

Timely evacuation of Mizoram personnel saves precious lives

Imphal (KCN): In an unfortunate incident, a Tata-D1 (Medium Truck) vehicle bearing Regn. No. AS-11 EC-0239 carrying 11 personnel of E/Coy of Mizoram SAPF (2nd IR



Battalion) met an accident on 02/03/2022 at 0130 hrs near Tamenglong College Campus. The said party was on its way to Tamenglong for the 2nd phase polling duty in Manipur. In the accident, six police personnel were critically injured and 05 other sustained minor injuries. One constable namely Shri K. Lalawmpuia (C/516) of Champhai succumbed to the injuries and was declared brought dead at the District Hospital, Tamenglong. An early morning rescue operation was planned immediately in coordination with the office of CEO and State Police, in which three sorties of Helicopter were arranged quickly for the evacuation of all the injured including the deceased. Top priority was accorded to evacuate the six critically injured Mizoram SAP personnel. Subsequently, they all were admitted in RIMS, Imphal for further treatment. A team of CRPF

officers and doctors were pre-positioned at RIMS as well as at Helipad ground for effective coordination. The body of the deceased was also airlifted and taken to JNIMS where the postmortem was conducted. On completion of all formalities the mortal remains of the deceased was dispatched to Aizwal by Flight AI-713 along with one attendant.



The entire rescue operation was personally supervised by Shri Manish Kumar Agrawal, IG, CRPF, Shri P.K. Nayak, DIG(Ops), CRPF, Shri R.S. Rautela, DIG(Range) CRPF along with CEO office and Manipur Police. IG, CRPF expressed deep condolences to the bereaved family and assured to extend all possible help to the injured personnel and the family of the deceased. He informed that CRPF is in touch with DG, Mizoram Police and the team of doctors at RIMS for the best treatment of the injured.

SUMUM on Cochlear Implant Surgery

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Cochlear Implant sur-

Medicare here. The most complex

and did not learn to speak.



gery, which has brought a ray of hope for millions of children who are born deaf, is now available at the SUM Ultimate

and delicate ENT surgery was done at the hospital recently on a 4-year-old boy from Bargarh who could not hear since birth

The devastated parents explored different options of treatment at many places but no treatment could be taken up due

to the pandemic induced lock down and other problems. When they contacted Dr. Radhamadhab Sahu, Senior Consultant, ENT and Skull Base Surgery at SUM Ultimate Medicare, they were advised to go for Cochlear Implant surgery. The surgery was conducted by posterior tympanotomy method, a minimally invasive procedure which required a very small incision and caused less pain. Dr. CONTINUED ON: P-7

'Felt a whistle, realized it was flying toward us': Kharkiv resident shocked by bombing

KYIV(KCN): Videos circulated online of an apparent attack on

It shows a building with its roof blown off and its top floor on

The Ukrainian government's center for strategic commu-



the regional police and intelligence headquarters in Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city.

fire. Pieces of the five-story building are strewn across adjacent streets.

nications released images Wednesday of strikes hitting Kharkiv, with balls of fire lighting up the

city skyline over populated areas. Kharkiv resident Marina Boreiko described strikes hitting a neighbouring building Tuesday, and her shock at seeing bodies lying in the rubble. "Today I survived a bombing," she told The Associated Press, repeatedly choking back tears. "A Russian plane dropped a bomb on the house next door. My boyfriend and I were at home. We felt CONTINUED ON: P-7

Nomination filing begins for ULBs

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Filing of nomination papers for election of various posts in 109 Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) has started in the State on Wednesday.

Candidates and their proposers have been seen buying nomination forms in the office of Electoral Officer (EO) in Bhubaneswar and other places. Special arrangements have been made in the offices for this purpose. The interested candidates can file their nominations till March 7. The nominations are being sold for the post of Mayor and Corporators in three Municipal Corporations, Bhubaneswar, Cuttack and Berhampur while the nomination for Chairperson and Council-

lors are available at the EO office in 47 Municipalities, 59 Notified Area Councils (NACs).

the indirect election for the post of Deputy Mayor and Vice-Chairperson will be conducted on April 8

constituted NACs at Remuna, Chandbali, Dhamnagar and Bijepur will go for



Scrutiny of the papers will be done on March 9 and the last date for withdrawal of nominations is March 14 (excluding government holiday). The election will be held on March 24 and the result will be declared on March 26. This time there will be a direct election for the post of Mayor and Chairperson. So

and April 7, respectively. The Model Code of Conduct issued by the Commission will remain in force till March 26. The tenure of maximum ULBs in Odisha ended in September 2018 while the tenure of Hindol and Attabira NACs has not been completed so far. The newly

election for the first time. Over 41 lakh voters are eligible to cast their votes in the Urban Elections. About 27 lakh voters, 3,030 booths and 1731 wards are there in 106 Municipalities and NACs while there are 14.26 lakh voters, 168 wards and 1407 booths in three Corporations.

Maha Shivratri celebrated

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Shree Lingaraj Temple here was all decked up on Tuesday for the auspicious 'Maha Shivratri' festival.

The Temple's entrance was lit up with decorative lights. Also, trees in front of the temple premises were decorated with lights.

Due to the pandemic devotees was not allowed inside the sanctum sanctorum of the temple. But they had darshan of Lord Lingaraj at Aada Katha of the 11th century temple. Devotees entered the temple from Singhdwara and exit was made through Dakshinadwara and

Uttaradwara. Also, they were screened at the entrance of the



temple. Meanwhile, the temple authorities issued the detailed schedule of the 'Maha Shivaratri'

rituals today. As per the schedule, 'Sandhya Dhupa and Tirtha Jala Aanayana' ritual was performed between 8.55PM and 10 PM on 1 March. The 'Mahadeep Darshan' was held at 10.20 PM on 1 March. The Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) has also issued a set of guidelines to be followed during the celebration of the festival at the Shree Lingaraj temple. Devotees lighted deepas (wicker lamps) on the premises of the Shree Lingaraj Temple by following the Covid norms. Devotees were advised to wear masks

appropriately all the time while maintaining physical distance. Facilities for hand washing, hand sanitizer was ensured by the temple authorities. Chewing of pan or gutkha's or any kind of spitting in or around the temple has also been strictly prohibited. Bhanjan Samaroha and Cultural Mahotsav of Shree Lingaraj was held at the Bhanjan Mandap in-front of Shree Lingaraj Temple on the auspicious occasion of Mahashivratri. Concert was conducted by Ace Singer Anuradha Padwal and others.

Vihangam Yoga Satsang program organized

Rourkela (KCN): The 103rd birth anniversary of Shri Sadguru Dharma Chandra Dev Ji was celebrated by the followers of Maharishi Sadafal Dev Ji Maharaj, the founder of Vihangam Yoga, at the residence of Osier Prasad in Balughat, Panposh. The ceremony was organized keeping in mind the protocol of covid. Sugriv Sharma, the convener of Sundargarh district of Vihangam Yoga Sant Samaj, conducted the program. For the past many years, many

programs have been successfully organized under the leadership of Sundergarh

his leadership. The program was organized by Sadhguru disciple Osier Prasad.

