

Russia-Ukraine war shaking global & Indian economy

Kolkata (KCN): Merchants' Chamber of Commerce & Industry hosted a Special Session on Current Macroeconomic Situation and Busi-



ness Outlook with Mr. Luis Breuer, Senior Resident Representative India, International Monetary Fund in Kolkata. Russia-Ukraine conflict has triggered a costly humanitarian crisis over the last three months. Hence, the economic damage from the conflict is contrib-

uting to a significant slowdown in global growth in 2022 and adding to inflation. Prices of crude oil and gas, food grains such as wheat and corn and several other commodities have shot up, hitting vulnerable populations in low-income countries in a hardest way.

Mr. Namit Bajoria, Vice-President, MCCI in his Welcome Address said that the last two years are a saga of our determined fight against the daunting challenges posed by the pandemic and India has come out of it more resilient. India now stands at a crucial juncture once again. Mr. Bajoria added, "Indian economy is facing high inflation, widening trade deficit and foreign portfolio investment outflow".

Luis Breuer said that the Ukraine war is an economic earthquake. The Conflict between Ukraine and Russia has escalated the disruptions to the commodity markets (crude oil, food grains, etc.) supply chains and refugee crisis. India has witnessed 7.8 percent of inflation due to this geo-political unrest.

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Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik's meeting with PM Modi sparks speculation on Presidential election

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi on Monday amid speculations over discussions on the ensuing Presidential election.

The Chief Minister, who is in the national capital on a three-day visit, however, told mediapersons after meeting the Prime

Minister that it was a courtesy call and the



discussions covered a range of issues per-

taining to the State. "It was a courtesy

to the State. The last two years due to COVID. I dis-

visit. I could not meet the Prime Minister in

cussed several issues **CONTINUED ON: P-7**

69% Polling by 5PM

Bhubaneswar (KCN): Around 69 per cent polling was recorded till 5 PM in the by-election to Brajrajnagar assembly segment in Jharsuguda district, where voting was completed peacefully with no untoward incident.

The voting for the by-poll to Brajrajnagar assembly segment in Jharsuguda district was started at 7 AM and continued till 6 PM. The polling was conducted through EVMs.

"The election was conducted peacefully. The final voters' turnout in the by-poll will be known after polling parties returned from the booths," said Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Sushil Kumar Lohani.

No untoward incident reported from any booth in the constituency till 5 PM. How-

ever, due to some technical glitches, four EVMs have been replaced, he said.



The assembly segment had recorded a polling of 78 per cent in 2019 general elections. The CEO expected that the voters' turnout would surpass the figure.

Moreover, 5 pink booths have been formed where only women polling agents will be appointed, officials said.

To ensure free and fair voting, security arrangements were made in different booths for the poll

while 1228 polling officers have been appointed in the booths.

cessitated following the untimely demise of BJD's Kishore Mohanty's in last De-

The 1000 police officials and three companies of central armed forces have been deployed at different booths to maintain law and order. The voting is being carried out following Covid-19 norms with arrangements of sanitisers and thermal scanning at all polling booths. Moreover, liquor outlets have been closed for 48 hours for the election in the district.

The by-poll was ne-

cessitated following the untimely demise of BJD's Kishore Mohanty's in last December. There are 11 candidates in the fray, and the constituency will witness a triangular fight among BJD, BJP and Congress nominees. The BJD fielded Alaka Mohanty as its candidate in Brajrajnagar assembly segment, while the BJP nominated former MLA Radharani Panda. Ex-assembly speaker Kishore Patel is contesting the by-election on a Congress ticket.

Plea for Ordinance approval

Bhubaneswar(KCN): In an aim to ensure proper management

Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to approve the Shri

Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mahapatra on Tues-

of India for this purpose. Mahapatra has clarified all questions and objections raised by the Ministry of Culture and MHA on the Ordinance.

"I am to apprise that, the Ministry of Law and Justice, Legislative Department, Government of India and the Ministry of Rural Development, Department of Land Resources have 'No Objection' to the President giving instruction to the Governor for promulgating the Shri Lingaraj Temple Ordinance, 2020," Mahapatra **CONTINUED ON: P-7**



of Lingaraj Temple, the State Government has urged the Union

Lingaraj Temple Ordinance, 2020 drafted by the State.

day wrote a letter to the Home Secretary, MHA, Government

French 32-year-old journalist is killed in Ukraine

PARIS(KCN): A 32-year-old French journalist was killed Monday in eastern Ukraine, fatally hit by shell shrapnel while covering a Ukrainian evacuation operation, according to the French news broadcaster he worked for. BFM TV said Frédéric Leclerc-Imhoff was killed as he was "covering a humanitarian operation in an armored vehicle"



near Sievierodonetsk, a key city in the Donbas region that is being hotly contested by Russian and Ukrainian forces. He had worked for six years for the French television channel.

French President Emmanuel Macron paid tribute to Leclerc-Imhoff on Twitter, saying he "was in Ukraine to show the reality of the war." **CONTINUED ON: P-7**

BJD Nominees File Papers

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The four nominees of Governing Biju Janata Dal (BJD) on Tuesday filed their nomination papers for the election and by-poll to Rajya Sabha (RS) scheduled for June 10 and 13, respectively.

BJD Spokesperson Sulata Deo, Media Advisor to Government Manas Mangaraj and Present RS member Dr Sasmit Patra have filed their nominations for the full-term RS seats while recently joined tribal leader Niranjan Bishi submitted his papers for the RS by-poll.

Similarly, Dr Patra has already proved himself as a good Parliamentarian in the Upper House. So, he has been re-nominated by the party, Sahoo stated. Manas Mangaraj has started his career as journalist and he is also having vast political experience, said the BJD leader. Besides, Niranjan, who is a strong tribal leader, has also been selected for the RS seat, he added.

for social service, he/she will be selected for such a crucial position," he said.

Three seats are having fill term while another seat is having four-year term.

resignation of BJD leader Pratap Deb. The by-poll for another seat will be held



as Subash Singh had resigned from the seat in April after he was elected as Cuttack Mayor. The BJD is set to win all the four RS seats with a strength of 113 in an Assembly of 147. The BJP and Congress with 22 and 9 seats in the Assembly do not have the numbers to win a seat. So, the opposition parties are also not filing any candidate for the election.

Capacity building programme for the teachers of Odia held at DAV Kalinga Nagar

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Realising the necessity of skill based education along with the regular syllabus study a five days workshop was

teaching in the primary section Std.III to Std.V from 35 schools across the state were participated. The Principal of the host school

Sabritri Jindal, Angul were coordinated the entire workshop. The Eminent re-

on importance of skill based education were delivered to the teachers.



concluded for the teachers of Odia at DAV Public School, Kalinga Nagar. Organised under the

Shri Bipin Kumar Sahoo was presided over the function arranged for the purpose and Shri Sanjib



under the aegis of the Regional Directorate of DAV Institution,

Kumar Sahoo, Principal of DAV, PPL, Paradeep and Shri



Odisha Zone 62 odia teacher participants

Fakir Mohan Sahoo, Principal, DAV,

source persons Dr. Sanatan Panda, Joint Director of Higher Education deptt. made a comparative study on the education of Japan and our country based on his visit to Japan, eminent story writer Ms. Jhanja Das on Story based teaching, Culture, Culture expert Dr. Krushnakeshaba Sarangi on value

Along with this the teachers were also delivered different lessons like soothing ness in literature reading, Critical thinking, experiential learning ,process of education and marking scheme etc were elaborately discussed and deliberated during the workshop. To the workshop more interesting the par-



education based on mythology, Eminent subject expert Shri Gopal Chandra Tripathy and Shri Narottam Sarangi

participants were taken to a field trip to kalabhumi. The odia deptt. of the school organised the programme smoothly.

