

PM Mantra for States

New Delhi(KCN): Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, today heralded the collective efforts of all the States in the spirit of cooperative federalism as the force that helped India emerge from the Covid pandemic.

Addressing the seventh meeting of the Governing Council (GC) of NITI Aayog, the Prime Minister said, "Every State played a crucial role according to its strength and contributed to India's fight against Covid. This led to India emerging as an example for the developing nations to look up to as a global leader."

This was the first physical meeting of the Governing Council since the onset of the

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the long-standing demand for SCS status to Odisha which faces frequent calamities like cyclones and floods. Other demands of the State will also be raised," he said. The governing council meeting of the NITI Aayog to be held

at the national capital on August 7, will be presided over by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Chief Minister had raised the demand on July 28 during a meeting with the chairman of the NITI Aayog Suman Bery and member VK Paul at the Naveen Nivas here. He had said that

the SCS status is very important for Odisha which faces natural disasters like cyclones and floods every year resulting in massive damage to infrastructure. Naveen attended the meeting on Azadi Ki Amrit Mahotsav convened by Modi for 75th Independence Day celebrations. The Chief Minister told media persons after the meeting that Odisha's contribution to the freedom struggle is considerable. "Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was also born in Odisha and we all know his contribution to the movement," he said.

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said India's federal structure and cooperative federalism emerged as a model for the world during the Covid crisis. He said that India had sent a powerful message to the developing nations of the world—that it is possible to overcome challenges with resilience despite resource limitations. The PM said that the

All is not well in Opposition front? Congress-Trinamool tussle intensifies as jibes flow thick and fast

NEW DELHI(KCN): The polls to elect the president and the vice president may be over but the bitter aftertaste in the Opposition ranks is likely to linger with the schism between the Congress and the TMC widening and jibes at each other flowing thick and fast.

The defeat of the Opposition's candidates in these polls were on expected lines, but what surprised many was that the bid for unity had in effect exposed the political fault lines in the Opposition ranks.

The two major Opposition forces trading barbs and the Trinamool Congress abstaining from the vice presidential poll do not augur well for the Opposition moving towards the 2024 parliamentary elections and are likely to dent their electoral prospects, analysts say. While Congress and the TMC were seen vy-

ing for credit in forging a consensus on a joint presidential candidate, their differences came out in the open during the vice presidential election. Congress veteran Margaret Alva was fielded by the Opposition for the vice presidential poll against the ruling NDA's Jagdeep Dhankhar, but the Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress announced it would abstain from the election as there was no proper consultation before deciding on

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the candidate. Alva's first reaction was stern, saying this was not the time for 'whataboutery', ego or anger, but the time for courage, leadership and unity. However, she continued to express hope that Banerjee would come around and support her, but it was not to be. CONTINUED ON: P-7



Grand Welcome awaits Shah

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Saffron Brigade in Odisha is fully engaged in making two days long visit of Union Minister Home Affairs Amit Shah a grand success. So preparations are in full swing in Odisha to welcome Shri Shah who will reach Bhubaneswar on Sunday evening. The twin cities of Bhubaneswar and Cuttack are bedecked with posters, banners and placards of Super Strong Man of BJP, who will visit the state for the first time after becoming the Minister Home Affairs.

Shri Shah's programs will start with a visit to the Lord Lingaraj

Temple in Bhubaneswar on the last Monday of 'Shravana'. He will then go to Cuttack to visit Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's birthplace in Odia bazaar. A Grand Road Show is organized to give him an astounding welcome from Odia Bazar to the Indoor Stadium where he will attend the 75th anniversary of Odia daily 'The Prajatantra', founded by former Chief Minister Harekrishna Mahatab. The vernacular daily's anniversary program will also be attended by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, and BJD workers have

also planned to give him a huge reception when he reaches the area.

Mr. Shah will then return from Cuttack to hold a meeting of the State BJP's core committee at its Headquarters, said Sameer Mohanty, President State BJP. Later, he will launch the Odisha edition of 'Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery', a book on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's completion of 20 years in office — from becoming the Chief Minister of Gujarat in 2001. Shri Shah will leave Odisha on Monday evening.

"There is a lot of enthusiasm among the



party workers in the state," State BJP President Sameer

Mohanty said, adding that Shri Shah will be welcomed by party

workers at different places when he travels from Bhubaneswar to Cuttack on Monday. Several cultural troops have been hired to perform for welcoming Shri Shah, who is credited with the BJP's growth in Odisha. Shri Shah had last visited the state during the 2019 elections when he addressed a public meeting in Bhubaneswar. The Governing BJD of the state and opposition Congress are also keeping a close watch on Shri Shah's visit, which comes amid actions by CBI and ED in the state. The ED has so far at-

tached properties of three former BJD leaders in chit fund cases, while CBI arrested some people in connection with the Paradip Port irregularities. Congress Lawmaker Tara Prasad Bahinipati claimed that Shri Shah's visit will trigger "fear psychosis" among the BJD leaders. He, however, said that it has nothing to do with the Congress because it does not have "traders" as leaders. Senior BJD MLA Sasibhusan Behera said Shri Shah's visit will have no impact on his party. "His visit may encourage the BJP

workers, but that does not mean that the BJD will get panicked," he said.

With an eye on 2024, when the Odisha Legislative Assembly will go to the polls along with the Lok Sabha, BJP has appointed a new leader of opposition in the state, Jaynarayan Mishra, who has declared that his party is working for a "BJD-Mukt Odisha". Now all eyes are pinned on Shri Shah and his Mantra for both Members of Parliament and Members of State Legislative Assembly, when he meets them in separate groups, pointed out a political analyst.

Profession teacher but Addiction Social Services

Kandhamal(KCN):He is a teacher by profession but addiction is social service. One such unique personality is Bulu Nayak .His native is kandhamal District of Baliguda Block.He says I am a friend of the tribals

from poverty , illness or any problems, feeding the hungry people during Corona and creating awareness of Corona. and provided dry food to many families. He loves to stand for people's happiness. He de-

vice After the death of Anarya Munda's wife in Bandpipili village under tribal-affected Kotgarh block. it was very difficult to manage the family. At that time, when Anarya Munda was in jail in a very old case,

After hearing the news, the youth society, Bulu Malik, has provided the necessary materials for the girl to study and has also provided one month's ration. Many people, including the villagers, are sending their best wishes for



and the poor people. He is always stretches helping hands to all who suffer. He stands with the people whether they are suffering

votes himself to service without expecting anything. After completing his higher education he became a teacher and took up social ser-

Anarya Munda's two children, a son and a daughter, are at home.Later, seeing her father's condition, the girl was devastated.

B u l u ' s service. founder of jagrat kandhamal Darya narayan behera praised him for his good service towards the people.

Charitable Homeopathy Dispensary Inaugurated

Khordha(KCN): On the occasions of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahostav, A Charitable Homeopathy Dispensary by Sanskruti Surakhya Samiti,

be eradicated from the root with the help of homeopathy. There is no side effect of this medical science. On the occasions the RSS,



Khordha was inaugurated here at RSS, Office, Mangala Nagar, Khordha. To mark the opening a free homeopathy camp has been organized in which Dr. Pradeep kumar examine the patients and give them free medicine. Dr. Pal said that all types of human disease can

activists Kishore Chandra Baral, Beleswar Sahu, Asit Sahu, Rabindra Nath Palei, Jeevan Joyati Kanhar, Prabhat Panigrahi and others were also present. The Dispensary will be operational on every Thursday from 6 pm onwards.