Harinarayan Singh narrated the Swarveda story, Vishwanath



District Coordinator Sugriv Sharma. He has achieved success in running the group of Vihangam Yoga at Rourkela city and district level under

The welcome anthem and mangal anthem were presented collectively in the program. The worship of devotion was presented by Asha Devi.

Vishwakarma recited the Swarveda. Mansa Devi, Asha Devi presented Bhajan and Kiran Vishwakarma presented Sohar CONTINUED ON: P-7



Priceless

Sanjib Kumar Dash

Sun winks behind lazy clouds, above the rain ceased earth, festive seven colours extend, in opposite sky, where the giant bow bridges hilly horizons, really, a coherence of art n joy.

Breeze cross pinholes, the sals,the cedars tremble, tuning a magnificent musica, It's natures' remedial solace, thatenthral a missing heart, a booster to dexterity.

Nectars of ferociousbees,from micro basins of countless flowers, all the way a heavenly taste, an enigma, as outcome of theirs placid integral action.

Purity entrapped in jungle,

A mother cow feeding a cub, Rare and wonderful show it is, of its benign approach, envisaged with fragrance of affectionate beauty.

Birds twitter, Tides lump, Moon shines, Stars twinkle, all feel a garden of love for strangers, nature has bestowed this way, the priceless gifts,no hassle, no haste. Why worry then? Let's think a little platonic, all around, lots of channels for peace n pelf definitely open all through the biome, why bother....

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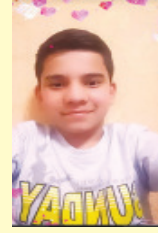
Winter

Abdulloh Abdumominov

Silver Winter has come again, Kids flying sled. We make Christmas, We play snowballs.

They hit my window, The sound of a bitter winter. Invites you to the new year, The playful word of the snow. Tales told by my mother

Great from each other



My mother tells fairy tales Leads to good Tales of generations Pillars in the future

We tell my mom Thank you very much We get it from fairy tales Examples of goodness We will ask again Stories, proverbs

Tashkent

SADHGURU QUOTES

IF YOU HANDLE YOUR ENTIRE LIFE WITH LOGIC ALONE, YOU WILL END UP A MESS.



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15 Types of Indian Paintings That Flourished Through the Ages

India has a very rich culture and tradition and it portrays it through its amazing art and craft. In India, Every region and state is linked with



a particular art form like the Madhubani painting in Bihar to the Pithora painting in Gujarat, the Warli painting in Maharashtra, the Kalamkari painting in Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana to the Gond art in Madhya Pradesh. There are many folk art forms of India which have been internationally recognized and highly praised. We express our feelings, emotions, thoughts and admire our surroundings, nature, flora, and fauna, and respect our deities and mythology through these art forms. Let's take a look at some of the types of Indian paintings:

1. Madhubani Painting

Types of Indian Paintings, Madhubani Image-Andrea Kirkby/Flickr
The Madhubani paintings or Mithila paintings originated in the Madhubani village of Bihar



and are mostly created by women. This type of Indian painting uses many tools like fingers, twigs, brushes, nib-pens, matchsticks, and natural colors. These are done on walls, floors of holy places, canvases, etc. These brightly colored Madhubani paintings are characterized by their geometrical patterns and are widely practiced in the Madhubani district in Bihar. Originally, these paintings were done on mud walls and soil ground or floors. Now, they are also done on canvases, cloth, and handmade paper. It is one of the most celebrated and popular styles of folk painting in India.

The themes of Madhubani paintings are mostly scenes from nature like sun, moon, tulsi plants and scenes from mythology and Hindu deities like Krishna, Rama, Shiva, Durga, Lakshmi, Saraswati, etc. They also include Ardhanarishvara, court scenes, social events, and wedding scenes. The origin of this art form dates back to the Ramayana period when Raja Janak (Sita's father) requested the villagers to decorate the whole village on the occasion of Prince Rama's and Sita's wedding. Many Madhubani artists received several awards such as the National award and Padma Shri making the art form famous and recognized.

2. Phad Painting

Types of Indian Paintings, Phad Image-MicheleLovesArt/Wikimedia

This type of Indian folk painting is practiced in the state of Rajasthan, India. Phad painting is a religious scroll painting style and traditionally done on a long piece of cloth or canvas which is known as Phad. Phads depict the



folk deities of Rajasthan, mainly Pabuji and Devnarayan. The Bhopas, priest-singers of the folk deities in Rajasthan carry and perform in front of a Phad using it as a portable temple. It is a narrative scroll painting tradition on which stories of their deities and heroes like Prithviraj Chauhan are painted in mostly red, yellow, and orange colors.

Phad paintings depict battlefields, adventures, romance, etc. These paintings are very detailed and artists manage to accommodate many stories at once using every inch of the canvas. The Joshi community extensively practiced the Phad art form and later Shree Lal Joshi, a world-renowned Phad artist, and Padma Shree as well as Shilpguru award winner, who preserved and modernized this style, opened a school 'Chitrashala' for everyone to learn and practice the art form.

3. Warli Painting

Types of Indian Paintings, Warli Image-Choo Yut Shing/Flickr
This form of tribal art belongs to one of the major tribes, the Warlis, in Maharashtra. It has been practiced for over 2500 years. It mostly



depicts the daily activities of the local people such as farming, dancing, praying, hunting, sowing, etc., and the elements of nature. These paintings focus on showing social and daily life. They are closely connected to nature rather than showing mythological characters and deities.

Warli paintings are traditionally done on the mud walls of huts using twigs with rice paste. These paintings are characterized by white-colored, simple geometric designs and patterns like triangles, squares, and circles. Mountains and pointed trees are represented by a triangle, human inventions by square. The sun and moon are represented by the circle. The circular patterns also represent their belief that death is just another start. The central motif

Pari Bhatnagar

of a Warli painting is their Mother Goddess, Palaghat, who is their symbol of fertility. A marriage cannot take place without the sacred Warli paintings that represent Palaghat. These paintings are now also done on canvas, paper, and cloth and have become very popular. Jivya Soma Mashe, a renowned Indian artist and a legendary Warli artist made the art form popular. He was awarded the Padma Shri in 2011 for his contribution towards Warli painting.

4. Kalamkari Painting

Types of Indian Paintings, Kalamkari Image-Anuradha Sengupta/Flickr
Derived from the words "Kalam" meaning pen and "Kari" meaning craftsmanship, the



Kalamkari art form is practiced by many families and people in Andhra Pradesh and some villages in Tamil Nadu. Kalamkari usually depicts scenes from epics like Ramayana and Mahabharata, musical instruments, animals, Buddha and Buddhist art, flowers, and Hindu symbols like swastika. Kalamkari is an organic hand-printing or block-printing Indian folk art form which has been practiced for over 3000 years. The painting is done using a Kalam or a bamboo reed on fabric and natural and earthy colors and vegetable dyes are used like indigo, green, rust, black, and mustard. It is generally done on cotton fabric and it involves a twenty-three steps process. The Kalamkari art form is widely used on sarees and ethnic wear and is very popular.

