

Pakistan inducts China-made J-10C fighter jets into PAF

ISLAMABAD(KCN): Pakistan on Friday formally inducted the

"Unfortunately, efforts are being made to create an imbal-

were inducted into the PAF. He also thanked China for

equipped and trained to defeat any threat. Chief of the Air Staff,



multirole J-10C fighter jets, acquired from its all-weather ally China, into its air force to improve the country's combat capabilities. Prime Minister Imran Khan addressed a ceremony held at Pakistan Air Force (PAF) Base Minhas Kamra in Attock district of Punjab to induct the new jets.

ance in the region and to address this, a big addition has been made today to our defence system," he said, apparently referring to India's acquisition of Rafale fighter jets from France. Khan described it as a big movement for Pakistan after about 40 years when F-16 provided by the US

providing the aircraft in a short span of about eight months when it often takes years to acquire modern jets. In a veiled reference to India, Khan said any country would have to think twice before harbouring any aggression towards Pakistan, asserting that the armed forces were well-

Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Babar Sidhu, said the JC-10 was a fully integrated weapon, avionic and combat system and its induction into the PAF would further strengthen its professional capabilities. The new jet can be equipped with a bigger active electronically scanned array

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Heads roll in Uttar Pradesh Congress after poor results, electronic media coordinator Zeeshan Haider expelled

LUCKNOW(KCN): A day after its poor showing in the state

coordinator Zeeshan Haider for allegedly making "derogatory" remarks against the

letter issued by Shyam Kishore Shukla, a member of

media on Thursday, had blamed people close to Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi for the poor performance.

"It has come to the notice of the disciplinary committee of the party that you have made derogatory remarks against the party leadership through social media and newspapers which have tarnished the image of the party. This action of yours comes under the ambit of indiscipline," the letter said. CONTINUED ON: P-7



assembly polls, heads have started to roll in the Congress, with the party Friday expelling its electronic media and Urdu press

leadership. "Zeeshan Haider has been removed from all the posts and expelled from the party for six years," said a

the disciplinary committee. After the party's dismal showing in the polls, Haider, in an interaction with the

Odisha likely to host working group meets of G20 Summit

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): If everything goes as per plan, Odisha may host G20 leaders later this year or early next year. Heritage town Konark and Bhubaneswar are likely to be the

venue for the ministerial/working group meets of the global Summit that is being hosted for the first time in India.



As the G20 presidency is set to be held in the country from December 1 this year to November 30, 2023, culminating with the main Sum-

mit at New Delhi, several states including Odisha are being roped in to organise the pre-summit meets. The coastal State has become a preferred venue for the commitment and hospitality it has already showcased by successfully hosting several international sporting events, including the Hockey Men's World Cup in 2018.

Sources said more than 180 meetings will be held in the run up to the main Summit during the period at ministerial and officers-level in different states to showcase Indian diversity and ethnicity. While the Ministry of External Affairs is undertaking an exercise of mapping the cities for physical verification

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Poll debacle: AICC member 'Americai' V Narayanan wants Gandhis to step aside for new leadership

CHENNAI(KCN): Following the poor show of the Congress in the just-concluded Assembly elections in five States, including the loss of Punjab, the top leadership should step aside and make way for a new leadership as the writing is clearly on the wall, senior leader of the party 'Americai' V Narayanan said on Friday. The AICC member, also a Congress spokesperson, rued that the party, whose incumbent government in Punjab lost to AAP, fumbled in the election with mismanagement

of the party. While hailing Rahul Gandhi for having all the right intentions, he said the former party chief has not delivered for the last 20 years and that the public has also not accepted him. Moreover, his sister Priyanka, who led the party's charge in the poll battle in Uttar Pradesh where the BJP retained power, could not make a mark. "We have fumbled in the election badly with mismanagement of the



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SOA Pacts with B'Desh Varsity

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Siksha 'O' Anusandhan Deemed

higher education. Prof. Shireen Akhtar, the first woman Vice-

Prof. Nachieketa K. Sharma, SOA's Director of University Outreach Program, who also spoke in the event drew appreciation of a poem by Rabindranath Tagore on woman.



Prof. Banerjee and Prof. Sharma also visited Dhaka University and held discussion with its Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) A.M. Akhtaruzzaman. Prof. Sharma also called on Mr. Atiur Rehman, Editor of one of Bangladesh's major newspapers 'Protham Alo' and Magasaysay award winning journalist.

to be University and Chattogram University of Bangladesh are exploring possibilities of jointly collaborating in academic and research activities. A two-member SOA delegation led by Pro-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Amit Banerjee which visited

Chancellor of the University and Registrar Prof. S.M. Monirul Hassan also spoke in the function. Prof. Hassan said both SOA and Chattogram University were exploring the possibilities of jointly pursuing academic and research programs.

BJP clean sweep in PM Modi's Varanasi, Adityanath's Gorakhpur; all seats in Akhilesh's Azamgarh go to SP

LUCKNOW(KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav saw their par-

The BJP and its ally Apna Dal (Sonelal) won all eight assembly constituencies in Varanasi. In Varanasi Cantt, the BJP's Saurabh Srivastava defeated

Varanasi North, Neelkanth Tiwari against Kameshwar Dixit (SP) in Varanasi South and Awadesh Kumar Singh against Babulal (Bahujan Samaj Party) in Pindra.



ties making a clean sweep in the assembly segments in their parliamentary constituencies. The BJP and its allies won all assembly seats in Modi's Varanasi and

MPs from Varanasi and Azamgarh, Adityanath has won several times from Gorakhpur. He vacated the parliamentary seat when he became chief minister in 2017.

In Rohaniya, Sunil Patel of BJP ally Apna Dal (Sonelal) defeated Abhay Patel from rival faction Apna Dal (Kamerwadi). In the 2017 state polls, Suheldev

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Demand for Khordha Development Authority

Khordha(KCN): The glorious history of Khordha and the brown and bravery of the Paiks of Khordha is commendable and the

Authority i.e.Khordha Development Authority.In this connection a panel of intellectual mass of Khordha like Advocate Satya

R a n j a n Lala,Prof.Dr.Narayan Rao, Columnist Uma Shankar Prasad, Advocate Prafulla Dash, Social Activists Amit Bux and many others submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister Odisha through Collector Khordha with the exception of unchal-

lenged administration of Chief Minister Odisha to declare Khordha Development Authority

Ist Independence war of India was started from Khordha soil.It originated the spread to other parts of Odisha and India.Now a days Khordha is completely neglected in all spheres.In an auspicious prelude i.e.on Ist April-1993 it carved out of former Puri District and declared as a separate District.But it is regretted that till today the people of Khordha are facing a lot of problems.For the upliftment of the Social life by declaring re-separate Development



by taking the vast undeveloped areas into account for the greater interest of general public which will remain a landmark of the administration.