Union Bank organized CSR programme

Bhubaneswar(KCN): On 05.08.2022, MD & CEO of Union Bank of India, Ms. A. Manimekhalai along with founder of Aadruta Children's Home, Dr. Aditya Mohanty under Corporate Social Responsibility activity, distributed Bedsheets, School Bags & Shoes etc. to the children of Aadruta Children's Home, Deras where 125 Children reside and education is



imparted to them. On this occasion Managing Director and CEO, Ms. A. Manimekhalai said, "Union Bank has always been discharging its obligations to do social work. The bank will continue to do Corporate Social Responsibility activities and develop the backward and needy sections of the society. We are 17.2 trillion bank & 5th largest PSB in the country. We are very digitally sound & tech savvy bank & we have also taken lot of initiative in Human resource, we are the first PSB to introduce Assistance to our Working Women Employees for taking care of their Children & we have also taken it forward for working parents' Single father. The future of the country lies in the hands of young generation & they must be made aware of morals & values, so that they can contribute to the development of the country in the coming times."

Delhites Swayed by Nitya's Bharatnatyam Performance

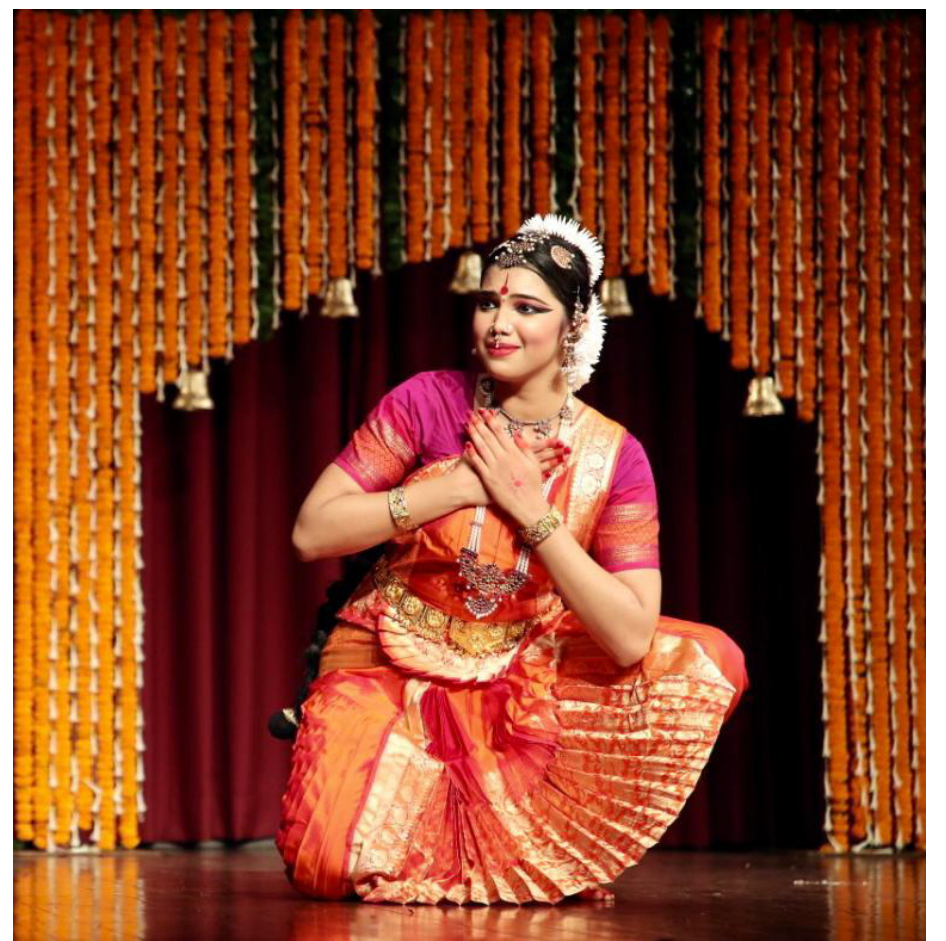
New Delhi(KCN): Young and upcoming danseuse Nitya Khandelwal enthralled the art lovers of Delhi by her scintillating Bharatnatyam dance recital recently. The maiden stage presentation of Nitya en-

Raut at the tender age of five in Delhi. Nitya's father Sanjib Khandelwal is a native of Eeram in Bhadrak district of Odisha. Her Mother Shipra Khandelwal belongs to Chandigarh. Nitya's up-



bringing so far has been divided between Delhi and Denmark. The real challenge before Nitya to continue her dance lesson came when Khandelwal family shifted to Denmark eight years back. But the passion, persistence and perseverance of the young dancer to become a professional won her the way. She overcame the obstacle of physical distance through online classes. The audiences in Triveni got an inkling of the wel-

titled "Arangetram", showcased much promise and unbounding talents of the budding artiste. The Solo debut programme by Denmark based Ms Khandelwal held at Triveni Kala Sangam in National Capital was highly appreciated by both commoners and cultural critics. The Housefull of audiences in the auditorium were thoroughly moved and completely mesmerised by the spellbinding performances of Nitya.



As per the tradition at the outset Nitya took the blessings of her Guru Rashmy Raut Jaiswal. Smt Jaiswal wished her good luck and offered Ghungroo in her hands. The evening's itinerary commenced with the staging of invocatory item i.e. Pushpanjali, an offering to Lord Natraj. The Next presentations were Allaripu, Jathiswaram, Shabdnam, Varnam,

come outcome of eight years of rigorous and relentless training and practice under the able digital



Ram Bhajan, Devarnama and Tilana. Three hour long Marathon and Mega recital con-



cluded with Shanti Shloka, where the dancer relates her soul being immersed with supreme self.

tutelage of Guru Smt Raut in the shape of sparkle and miracle on the stage. Nitya has had the privilege of participating in International events in countries like Greece, Sweden and Denmark. The entire show was a classical fairy tale and spectators delight.

The accomplished musical accompanists of the evening include Guru Rashmy Raut Jaiswal in



Natuvangam, Vocal rendition by Venkateshwaran Kuppuswamy, Prajesh Chandran in Mridangam, Varun Rajasekhran in Ghatam, Chembai R. Shrinivas in Violin and Anurag Rastogi in Flute. Ace anchor Divya Mehta did the compering. Nimisha Singla co-ordinated the entire programme in a smooth and seamless manner. Fame make up artiste Brijmohan did the perfect facial touch up of the dancer.

Senior Bureaucrat Dr. Debendra Majhi graced the event as Chief Guest and inaugurated the recital. Other distinguished dignitaries present include Ramesh Chand Khandelwal Tungawale, Naresh Rawat, Kamal Malhi, Pradeep Khandelwal, Dolly Khandelwal and Santosh Raut.



the next four days under the influence of the low-pressure area which formed over the north-west Bay of Bengal off Odisha-West Bengal coasts on Saturday. The system is expected to become more marked in next 24 hours.

