

Mishra Questions Pope meet

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Senior BJP lawmaker Jayanarayan Mishra on Monday raised questions on Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik's meeting with Pope Francis during his visit to Rome, Italy. Mr. Mishra questioned sources of money being spent for the Chief Minister's Italy visit and reason behind meeting with the Pope.

"If he visited Italy with public money, why did he go there and what did he achieve in return? What was the necessity to meet the Pope standing in a row? We have never seen him meeting Shankaracharya," Mr. Mishra told reporters.

"Being a resident of Odisha and an opposition party MLA, we

have the right to know why Naveen

make Odisha a Christian state, we will



met Pope. What is his relation with the Pope?.....He is not a national leader," he said.

"If Naveen Babu makes any attempt to

strongly protest such a move," warned the BJP leader. He also informed that BJP will raise this issue during the upcoming monsoon session of

Assembly.

Reacting to Mishra's questions, senior BJD MLA Shashi Bhusan Behera said a substantial Christian population are residing in the world and more important is being given to the Pope than chief of a Christian state.

"What is wrong in meeting the Pope and getting mental support of the Christian population? If a positive mindset will be created in the world towards Odisha, it is a right decision of the Chief Minister," said Mr. Behera.

Notably, Mr. Patnaik is leading a high-level delegation of the Odisha government to Rome and Dubai. He met Pope Francis in Vatican City on June 22. The Chief Minister is scheduled to return to Odisha on June 30.

Permission sought to cut 185 trees in Bhubaneswar road expansion

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): Amid backlash over felling of trees in MLA colony for construction of apartment complex, the State government has sparked another controversy by deciding to chop down hundreds of trees on Fire station-CRPF square stretch of the Capital city for road expansion.

Sources said the R&B division has sought permission from the Forest and Environment department to fell 185 trees along the stretch, including some trees in the vicinity of CRPF campus, to take up the road widening project. The approval, however, is pending with the Chandaka Wildlife

Division as the area falls under its juris-

given for the same. "We are reviewing

without causing harm to greenery, espe-



diction.

An official from the division said permission has been sought from the division for felling of the roadside trees nearly a month back, the same time during which cutting of trees started for the multi-storey apartment project at MLA colony, but the approval is yet to be

the matter as the area is a part of Chandaka division. Besides, they (R&B division officials) need to comply to other norms required to get clearance for the project," he said. A senior forest official said there are instances where road expansion projects have been taken up

cially large trees. The division can also follow a similar approach to promote sustainable development. Nature lovers and members of the Mahanadi Bachao Andolan have opposed the move. Earlier, the State government faced strong protest over felling of trees in MLA colony last month.

NATO to boost rapid reaction force, Ukraine military support

BRUSSELS(KCN): NATO secretary general Jens Stoltenberg said Monday that the

force currently has about 40,000 soldiers which can deploy quickly when needed.

and deterrence since the Cold War." Stoltenberg made the remarks at a press

expects allies to make clear they consider Russia "as the most significant and direct threat to our security." In NATO's new strategic concept, the alliance is also expected to address for the first time the security challenges posed by China, Stoltenberg said.

In Madrid, allies will discuss how to respond to the growing influence of Russia and China in their "southern neighborhood," he added.

Stoltenberg said allies will agree to deliver further military support to Ukraine when they convene in Spain, with NATO

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military alliance will increase the size of its rapid reaction forces nearly eightfold to 300,000 troops as part of its response to an "era of strategic competition."

The NATO response

Coupled with other measures including the deployment of forces to defend specific allies, Stoltenberg said the move is part of the "biggest overhaul of collective defense

conference ahead of a NATO summit later this week in Madrid when the 30 allies are expected to also agree on further support to Ukraine in its war against Russia.

Stoltenberg said he

Routray takes U-turn, says he will support Sinha in Presidential election

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): As the Congress MLAs are under scanner following Chief

date, Routray took back his words and said that he will go by what the party high command has decided.



Minister Naveen Patnaik's assertion that the BJD will work for securing all votes in favour of NDA's Presidential candidate Droupadi Murmu, senior Congress legislator Suresh Kumar Routray made a U-turn on Sunday and announced that he will support the Opposition presidential candidate Yashwant Sinha. A day after stating that he will try to work for a consensus on the NDA presidential candi-

"As per the final decision of the party high command Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, I will vote for UPA candidate Sinha," he added. Routray, later clarified his stand. "I strictly follow the decision of the high command always. Congress is one and we are one. We will vote for Sinha," he said. Describing Murmu as pride of Odisha, Routray had announced that he will seek the help of high command and party president Sonia on reaching consensus over her candidature. The Congress leader said he had given such a statement considering the interest and opinion of the youth and the public.

'SC ruling in Zakia Jafri case deeply disappointing, will then CM ever be held accountable': Congress

NEW DELHI(KCN): The Congress on Monday termed as "deeply disappointing" the Su-

state government will ever be held accountable.



preme Court ruling upholding the SIT's clean chit to the then Gujarat chief minister Narendra Modi and 63 others in the 2002 communal riots, and asked whether Modi and the

among the 68 people killed at Ahmedabad's Gulberg Society during the violence on February 28, 2002, a day after the Godhra train burning that claimed

Lord Jagannath's Rath Yatra conveys deep human messages: PM Modi

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said Lord Jagannath conveys many deeply human

only the devotees but also Gods go on a journey, the PM said

ister said that the famous journey of Lord Jagannath is

poor and downtrodden have a special participation in his



Upanishads mention about a life mantra 'Charaiveti Charaiveti' which means keep going and keep going. "This mantra is so popular in our country because it is part of our nature to keep moving, and to be dynamic," he said. The Prime Min-

going to commence on July 1 at Puri in Odisha. People make efforts to ensure that on this occasion they get the good fortune of going to Puri. In other states too, Rath Yatra is also celebrated with great gaiety and fervour. He said Jagannath is the lord of the world but the

journey. God also walks along with every section and person of the society. Similarly, in all the journeys that take place in the country, there is no such distinction between poor and rich, high and low. Rising above all discrimination, the journey itself is paramount, he added.