IREDA pacts with CIPET

New Delhi(KCN): Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering & Technology (CIPET), to provide its techno-financial expertise for solarization of CIPET campuses. The two organizations are under the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy and the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, respectively. The MoU was signed by Shri Pradip Kumar Das, Chairman & Managing Director (CMD), IREDA and Prof. (Dr.) Shishir Sinha, Director General, CIPET in the presence of senior officials. Under the MoU, IREDA will help CIPET to solarize its numerous academic campuses by installing

solar PV or Rooftop Solar projects. The project is most likely to begin at CIPET's Varanasi, Ayodhya (Uttar Pradesh) and Bidar (Karnataka) campuses. CIPET will be able to lower its electricity expenditure and reduce its carbon footprint by installing solar power plants at its academic campuses. Speaking on the collaboration, Shri Pradip Kumar Das, CMD, IREDA said, "We are happy to cooperate with a premier national institution in their drive of adoption of a clean energy solution. The agreement is expected to bring in best practices by combining the experience of both organizations and to advance the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision for the country's long-term growth through green energy. The Govt. of India aims to

source 50% of its energy from Renewable sources, and these partnerships will help us accomplish the goal. IREDA established a specialised Business Development and Consultancy division one and a half years ago to meet the growing demand in the RE industry. This is the eighth MOU inked by IREDA in the last 16 months to provide consultation services for the sustainable development of the country. SJVN, NHPC, TANGEDCO, NEEPCO, BVFCL, THDCIL, and GSL had already signed MoUs with IREDA to enhance its Techno-Financial expertise for Green Energy projects. For the overall growth of the RE sector, IREDA plans to expand its consultancy services to other PSUs and private organizations.

New Temple Of Deity Srisri Gopinath Dev Founded In Narisho Village



Niali(KCN): The inauguration ceremony of the new temple and deity of Sri Sri Gopinath Dev, the worshiped deity of Nialmm-Narisho village, was held in a grand ceremony. On this oc-

c a s i o n , B i s h w a s h a n t i Mahajagyan has been performed. With the full cooperation of the villagers, all the work has been done as usual. On the evening of the last day, Anusaya

Nath, Rabindra Kumar Mahatra and Dukhishyam Tripsthi performed bhajans by renowned Odisha singers. The village was in a state of spiritual turmoil for seven days from Sunday to Wednesday

Jharkhand police raided many places at Barbil in search of an accused



Barbil(KCN): A team from Jamshedpur Golmuri police station under East Singhbhum of Jharkhand state under the leadership of PramodSingh, ASI raided different places of Barbil to arrest accused Manish Sharma involved in many

criminal cases. AS per report the accused was convicted under IPC 406/407/420/379/36 on date.24th N o v e m b e r 2018.Responding direction of honorable court Jharkhand police reached Barbil and raided many probable area including his

residence at Mahant Basti with due assistance of Barbil police. But the accused found to be absconded. Informing the accused's brother Vikas Sharma about the court warrant a notice of court pasted at their entrance door with two witness signature under CrPC 82.

Theft in daylight in the middle of the Barbil town. People scared

Barbil (KCN): A case of theft has come to light at the house of Late Nirmaljit Singh, located in Barbil Daily Market of Kendujhar district. As per the report, PreetiKour, spouse of Late Nirmaljit Singh, a teacher by profession and had gone to school as usual leaving her mother and children at home. Seeing the door open,



some miscreants entered the house and stole three mobile phones from the house after spraying some spray resulting in them being unconscious. After returning home, Preeti Kaur came to know about the incident, she informed about the incident She informed Barbil police. Barbil police reached the spot and started an investigation. But, there has been an atmosphere of fear among the local people after seeing the case of theft by entering someone's house in broad daylight in the middle of the market.

IREDA celebrates 36th Foundation Day

New Delhi(KCN): Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) celebrated its 36th

ing into 36th year. CMD also praised the financial performance of the company and said that IREDA growth

the only dedicated institution in the country which is financing Renewable Energy (RE) and Energy Efficiency

approx. Rs. 1,16,632 crores and Rs. 71,882 crores, respectively, supporting more than 19.46

approach to issuing KRAs and the preparation of vision documents and annual plans, linked with activi-



Foundation Day today through the virtual mode. On this occasion, Shri Pradip Kumar Das, CMD, IREDA, interacted with all the employees. Shri Chintan Shah, Director (Technical), Smt. Manish Saxena, CVO, Dr. R. C. Sharma, CFO, and other senior officials also took part in the celebration. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Das congratulated all employees for completing 35 glorious years of the company and enter-

means India's Renewable Energy sector is growing. CMD highlighted that "IREDA has played a highly instrumental role in shaping the Banking landscape of the Renewable Energy sector in India, and it continues to drive growth of the sector across the nation. It's a matter of satisfaction that IREDA has been rapidly moving ahead in the last few years. IREDA has consistently achieved new heights in the last two years, being

(EE) projects." CMD further underlined, "IREDA stands fully committed towards achieving the Hon'ble Prime Minister's 'Panchamrita' COP26 targets. While IREDA has sanctioned loans amounting to more than Rs. 20,000 crores and disbursed loans amounting to more than Rs. 8,700 crores in the ongoing financial year, the company has cumulatively sanctioned and disbursed loans amounting to

GW of RE installed capacity (as on March 11th, 2022) in the country. Speaking on the cultural changes in the company, CMD said that "IREDA promotes a culture to adopt transparency, good-governance, and a proactive approach in every sphere of life, including work. To this effect, the company has already adopted cultural changes like - cross functional relations, team building, a measurable and accountable

ties and planning for mid-year and end of year reviews." Shri Das concluded his address by reaffirming IREDA's commitment to not only its customers, but also to the larger vision of clean and green energy, in line with catchline of the company- "ENERGY FOREVER". He also mentioned that we wish to ensure that the entire value chain in the operations of IREDA can happily and proudly sustain the feeling of "Once IREDA, Always IREDA."

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I'll keep venting my anger through my films: 'Thappad' director Anubhav Sinha

NEW DELHI(KCN): With three back to back films on the troika of troubling contemporary issues - religion, caste and gender -- director Anubhav Sinha, who seems to have hit a purple patch, says he is an angry man and will continue to vent his ire through his cinema.

Fresh from the success of his latest film "Thappad", a nuanced look at domestic violence and male entitlement, Sinha said this is his "most fertile" period.

"I'm jumping between stories. As soon as I finish one, I start my next. I want to address everything. I'm still an angry man. I'll keep venting my anger through my films," the director told PTI in an interview.

Patriarchy, in his view, "is in our blood, in our bones".

"It has been for centuries and we don't even realise that we have it," Sinha said.

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Before "Thappad", which released on February 28, Sinha made "Article 15" on the caste divide in 2019 and "Mulk" on religious polarisation in 2018.

"Perhaps this is the most fertile time for me. I keep finding good stories so I don't

see a reason not to work. I'm a workaholic and there

Thappad: The slap that Indian society needed?

make mistakes while telling the story of "just a slap".

wakes up when we are fast asleep to cook for us and then leave for

makes his own tea, loves his family and has a special corner in his heart for his daughter. "The film talks about 'anupayukt' (unsuitable) men but that doesn't mean there are no good men around. I wanted to have one good man in the middle but realised that he was too sweet. That is why, I wanted to say that even he made a mistake."

A revealing conversation between Mishra's character and his wife, played by Ratna Pathak Shah, tells the audience how he overlooked her musical aspirations even while being the caring husband.

Sinha said "Mulk", "Article 15" and "Thappad" are not a trilogy, but the success of the first two gave him the confidence to tackle the latest.

"When I made 'Mulk', a courtroom drama, it was a little verbose because there were things I had to say. So it ended up speaking more. Its box office success gave me a certain degree of confidence. I truly believe my films should do well at the box office," he said. "Article 15" made Rs 65 crore at the box office and "Mulk" almost Rs 30 crore.

"Thappad" is also on a healthy profit track with Rs 21 crore in its first week.

Sinha is happy. It is not on a blockbuster point because this is not a Rs 100 crore film. It has its own loyal audience and the reaction has been really strong.



is no other engagement in my life. I'm meeting good writers, some are one or two films old, some are new. Things are falling into place organically," he said.

The 54-year-old, who began his career in 2001 with the romantic drama "Tum Bin" and went on to make commercial potboilers such as "Cash", "Dus" and "Ra.