5. Gond Painting

Types of Indian Paintings, Gond Image-Roboture/Flickr
This art form is Indian folk and tribal art. They are practiced by the people of the Gond community in Madhya Pradesh. The word "Gond" has been derived from the Dravidian expression Kond meaning the green mountain. This



art form has been practiced for over 1400 years. They usually depict flora and fauna, people's daily lives, deities, festivals, and celebrations. They recreate mythological stories, nature, important occasions, and rituals. These are bold, bright, and vibrant paintings with

very intricate work and rich detailing. The Gond tribe is one of the oldest and the largest tribes in the country. Jangarh Singh Shyam, a Gond art legend and flagbearer of Gond art, made the art form so popular. He was the person who revived the art form and took it to new heights. He was also the first Gond artist to use canvas and paper for his work. He exhibited his painting internationally in museums thus making the art form internationally recognized and famous. Originally, the colors used in Gond art are derived from natural resources like cow dung, plant sap, charcoal, colored soil, mud, flowers, leaves, etc. But nowadays, artists use synthetic colors such as acrylic colors, watercolors, oil paints, etc. Some internationally acclaimed and celebrated artists who have contributed to this art form are Jangarh Singh Shyam, Bhajju Shyam, Venkat Shyam, and Durga Bai Vyam.

6. Patachitra Painting

Types of Indian Paintings, Patachitra Image-????????/Wikimedia
Patachitra or Pattachitra is a traditional, cloth scroll painting art form from the state of Odisha and West Bengal. The art form mainly



depicts mythological and religious themes, epic, Hindu deities, etc. Thia Badhia – a depiction of the temple of Lord Jagannath, Krishna Lila – an enactment of Lord Jagannath as Lord Krishna displays his powers as a child, Dasabatara Patti – the ten incarnations of Lord Vishnu and Panchamukhi – Lord Ganesh's depiction as a five-headed deity are some of the popular themes that are represented by the Patachitra art form. The word 'Patachitra' is derived from patta meaning cloth and Chitra meaning picture. The colors used are natural and vibrant like white, yellow, and red, and black with bold and strong outlines and decorative borders. The art form is being practiced for over 3000 years and the artists behind this art form are known as Mohapatras. One of the most renowned Patachitra artists was Raghunath Mohapatra, who was also awarded some of India's highest civilian awards.

(To be continued)

I am a young writer from the city of love, Dehradun. I like to travel and explore places and be close to nature. I love to dance and listen to music and just watch the stars in the night sky. Yes, I am a Nyctophile. I believe in enjoying the little things in life. I am very imaginative and like to lose myself in daydreams, creating all sorts of stories and conversations in my mind. So yeah, that's about me.

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

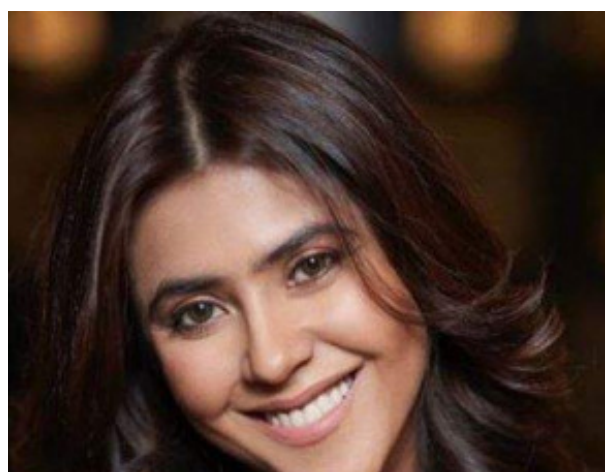


NEW DELHI: Asking his fans to rejuvenate their inner writers, veteran actor Anupam Kher, offered them to send his autographed book 'Your Best Day is Today' on Tuesday. Kher hopped on to Twitter and shared a candid picture of him. Calling on his fans to give a suitable caption for the picture, he wrote "Mujhe meri ye tasveer pasand hai. (I like this picture of mine) I will send an autographed copy of my latest book #YourBestDayIsToday to the person whose caption for this pic I like the most!" Adding to the cation, he noted "Hindi or English - apka caption kisi bhi bhasha me chalega! Chaliye! Apne andar ke lekhak ko jagaiye!! (your caption will go in any language! Let's go! Wake up your inner writer,) with Hibiscus smiling face and heart-shaped smile emoticon. Within a few hours of being posted, fans of the former Chairman

of Film and Television Institute of India started coming up with innovative captions and showcased their creative skills. A day ago, the 65-year-old star shared a clip of his mother lauding PM Modi and scientist's efforts for the new COVID-19 vaccines.

SC grants Ekta Kapoor interim protection from arrest in FIR over web series

NEW DELHI(K-CN): The Supreme



Court on Thursday granted interim protection from arrest to TV producer Ekta Kapoor in an FIR against her for alleged objectionable content in her web series "XXX season 2". A bench headed by Chief Justice SA Bobde granted interim protection to

Kapoor. She had moved the apex court after the Indore bench of the Madhya Pradesh High Court, in November this year, dismissed her petition seeking that a case filed against her for alleged objectionable content in web series "XXX season 2" be quashed. The High Court had dismissed a petition of Kapoor seeking quashing of a case registered against her for alleged obscenity in a web series produced by her. The complainant had alleged an episode of the series 'XXX uncensored' was obscene and caused annoyance to him, hurt his religious feelings and dishonored the Army. The case was registered at the Annapurna police station, Indore, under Sections 294 (Obscene acts and songs), 298 and 34 (Acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention) of the India Penal Code and various relevant sections of the IT Act and the State Emblem Act.

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

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

blown!!! #AKvsAK is a phenomenal experience - @VikramMotwane take a bow my friend," tweeted only you could do this, you are pure gold in this film but @HarshKapoor_has outdone your entire performance in one



movie star and a film director who get into a public spat, following which the director retaliates by kidnapping the actor's daughter and films the search for her in real-time. The Netflix India Original film was released on the platform on December 24, which also happens to be Anil Kapoor's birthday.

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

Aakanksha Singh joins team Mayday

Ajay Devgn's Mayday has been creating a massive buzz because of its interest-



the icing on the cake is that Ajay Sir is directing the film. It's actually happening!

ing star cast, which includes Amitabh Bachchan, Ajay Devgn, Rakul Preet Singh and Angira Dhar. Talented actress, Aakanksha Singh has now joined the team. Aakanksha will essaying the role of Ajay Devgn's wife in the film. She joined the shoot yesterday. Aakanksha says, "It's like a dream come true to be a part of such a big and much-awaited film. I am so excited to share the screen with Ajay Sir and Amitabh Sir; and

'Wanted to make a film on Indian Army with Shah Rukh Khan', says Director Kabir Khan

MUMBAI(KCN): Filmmaker Kabir Khan, who is gearing up for the release of his web series "The Forgotten Army: Azaadi Ke Liye", based on Indian National Army (INA), says he wanted to make a film on the subject starring Shah Rukh Khan. He added that Shah Rukh didn't charge a fee for the voiceover he gave for the series. "Shah Rukh has very graciously given the voiceover. The series is based on a true story, so there is an introduction of a few minutes before every episode along with real footage, where he has lent his voice. I talked about it with Shah Rukh earlier as well, when this was a film script. Back then, I wanted Shah Rukh to do the film. We even had a few meetings but we couldn't take it forward," said Kabir while promoting the series along with its lead actors Sunny Kaushal and Sharvari Wagh. Kabir added that Shah Rukh didn't charge a single paisa for his voiceover assignment. "When I was making this series, I thought I should ask Shah Rukh (to be the narrator) because Shah Rukh's father had involvement with this army. His father knew General Shahnawaz Khan, who was an important part of INA. So, I knew he (Shah Rukh Khan) has sympathy and attachment with Azad Hind Fauj and I called him up. It's not an easy task to ask a superstar for a voiceover but Shah Rukh instantly agreed to do it. Usually, when you discuss a film with Shah Rukh, it's a long process, but in this case Shah Rukh literally did the voiceover for us on the second day. I don't know whether he would like me to reveal this, but he didn't take a fee from us. I think the kind of attachment he has with Azad Hind Fauj reflects in his act." Incidentally, Shah Rukh did a cameo in Kabir Khan's 2017 release "Tubelight", starring Salman Khan.