Preparation meeting of 42 Mouza Bikash parisad for Intellect & Talent Award - 2022



Cuttack Sadar(KCN) : Cuttack Sadar based leading Organization 42 Mouza Bikash parisad organised a preparation meeting for Medha Pratibha award - 2022 at Kalapada Kadambeswar Temple. In this intellect & Talent sanman meeting presided by president Advocate Bikash Kar in presence of team Gautam Parida -Vice President,Krushna Ch.Dash,Santosh Ku. Pati,Suresh Ch.Debata - Asst. Secy., Dharendra Behera, Ashok Ku. Mohanty, Bhajkrushna Lenka - Treasurer,

Sujan Ku. Rout, Bulei Behera, Ganeswar Dash, Subash Ch. Sahoo, Golak Ch. Pati, Ashok Ku. Tripathy, Bikram Kisore Pati, Hemanta Ku. Patra, Sanjay Ku. Behera, Biswajit Pani, Debendra Ku.Tripathi, Pramod Ku. Mohapatra, Diptiranjan Satpathy, Swarthamukhi Sethi, Subhashish Sathapathy Akhaya Ku. Muduli and all. The award ceremony will be held at Jharakata by 10th,June 22. The Honorable secretary requests all to send their valuable article for the magazine.

Harshita Dawar Awarded Rabindranath Tagore Memorial Literary Honours by Motivational Strips

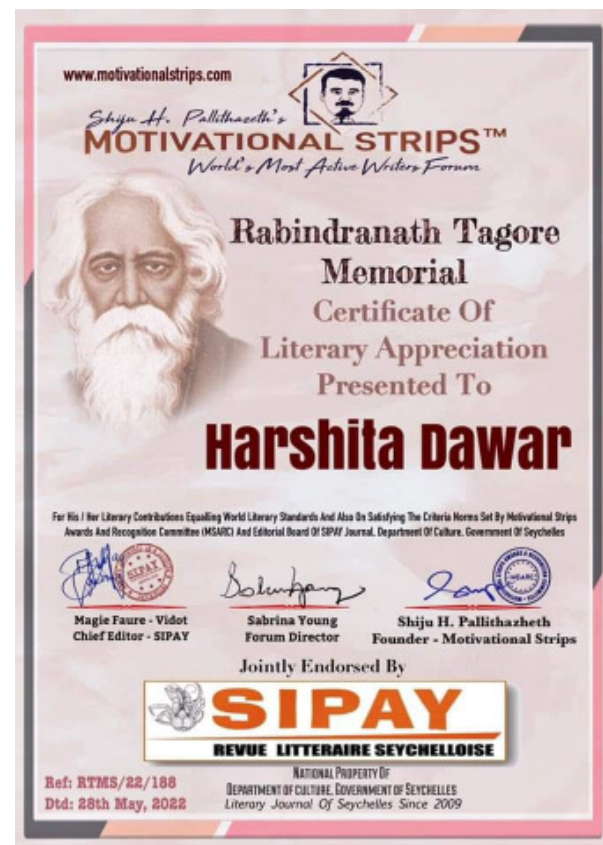
Delhi(KCN):Author and poet Harshita Dawar was chosen for Rabindranath Tagore Literary Honour this year by world acclaimed poetry forum Motivational Strips. Ms Dawar was chosen for this coveted honour taking her brilliance in poetry and contributions to world literature into consideration. This year 240 eminent and well established poets

India who has been writing vivid fiction identify national and international talents



and poetry from a very young age. She has been a role model to many Indian writers, and a source of empowerment and Inspiration to all by having won an International award of such high stature.

and thus making this honour as one of the most valid testimonials in a poet's literary career.The founder of Motivational Strips, Shiju H. Pallithazheth while applauding the poets and writers for having made a mark in global Literature stated to us "this moment will remain historic in world literature and as rightful moment to spread global harmony through poetry in turbulent geopolitical times. Harshita Dawar has honoured with many national and international platforms .she continues to inspire the world readers by setting a benchmark in poetry.



were chosen after exhaustive evaluations of their poetic mettle by Motivational Strips and Seychelles Government owned literary journal SIPAY.

Pallithazeth Founder of. Motivational Strips and Magie Faure Vidot, chief editor of SIPAY journal on this occasion. Harshita Dawar is a prominent poet from

Motivational Strips is the world's most active writers forum and has writers from 167 countries actively as a part of it. This globally respected entity had joined hands with Seychelles Government owned literary journal SIPAY this year to honor 240 poets and writers from nearly 60 countries. These two respected literary institutions have combined to

Soumen's Workout organizes Awareness Rally against the bad effects of tobacco & make tobacco-free society on 'World No Tobacco Day'

Kolkata 31st May, 2022: The 'World No Tobacco Day' was observed as an awareness initiative by Soumen's Workout highlighting the risk factors associated with the use of tobacco. The ultimate goal of the state-of-the-art slimming centre is to protect the present and future generation from the tobacco epidemic with the adoption of 'No Machine' workout regime and an effective counseling session.

The disease called lust for Tobacco. The issue of lust for Tobacco has been a nightmare in modern times and is increasing at an alarming rate. The Organization's only urge through this rally was to support to shape the pillars of the nation. The World No Tobacco day was the best day to create awareness to avoid any such substances that could harm the body or future growth. Every

The event started with a counseling session and was followed by a walk from Rani Rashmoni Road to Victoria Memorial with the active participation of students from various schools and colleges. Renowned Chess Grandmaster Dibyendu Barua, Eminent Footballer Dipendu Biswas along with Soumen Das, Owner, Soumen's Workout were present to flag off the walk. Kids were dressed up in skeleton design with placards to raise public awareness about negative effects of smoking. The initiative was aimed at ensuring a tobacco-free society against the devastating health consequences and also against the social, environmental and economic scourges of tobacco use.

Sunday a fitness camp has also been initiated by Soumen's Workout at all its outlets whereby free counseling on the nutritional aspects and workout will be shared to achieve the desired results.

Soumen's Workout also organizes several other health awareness activities throughout the year like -International Yoga Day to create awareness about the importance of Yoga, World Obesity Day for children for creating awareness about the side effects of obesity and rising cases of over-weight among children, World Diabetic Day for raising awareness about health and diabetes, along with other activities.

Speaking at the occasion Mr. Soumen Das, Owner, Soumen's Workout said, "We at Soumen's Workout feel that as citizen of the country it is our responsibility to encourage users to refrain from tobacco consumption. It is equally important to create awareness about the benefits of exercising to promote health and overall well-being of the society." The Anti-Tobacco Program was to develop the awareness among all the citizens suffering from

About Soumen's Workout: Soumen's Workout is a state of the art slimming centre offering fat reduction services through physical workout for over 20 years. Keeping the 'No Machine Zone' concept in mind the workouts are customized according to the requirements of a person. What distinguishes Soumen's Workout from other Fitness Centers in Kolkata is that, Soumen's Workout never keeps people restricted to business, but also work as a Social Awareness Organization throughout the year by organizing "World No Tobacco Day", "Anti-Obesity Day" and "World Diabetics Day" in Kolkata.



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'Shakeela' trailer falls flat, lacks the punch expected in a star biopic



The trailer of Indrajit Lankesh's Hindi language film "Shakeela" doesn't hold much to impress. From using modern-day Hindi music to cliched film sets, it feels like a repackaging of Vidya Balan's 'Dirty Picture' except that this version fails to bring the charm Vidya brought to the

screen. The film, as described by the filmmakers of 'Shakeela', is "inspired by life events of a famous star Shakeela who predominantly starred in southern cinema." It features Richa Chadha as the titular adult actor who was one of the biggest stars of the 1990s ar-

iving from Kerala who went on to act in several adult films in languages spanning Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Kannada, while Pankaj Tripathi is the male lead. The film is described to "portray the hardships of the actress as she had to face a lot of criticism, insults and betrayals from

her own family members and the film fraternity who were influential in getting her films banned." The main reason for the success of 'Kinnarathumbikal', one of the films that catapulted her into the limelight, was solely her screen presence and energy, and with no other male lead in the

movie. Trying to fill in the gaping hole left by Silk Smitha in the low-budget softcore industry, Shakeela made her own mark with around 250 movies in her kitty -- heralding the 'Shakeela Tharangam' (The wave of Shakeela). Meanwhile, the Shakeela that

Indrajith is trying to portray doesn't look like she has much story to tell. The screen-space also seems to be overpowered by star cast Pankaj Tripathi. Let's hope the full length movie holds more than what the trailer showed. The film is produced by Sammy Nanwani and Sahil Nanwani, with music by Meet Bros and Veer Samarth.

Priyanka Chopra reveals husband Nick Jonas likes her 'natural' looks, calls him 'appreciator'

WASHINGTON(K-CN): Nick Jonas has

Chopra. The actor re-

2019 and revealed how her husband is

natural or a more glamorous look.

