-President. This is the worst form of vendetta politics. We will not submit! We will not be silenced! We will continue to raise our voice against injustices and failures of Modi Sarkar!," he said in another

tweet. A senior Delhi police officer said it had received inputs from its special branch that some protesters might gather at the AICC Office. "So, as a preventive measure, we have put barricades and deputed our personnel to avoid any untoward situation," he added. In a tweet in Hindi, the Congress said, "The voice of truth will not be afraid of police guards. Gandhi's followers will fight and win from this darkness. Sealing the office of the National Herald, bringing the Congress headquarters under police guards show both the "fear and frustration of the dictator", the party said, adding questions of inflation and unemployment will still be asked. Congress leaders alleged the sole objective of this "siege mentality" of the "fearful" Modi

regime is humiliation, insult and intimidation at one level and diversion, digression and sensationalism at another level. "Today you have created a siege mentality, a climate of fear. The entire country watches as investigative agencies are deployed mindlessly against the leadership of India's oldest political party. "You are treating this institution, this party, these leaders as terrorists. Is it not the worst form of petty politics and on the contrary you blame us," Singhvi said, alleging that platoons of cops have been deployed all around the Congress offices and residences of Sonia and Rahul Gandhi. He said what is being witnessed is an "an open ended investigation" on events that took place over 10 years ago. "What we are seeing today is a siege mentality in the heart of the national capital," he said, adding the world is watching this unfortunate situation in India, which is a proud democracy of the world. "The only sole object of this exercise is humiliation, insult and intimidation at one level and diversion, digression and sensationalism at another level. They do not want the issues of price rise, unemployment and GST to be raised in the media," Singhvi said, adding that fear is not there in the dictionary of the Congress and its leadership. Congress MPs also walked out from the Rajya Sabha towards the end of the day's proceedings after the Chair did not permit Kharge to raise the issue of alleged barricading of residences of Sonia and Rahul Gandhi by the police. While Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Anurag Thakur was replying to a debate on the National Anti-Doping Bill, 2022, Kharge stood up to say that the residences of Sonia and Rahul Gandhi have been surrounded by Delhi Police. However, Deputy Chairman Harivansh did not allow him to raise the issue. To this, Kharge said: "If I do not speak in the House, where else I will speak?"

D.A. V. Kalinga Nagar felicitated the achievers

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Bhubaneswar(KCN): DAV Public School,



Kalinga Nagar felicitated its high achievers



of Std X and XII for their commendable performances in 2019-20 and 2020-21 CBSE board examination in an eloquently expressive ceremony organised in its premises today. Joining as the Chief Guest of the occasion, Executive Registrar & Director of Sri Sri University, Cuttack Prof. (Dr.) D.P Sahoo gave away the prizes and certificates to the students. In the formal meeting organised in



this connection, Principal Sri Bipin Kumar Sahoo rendered the official welcome address to the guests and presented a brief highlight of the board results for the session 2019-20

State to Set 2 New ITIs

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Wednesday announced that two new Government Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) will be set up at Kuchinda in Sambalpur district and Patnagarh in Balangir district. The opening of ITIs will especially benefit the youths in these tribal-dominated areas in both the districts. The youths of Kuchinda Bamra and Jamankira will benefit from the opening of the new Government ITI in Kuchinda. As many 240 youths will be trained in the training institute in four different trades with focus on employment and self-employment opportunities.

ing in four different trades in the announced ITI at Patnagarh. Vocational training system will help the youth of the

State, 251 blocks have Government and private ITIs so far. Similarly, out of 58 subdivisions, 48 have ITIs.

that through the Skilled in Odisha program, the youths have trained in various government industrial training institutes



block to enhance their skills and create employment/self-employment opportunities, the source said. Out of 314 blocks of the

This number will increase to 50 after the establishment of ITIs in the two new subdivisions. It is worth mentioning

and created a new identity for Odisha with their skills. The World Skill Center established in Bhubaneswar has created new opportunities for the youths.

Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India introduces the new limited edition

New Delhi(KCN): India's undisputed leader of scooterization, Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India introduces the new Dio SPORTS to be available for a limited period only. Customers can now experience the new edition at their nearest Red Wing dealership or visit www.hondawholesale.com/BookNow for more details.

Styled with redesigned attractive camouflage graphics and a sporty red rear suspension, the new Dio SPORTS comes in two new refreshing color schemes - Strontium Silver Metallic with Black and Sports Red with Black under both Standard & Deluxe variant.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Atsushi Ogata, Managing Director, President & CEO, Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India said, "Ever since its introduction, Dio family has continued to offer an exciting blend of charisma & youthfulness. The new Dio SPORTS is a perfect amalgamation of youth & style in refreshing color options. We are confident that this limited edition will further delight our customers with its sporty vibe & trendy looks, especially the younger generation." Revolutionizing style for the youth, the new Dio SPORTS announces an aggressive & sporty vibe. It offers a transformed moto-scooter experience with an enhanced design language that will appeal to unisex customers.

A synergy of exuberant colors with a fighting red rear cushion spring amp up Dio SPORTS's swag quotient. In addition to these features in both standard & deluxe variants, the deluxe variant additionally offers sporty



alloys. Keeping riders' convenience as priority, Dio SPORTS inherits features like front pocket which provides an easily accessible storage option for a hassle-free riding experience. Taking forward the moto-scooter DNA, Dio is powered with Honda's trusted 110cc PGM-FI engine, Enhanced Smart Power (eSP) and offers convenient features like Telescopic Suspension, Integrated Dual Function Switch, External Fuel Lid, Passing Switch and Side Stand Indicator (with engine cut-off). Among other features, Dio comes equipped with Honda's reliable Combi-Brake System (CBS) with equalizer and 3-step adjustable rear suspension along with a 3-Step Eco Indicator for better fuel efficiency.

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BJP creates ruckus after Speaker rejects discussion on chit fund scam during Odisha Assembly

BHUBANESWAR: Uproarious scenes were witnessed in the Odisha Assembly on Monday with the BJP members strongly protesting the decision of well shouting slogans protesting the Speaker's decision. The Congress members too created ruckus but for another reason. Unable to run the House

cuss any issue of current occurrence through an adjournment motion in the House. Stating that the Speaker rejected the adjournment motion notice on the

ever, maintained that the adjournment motion brought in by the Opposition cannot be discussed as the matter is sub judice and is being investigated. Besides, in



Speaker Bikram Keshari Arukha to disallow an adjournment motion notice on chit fund scam stating that it is sub judice.

As soon as the House assembled for the day, BJP members rushed into the

smoothly, the Speaker adjourned it till 11 am, then for 20 more minutes and then till 4 pm. Criticising the Speaker's decision, BJP chief whip Mohan Charan Majhi said that the Opposition has a right to dis-

chit fund issue without giving any reason, Majhi said it clearly indicated that the Speaker and the government conspired to shield BJD MLAs accused in the scam. The Speaker, how-

Airtel to start 5G services rollout in August; inks pacts with Ericsson, Nokia, Samsung

NEW DELHI: Within days of bidding for spectrum in auctions, Bharti Airtel on Wednesday announced it has signed 5G network agreements with gear makers Ericsson, Nokia and Samsung to commence deployment this month.

Airtel highlighted its long-standing relationship for connectivity and pan-India managed services with Ericsson and Nokia while stating that partnership with Samsung will begin this year onwards.

The Sunil Mittal-led firm recently acquired 19,867.8 MHz spectrum in 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 3300 MHz and 26 GHz bands, bolstering its spectrum holding.

Bharti Airtel, which acquired spectrum worth Rs 43,084 crore in the just-concluded auction, had said it is well-positioned to usher in the 5G revolution in India.

Gopal Vittal, CEO of Airtel, said, "We are delighted to announce that Airtel will commence roll out of 5G services in August."

Vittal said the network agreements are finalised and Airtel will work with the best technology partners from across the world to deliver the full benefits of 5G connectivity to its consumers.

"India's transition into a digital economy will be led by telecom and 5G presents a game-changing opportunity to drive the digital transformation of industries, enterprises and the socio-economic development of India," Vittal added.

