

UAE Investors Sign 21K Cr Proposal

Bhubaneswar(KCN): UAE investors have signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) worth US\$2.76 billion (Rs 218 billion/Rs21,800 crores) with the Government of Odisha, after meeting with Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik in Dubai yesterday. The investment by UAE business houses is a result of the Government's investment promotion drive aimed at creating awareness of

and seafood sourcing and processing hubs in Bhubaneswar, Cuttack and Rourkela. The Investors Meet was jointly organised with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and the Embassy of India in UAE. It was attended by more than 150 companies based out of the UAE and the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. Leading industry associations from the region



including Indian Business and Professional Council (IBPC) also participated in the event. Inviting the UAE investors to Odisha State, the Chief Minister addressed the gathering underlining Odisha's four key advantages – Mineral; Human Resources; Technology in delivering efficient and effective investment facilitation; Progressive policy and governance.

“Odisha offers great opportunities to foreign investors and our Team is ready to extend any help to facilitate investment to the UAE investors,” he had stated. Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mahapatra and Principal Secretary, Industries, Hemant Sharma highlighted the economic opportunities in key sectors. The Investors Meet was addressed by the Indian Ambassador to the UAE, Sanjay Sudheer, who stressed on the significance of the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), signed between the UAE and India – which reduces taxes and will help two-way trade and investment between India and the UAE to accelerate.

Rajiv Gandhi assassination: Madras HC modifies order rejecting plea for premature release of convict Nalini

CHENNAI(KCN): High Court on Wednesday modified



department filed a petition seeking removal of certain observations inadvertently attributed to TN Advocate General (AG), the Madras

its order rejecting a petition by Nalini, one of the seven convicts in Rajiv Gandhi assassination case, for premature release without the consent

of the Governor.

The home secretary said the premature release fell within the ambit of Article 161 of the Constitution and the same was in the exclusive domain of the State government. Therefore, it was the Governor who could exercise the power to remit the sentence of life imprisonment based on the Cabinet resolution dated September 9, 2018. The contention, however, was

recorded as if the reference made by the Governor to the President was correct and Governor had rightly done it, he pointed out. Another contentious point related to the conviction of Nalini under 302 of the IPC and other Acts.

The home secretary said no such submission had been made on behalf of the department and the same had been re-
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With Uddhav government's departure, crisis-hit Congress loses power in yet another state

NEW DELHI(KCN): Battered by a string of electoral reverses,



the Congress has now been edged out of

Aghadi (MVA) government in

Maharashtra, and now governs only Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh on its own, and Jharkhand in alliance with the JMM and the RJD. The development comes as a jolt to the grand old party which earlier this year suffered serial setbacks in the assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh, Manipur,

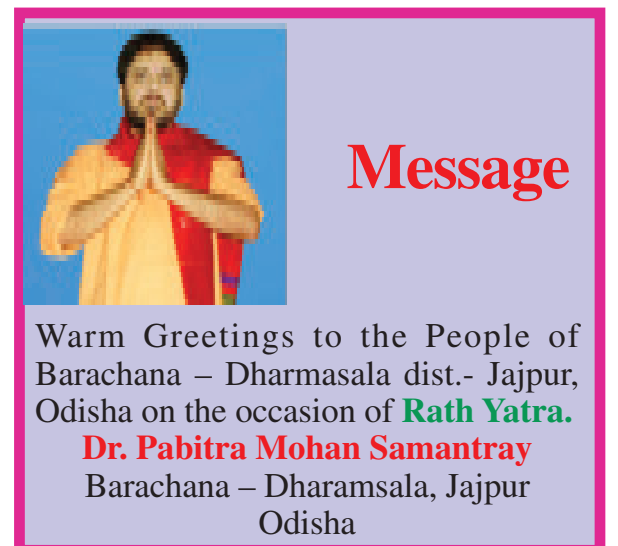
Uttarakhand, Goa and Punjab. The party lost its government in Punjab and failed to cash in on the perceived anti-incumbency factor against the BJP in Uttarakhand, Goa and Manipur. The Congress had fared poorly in Kerala, Assam, West Bengal and
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China voices opposition to India's reported plans to hold G20 meeting in J&K

BEIJING(KCN): China on Thursday voiced its opposition to India's reported plans to hold the next year's meeting of G-20 leaders in Jammu and Kashmir, echoing close ally Pakistan's objection, and underlined that relevant sides should avoid "politicising" the issue.



"We have noted relevant
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Message

Warm Greetings to the People of Barachana – Dharmasala dist.- Jajpur, Odisha on the occasion of **Rath Yatra**.
Dr. Pabitra Mohan Samantray
Barachana – Dharamsala, Jajpur
Odisha

Top security for National Executive Committee meet, PM Modi's visit in Telangana

HYDERABAD(KCN): Security has been beefed up in Telangana particularly in the city in view of the Prime Minister's two-day visit to the city. He will attend the BJP's National

and security agencies have already taken control of these locations. Police confirmed that since some locations are public spaces, details of guests who are already staying there, are



Executive Committee meeting on Saturday and address a public meeting on Sunday. Around 10,000 security personnel from the State and Central agencies will be deployed in the city on bandobast. Further measures have also been taken in view of the beheading of a tailor in Udaipur on Tuesday. As Union Ministers, Chief Ministers of several BJP ruled states are also coming to the city to take part in these events, and will be residing at multiple locations across the city, security has been heightened at these places

being verified. Further, security agencies have also been alerted to keep a close tab on social media activities, particularly in view of the recent protests against Agnipath scheme. The Agnipath protests were mobilised through social media platforms. Security agencies have been

directed to ensure such incidents are not repeated during the PM's visit to the city. SPG scouts locations

The stay of the Prime Minister during his visit is yet to be finalised. Meanwhile, the Special Protection Group which provides security to the Prime Minister which is in the city, has inspected a few locations, where the Prime Minister might stay during his visit. The SPG also inspected the arrangements at the Parade Grounds in Secunderabad, where the PM will address a huge public meeting on Sunday.

Juggernaut ready to Roll

Puri(KCN): Thousands of devotees have started thronging pilgrim town Puri as the stage is all set for the nine-day Rath Jatra beginning on Friday. After a gap of two years, devotees are allowed to witness the biggest festival of Odisha.

Lord Jagannath and his two siblings – elder brother Balabhadra and younger sister Subhadra – are ready to give darshan to the

be followed by Devi Subhadra in Darpadalana. Lord Jagannath would go riding Nandighosa in the end.

On Friday morning, a Purohit will perform Yajna to consecrate the three chariots. The rituals will begin with 'Mangala Arati' at 6 am, followed by 'Mailam' and 'Vesha,' 'Rosha Homa' and Surya Puja.' Than 'Gopal Bhog' and 'Khichidi Bhog' will be offered.

'Pahandi' is scheduled to start on Thursday by 8.30 am and will be completed by 11.30 am. 'Chherapahanra' of the chariots by Gajapati Dibyasingha Deb would be performed. After fixing wooden horses to the chariots, the pulling is scheduled to start in the afternoon.



public in Raths and visit Gundicha Temple. All roads are leading to the pilgrim town. The Singha Dwar (Lion's Gate) in front of the Jagannath Temple was soaked in religious fervour on Thursday as servitors and devotees pulled the three grand chariots from the Ratha Khala (where the chariots were being made) to the main gate of the shrine amid the beating of cymbals and blowing of conches. The three majestic chariots now stand tall in front of the Singha Dwar facing East towards Gundicha temple. They have been kept ready and will be pulled by lakhs of devotees on Friday. Lord Balabhadra would lead the chariot procession riding Taladhawaja. It will

More than 185 platoons of armed police personnel, including 1,000 officers of various ranks are deployed in and around Puri to ensure safe conduct of the festival.