"there are days when he likes a really natu-

went all out for the event, wearing a sheer black top with a pussycat bow, a white blazer paired with a matching pair of pants. Adding a pop of colour to the whole look, she opted for striking pink eye makeup with a matching bold lip colour.

Earlier this month, Priyanka joined her fellow J sisters Sophie Turner and Danielle Jonas in celebrating the first night of their husbands' 'Happiness Begins' tour. All three women rocked Jonas Brothers T-shirts.

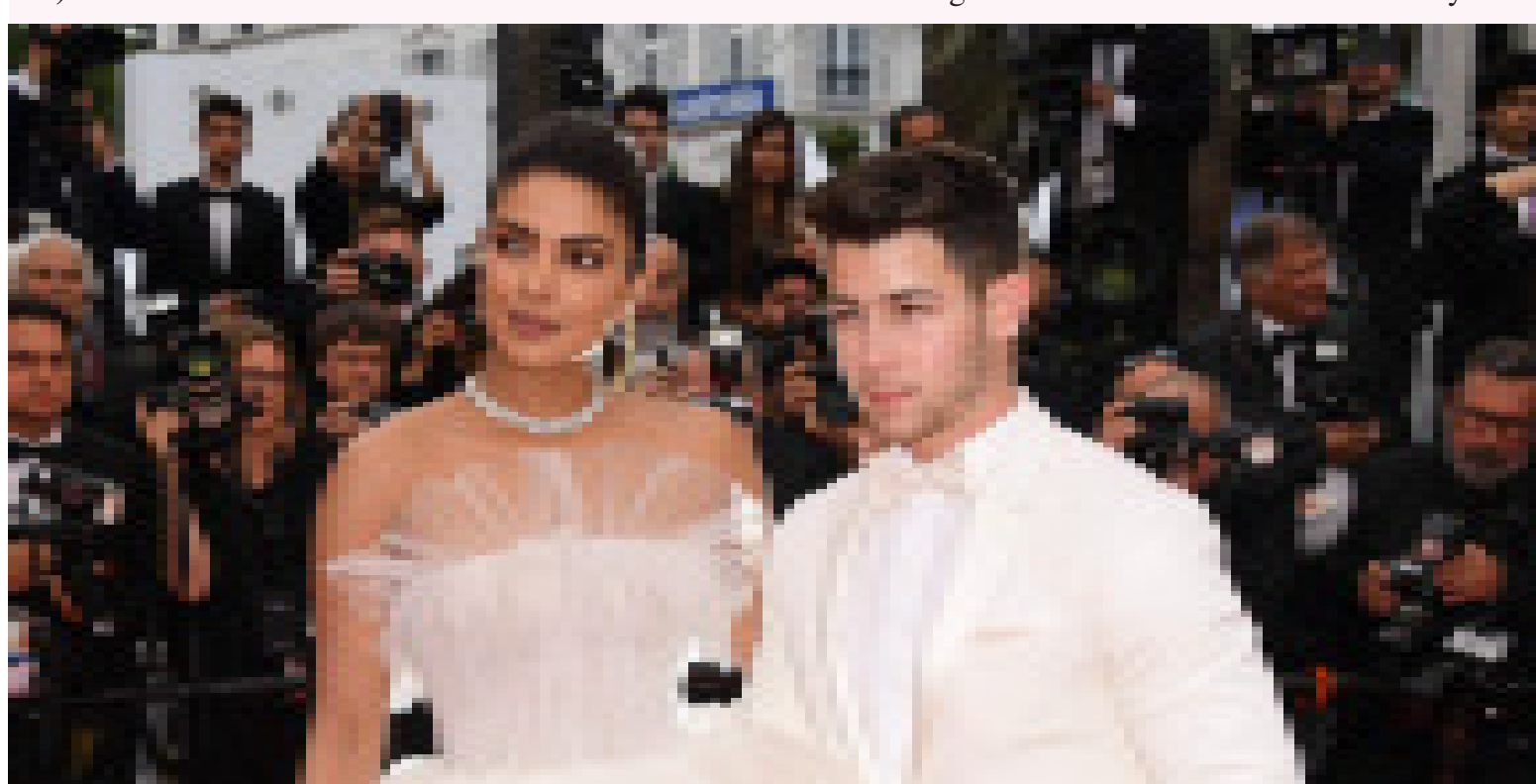
The actor shared that it was "really cool" that they all decided on coordinating their outfits since they "have such distinct personalities."

Just 'normal' to exclude women in decision making process: Adil Hussain

MUMBAI(KCN): Actor Adil Hussain has offered support to the growing group of female artistes who are asking the reason for women's absence from the Bollywood delegation of producers and actors that recently met Prime Minister Narendra Modi to discuss issues faced by the film industry.

Ritesh Sidhwani and CBFC chief Prasoon Joshi, met Modi to discuss how to take the entertainment industry to the next stage.

The meeting of the delegation came under fire on Wednesday for its exclusion of female representation with some activists and filmmakers pointing out that it was 2018 and asking, "Where are the women?" Adil took to Twitter to criticise the panel that met the prime minister.



nothing but love and admiration for his wife Priyanka

cently spoke to People at Beautycon Festival Los Angeles

full of admiration for her whether she decides to go for a more

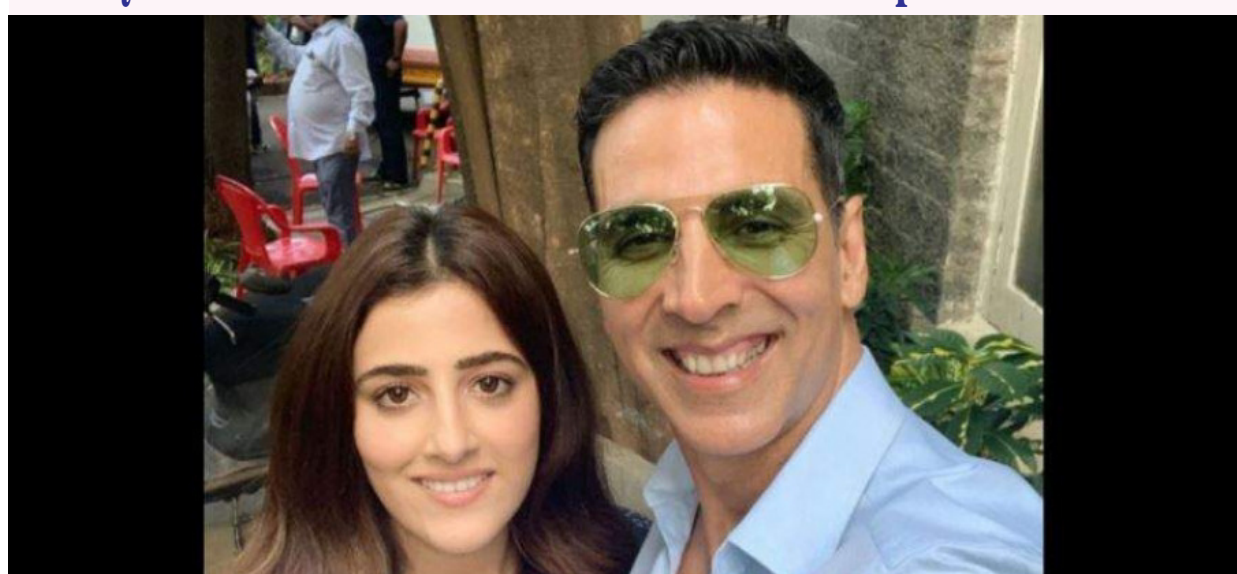
"He likes a bit of both," the 'Quantico' star, said, adding that

real thing."

The 'Mary Kom' actor added, "He's an appreciator. He's someone who can appreciate both things."

In honour of Beautycon, Priyanka

Akshay Kumar shoots with Kriti Sanon's sister Nupur for music video



MUMBAI(KCN): Actor Akshay Kumar on Sunday shot for singer B Praaks new single with actress Kriti Sanon's younger sister Nupur.

written by Jaani. B Praak has previously lent his voice to the song "Teri Mitti" in Akshay's film "Kesari".

London! The song will also feature renowned Punjabi singer Ammy Virk.

posing with Nupur and Ammy at the St. Xavier's college in Mumbai.

On the work front, Akshay will be seen in "Housefull 4" and "Good Newwz" this year.