One" before changing gears to more meaningful cinema, said he works on two scripts simultaneously.

That is why he is able to come up with at least one film a year. So, while he was making "Article 15" with co-writer Gaurav Solanki, he was also working on the script of "Thappad" with Mrunmayee Lagoo.

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"Similarly, while Mrunmayee and I were busy with 'Thappad', two other writers were writing my next two," he said.

"I spend time with my writers, meet them at 8 in the morning to discuss what we have written. I am always working on two scripts. It takes more time between two films when you don't have a ready script," he added.

Sinha credits the women in his team for "Thappad", hailed as a landmark film by many critics.

The Taapsee Pannu-starrer is about a homemaker whose life falls apart when her corporate executive husband slaps her in a party.

According to Sinha, the women in his crew ensured he didn't

"After the #MeToo movement, I told my team to hire as many women as possible. So there are always a lot of women in my team. I talk to them and they read the script and come up with their own suggestions.

"While constructing a shot, if I have some confusion or a question, I discuss with them and try to find a solution. The only credit I take is that I'm receptive to their ideas." His late mother did not connect with his earlier films but would have loved "Thappad", he said.

In 2010, he started cooking as a hobby. But it took his mother to make him realise that cooking can be a chore if you have to do it four times a day, everyday.

"I realised this woman

her school. She was a teacher. This affected me even as a child. Thankfully, I never saw any kind of violence, physical or otherwise, but yes, we are all misogynists.

"My father would carry his own plate from the table and made the morning cup of tea. There were no words like 'feminists' and 'chivalry' in our lives then but it must have subliminally affected me that my father was like that. Still the cooking chores were done by my mother," he said.

Though the director does not mention it, the protagonist Amrita's father, played by Kumud Mishra, may have something to do with Sinha's personal experience.

He is gentle and large-hearted, quotes poetry,

'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-

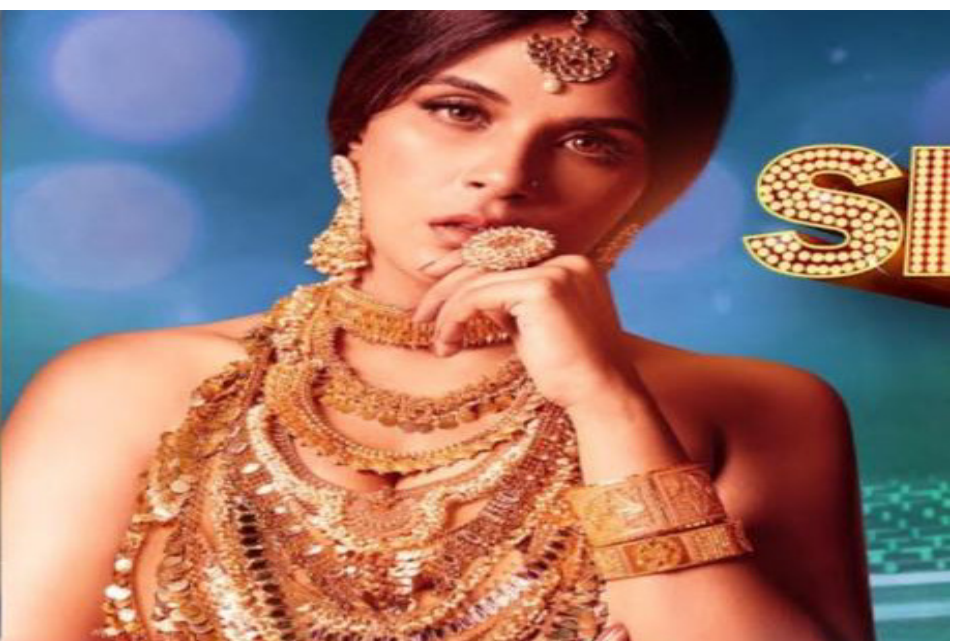
riving from Kerala who went on to act in several adult films in languages spanning Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Kannada, while Pankaj Tripathi is the male lead.

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.



Shahnaz Husain article for Holi Skin and Hair care tips

Holi Hai!! The vibrant festival of colors of happiness is just around the corner. Barely a few days are left before you head to play joyfully and get dirty in colour game. The Holi fever has set it and it is the time of the year when you are excited for looking like a multi-coloured canvas. The festival brings with itself, a whiff of mishmash of dry gulal and buckets of water.



When you decide to indulge in a burst of colors, what bothers people most is how to deal with skin and hair issues caused by the rampant use of harmful toxins that can make your skin, hair dry and frizzy. While you've zeroed in on where you're going to be celebrating Holi with splashes of harmful toxins, make sure to follow these Holi skin care tips to give your hair and skin that extra protection from chemical laden harsh colors to counter ill effects on colour stained faces, parched hair and irritated skin. Holi is celebrated at a time when Nature renews and refreshes herself. With a little care, we can do the same and also sustain our youth and beauty.

The dry "Gulal" and the wet colours of today are not derived from natural sources. They contain chemicals, shiny particles of mica and even lead, which not only irritate the skin, but collect on the scalp. Since Holi is played out of doors, sun-exposure can also have a detrimental effect on the skin. Apart from harmful UV radiation, sun-exposure makes the skin dry by causing depletion of moisture and also tans the skin. The skin can become dry and dull after playing holi.

Remember to apply a sunscreen 20 minutes before going out to in the sun. Use a sunscreen of SPF 20 and above. If your skin is prone to pigmented patches, select one with a higher SPF. Most sunscreens have built-in moisturizers. If your skin is very dry, first apply the sunscreen, wait for a few minutes and then apply a moisturizer. Light daytime make-up may be used. Touch up your eyes with eye pencil or kaajal and use a lip gloss. The real problem is removal of colours after playing holi. Do not wash your face with soap immediately, because soap is alkaline and causes further dryness. Instead, use a cleansing cream, or lotion. Apply and massage it on the face. Then wipe off with moist cotton wool. Remember to cleanse the area around the eyes too, using a light touch. A cleansing gel helps to dissolve the colours and facilitates their removal. To make your own cleanser, take half a cup of cold milk and add one teaspoon of any vegetable oil, like "til," olive or sunflower oil. Mix well. Dip cotton wool into this mixture and use it to cleanse the skin. Sesame seed (til) oil can be used to remove colours from the body, massaging it on the skin. This not only helps to remove the colours, but gives added protection to the skin. Sesame seed (til) oil actually helps to counteract sun-damage. While bathing, scrub the body gently with a loofah or wash cloth. Immediately after your bath, apply a moisturizer on the face and body, while the skin is still damp. This helps to seal in moisture. The day after holi, you may have to deal with the effects of sun-exposure, like dryness or

tanned skin. Mix two tablespoons honey with half a cup of curd. Add a pinch of turmeric. Apply this on the face, neck and arms. Leave it on for 20 minutes and wash off with water. Honey is a powerful natural moisturizer and helps to soften the skin, while curd will nourish and restore the normal acid-alkaline balance. It also removes tan.