Heavy rainfall is expected to occur at one or two places in Nayagarh, Khurda, Puri, Cuttack, Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapara and 14 other districts on Sunday. Puri received 99.9 mm rainfall between 8.30 am and 5.30 pm on Saturday, Sonepur 99 mm and Chandbali 53.6 mm. The Twin City of Bhubaneswar and Cuttack recorded 36.6 mm and 27 mm respectively.

Each choreography of the master performance was the manifestation of creative excellence and evoked overwhelming emotions from the viewers. Particularly her electrifying foot steppings during the recital of Pure item Tilana was having a magic and magnetic spell on the audiences. Likewise her outstanding body movements, awesome facial expressions, amazing eye gestures and astounding acting skills were visible during the enactments of abhinaya items like Ram Bhajan, Varnam and Devarnama. Nitya was greeted with thunderous applause at the end of her each presentation. Nitya started learning Bharatnatyam from Guru Smt

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Appealing to fans' inner writers, Anupam Kher offers autographed book



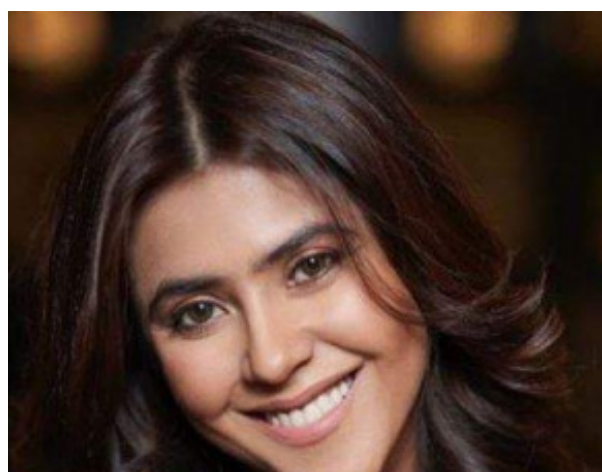
NEW DELHI: Asking his fans to rejuvenate their inner writers, veteran actor Anupam Kher, offered them to send his autographed book 'Your Best Day is Today' on Tuesday. Kher hopped on to Twitter and shared a candid picture of him. Calling on his fans to give a suitable caption for the picture, he wrote "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 lekhak 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(K-CN): The Supreme

leged objectionable content in her web



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

Phenomenal experience: Riteish Deshmukh praises Anil Kapoor, Anurag Kashyap's 'AK vs AK'

NEW DELHI(K-CN): Actor Riteish Deshmukh lauded Vikramaditya Motwane's 'AK vs AK' and termed the

blown!!! #AKvsAK is a phenomenal experience - @VikramMotwane take a bow my friend," tweeted

only you could do this, you are pure gold in this film but @HarshKapoor_has outdone your entire performance in one

movie star and a film director who get into a public spat, following which the director retaliates by kidnapping the actor's



Netflix based film "a phenomenal experience". Deshmukh took to Twitter to share a poster of the movie, which features Anurag Kashyap and Anil Kapoor in lead roles. "Mind has been

Deshmukh. He then went on to heap praise on Kashyap, Kapoor, and his actor son Harshvardhan Kapoor who has a cameo in the film. "@anuragkashyap72 how good are you, @AnilKapoor Sir,

scene," the 'Housefull' actor's tweet further read. While Kapoor essays the role of a yesterday actor, Kashyap plays the role of a disgraced film director in the film. 'AK vs AK,' revolves around the story of a

daughter and films the search for her in real-time. The Netflix India Original film was released on the platform on December 24, which also happens to be Anil Kapoor's birthday.

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 essaying 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

It's an important role and I am lucky that the first muhurat shot of the film had me in it." Ajay Devgn took to social media to announce that the shoot had begun yesterday. "Happy to officially begin Mayday in a start-to-finish shooting schedule. Seek blessings from the Almighty and my parents. Nothing is complete without the support of all my fans, family and well-wishers. Releases on 29th April 2022 (sic)" he posted.

'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. Kabir added that Shah Rukh didn't charge a single

paisa for his voiceover assignment. "When I was making this series, I thought I should ask Shah Rukh (to be the narrator) because Shah Rukh's father had involvement with this army. His father knew General Shahnawaz Khan, who was an important part of INA. So, I knew he (Shah Rukh Khan) has sympathy and attachment with Azad Hind Fauj and I called him up. It's not an easy task to ask a superstar for a voiceover but Shah Rukh instantly agreed to do it. Usually, when you discuss a film with Shah Rukh, it's a long process, but in this case Shah Rukh literally did the voiceover for us on the second day. I don't know whether he would like me to reveal this, but he didn't take a fee from us. I think the kind of attachment he has with Azad Hind Fauj reflects in his act." Incidentally, Shah Rukh did a cameo in Kabir Khan's 2017 release "Tubelight", starring Salman Khan.

Vanishing pollinators like bees across the planet is an indicator of a perilous future for the human society

Bees worldwide are showing a sharp decline



due to a number of anthropogenic factors. Bees are important natural pollinators and



essential for the survival of global agriculture, forestry and apiculture industries. Both anthropogenic and natural factors are responsible for the decline of global pollinators particularly honeybees and native bees. Among these are chemical pollution in industrial agriculture, change in land use patterns, poor immunity and genetics of existing bee colonies and hives due to lack of suitable vegetation and flora for them

to collect adequate nectaries and pollens, increase in parasitic diseases of bees, Colony Collapse

Saikat Kumar Basu



Disorder (CCD) to mention only a handful. But the impacts have been quite devastating with some species of bees being almost pushed towards extinction. It is important to reduce the excessive use of toxic synthetic chemical pesticides that are killing pollinators like bees, moths, butterflies, beetles, flies, wasps, hornets, ants in massive number. It is important to protect them through proper eco-friendly applications by establishing suitable Best Management Practices for a sustainable planet. Other insect pollinators in addition to other animals like bats, birds, snails and slugs are all being impacted by this chemical pollution.

Establishing Pollinator Garden or Pollinator Sanctuary could be an important step towards conservation of local pollinators and enriching local biodiversity. By growing mixture of different annual, biennial and

perennial crop species, wild flowers, commercial ornamentals growing across various seasons could provide food sources for pollinator insects, molluscs, small passerine birds to thrive and increase their population towards stability. Such Pollinator Sanctuaries could be established in areas of agro-nomically non-productive lands, along farm perimeters, adjacent or encircling natural or artificial waterbodies, shelter belts, city and corporate parks and gar-

dens, along railway tracks, in any open and unused spaces in urban and rural areas, forest fringes, along perimeters of fruit orchards, city boulevards, kitchen gardens,



lawns and other suitable locations. This is a cheap, eco-friendly alternative that helps towards sustainability and building the crashed population of local pollinators.

However, it is important to note that this rapid decline of natural pollinators like bees could not be simply controlled just by the use of stringent law and legislature. There is serious need for mass education and awareness across



the globe to sensitize people about the possible dangers of loss of pollinators to both our economy and ecology. Hence it is important for us to create a comprehensive global platform dedicated towards the conservation of pollinators for a better nature and to secure our future.