ALSO READ: Akshay Kumar has a namesake actor in

Fragile family atmosphere and the school shootings in America

Gruesome, horrific and bone-chilling- I know, the vocabulary to describe the massacres in schools across America cannot be limited to these three words. But the level of animosity that the young generation in this country is growing with is harrowing and I really believe that this gut-wrenching killing spree cannot be addressed with gun control alone. Much more needs to be done with respect to bring the young minds to sensitize the gravity of chaos their brains are enmeshed in. It should be unbelievable to know that America has more guns than the actual population of the state. The richest and the most developed country in the world has more than 400 million guns circulating among a population of nearly 332 million. Despite making economic affluence, America is largely a society stooping towards a complete moral decline. This appears to be a crude observation but on ground the situation is worsening with every passing day. The children who walked into the Robb Elementary School in Uvalde in Texas on 24 May 2022 would not have thought that the morning leisure time in their school would witness a bloodbath killing at least 19 of them and two adults in their lovely campus. Before taking his assault rifle to the school campus, the young killer Salvador Ramos checked the efficacy of the weapon that he procured a few days before his 18th birthday on his grandmother, shooting in her face. The reason behind this barbarity is yet to be uncovered but this is not the first of its kind the U.S witnessed - a mass shooting in a school. There have been such horrific massacres across the country and the one that happened in Stockton, California in 1989 was the first which killed five children. On De-

ember 14, 2012 in the Sandy Hook School of Newtown, Connecticut, the young shooter Adam Lanza was 20 years old and fearless when he pointed his assault rifle taking the lives of 20 children and 6 adults. 17 children were mercilessly gunned down by the young shooter at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida and the list continues. Imagine the trauma of the parents who, on that day, sent their children off to the school by the school bus and waited for their homecoming with jubilant faces. Shockingly, statistics reveal that hundreds of children were killed in mass shootings in the state of America in between 1989 to 2022. As per the studies carried out by different agencies, most of the cases of mass murder by the youngsters in the schools had a common feature which is staggering. Almost everywhere, before the mass killing, the shooters attempted to either kill someone at their homes or attempted at least an assault. It is indeed distressing to notice that most of the school shooters were either current or former students of those schools where they tested the precision of their weapons. There may be various reasons that provoked these young minds to carry out such terrible atrocities. A child, from his formative days would be influenced by various factors. The depth of influence that his parents are capable of having on him matters the most at this stage. As a society, America has been witnessing a rise of non-marital cohabitation and frequent divorce and the family life that a child is forced to grow through would find him totally distressing and wobbly. What we experience in India is totally different. In India, we have been focusing on strengthening family relationships from all possible dimensions. The values that we cherish as a family surely reinforce the bond among its members.

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We value the atmosphere in a family, respecting and recognising its effect on the children as they grow. From two parents to one parent to no parent, life of many children in America is actually inconsolable. Reasons to this level of mishmash in childhood must be enough for the young minds to become muddle-headed and satisfy the silent rebellion forced by the circumstances that they have been growing in. Children, with a childhood lost of its tenderness, love and care in broken families are bound to develop a rebellious itch against all who enjoy such faculties. The Pew Research Center, in its study reports share some interesting facts which probably can substantiate focusing on the reasons that push the young Americans to become atrocious at a young age. It reveals the speed with which the American families are breaking from two-parent households to single parent households or children growing without parents. The country is witnessing a rapid rise in divorce, remarriage and cohabitation and forcing the families to shrink. In a tumultuous family atmosphere, parenting is challenging and the children trapped in this volatility live in fear, horror and uncertainty and mostly with hatred for their parents. According to the Pew Research Report, 16% of children are living in "blended families" with a stepparent, step siblings or half sibling. A new estimate states that about one in five children born within a marriage will experience the breakup of the parents by age 9 and half of the children born within a cohabiting union will experience the breakup of their parents at the same age. These data are evident enough to unearth the reason, which is mainly the lack of moral values that the families are sailing with. A family without parents, siblings, cousins, aunts, uncles, grandparents at the family table

and the whole family organ trimmed to an atom size, devoid of the beauty and the lovely mischief that a family, a replica of a society would have; would mostly be a volcano inside. The loneliness and the squabbles that the child finds as part of the family's parental discourse and the absence of mutual respect amid affluence and a morality in decline contribute to his volatile behaviour. Broken families are mushrooming in India too; but of course, the trend is yet to gain momentum.

A satisfactory assessment is that India has the lowest divorce in the world. It is almost lower than 1% in India. This may not be an awesome achievement, as many families are silent with the atmosphere inside them terribly obnoxious, and many of the upsetting issues never break open the walls or are concealed tight. In comparison to America's 50% marriage breakups, India's 1% is really praiseworthy. With Sweden ranking the highest in divorce rates followed by America, India is still in a better position. It is quite unlikely for India to face the situation that America does. But families should become more resourceful and centers of magnanimity and care where children can grow with self-respect and generosity. Violent family atmosphere ignites self-hate and despair among children as it did in the case of most of the school shooters in America. The solution to what we call an epidemic of gun violence in America is basically a course correction that every family needs to get ready to go for. A ban on assault rifles will be an initial administrative step that the country can take but it is for the people of the country to set their houses alright. To a large extent, India is a good example for value based families and happy parenting.

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Savitri Brata: Why Doesn't A Husband Fast For His Wife?

From time immemorial, we have been fasting. "We" here means woman and every woman who believes in the rituals and traditions of our country.



On this glorious day, a married Hindu lady fasts for her husband

and takes as much as strains to maintain her integrity by letting no stones unturned. In this Amavasya Tithi, millions of women fast for the well-being of their husbands with great devotion and dedication.

For a long time, this has been continuing. I have never seen a husband who keeps a fast and wishes for the wellness of his wife.

Though, according to medical science, it's fruitful to keep a fast for at least a day in a week. Then why doesn't a husband dedicate a day to the longevity of his beloved wife? I am not a feminist. I only desire equal treatment from society.

Let's unveil the dirty scenario. Break-

ing News: On the auspicious day of Savitri, a drunkard husband beats his wife and the wife succumbs to her injuries.

And there is another side of the story also. Hence, the moral of the story is a relationship should be valued and honoured by both parties.

A good relationship always seeks parity with a tint of acceptance and respect. A lady who is fasting for her husband only needs love, some percentage of attention only. Nobody is forcing a husband to remain thirsty and hungry throughout the day. A lady only yearns for affection for the selfless sacrifice she renders for her family for ages.

Celebrate the festival with a flavour of compassion. Be empathic to your loved ones. Festivals are meant to enjoy the cherished moments with your loved ones. Nobody should misinterpret the meaning of festivals.

Responsibilities also encompass sharing and caring for the burden of each other in a family. One should not ac-

Dr Sudipta Mishra

complish their duties only by satiating materialistic things.

A festival always demands commitment from the members of a family. So when a wife wishes and prays for the interest of her spouse, in return, she should be offered some kind of loyalty from her better half. She deserves the kind attention of her companion only.

Let's fix the pure meaning of a festival by celebrating a primary bond between our body and mind.

And a couple must understand the meaning of Brata Savitri. Why does our Goddess Savitri embark on an unimaginable quest? Why did she rebel against death?

Because she didn't consider her husband and herself as two individuals and vice versa. Her spouse was also breathing with her essence. This mythical story has a lofty significance for our society. We need to realise it.

Every festival signifies high cultural values in our country. Particularly, the idea behind this celebration is to glo-

rify the oneness of husband and wife like Siva and Sakti.

It's the celebration of the manifestation of Ardhanariswera, where two people merge into one entity. One fails to attach identity in the absence of the other one. This abstract and sublime kind of love is beyond the understanding of trivial people.

Hence, to stabilise and boost the importance of marriage and our rich heritage, we need to commemorate such a lively festival even once a year.

We need to brush off the archaic mindset of putting the burden on the shoulders of a lady to bear the entire pressure to justify her chastity every time. Her partner is needed to uphold the dignity of marriage by acknowledging the values of such festivals where both of them can display the same amount of love for each other.

Let's shower the petals of care and affection for the women of our lives—daughters, mothers and sisters and each one to whom we can relate.

Support them by choice, not by force.