The Railways engaged scores of armed policemen while several CCTV cameras have been installed at various places. The deities will return to Sri Mandir after completion of the nine-day yatra called 'Bahuda Jatra'. The State Administration has made elaborate arrangements for smooth and peaceful conduct of the festival. District Collector Samarth Verma said all rituals of deities are going on smoothly. "We hope all the rituals will be completed on time tomorrow," he said.

Asian Paints has launched their 2022 collection in Home Décor

The new launch has taken place across Fabrics, Wallpapers, Rugs, Furniture, Lights and a brand-new category of Bedding under our Royale umbrella

Kolkata (KCN): As we leave behind the uncertainty of the pandemic and lockdowns, as we begin rebuilding our day-to-day to the normalcy that we have all craved for the last two years, we are now ready to make our present more special and beautiful.

Bringing the vision of beauty into daily life in the constant pursuit of excellence in Home Decor, Asian Paints is taking this year by storm. Asian Paints is excited to step into its first year of expansion into the Furnishing Fabrics retail trade channel. What started in April 2021 as a journey into a new category as well as a new channel has now grown to be a delightful consumer offering across four successful brand launches, and a significant national presence to reckon with.

Asian Paints is proud to unveil its new launch collections for 2022 in Home Décor. There are now 63 new books in furnishing fabrics across our brands Ador, PURE-Royale and The Pure Concept for Nilaya. After the successful launch of the three fabric ranges over a year ago, the company is excited to add an even bigger collection of fabrics with new designs, trends, colour palette and innovative techniques and fabrics to existing collections.

Speaking on New Launch collections for 2022 in Home Décor, Amit Syngle, MD & CEO, Asian Paints Limited said, "AP continues to push the envelope of constantly enriching its home decor offering for the consumer and the new launches are a testimony to this. After a stellar first year in furnishing fabrics, we are back with our 2022 Launch Collections in Home Decor- across Fabrics, Wallpapers, Rugs, Furniture, Lights and a brand-new category of Bedding under our Royale umbrella. This is in line with our stated vision to be a significant home décor player and to provide a complete portfolio of home décor products and services." Taking their decor proficiency into a brand new territory, Asian Paints Nilaya collaborated with Jaipur Rugs to produce a range of hand-tufted rugs and flat-weaves. Developed by AP's in-house Design Cell and Jaipur Rugs, the collection offers designs ranging from rustic and minimal to heritage and contemporary. Jaipur Rugs has transformed the carpet industry by creating an entirely new business model of working directly with artisans and empowering them and their local communities with a sustainable form of livelihood. It is this commitment to a thoughtful business model that led Asian Paints to collaborate with the brand. Nilaya wall-coverings have always been the first choice for architects and designers, and the brand continues to make the best design collaborations with new launch collections across essentials and designer series. Seventeen new collections have been added to the mix in 2022, with more than 1000 offerings that include customised designs, and large colour, print and material options. This year also saw the launch of Eijffinger natural wall coverings handmade in Asia. An array of natural fibres such as jute, hemp, sisal, reed, sea grass, arrowroot grass, bam-

boo, raffia and cork is used to create a wealth of textures never seen before.

A highlight of the year has been the landmark collaboration between the visionary Maximiliano Modesti's Les Ateliers 2M and Asian Paints' Jaipur atelier to launch the brand INK and its debut collection Wandering Lines. Redefining homegrown craft in a contemporary language, Modesti and his team of designers worked with diverse inspirations—from traditional motifs, architecture, nature and abstract concepts—and reimaged them through embroidery. This collection comprises six distinct patterns and is a one of its kind offering that combines technique of screen-printing, block printing and embroidery in one powerful collection.

Another landmark collaboration has been with The White Teak Company—Asian Paints' newly acquired decorative lightings brand with the aim to provide the Indian consumer with an extensive range of designer and decorative lighting products. With a wide delivery reach of over 36,000 pin codes across India, a homeowner can now decorate their house in the city or a remote holiday home with the right set of lights with just a click of a button.

The partnership between Asian Paints and The White Teak Company also grows the brand's network and reach, allowing more and more cities across India to decorate their homes with international designs and high-quality products.

From wall coverings and beautiful embroidery to an exquisitely designed bedding range with Royale, Asian Paints is covering the entire gamut. With unmatched design superiority with best in class manufacturing, this is a range of premium designer bed sheets in 100% cotton with striking print motifs across ethnic Indian florals, paisleys, foliage, geometrics and much more. The new launches will be soon available across the country, retailed through our Beautiful Homes Stores and the brand authorised retailers.

About Asian Paints: Since its foundation in 1942, Asian Paints has come a long way to become India's leading and Asia's third largest paint company, with a turnover of Rs. 217 billion. Asian Paints operates in 15 countries and have 26 paint manufacturing facilities in the world, servicing consumers in over 60 countries. Asian Paints has always been a leader in the paint industry, innovating new concepts in India like Colour Ideas, Home Solutions, Colour Next, and Kids' World. Asian Paints manufactures wide range of paints for Decorative and Industrial use for interior and exterior walls. Their portfolio also includes SmartCare range for waterproofing, WoodTech products for wood finishes and Adhesives range for all surfaces. The company is also present in the Home Improvement and Decor segment and offers bath and kitchen products. The company also introduced lightings, furnishings, and furniture in its portfolio and offers a range of safe and supervised painting and interior design services.



Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India appoints Kyndryl as technology partner

Agreement to elevate company's IT Infrastructure for enhanced Security and Data availability

New Delhi(KCN) Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India (HMSI) recently announced its exclusive collaboration with Kyndryl (NYSE: KD), world's largest IT infrastructure services provider, to elevate its IT and security transformation journey across HMSI's manufacturing plants. Currently, Kyndryl manages infrastructure services for plant production applications, enterprise and dealer management systems for all the dealers. Bringing operational efficiency with an agile and improved customer service experience, the company's renewed alliance with Kyndryl will improve infrastructure manageability and uptime through increased automation as well as enhance the company's cybersecurity and resiliency. Further enhancing HMSI's business applications and IT systems' availability, the new partnership will integrate an on-demand Disaster Recovery-as-a-service (DRaaS) set-up for minimal outage and production loss during a crisis impacting HMSI's primary data center. Speaking on the

association, Mr. Atsushi Ogata – Managing Director, President & CEO, Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India said, "At HMSI, we are glad to announce our exclusive technological partnership with Kyndryl India. Their in-depth knowledge of HMSI's business functions pillaring upon complex IT systems is what precisely makes them a trusted advisor for our operations in India. Moving forward, the new synergy will enable us with better business availability and operations predictability while infusing a more agile IT environment that serves our customers and partners better." Sharing his thoughts on the partnership, Mr. Lingraju Sawkar, President, Kyndryl India said, "In an increasingly competitive ecosystem staying ahead of the curve and anticipating business and operational challenges is paramount. Kyndryl's proven expertise in infrastructure management, automation, and cloud transformation, coupled with a deep understanding of HMSI's critical operations allows us to anticipate and structure a resilient and agile framework

for the future. We are excited to expand on our collaboration with HMSI as they further unlock the potential of true digital transformation within their India operations." During a disaster, Kyndryl's Cloud Resiliency Orchestration tool will bring HMSI's primary data center to a fully operational state in a matter of seconds, and its resiliency architecture will span seismic zones for added flexibility to systems during a customer demand surge. Additionally, Kyndryl will enable automation of HMSI's delivery and IT framework to address process and compliance challenges that come with IT sprawl. This integration will provide a single automated executive dashboard to monitor ongoing IT infrastructure system, as well as health checks such as patching, backup status and provisioning. About Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India (HMSI) is the wholly-owned subsidiary of Honda Motor Company, Japan. Since its inception in 2001, HMSI has grown to