Global decline of natural pollinators like bees is a serious threat to our global agriculture, apiculture and forest industries in which several millions of people are employed across

the planet. Saving pollinators like bees is like saving the humanity. Ecology and economy must go hand in hand for establishing a sustainable planet for our future generations.

Love and Spirituality -: An Atheistic Philosophy

Do you believe in God? If yes, then this is for you. As we all know, every creation has its own creator. If God is our creator, then who is the creator of God? Think of it once! All of us think that the process of "YOGA" is the supreme way to get the divine's grace. But what are we doing in the name of yoga? Some of the physical exercises only. This fragment is max



Letter to Editor

Ambivalent ship

Following US Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan, China recently dispatched 27 aeroplanes into Taiwan's airspace. On August 11, a Chinese research and survey ship is anticipated to dock in the southern port of Hambantota, Sri Lanka. Despite the statements made by China and Sri Lanka that the ship is for survey and research it needs to be closely watched since it might be a hidden weapon since wicked China might aim to vanquish India the same way as they vanquish Taiwan. Now Bandula Gunawardhana, the head of the Sri Lankan government, made a mistake by allowing it to anchor in the port area.

Yours
Vijaykumar H K, Raichur

to max 1% of the given process. The Real Yoga consists of 8 limbs of spirituality i.e. Yama (Morality), Niyama (Discipline), Asana (Exercise), Pranayama (Breath control), Pratyahara (Detachment), Dharana (concentration), Dhyana (Meditation), Samadhi (Self-realization). These forms were manifested by Adi Sankaracharya, which talks about developing human consciousness. The ancient Vedanta Philosophy also recognises the human as the supreme power. No God is mentioned anywhere in it. It only talks about developing the human minds into Bliss consciousness i.e. the realization of self (AHAM BRAHMASMI). Now some of us will intimate that can we see air? No, God is like that, you can't see him but can feel him. I will say we fools, how can we compare two different things having different nature and characteristics having no resemblance with each other. Some of us can further state that then how the occult practitioners do occult practices by taking God's name? to our reference the world famous physicist & cosmologist Stephen Hawking said:- the universe is magically constructed. Because there was nothing before BIG-BANG THEORY. Just to be Absolute we cannot anticipate the happenings. As J. Krishnamurthy said:- we can only know what we knew before. These types of questions are like spider webs. An answer can lead us to various conclusions. The prac-

Bhabesh Rath

the result of bliss & consciousness, not any means of God's act. Then let's come to folk tales & various scriptures. Why are we searching that the tales of Adam & Eve, Ramayana, Mahabharata were real & true or not? Can't we just learn the wits & wisdoms from it & leave other things to the psycho-the over thinkers like me. Then let's come to reality, the nature and the natural feelings. Do you think love comes from the heart? No, every person does all things mentally. Let's see how? You saw a girl and now thought that she is the one for me. Yes, this is a thought. Only thoughts can produce feelings. Where thoughts do come to? The mind, right? By the way love at first sight doesn't exist for long. So we can't call it as true love. Do you think you love your mother heartily & unconditionally? No, you mentally love her. First you took birth and kept pushing the thing to your mind that she is my mother and loves me and cares for me. Then your sub-conscious mind accepted that, because you thought the same thing regularly. It's because the ultimate social creation i.e. the peoples of the society taught you that whoever loves you and cares for you, understands you, protects you then the person loves you unconditionally. Now tell me if the whole creation and its process is uncertain, then how can the creation's teachings be so certain? Then let's take another ex-

ample. Suppose anyone's mother had an accident! Do you think his son/daughter tears which flowed down were coming from the heart? No, because that person's thought process was accepted at the mind that she is my mother and had an accident. We have to accept that everything is done mentally by us. If not, then the person must be of extraordinary course. Mind it, the body and the mind are not same. What mind instructs the mere body does it. Then let's come to the solution of all problems stated above. The process which I follow, the concept of "Neutrality". Neither accepts anything nor denies anything. Just to observe and be aware of everything while doing nothing. Neither accept God nor deny God. Neither accepts nature nor denies nature. Neither accept people in your life nor deny them. Basically I meant to say just to do things if it matters to us the most. Be lazy. Be selfish. We don't have to hesitate what everybody says or do. No matter whoever does what and no matter whatever is going on and where!, how people walk, how universe occurred, what is happening outside should not bother us. Just to be aware that death is certain and the only universal truth which exists is the universe itself nothing else. Let's just stay aware of us and no one else. The above stated facts do represent spirituality. We can accept it or can completely ignore. No offences whatsoever.

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Birth Anniversary of Acharya P.C. Roy

Kolkata (KCN): Celebration of the 161st Birth Anniversary of Prof Prafulla Chandra Roy (Father of Indian Chemistry), better known as Acharya P. C. Roy and the founder



of first chemical industrial unit of colonial India (Bengal Chemical) was conducted at Casa Dei Bambini Montessori House [90 A/ B Beltala Road Kolkata 700026 West Bengal India ????]. This has been a joint celebration of the 161st birth anniversary of Acharya P. C. Roy by Casa Dei Bambini, the Science Association of Bengal (SAB) and the Educational Counselling and Helping Organization (ECHO).

One of the main objective behind this program has been the fact that it is important to do science communication and build aware-



ness among little children early in their life. It is important to demonstrate to them in simplest terms what science is and that it is a fun to learn science. It is this young India that we need to target for grooming our future generations to learn to become responsible citizen with respect for the nation and nature and empathy for the people. Introduction of basic sciences at an early age can help create a passionate mind and help in shaping the young minds with a logical and scientific approach. What could have been a better day to celebrate this than the birth anniversary of the Father of Indian Chemistry who worked tirelessly in his life to build a nation and a generation of worthy students who took India forward.

Children of Casa Dei-Bambini celebrated

161st birth anniversary of Acharya P. C. Roy with eminent personalities, Prof S. Roychowdhury (Secretary, SAB) accompanied by his assistant Mr. Samar Bez along with agriculture-environmental scientist Saikat



Kumar Basu and dedicated ECHO team members like Ms. Sutapa Bardhan and Ms. Tilottama Dey. Many of us will think what do they understand about Acharya P. C. Roy's work and life at the age of 2 to 5 years of age. But to experience it you have to come to Casa Dei-Bambini, working with 22 years



in a Montessori House I have observed it "yes they can", if you wish..and get yourself involved with them you too will believe it, mentioned Principal Santwana Basu.

Today we created a very stimulating environment for the children, where they will learn and experience what is science? Who is a scientist? and how does it work?...so we prepared the environment by inviting our guests like Saikat Basu and honourable Prof Roychowdhury. We started our day with 'OM chanting and then with a small presentation of dance and recitation. After that children

were overjoyed when they experienced some live experiments with vegetable juice mixing with some chemicals and their reactions (it was all with harmless solutions) like lemon juice, white vinegar, potassium permanganate, iodine using plant materials like potato, carrot, beet root, banana peel and so



on, narrated Ms. Santwana Basu. Dr. Montessori believed in Experiential learning and auto education, giving respect and getting respect in return, were ready to greet our guests with a smile and flower garlands. This is the way they learn to do or to create an eye that sees the world with a difference, a hand that creates and a head that thinks.. focusing on holistic development of a child. We, at Casa Dei Bambini follows Dr MariaMontessori's vision to build up a child's life holistically. And we believe the journey they have started with us will be remembered it forever. Our journey start from known to unknown, simple to complex and concrete to abstract.. this is the way they learn and grow at Casa- Dei-Bambini. 'It was a beautiful day.... and children enjoyed all the experiments and it went well' suggested Principal Ms. Santwana Basu.