Vivekananda Kendra Paschimbanga Pranta observed International Day of Yoga 2022

Kolkata (KCN): On the Eve of 8th International Day of Yoga Vivekananda Kendra & #39;s Eknath Vibhag organized a Suryanamaskar com-

petition on 17th July 2022 at Vedanta Math where 21 participants of different age groups demonstrated 3 rounds of Suryanamaskars. First round is with Mantra, Second round is with identifying the Asanas and

third one is with proper breathing. . On 19th June 2022 in the presence of Swami Atmabodhananda, the secretary of Vedanta Math, Raja

uted. A number of 75 participants participated in this programme. To mark the event Bangla Prakashan Vibhag had released a book titled



Yogadhyana which contains the online lectures delivered last year by distinguished personalities of Yoga Field.. On 20th June 2022 Bangla Prakashan Vibhag also observed International Day of Yoga Day in the presence of emi-

ment writers and other members. Number of participants were 21. Other Karyasthanas like Vivekananda Nagar, Netaji Nagar, Dakshineswar, Suri,

Kamarpukur, Cooch Bihar and Durgapur Nagar also celebrated the 8th International day of Yoga .with great enthusiasm. . All total 18 programmes were conducted in the different karyasthanas where 1125 people took part.

tant of Excise Khordha. On this occasions anti drugs rally was organized in association with DSSO, Excise Personnel & various NGOs, drugs de-addiction center, open learning systems, BBSR, Biswa Jeevan Seva Sangha, Odd Foundation, Bhairabi Club and

in various schools, of Khordha district to aware the youths. The International Day Against Drugs Abuse and Illicit Trafficking or World Drugs Day is Marked on 26th June every year to strengthen action and co-operation in achieving the goal of world free of drug abuse

Police confiscate brown sugar in Phulbani

Phulbani(KCN): For the first time, brown

3,590 grams of brown sugar from a 25-year-

Colony. While Mohapatra was plan-

brown sugar from Sapan and a bike



sugar was seized today from Phulbani . Town police seized

old man named Sapan Mohapatra of Phulbani Forest

ning to sell brown sugar at F.C.I Square today, the town police, on information from special sources, formed a team and raided near Penji Sahi Square as planned. Police seized 3,590 grams of

used in the raid. However, SDPO Mahendranath Murmu, who filed a case in Town p.s case no 103/22, informed the police that he was trying to bring and sell the brown sugar in Khurdha area.

SOA Turns Trusted Varsity

Bhubaneswar (KCN): Siksha 'O' Anusandhan (SOA) has been honoured with the 'Most Trusted University for Quality Education in India' award at a function held in New Delhi on Sunday.

The award was received by Mr. Pritam Nayak, SOA's Officer-on-Special-Duty, at the Golden Star Icon Award presentation ceremony. Bollywood actor and former MP Jayaprada gave away the awards.

SOA was recently awarded the highest A++ grade by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in its third cycle securing a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 3.88 out of 4.00.

The Deemed to be University was placed 20th in the country in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) ranking in 2021 and also figured in the prestigious QS World University 2023 as also Times Higher Education (THE) rankings.

Educationalist Dr. Kalimulaha Felicitated by Amye Odia Anusthan

Cuttack Sadar(KCNS) : On the great occasion of World Father's Day the leading social Organization Amye Odia Anusthan felicitated to Educationalist Dr.Sk Kalimulaha as Ideal Pitru Samman - 2022. In this program X-Central Minister Bhajamohan



Behera, X-Minister

International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking Observed

Khordha(KCN): District Administration and Excise Department Observed International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking under the leadership of DSSO & Superin-

Volunteers. As per instructions of Collector & District Magistrate, Khordha the awarness programmes will be continued for a week. Essay, debate competition will be organized



tendent of Excise Khordha. On this occasions anti drugs rally was organized in association with DSSO, Excise Personnel & various NGOs, drugs de-addiction center, open learning systems, BBSR, Biswa Jeevan Seva Sangha, Odd Foundation, Bhairabi Club and

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The magical combination to pamper your skin this monsoon - Neem and Aloe Vera

Kolkata(KCN):The monsoons are incoming and with it comes the much-needed reprieve from the sweltering heat. But in-bound with it are acne breakouts, bacterial infections and dullness of skin that comes with an overdose of humidity. While so much to look forward to in terms of rain-washed leaves and city streets, let this also be a reminder for you to change up your skincare to match the needs of the change in season.

lightweight and have moisturizing qualities. It is considered best to include neem and aloe vera in your bathing routine for maintaining a seamless skin texture. So shield your skin against germs and keep it soft using Neem and Aloe Vera: Neem acts as an anti-microbial agent and works wonders for no-infectious, autoimmune skin disease too, like psoriasis and eczema. It also helps removes body odour naturally. On the other hand, Aloe Vera, beyond its uses as a traditional herbal remedy, it plays a role of a catalyst in providing deep moisturisation to the skin and consist of soothing properties. Both the ingredients are bundled with vitamins, antioxidants and minerals that help in nourishing the skin while also deeply cleansing it and maintaining the right balance of oil production.

2. Deep cleansing and clarifying: Both Neem and Aloe Vera have properties that avoid oil accumulation that can otherwise cause acne breakouts or skin redness. Neem, which is known for its cooling properties helps in pacifying irritated skin. On the other hand, the salicylic acid content present in Aloe Vera is best known for preventing acne, while it also prevents the skin from any kind of redness.

Vera - an ingredient with naturally occurring salicylic acids, phenols and cinnamic acid that inhibits the growth of fungi and bacteria - provide the ultimate protection against various skin concerns during monsoons.

4. Natural exfoliator and anti-pollutant: Humidity often leads to the expansion of pores which in-turn increases the chances of bacterial infections and also lead to a blackheads and whitehead breakouts. The salicylic acid in Aloe Vera also acts as an exfoliator by removing dead skin cells from the skin. Along with pulling out impurities from the pores, Neem also helps in tightening pores which reduces the chances of dirt accumulation in the skin, thereby acting as an anti-pollutant. The phenomenal combination of Neem Oil and Aloe Vera can be your one-stop-remedy for dealing with skincare related issues. Consider purchasing products like Vivel Neem Oil and Aloe Vera body wash, that comes packed with the goodness of both these ingredients to add to your shower routine for hassle-free skincare on a budget. Vivel Neem Oil Body Wash is dermatologically tested and is suitable for all skin types. It can be used safely by both men and women. This body wash does not require a loofah and can easily produce lather and cleanse well to give you soft and healthy skin.

So, here's how this perfect blend can help resolve countless skin issues that concerns us during these months:

1. Cools and hydrates the skin: Greasiness is one of the biggest is-

3. Protection against skin infections: Many fungi and bacteria thrive in hot and humid conditions. The sweat, combined with dampness during the monsoon showers can cause skin infections. Neem has been used for its anti-fungal, anti-bacterial and anti-viral agents and is known as a powerful yet natural solution for treating skin infections. Neem oil combined with Aloe

Nabin Kumar Narayan Das, Professor Chakradhar Das, Anusthan Chief Saroj Singh and all members were present and made it a grand success with awards to other scholar competitors. Moreover Cuttack 42 Mouza proud Dr. Kalimulaha awarded by many organisation for his great personality, social work, Sahitya seva, social culture, puja puja, in time of pandemic corona awareness, ideal students creation, done main roll in State blood donation movement at all times.

Signing 'Indian 2' has been a step up in my career, says Kajal Aggarwal



CHENNAI (KCN): Actress Kajal Aggarwal, who teams up with actor-filmmaker Kamal Haasan for the first time in the upcoming Tamil film "Indian 2", says signing the project has been a step up in

her over a decade-long career.

Last seen on screen in Telugu film "Kavacham", Kajal has already begun prepping for her role in "Indian 2".

"I'm really thrilled to be part of

the project. I'm quite excited about my role and the skills I will get to learn on the job. I see signing 'Indian 2' as a step up in my career," Kajal told IANS along the sidelines of the launch of beverage brand 7Up's

new campaign, 7Up Ponneram.