Shahnaz Husain

Hair Care
The dry "Gulal" and the wet colours of today are not derived from natural sources. They contain chemicals, shiny particles of mica and even lead, which collect on the scalp and irritate it. Apply a protective leave-on conditioner or hair serum before playing Holi. They coat the hair and protect it from chemical colours, pollutants and sun-exposure. They also add shine to the hair. While washing the hair, first rinse with plenty of plain water to wash away the dry colours and tiny particles of mica. Then apply a mild herbal shampoo, working it into the hair with the fingers. Massage the scalp gently and rinse thoroughly with water again. Add the juice of a lemon to a mug of water and use it as a last rinse. This helps to restore the acid-alkaline balance of the scalp. Beer can also be used as a last rinse. In fact, it will soften and condition the hair. Add the juice of a lemon to the beer. Pour over the hair after shampoo. Leave on for a few minutes and rinse off with plain water. If there is itching, add two tablespoons vinegar to a mug of water and use it as a last rinse. This helps to reduce itching. However, if the itching continues, and there is rash and redness, there may be an allergy to the colour. Consult a doctor as soon as possible.

Holi Skin and Hair Care Tips

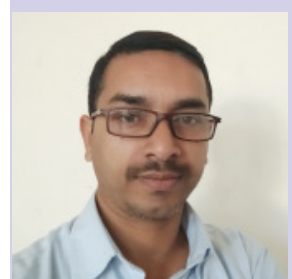
Within the next few days give your hair a nourishing treatment. Mix egg yolk with almond oil or olive oil and massage it lightly into the hair and scalp. Then dip a towel in hot water, squeeze out the water and wrap the hot towel around the head, like a turban. Keep it on for 5 minutes. Repeat the hot towel wrap 3 or 4 times. This helps the hair and scalp absorb the oil better. Wash your hair after an hour. Next day give your hair a nourishing treatment. Mix one tablespoon pure coconut oil with one teaspoon castor oil. Heat and apply on the hair. Then dip a towel in hot water, squeeze out the water and wrap the hot towel around the head, like a turban. Keep it on for 5 minutes. Repeat the hot towel wrap 3 or 4 times. This helps the hair and scalp absorb the oil better. Wash your hair after an hour. Conditioning with henna would help to restore damage to the hair, adding shine and body. To the henna powder, add four teaspoons each of lemon juice and coffee, two eggs, two teaspoons oil and enough curd to mix into a paste. Apply on the hair and wash your hair after an hour.

Make your own natural colours for Holi. Simmer Tesu flowers in water. Leave overnight. Strain and use the water to play Holi. Tesu flowers leave a yellow colour. The botanical name of Tesu is Butea monosperma. Henna powder can be mixed with gram flour (besan) or maize flour (makki) and used as dry green colour. Turmeric (haladi) can be used both as dry and wet colour. Turmeric can be mixed with gram flour for dry colour. Or, it can be added to water and boiled. Leave overnight and then use.

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Volodymyr Zelensky - The Man, mystic and messiah

For various reasons Volodymyr Zelensky is a superhero for the people across the globe. It cannot be different for some people in Russia too. Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine, Zelensky was in the headlines through his tweets appealing to the international community for defense aid. A simple walkover and a capture, as it was assumed by the Russian side before, they pounced on a yet smaller Ukraine, was not that simple, as the war the Ukrainians fought with vigor and spirit. In Zelensky the world witnessed a more mature politician than a comedian as he inspired his countrymen to not to kowtow to what the Russian thought would be an easy task to achieve. With all their sophisticated weaponry and sky warfare, the Russian side could cause catastrophic disaster to Ukraine. The war that Ukrainians are fighting is not just a prestige war but one that they preserved their energy for protecting their motherland which always refused to concede to the hegemony of their gigantic belligerent neighbor. As the war ends Russia might be able to contain its neighbor in a pot of their choice for some time, but the sense of revenge that the common Ukrainians would reciprocate with, in future is unpredictable. From a stage actor to staging himself as a leader with greater resilience and courage, Zelensky depicted himself as a role model to the future generations of his country. Zelensky has become a legendary figure of his nation's resistance against Russian



aggression. What he will be remembered for, will be his courage to stay in his falling capital Kyiv and leading the resistance from all possible fronts despite death knocking on his door every moment. The devastation his tiny country has gone through is terrible. With thousands of people killed and millions of his countrymen moving out to find safer places for survival, it is sure for him to think and find ways to bring the war to a quick end. But self-possessed to the level of rejecting the Russian demand to lay down weapons, multiple times, Zelensky upheld the respect that he thought his country deserved even as its areas were shattered under the massive Russian invasion. Russian forces, marked with the first letter of his name 'Z' on their vehicles, when broke open the gates of Ukraine, inferences were drawn to the effect of interpreting it to be an indicator that the big brother was all out to hunt the man who led the tiny Ukraine, making him the primary target. Zelensky, from a different world of entertainment, accidentally landed to hold the helm of affairs of the country. With no political experience whatsoever, the man of the day, Zelensky's run up for the presidential race gained him unparalleled popularity in his country. A similar line can be drawn in comparison to narrate the rise of a leader in Narendra Modi, who with no experience of administration rose on to become the Chief Minister of Gujarat and later, rode his horse of victory to the corridors of power in Delhi becoming the country's Prime Minister. Putin rose to

power through the ranks of KGB building his manerisms to establish his hold as a ruler. With his more motivated defenders, Zelensky is fighting a war which probably he is not aware of what the outcome will be. As a reward for his tilting towards NATO for a membership, the European conglomeration could not bring much assistance to help Ukraine withstand the Russian hostility. Even if the war comes to an end with no goals achieved except for both the sides damaging heavily, killing thousands of innocent people by destroying their dreams, Zelensky will have to probably convince the Ukrainians before he makes any compromise with Russia in the direction of pulling the chain. The courage with which he rallied his people to fight the aggressor was tremendous. It was not only to keep the country politically united, but for him, it was the only choice that he was left with, in which the world would be compelled to review the history of his valor with respect. The world looked at the footages of ordinary Ukrainians, inspired by Zelensky, holding petrol bombs to toss at the Russian army, defending their country. Matchless pride and depiction of patriotism and love for one's country was seen with great admiration and awe across the world. I couldn't personally believe the level of courage these innocent people showed despite their belongings being terribly pulverized by the heavy artillery of the Russians. Yet another moment of his bravery that made me admire him was the statement that he made to the international community. "The enemy has

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marked me as target No.1," his statement in the short video was a convincingly upsetting message to the world foreseeing the predator's intent. His decision to stay back in his country would definitely define the essence of nationalism that he cherished in the most admirable manner in its course of history. More than 12000 Russian soldiers are estimated to have been killed as per Ukraine's claim. The invasion that began on February 24 last month has caused terrible human casualties on both sides. As the world looks on to what we call a terrible fall of a tiny nation causing a severe humanitarian crisis, Zelensky is a symbol of resistance that he believes is a right step in the direction of protecting his country. As an actor and comedian, his most notable role was in his television sitcom 'Servant of the People', which indeed made him find a place in the hearts of his countrymen. From the character of a high school teacher who accidentally rose on to become the president in the sitcom, Zelensky became the real man to hold the real position of the Presidency. This miraculous metamorphosis from an ordinary man to the man who would later sail his country through the most troubling times makes him a rare leader. He is the man, mystic and messiah for his countrymen. Despite countries taking sides with the warring neighbors, Zelensky is all set to change narratives on the idea of leadership compelling the world to respect his willingness to die for his country.