Ten myths of Indian Constitutional Law

Introduction

In the NLC's (National Lawyer's Campaign for Judicial Transparency and Reforms) agenda, open selection of judges of High Courts and the Supreme Court by notification of vacancies and invitation and application of all eligibles, so too, references from all stake holders, finds the very first place. The reason is, simple, obvious; because the higher judiciary in India, today, is perceived to be a dynasty, not very different from that of the political parties, a phenomenon which is antithetical to the very concept of a constitutional democracy which guarantees not merely equality before law and equal protection of laws but equal opportunities in public employment, so too, of constitutional offices.

Prior to independence, the high judicial offices of the chartered high courts and the federal courts were occupied by judges who were members of Indian civil service consisting substantially of the British. There was nothing like judicial dynasties, then. However, after the independence, slowly, a few families happened to dominate the Indian judiciary, the Bar and the Bench. Soon, things took a sea change after the judges 2 case, a judgment by which collegium system of appointment of judges came into vogue. Our constitution is one of the finest constitutions of the world. The Part III of the constitution embodies the principles contained in Magna Carta and Bill of Rights, so too, the 5th and 14th amendment to the American Constitution. The concept of federation and unified state find an excellent blend, taking with it the advantages of the both, but shunning the disadvantages. The Concept of Separation of Powers as envisaged by Montesquieu too finds its beautiful blend, sans its inflexibility. Our constitution, while reaffirming the concept of the supremacy of the parliament, without undermining the same in any manner, also provided for judicial review. Article 13 (2) of the Constitution declares that any law which is violative of the fundamental rights are void. The constitution, however, did not expressly provide the forum which a citizen aggrieved by violation of his fundamental rights by an act of parliament or executive action could seek his remedies. Article 372 of the constitution in express terms provided that the civil court is invested of the jurisdiction to do so. The founding fathers however felt that in addition to the ordinary laws and the forum of civil court, the High Courts and Supreme Court be invested of the jurisdiction to grant certain remedies in the nature of writs where the fundamental or legal rights of the citizen are infringed by the executive or the legislative action; namely, Arts 226 and 32 of the Constitution respectively. Having said and done that, the fate of our Constitution, today, rests on certain myths, seven of which are enumerated as under:

The First Myth: The Basic Structure Theory

i. The jurisdiction of the High Courts and the Supreme Court under Arts. 226 and 32 came to be invoked increasingly as certain welfare legislations which the government of India introduced, were challenged on the ground that they are violative of the fundamental rights or beyond the legislative competence of the legislature. This has led to certain seeming conflicts between the executive and the Judiciary, with the former amending the constitution to nullify the judicial pronouncements. The public opinion too was divided; while the elite class of lawyers and rich businessmen, the capitalist supported the assertion of the judiciary of their right to interpret the constitution as their exclusive domain, the common man and the poor unstintedly supported the legislations. In the ongoing tussle, the judiciary ultimately established its supremacy in Keshavananda Bharati's case by holding that it has the power to declare even a constitutional amendment as unconstitutional. In Keshavananda Bharati the doctrine of Basic structure, which has no foundation in jurisprudence and in constitutional law, came to be pronounced. The said judgment ran into half a million words. Very few could have even read it. A judgment which is incapable to be read and thus incomprehensible contains no exposition of any new principle where none existed, to resolve a controversy which the court had before it. The question before the full court in Keshavananda Bharati was whether the constitution 25th amendment Act which had provided that a constitutional amendment shall not be declared to be void on the ground that it violated the fundamental rights. The question therefore was whether the parliament by an amendment to the Constitution could take away the fundamental rights. The answer, the common man could have wished to hear from the court was that it shall not. However the full court said the parliament has the power to amend every article of the Constitution including that of the fundamental rights. The judgment was certainly, by all means, with utmost respect, a retrograde one. However, it was hailed to be a historic one, the magna carta. Thousands of tons of newsprint was since used hauling it, as, the 'fundamental rights case'. The said judgment was hailed because the full court held that though the parliament could abrogate fundamental rights, the basic structure of the constitution cannot be breached. The judgment in the Keshavananda Bharati's case and the so called basic structure, the

author considers to be the beginning of the destruction of the Constitution of India.

Mathews J. Nedumpara

The proposition that the Keshavananda Bharati's judgment had no foundation in jurisprudence, and that it was absolutely flawed logic, is the very foundation on which the constitutional democracy can exist.

ii. De fide et officio iudicis non recipitor questio sed de scientia sive sit error juris sive facti, namely while the integrity of a judge cannot be questioned, his knowledge and his decision, both on facts and law can be questioned, is a fundamental principle of law. The citizen is within their rights to criticize the judgment rendered in Keshavananda Bharati. However, the said judgment is considered so sacrosanct, that any critic thereof is likely to be considered a blasphemer. However, since the damage that this judgment has caused to the constitutional law of this country is so irreparable that the author consider that it is his duty to state what he consider to be true, candidly.

iii. "Law is reason, the very life of it", said Chief Justice Coke. Ubi jus ubi remedium, where there is a right, there is a remedy. The fundamental principle is, right, remedy, forum. Under Article 32, if a fundamental right is violated, a citizen could invoke the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court. If not, he has no right. Till Keshavananda Bharati, nobody would have dared to invoke Article 32 unless he had a grievance that his fundamental right was violated. Keshavananda Bharati held that Parliament can by law take away one's fundamental rights and he cannot have any grievance about that. However, if such a law had violated the 'basic structure' of the constitution, he could invoke Art 32. That meant nothing insignificant. It was nothing like a new theory of geometry where two parallel lines could meet. Petitions under Art 32 complaining violation of fundamental rights came to an end. Instead, petitions under Article 32 came to be instituted alleging violation of the basic structure of the constitution. The term basic structure was not defined. It may be incapable of any definition even. To keep this study brief, it is not elaborated. Suffice to say that one of the early causalities of the doctrine of basic structure, a doctrine unknown to the rest of the world, is the appointment of judges to the higher judiciary. A nine Judge Constitution bench rewrote Article 124 of the constitution and brought into existence the collegium system of appointment and transfer of judges to the higher judiciary on the premise that independence of the judiciary is one of the basic structures of the constitution. The then Attorney General/ those representing the Govt did not raise the plea that PIL by SCAORA is not maintainable because there is no plea that anyone's fundamental right is violated.