Choice of multiple partners would enable Airtel to roll out 5G services spanning ultra-high-speeds, low latency and large data handling capabilities, the company said.

Construction of 30 storage structures underway: CM Patnaik

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and in this context, you have a major role in water conservation for different purposes," he told the engineers.

The Chief Minister asked them to get themselves acquainted with new technologies that can bring efficiency and transparency to their work to achieve the mandate of 5T initiative. Highlighting the role of mechanical engineers, he said that though the civil construction works are done by civil engineers, mechanical engineers have a greater role in the installation of one of the important components of the hydraulic structures such as gate works including their operation and maintenance.

Minister for Water Resources Tukuni Sahu said that the newly recruited engineers must try their best to bring the benefits of State's initiatives to people's doorsteps. Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mahapatra advised the engineers to work with commitment and transparency. Interacting with the new recruits, Secretary to Chief Minister (5T) VK Pandian advised the engineers to have complete trust on their own merit.

Rupee plummets 68 paise to close at 79.21 against US dollar

MUMBAI: The rupee slumped 68 paise to close at 79.21 (provisional) against the US dollar on Wednesday, as disappointing macroeconomic data weighed on investor sentiment.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local currency opened lower at 78.70 and fell further to settle at the day's low of 79.21.

On Tuesday, the rupee rallied 53 paise -- its best single-day gain in over 11 months -- to close at an over one-month high of 78.53 against the US dollar.

"Dismal macroeconomic data from India also put downside pressure on Rupee.

India Services PMI declined to 55.5 in July from 59.2 in June while Composite PMI declined to 56.6 from 58.2 during the same period.

"India's trade deficit widened to a record low USD 31.02 billion in July compared to USD 26.18 billion in June," said Anuj Choudhary - Research Analyst at Sharekhan by BNP Paribas.

Nancy Pelosi lands in Taiwan, defying China threats

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countries having official exchanges with Taipei.

In a call with US President Joe Biden last week, Chinese President Xi Jinping warned Washington against "playing with fire" on Taiwan.

While the Biden administration is understood to be opposed to Pelosi's Taiwan stop, White House National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said she was entitled to go where she pleased.

"There is no reason for this to erupt into conflict. There's no change to our policy," he told CNN shortly after Pelosi's arrival.

The last speaker of the US House of Representatives to visit Taiwan was Newt Gingrich in 1997.

Kirby reiterated that US policy was unchanged toward Taiwan.

This means support for its self-ruling government, while diplomatically recognising Beijing over Taipei and opposing a formal independence declaration by Taiwan or a forceful takeover by China.

Russia's foreign ministry called Pelosi's visit a "clear provocation," and said Beijing "has the right to take necessary measures to protect its sovereignty and territorial integrity over the Taiwan issue."

China has refused to condemn Russia's invasion of Ukraine and has been accused of providing diplomatic cover for the Kremlin by blasting Western sanctions and arms sales to Kyiv.

All eyes on Taiwan

Pelosi left Kuala Lumpur Tuesday after meeting Malaysian Prime Minister Ismail Sabri and Foreign Minister Saifuddin Abdullah.

So many people were tracking the US military plane ferrying her on FlightRadar that the website said some users experienced outages.

The plane took a circuitous route that avoided the South China Sea -- which Beijing claims -- before heading up the east coast of the Philippines.

Press access around Pelosi has been tightly restricted and limited to a handful or short statements confirming meetings with officials.

The capital's famous Taipei 101 skyscraper was illuminated with the words "Speaker Pelosi... Thank You" on Tuesday night an hour before Pelosi's plane arrived.

'Seek to punish Taiwan'

Taiwan's 23 million people have long lived with the possibility of an invasion, but that threat has intensified under Xi, China's most assertive ruler in a generation.

"Beijing shouldn't get to decide who can visit Taiwan or how the US should interact with Taiwan," Wang Ting-yu, a lawmaker from the ruling Democratic Progressive Party, told AFP ahead of the visit.

"I think China's open intimidation is counter-effective."