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North Korea may fire big missile to put spy satellite in space

SEOUL: North Korea has tested parts of its biggest intercontinental ballistic missile in two recent launches, the U.S. and South Korean militaries said, a suggestion it is likely to fire that weapon soon to put a spy satellite into orbit in what would be its most significant provocation in years. North Korea's neighbors detected two ballistic launches last week. North Korea later said it was testing cameras and other systems to be installed on a spy satellite but didn't disclose what missiles or rockets it used. After analyzing the launches, the U.S. and South Korean militaries said they concluded they involved an ICBM system under development that North Korea first unveiled during a military parade in October 2020. "The purpose of these tests, which did not demonstrate ICBM range, was likely to evaluate this new system before conducting a test at full range in the future, potentially disguised as a space launch," Pentagon press secretary John Kirby said in a statement Thursday.

said a spy satellite could sharply increase North Korea's capability to monitor the movements of U.S. aircraft carriers and other strategic assets. "If you want to use long-range strikes on moving targets like aircraft carriers, you need to receive data on their movement from satellites," Kwon said. "If North Korea puts a spy satellite (in space), that will be an epoch-making development." Jung Chang Wook, head of the Korea Defense Study Forum think tank in Seoul, said North Korea would want to test technologies that ensure multiple warheads of a missile could survive the extreme heat and pressure of reentry from space. Jung and Kwon said they both believe North Korea has acquired the reentry vehicle technology for a single warhead missile, an assessment that some analysts dispute. A spy satellite and a missile with multiple warheads were among an array of sophisticated weapons that North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has vowed to develop to cope with



South Korea's Defense Ministry released a similar assessment and said North Korea must immediately stop any act that raises tensions and regional security concerns. That ICBM cited in the U.S. and the South Korean statements is the Hwasong-17, North Korea's biggest missile, which could potentially fly up to 15,000 kilometers (9,320 miles), far enough to strike anywhere in the U.S. and beyond. The 25-meter (82-foot) missile, which was shown again at a defense exhibition in North Korea's capital, Pyongyang, last year, has yet to be test-launched. North Korea has already demonstrated the potential to reach the U.S. mainland with flight tests of other ICBMs, the Hwasong-14 and Hwasong-15, in 2017. Some analysts say developing a larger missile could mean the country is trying to arm its long-range weapons with multiple warheads to overcome missile defense systems. North Korea's two missile launches were the latest in a string of tests in recent months, an apparent attempt to modernize its arsenal and apply pressure on the Biden administration as nuclear disarmament talks remain stalled. Observers expect North Korea to launch the Hwasong-17 missile for two main military purposes — testing key weapons parts and putting its first functioning spy satellite in space. They say North Korea may claim that it is firing a rocket, not a missile, for a satellite launch, but the U.N. and others have viewed past satellite launches as disguised tests of its long-range missile technology. Kwon Yong Soo, a former professor at Korea National Defense University in South Korea, said the estimated thrust of the Hwasong-17 suggests it is powerful enough to place multiple reconnaissance satellites into orbit in a single launch. He said North Korea would also want to test the missile's engine parts. Kwon said the liquid-fueled Hwasong-17 may be too big and lack mobility given North Korea's poor road conditions. He said its launch could be a show of force. But Kwon

what he calls American hostility such as economic sanctions. "If North Korea succeeds in its test of a reentry vehicle for multiple warheads, that will tremendously boost its leverage in its negotiations with the United States," Jung said. "It could be a game changer." On Friday, North Korean state media said Kim visited the country's satellite launch facility and ordered officials to modernize and expand it to fire a variety of rockets. Earlier this week, he said that North Korea needs reconnaissance satellites to monitor "the aggression troops of the U.S. imperialism and its vassal forces." North Korea conducted two successful satellite launches from the Sohae Satellite Launching Ground in the northwest in 2012 and 2016. It said they were Earth observation satellites produced under its peaceful space development program, but outside experts said they were designed to spy on its rivals, though there is no evidence that those satellites ever transmitted images. Experts say North Korea could launch a spy satellite ahead of a major political anniversary in April — the 110th birthday of state founder Kim Il Sung, the late grandfather of Kim Jong Un. Jung, the analyst, said he thinks the launch will likely come in early May, just before a new South Korean president takes office later that month. Kirby said the U.S. military ordered "enhanced readiness" among its ballistic missile defense forces in the region and intensified surveillance activities off the Korean Peninsula's west coast. The launch, if carried out, would be North Korea's most serious provocative act since its three ICBM tests in 2017. In 2018, North Korea unilaterally suspended long-range and nuclear tests before it entered now-dormant denuclearization talks with the United States. The talks collapsed in 2019 due to disputes over U.S.-led sanctions on the North. Top North Korean officials recently hinted at lifting the 2018 weapons test moratorium.

Covid-19 death toll three times higher than official records, India has highest excess deaths : Study

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON: The first peer-reviewed global estimates of excess deaths indicate 18.2 million people may have died because of the Covid-19 pandemic by December 31, 2021. While the official death toll due to the pandemic was 5.9 million between January 1, 2020, and December 31, 2021, the new study estimates 18.2 million excess deaths occurred over the same period, suggesting the full impact of the pandemic may have been far greater.

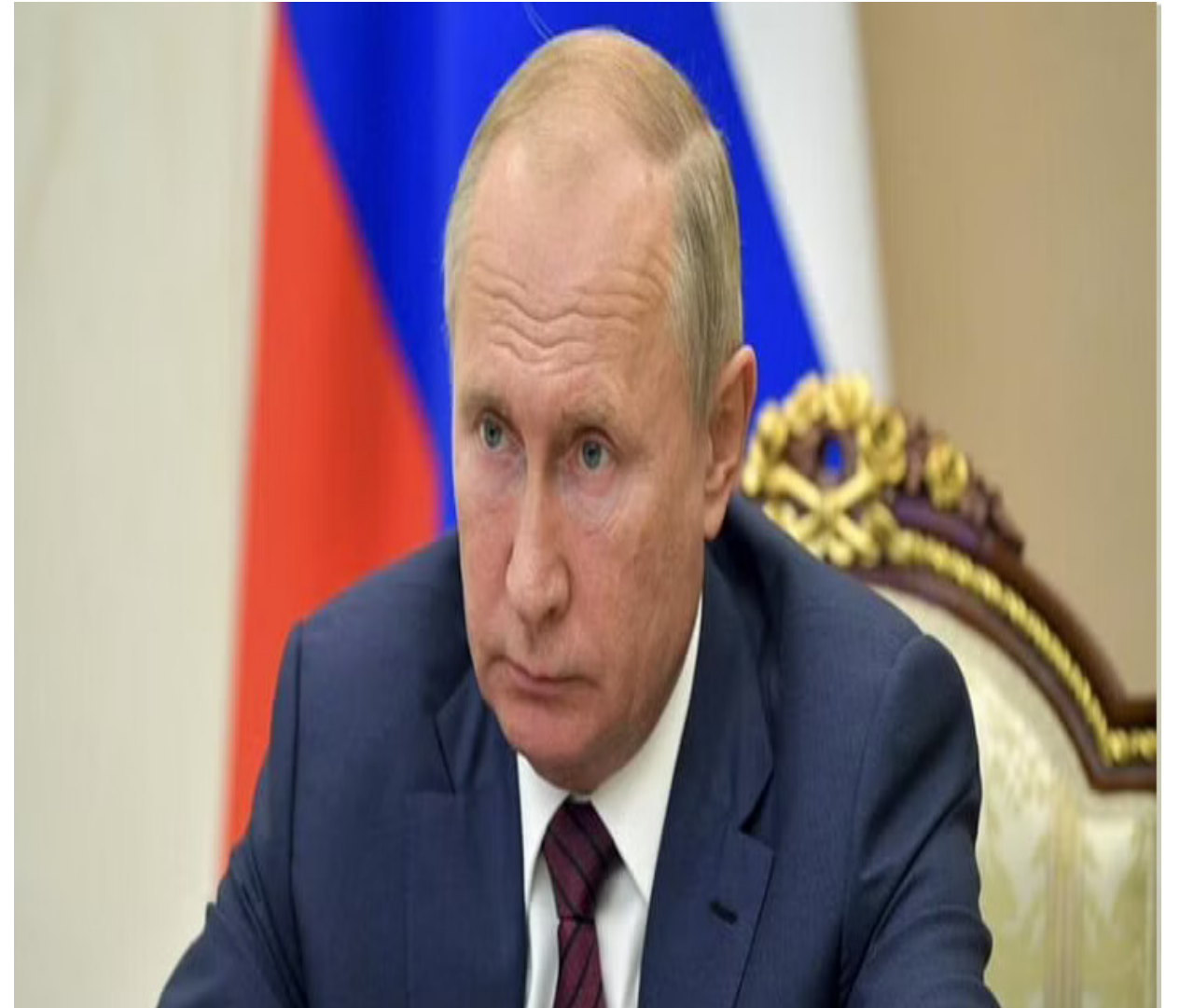
Excess deaths — the difference between the number of recorded deaths from all causes and the number expected based on past trends — are a key measure of the true death toll of the pandemic. While there have been several attempts to estimate excess mortality from Covid-19, most have been limited in geographical scope by the availability of data, said the study published in the *Lancet*. The large differences between excess