Second Myth: The Supreme Court can lay down the law of the land

The judgment in judges 2 case, to repeat, was no interpretation but meant to be rewriting of the constitution. The nine judge bench could not have at all thought of usurping to itself the power of appointment of judges and to institutionalise the same by introducing the concept of 'Collegium' but for the Keshavananda Bharati judgment. The argument that the independence of the judiciary is a basic structure of the constitution and to protect the basic structure, it was permissible to rewrite the constitution. The Union of India invoked Art 143 of the constitution. However, the Presidential reference was not whether the SC could rewrite the constitution in the name of interpretation, nay, whether the Supreme Court could abrogate to itself the power of appointment of judges which is in the exclusive domain of the executive with a mere obligation to consult the CJI, in the case of a judge of the Supreme Court and the Chief Justice of High Courts and the Governor as well in the case of the Judges of the High Court. The Presidential reference was all about the details of the working of the collegium. The Union of India even conceded that they are not seeking a review of the Judges 2 case.

THIRD MYTH: MATTERS CONCERNING THE PUBLIC AT LARGE ARE JUSTICIABLE

While, the basic structure concept is flawed, one meant the concept of pro bono litigation misnomered a PIL, being used as an instrument to substitute the legislature, so too the executive nay, as if the judiciary is the executive and the legislature both at once. Although, "What is in a name...?", saith William Shakespeare in his play "Romeo and Juliet", what kind of calamity a misleading name could cause, PIL is the classic example. The Judges 1 case, is a treatise on the concept of 'pro bono litigation', today, a misnomer called PIL. What Justice Bhagwati held in that case was, that any person acting pro bono publico could invoke the jurisdiction of the constitutional court where the person aggrieved, out of his poverty or illiteracy is unable to approach the court. For instance, an undertrial prisoner x, who out of his poverty, illiteracy is unable to enforce his fundamental rights invoking Article 226 or 32, Y, a public spirited person, acting pro bono could approach the court. To enable him so, the concept of locus standi is relaxed. The court did not invent any new jurisprudence, no new legal remedies were discovered. It only relaxed the procedure. Despite the word PIL in the pro bono litigation, it was for the enforcement of a private right of a person aggrieved. In consonance with the fun-

damental legal principles : right; remedy; forum. Before the evolution of the

concept of PIL the remedy of mandamus as a matter of right would lie at the hands of a citizen where the authorities have failed to discharge their statutory duties. The writ of mandamus, even qua warranto were thus considered to be public law remedies. Such remedies fell well within the concept of judicial review. However, the misnomer PIL, had a catastrophic effect. Many even well informed and well meaning lawyers and jurists thought the doctrine of PIL had meant investiture of a jurisdiction in the constitutional court to deal with any issue under the sun concerning the public at large. Many judgments on PILs held that the Person who institutes the PIL shall not have any private or oblique motive, that he should be acting bonafide. This meant that even a person seeking the remedy of mandamus, qua warranto, which are not equitable remedies which is open to even a man with unclean hands, henceforth be denied of his legal rights. Many PIL "factories" cropped up including PIL "Centres". Everything under the sun which legitimately belong to the province of the executive and the legislature, including matters of legislative and administrative Policy came to be decided in courts. The Supreme Court of India became the most powerful court on Earth.

FOURTH MYTH: STAIRE DECISIS IS RES JUDICATA

i. From the misconception of the basic structure and PIL discussed as above, other misconceptions are of the fundamental principles of res judicata and staire decisis. The failure to distinguish between the two concepts meant yet another catastrophe. The Article 141 of the constitution embodies the doctrine of staire decisis. In simple words, the doctrine of precedents. The doctrine is a very useful one. One of great antiquity and of universal application. In simpler words, it means that if a superior court has evolved a principle to resolve an issue which it was called upon to do so, where none existed, the said principle, nay, the reason for the decision shall be binding on a court which is inferior to it. The justification is that, it is always better to follow the trodden path. The author bows down to the said Principle, which the founding fathers embodied in Articles 141 of the Constitution of India, for, they wanted to present to the posterity, a Constitution which is as complete and perfect in all aspects as possible. However, with utmost respect, the author begs to say that, since the advent of the doctrine of basic structure, which the he, in all humility asserts to be one without any legal or logical foundation, so too, with the misconception of the pro bono litigation, which is found in law as PIL, as is in practice today the judgments of the Supreme Court, became the law of the land without the citizens at large being afforded any opportunity to partake in that law making process.

ii. The meaning of the word res judicata is well known. While the doctrine of stare decisis means, that a decision of a case between A and B will bind a dispute between C and D who are not party to the decision in A and B, if in the decision between A and B, the court had evolved some legal principle for the first time where none existed; whereas, the doctrine of Res judicata could mean that the judgment of a court in a case between A and B will bind them, no matter, whether the judgment is right or wrong. To put it in simple words, a judgment of a case between A and B, where the court has held "black" as "white" and "white" as "black", though manifestly incorrect, will bind them and they cannot lodge a fresh dispute on that very question, before the same forum as the res is already adjudicated (res judicata). On the contrary, in so far as the doctrine of stare decisis is concerned, the principle of law laid down in a judgment of a superior court, in a case between A and B will bind C and D in a subsequent case between C and D in the subordinate court, as, what has been decided by the superior court is a principle of law. However, it is for the court before which the said judgment of the superior court or peer court is cited as precedent to decide whether the judgment of the superior court or equivalent court is binding or not. If a judgment is rendered curiam, it will be binding, if not curiam, nay, per incuriam it will not be binding. If for instance, the judgment of the Supreme court in Keshavananda Bharati case is cited before a high court in support of the proposition of basic structure, it is for the High Court before which such plea is made to decide whether Keshavananda Bharati, nay, the principle of basic structure evolved therein constitute to be a binding precedent.

iii. All judges exercise the sovereign power of the people. All judges, no matter, whether of the highest or the lowest, the sovereign judicial powers of "We the People" as trustees thereof. With Article 233 of the constitution investing the power of Superintendence of subordinate judges in the High Courts, the subordinate courts, it is generally perceived, have lost much of their independence. With the collegium of the Supreme Court being the ultimate authority in the matter of transfer and appointment of High Court judges, so too of their peers in the Supreme Court, the undeniable perception is that, the High Courts have lost the independence which the founding fathers have envisaged. If one were to advance an argument in the High Court that a

judgment of the Supreme Court, particularly of a constitution Bench as one rendered per incuriam, the Honble judges, will certainly refuse to entertain such an argument. It may even be misconceived as being disrespectful of the Supreme Court.