Ms. Sutapa Bardhan, the Secretary of ECHO and a senior IT professional from IBM-India said, "Rich tributes were paid by the children of Casa Dei-Bambini, to Acharya P. C. Roy, eminent academician and founder of India's first pharmaceutical company on the occasion of his 161st birth anniversary". On behalf of the Science Association of Bengal, Secretary, Prof S. Roychowdhury explained the life sketch of Acharya P. C. Roy in simple languages and Saikat Basu demonstrated some

beautiful experiments to trigger the scientific empowerment of the kids. The children



were very happy to get an interactive break from their daily routine. They enjoyed the videos on the life and work of Acharya P. C. Roy.

Ms. Bardhan mentioned that "...we ended our day with some musical performance... blessed to have such a beautiful day with all eminent guests and well-wishers with lots of



love and showers of happiness for everyone participating in the program including students, teachers, non-teaching staff, parents, guests and other visitors. Ms. Tilottoma Dey, an ECHO member mentioned that "Each and every one in the school was EXCELLENT and made a difference to this program". Prof Roy Chowdhury mentioned, "The little ones were Angels. God bless them all". Finally the teachers abs the Principal Ms Basu concluded by saying, "...and finally our hard work touched by the gracefulness, empathy and love from all our honoured guests abs visitors today has made this a place of worship for the kids who will slowly start their academic journey."

Will Jay get Signal?

Bhubaneswar (KCN): When veteran saffron lawmaker Jaynarayan Mishra was named as the Leader of Opposition in the Odisha Legislative Assembly, the firebrand leader announced that he would work in the line of BJP's policies of "Congress Mukh Bharat" and "BJD Mukh Odisha". This speaks of Mr.Mishra's determination as a Leader of Opposition and commitment towards his responsibilities. He said this keeping in view the inability of the BJD government to meet the aspirations of the people.

However, considering the prevailing political situation in the state, will Mr.Mishra be able to fulfill such an ambition? Will he be able to make Odisha "BJD Mukh", which has been in the saddle for five terms without break?

No doubt, Mr.Mishra is a good organizer and popular among the people in Western Odisha. But, can he topple the popular BJD, which has over 1 crore members across the state? Ever since BJD Supremo Naveen Patnaik came to power, his party regularly wins 100-plus seats in the state. The situation was, however, different from 2000 to 2009 when there was a coalition government in the state. Af-

ter the break of electoral alliance, BJD continued to get more and more seats. BJP has not been able to win a by-poll and BJD has been able to win all the four by-elections held after the 2019 general elections.

The BJD candidates won the seats in Bijepur, Balasore, Jagatsinghpur and Pipili assembly segments. Importantly, the BJP failed to retain its seat in Balasore despite all efforts. Though BJP was elected as the main opposition party after the 2019 elections, it has not been able to function as a real opposition. The saffron party has also depended on the support of BJD on many occasions including one in the election of Ashwini Vaishnaw as a Rajya Sabha member.



This apart, the central BJP leadership has been dependent on the BJD in passing of bills and other major initiatives and even election of Presidents and Vice-Presidents. A general impression in the state is that the BJD and

view the interest of the state. The central BJP's dependence on Naveen Patnaik has further cemented the impression that both the parties are not different from each other in spite of no formal alliance. While the state BJP leadership targets Naveen and his party, the saffron party's central leadership maintains a cordial relationship with the regional party leader. Mostly due to BJP's lack of base in the ground level, the BJD has been taking electoral benefits. The BJP has experienced it in the recently concluded rural and urban polls when the BJD won in about 90 per cent of Zilla Parishad seats. The rural urban poll results indicated that the people are with the BJD and not with the BJP or the Congress, which is struggling to maintain its existence in the state. In the absence of Congress, it is natural that the BJP gets some benefits. But, that is not sufficient to make Odisha "BJD Mukh". Though it sounds very good to speak of "BJD Mukh", Mr.Mishra should look at the ground level and also the saffron party's top brass' cordial relationship with Naveen. Although the new Leader of Oppo- CONTINUED ON: P-7

Crompton unveils "The Secret of Fine Taste" with its new-age Ameo Neo mixer grinder powered by MaxiGrind Technology™

Kolkata(KCN): A trusted legacy brand with quality, long-lasting durability and innovation at its core, Crompton Greaves Consumer Electricals Ltd. (CGCEL), one of India's leading consumer electrical companies is reinventing the modern Indian kitchen with the introduction of the all-new

grinding: With 3 razor-sharp blades, it ensures a radial and axial flow for a faster and superior grinding process that results in a consistency/mixture which is completely uniform, finely grated and has a smooth texture. Moreover, it also saves time and lowers mixer temperature while in usage thereby, leading to an overall strong and superior performance.

Motor Vent-X technology: Body and motor design to enable increased airflow leading to lower body temperature and longer product life.

Powertron Motor: Ensures optimum utilization of energy for maximum grinding results. It is designed for a longer usage to suit consumer needs.

Wide array of utility features: The range is equipped with a variety of features like an inbuilt pulse switch, overload protection, leakage-free jars and 3 stainless steel jars with effective flow breakers.

Aesthetically designed: The range comes with Chrome-Plated Knobs with a twin tone handle and occupies minimum space in your kitchen. With an aesthetically pleasing design, these mixers fit in well with the interiors of your home adding a visual charm to the kitchen décor.

Ergonomic Jar Handles: Designed with comfortable handle space and better grip.

Stainless Steel Jars: The premium quality Jars body is anti-corrosive.

Warranty: 5 years warranty on the motor and 2 years warranty on the product highlighting confidence towards quality.

Speaking about its latest launch, Anand Kumar, Vice President, Appliance Business - Crompton Greaves Consumer Electricals Ltd. said, "Now more than ever people are spending more time in the kitchen hence making it increasingly important to facilitate a comfortable cooking experience. As the consumer's palette evolves, we have comprehended a solution that upgrades the taste of every dish with the best fine grinding technology. Cooking has become much smarter and faster nowadays and Crompton believes in offering innovative solutions that ease the life of the consumer at home. Our Ameo Neo mixer grinder is 'The Secret of Fine Taste' that endeavors to help significantly reduce the time and effort needed in the kitchen / ensures you have an enhanced culinary experience at home without worrying about the finer things."

The new Ameo Neo range is priced at MRP5600 and comes in Black Sea Green color. Additionally, with Crompton's widespread network of over 500+ touch points of service networks, the company also ensures the best customer service experience.