Ponneram translates to golden times in English. Kajal said her career's golden times started when she signed S.S. Rajamouli's "Magadheera".

"My golden times started when I signed 'Magadheera'. I have seen many ups and downs in my profession but it was only after I did 'Magadheera' did my career catapult to the next league. It earned me a lot of recognition which I enjoy even today," she said.

Talking about what excited her most about the association with 7Up, Kajal said: "It's a brand a lot of us can easily identify and relate with. I like the fact that it's a very clear beverage. It's also a drink that lets you take a step back and chill. I treat success or failure by taking a step back and I believe it gives you a lot of clarity."

On the career front, Kajal is keenly looking forward to the release of "Paris Paris", the Tamil remake of Kangana Ranaut's "Queen".

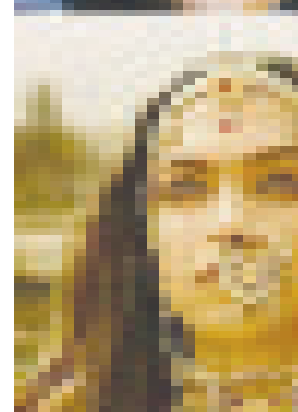
"Paris Paris" will be Kajal's first release of 2019.

"When I was offered the 'Queen' remake, I saw it as a story that can be explored in many languages. It's a simple story of a simple girl that I could connect with on many levels. I'm sure there are a lot of girls across different parts of Tamil Nadu who will relate to this story and I'd be glad if this film empowers them," she added.

From 2.0 to Raazi, top 10 Indian movies based on worldwide gross

2018 has been an eventful year for Indian cinema. From Sanju to Sarkar, the industry faced a row

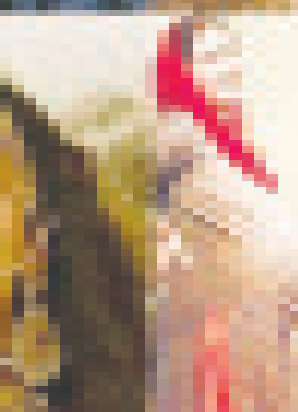
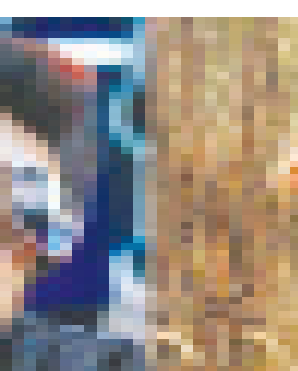
of controversies. Yet some movies shined amid the storm. According to IMDb, here's the list of ten movies that performed well in the box office last year.



1. 2.0: It won't be an exaggeration to call 2.0 as India's 'Superhero' movie. True to that, Kollywood and Bollywood superheroes Rajinikanth and Akshay Kumar played the lead roles in the movie. The movie has so far earned over Rs 700 crore worldwide already and is still running successfully in theatres. Directed by Shankar, who's known to make magnificent movies, 2.0 comes with a social message for people on why one should reduce the use of mobile phones. Also, it is the first Tamil film to enter the 700 crore club. If you haven't watched the film yet, book your tickets right away!

2. Sanju: Sanjay Dutt's biopic 'Sanju' minted Rs 340 crore at the box office and was

declared as 'double blockbuster' film. The movie showed the different phases of the controversial



actor Sanjay Dutt, which really didn't go well with some organisations. RSS openly criticised the movie in their mouthpiece 'Panchjanya.' However, the movie became a huge hit in no time. It's definitely Ranbir Kapoor's best work ever. The movie was a comeback for both the reel and real Sanjus.

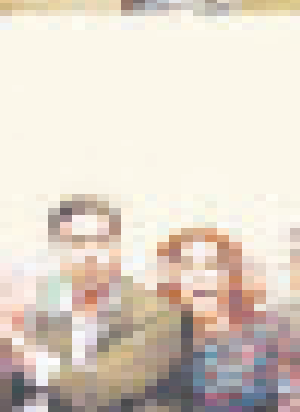
3. Padmaavat: Initially scheduled to be released in 2017, the movie was caught in a row of controversies and finally got released early this year in January. Set in medieval Rajasthan, the story revolves around the life of Queen Padmavathi, which drew the flak from right-wing groups. Unlike the claims by the religious fanatics, the movie actually portrayed queen Padmavati in the best light. However, the film's team was asked to remove a few scenes from the movie before its release. Despite the fuss, the movie became a blockbuster at the box office, earn-

ing Rs 293 crore.

4. Race 3: 'Our business is our business, none of your business' line

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later settled in Madras HC. It was much hyped that actor Vijay may begin his political career after this movie. Sarkar was well received by the Tamil audience and it made Rs 151 crore in the box office.

6. Baaghi 2: This Tiger Shroff-Disha Patani starrer failed to impress audience due to its poor storyline line. Despite that, the movie minted Rs 161 crore in the box office and became a blockbuster. The story is about an army man trying to save his ex-lover's kidnapped daughter. The Baaghi series will have a third part 'Baaghi 3,' which will be out on March 6, 2020.

7. Thugs of Hindostan: The film set in the 18th century earned Rs 130 crore in the box office against the 275 crore budget ending up a huge disaster at the box office despite having strong star cast including Aamir Khan, Amitabh Bachchan, Katrina Kaif. The film re-

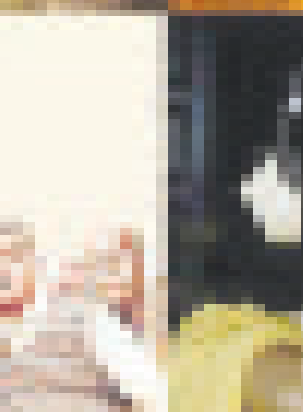
ceived hilarious reactions on social media as well. Later, Aamir Khan apologised for failing to entertain

but it leaves you with a thought to ponder.

9. Rangasthalam: With the right mix of content for a commercial flick, Rangasthalam made it big in the box office by collecting Rs 151 crore. The story is about how a young man with hearing impairment and his brother decide to dethrone their village's president who's been ruling the village for 30 years.

10. Raazi: An adaptation of Harinder Sikka's 'Calling Sehmat' novel, Raazi is based on the true story of an Indian spy, who gets married into a Pakistani family of military officials to spy on Pakistan during the Indo-Pak war of 1971. It's easily Alia Bhatt's career best. The movie minted Rs 121 crore in the box office against the budget of Rs 30 crore. It's been a great year for Indian cinema which took us on a journey of emotions, from laughter to tears, sometimes of joy. Though a lot of films didn't make it to this list, good films silently made it into the hearts of the audience.

people. Even Katrina Kaif, Fatima Sana Shaikh expressed their disappointment.



8. Badhaai Ho: Badhaai Ho is nothing but fun! Made at a 30 crore budget, the movie became a mega-blockbuster, minting Rs 136 crore in the box office. This unconventional story is about a 25-year-old man facing embarrassment in society as his mother gets pregnant. Watching this movie will hurt your belly from laughing

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.