FIFTH MYTH: THE CIVIL COURTS HAVE NO JURISDICTION TO INTERPRET THE CONSTITUTION OR DECLARE AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT AS VOID

i. The fifth myth on which the edifice of the Constitutional Law of the country as of today is founded, is that the civil courts have no jurisdiction to declare an Act of Parliament or a statutory instrument as void. The misconception is that, only the High Courts or the Supreme Courts alone could do. The real reason for this misconception is that, the investiture of the power of supervision of the subordinate courts in the High Court, so too, the predominant role in the selection of the district judges, had the effect of members of the subordinate judiciary to nonconsciously, nay, unconsciously perceive that they are subordinate to the High Court judges. It is forgotten that, the judges of the subordinate courts often being too scared to invoke the powers invested in them, as a court of unlimited plenary jurisdiction, has meant the litigant public invoking the extra ordinary jurisdiction of the High Court under Article 226 of the constitution for the grant of declaratory relief, even while the said Article has not expressly invested the jurisdiction in the High Court. Still worse, the fact that, the Article 32 of the constitution has invested very limited original jurisdiction in the Supreme Court to grant the 5 writs, namely, Quo warranto, certiorari, prohibition, habeas corpus and mandamus, was also forgotten. The fact that, the constitution did not in express terms invest any jurisdiction in the Supreme Court to grant a declaratory remedy namely to declare that an Act of Parliament or Statutory instrument as unconstitutional was forgotten, so too, sadly though, the original jurisdiction to grant the declaratory decree was in the exclusive domain of the High Court on its original civil side or on the civil court and no other court, was also forgotten.

ii. The eminence of the civil court as a court of plenary jurisdiction, competent and duty bound to embark upon any controversy under the sun, except those barred by law is evident from Article 372 of the constitution. So too, O.27 A, of the CPC. Therefore, where a declaration that an act of Parliament or a statutory instrument is void is required to be sought, the forum to be invoked is the civil court, and civil court only, sadly though, this may appear to be a weird proposition to many.

iii. The concept of 'judicial review' is generally believed to be the invention of Chief Justice Marshall in his land mark judgment in Malberry Vs. Madison. True, Chief Justice Marshall enunciated the principle in unmistakable terms. In that case Chief Justice Marshall only held that administrative decisions are amenable to correction by the Supreme Court. He enunciated nothing new. St. Augustine (AD.300) in his thesis 'de doctrina' said: lex injustia non est lex'; an unjust law is not a law at all. Centuries later, St. Thomas Aquinas in Summa Theologica (AD1200) re affirmed the same by saying that a law which is against the law of the nature and law of the God is no law; it need not be obeyed. He, however, gave a caveat, namely, that provided the injury to be suffered by disobedience of the void law is not greater than the injury to be suffered by obedience to the unjust law. The doctrine of the right , nay , duty of of disobedience was thus laid down. A few centuries later, Chief Justice Edward Coke in Dr. Boliham's case held enequem est aliequam rue sui est judicium , namely, that if the Parliament were to make a law by which one of the parties to a dispute is a judge thereof, such a law is void. The assertion of Chief Justice Coke that the court of Common law could hold an Act of Parliament void, however, did not receive much acceptance and since then, no judge in England ever dared to assert so. There is valid reason for that. In England the House of Lords which is the Supreme Judicial Tribunal is itself the upper House of the Parliament. The practice since then is not to strike down an Act of Parliament as 'void', but in a lis between the subject and the state to declare an Act of parliament to be void in so far as it violates the natural law, in so far as the subject is concerned, it is for the Parliament to take notice of the judicial declaration and to bring in necessary amendments to the law. In England, to challenge the wisdom of the Parliament and King, constitutes to be inconceivable and there is no concept of judicial Review, an unruly horse, as we understand in India. However, all the 5 writs as enunciated in Article 226 and 32 are available in English; nay, we inherited it all from them alone.

iv. It was necessary to briefly narrate as above the history of English law in the realm of "judicial review", in view of the general misconception that civil courts have no power to interpret the constitution or declare an Act of Parliament or statutory instrument void.

v. While Article 226 and 32 expressly provide for judicial review by providing for five writs (Remedies) there is no express provision in the constitution which empower the High Courts or the Supreme Court to declare an Act **to be continued**

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Will win 24-26 seats, CM will be chosen in half an hour, says Goa Congress chief



PANAJI: Goa Congress chief Girish Chodankar on Wednesday said his party would choose a chief minister within half an hour if it wins the Assembly polls, results of which will be announced on March 10. In an exclusive interview with PTI, Chodankar said the

Congress and allies will win 24-26 seats in the 40-member House, polling for which was held on February 14. "I can assure you that within half an hour, all the MLAs of Congress will decide their leader. We will also take our alliance partners into confidence. The entire Goa

knows who is the Congress' choice for CM," he said, possibly hinting at senior leader Digambar Kamat. "I will not name anyone right now as it is the right of MLAs to choose their leader," he added. The Congress had emerged as the largest party in the 2013

Assembly polls but the BJP managed to form a government with allies, following which several MLAs from the Congress switched over to the ruling side. Chodankar said there were no defection fears this time as the Congress had chosen candidates after proper scrutiny.

Myanmar pardons prominent celebrities jailed for anti-military views

BANGKOK: Several top Myanmar celebrities who were detained for criticizing the army's seizure of power were released from prison

carries a possible three-year prison sentence, for encouraging government employees to join the protests. The TV report said the reason for their

army takeover in February last year, and more than 9,400 remain in detention, according to the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners, an advocacy

Min Aung Hlaing, head of the ruling military council. At least four prominent artists including singers who were convicted on the same charge of in-



Wednesday under pardons issued by the military government, state-run television reported. The celebrities released from Insein Prison in Yangon include prominent film industry figures Lu Min, Wyne, Pyay Ti Oo, his wife Eaindra Kyaw Zin, and popular male model and actor Paing Takhon, MRTV reported. All had been arrested for supporting the protest movement against last year's seizure of power by the military, which ousted the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi. They had been charged with incitement, which

release was so they could participate in nation-building through their work in the arts. The report also said that Win Min Than, a popular blogger on beauty and fashion, received a pardon for her conviction for incitement but remained detained because she was also convicted of unlawful association. A Malaysian who was convicted and imprisoned on drug charges in 2019 was also given a pardon on Wednesday for what was described as humanitarian reasons. More than 12,000 people have been arrested since the

group that monitors arrests. Shortly after its takeover, the military government began issuing arrest warrants for celebrities, charging them with incitement for "spreading news to affect state stability". More than 100 celebrities were featured on wanted lists with their photos on state-run media. At least 15 were arrested last year, about half of whom were convicted by special courts inside Insein Prison. Charges were dropped against 24 artists and 10 social media personalities last October under an amnesty order from Senior Gen.

citement remain in prison, according to lawyer Khin Maung Myint. The authorities continue to issue new arrest warrants, and according to the state-run Myanmar Alinn Daily newspaper, at least 240 people have been arrested by security forces since January 27 this year. The filmmaker Htun Zaw Win, better known by his professional name Wyne, was arrested last month after he returned to his apartment in Yangon after spending most of the past year on the run. The incitement charge against him was dropped.