deaths and official records may be a result of under-diagnosis due to lack of testing and issues with reporting death data, the authors of the study said. The new study provides the first peer-reviewed estimates of excess deaths due to the pandemic globally and for 191 countries and territories (and 252 subnational locations such as states and provinces). With 5.3 million excess deaths, South Asia had the highest number of estimated excess deaths from Covid-19, followed by North Africa and the Middle East (1.7 million) and Eastern Europe (1.4 million). At the country level, the highest number of estimated excess deaths occurred in India (4.1 million), the USA (1.1 million), Russia (1.1 million), Mexico (798,000), Brazil (792,000), Indonesia (736,000), and Pakistan (664,000). ALSO READ | No fourth wave of

population, India alone accounted for an estimated 22% of the global total deaths. Lead author Dr Haidong Wang, of the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, USA, said: "Understanding the true death toll from the pandemic is vital for effective public health decision-making. Studies from several countries including Sweden and the Netherlands, suggest Covid-19 was the direct cause of most excess deaths, but we currently don't have enough evidence for most locations. Further research will help to reveal how many deaths were caused directly by Covid-19, and how many occurred as an indirect result of the pandemic." Because of its large



Putin approves bringing 'volunteer' fighters from the Middle East, elsewhere to join Russia's Ukraine offensive



NEW YORK: Russian President Vladimir Putin has ordered that so-called volunteer fighters should be brought into Ukraine. Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu said Russia knew of "more than 16,000

applications" from countries in the Middle East, many of them from people who he said helped Russia against the Islamic State group, according to a Kremlin transcript. They want "to take part in what they consider a liberation movement," Shoigu said, on the side of Russia-backed separatist regions in eastern Ukraine. Since 2015, Russian forces have backed Syrian President Bashar al-Assad against various groups opposed to his rule, including Islamic State. Putin told Shoigu that Russia should help would-be volunteers to "move to the combat zone" and contrasted them with what he called foreign "mercenaries" fighting for Ukraine.

Cadaver kidney transplantation at SUM Ultimate Medicare

BHUBANESWAR: Deceased donor kidney transplantation will soon be started at SUM Ultimate Medicare (SUMUM) here. The hospital authori-

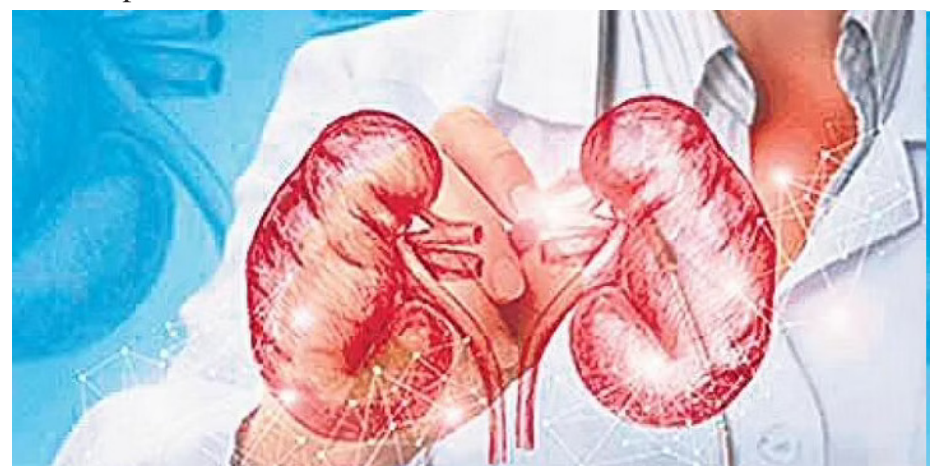
ease. "We have already stepped up efforts to start cadaver kidney transplantation. We have also launched several awareness

ing to start renal transplantation programme very soon. Medical Superintendent Dr SN Mohanty said the much-needed renal

chronic kidney disease (CKD). Though there is no exact data, various studies show the prevalence of CKD is around 10 to 14 pc, which is more than the national average.

Moreover, there are some areas in the State where the prevalence of kidney disease is near about 20 pc and those are identified as CKD hot spots, said Dr Panda. While there are about 2.5 lakh kidney patients in the State, about 400 of them die every year.

At Apollo Hospitals, a health talk was organised for senior citizens to educate and sensitise them about kidney disease and care. Consultants of nephrology, urology and critical care were present. Regional CEO of Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Limited Dr Sudhir M Diggikar said that people should avoid unnecessary medication, especially pain killers, as the drugs damage the kidney. COO-cum-DMS of Apollo Hospitals Dr Alok Srivastava and Urology consultants Dr Biswajit Nanda also spoke.



ties announced this on the occasion of World Kidney Day on Thursday.

Chief Executive Officer of the hospital Dr Swetapadma Dash said SUMUM has decided to start cadaveric kidney transplantation and promote cadaveric organ donation.

Recognising the importance of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) and the rising cases of kidney patients in Odisha, she said special efforts are being made by the hospital for early detection of cases, optimisation of medical care and dialysis facilities for those affected by kidney dis-

programmes about the increasing burden of kidney diseases and focused on the need to evolve strategies for kidney disease prevention," Dr Dash said.

On the occasion, Chief of Medical Services Dr Biraj Mohan Mishra stressed on periodic health check up of people who do physical work in high temperature, come in contact with pesticides and other harmful chemicals, take excessive painkillers, consume spurious liquor and contaminated water as most of them contract kidney disease.

Similarly, AIIMS Bhubaneswar is go-

transplantation programme will commence after the required approvals are obtained. The service will benefit patients from Odisha and its neighbouring states. AIIMS, which has been providing dialysis service since 2019, has already developed the required infrastructure for renal transplantation. Kidney patients are getting plasmapheresis, continuous renal replacement therapy (CRRT) and renal biopsy services here. Head and Assistant Professor of Nephrology Department Dr Sandip Kumar Panda said Odisha is witnessing steady rise in

HSC exams for Class 10 students in Odisha to be held from April 29 to May 6

BHUBANESWAR: With the number of new Covid-19 cases coming down considerably, the Odisha government on Friday announced that the annual high school certificate (HSC) examination for Class X students will be held from April 29 to May 6. Other board examinations, State Open School Certificate Examination and Madhyama (Sanskrit), will also be conducted in the same schedule.

Announcing the decision, Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mahapatra said that the examination or summative assessment-II will be mandatory for all students.