become India's 2nd largest 2Wheeler company with more than 50 million happy customers across India. HMSI has manufacturing facilities in four locations - Manesar (Haryana), Tapukara (Rajasthan), Narasapura (Karnataka) & Vithalapur (Gujarat). Delighting its customers, HMSI has an extensive network of over 6000 touchpoints with an additional support from 280+ Best Deal outlets (in over 200 cities) offering a one-stop solution for pre-owned Honda two-wheelers. For more information, please visit <https://www.honda2wheeler.com/> About Kyndryl Kyndryl (NYSE: KD) is the world's largest IT infrastructure services provider. The company designs, builds, manages, and modernizes the complex, mission-critical information systems that the world depends on every day. Kyndryl's 90,000+ employees serve over 4,000 customers in more than 60 countries around the world, including 75 percent of the Fortune 100. For more information, please visit <http://www.kyndryl.com/> www.kyndryl.com

Traffic arrangement for Jatra

Puri(KCN): Odisha Police has made elaborate arrangements for smooth flow of traffic to and from Puri during Rath Jatra to begin tomorrow. Amitabh Thakur, IGP said that all inter-state tourist buses from Bhubaneswar side will be allowed to Puri up to Malatipatpur and will park at Malatipatpur, New Bus stand. The return will be on the same route, said a senior police official here on Thursday. Mr.Thakur said that all light vehicle (three/four wheelers) which will come from Bhubaneswar side on NH-316 will be allowed to reach the parking place at Talabania via Malatipatpur, railway over bridge (ROB) at Toshali Chowk Grid Station Bhudan. Their return route is via ITI crossing Central School Grid Station Balighat, Gopalpur Crossing, Samangara,

Biraharekrushnapur and Malatipatpur. IGP Mr.Thakur informed that similarly, the light vehicle with car pass from Bhubaneswar side will be allowed to proceed to the specified parking place i.e at Chhapan Chhack/towards Lokanath temple via Batagaon, Mangalahat, Sterlin Chhack, Hans Cocopalm. Their return to Bhubaneswar will be on the same route. As a large number of people are likely to visit Puri through two-wheelers, parking ar-

rangements have been made at several places across the pilgrim town, said he. Mr.Thakur said that the two wheelers from Bhubaneswar side will park at Jagannath Ballava, Masanichandi Chowk and on Eastern flank of Mangalahat Chhack (Krusaka Bazar). Exit route of the two wheelers from Jagannath Ballav will be via Jatiababa Chowk - Kumbharapada - Atharana-Charinala-Malatipatpur. The motorcycles from

Brahmagiri side will also park at Jagannath Ballav via Masanichandi Chwok. Their return will be in the same route. Further, the two wheelers from Konark side will park at Blue Flag beach via Grid Station, ITI, CT Road & Subhash Boss Chhack and the return will be in the same way. The auto rickshaws will move from Talabania to Ram Mandir Chowk via Sadar Block, Odisha Bakery, Ram Mandir. Return will be via Srikheta Colony road. The three wheeler from Brahmagiri side will be allowed up to Flourish India and will park there. The return will be on the same route. All the light vehicles coming from Konark side will be allowed to Puri, Talabania via Grid Station, Bhudan ITI and their return will be via ITI crossing Central school, Bhudan, Grid Station and Toshali.



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Rowel Star- The new shining Star of the Rajasthan Music Industry

Mumbai (KCN, Sanjay Sharma Raj): The Rajasthan music industry is going leaps and bounds, celebrating the new singing star Afjor Khan aka Rowel Star. This new generation of Rajasthan singers is making headlines for his outstanding singing style and making the world shake legs with his unique Rajasthan songs.

Afjor Khan, popularly known as Rowel Star on Social Media, has created a sensation in the Rajasthan music world with his mesmerizing voice and affective tone. "I am an ardent fan of Guru Randhawa and take his inspiration for my songs. I want to create some unique mix of folk songs with blending hip-hop and wanted to give something new to the music world, says Rowel Star." He recently gave his voice to two new songs, "Tera Shoot" & "Nahiyo Jeena", making the Rajasthan cultures a step ahead in this ever-evolving music world. The shoot of these songs has recently been completed in Dubai and will be out very soon to rock the floors!

About his upcoming projects, Rowel Star will be seen sharing the floors with re-

nowned Rajasthan Singer Sumsa Supari.



They together have shot the song recently in Dubai in various amazing locations. The song will be out soon and published on the YouTube channel Sumsa Supari Films.

Rowel Star's songs, Maro Sajaniyo, Bannasa ke Mijaj, and Jai Jasol Maa album are the most popular and trending, creating a sensation on his YouTube channel and blessing him with millions of views and subscribers.

Born and raised in a small village in the Panawara district of Barmer, Rajasthan, Afjor has been fascinated by the music culture since he was five. He was sent to his maternal house at Sindhari for schooling. During his school days, he sang songs and attracted many ears listening to his soulful voice. His teacher once gave him a chance to sing a song on Republic Day, which grabbed praise from the entire school.

It was the year 2007 when Afjor Khan won the hearts of millions for singing the famous Rajasthan song of those days, "Maharana Pratap", which rolled out tears from listeners' eyes. His soulful voice created a huge impact on people's minds. Afjor won the gift price of Rs.1500/- for his singing.

After the impressive response to his performance, there was no looking back for Afjor Khan, and his journey of becoming Rowel Star has kick-started!