Ukraine crisis: Japan extends help as refugee crisis continues to grow; Israel seeks diplomacy to end war

GENEVA: The UN refugee agency says more than 874,000 people have fled Ukraine since Russia's invasion last week and the figure is "rising exponentially," putting it on track to cross the 1 million mark possibly within hours. UNHCR spokeswoman Shabia Mantoo said Wednesday that people are continuing to stream into Ukraine's neighbouring countries to the west, with more than 200,000 fleeing since Tuesday. A day earlier, Mantoo had cautioned that the outflows from Ukraine could make it the source of the "biggest refugee crisis this century", eclipsing the one from Syria's war over the last decade. She noted that UNHCR had previously projected that as many as 4 million people might flee Ukraine, but noted that the agency will be re-evaluating its forecast. The latest figures show that more than half, or nearly 454,000, have gone

to Poland, more than 116,300 to Hungary and over 79,300 to Moldova. Another 69,000 have

"We plan to start first with those with family and friends in Japan, but we will not stop there and will

President Isaac Herzog said after talks with his Cypriot counterpart on Wednesday that Is-



gone to other European countries and 67,000 have fled to Slovakia. Mantoo noted that the figure of 874,000 was an increase from more than 660,000 only a day earlier, and some 116,000 on Saturday, in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine on Feb. 24. Japan's prime minister says his country will accept refugees from Ukraine, as Russia invades its eastern European neighbour. Prime Minister Fumio Kishida told reporters on Wednesday that the offer includes Ukrainians who have fled to Poland.

respond from a humanitarian viewpoint," Kishida told reporters. The Japanese offer is unusual, though Japan has accepted refugees before, from various nations, albeit in very small numbers. Japan has often been criticised for providing a relatively narrow door for migrants wanting to get in. Those immigration policies have become even tighter due to the coronavirus pandemic. Israel's president says his country is helping to push for a diplomatic solution to the war in Ukraine and is offering its services to achieve that.

rael is also sending an "unprecedented amount" of humanitarian aid to Ukraine, totaling some 100 tons. Herzog said the aid is a "moral obligation" and that his country is considering more ways to support the Ukrainian people. He said a missile attack on the Babi Yar Holocaust memorial in Kyiv "epitomises the huge pain and suffering of people there" and the "terrible tragedy that we're seeing unfolding in front of our eyes." The Israeli president called the war in Ukraine "an affront to international order."

Ukrainian maternity ward moves to basement for shelter amid Russian shelling

MARIUPOL: In a makeshift maternity ward in the basement of a Ukrainian hospital, new mother Kateryna Suharokova struggled to control her emotions as she held her son while doctors upstairs raced to treat victims of Russian shelling. "I was anxious, anxious about giving birth to the baby in these times," the 30-year-old said, her voice trembling. "I'm thankful to the doctors, who helped this baby to be born in these conditions. I believe that everything will be fine." The basement of the maternity hospital in Ukraine's coastal city of Mariupol transformed into a bomb shelter and nursery as Russian forces escalated their attacks on crowded urban areas Tuesday. Workers bundled one newborn and carried him down flights of stairs to the basement, where a dimly lit room cramped with beds and cribs sheltered workers and patients. A similar scene unfolded in Kharkiv, where a maternity ward was moved into a bomb shelter. Mothers there rocked newborns in cradles amid mattresses piled against the windows for protection. Britain's Defense Ministry said it had seen an increase in Russian air and artillery strikes on populated urban areas in the past few days. Mariupol was one of three cities, along with Kharkiv and Kherson, encircled by Russian forces, the ministry said. An industrial center on the Azov Sea, Mariupol is seen as a key target for Russian forces for its economic value and its location, which would help Russia establish a land corridor between the Crimean Peninsula and the Russian mainland. Shelling casualties streamed into the Mariupol maternity hospital, including the body of a

young man on a stretcher. Oleksandr Balash, the head of the anesthesiology department, called to an Associated Press video journalist and lifted a sheet covering the deceased. "Do I need to say more? This is just a boy," Balash said. "These are all peaceful citizens who were injured in a regular neighbourhood." Another woman, bleeding from the mouth, called out in pain as she was treated. Medical professionals performed surgery on



others injured during the shelling, and medics transported a man from an ambulance to a gurney so he could be treated. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy called the latest attacks a brazen campaign of terror. In Kharkiv, at least six people were killed when the region's administrative building on Freedom Square was hit with what was believed to be a missile. The attack on Ukraine's largest plaza, the nucleus of public life in the city of about 1.5 million, was seen by many Ukrainians as evidence that the Russian invasion wasn't just about hitting military targets but also about breaking their spirit. Overall death tolls from the fighting remained unclear, but a senior Western intelligence official estimated that more than 5,000 Russian soldiers have been captured or killed. Ukraine has given no overall estimate of troop losses.

The festival of Mahashivratri was celebrated with great pomp in Shiv Shankar Nagar temple

Rourkela (KCN): The festival of Mahashivratri was

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with the help of late Shankar Sah and others. The structure of the outer side started falling apart over a period of time, after which it was resolved to rebuild it by social Worker Nitesh Kumar, the president of Super 20 Social organization of Rourkela city and with the support of

MLA Subrat Tarai, its front part was reconstructed. In this holy work, the philanthropist of the city, Gautam Jaiswal also made commendable cooperation. The back part of the Shiva temple is still without a roof, for which Nitish Kumar has requested the people of

the city to have a sense of service dedication. After the worship, Kheer was distributed in the form of prasad. In the program Aryan Kumar, Aditya Kumar, Nandini Kumari, Raj Kumar, Suresh Sah, Dinesh Sah, Chandravati Devi, Sunita Devi and other volunteers in-

cluding youth journalist, president of Super 20, and Rourkela peace ambassador of International Action Council for Democratic World Government Nitesh Kumar and other people were present and played a commendable role in organizing the program.



celebrated with reverence and enthusiasm in Rourkela city. Crowds of devotees were seen followed by covid protocols on the day on this occasion. Lord Shiva was worshipped by the people

near Bisra Chowk in the city. Devotees gathered in large numbers and offered water and worship to Lord Shiv Since morning, devotees worshiped Bholenath in the temple by offering

ing in Shiva temples from morning itself to have darshan of God. Many devotees observe fast on this day. The festival of Mahashivratri was celebrated with great pomp in the Shiva

consecrated. Bel, datura and milk, water, prasad, fruits were offered to Bholenath. Nitesh Kumar, the coordinator of the Shiva temple, said that this temple is more than 40 years old. It was built

Prime suspect in Shanti Lal Baid murder held in Shirdi

Kolkata (KCN): The Gujarat anti-terrorist squad (ATS) has arrested a man, who was wanted for the abduction and murder of a Kolkata-based jeweller, from Maharashtra, an official said on Wednesday.

with the latter having announced a reward of Rs 50,000 for in-

Baid had been abducted and murdered despite his family

Odisha also joined the probe, the release stated.



A team of the ATS nabbed the accused V. Sharma from Shirdi in Maharashtra, and has brought him to Ahmedabad for questioning, he said. Sharma, hailing of Delhi, was wanted by the police in Kolkata and Odisha,

formation on his whereabouts, the ATS said in a statement. On February 14, jeweller Shanti Lal Baid was found strangled to death at a guest house in Kolkata's Bhowanipore area.

paying a ransom. The Kolkata police began the investigation based on the CCTV footage and evidence from the crime scene. Later, the police at Cuttack and Bhubaneswar in

The Gujarat ATS had received information that the accused was hiding in a hotel in Ahmedabad's Raipur Darwaja area, and following a probe, it was found that he was hiding in Shirdi by changing his identity, it was stated. Social Activist and former President of Churu Nagarik Parishad has thanked ATS as well Kolkata Police and Odisha Police for coordinated action and successfully arresting the culprit.