Ameo Neo Mixer Grinders. With 'finer grinding' being the key benefit consumers look for, this new product, which is part of the brand's innovative portfolio of mixer grinders, is powered by the cutting-edge **MaxiGrind Technology™** that renders finer grinding efficiency making it "The Secret of Fine Taste" with its superior performance combined with an enhanced aesthetic appearance. Indian cuisine comes with a multitude of delicacies that has the perfect blend of variety and spice. The correct mixture of herbs, spices and masalas becomes essential in delivering that unique authentic flavor. Hence with the evolving Indian palette, comes the need for a more meticulous planning in order to get that refined taste in food. While every food lover hopes to have the best mixer grinder for their fine grinding, it is the kind of technology that ultimately delivers a result that can transform any dish into a masterpiece. Raising the bar of finer grinding, Crompton's Ameo Neo Mixers with MaxiGrind Technology is designed to deliver the ideal combination and consistency for a delicious dish. From elevating a smoother puree blend to a sharper masala mix and a grinding that cuts through the toughest of ingredients in a matter of seconds – Crompton's latest mixers provides "The Secret of Fine Taste" that creates mouth-watering dishes and a surprise to your taste buds.

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Amit Shah on two-day visit to Odisha

BHUBANESWAR: Union Minister for Home Affairs Amit Shah will be on a two-day visit to Odisha beginning August 7. State BJP president Samir Mohanty said the Union Home Minis-

ter will arrive here on Sunday evening. to mark the 75th anniversary of the Odia daily.

In the evening, Shah will attend a book reading of 'Modi@2.0: Dreams Meet Delivery', a book on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 20 years of political journey - from becoming the Chief Minister of Gujarat in 2001 to being elected the Prime Minister of India in 2014 and again in 2019.

He will meet the State leaders and functionaries of the party at the State BJP headquarters here before the book reading programme. Mohanty said that the Union Home Minister will be given a reception by BJP workers at various places on his way to Cuttack.

Shah last visited the State in February 2020 to attend the Eastern Zonal Council Meeting and addressed a public meeting supporting Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA). He had then visited Jagannath Temple, Puri and had a darshan of Lord Lingaraj in the city.



ter will arrive here on Sunday evening. As per his itinerary, Shah will pay obeisance at the Shree Lingaraj temple on August 8 and then proceed to Cuttack where he will visit the birthplace of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at Odia Bazar.

He will attend the 75th anniversary of the 'Prajatantra', a well-known Odia newspaper established by noted freedom fighter and former Chief Minister Harekrushna Mahatab at Indoor Stadium in the Millennium City. He will address the 'Prajatantra Amruta Utsav'

NABARD Care for Handloom

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Pradeep K Jena, Development Commissioner has urged all stakeholders to come forward for greater convergence towards addressing challenges faced by the Handloom sector.

Mr.Jena said issues like drudgery, lack of marketing in the Handloom Sector in the State and the Rural Economy at large for ensuring progressive growth in all spheres. NABARD, Odisha Regional Office (RO) has

NABARD till date has sanctioned an amount of Rs.2.33 Crore for weavers development supporting 1450 weavers, and is making efforts to organize more weavers of other clusters in to the fold of OFPOs.

Minister of Handlooms, Textiles & Handicrafts, Rita Sahu congratulated NABARD for its sustained efforts towards Rural development in Odisha including revitalization of Textile & Handloom industry in particular.



celebrated National Handloom Day on 07 August 2022 at Bhubaneswar.

Minister of Handlooms, Textiles & Handicrafts, Rita Sahu; Development Commissioner, P K Jena; Principal Secretary Finance, Vishal Kumar Dev, CGM, NABARD, C Udaybhaskar; Weavers, NGOs and other stakeholders have participated in the event. While Odisha with its rich cultural heritage in art and crafts has an immense scope for improving the extent and quality of its Handloom and Textiles products, said Mr.Jena.

NABARD has been taking lot of initiatives for the Off- Farm Sector which include formation of Off Farm Producer Organizations (OFPOs) and Skill Development of the Weavers, said Mr.Dev.


To help in the marketing of the products of the weavers, NABARD sponsors exhibitions, supports for the establishment of Rural Haat, Rural Mart for better marketing of the handloom products. Odisha has the highest number of OFPOs (10) in the country.

Principal Secretary, Finance Mr.Dev spoke on the initiatives taken by NABARD in helping better market the handloom products of the state.

NABARD has taken up GI registration of Odisha's rich Handloom products viz. Mayurbhanj Saree, Tribals Phuta Saree, Jagatsingpur Saree etc.

NABARD has launched "Stall in Mall" at Esplanade Mall, Bhubaneswar to help market the products of weavers of the State. As part of the Handloom Day celebrations, NABARD has sponsored 05 stalls for 05 days from 07 August to 11 August helping for marketing of the handloom products.

To extend hassle free credit and working capital to weavers, NABARD RO also launched special scheme for promotion of 10,000 JLGs covering 50,000 weavers in 03 years. Further, NABARD has launched workshop to train 20 weavers on Garment designing with collaboration of NIFT Kolkata on the eve of National Handloom Day.



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Electricity Amendment Bill: Claim to provide choice to power consumers "misleading", says AIPEF Chairman

NEW DELHI: The claim of providing a choice of multiple service providers to power consumers in the Electricity Amendment Bill 2022, is "misleading" and will make state-run discoms loss making entities, according to AIPEF Chairman Shailendra Dubey.

The Electricity Amendment Bill 2022 is scheduled to be introduced in the Lok Sabha on Monday.

In a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the All India Power Engineers Federation (AIPEF) has demanded that the bill be re-

ferred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Energy for wider consultation.

When asked about the government's claim of providing consumers choices like mobile phone sim cards in the name of multiple distribution licensees, Dubey told PTI, "the very claim is misleading".

"As per the bill, only government discoms will have universal power supply obligation therefore private licensees will prefer to supply the electricity in profit making areas only i.e. industrial and commercial consumers."

Thus profit making areas will be snatched from government discoms and government discoms by default will become loss making companies and in the coming days will not have money to purchase electricity from generators, he said.

"The government discoms network will also be handed over to private licensees at throw-away prices," he feared.

As per the bill, "the continuing as well as new challenges of sustainability of the power sector, contract enforcement, payment security mechanism, energy transition and the need to provide choice (of multiple service providers) to consumers in order to promote competition and the like, it has become necessary to make certain amendments in the Electricity Act".

The bill seeks to amend section 42 of the Act to facilitate non-discriminatory open access to the distribution network of a distribution licensee.

Further, the bill seeks to amend section 14 of the Act to facilitate the use of distribution networks by all licensees under provisions of non-discriminatory open access with the objective of enabling competition, enhancing efficiency of distribution licensees for improving services and ensuring sustainability of the power sector.

Thus discoms will be able to use the power distribution network of other licensees.

The bill also provides for inserting a new section 60A in the Act so as to enable management of power purchase and cross-subsidy in case of multiple distribution licensees in the same area of supply.

Dubey explained that "Cost of electricity includes 85 per cent cost of power purchase agreements. Since power purchase agreements are for 25 years therefore the cost of electricity is not going to be reduced. Therefore the promise of competition and cheaper electricity to consumers is a farce".

He further explained that 85 per cent of consumers are farmers and domestic consumers and all these consumers are getting subsidized electricity.

"There cannot be any competition in such loss making subsidized consumers. Therefore multiple licensees will not be the consumers' choice. Actually this will be the suppli-

ers' choice. Private licensees will be operating only in profit making areas," he pointed out.