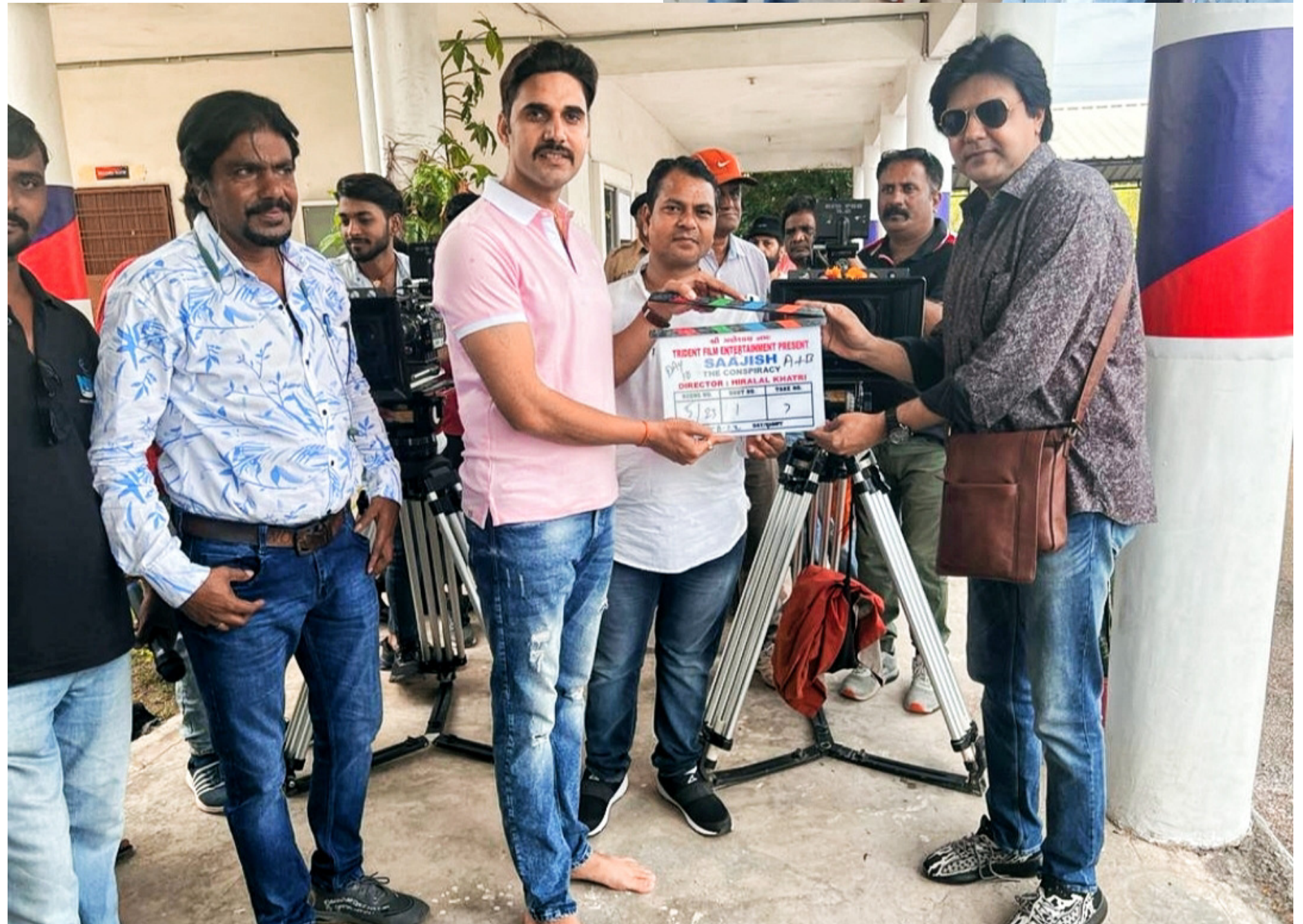
Neeraj Bharadwaj is shooting for web series 'Saazish' in Bhopal



Mumbai (KCN, Sanjay Sharma Raj): Film and TV veteran and famous actor Neeraj Bharadwaj is

About which Neeraj Bharadwaj says, "I am playing the role of city's famous lawyer Abhay Pratap

hatched and then what happens is still a secret. My role in this is different, I hope people will like it,



shooting for the web series 'Saazish' in Kalua Khurd, Bhopal, which will soon be airing on Disney Hotstar. It is produced by Col. S S Pattnaik and the director is Hiralal Khatri.

Singh, who gets the brother of villain Shahbaz Khan punished. After that Shahbaz Khan commits a lot of oppression on my family and me. I am not able to do anything. After that conspiracy is

and just like before, I will definitely be able to make a place in the heart of the audience with my performance." By the way, Neeraj Bharadwaj will soon have a webseries named

Madgaon ...A Murder Case. Its shooting has been completed.

The main cast of the web series 'Saazish' are Mugdha Godse, Shahbaz Khan, Raza Murad, Mustakh Khan and

Dev Manaria with Neeraj Bharadwaj. Its screenplay and dialogues are by Vinod Vats, Vikas Vashisht and Ajay. Its cameramen are Manish Vyas and Amar Vyas, music is by Manish Bhanushali. It is

produced by Col.S S Pattnaik, co-producer Dev Manaria and executive producer is Anu Madrasi. It will be coming soon on Disney Hotstar. Its shooting is going on in Bhopal followed by Vadodara.

INTERVIEW

Eggoz brings protein-rich egg, sans avoidable hormones, antibiotics, chemicals

Founded by IIT-Kharagpur alumni Abhishek Negi, Uttam Kumar, Aditya Singh, and Pankaj Pandey, Eggoz is India's first egg-focused consumer brand. It intends to bring farm-fresh and Chemical-free eggs for every health-conscious Indian.



Eggoz promises to offer implausible support to local farm owners through an extensive network that would facilitate the quick and smooth distribution of egg produce.

Considering that most consumers buy eggs that are at least three to five days old, Eggoz promises to bring protein-rich eggs from local farms to retailers within a span of 24 hours of laying. Consumers can now buy high-quality eggs that are not merely fresh but also free from avoidable hormones, antibiotics, and chemicals. All eggs sold under the brand are UV-sanitised and made available at stores within 36 hours of laying. The fledgling company has already raised \$3.5mn in Series A funding round led by NABVENTURES to increase its brand footprint, launch egg-based value-added products, and enter new geographies.

Speaking to Ritwik Mukherjee, Abhishek Negi, one of the co-founders, decodes the egg market and egg consumption in India and how Eggoz plans to move ahead to grow this market and then tap this market.

Excerpts:

RM: What is the total consumption of eggs in India currently? How is the number growing?

Negi: The per capita egg consumption of India has been on the rise from 86 eggs per annum in 2019-20 to 91 eggs per annum in 2020-21. (The Economic Survey 2021-22)

RM: How big would be the branded egg segment in India? At what rate is it growing?

Negi: The branded egg segment constitutes a small portion of the overall consumed eggs in the country.

Letter to Editor

Happy Doctor's day

In India, July 1st is celebrated as a national Doctor's day. This day is celebrated with Memories of the great doctors of the country, especially Former Prime Minister of West Bengal, Dr. Bidan Chandra Roy. He was born in July 1, 1882, in Patna. Dr Bidan Chandra Roy was one of the great doctors in the world he showed that, anyone who becomes doctor can make a big contribution to the field of medicine at the global level. Dr. Bidan Chandra Roy was also Social worker, Freedom Fighter & politician. Dr. Bidan Chandra Roy has entered active politics Under the belief of Mahatma Gandhi he actively participates in the freedom struggle of the country. Very famous about him is that he was donating everything of his income earned. In 1961, Dr. Bidan Chandra Roy Awarded with the country's highest civilian honor "Bharat" Ratna. In honor of Dr. Bidan Chandra Roy, we are celebrating National Doctor's Day on July 1st every year since 1991. Dr. Roy remains a paradigm for every doctor even today. The sad thing is our school and college textbooks doesn't have a line about Dr. Roy.

Vijaykumar H K Raichur

However, with more and more people adapting healthier lifestyles and nutritious diets in the Tier-II and Tier-III cit-

Ritwik Mukherjee

are looking at? Negi: We are looking at 25 per cent growth rate month on month basis.



ies, the segment is growing at a steady pace having registered 10-20 per cent year on year growth.

RM: In what way/s your egg would be different from other branded eggs available in the market? I mean how do they stand out?

Negi: Eggoz provides the customers with eggs which are freshly sourced, treated with UV sanitization after procurement, rich with bio-available protein and vitamins, and free from avoidable hormones, antibiotics, and chemicals. Eggoz also collaborates with farmers and deploys IoT and technology-backed application which reduces the gap in the procurement and supply of eggs to just 24 hours. To ensure supply of farm fresh eggs and maintain the company's credibility among the customers, we regularly conduct maintenance of top-level quality, real time monitoring of birds, doctor visits, audits of farms, etc.

RM: How many eggs are you currently selling per day/per month?

Negi: Currently we are selling around 1.30 lakh eggs per day (June, 2022).

RM: What is the growth rate that you

RM: What are the 11 checks you carry out before sending your eggs to the market? And what is the significance?