On Tuesday, an 18-member panel, including Akshay Kumar, Karan Johar, Ajay Devgn, Siddharth Roy Kapur, 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, saying it has become the habit to exclude women from the decision making process.

Lord Jagannath all in one

Sri Jagannath is the only God in the universe without having any gender and is called genderless God. Jagannath represents "Parambrahma" or "Paramatma" because Atma or Brahma has no gender. Many peoples opined differently, some say Lord Jagannath is the black Planet 'saturn', some say He is "Kali" the force and source of feminine, others say He is the Brahma, Vishnu, Maheswar or Shristi, Sthithi and Vilaya, some describe Jagannath as the "Kala" meaning 'Time' as time has no gender while some ascribe Him as "Mahavishnu" or "Purusottam" the best in human form. Sri Jagannath is not associated with religion



Uma Sankar Prasad

but also related to literature, Art, Politics, Culture, Astrology, Vastu, Tantra and Jantra. The glory, speciality and sanctity of Shree Jagannath and His Kshetra find mention in many Purans like the Matsya Puran, Brahma Puran, Narad puran, Padma puran, Kapila samhita and the Utkal khanda of Skanda puran. Lord Jagannath is the life blood of each study and is a subject starting from the cosmic World to small molecular spirit. The study of Lord Jagannath originates with the origin of the universe. In the opinion of Astrologers or the Astroscientists there are 9 (nine) Planets, Ravi, Chandra, Mangal, Budha, Brihaspati, Sukra, Sani, Rahu, Ketu, known as Sun, Moon, Mars, Mercury, Jupiter, Venus, Saturn Rahu & Ketu all are found in Jagannath. There planets are compulsory influencing the

living world and the living being of the universe. Lord Jagannath being the lord of universe, is directly or indirectly related to this Astro-Solar system such as :- 1) The two large rounded eyes of Lord Jagannath represent The Sun and The Moon that is Surya and the Chandra. 2) Blood red lips of Lord Jagannath represents Mangal or "Mars" 3) In the Chariot Jagannath in the form of "Bamana" represents 'Budha' the dwarf planet or you can call the symbol of wisdom & knowledge 4) In yellow clothes and golden



decorated costumes Lord Jagannath represent Bruhaspati(Jupiter). 5) The quality of art of love of Jagannath represents for Venus. 6) The black colour of Lord Jagannath represents 'Saturn'. 7)The unfinished body of Lord Jagannath represents the incompleated Planets of Rahu and Ketu. Thus Lord Jagannath represents for the universe or 'Brahmanda'. The three deities known as Jagannath, Balabhadra and Subhadra represents for Lagna, Rashi and Nakshyatra(the Ascendent, the moon sign and the star sign) or Jiban, Jouban & Mrtyu, (Life, youth and death) or Jala, Sthala and Akash(Land, Water, and Sky), the Day, Evening and Night. So Jagannath is also called as the Lord of creation, operation & destruction. Hence My Lord is all in one and also a creator of Astronomy World.

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Pan Masala story isn't just a Masala story

With additional colours, flavours, scents, crushed betel nut, and spices, Pan Masala is a dried, granular, pre-mixed variation of the classic pan. In our nation, Pan Masala serves as a cunning substitute for Gutka. With a market worth more than ₹50,000 crores, Pan Masala industries are one of India's largest

nation; people continue to act out and make public spaces dirty all over the nation even after ingesting only Pan Masala without tobacco. For the purpose of excessive financial gain, our Bollywood celebs are directly and indirectly promoting Pan

Vijaykumar H.K.

it contains Cathechu, lime, and menthol, which are said to be more harmful ingredients. Artificial sweeteners like INS955, INS965, INS 957, etc., are also present. With a product that includes hazardous ingredients and is thought to be responsible for up to two lakh cases of mouth cancer annually, the Pan Masala narrative demonstrates how clever surrogate marketing may circumvent legal limits. Many a times the majority of Pan Masala brands don't promote their goods in advertisements; instead, they promote elachi or cardamom, which don't contain any addictive chemicals like tobacco, nicotine, areca nuts, or other stimulants. However, it is impossible to tell the marking apart. Although the own-

not even meet fssai criteria. Banned substances are present in significant amounts in almost all Pan Masala brands which are available in market and affect people's health. Unfortunately, our government officials are also involved in illegal funding. After constantly complaining about the poor quality of the Pan Masala from the media, social workers and activists. The government has shown no interest in taking action. Foods that are not suitable for consumption or which are harmful to health has to be banned and must be confiscated immediately according to the 2011 Food Standards and Food Ordinances. Most addicted Gutka users buy tobacco and mix them with Pan Masala packs after Gutka's ban. This innovation jeopardized the purpose of the ban and its



industries. It's terrible that our nation still isn't able to outlaw tobacco alone in any form, along with Pan Masala. All state governments banned the production, advertisement, and sale of gutka and Pan Masala mixed with tobacco starting in 2011 due to growing concerns about the effects on the public's health. As we all know Gutka, a type of chewing tobacco flavoured with spices and sweeteners, is a major cause of oral cancer. Following the ban on Pan Masala containing tobacco, the manufacturers used their creative thinking to come up with the concept of producing Pan Masala and tobacco separately in order to keep their customers nationwide. Years ago, a report by the office of the top food analyst made alarming findings about the inability of Pan Masala (without tobacco) to pass quality testing, which showed that oral cancer and other organ failures occurred in users. The ban on Gutka did nothing to improve the cleanliness of the

Masalas to ensure this product to dominance in the nation. The Pan Masala commercial, which had actors Amitabh Bachchan, Ranveer Singh, Priyanka Chopra (in an elachi promo for the brand), Shahrukh Khan, Ajay Devgn, and Akshay Kumar, among others, helped the product go viral, garnering over 15 million views on Facebook and YouTube to this point. From this, it is simple to imagine how many TV commercials of Pan Masala's are watched every day. By utilising prestigious sponsorships like IPL, Pro Kabaddi league etc., the barons who control the most successful, Pan Masala businesses created this product as a hidden tale that broke through Gutka's stifling restriction. As a food product, Pan Masala are governed by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (fssai). Because it contains areca nut, a human carcinogen, it can be advertised and sold but comes with a health notice. Additionally,



ers of the Pan Masala World don't frequently let paper and television journalists to peep inside them, there have been a few tantalising glances throughout the years. Despite a ban on its use, new investigations indicate that Pan Masala also contains magnesium carbonate. More severe ailments may result from this. Recent reports also claim that the additional ingredients utilised in Pan Masala are unfit for human consumption. Due to the fact that many prohibited compounds do not dissolve, they do

consequent consequences. Pan Masala, on the other hand, should also be regulated by the 2003 Tobacco and Other Tobacco Products Act so that it cannot be disguised and advertised. The World Health Organization speculates that there is strong evidence that state-level legislation banning Pan Masala will definitely have a positive impact (on the health of individuals, especially young people) by reducing the availability of Pan Masala products.