SOA tops Varsities



Bhubaneswar(KCN): Siksha 'O' Anusandhan (SOA) Deemed to be University here has been chosen to be the top university in Odisha and 20th in the country in the India Private Universities

Rankings 2022-23 conducted by Education World magazine. SOA's Officer-on-Special Duty Mr. Pritam Nayak received the award from GrayQuest Finance Founder Mr. Rishab Mehta at a

special function held at New Delhi on Saturday. More than 100 universities were in the fray.

The program was attended by Dr. Pankaja Mittal, Secretary General of the Association of Indian Uni-

versities, Mr. Dilip Thakur, Founding Editor, Ms. Summiya Yasmeen, Managing Editor, Mr. Tejas Patani, General Manager and Ms. Aasana Jain, Marketing Manager of Education World respectively.

Bodies of all 22 victims of Nepal plane crash brought to Kathmandu for post-mortem

KATHMANDU: The bodies of 22 people, including four Indians, killed in the plane crash in Nepal's mountainous Mustang district on Sunday, have been brought to Kathmandu where the mortal remains would be handed over to their families after the post-mortem on Tuesday.

The Canadian-built turboprop Twin Otter 9N-AET plane was carrying four Indians, two Germans and 13 Nepali passengers,

Air plane crash, officials said.

According to a preliminary investigation carried out by the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal (CAAN), bad weather was the reason behind the crash of the plane.

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The black box of the plane was also retrieved by a team of experienced interna-



besides a three-member Nepali crew when it crashed minutes after taking off from the tourist city of Pokhara, officials said. Rescuers on Monday recovered 21 bodies from the wreckage site of the plane belonging to Tara Air. On Tuesday, the last body was also retrieved from the wreckage site.

According to Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA) General Manager Prem Nath Thakur, the bodies of 10 victims were brought on Monday evening and the bodies of the remaining 12 were brought here by a Nepal Army helicopter on Tuesday. All the bodies have been sent to the Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital for post-mortem examinations.

The bodies will be handed to the families of the victims after the post-mortem, the official said.

The government has formed a five-member commission of inquiry headed by senior aeronautical engineer Ratish Chandra Lal Suman to find out the cause of the Tara

tional and national mountain guides from the crash site on Tuesday and it will be transported to Kathmandu.

The black box, also known as the cockpit voice recorder, records radio transmissions and other sounds in the cockpit, such as conversations between the pilots, and engine noises.

The modern planes have two black boxes that includes the flight data recorder which records more than 80 different types of information such as speed, altitude and direction, as well as pilot actions and performance of important systems.

The black box could offer vital clues about the crash in which all 22 people on board were killed.

Due to the geographical remoteness and adverse weather conditions, the search and the recovery mission were delayed.

The plane was found scattered at an altitude of 4,200 metres, a four-hour uphill hike from the centre of Thasang Village Municipality.

Delhi Police gets Lawrence Bishnoi's custody in Arms Act case, to question him again in Sidhu Moose Wala's killing

NEW DELHI: Delhi Police's Special Cell on Tuesday got three-day custody of gangster Lawrence Bishnoi after arresting him from Tihar in a case of Arms Act

During interrogation, the arrested criminals had disclosed that the weapons recovered from them were supplied by Bishnoi, a senior police official said.

safety before giving his custody to any other state police, including the Punjab Police. The petition has been listed before Justice Swarana Kanta

criminal cited that he had sourced the weapon from Bishnoi. He would be next produced before the court on June 4, he added.



and will question him again in connection with the killing of famous Punjabi singer Sidhu Moose Wala, officials said.

On Monday also, a team of Special Cell had interrogated Bishnoi, who is facing nearly 60 cases, in Tihar.

Sangster Kala Jathedi and his aide Kala Rana, who were in police custody in a different case, were also questioned in connection with the killing of Moosewala.

According to officials, after questioning him in Tihar prisons where he was lodged in Central Jail no 8, Bishnoi was produced at the Patiala House court and was remanded in three days of police custody for questioning in connection with the case where three criminals were arrested after a brief encounter with the Special Cell's unit last month.

Bishnoi faces charges under the Arms Act and other sections related to assault on a public servant in the case.

"Since Bishnoi has been taken into police custody, we will also be questioning him in connection with the killing of Moosewala in Punjab," he added. The development comes a day after a Delhi court refused to entertain a plea filed by Bishnoi seeking a direction to the jail authorities not to give his custody to Punjab police, which suspects that he had plotted the singer's killing.

Bishnoi has moved the Delhi High Court which will hear on Wednesday his plea claiming apprehension of a fake encounter by the Punjab Police.

The plea has sought direction to the Tihar Jail authority and the Delhi Police to ensure necessary safeguards are taken for his

Sharma for hearing on Wednesday.

Punjab Police had on Sunday said the killing of Moosewala seemed to be the result of an inter-gang rivalry and that the Lawrence Bishnoi gang was involved in it.

"On Tuesday, gangster Bishnoi was questioned for a few hours by the Special cell unit and then was arrested in a different case. He was then taken to a Delhi Court to get his police custody," a jail official said.

When contacted, Bishnoi's advocate Vishal Chopra told PTI that "Lawrence Bishnoi has been taken into three days of police remand in a different case. It has nothing to do with the Moosewala killing case."

Bishnoi has been taken into police custody in connection with an old case of firing and Arms Act wherein the arrested

Moosewala was shot dead on Sunday by unidentified assailants in Punjab's Mansa district, a day after the state government curtailed his security cover.

Moosewala's cousin and a friend, who were travelling in a Mahindra Thar jeep with him, were also injured in the attack. According to police, Bishnoi has been arrested in FIR NO.83/22 in which three prime sharpshooters of the dreaded 'Gogi Gang' - Mukesh (32), Harvinder (29) and Shakti (22) - were involved in different incidents of firing on rival gang members, their family members, the house of Assistant Superintendent of Tihar Jail and killing prime eyewitness of a murder case. Three sophisticated pistols and 11 live cartridges along with one motorcycle, were recovered from their possession, police said.

Over 6,000 artistes to perform at Odisha's Sital Sasthi Yatra, rituals to begin on Tuesday

SAMBALPUR: With the historic Sital Sasthi Yatra scheduled for June 4 after a gap of two years, a conglomeration of over 6,000 artistes from across Odisha as well as neighbouring states is expected to perform at the cultural extravaganza.

During the week-long festival, rituals for the marriage of Lord Shiva with his consort, goddess Parvati will begin from Tuesday. The divine marriage will take place on June 4. The homecoming procession of the divine couple to their temple, which witnesses footfall of lakhs of devotees, would start on June 5 night and continue till June 6 afternoon.

Due to Covid outbreak, the festival was a low key affair for two consecutive years. However, this year, the Nandapara, Jharuapadra and Mudipara Sital Sasthi Yatra committees have drawn up a budget of more than Rs 1 crore for the festival. The joint coordination committee (JCC) of Sital Sasthi Yatra committees and members

of the organising committees informed that since the carnival will be organised in a grand way this year, people will get the opportunity to witness some of the age-old dance forms which are on the verge of extinction, like Gourbari, Kalas dance, Paika Akhada, Samparda and Ghumra.

Sources said, this year, Mudipara Sital Sasthi Committee will spend around Rs 35 lakh on the festival and nearly 2,500 artistes will take part in the procession. Similarly, Jhaduapada Committee and Nandapada Committee will also spend `35 lakh each for performance of more than 1,900 and 1,500 artistes, respectively.

Working president of Sital Sasthi Yatra JCC, Susanta Purohit said, artistes from at least 12 districts in Odisha besides from four other states have been invited this time. The committee members are filled with lot of enthusiasm as the festival is being celebrated with renewed vigour after two years.

Ukraine war: EU leaders agree to ban 90 per cent of Russian oil by year-end

BRUSSELS: European Union leaders agreed Monday to embargo most Russian oil imports into the bloc by year-end as part of new sanctions on Moscow worked out at a summit focused on helping Ukraine with a long-delayed package of new financial support.

The embargo covers Russian oil brought in by sea, allowing a temporary exemption for imports delivered by pipeline, a move that was crucial to bring landlocked Hungary on board a decision that required consensus.

EU Council President Charles Michel said the agreement covers more than two-thirds of oil imports from Russia. Ursula Von der Leyen, the head of the EU's executive branch, said the punitive move will "effectively cut around 90% of oil imports from Russia to the EU by the end of the year."