Negi: The eggs go through 11 safety checks which are essential to the value addition of Eggoz eggs. The steps are feed control, microbial test, regular farm audits and doctor visits, biosecurity test, temperature check, freshness test, shell strength, candling, cleaning and UV sanitization and grading. These are significant as they help us standardize the eggs. Each egg has the same nutritional content, size, shell strength and freshness. Only those eggs that pass through these 11 checks are packed and sent to the markets. This makes these eggs of premium quality.

RM: You had started with the North Indian market and subsequently tapped the south Indian market and now you are well set to foray into the eastern market through Kolkata. What are your pan India expansion plans like? By when do you plan to be a pan India brand?

Negi: We aim to be the household brand for eggs across country by operating through all the mainstream

channels. Our focus is to achieve sustainable product-led growth. We are targeting to make EGGOZ Nutrition a Pan India brand by tapping over 200 cities before 2025-year end.

RM: Are you only looking at the individual/household market or would you be focusing on the institutional market as well?

Negi: Our current focus is to be a household brand across country. We are also actively seeking institutional partners for further business expansion. Currently we have a HoReCa division in place looking after the institutional markets.

RM: Could you please throw some light and explain your model to get directly integrated with the farmers?

Negi: We work hand-in-hand with local urban farms and rural farms to overturn the challenges related to poor production, inadequate storage capacity and disorganized distribution channel faced in the egg industry. All our operations mainly depend on state-of-art technology to ensure collection of reliable data and real-time monitoring of the egg farms. Eggoz team minutely analyzes the technology backed data in order to discern irregularity and formulates a plan of action to enhance the production of the local egg farm. With this venture our endeavor is to boost profitability of farmers by providing them persistent support, advanced technology and meticulous guidance for egg development and distribution strategies.

RM: What is the shelf life of these eggs?

Negi: An EGGOZ Nutrition egg has a shelf life of 15 days at an ambient temperature or 21 days if refrigerated.

RM: Riding on the success in the domestic market, would you eventually look at some neighboring countries where egg consumption is high?

Negi: The primary focus is to address the nutritional requirements of our country before stepping out of the domestic borders for expansion. India in itself has a great potential for the brand's bright future because it has a huge market in the tier2 and tier3 cities. Although International expansion could be a long-term plan but for now, we want to focus on our nation and its people.

RM: So, what's up in store?

Negi: The company has launched the Pragati Poultry Farm Management App, which will offer all the support, Layer Farms need to grow existing businesses. From tools to compare performance & net profitability to updates on egg rates (as set by the government) and weather updates, the app will offer assistance to rural egg farmers.

Eggoz promises to bring protein-rich and antibiotic and chemical-free eggs for consumers while maintaining solidarity with rural farmers. Eggoz currently has a strong presence in the Delhi-NCR region and has recently entered the local markets of Allahabad, Bhopal, Chandigarh, Indore, Patna, and Ranchi. The company hopes to expand to the eastern and western segments soon.

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Naveen's first overseas investors' meet draws Rs 21,000 crore investment proposals

BHUBANESWAR(K-CN): The Odisha Investors' Meet at Dubai, the first ever by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik outside the Indian soil, has drawn investment

petrochemicals, chemicals, plastics, heavy industries, clean energy, food processing, electrical equipment and electronics manufacturing, logistics and

500 crore. Official sources said Arab India Spices LLC has plans for a pulse splitting unit with an investment of `50 crore. Abu Dhabi based firm Tabreed

investments in setting up technical and professional institutes such as ITIs, polytechnics, engineering and management colleges, he said, 11 of India's top 100 Industrial training institutes are in Odisha.

Naveen's first overseas investors' meet gets Rs 21k crore proposals

With the assistance of Asian Development Bank and the Institute of Technical Education Services, Singapore, Odisha government recently established the World Skill Centre in Bhubaneswar to prepare the Odia workforce for modern and new age industry, he added.

Jointly organised by the State Government, FICCI and the Indian Embassy in UAE, the meet was attended by over 150 companies based out of the Middle East and North Africa region. FICCI vice president Subhrakant Panda said, Odisha's transformation has been possible due to the CM's visionary leadership and focus on attracting investment to accelerate development. Chief Secretary Suresh Mahapatra, Industry Secretary Hemant Sharma and 5T Secretray VK Pandian were present at the meet.



intents of more than Rs 21,000 crore. On Wednesday, head honchos of top companies of the Middle East interacted with the CM and evinced interest to invest in an array of sectors which could generate employment for 19,000 persons. Addressing the meet, the Chief Minister said the state's single window portal for investors, GO SWIFT has transformed the B2G interface with its user-friendly features which provide time-bound clearances for over 50 G2B services. Odisha is home to over 1,200 startups, many of which are in the technology space, he added. The meet had presence of companies from minerals and metals processing,

warehousing, real estate and hospitality sectors.

Dubai-based Sobha Realty agreed to set up projects worth Rs 5,000 crore in the State to strengthen metals, metallurgy and hospital sectors. Similarly, Lulu International Shopping Malls Private Limited plans to set up shopping malls, hypermarkets, agri sourcing and logistics hub with an investment of Rs 1,500 crore. Kuwait based NBTC expressed intent to set up an ammonia urea plant with an investment of Rs 5,000 crore while Abu Dhabi-based hospitality company, Twenty14 Holdings has agreed to set up a 5-star hotel and wellness centre with an investment of Rs

also expressed intent to invest Rs 1,000 crore to establish ICT campus in Bhubaneswar. DP World and Hindustan Ports Private Limited is also keen to launch projects related to ports, SEZ and ICD with an investment of Rs 8,000 crore. Besides, the Sharaf Group and Hind Terminals Private Limited intends to set up a logistics park with an investment of Rs 750 crore. Naveen said the State Government's 5T Initiative for development of industries and infrastructure has created an industry-led ecosystem of value addition, sustainable employment generation and revenue augmentation. Stating that the State has made good in-

Odisha Covid spike: 161 new cases from 15 districts

BHUBANESWAR: Odisha witnessed a significant spike in new Covid-19 cases for the second consecutive day on Wednesday as 161 people tested positive for the virus. The cases were up by 42 pc in last 24 hours. Of the fresh cases, 24 were in the age group of 0-18 years. While

95 were from quarantine, 66 were local contacts. The infections spread to 15 districts from six a day before. Khurda reported the highest 60 new cases followed by 32 from Cuttack, 13 from Sundargarh, eight each from Sonepur and Balasore, five each Puri and Rayagada

and three each from Bhadrak, Jharsuguda and Jagatsinghpur. While Rayagada, which has seen only four cases in last two months, recorded three cases in one day, Sonepur reported new cases after a gap of 56 days. The test positivity rate (TPR) also soared to 1.16 per

cent (pc) from one pc on Tuesday. The TPR in eight districts was more than one pc with Cuttack registering the highest 4.52 pc, followed by Khurda (4.49 pc), Sonepur (4.1 pc), Balasore (1.61 pc) and Sundargarh (1.5 pc). The active cases rose to 574 after the recovery of 55 patients.

Delhi Police seizes laptop, hard disks from Altnews co-founder Zubair's Bengaluru house



NEW DELHI: A four-member Delhi Police team on Thursday seized a laptop and hard disks belonging to Alt News co-founder Mohammed Zubair from his residence in Bengaluru, officials said.

Zubair was arrested on Monday for allegedly hurting religious sentiments of Hindus through an "objectionable" tweet he posted in 2018. On Tuesday, a Delhi court extended his custodial interrogation by four days.

The Delhi Police team reached Zubair's residence at RT Nagar area in Bengaluru at around 11:30 am and collected electronic evidence, including his laptop and hard disks, a senior police officer said. Zubair has been brought back to Delhi where he will be further questioned about the case, he said.