The bill also seeks to amend section 62 of the Act so as to make provisions regarding graded revision in tariff over a year and for mandatory fixing of the maximum ceiling as well as minimum tariff by the Appropriate (electricity regulatory) Commission.

The draft law also provides for amending section 166 of the Act so as to strengthen the functions to be discharged by the Forum of

Regulators.

The bill will also amend section 152 of the Act so as to facilitate decriminalisation of offence as it would be mandatory to accept compounding.

It will also amend section 146 of the Act to convert the rate of punishment from "imprisonment or with fine" to "fine".

All is not well in Opposition front? Congress-Trinamool tussle intensifies as jibes flow thick and fast

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And with a comprehensive defeat, the knives were out in public with Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh going public with his disappointment with the TMC.

Margaret Alva ran a spirited campaign and it was too bad the TMC didn't support her, he said on Twitter.

India will have to wait for its first woman vice president, he added.

Alva herself took a veiled jibe at the TMC, saying this election was an opportunity for the opposition to work together, to leave the past behind and build trust amongst themselves.

"Unfortunately, some opposition parties chose to directly or indirectly support the BJP, in an attempt to derail the idea of a united opposition.

It is my belief that by doing so, these parties and their leaders have damaged their own credibility," Alva said in what many saw as scathing indictment of the Mamata Banerjee-led party.

"This election is over.

The battle for protecting our Constitution, strengthening our democracy & restoring the dignity of Parliament, will continue," Alva signed off.

TMC leader Saket Gokhale told a TV channel that what it faced with Dhankhar as the Governor in West Bengal should not be used for belittling any party or a party sitting at a higher table than another one.

The Congress is not TMC's ally and they were like-minded parties, he noted.

"Congress along with the CPM fought against TMC in West Bengal. The reason we decided to abstain is the manner in which the Opposition candidate was decided," he said after the vice presidential poll.

Trinamool Congress MP Shatrughan Sinha on Sunday congratulated Dhankhar on his victory and said, "Hope, wish & pray you will live up to the expectations of all those who voted & supported you & also those who (were) absent, didn't or couldn't vote or support you. Jai Hind!" It was problems galore for Opposition parties as they not just grappled with infighting but were also hit by cross-voting in the polls.

New airlines Akasa Air commences operations, takes off first flight on Mumbai-Ahmedabad route

NEW DELHI: Akasa Air is finally in Indian skies as the first flight

Subsequently, starting August 13, the airline will start operating an

additional 28 weekly flights between Bengaluru and Kochi. Tickets for all are open for sale with immediate effect.

First look of Akasa Air's



took off on Sunday between the Mumbai-Ahmedabad route, which was inaugurated by Union Minister for Civil Aviation

Jyotiraditya Scindia along with MoS General Vijay Kumar Singh (Retd.)

On July 22, India's newest airline Akasa Air on Friday opened ticket bookings for its first commercial flights with an initial network in A h m e d a b a d , Bengaluru, Mumbai, and Kochi.

In the inaugural phase, Akasa Air, whose airline code is QP, will launch its operations by offering 28 weekly flights between Mumbai and Ahmedabad starting August 7, 2022.

Also, Opposition parties such as the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha sided with the NDA's choice in the presidential poll instead of going with the Opposition candidate Yashwant Sinha.

Assam, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh assemblies witnessed a significant number of Opposition MLAs voting for the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance candidate Droupadi Murmu.

In the vice presidential poll, Sisir Adhikari and his son Dibyendu Adhikari voted despite their party TMC deciding to abstain.

NDA candidates Murmu and Dhankhar sailed through comfortably in the presidential and vice presidential polls with the Opposition falling short of even the expected numbers.

Political observer Rasheed Kidwai said the results of the polls were a foregone conclusion but the lack of unity among Opposition ranks has made the road to 2024 more difficult for the parties looking to challenge the ruling NDA.

"The chinks in the Opposition ranks have been exposed. It has created a lot of problems for 2024 for the Opposition as it has exposed the lack of communication between the two major Opposition parties and reports of renewed poaching between the two parties," he told PTI.

"It is the fault of both parties as it takes two to tango. The Congress must recognize that the Mamata Banerjee-led party is their biggest force and similarly the TMC needs to understand that the Congress remains the principal Opposition party in the country," he said.

Echoing similar views, political commentator and Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) professor Sanjay K Pandey said what happened in the presidential and vice presidential polls does not augur well for the Opposition parties.

Public comments of criticism from both sides did not help and actually widened the differences, he noted.

Their unity would not have made a difference to the result but would have sent a message for the 2024 polls, Pandey told PTI.

"It shows that neither of them is concerned about unity but only concerned with scoring a point," he added.

With 2024 fast-approaching, the clock is ticking for the Opposition to get its act together.

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Vinay Dube, Founder and Chief Executive Of-

fer, Akasa Air, had said.

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3 cities across the country," Praveen Iyer, Co-founder and Chief Commercial Officer, Akasa Air, had said.

In July, ace investor Rakesh Jhunjhunwala-backed airline received the Air Operator Certificate (AOC) from the civil aviation regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). The grant of the AOC is the final step of a comprehensive and rigorous process laid down by the DGCA and marks the satisfactory completion of all regulatory and compliance requirements for the airline's operational readiness.

Bookings for flights are available via the mobile app, and its website www.akasaair.com.

Will Jay get Signal?

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sition is known as a "die hard" Sangh member and is considered as a "hardliner" in the BJP, will he be allowed by the party's central and state leadership to damage the electoral prospect of BJD forgetting the instances of its support?

BJD which was seen hitting the streets as there was a 50 paise increase in the price of petrol and LPG during the UPA government prior to 2014. The same BJD is now silent; and its leaders, including Sanjay Dasburma, are no longer seen on streets. This clearly indicated that the BJD also does not want to annoy the BJP even as both the parties fight elections separately.

Mr.Mishra should first get clearance from the party's top brass before making any such statement. If at all, the BJP leadership allows Mishra to work as a real opposition leader, will it be possible for him to take on the mighty BJD?

The role and responsibilities of the main opposition party is to ask the government of the day to explain its actions, debating bills and proposed laws in the legislature, working on committees that examine bills and important state issues. The opposition is also supposed to provide alternatives to government policies. Is it happening in the state?

There is no dearth of issues to take on the BJD government in Odisha. The opposition parties have utterly failed to put the government on the dock. However, the situation was comparatively better when JB Patnaik was the Leader of Opposition from 2004 to 2009.

During Mr.Patnaik's tenure, at least four ministers and a Speaker had to resign from their posts on different issues. In 2009, then Congress leader Bhupinder Singh became the Leader of Opposition and he interestingly joined the ruling party in the subsequent election.

The number of opposition members in the Odisha Legislative Assembly is only 31 in the 147-member House. The ruling BJD has at least 112 members in the Assembly. Therefore, in terms of numbers, the government can easily ensure passing of any bill in the House even in absence of opposition members.

Presently, the opposition party, the BJP, has not been able to prove itself as a real opposition in the Assembly. No doubt, Jaynarayan Mishra is a different leader and he has the ability to take on the Treasury Bench in the House and the State Government on the outside. But, many people do believe that Mr.Mishra will not be given free hand to perform on merit keeping in view of Naveen's cordial relationship with BJP top brass including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah.