Vijaykumar H.K., Raichur

State on Dam Safety Care Speeding up Children Vax

Bhubaneswar: As per the provisions made under the Dam Safety Act, 2021, the State Government has framed rules for functioning of State Committee on Dam Safety (SCDS). The Department of Water Resources has notified the rules called as the State Committee on Dam Safety (Procedures, Allowance and other Expenditure) Rules,

dards of dam safety and prevention of dam failure related disasters, review the work done by the SDSO, establish priorities for investigations in case of specified dams under distress condition and recommend the appropriate measures to be taken in relation to the safety of the specified dam which is under distress condition.

purpose of planned and appropriately phased rehabilitation of ageing dams in the State; provide strategic supervision for such dam improvement and rehabilitation programmes that are executed through State funding. The Department of Water Resources has also formed the State Dam Safety Organisations (SDSO). Chief Engi-

activities related to the surveillance and inspection and all important events related to dam safety and with such details and in such form as may be specified by the regulations; and it will furnish all such information to the Authority as and when required by them. The SDSO will prepare an annual report, within three months of the expiry

Bhubaneswar: With the slight spike in COVID-19 cases in State, the Health & Family Welfare (H&FW) Department has sought help from School and Mass Education (S&ME) Department to speed up the vaccination of children aged 12 to 17 years.

Department of Health & Family Welfare (DoHFW) has recently written to Department of School & Mass Education (DoSME) in this regard.

Under the National COVID-19 Vaccination programme, the COVID-19 vaccination of the 15 to 17 years age group started on January 3, 2022 and for the 12 to 14 years age group started on March 16, 2022.

Till June 20, 2022, 21.46 lakh (90.8%) children aged 15 to 17 years have received their 1st dose of vaccination and 16.79 lakh (79.5% against due) have received their 2nd dose

of vaccination, DoHFW pointed out. Similarly, it has been said, 14.25 lakh (93.7%) children aged 12 to 14 years have received their 1st dose of vaccination and 9.00 lakh (67.5% against due) have received their 2nd dose of vaccination.

There is district to district variation in vaccination coverage among above categories of children, said DoHFW.

It is pertinent to mention here that after reopening of the schools & colleges, the children are attending classes physically.

"As you know, COVID-19 vaccination protects individuals against severity of COVID-19 disease and vaccination against COVID-19 is essential for these children. In this context, you are requested to instruct the District Education Officers (DEO) to identify the students in schools & colleges,

who are yet to receive their 1st dose of vaccination and who are already due for 2nd dose, but not yet vaccinated," said the letter.

DoHFW further suggested DoSME to ask

in BMC is 16,627 (39%) against a target of 42,627 children. Similarly, the first dose coverage among 15 to 17 years age group is 50.651 (81%) against a target of 62,680 beneficia-



2022 on Monday. Formation of the State Committee for Dam Safety (SCDS) and State Dam Safety Organisations (SDSO) are mandatory under the Dam Safety Act, 2021 that was cleared by the Parliament in December 2021. The SCDS headed by chief engineer (dam safety), will meet twice in a year and one meeting will be held before the onset of the monsoon season, as per the ToR set for the panel. The Committee will work for the purpose of maintaining stan-

It will also review the progress on measures recommended in relation to dam safety, assess potential implication of reservoir filling of a specified dam in the State on any upstream State and co-ordinate mitigation measures with such upstream States; assess potential implication of failure of a specified dam in the State on any downstream State and co-ordinate mitigation measures with such downstream States. The other functioning of the SCDS includes recommend provision of funds for the

neer, Dam Safety along with 17 other engineers are there in the SDSO. It will keep perpetual surveillance, carry out inspections and monitor the operation and maintenance of all specified dams falling under their jurisdiction to ensure continued safety of such specified dams and take such measures as may be necessary to address safety concerns. The SDSO shall maintain a log book or database for each specified dam under their jurisdiction recording therein all

of the preceding financial year of its activities and safety status of specified dams in the State and forwarded to the Authority for laying it down in Assembly. No court shall take cognizance of any offence punishable under this Rule except on a complaint made by the Central Government or the State Government or a person authorised in this behalf by the National Committee or the Authority or the State Committee or the SDSO as the case may be, added the notification.

India, EU trade talks resume in Delhi after a gap of a decade

CHENNAI: India and the European Union began a round of trade negotiations in Delhi today, ending a lull of nearly a decade. They hope to strike a free trade agreement by the end of 2023.

India is the EU's ninth-largest trad-

China (10.8 per cent) and the US (9.3 per cent). "The EU will restart trade negotiations with India after a nearly 10-year pause as western countries try to dilute New Delhi's historic ties with Russia," say sources.

Union, the partnership with India is one of the most important relationships for the upcoming decade," Dombrovskis said, adding that the EU was targeting an ambitious timeline for the deal to be signed by the end

heralded less competition and more collaboration, which would send a strong signal in support of global trade. This announcement came after they attended the WTO ministerial meeting in Geneva earlier this month.



India's dedication to climate commitments is evident from its performance: PM Modi

ELMAU: Asserting that India's dedication to climate commitments is evident from its performance, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday hoped that rich countries of G-7 will support India's efforts in combating climate change and invited them to tap the huge market for clean energy technologies emerging in the country.

In his remarks at the session on 'Investing in a better Future: Climate, Energy, Health' at G7 Summit, Modi highlighted India's track record and said it has achieved the target of 40 per cent energy-capacity from non-fossil sources nine years before time.

"The target of 10 per cent ethanol-blending in petrol has been achieved 5 months before time. India has the world's first fully solar power operated airport. India's huge railway system will become net zero in this decade," he said.

"When a large country like India shows such ambition, other developing countries also get inspiration. We hope that the rich countries of G-7 will support India's efforts. Today, a huge market for clean energy technologies is emerging in India," the prime minister said.

G-7 countries can invest in research, innovation, and manufacturing in this field, he said.

The scale that India can provide for every new technology can make that technology affordable for the whole world, he asserted.

The core theories of the circular economy have been an integral part of Indian culture and lifestyle, Modi said.

"I called for a movement called LIFE - Lifestyle

for Environment - in Glasgow last year. This year on World Environment Day, we launched the Global Initiative for LIFE campaign. The goal of this campaign is to encourage an eco-friendly lifestyle," he said.

"We can call the followers of this movement Triple-P i.e. 'pro planet people', and we should all take the responsibility of increasing the number of Triple-P people in our own countries. This will be our greatest contribution to the coming generations," he said.

Modi, who is in Germany on a two-day visit from Sunday for the summit of the G7, was received by German Chancellor Olaf Scholz upon his arrival at Schloss Elmau, the picturesque venue of the summit in southern Germany.

"Becoming pro-planet people. Investing in a better future. In the @G7 session on climate, energy & health, PM @narendramodi highlighted India's efforts for green growth, clean energy, sustainable lifestyles & global wellbeing," Ministry of External Affairs Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi tweeted. Before the start of the summit, Prime Minister Modi shook hands with US President Joe Biden and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau as the leaders assembled for a group photo.