On Wednesday, the police had written to multiple banks seeking information about Zubair's account details and other financial transactions.

Mohammed Zubair moves HC; cops examining financial transactions of arrested Alt News co-founder

The officer also said the mobile phone being used by the co-founder of the fact-checking website had been formatted and did not have information related to the case.

According to police, Zubair said he had lost the phone which was allegedly used in posting the objectionable tweet.

Meanwhile, the anonymous Twitter handle which flagged the tweet and raised a complaint, does not exist on the microblogging site anymore, sources in the Delhi Police said.

Zubair has been booked under sections 153A (promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, language etc.) and 295A (deliberate and malicious act intended to outrage religious feelings) of the Indian Penal Code, according to police.

US newspapers continuing to die at the rate of two every week

NEW YORK: Despite a growing recognition of the problem, the US continues to see newspapers die at the rate of two per week, according to a report issued on the state of local news.

Areas of the country that find themselves without a reliable source of local news tend to be poorer, older and less educated than those covered well, Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism, Media and Integrated Marketing Communications report said on Wednesday.

The country had 6,377 newspapers at the end of May, down from 8,891 in 2005, the report said.

While the pandemic didn't quite cause the reckoning that some in the industry feared, 360 newspapers have shut down since the end of 2019, all but 24 of them weeklies serving small communities.

An estimated 75,000 journalists worked in newspapers in 2006, and now that's down

to 31,000, Northwestern said.

Annual newspaper revenue slipped from USD 50 billion to USD 21 billion in the same period.

compensate for the overall trends, said Penelope Muse Abernathy, visiting professor at Medill and the report's principal author.

in a county with either no local news organization or only one.

"What's really at stake in that is our own democracy, as well as our social and societal cohesion," Abernathy said.

True "daily" newspapers that are printed and distributed seven days a week are also dwindling, it said.

The report said 40 of the largest 100 newspapers in the country publish only digital versions at least once a week.

Inflation is likely to hasten a switch away from printed editions, said Tim Franklin, director of the Medill Local News Initiative. Much of the industry churn is driven by the growth in newspaper chains, including new regional chains that have bought hundreds of newspapers in small or mid-sized markets, the report said.

Less than a third of the country's 5,147 weekly newspapers and a dozen of 150 city and regional daily papers are now locally-owned and operated, Medill said.

Abernathy's report pointed to a handful of "local heroes" to counter the pessimism that the raw numbers provide.

One is Sharon Burton, publisher and editor of the Adair County Community Voice in Kentucky, where she pushes her staff toward aggressive journalism while also successfully lobbying to expand postal subsidies for rural newspapers.



Even though philanthropists and politicians have been paying more attention to the issue, the factors that drove the collapse of the industry's advertising model haven't changed.

Encouraging growth in the digital-only news sector in recent years hasn't been enough to

Many of the digital-only sites are focused on single issues and are clustered in or close to big cities near the philanthropic money that provides much of their funding, the report said.

News "deserts" are growing: The report estimated that some 70 million Americans live

Pradhan Takes Over BPIA Moquim resigns as CLP secretary

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Prasanna Pradhan took over as the new Director of the Biju

Patnaik International Airport (BPIA) Bhubaneswar on Thursday succeeding PR Beuria. In his new role as the Director of the Biju Patnaik International Airport Bhubaneswar, Mr.Pradhan is tasked with the responsibility of management, upgradation and de-

velopment of the airport. He is also entrusted with the provision of

An Engineering Graduate, he has vast experience in the field of air traffic

contributed significantly for the expansion of the aviation road map in India by being part of various committees made by the Ministry of Civil Aviation like the Naresh Chandra Committee, Ajay Prasad committee and Ashok Chawla Committee.

Apart from this, he has also served at various airports like New Delhi, Guwahati and Khajuraho. Mr.Pradhan has also successfully completed the International Airport Professional (IAP) program, a designation whose holders are recognized by Airport Council International (ACI) and International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) as having achieved highly rigorous standards for expertise in the field of airport management.



velopment of the airport. He is also entrusted with the provision of

passenger facilities at this Airport and the management of other allied Infrastructure and Services including development of Airside. Before joining Bhubaneswar, Mr.Pradhan was part of the Corporate Headquarters team in Delhi as General Manager (Admin).

management, aviation economics, ICAO standards and recommended practices. He has conceptualised and contributed in the development of Airport Information Management System all over Indian Airports and Airspace. The director has also



BHUBANESWAR: Congress MLA from Barabati-Cuttack Mohammed Moquim reportedly resigned from the post of secretary of Congress Legislature Party (CLP) ahead of the budget session of the Assembly beginning from July 2, triggering a crisis in the party. Sources said Moquim was not happy with the appointment of Sarat Pattanayak as the president of Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) as he was an aspirant for the post. At one point, Moquim was tipped to take over

from Niranjana Patnaik as the State president of the party. However, as political activities stopped because of Covid-19 pandemic, Patnaik continued in the post. Congress whip in the Assembly Tara Prasad Bahinipati had also resigned from the post earlier. As the CLP is likely to meet in a day or two ahead of the budget session, the meeting will be stormy. The OPCC president is also likely to attend the CLP meeting.

Rath Yatra: Temple city gears up for Car festival at 54 places

BHUBANESWAR: With a day left for Rath Yatra, the temple city is gearing up for the festival, in which devotees will take part after a gap of two years. Officials in Commissionerate Police said the

Amruta Kulange, however, said since a large gathering will be witnessed during the festival, they have appealed all devotees to follow Covid safety norms and wear mask to check transmission.

Civic body has assured smooth conduct of the festival, by ensuring drinking water, electricity, sanitation and tree-trimming activities ahead of the festival. Besides, dangling electric wires will be removed

we are expecting turnout of around 1 lakh devotees during the festival, we have sought support from the civic body and police to make the festival smooth. As waterlogging in front of the temple is a major challenge, the BMC has



Rath Yatra celebrations will be held at 54 places in the city. While the use of mask has been mandated for the devotees in Puri in view of surge in Covid cases in the State, BMC officials said no such instruction has been received for the State Capital. Bhubaneswar Municipal Commissioner Vijay

City DCP Prateek Singh said a coordination meeting has already been convened for smooth conduct of the festival at different places, especially Iskcon. "While we have 22 platoon of police force. Additional forces will be mobilised if required," he said. Management officials of different temples said the

wherever needed for the smooth movement of chariots and public safety.

At Iskcon, where one of the major Rath Yatra takes place, the 'Pahandi' will start at around 11 am and the 'Chherapahanra' will be done at 2 pm. The Chariot pulling will start around 3 pm. "As

assured us that pump sets will be commissioned in advance to drain out water in event of heavy rain," said Iskcon State PRO Radhakanta Das. Apart from Iskcon, Rath Yatra will also be organised at Patiagarh, VSS Nagar, Old Town, Jagamara, Utkal University campus, RCM, Dumduma, Bhimatangi and other places.



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Thirumangalam abduction case: Madras High Court grants conditional bail to absconding policeman

CHENNAI(KCN): The Madras High Court has granted conditional bail to absconding policeman Rajesh. Following a petition from Rajesh, He, however, im-



conditional bail to a police officer who has been evading arrest for a year in connection with the abduction of an entrepreneur. Justice G Jayachandran recently granted the bail to Assistance Commissioner of Police (ACP) A Sivakumar since the complainant and the main accused reached a compromise, wherein the sale

With Uddhav government's departure, crisis-hit Congress loses power in yet another state

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Puducherry in 2021, managing to win as a junior ally to the DMK in Tamil Nadu, where it did not join the government.