Michel said leaders also agreed to provide Ukraine with a 9 billion-euro (\$9.7 billion) tranche of assistance to support the war-torn

country's economy. It was unclear whether the money would come in grants or loans.

Mikhail Ulyanov, Russia's permanent representative to international organizations in Vienna, responded to the EU's decision on Twitter, saying: "As she rightly said yesterday, Russia will find other importers."

The new package of sanctions will also include an asset freeze and travel ban on individuals, while Russia's biggest bank, Sberbank, will be excluded from SWIFT, the major global system for financial transfers from which the EU previously banned several smaller Russian banks. Three big Russian state-owned broadcasters will be prevented from distributing their content in the EU.

"We want to stop Russia's war machine," Michel said, lauding what he called a "remarkable achievement."

"More than ever it's important to show that we are able to be strong, that we are able to be firm, that we are able to be tough," he added.

Michel said the new sanctions, which needed the support of all 27 member countries, will be legally endorsed by Wednesday.

The EU had already imposed five previous rounds of sanctions on Russia over its war. It has targeted more than 1,000 people individually, including Russian President Vladimir Putin and top government officials as well as pro-Kremlin oligarchs, banks, the coal sector and more.

But the sixth package of measures announced May 4 had been held up by concerns over oil supplies.

The impasse embarrassed the bloc, which was forced to scale down its ambitions to break Hungary's resistance. When European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen proposed the package, the initial aim was to phase out imports of crude oil within six months and refined products by the end of the year.

Both Michel and von der Leyen said leaders will soon return to the issue, seeking to guarantee that Russia's pipeline oil exports to the EU are banned at a later date.

Hungarian Prime minister Viktor Orban had made clear he could support the new sanctions only if his country's oil supply security was guaranteed. Hungary gets more than 60% of its oil from Russia and depends on crude that comes through the Soviet-era Druzhba pipeline. Von der Leyen had played down the chances of a breakthrough at the summit. But leaders reached a compromise after Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy urged them to end "internal arguments that only prompt Russia to put more and more pressure on the whole of Europe."

The EU gets about 40% of its natural gas and 25% of its oil from Russia, and divisions over the issue exposed the limits of the 27-nation trading bloc's ambitions.

In his 10-minute video address, Zelenskyy told leaders to end "internal arguments that only prompt Russia to put more and more pressure on the whole of Europe."

He said the sanctions package must "be agreed on, it needs to be effective, including (on) oil," so that Moscow "feels the price for what it is doing against Ukraine" and the rest of Europe. Only then, Zelenskyy said, will Russia be forced to "start seeking peace."

It was not the first time he had demanded that the EU target Russia's lucrative energy sector and deprive Moscow of billions of dollars each day in supply payments. But Hungary led a group of EU countries worried over the impact of the oil ban on their economy, including Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Bulgaria. Hungary relies heavily on Russia for energy and can't afford to turn off the pumps. In addition to its need for Russian oil, Hungary gets 85% of its natural gas from Russia.

Heritage Business School Kolkata wins NIPM's Eastern Regional Debate 2022

Kolkata (KCN): COVID-19 cannot stop the traditional workforce but created a new form of work,

was reflected in the Eastern India Regional Conference of NIPM 2022 which was set in the back-

ground with a series of interesting technical sessions about "demystifying the myth about workplace" and "HR strategies to lead

workstation as soon as possible in full fledge.

Moderating panel comprised of Mr. Jaidip Chatterjee, CHRO, SREI to-



workplace and workforce. Be it in a hybrid form, what Young India expects from the Industry was very much addressed by the recent Eastern Regional Debate organized by National Institute of Personnel Management (NIPM) on 28th May 2022 in the Eastern India Regional Conference at Taj Bengal, Kolkata. We may have been disrupted, perhaps to an extent divided but not dead. That's the kind of message that

drop of majestic Taj Bengal. NIPM's Eastern Regional Conference 2022 consisted of eminent Human Resource Professionals who expressed their views on "Remapping Organisational Boundaries". It began with an inaugural session where Dr. Pratha Chatterjee, Honourable Minister for Industries, Commerce and Enterprise addressed the august gathering. The event continued

workforce transformation".

The young debaters from reputed business schools, Heritage Business School (Kolkata), BHAVAN S KOLKATA, IQ City United World School of Business- Kolkata and Army Institute of Management, Kolkata battled out in the Eastern Regional Debate session with war of words amidst a packed audience challenging their opponents and drove the message - COVID-19 may have dampened the spirit to an extent but could not kill the traditional workforce and thus, the young vibrant India is looking back to be at their

together with an eminent jury which consisted of Mr. Dipankar Dasgupta, Director, IISWBM, Ex Chairman - Public Service Commission, Government of West Bengal and Mr. Vishwesh Kulkarni, National President, NIPM. The jury members had a tough time to decide the better from the best and eventually votes went in the favor of Heritage Business School that was declared as the winner led by the team of students from MBA, Asna Fatma Oosman and Md Arsalan Aftar who took home the winners trophy.

CDM & PHO, Khordha Received First Prize of NTPC



Khordha (KCN): Every year on 31st may world No Tobacco Day is observed on this day. The World Health Organization honours both organization and also government for their efforts and contributions to curbing tobacco use. The Chief District Medical & Public Health Officer

(CDM & PHO) Khordha, Dr. Artabandhu Nayak has been selected to receive first prize from DGP, Odisha for best performance for implementation of National Tobacco Control Programm (NTPC) in every aspects. In presence of Additional Chief Secre-

tary, Health Government of Odisha, MD, OSMCL, Special Secretary Health, DHS, DPH, Director SIH & FW and state nodal officer, on the eve of World No Tobacco Day. The reason for the reduction of tobacco in Khordha District is the successful campaigns and reach out

help ones for those who plan to quite tobacco and has raised awareness and restrictions on the use of tobacco such as the prohibition of smoking in public places and making it a punishable offense it can also be credited for the reduction in tobacco consumption in Khordha District.



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Headline GDP growth numbers in FY22 look satisfactory, but there is pain hidden within

The Indian economy managed to beat the odds in Q4 with real GDP growing by 4.1% as against 2.8% last year.

The provisional estimates released Tuesday also show real GDP in FY22 growing by 8.7% as against a contraction of 6.6% in FY21. The latest print is lower than the National Statistics Office's (NSO) February estimate of 8.9%, which itself was revised downwards from the 9.2% projected in January.

Likewise, the Q4 output is lower than the government's initial estimate of 4.8% growth made in February, but higher than private estimates, which pegged growth at about 2-3.5%.

French 32-year-old journalist is killed in Ukraine

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"Aboard a humanitarian bus, alongside civilians forced to flee to escape Russian bombs, he was fatally shot," Macron tweeted.

Macron expressed condolences to his family, relatives and colleagues and spoke of "France's unconditional support" to "those who carry out the difficult mission of informing in theaters of operations." French Foreign Minister Catherine Colonna said the journalist's death was "deeply shocking." She tweeted that he was killed "by Russian bombing."

"France demands that a transparent inquiry be launched as soon as possible to shed full light on the circumstances of this tragedy," she said in a written statement. Colonna, who was on a planned visit to the Ukrainian's capital Kyiv on Monday, later called the tragedy "a crime" to reporters.

She said she talked to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and asked him to do "everything" to allow the journalist's body to be returned to France as soon as possible. She said the investigation on the circumstances of the death in the war zone will be led by Ukrainian authorities.

BFM TV said Leclerc-Imhoff was accompanied by a male colleague who was lightly injured. A Ukrainian woman who was working with them was not hit.

Earlier Monday, the governor of the Luhansk region, Serhiy Haidai, announced Leclerc-Imhoff's death in a Telegram post, saying that Russian forces fired on an armored vehicle that was traveling to pick up people for evacuation.

"Shrapnel from the shells pierced the vehicle's armor, fatally wounding an accredited French journalist in the neck who was reporting on the evacuation. The patrol officer was saved by his helmet," he wrote. As a result of the attack, the evacuation was called off, Haidai said.