This was the first meeting between Modi and Biden after they met in Japan for the Quad summit in May.

The two leaders are also scheduled to meet in July for the I2U2 virtual summit of the quadrilateral economic forum comprising India, Israel, the UAE and the US.

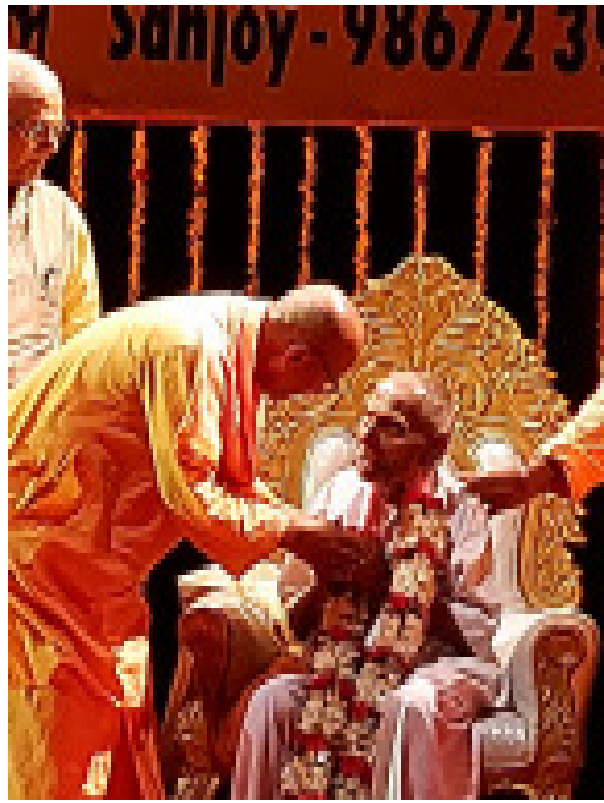
ing partner with 2.4 per cent of the EU's overall trade. India and the European Union's bilateral trade (excluding services trade) stood at \$ 104.3 billion in the financial year 2018-19 (pre-Covid). The EU is India's largest trading partner with 12.5 per cent of India's overall trade between 2015-16, ahead of

V a l d i s Dombrovskis, European Commission executive vice-president, recently said that talks between the EU and India would start for agreements on trade, investment protection and other specific regional products known as "geographic indications". "For the European

of 2023. During the Raisina Dialogues, held in Delhi earlier this year, EU President Ursula von der Leyen had announced a new trade and technology council and the renewal of trade talks. Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal in a joint conference with Dombrovskis had said that the talks

One of the outcomes of the meeting was a partial waiver of Covid 19 vaccine patents and the continuation of a ban on taxing digital products such as software that India had pushed against. Goyal called Dombrovskis his "partner in crime" during the WTO negotiations, which ran over by two days.

Kolkata Citizens Reception to Padma Sri Sivananda Swami, World's oldest living man



Kolkata (KCN): Citizens of Kolkata various faiths were present to greet and

glimpse of world's oldest living man guru is late Sadguru Omkarananda



and yogi.



welcomed and honoured 126 year old Padma Sri Sivananda Swami, world's oldest living man by organising a grand reception at Rabindra Sadan on 23rd June 2022. West Bengal Government's Minister Sri Sovandeb Chattopadhyaya felicitated Padma Sri Sivananda Swami on behalf of Government and People of Kolkata and West Bengal. Religious leaders of felicitate Swami Sivananda ji. Suparnanda, Head of Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark, Kolkata spoke on life of Swami Sivananda. Senior monks from various branches of Ramakrishna Mission graced the occasion. People from all walks of life came to the Citizens' Reception to honour as well as to have Grand cultural program was organised in honour of Swami Sivananda. Children and women performed various forms of yoga demonstration. Dancers and singers presented medley of song and dance including a grand Odisi dance performance. Swami Sivanand born at Haripur village of Srihatta District in British India currently in Bangladesh in 1896. Swami Sivananda's Goswami of Nabadwip in Nadia district of West Bengal. Swami Sivananda ji has followers from across India and in many European countries as well as in USA. Sivanand Ashram has its headquarter at Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh. Sivananda Ashram organises a lot of charitable programs throughout the year in different places including in Puri iconic pilgrimage town in Odisha.

AIIMS In Best 20 League

Bhubaneswar : Adding another feather to its cap, AIIMS Bhubaneswar has been placed among the best 20 medical colleges in the country. It has been ranked 20 in the Medical category by India Today survey 2022. Comprising five broad parameters like 'Intake Quality and Governance', 'Academic Excellence', 'Infrastructure and Living Experience', 'Personality and Leadership Development', 'Career Progression and Placement', this prestigious survey has been conducted by India Today in association with the reputed market research agency Marketing & Development Research Associates (MDRA). This year AIIMS Bhubaneswar has achieved an upward rank due to its comprehensive approach towards patient care as well as research and overall development of medical students. Last year this survey had ranked the National Institute on 25th position. But this year AIIMS Bhubaneswar has stormed into the top 20 best medical colleges in India. Notably, AIIMS New Delhi has been ranked 1st in the survey. Similarly, the survey has also adjudged AIIMS Bhubaneswar in 2nd rank among top 10 emerging/highest-scoring colleges set up in or after 2000. The Institute of National Importance has also been ranked 4 among Government colleges with the lowest fees. Speaking over it, AIIMS Bhubaneswar Director Prof. Mukesh Tripathi has congratulated

all the stakeholders for such a beautiful ranking. AIIMS is committed to serve people with innovation and modern research methodology.



It has now become a symbol of trust in the country for its overall performance, added Dr. Tripathi. By the years AIIMS Bhubaneswar has emerged as a best medical institute. Taking from infrastructure development to training, treatment and research, in every sector it has been performing excellently, said Medical Superintendent Dr. Sachidananda Mohanty. DEAN Dr. Debashish Hota, registrar B B Mishra have also congratulated all on this occasion. It may be noted here that AIIMS Bhubaneswar has added many accolades to its illustrious first decade and envisioning the former Prime Minister Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee's mission in establishing AIIMS Bhubaneswar to overcome the regional imbalance in tertiary health care services.

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RIP V Krishnamurthy: Doyen and turnaround man of India's public sector units

NEW DELHI: Venkataraman Krishnamurthy, the former chairman of

India'. Starting his career as a technician on the airfields during

company from its imminent disintegration. As the founding chairman

Gas Authority of India Ltd, now known as GAIL (India) Ltd. He worked with five

Manufacturing Competitiveness Council from 2004 to 2014 with a Cabinet minister's rank. He was also one of the founding trustees of the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation.

a glorious innings but missed his century by just three years. He'll remain an important part of Indian economic history," Congress leader Jairam Ramesh tweeted.

man from 1985 to 1990 and the company deeply mourns his demise.

sion and led Maruti, SAIL, and BHEL, besides other companies. He changed the way public sector industries were looked at. May his soul rest in peace," said JSW Steel chairman & MD Sajjan Jindal.