The surprise churn in Maharashtra politics pose a big challenge to the party struggling to keep its flock together amid continual desertion by its senior leaders.

Congress leaders are tight-lipped about the developments in Maharashtra, where it was trying to salvage the situation for the MVA government led by Shiv Sena's Uddhav Thackeray by offering the services of the celebrated legal minds in its ranks.

Several prominent leaders, including former Union ministers Ashwani Kumar and R P N Singh, ex Goa chief minister Luizinho Faleiro, former Punjab Congress chief Sunil Jakhar and Gujarat Working president Hardik Patel, have quit the party in the last few months.

Stung by Eknath Shinde's rebellion, Shiv Sena finds itself at political crossroads once again. Its Assam unit chief Ripun Bora, and chief whip in the Rajya Sabha Bhubaneswar Kalita also left the party.

Senior leaders like Jitin Prasada and Jyotiraditya Scindia, besides former Mahila Congress chief Sushmita Dev and P C Chacko were among those who jumped ship.

That the Maharashtra crisis comes on the heels of the Congress' "Chintan Shivir" in Udaipur, where the party pledged to reconnect with the masses, is significant.

Many in the party apprehend the developments in Maharashtra may hasten further flight of leaders looking for greener pastures.

The latent angst among its leaders, which was neither spotted nor addressed in time by the Shiv Sena, apparently led to the rebellion and ultimate collapse of the MVA government.

Congress insiders say it was a repeat of similar developments seen in Karnataka, Puducherry and Madhya Pradesh, where rebel party lawmakers brought down its governments.

Several Congress MLAs from Karnataka exited the party in 2019 and repeated the process in Madhya Pradesh in March 2020, when former union minister Jyotiraditya Scindia staged a coup, bringing down the government led by Kamal Nath.

Fresh concerns also stem from the atmosphere generated in Rajasthan in the wake of the

deeds the complainant had been forced to sign would be cancelled. Sivakumar, along with Inspector Saravanan, SI Pandiarajan, and constables Giri, Shankar, and Bala allegedly abducted businessman Rajesh and his family members and detained them illegally at Redhills in 2019. Later, the policemen forced the family to transfer its property to Srinivasa Rao, who was a busi-

ness partner of Rajesh. Following a petition from Rajesh, He, however, imposed conditions that the petitioner should not leave the State without permission, he should furnish a bond for ₹ 1 lakh with two sureties for the same amount, and the bail order would be cancelled if he failed to surrender before the magistrate concerned within seven days from the date of receipt of the order copy.

the DGP directed the CB-CID to investigate the case. In June, 2021, the CB-CID registered an FIR and started the probe.

In view of the fact that the investigation was almost over and a compromise reached between the complainant and the accused, the custodial interrogation of the petitioner was no more required, and so the court was inclined

grisly murder of a Hindu tailor in Udaipur by two radicalised Muslims.

With tempers getting frayed, The Ashok Gehlot government had to impose prohibitory orders across the state.

The BJP has often benefited electorally from communal polarisation.

Assembly election is due in Rajasthan late next year.

Factionalism in Rajasthan Congress also remains a reality that cannot be wished away.

Party insiders say the Congress will need to carefully watch former Rajasthan deputy CM Sachin Pilot whose relationship with Gehlot remains frosty after the aborted 2020 rebellion he staged against the veteran leader which gave temporary jitters to the party.

Pilot is said to be restive again and seeking a greater role for himself in the state.

His supporters insist a change in the government leadership is necessary to neutralise what they call anti-incumbency sentiments against the Gehlot government ahead of the 2023 assembly poll.

Dislodging Gehlot, a leader with considerable mass support, in favour of Pilot is, however, easier said than done.

The BJP, meanwhile, has upped the ante against the state government over the killing of tailor Kanhaiya Lal by assailants with claimed links to a radical Islamist outfit in Pakistan.

Any public perception of the Congress government going soft on the perpetrators will be at the party's peril.

Congress leaders suspect the Udaipur incident could lead to more polarisation and spell more trouble for the beleaguered party.

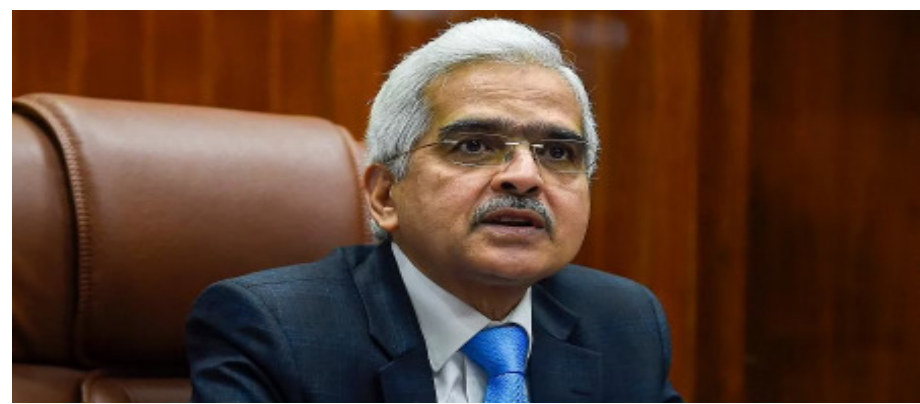
The Congress' election chest must also have become lighter with the loss of states like Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Karnataka and now Maharashtra.

Even in resource-rich Jharkhand, the ruling JMM has been causing trouble.

It did not spare for the Congress a Rajya Sabha seat recently and has kept the party guessing over extending support to opposition presidential nominee Yashwant Sinha.

With elections due in Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka later next year, the Congress will need to get back to the drawing board to rethink its course lest it loses even Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, a potentially calamitous prospect.

Cryptocurrencies clear danger, says RBI Governor



MUMBAI: Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das on Thursday described cryptocurrencies as "clear danger" and said that anything that derives value based on make believe, without any underlying, is just speculation under a sophisticated name.

The government is in the process of finalising a consultation paper on cryptocurrencies after gathering inputs from various stakeholders and institutions.

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been flagging concerns about cryptocurrencies, which are seen as a highly speculative asset.

In the foreword to the 25th issue of the Financial Stability Report (FSR) released on Thursday, Das also said that as the financial system gets increasingly digitalised, cyber risks are growing and need special attention.

"We must be mindful of the emerging risks on the horizon. Cryptocurrencies are a clear danger. Anything that derives value based on make believe, without any underlying, is just speculation under a sophisticated name," Das said.

In recent weeks, cryptocurrencies, which are not back by any underlying value, have witnessed massive volatility amid global uncertainties.

RBI first came out with a circular regarding cryptocurrencies in 2018 and had barred entities regulated by it from dealing in such instruments.

However, in early 2020, Supreme Court struck down the circular.

While regulatory clarity is yet to emerge with respect to the cryptocurrency space in the country, the government is working to finalise a consultation paper on

cryptocurrencies with inputs from various stakeholders and institutions, including the World Bank and the IMF.

In the foreword of the FSR, Das also said that while technology has supported the reach of the financial sector and its benefits must be fully harnessed, its potential to disrupt financial stability has to be guarded against.

"As the financial system gets increasingly digitalised, cyber risks are growing and need special attention," he noted.

Regarding the economy, he said it is skewed towards global spillovers and geopolitical tensions. The Indian financial system exhibits underlying robustness and resilience to withstand these shocks.

"Our endeavour is to face all challenges, external and internal, with strength and innovative solutions for the Indian financial system," he added.

A noteworthy feature of the current situation is the overall resilience of Indian financial institutions, which should stand the economy in good stead as it strengthens its prospects.