Students will take the exam in one subject in one day instead of two sittings. Also, the students will appear in the crucial exami-

nation in their own schools. Such a decision has been taken to ensure that the students do not waste time or face any inconvenience, he added.

The Chief Secretary



said that if it will not be possible to be conducted examination in a school, provision will be made to ensure that the test will be held in a nearby school. He said that teachers from other schools will be deployed during the examination.

Assessment of the students' performance will be evaluated by adopting three methods. The highest mark ob-

tained by a student from these three evaluation methods will be published as his/her final result. As per the first method, the weightage secured by a student in

summative assessment-I and internal assessment will be doubled for announcement of the result. In the second method, the weightage secured in the summative assessment-II will be doubled. The third method announced by the Board of Secondary Education (BSE) is new. As per the new method, a student will get 20 percent weightage

from internal assessment, 30 percent from summative assessment-I and 50 percent from summative assessment-II. According to the BSE, the first two methods are alternative method assessments. According to Mohapatra, the state government has come up several measures to provide relief to students keeping in view the impact of Covid-19 on the mental health of the children by coming up with the alternative assessment system.

The examination schedule was announced by the BSE after detailed discussions with students, teachers, members of different teachers' association, guardians and members of different association of parents, educationists and officials of the education department.

Nandankanan closed for visitors as two elephants stray into zoo

BHUBANESWAR: Visitors' entry into Nandankanan zoo was restricted for a day after two wild elephants strayed into the zoological park by breaking the fences

Nandankanan deputy director Sanjeet Kuma. After entering into the visitors' area and causing minor damage to plants, the elephants moved into a small patch of forest

the elephants from there. The deputy director said the mission to drive away the two elephants during the daytime was deliberately put on hold to prevent risk of dam-

ing would be the last option if the elephants continue to stay. An official said the elephants entered the zoo by trampling the fences that had been installed temporarily for restoration



Daruthenga early on Wednesday. The elephants that entered the zoo premises at around 4 am caused minor damage to the plantation area, fodder farm, and sprinklers in the morning. However, no damage has been caused to any enclosure, said

close to the tiger enclosure of the zoo. Later in the evening, the elephants were seen hiding in the sanctuary area of the zoological park. A team with the help of forest staff from Chandaka Wildlife Division has been engaged to drive away




age to any enclosure or attack on any individual. "As the elephants have moved out to the sanctuary area, we have decided to wait for some more time in the night as we expect they will go back on their own," Kumar said and added that dart-

of the boundary wall, damaged by a wild elephant earlier. Meanwhile, uncertainty continues regarding the reopening of the zoo on Thursday as officials said they may not allow visitors inside until the elephants move back to the forest.

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Govt appoints ex-financial services secretary Debasish Panda as IRDAI chief

NEW DELHI: The government on Friday appointed former financial services secretary Debasish Panda as chairman of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of In-

IRDAI chairman comes nearly 9 months after the vacancy was created following Subhash Chandra Khuntia completing his term in May last year. In April 2021, the fi-

Cabinet, headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, for its final approval. Prior to elevation as financial services secretary, Panda served as additional secretary looking af-

and Family Welfare and Deputy Director (Administration), All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi. IRDAI is entrusted with the task of protecting the interest of



dia (IRDAI). The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved Panda's appointment as chairperson of the insurance regulator initially for a period of three years from the assumption of charge, sources said. Panda, a 1987-batch IAS officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre, retired as financial services secretary in January this year after a two-year stint. The appointment of

nance ministry had invited applications to replace Khuntia. As per the procedure for the appointment of regulators, the name is suggested by the Financial Sector Regulatory Appointments Search Committee (FSRASC) headed by the Cabinet Secretary. Based on interaction with eligible candidates, FSRASC recommends the name to the Appointments Committee of the

ter insurance and financial inclusion division. He was also the government nominee director on board of IRDAI and served on the boards of some public sector banks and insurance companies. Panda was also on the board of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). During his stint in Uttar Pradesh, he was Principal Secretary, Home and Agriculture and Cooperation, Resident Commissioner and CEO of Greater Noida Authority. Panda also served as joint secretary in the Ministry of Health

insurance policyholders and bringing about speedy and orderly growth of the insurance industry (including annuity and superannuation payments), for the benefit of the common man and to provide long term funds for accelerating growth of the economy. It also helps promote fairness, transparency and orderly conduct in financial markets dealing with insurance and build a reliable management information system to enforce high standards of financial soundness among market players.

Heads roll in Uttar Pradesh Congress after poor results, electronic media coordinator Zeeshan Haider expelled

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Haider claimed he had not said anything against Priyanka Gandhi but had blamed a handful of people having roots in the Jawaharlal Nehru University for "misleading her and selling tickets".

"These people have not done anything on the ground and all the leaders who have left the party in the recent past had done so because of the personal assistant of Priyanka ji and his cronies," hetold PTL.

"In the recent past, 30 former MPs, legislators and leaders have left the party and every one of them will tell how they left the party because of the same people. Priyanka ji should also know that it is because of these people that the party is in such a bad shape today," he said.

He said he has been expelled for stating the truth but "I will continue to do so".

He said he was not even given a chance to clarify his position on the statement which is being attributed as the reason of his expulsion. The party has forfeited deposits on 380 seats of the 403 seats, he said.

Two leaders resigned on Friday and more will follow, Haider added.

In the worst-ever performance in the Uttar Pradesh assembly elections, the Congress won just two seats and its vote share was reduced to 2.33 per cent from 6.25 per cent in the 2017 polls, when it had won seven seats.

Even the Uttar Pradesh Congress chief Ajay Kumar Lallu faced a humiliating defeat from Tamkuhi Raj seat of Kushinagar and stood third behind BJP and SP candidates.

I-T department offices to open on all Saturdays in March after FM Nirmala Sitharaman's rap

NEW DELHI: Offices of the income tax department across the country will remain open on all Saturdays this month after Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman directed them to do so in order to resolve taxpayers' issues and grievances, a senior official said on Friday. Sitharaman early this week rapped the policy-making boards of the I-T department (CBDT) and that for the Customs and GST department (CBIC) during an event in Bengaluru for allegedly not responding to the grievances of assesseees.

While the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) is the apex policy-mak-

ing body for the I-T department, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) is the same authority for the customs, central excise and the goods and service tax department. All offices of the I-T department up to the level of Principal Commissioner of Income Tax will remain open on all Saturdays this month. This will start from tomorrow, March 12, a senior I-T department officer told PTL.

All the regional formations of the department have also published their respective email IDs on their official Twitter handles for taxpayers to send suggestions and seek clarifications, the

officer said. Currently, Saturdays and Sundays are off days for I-T department employees. During a budget outreach programme between finance ministry officials, the industry

and trade bodies in Bengaluru on March 7, Sitharaman pulled up CBDT and CBIC officials when a participant made certain queries regarding various tax aspects.

BJP clean sweep in PM Modi's Varanasi, Adityanath's Gorakhpur; all seats in Akhilesh's Azamgarh go to SP

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Bhartiya Samaj Party and Apna Dal (Sonelal) candidates had won in Ajagara and Sevapuri, respectively.

Modi had held a massive road show in Varanasi and addressed his last rally in the district's Khajuri village.

In Adityanath's "karamabhoomi" Gorakhpur, the BJP won all nine assembly seats this time. Adityanath himself won from Gorakhpur Urban while the BJP nominees trounced their rivals in Caimpiyarganj, Pipraich, Gorakhpur Rural, Sahajanwa, Khajani, Chauri Chaura, Bansaon and Chillupar.