BHEL, Maruti Udyog and SAIL who was considered the turnaround man of several public sector units, died at the age of 97. Born in the temple town of Tamil Nadu's K ar u v e l i , Krishnamurthy was also known as the 'father of public sector undertaking in

World War II, he earned a diploma in electrical engineering, following which he rose up through the ranks of the Madras Electricity Board. In 1954, he was appointed to the Planning Commission in charge of power projects. Later at BHEL, he helped save the

of Maruti Udyog Ltd, he ushered in the modern era of India's automobile industry with the introduction of the Maruti 800. He then went on to turn around the Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL) from a failing company into an industry leader. He also helmed the

prime ministers - Lal Bahadur Shastri, Indira Gandhi, Morarji Desai, Rajiv Gandhi and Manmohan Singh, and was also a member of the National Advisory Council headed by Sonia Gandhi. Krishnamurthy also served as chairman of the National

In the academic field, he served as the chairman of premier institutes like the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Bangalore, IIM Ahmedabad, and Indian Institute of Technology in Delhi, in addition to being the chancellors of Indian Maritime University and Central University of Tamil Nadu. Krishnamurthy was conferred with Padma Shri (1973), Padma Bhushan (1986) and Padma Vibhushan (2007). Japan also awarded him with its highest civilian honour 'The Order of the Rising Sun' in 2009 for his contribution towards the promotion of bilateral economic relations between India and Japan.

Maruti Suzuki India chairman RC Bhargava described Krishnamurthy as an outstanding leader and a visionary, under whose leadership the whole of the Maruti Udyog project was executed, and a whole new Japanese work culture was introduced in India. On a personal front, Bhargava said Krishnamurthy was "responsible for my moving from civil services to the industry. Had it not for him I would have remained in administration only". TVS chairman Venu Srinivasan said, "Dr V Krishnamurthy was my mentor right from the time I started work and right through my entire career. He had an important role to play in helping me build the TVS Motor company. He was one of the tallest leaders in Indian industry. His contribution to the growth of India was immeasurable."

provided clear vi-

vision and led Maruti, SAIL, and BHEL, besides other companies. He changed the way public sector industries were looked at. May his soul rest in peace," said JSW Steel chairman & MD Sajjan Jindal.

'SC ruling in Zakia Jafri case deeply disappointing, will then CM ever be held accountable': Congress

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59 lives.

The Congress' detailed reaction to the Supreme Court ruling came after the Supreme Court on Friday upheld the SIT's clean chit to Modi and 63 others in the 2002 communal riots in the state, saying there is no "title of material" to show the violence after the Godhra train carnage was "pre-planned" owing to the criminal conspiracy allegedly hatched at the "highest level" in the state.

The top court dismissed a plea by Jafri's wife Zakia, terming it as "devoid of merits". In a statement on the apex court ruling, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said the Supreme Court judgment in the Zakia Jafri case is "deeply disappointing".

Despite the judgment dated June 24, 2022, certain fundamental questions still remain unanswered, Ramesh said.

"What is the constitutional and moral responsibility of the chief minister and the state government in cases of large-scale communal riots," Ramesh said.

"Is the responsibility in such cases only ever that of the Collector & Deputy Commissioner of Police and not of political executive? Will the chief minister, cabinet and state government never be held accountable, even if a state is thrown into a circle of violence & riots?" he said.

While the Supreme Court has pronounced its judgment, there are five questions that will continue to haunt Prime Minister Modi, including was he not the Gujarat chief Minister when the horrific riots took place in 2002, Ramesh said.

"Why was PM Vajpayee so affected by his lack of action that he had to publicly remind him to do his duty, to follow his 'Rajdharm'?" Ramesh said.

"Was it not the Supreme Court which called out the conduct of the Modi Government in Gujarat as that of 'modern day Nero's (who) were looking elsewhere when innocent children and helpless women were burning, and were probably deliberating how the perpetrators of the crime can be saved or protected'," the Congress leader asked.

"Why did sections of the BJP, including now member of the Modi Cabinet Smriti Irani protest and call for his dismissal as CM if he was not guilty of any wrongdoing," Ramesh asked. "What about all the numerous convictions that have been carried out on the basis of the evidence collected by the SIT relating to the Gujarat riots? Can the BJP claim that those also stand invalidated?" he said.

Ramesh asserted that no amount of "propaganda" by the BJP can ever erase these facts. The riots that the Godhra carnage triggered killed 1,044 people, mostly Muslims. The Central government had informed the Rajya Sabha in May 2005 that 254 Hindus and 790 Muslims were killed in the post-Godhra riots.

The apex court had observed that inaction or failure of some officials of one section of the administration cannot be the basis to readily infer a pre-planned criminal conspiracy by the authorities or to term it as a state-sponsored crime against the minority community. Bringing the curtains down on the bid to reopen the probe into the 2002 riots, a bench headed by Justice A M Khanwilkar also spoke of "the devious stratagem to keep the pot boiling, obviously, for ulterior design".

It said disgruntled officers of the Gujarat government need to be in the dock and proceeded against in accordance with law for creating a sensation by making false revelations.

Braced up to meet part of committed supplies to power sector: Coal India chairman Pramod Agrawal

NEW DELHI: As monsoon has hit many parts of the country, Coal India chairman Pramod Agrawal said the

mental production compared to same quarter of last year, he said that the company's output tempo is progressing

only, the blazing summer heat across the northern plains of the country further accelerated the demand.

tries of coal, power and railways. Power houses should strive to lift coal through road and RCR mode in order to augment overall supply," he added.

Coal secretary AK Jain had in April said that the current power crisis is mainly on account of sharp decline in electricity generation from different fuel sources and not due to the non-availability of domestic coal.

Jain attributed the low coal stocks at power plants to several factors such as heightened power demand due to the boom in the economy post-COVID-19, early arrival of summer, rise in the price of gas and imported coal and sharp fall in electricity generation by coastal thermal power plants.

He had added that a slew of measures is already underway to enhance the total power supply in the country. The gas-based power generation which has fallen drastically in the country has aggravated the crisis, the secretary had said.

Coal India accounts for over 80 per cent of domestic coal production. The PSU is one of the major suppliers of fossil fuel to the power sector.



state-owned firm is braced up to meet its part of committed coal supplies to the power sector in the coming months, and stressed that building up dry fuel stock timely by electricity generating plants will be crucial.

People in many parts of the country faced power outages at the beginning of the summer season this year due to the shortage of coal supplies at various thermal plants. "Timely stock build-up by the power plants when coal is available will be crucial. We are gearing up to meet our part of committed supplies to power sector in the ensuing months," Agrawal said in an interview to PTI.

Stating that the company is targeting to close the first quarter with 35 million tonnes (MTs) incre-

in this direction. "We will not spare any effort in pushing up the output and off take," he added.