This reflects a combination of good governance and risk management practices, he said.

According to him, the stress test results presented in the FSR demonstrate that banks are well positioned to withstand even severe stress scenarios without falling below the minimum capital requirement.

He also said that the corporate sector is deleveraged with stronger bottom lines and the external sector is well-buffered to withstand the ongoing terms of trade shocks and portfolio outflows.

"In a dynamic environment with considerable uncertainty, we have been proactive and nimble footed in

our policy responses. We have been calibrating our actions to the need of the hour and striving to preserve macroeconomic and financial stability to ensure sustainable and inclusive growth," he said.

China voices opposition to India's reported plans to hold G20 meeting in J&K

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information," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian told a media briefing here on Thursday while replying to a question from the official media.

"China's position on Kashmir is consistent and clear cut. It is a legacy issue between India and Pakistan. It should be properly resolved in accordance with the relevant UN resolutions and bilateral agreements," Zhao said.

He said the "relevant parties should avoid complicating the situation with the unilateral move. We need to address the disputes through dialogue and consultation and jointly uphold peace and stability."

Stating that G-20 is a premier forum for international economic cooperation, Zhao said, "We call on relevant sides to focus on economic recovery and avoid politicising the relevant issue so as to make a positive contribution to improving the global economic governance".

Asked whether China, a member of G-20, would attend the meeting, he said, "whether we attend the meeting, we will look into that."

To another question that China is building the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor in the disputed region in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK) and India's objections over it, Zhao said "the two matters are completely different in nature. China has undertaken projects to help Pakistan to grow its economy and improve livelihoods."

"Some of those projects are in the Kashmir part that is under the control of Pakistan. Relevant Chinese companies who run the projects do so with the aim of helping the local people to develop the economy and improve their livelihoods," he said.

"That doesn't mean our position on Kashmir has changed," he said.

On June 25, Pakistan said it rejected India's attempt to hold a meeting of G20 countries in Kashmir, hoping that members of the grouping will be fully cognisant of the imperatives of law and justice and would oppose the proposal outright.

Jammu and Kashmir will be hosting the 2023 meetings of G-20, an influential grouping that brings together the world's major economies, with the union territory administration last Thursday setting up a five-member high-level committee for overall coordination.

This will be the first major international summit expected to be held in Jammu and Kashmir after its special status guaranteed under Article 370 of the Constitution was withdrawn and the erstwhile state was divided into two union territories in August 2019.

Pakistan Foreign Office spokesperson Asim Iftikhar Ahmad said in a statement that Islamabad had taken note of news items appearing in the Indian media indicating that India might be contemplating to hold some G20-related meeting in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Pakistan completely rejects any such attempt by India," Ahmad said.

He said it was a well-known fact that Jammu and Kashmir is an internationally recognised disputed territory between Pakistan and India, and has remained on the agenda of the United Nations Security Council for over seven decades.

He hoped that in case of any such controversial proposal from India, the G20 members will be fully cognisant of the imperatives of law and justice and would reject it outright.

Rajiv Gandhi assassination: Madras HC modifies order rejecting plea for premature release of convict Nalini

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corded inadvertently. He sought the removal of the inadvertent observations from the order.

The first bench of Chief Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari and Justice N Mala modified the order as prayed for. The petition by another convict, Ravichandran, for premature release without the consent of the Governor was also rejected by the court.

Juventus bids farewell to Dybala, Bernardeschi and Morata

TURIN: Juventus bid official farewells to Paulo Dybala, Federico Bernardeschi and Alvaro Morata on Thursday.



Dybala's and Bernardeschi's contracts expired on Thursday and they leave the club as free agents. Morata returns to Atlético Madrid at the end of a two-year loan spell at Juventus. Dybala had been at Juventus for seven years and the forward scored 115 goals in 293 appearances, helping the Bianconeri to 12 trophies including five Serie A titles. The 28-year-old Dybala had been in negotiations with Juve's bitter rival Inter Milan, but the return of Romelu Lukaku to the Nerazzurri could scupper a potential deal. Serie A champion AC Milan is also reportedly interested in

the Argentina international. Bernardeschi joined Juventus in 2017 from

Fiorentina for 40 million euros (then \$45 million) and made nearly 200 appearances, winning three Serie A titles, two Italian Cups and two Italian Super Cups. The 28-year-old midfielder also helped Italy win the European Championship last year, converting the game-winning kick in the penalty shootout against England in the final. Morata's second spell at Juventus proved less fruitful than his first. The Spain forward won two Serie A titles and two Italian Cups and also helped Juventus to the 2015 Champions League final in a previous two-year stint at the club before Real Madrid exercised its buy-back clause in 2016.

Kvitova feels the nerves, but reaches third round at Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON: Petra Kvitova has plenty of experience on the grass courts of Wimbledon. After all, she's a two-time champion at the All England Club. But that doesn't mean everything is easy for her once she steps onto the green courts in southwest London. She has spoken about being nervous when she comes to Wimbledon, and she showed some of those nerves on Thursday when

Last week, she won the fifth grass-court title of her career at a tournament in Eastbourne, England. That should have given her plenty of confidence heading into this tournament and this match. "Somehow I made it," Kvitova said on court. "I don't know how, but I did it." Kvitova will next face Paula Badosa. The fourth-seeded Spaniard defeated Irina



she beat Ana Bogdan 6-1, 7-6 (5). It was a straight-set victory, but the second set wasn't straightforward. Kvitova was leading 5-1 when Bogdan started to reel off game after game. Then Kvitova had a match point while serving at 5-4, but failed to convert that chance and then the game itself, eventually leading to the tiebreaker. "Especially a few games on my serve, it was really long games, and mentally very tough," the 25th-seeded Kvitova said. "I think maybe even this took some energy from my serve and I just couldn't make it." She still pulled it out in the end, like she has done so many times in the past at Wimbledon. She won her first title in 2011, and added the second in 2014. But she was attacked in her home in 2016 and suffered knife injuries to her playing left hand. She later had surgery and needed more than five months to recover.

Bara 6-3, 6-2. Nick Kyrgios advanced to the third round for the sixth time in eight Wimbledon appearances. The unseeded Australian, who reached the quarterfinals at the All England Club in his debut in 2014, beat 26th-seeded Filip Krajinovic 6-2, 6-3, 6-1. It was a much easier match than the first round, when Kyrgios was taken to five sets by British wild-card entry Paul Jubb. "Getting over the line in that first round was massive," Kyrgios said. "Today I was kind of in my zone. I just wanted to remind everyone that I'm pretty good." No. 11 Taylor Fitz of the United States also advanced, along with No. 21 Botic van de Zandschulp of the Netherlands and Richard Gasquet of France. No. 17 Roberto Bautista Agut of Spain withdrew from the tournament after testing positive for COVID-19. He had been scheduled to play Daniel Elahi Galan of Colombia.

Bumrah to captain India in fifth Test against England



LONDON: Jasprit Bumrah will captain India in Friday's delayed fifth Test against England, after regular skipper Rohit Sharma was ruled out with Covid-19, it was announced Thursday. India had given Rohit

a chance to return a negative test but the opener will be unavailable, with fast bowler Bumrah leading the team instead at Edgbaston. A Board of Control for Cricket in India statement added wicketkeeper Rishabh Pant would be the vice-captain. Friday's match should have been played in Manchester last September only to be postponed just hours before the scheduled start be-

cause of Covid-19 concerns in the India camp. India lead the five-match series 2-1. ALSO READ - The fifth Test preview: Unfinished Business: Bumrah's India ready to face England 2.0

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