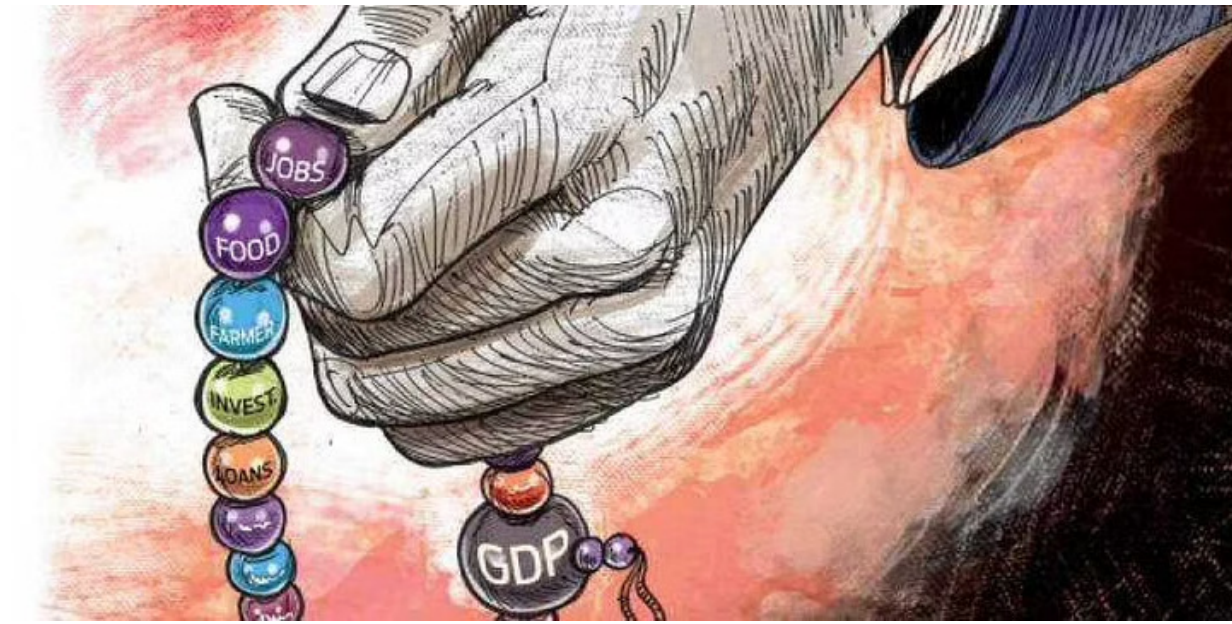
He posted an image of Leclerc-Imhoff's Ukrainian press accreditation, and images of what he said was the aftermath of the attack. Haidai said Leclerc-Imhoff's body was evacuated to the nearby Ukrainian-held city of Bakhmut and will be taken to the central city of Dnipro for an autopsy. He said the patrol officer accompanying the vehicle was hit by shrapnel in the head and taken to a military hospital.

The head of Ukraine's National Journalist Union, Serhiy Tomilenko, speaking to AP, said officials are discussing how to repatriate his body to France, "which in the conditions of military activity and constant shelling is not so easy to do."

"Journalists are paying with their lives for the right to know the truth about what is happening in the war in Ukraine," he said. The head of Reporters Without Borders, Christophe Deloire, said that "from the beginning of the war we have noticed that the journalists, and other citizens of course, civilians, are targeted by Russian forces."

According to Deloire, Leclerc-Imhoff was heading to the Donbas region on a humanitarian bus which was going to pick up people and evacuate them. Several Ukrainian and foreign journalists have been killed since February, including another French national, veteran videographer Pierre Zakrzewski, 55. Zakrzewski, who also had Irish citizenship, and 24-year-old Ukrainian journalist Oleksandra "Sasha" Kuvshynova, both working for Fox News, were killed when their vehicle came under fire outside of Kyiv on March 14.

Real GDP printed at Rs 40.78 lakh crore in Q3, FY22 as against Rs 39.18 lakh crore a



year ago. On a sequential basis, growth stood at 6.7%, confirming the steadiness in India's growth story despite uncertainties stalking the recovery process.

The December quarter GDP data firmed up hopes of the economy being thawed to its pre-freezed (pre-pandemic) levels, and notwithstanding the initial setbacks of the third wave of Covid-19 infections, national output in Q4 was to pack more wallop. The Ukraine-Russian war, persistent inflation and global supply shocks, though, have darkened the mood. ALSO READ | RBI report on GDP loss 'belies' Finance Ministry estimates

In fact, this triple-whammy is threatening to knock the skulls out of the global economy. As it is, in the January-March quarter, the US economy grew in reverse, while the World Bank has already issued its customary recessionary warning, though not every catastrophic forecast turns true.

Though headline numbers appear somewhat satisfactory, there is undeniable pain in the sub-components that make up the GDP. For instance, on the expenditure side, the two key components -- consumption and investment together accounting for a staggering 88% of SUGAR Cosmetics closes \$50 million Series D funding

India's growth projection being revised, might be lower than earlier forecast: IMF official

KOLKATA(KCN): The IMF is in the process of revising India's growth projection for 2022, which could be lower than its earlier forecast of 8.2 per cent, amid risks of global stagflation, a senior official of the international organisation said on Tuesday.

In April, the International Monetary Fund had lowered India's growth projection to 8.2 per cent as compared to 9 per cent estimated in January. By 2023, the country is expected to grow at 6.9 per cent, it said.

IMF is currently revising India's growth forecast for 2022, which may be lower than 8.2 per cent. "This is a work in progress at the moment," IMF Senior Resident Representative in India Luis Breuer said at an interactive session on 'World Economic Outlook' organised by the MCC here. He said the country is facing high inflation with low employment, which will not augur well for job opportunities.

Breuer also called for stabilising the debt at higher levels, which was a result of the impact on public finances due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the need to protect vulnerable sections of the society.

India is being seen as an emerging economy, which is recovering at the moment, he said. The IMF official said central banks across the US and Europe have started to increase interest rates to fight growing inflation caused by a surge in commodity prices and supply disruptions.

"The US Federal Reserve is expected to hike interest rates in future and the world economy is likely to plateau at 3.6 per cent," he said, adding, the increased cost of borrowing will have its impact on growth rates. Real interest rates may rise and a hike in US rates will suck in capital from the rest of the world due to high returns," Breuer said. Stagflation is defined as a situation of high inflation and stagnant growth.

He also said the pandemic is not over, and the lockdown in Beijing is yet to be withdrawn unlike in Shanghai.

"China, being the factory of the world, the shutdown will disrupt global supplies. There is a risk of China facing a slowdown, which will have a negative impact on India," he said.

"A one per cent drop in China's GDP growth will reduce India's by 0.6 per cent, more than the combined decline of the UK and US to-

blow. Government covered in cuts and expenditure, which

bruises. Consumption, which accounts for 56% of the GDP, fell in Q4 over Q3, while it barely kept up last year's momentum. Given the rapid onset of infections in January, the setback in consumption is understandable. The good news though is, investments are exhibiting signs of healing with gross fixed capital formation rising sequentially and annually. Investments grew, albeit at a weaker pace, all through FY22. Having crossed past the pre-pandemic level in Q3, any slip up here or even stagnation would deliver a huge

held the fort during the tough pandemic years of FY20 and FY21, too maintained the spirit of spending in Q4 and throughout FY22. Meanwhile, the eight sub-components of the national output are a mixed bag with some doing well, but others struggling.

Agriculture and allied sectors saw a sequential growth of 4.1% in Q4, but over the previous year, it barely moved a muscle. The big disappointment is manufacturing that slipped back into negative territory, though it did register growth on a sequential basis.

Construction, which slipped into the nega-

Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik's meeting with PM Modi sparks speculation on Presidential election

Continued from page-1 of Odisha's interest and asked for his help," he said.

However, he made it clear that there was no discussion on the President election. The BJD president's visit to Delhi and his meeting with Modi and Shah, though, assumes significance as the BJP-led NDA needs support of the regional party to make up the numbers needed to win the presidential election.

At present, the NDA has 48.8 per cent of the total votes of the electoral college against the necessity of at least 50 per cent of the total vote value.

Even as the BJP won four of the five states where Assembly elections were held in recent months, the numerical strength of the saffron party has reduced considerably in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand compared to its earlier strength.

The BJD has three per cent vote value, which can tilt the scales in BJP's favour. As support from regional parties like Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), Trinamool Congress (TMC), Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) to the NDA nominee is unlikely due to ideological differences, the BJP is banking heavily on BJD and YSR Congress Party.