Terming the recent coal shortages as "misnomer", Agrawal said that Coal India Ltd's (CIL) pitheads are stocked with around 46 MT of coal, whereas coal stock at power plants stands at around 24 MT. This apart, a little over six MT is lying at goods sheds, private washeries, ports and CIL's sidings awaiting transportation to power plants end.

The chairman said that the demand-supply mismatch witnessed in the recent past was on account of three reasons.

Firstly, there was an unforeseen escalation in power demand on the back of strong post-pandemic economic revival, sec-

Finally, the international coal prices which are simmering over for past many months have deterred imports by international coal-based power plants, the chairman explained. "The first quarter is usually highly productive for us. We have registered nearly 29 per cent production growth during the first two months of current fiscal at 108 MT over same period last year, the highest ever for this period," Agrawal said.

Concurrently, supply to power sector at 102 MT grew by 16.7 per cent. CIL aims to supply 565 MT to power sector during FY23 and the company's efforts are oriented to meet this. "Increasing supplies is a concerted move and we are synergising our efforts with minis-

Female referee at FIFA men's World Cup wants the game to shine

TOKYO: Japanese referee Yoshimi Yamashita agrees with Pelé or whoever it was decades ago that first described football as the "beautiful game."

Yamashita is one of three women picked by FIFA to be referees at the men's World Cup in Qatar, which opens on Nov. 21. It's the first time a woman will be in charge on football's largest stage.

She sees her job this way: Let the game shine, as it should.

"One of the big goals as a referee is to bring out the attractiveness of football," she said Monday in Tokyo in an interview with the Associated Press. "I do my best for that, and I will do what I should at that time toward that end. So if I need to communicate with the players, I will do that. If I need to show a card, I will show a card. Rather than control, I'm thinking about what to do toward the big goal of bringing out the appeal of football."

Stephanie Frappart of France and Salima Mukansanga of Rwanda are the other women who were selected. There are 36 referees in total. FIFA has also named three female assistant referees in a pool of 69: Neuza Back of Brazil, Karen Diaz Medina of Mexico, and Kathryn Nesbitt of the United States.

Though it's likely all three will be in charge

of games, it's not a given. They would also be used as so-called "fourth referees" on the sidelines. However, they cannot be used as assistants.

"Each match official will be carefully monitored in the next months with a final assessment on technical, physical and medical as-



pects to be made shortly before the World Cup," Massimo Busacca, FIFA's director of refereeing, said in a statement.

Yamashita's selection puts the focus on Japan's low ranking on most measures of equal pay for women, and in global studies of gender equality.

Only 14.3% of the seats in Japan's national legislature are held by women — 152nd of

190 countries in a study published several months ago by the U.S. Congressional Research Service. Another study on the gender pay gap placed Japan 120th of 156 countries. "I would be very happy if women could play an active role in sports in this way, and if sports and especially football could lead this,"

Yamashita said. "In Japan, there is still a long way to go in the world of football (regarding participation of women), so it would be great if this could connect to the promotion of female participation in different ways, not only in football or in sports." Women's football has

led the way in Japan. Japanese women won the 2011 women's World Cup, were runners-up in 2015, and have been consistently among the game's elite teams.

Yamashita went through a workout on Monday just outside Tokyo, sweltering in temperatures that reached 35 C (95 F). She laughed when she was reminded that games in Qatar — located on a tip of the Arabian Peninsula — will be much cooler, being played in the Northern Hemisphere winter and in air-conditioned stadiums.

Yamashita seemed relaxed during the interview, removed from the obvious pressure. She has been a referee in Japan's men's J League and has also been in charge of the Asian equivalent of the men's Champions League. She also handled matches during last year's Tokyo Olympics.

"Of course, I think the pressure is huge," she said, "and I think I have a lot of responsibility. But I am really happy to take this duty and pressure, so I try to take it positively and I try to be happy."

She described the excitement of leaving the waiting room just before a match.

"I guess it cheers me up in that moment. I feel like that's when I switch gears the most," she said.

She said the difference in the men's and women's game was, of course, speed. But not simply that some men might run faster.

"It's the speed, but not just the players' speed," she said. "Not the ball speed. It's just the game speed. It means for me I have to make quicker decisions — more speed."

Yamashita conducted most of the interview in Japanese, but said she would use English and "facial gestures, body gestures" when communicating with players in Qatar.

"Usually when I give a card, I say nothing," she said, shifting to English. "But when I give a warning, I just tell them I'm not happy. They understand."

Record-breaking Chamari denies India clean sweep as Sri Lanka wins final T20I

DAMBULLA: Skipper Chamari Athapaththu struck a counter-attacking 48-ball 80 as Sri Lanka outplayed India by

in favour of India, who stuttered after opting to bat before skipper Harmanpreet Kaur's resilient 39 not out (33b; 3x4, 1x6)

back-to-back fours en route to her fifth T20I fifty.

With Chamari looking furious, Sri Lanka just needed 18 runs in

aided by some fine fielding.

There was a lull in the middle when India failed to get a boundary in 38 deliveries



seven wickets in the third and final T20I to avoid a whitewash here on Monday.

The 32-year-old Chamari smashed 14 boundaries and one six and in the process became the only cricketer from the island nation to get to the 2000-run mark in T20Is.

Tillakaratne Dilshan (1889) is the highest run-scorer among the male cricketers from Sri Lanka.

Chasing a modest 139 to avoid a clean sweep by the Indians, Sri Lankan batting finally came good as the hosts hunt down the target with three overs to spare to claim a consolation win.

The three-match T20I series thus ended 2-1

propped up their total to 138 for five.

In reply, Sri Lanka lost Vishmi Gunaratne (5) in the first over, but Harshitha Samarawickrama (13) gave a fine support to Chamari in the powerplay before being dismissed by Radha Yadav in the fifth over.

Thereafter, Nilakshi de Silva (30 off 28 balls) joined hands with Chamari as the skipper cruised to a 29-ball fifty -- the fastest fifty for Sri Lanka women's T20I. Luck also was on her side as Chamari got a reprieve on 42 when Jemimah Rodrigues missed a running catch in the midwicket boundary. She soon slammed

the final five overs and the hosts it without much ado to seal their first T20 win against India at home. India was sloppy on the field and missed a slew of run-outs and signed off the T20I series on a disappointing note.

Earlier, India stuttered in the middle overs after Smriti Mandhana (22 from 21b) and Sabbhini Meghana (22 from 26b) departed in successive overs to leave the visitors reeling at 51 for three.

The duo looked well in control in their 41-run second-wicket partnership after the talented Shafali Verma (5) fell in the opening over but run-rate dried up as the hosts bounced back

with Harmanpreet and Jemimah Rodrigues struggling to get going.

The duo finally broke the shackles in the 13th over as Jemimah showed her attacking intent in her 30-ball 33 (3x4), while the skipper was a class apart.

Jemimah fell in the penultimate over but Harmanpreet looked in firm control and displayed her array of shots during her 33-ball knock, which was studded with three fours and one six.

After Jemimah's departure, Harmanpreet took charge and along with Pooja Vastrakar scored 49 runs in the final five overs to prop up the total.

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