Bonnie Glaser, director of the Asia programme at the US-based German Marshall Fund think tank, said the probability of Beijing choosing war was "low".

"But the probability that... (China) will take a series of military, economic, and diplomatic actions to show strength & resolve is not insignificant," she wrote on Twitter.

Taipei's Council of Agriculture on Tuesday said China had suspended the import of some Taiwanese goods, including some fishery products, tea and honey. The council said China cited regulatory breaches.

Lok Sabha passes bill to create Gati Shakti University

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The plan is to unify different departments to create a new infrastructure where various transport sector elements -- railways, road, waterways, aviation and port along with information and technology -- will coordinate with each other on the platform of Gati Shakti Mission.

The proposed global standard institute aims at not producing job-seekers but job creators, he said He said the establishment of the Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya will address the need of talent in the strategically important and expanding transportation sector and meet the demand for trained talent to fuel the growth and expansion of the sector.

Earlier Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the focus of the institute will on five major aspects -- transport focussed courses, skill development, applied research, technology development and transport economics and infrastructure financing.

"While the headquarters will be in Vadodara there will be campuses across the country which will be developed as centres of excellence. Transportation is a complex sector and globally all countries have such institutes," he said.

Vaishnaw said the Budget has allocated Rs 166 crore for the institute in FY'23.

Pradhan said the university will carry out critically-needed research and development by creating innovative technologies to encourage local manufacturing and substitute the imports of expensive technology, equipment and products.

The university will also take additional measures for providing high quality teaching, research and skill development in diverse disciplines related to transportation, technology and management including establishing centres in India and abroad, he said.

The university is named after the government's flagship Rs 100-lakh crore PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan for multimodal connectivity.

The Gati Shakti Master Plan is essentially a digital platform bringing together 16 ministries, including roadways and railways for integrated planning and coordinated implementation of infrastructure connectivity projects.

It seeks to incorporate infrastructure schemes of various ministries and state governments such as Bharatmala, Sagarmala, inland waterways, dry and land ports, UDAN.

PM Modi uses Tiranga as profile picture, urges all to follow suit

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meeting, Nadda listed a number of activities for the party members.

Briefing the media after the meeting, parliamentary affairs minister Pralhad Joshi said the culture ministry will be organising a Tiranga bike rally from the Red Fort to Parliament on Wednesday morning for MPs and appealed to MPs of all political parties to attend it.

During the meeting, Nadda asked party members to take out "prabhat pheri" (morning procession) between 9 am and 11 am to publicise the "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign and its youth wing to carry out "Tiranga yatra" on bikes across the country.

"Our National Flag is a symbol of our independence. In furtherance of the appeal by PM Narendra Modi, we have all decided to hoist our flag in every house from Aug 13th to 15th. I urge everyone to display our Tiranga on their social media accounts," tweeted Nadda earlier in the day.

The BJP members will also undertake "prabhat pheri" at the booth level between August 11 and August 13, playing Mahatma Gandhi's favourite devotional song "Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram" or India's national song "Vande mataram".

Nadda asked the BJP MPs to ensure their presence in party programmes and called for working to strengthen the organisation during the week at booths where the BJP has not done well in recent polls.

The party will also be observing "Partition Horrors Remembrance Day" on August 14. Modi had announced it last year in the memory of the struggles and sacrifices of people during the country's division, saying the pain of partition can never be forgotten.

CWG: Savita Punia-led India's hockey team enter semifinals beating Canada by 3-2

BIRMINGHAM: The Indian women's hockey team survived some anxious moments before beating lower-ranked Canada 3-2 in its must-win Pool A match to qualify for the semi-

Kumari showed great skills to carry the ball from the baseline and create a great chance for India, which was saved by Canadian goalkeeper Rowan Harris.



nals of the Commonwealth Games here on Wednesday.

The Indians looked in control of the match till the 22nd minute, having taken a 2-0 lead over their world no.15 opponents through goals from Salima Tete (3rd minute) and Navneet Kaur (22nd).

But the Canadians, then, produced a lion-hearted performance to level the scores through goals from Brienne Stairs (23rd) and Hannah Haughn (39th).