The two regional parties have avoided an adversarial stance to the Centre and have extended their crucial support to the BJP on many issues including the passage of contentious bills like Citizenship Act Amendment and scrapping of Article 370.

This is despite the claim of the BJD of maintaining equidistance from BJP and Congress. The BJD had extended its support to the NDA nominee Ram Nath Kovind in the 2017 Presidential election. Earlier, the Chief Minister had said that his party would take a call on its course of action only after candidates for President post get nominated.

The BJD has 12 MPs in Lok Sabha, six members in Rajya Sabha and 113 MLAs in the Odisha Assembly. It is all set to win the four seats in the Upper House election, which will be held on June 10.

tive zone in Q3, RBI, the Indian economy's recovery remains resilient although risks stemming from global developments have thwarted the momentum. It also cited persistent inflation throwing a spanner in the works. In order to achieve a higher growth path on a sustainable basis, private investment needs to be encouraged through higher capital expenditure by the government, it noted early this month.

But the pace may need to pick up significantly given the uncertainties. According to the

Plea for Ordinance approval

Continued from page-1 said in his letter.

The concerned Ministries and Departments of the Government of India has already issued Office Memorandums giving approval for the Shri Lingaraj Temple Ordinance.

As regards clarifications on the comments of the Ministry of Culture, Government of India is concerned, the Chief Secretary said he has replied to all clause-wise queries.

Therefore, Mr.Mahapatra urged the Union Home Secretary to take appropriate steps in obtaining kind instruction of the President so as to enable the Odisha Governor to promulgate the Ordinance for smooth management of the Seva Puja Deity Shri Lingaraj Mahaprabhu.

In December 2020, the State Cabinet had approved the Ordinance to bring Lingaraj Temple, the largest temple in Bhubaneswar and 8 other associated temples, under the control of Lingaraj Temple Managing Committee, similar to the one for Jagannath Temple in Puri.

The Lingaraj temple is now covered under the Odisha Hindu Religious Endowment Act.

The Jagannath temple was the first temple in Odisha to have a special law enacted in 1955 after being under British control for a long time. The Ordinance provided an administrator, quite like the Jagannath temple and servitor system with hereditary rights.

However, MHA had objected to the Ordinance saying it feels the proposed law is outside the competence of the state legislature as it could conflict with the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 (AMASR Act).

As certain clauses of the ordinance seek to conserve and repair the temples or tanks, the Centre feels it will be in conflict with the Central act.

However, the State Government has now clarified all objections clause by clause, officials said.

Russia- Ukraine war shaking global & Indian economy

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report, India's growth rate has been projected to be 6.9 percent in 2023. In India the private sector has maintained stabilized debt at the high level, the balance sheet of the private entities in the banks has been strengthened over the last 5 years. Mr. Breuer also assured that economic crisis of the neighboring countries of India will not affect Indian economy much.

Mr. Breuer said that the change in interest rate of China would affect Asia in the same way as the combined effect of changing the interest rate of USA and Europe. However, a rise in US real rates can have significant spillovers effect on Asia.

While speaking about the global economy, Mr. Breuer said that economy isn't fully recovered; there exist an output gap which may lead to a combined effect of higher inflation and lower employment.

Over the last 15 years, World economy has witnessed 3 major crisis such as Global Financial Crisis, COVID pandemic and Russia-Ukraine Conflict. It is expected that the economy will bounce back.

Mr. Breuer mentioned that China has very high presence in global economy. China shifted its economy to be less dependent on export to and concentrating on increasing purchasing power of domestic market.

Teenager Coco Gauff reaches first Grand Slam semi-final at French Open

PARIS: Coco Gauff reached her first Grand Slam semi-final at the French Open on Tuesday when she defeated fellow American Sloane Stephens. Gauff, 18 years old and ranked 23 in the world, triumphed 7-5, 6-2. She will face Italy's 59th-ranked Martina Trevisan for a place in Saturday's championship match.

Victory avenged her defeat to Stephens at the US Open and helped erase the memory of her quarter-final defeat last year to eventual champion Barbora Krejickova in Paris.

"I feel so happy," said Gauff. "Last year was a tough loss for me but I believe that match made me stronger."

Anand beats Carlsen in blitz event of Norway Chess, finishes fourth

STAVANGER(KCN): Indian chess ace Viswanathan Anand defeated world champion, Magnus Carlsen, in round seven of the blitz

with 5 points in the 10-player blitz event early on Tuesday.

The Indian GM started with a win over Aryan Tari (Norway) in the blitz be-

However, the draw against Shakhriyar Mamedyarov followed by the loss to Vachier-Lagrave paid off his chances of a high finish after hav-

ment recently. American Wesley So finished on top of the Blitz standings with 6.5 points, one clear of Carlsen while Giri took the third spot.



event of the Norway Chess on way to a fourth-place finish. The former world champion, however, suffered defeats to Anish Giri (the Netherlands) and Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (France) in the fourth and ninth round respectively to finish

fore drawing with So in round two. He posted a victory over veteran Veselin Topalov in the third round before sharing the point with Teimur Radjabov. After a loss to Giri and a draw with Hao Wang (China), Anand scored over Carlsen.

ing started with 2.5 points from the first three rounds. Anand's win over Carlsen comes close on the heels of compatriot and teen sensation R Praggnandhaa defeating the Norwegian world champion in an online blitz tourna-

He thus earned the right to pick his starting number for the classical event. The 10 players will play a classical event beginning later on Tuesday. Anand begins his campaign in the Classical event with a game against Vachier-Lagrave.

Aaronson had deal with Leeds contingent on EPL survival

CINCINNATI: Brenden Aaronson was in a cafe in Vienna not too long

Bull Salzburg from Major League Soccer's Philadelphia Union in January

that," he said. "They celebrate a tackle like a goal. And I'm going to be

Turner transfers to Arsenal in July and projects as a backup to Aaron Ramsdale,



ago, viewing Leeds' season finale against Brentford.

The American midfielder had a deal to join the Whites, but it was contingent on Premier League survival. "I'm sitting there sweating and pacing around the cafe," he said of the May 22 match.

"And, yeah, it was tough to watch, but they got the job done. And the next day I was there."

Aaronson's contract was announced Friday, a five-year deal for the 21-year-old from Medford, New Jersey. He joined Red

2021 when Jesse Marsch was coach of the Austrian team, and he reunites with Marsch at Leeds. Aaronson had six goals and 10 assists in 41 matches in all competitions last season as Salzburg won its ninth straight league title and fourth consecutive Austrian Cup.

He has five goals in 18 international appearances and is on the US roster for four World Cup prep matches next month. "I got a little, I guess, definition about the player that Leeds want, and I think I fit

that guy that's not only going to be the creative outlet. I'm going to be the guy that's working hard, too, and that's what Leeds is."

At the World Cup in November, the US opens against Ukraine, Wales, or Scotland then plays England and Iran. "We're going to the World Cup to win it," Aaronson said.

"We're not just there as participants." Notes: With Zack Steffen skipping the US training camp, New England's Matt Turner is likely to get starts.

similar to Steffen's role behind Ederson at Manchester City.

"I've been playing pretty well in MLS for the better part of three years now, and given the environment of transfers for goalkeepers in particular, this is the first real interest, first real offer that I've had," Turner said.

"Being a week-in, a week-out starter in MLS didn't guarantee me to be a starter here for the national team. I needed to shake things up in my club career."

Indian team to assemble in Delhi on June 5, South Africa squad arrives on June 2



NEW DELHI(KCN): The Indian cricket team will assemble in Delhi on June 5 ahead of the five-match T20 series against South Africa. The first match of the series begins here on June 9 and South Africa will arrive here on June 2.

There will be no crowd restrictions and there will be no bio-bubble for the series though players will be tested regularly for Covid-19. The other venues are Cuttack (June 12), Visakhapatnam (June 14), Rajkot (June 17)

and Bengaluru (June 19). "The Indian team will assemble here on June 5 while the South Africans land in Delhi on June 2," DDCA joint secretary Rajan Manchanda told PTI. The Indian cricketers are in the

middle of a much-needed break post a two-month-long IPL. K L Rahul will lead the Indian team in the absence of regular skipper Rohit Sharma who has been rested for the series alongside other all-format players, including Virat Kohli and Jasprit Bumrah.




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