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Annu Rani wins bronze, becomes first Indian female javelin thrower to win medal in CWG



BIRMINGHAM: Annu Rani scripted history as she became the first Indian female javelin thrower to win a medal, a bronze, in the Commonwealth Games on the penultimate day here

on Sunday. Rani sent the spear to a distance of 60m in her fourth attempt to finish third. World champion Kelsey-Lee Barber of Australia stole the gold with a final round throw of

64.43m from compatriot Mackenzie Little (64.27m) who was leading at the end of the penultimate round.

Before Rani, Kashinath Naik and Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra had

won a bronze and a gold in the men's javelin throw respectively.

Naik had won the medal at the 2010 Delhi Games while Chopra won the gold in Gold Coast in 2018.

Neymar leads Paris Saint-Germain to big opening win in French league

PARIS: An unplayable Neymar notched a goal and three assists to lead defending champion Paris Saint-Germain to a 5-0 win at Clermont in the French league on Saturday.

Lionel Messi also made a big contribution with two goals and an assist.

Neymar troubled Clermont with his movement and skills. In the seventh minute, he pounced on a low cross from Achraf Hakimi to have a first-time effort deflected out by Alidu Seidu.

Two minutes later, Pablo Sarabia squared the ball back for Messi, who flicked it toward Neymar. The

day and lacked match fitness.

PSG left out of its matchday squad some high-profile players it reportedly wants to move out: Mauro Icardi, Julian Draxler, Ander Herrera, Idrissa Gueye, Rafinha, Thilo Kehrer and Layvin Kurzawa. Meanwhile, Krepin Diatta and Sofiane Diop scored for a weakened Monaco to prevail at Strasbourg 2-1.

In a clash between contenders for European spots, Diatta opened the scoring with a powerful volley from the edge of the box in the 43rd. The Senegal

winger could have added another goal in the 48th but Strasbourg goalkeeper Matz Sels saved his chip.

Diop, a France Under-21 international, doubled the lead by converting a rebound in the 53rd after Sels palmed away a deflected cross from Gelson Martins.

Strasbourg forward Habib Diallo pulled one back in the 65th by heading in a cross from Thomas Delaine.

Monaco and Strasbourg finished third and sixth, respectively, last season.

Sels limited the damage by denying Martins in the 35th, diverting onto the post a close-range effort from Jean Lucas in the 61st, and saving a downward header from substitute Maghnes Akliouche in the 85th.

Monaco goalkeeper Alexander Nubel preserved the win in injury time by stopping a point-blank shot from Adrien Thomasson.

"We had chances to lead 3-0 and 4-0," Monaco coach Philippe Clement said. "It's a matter of experience. It's normal with young players, they must learn lessons, they must gain experience in such situations."

Monaco missed the suspended Kevin Volland and Aleksandr Golovin, the injured Takumi Minamino, Benoit Badiashile and Myron Boadu, and an ill Caio Henrique.



Brazil forward controlled the ball before burying it into the bottom corner.

PSG capitalized on a fast break in the 26th when Neymar found Achraf Hakimi, who fired into the top corner.

Neymar set up the third goal with a pinpoint free kick for Marquinhos, who headed home in the 39th. On the stroke of halftime, Neymar fed Messi, whose shot was saved by goalkeeper Mory Diaw.

PSG slowed down a bit in the second half against a Clermont side which narrowly avoided relegation last season.

"Not right to single out Ronaldo for criticism": Manchester United manager Erik ten Hag

Messi still made it 4-0 in the 80th. He played a one-two with Neymar before netting with a low strike.

The Argentina superstar sealed the win in the 86th by chesting down a ball over the top from Leandro Paredes to score with an overhead kick.

"What I have liked is the team's desire to win the ball back very quickly, to play with a lot of intensity," PSG coach Christophe Galtier said. "Leo reacts very quickly when possession is lost, and Ney has also made efforts in his defensive positioning to help the team stay very compact and win the ball."

Chasing a record 11th league title, PSG missed Kylian Mbappe, who is nursing a groin problem, and Renato Sanches, who was signed on Thurs-

Nick Kyrgios survives six match points, beats Tiafoe at Citi Open

WASHINGTON: Wimbledon runner-up Nick Kyrgios fought off six match points during a second-set tiebreaker against hometown favorite Frances Tiafoe, then raced past him in the third set to win 6-7 (5), 7-6 (12), 6-2 at the Citi Open.

In the first-ever meeting between the players, Kyrgios allowed the first set to slip away with some mental lapses, then frustrated Tiafoe during the lengthy second-set tiebreak, which concluded with the Maryland native slamming his racket onto the court and kicking it.

"Frances put himself in every position to win the match. You know, in those moments I wasn't really thinking too much. I was just trying to stay in the match and I survived," Kyrgios said "Then, you know, I felt like physically I was really fresh in the third set and served well."

The hard-court U.S.

Open tuneup in Washington is the first tournament for Kyrgios since he lost in four sets to Novak Djokovic in the Wimbledon final.

The mercurial Australian improved his match record this year to 21-7 and advanced to his fifth semifinal, where he will face Mikael Ymer, a 6-2, 5-7, 6-3 winner over Sebastian Korda.

Kyrgios won his most recent ATP title at Washington in 2019.

Because of weather delays, top-seeded Andrey Rublev played two matches on Friday, winning them both.

He rallied in a second-set tiebreak to beat Maxime Cressy 6-4, 7-6 (8) in the afternoon and then dispatched American wild card J.J. Wolf 6-2, 6-3 in the evening to reach the semifinals.

"It's part of the sport. I think that's the fun thing

about it, that you don't know what to expect," Rublev said.

"Suddenly you will have two matches in one day." Rublev is seeking his fourth ATP title this year, which would draw him even with Rafael Nadal and Carlos Alcaraz for the most in 2022.

The Russian will play 96th-ranked Yoshihito Nishioka, who beat Daniel Evans 7-6 (5), 4-6, 7-5.

Kyrgios also had to conclude his round-of-16 match on Friday afternoon but needed only 14 minutes to close out his 7-6 (1), 6-2 victory over Reilly Opelka.



"Playing Reilly this morning in the heat was not ideal. Came out fast and strong, got it done. Then I was able to just get some rest and eventually just pull through," Kyrgios said.

"An amazing match with

Frances. I knew it was going to be crazy. I'm just glad that today's over and I can get some rest."

On the women's side, U.S. Open champion Emma Raducanu failed to reach her first semifinal since her out-of-nowhere triumph at Flushing Meadows, losing to Liudmila Samsonova 7-6 (6), 6-1.

Fourth-seeded veteran Victoria Azarenka struggled in her second match of the day, falling 6-1, 6-3 to 95th-ranked Xiyu Wang.

Azarenka endured an 80-minute first set to beat Tereza Martincova 7-6 (7), 6-2 earlier Friday.

World No.88 Daria Saville of Australia also advanced to the semifinals, defeating Rebecca Marino 6-1, 7-5.

Sixth-seeded Kaia Kanepi got past Anna Kalinskaya 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-3 in a match that lasted 2 hours, 33 minutes.

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