With England already assured of a semifinal berth from the pool with a 3-1 win over India on Tuesday, it was a do-or-die match for the Savita Punia-led side, with Canada needing just a draw to progress as they had a better goal difference.

Locked 2-2, Janneke Schopman's girls responded brilliantly when Lalremsiami scored off a rebound, after a penalty corner in the 51st minute.

The Indians came out aggressive in the first quarter and dominated the proceedings from the start.

India's attacking intent bore fruit as early as the third minute of the game when Salima scored off a rebound from a penalty corner. Two minutes later, Lalremsiami missed a great opportunity to double the lead, her shot whizzing past the Canadian goal post.

Just seconds from the first quarter, Sangita

The Canadians showed more intent in the second quarter and managed to put the Indian defence under pressure on a few occasions. But it was India who doubled their lead, in the 22nd minute, through Navneet Kaur, who shot in an open goal after receiving a pass from Lalremsiami.

A minute later Canada secured a penalty corner and reduced the deficit through Stairs. In the 39th minute, Canada secured another penalty corner and Haughn equalised for her side. With seconds left in the third quarter, Canada secured two more penalty corners, but India defended in numbers.

Facing elimination, Monika came close to handing India the much-needed goal in the 47th minute, but was denied by Canadian custodian Harris.

Two minutes later Neha Goyal pushed in from close range but the goal was disallowed as the ball hit Salima's back stick.

The Indians kept up the pressure and secured a penalty corner in the 51st minute, and this time, Lalremsiami tapped in from a goal-mouth melee after Gurjit Kaur's shot was saved by the Canadian defence.

Two minutes from the hooter, India secured another penalty corner but failed to utilise it. The Indians kept their defence in shape for the rest of the game to eke out the all-important win.

Cristiano Ronaldo to start the season on the bench



Cristiano Ronaldo, 37 will start the season on the bench as Man Utd boss Erik ten Hag would reportedly prefer to stick with the front three of Jadon Sancho, Anthony Martial and Marcus Rashford that served him so well on the pre-season tour. Ronaldo missed the tour of Bangkok and Australia for family reasons and has played just 45 minutes since then, in

Sunday's draw with Rayo Vallecano. "That is not enough for boss Erik ten Hag to start him in their Prem opener at home to Brighton on Sunday," according to an Exclusive report by The Sun.

That means even when Ronaldo is up to speed he could be benched, the report noted.

And it will not go down well because he was furious in March when interim

boss Ralf Rangnick dropped him for the derby away to Manchester City.

Rangnick told Ronaldo he would be an impact substitute in the game, which United lost 4-1.

But an angry Ronaldo then developed an injury and flew off to Portugal.

On Sunday, the former Real Madrid striker had a touchline tiff with Ten Hag during a break in play against

Vallecano. He was then the only player subbed at half-time, The Sun report added.

Ronaldo reportedly still wants to leave United before the transfer window closes, although a lack of interest from other clubs may mean the 37-year-old has little choice but to stay at the Theatre of Dreams, according to givemesport.com.

Marie Bouzkova wins Prague Open for her first WTA title



PRAGUE: Eighth-seeded Marie Bouzkova cruised past seventh-seeded Anastasia Potapova 6-0, 6-3 on Sunday to win the Prague Open for her first WTA title.

The 24-year-old lifted the trophy after playing in her fourth WTA final,

the second this year after she lost to American Sloane Stephens in Guadalajara, Mexico in February.

"I'm extremely happy I won right here," the Czech told the cheering crowd in Prague.

The Wimbledon quarterfinalist broke

Potapova seven times to win the final in one hour and 11 minutes. Bouzkova didn't drop a set during the hard-court tournament.

The 21-year-old Potapova was also playing in her fourth final. The Russian claimed her first

title in Istanbul, Turkey in April. In Prague, she eliminated top-seeded World No. 2 Anett Kontaveit 6-1, 6-1 in the quarterfinals.

Bouzkova and Potapova previously only met in qualifying for the Miami Open earlier this year with the Czech winning 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.




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