In 2017, the BJP had won eight of these nine seats with Vijay Shankar Tiwari of the BSP bagged the Chillupar seat.

The Samajwadi Party created history in Azamgarh by securing a win on all 10 assembly seats. Akhilesh Yadav himself had contested his maiden assembly election from Karhal in Mainpuri district.

The SP won Azamgarh Sadar, Atraulia, Nizamabad, Didarganj, Phoolpur Pawai, Mubarakpur, Lalganj, Gopalpur, Sagri and Mehnagar assembly constituencies. Earlier, the SP's best performance in Azamgarh was in 2012, when it won nine out of 10 seats, losing Mubarkpur to the BSP.

The party had also formed the government in the state then. In 2017, the SP won only five seats in Azamgarh.

Pakistan inducts China-made J-10C fighter jets into PAF

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(AESA) radar than the one used by the JF-17 Block 3, and it can also carry more advanced, fourth-generation air-to-air missiles including the short-range PL-10 and the beyond-visual-range PL-15.

The J-10C is a 4.5-generation medium-sized fighter jet and is more powerful than the China-Pakistan jointly developed lightweight fighter jet, the JF-17, currently being used by the PAF.

Pakistan had announced the display of the new jet on March 23 at the annual Defence Day Parade.

The exact number of aircraft provided by China so far is not known.

Interior Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed said in December Pakistan had acquired a full squadron of 25 Chinese multirole J-10C fighter jets in response to India's purchase of Rafale aircraft.

The minister told reporters in his home city of Rawalpindi that a full squadron of 25 all-weather aircraft comprising J-10C will attend the Pakistan Day ceremony on March 23 this year.

Many experts believe that the J-10C is Pakistan's answer to the Rafale jets.

The J-10C aircraft were part of the Pak-China joint exercise in 2020, where experts from Pakistan had the opportunity to have a close look at the fighter jets.

The joint exercises started on December 7 in Pakistan and lasted about 20 days, with China sending warplanes including J-10C, J-11B jets, KJ-500 early warning aircraft and Y-8 electronic warfare aircraft, while Pakistan participated with the JF-17 and Mirage III fighter jets.

Pakistan had a fleet of US-made F-16s, which is considered a good match for Rafale, but it was looking for a new multirole all-weather jet to augment its defence after India purchased Rafale jets from France.

Nearly six years ago, India signed an inter-governmental agreement with France to purchase 36 Rafale jets under a Rs 59,000-crore deal to boost the Indian Air Force's combat capabilities.

Odisha likely to host working group meets of G20 Summit

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of hotels and other facilities, a team of officials of the Ministry's logistics committee has arrived here to study the feasibility.

The five-member team on Thursday visited Konark and some star hotels in Bhubaneswar after holding a formal meeting with senior officials of the Home, Tourism and Urban Development departments.

The Summit will be the pinnacle of the G20 process and intense work carried out within the ministerial meetings, working groups, and engagement groups throughout the year.

A senior official of the State government said the Ministry officials are here for scouting of possible venues to host G20 ministerial/working group meetings in and around Bhubaneswar.

"They have visited the places of their choice. Nothing has been finalised as the schedule is yet to be prepared. Around 250 to 300 global leaders and officials are expected if a couple of meets are held here. The State may have to develop some infrastructure once the meet is scheduled," he added.

The Centre is in the process of building a secretariat at New Delhi that will look after the affairs of organising the G20 Summit. Pragati Maidan is being developed to host the main Summit.

What is G20 Summit?

G20 is an inter-governmental forum that addresses global economic issues such as financial stability, climate change mitigation, and sustainable development. It is a group of 19 countries and the European Union (EU), with representatives of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. The membership comprises a mix of the world's largest advanced and emerging economies, representing about two-thirds of the world's population, 80 per cent (pc) of global GDP, 80 pc of global investment and over 75 pc of global trade.

There are no set parameters for adjustments required in pink-ball Tests: Jasprit Bumrah



BENGALURU: India vice-captain Jasprit Bumrah on Friday said the cricketers need to make a few "mental adjustments" going into a Pink Ball Test but defining one set parameter for that is not possible since all three day-night games they have played in the past, had varied condi-

tions. India are gearing up for their fourth day-night Test against Sri Lanka, having played against Bangladesh, Australia and England before. Bumrah they are still learning how to approach pink ball games. "As professional cricketers, we need to adjust as quickly as

possible. The pink ball looks different while fielding. It comes earlier than what you perceive," Bumrah said during the pre-match virtual media interaction. "In the afternoon session, the ball may not swing much but in the evening, it can swing more, all these small points (are being discussed). We have not

played many pink ball matches and whatever we have played, they were all in different conditions, so no parameter can be set (on adjustments required). "So whatever little experience you have gathered and the feedback you have taken, you work on things that are under our control," the fast bowler added.

Naomi Osaka outlasts Sloane Stephens in 3 sets in return to Indian Wells

INDIAN WELLS: Naomi Osaka made a winning return to the BNP Paribas Open on Thursday, rallying to beat Sloane Stephens 3-6, 6-1, 6-2 in a first-round meeting of former major champions. Trailing 2-0 in the

Cold winds blowing from 20 to 30 mph sent debris swirling around the court. "I felt like I was fighting for my life. I was fighting against her, I was fighting against the wind. It was crazy," Osaka said. "I'm really proud with how

dropped to 78th in the world. "I keep taking these long breaks," she said. "I do need to play a lot more matches and I do need to give myself the opportunity to get more into the swing of things." Osaka has said she

American's ranking has dropped to 38th, although she was coming off a win in the tournament at Guadalajara, Mexico, last month. Other first-round winners were Yulia Putintseva of Kazakhstan, Daria Saville and Tereza Martincova.



third set, Osaka fought off three break points to hold and begin a run of six straight games to close out the match in just under two hours. She broke Stephens three times in the set, including at love in the sixth game. "That was a really good test for me," Osaka said.

I handled it." Osaka, the 2018 winner at Indian Wells, is back in the desert for the first time since 2019. The Japanese star hasn't played a tournament since January when she lost in the round of 32 at the Australian Open. Only having played a handful of events last year, her ranking has

has faced bouts of depression since winning the U.S. Open in 2018. The four-time major champion withdrew from the French Open last year to preserve her mental health. Stephens, the 2017 U.S. Open winner, lost for the first time in three career meetings with Osaka. The

In men's first-round matches, Americans Mackenzie McDonald, Jenson Brooksby, Jack Sock and J.J. Wolf all won. Christopher Eubanks saved three match points in outlasting Maxime Cressy 5-7, 7-6 (8), 6-4 in an all-American matchup. Nick Kyrgios, who received a wild card, beat Sebastian Baez 6-4, 6-0.

UEFA opens disciplinary case against PSG chief Al-Khelaifi



NYON: UEFA opened disciplinary proceedings against Paris Saint-Germain President Nasser Al-Khelaifi on Thursday over heated incidents after the team's Champions League loss at Real Madrid. The Qatari is also a member of UEFA's

executive committee, chairman of the influential European Club Association and head of Doha-based broadcaster beIN Media Group — a key Champions League TV rights holder. The disciplinary case, which also includes sporting director

Leonardo, followed reports that Al-Khelaifi went in search of the match officials to protest refereeing decisions on Wednesday night. PSG was beaten 3-1 in Madrid to exit the round of 16 with a 3-2 aggregate loss. The French side had led 1-

0 from the first leg and Kylian Mbappe scored again in Madrid to give PSG a 2-0 aggregate lead that was wiped out by Karim Benzema scoring a hat trick. UEFA confirmed the disciplinary cases had been opened without specifying the details.




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