IG CRPF, M & N sector, congratulates CRPF polo team on its victory



Imphal (KCN): The Polo team of CRPF Imphal Group Centre won the 1st District Level Sangol Kangjei Tournament held between 23-27 February 2022 at Thoubal District, Manipur. The Tournament was

organized by Ikop Ningthou Sangol Kangjei Club, Khangabok at Thoubal District. Sh. Manish Kumar Agrawal, IPS, IGP, Manipur & Nagaland Sector, CRPF and Sh. Madan Kumar, DIG, GC Imphal, CRPF

congratulated the team for their excellent performance. They ensured the team of all possible institutional support to encourage their participations in future tournament. The winning team comprised of Head

Constable W. Dhiken Singh, Head Constable O. Samarjit Singh, Head Constable M. Ropen Singh, Head Constable A. Shyamananda Singh and Constable H. Dracula Khooman under the captaining of Head Constable W. Dhiken Singh.

"Jagar" festival observed with devotion and shrine at Barbil

Barbil (KCN): "Mahashivratri," is

considered the Adi Guru or the First

such that there is a powerful natural upsurge of energy in the human system. It is enormously beneficial for one's physical and spiritual wellbeing to stay awake and aware in a vertical posture throughout the night. Amid covid situation there was ban on temples for gathering. In view of relaxation imposed by the Government devotees of Lord Shiva throng temples in huge numbers and offer their prayers. In and around Barbil in the district of Keonjhar. The prayers and vigils go on throughout the night of MahaSivaratri, what also makes the

festival special is its characteristic fasting or the Maha Shivaratri Vrat. Many temples such as Hariharmandir, Gujarati Mandir, Champakeswar temple Sanneswar temple etc. were crowded with devotees. Since last two years temples were barred from general worship, the management committee were tried their best to organise the festival in a most devotional and shrine way possible. In some temple arrangement were also done to celebrate the wedding ceremony of Professionals Parvati and Lord Shiva.



one of the largest and most significant among the sacred festivals of India. The festival celebrates the Grace of Shiva, who is

Guru from whom the Yogic tradition originates. The planetary positions on this night, which is also the darkest night of the year, are


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GST records 47% growth

Bhubaneswar(KCN): February of 2021. The State GST (SGST) collection has recorded a 47 per



cent growth during the month of February 2022 against the collection made during the same month of last year. The SGST collection was Rs 1152.37 crore in February against a collection of Rs 781.06 crore during February, 2021. The progressive gross SGST collection upto February of 2021-22 was Rs 40,210.01 crore while the State had collected Rs 26,567.47 crore till February of last financial year, thereby registering a growth of 51.35 per cent. There is also a collection of Rs 989.49 crore in CGST, Rs 1223.92 crore in IGST & Rs 735.71 crore in Cess during the month of February, 2022. The total collection of VAT (petrol & liquor) was Rs 836.62 crore during last month as against Rs 833.96 crore col-

lected during the same month of last year, thereby registering a growth of 0.32 per cent. Out of the above, collection from petroleum products was Rs 641.22 crore while collection from liquor was Rs 195.40 crore in February. Growth in GST is mostly driven by mining and manufacturing sectors. The successful auction of iron ore mines last year by the State Government is contributing significantly in increase in tax revenue this year, said the officials. Amongst the top 100 taxpayers, while the Mining sector witnessed a growth of 84 per cent, the manufacturing sector recorded 101 per cent growth during this year. Similarly, Service Sector, Trading Sec-

tor and Works Contract Sector have recorded a decent growth of 61.37 per cent, 69.64 per cent and 38.83 per cent in the current fiscal year over the corresponding period of last year. During the current financial year, 43542 new taxpayers have been bought under the GST fold. A special two month's drive for 'survey and registration' of all potential GST & Profession Tax Payers throughout the State completed recently. During the current fiscal year, six accused persons have been arrested involved in availing & passing on of bogus ITC total amounting to Rs 462.49 crore, the officials said. Commissioner of CT & GST, Sushil Kumar Lohani, has instructed the field officers to ensure at least 90 per cent return filing, return scrutiny of all suspected/big taxpayers as well as prompt demand and recovery in case of notice of any irregularities. He also advised the officers to adhere to the principles of 5T and attend to the genuine grievances of the taxpayers without fail.

units during the corresponding period of last year. The company's passenger vehicle domestic sales rose by 47 per cent to 39,981 units from 27,225 units off-take in February 2021. In terms of commercial vehicles, the domestic sales were higher by 11 per cent, at 37,552 units from 33,859 units off-take in February 2021. Another auto giant, Mahindra and Mahindra reported a rise in its overall sales during last month. The company reported a rise of 89 per cent growth in its vehicle sales to 54,455 vehicles on a year-on-year basis. "With an overall sale of 54,455 vehicles, we have achieved a growth of 89 per cent in February 2022. All segments showed robust growth including SUVs at 79 per cent, which registered the highest ever monthly volume," said Veejay Nakra, Chief Executive Officer, Automotive Division, M&M. "We expect demand to continue to remain strong as the Covid situation eases further. We continue to closely monitor the semi-conductor related parts supply and take corrective action as appropriate." In terms of two-wheeler sales, rural distress as well as inventory correction efforts continued to dent sales. Two-wheeler major Hero MotoCorp sold a total of 358,254 units of motorcycles and scooters in February 2022, lower than 505,467 units off-take during the corresponding month of 2021. Additionally, Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India reported total sales of 312,621 units in February 2022 down from 442,740 units sold during the corresponding period last year. Honda's exports for the month stood at 26,944 exports. "Passenger vehicle sales are showing some signs of recovery as semiconductor issues ease out but one will have to look at geo political tensions very closely as a prolonged issue on the geopolitical side could pose challenges to the supply chain especially looking at the importance of Russia and Ukraine in the semiconductor manufacturing process value chain," said Hemal Thakkar, Director, Crisil Research.

Microchip shortage, high cost subdues auto sector's February sales

Microchip shortages, along with high acquisition cost, subdued sales of key automobile players in February 2022. On Tuesday, auto major Maruti Suzuki India reported that its total sales last month inched lower on a year-on-year basis to 1,64,056 units from 1,64,469 units sold during the same period of the corresponding year. Domestic sales were at 1,37,607 units, and sales



to other original equipment manufacturers stood at 2,428 units. The automaker reported its highest ever monthly exports of 24,021 units. "The shortage of electronic components had a minor impact on the production of vehicles which are primarily sold in domestic market," it said. "The company took all possible measures to minimise the impact." The shortage has impacted production of vehicles, consequently, elongating waiting periods and escalating cost. Similarly, Hyundai Motor India reported lower cumulative sales on YoY basis. The cumulative sales last month fell to 53,159 units down from February 2021 off-take of 61,800 units. The company's domestic sales declined to 44,050 units from 51,600 units sold during the corresponding period of last year. "As the industry continues to grapple with semiconductor shortage situation, Hyundai along with its partners is continuously exploring alternatives to ensure customers can take delivery of their most loved Hyundai cars at the earliest," Hyundai Motor India said. On the other hand, Tata Motors reported a 27 per cent rise in its overall domestic sales for February on a year-on-year basis to 73,875 vehicles sold, compared to an off-take of 58,366

Petrol, diesel price hikes to restart from next week

NEW DELHI: Petrol and diesel price hikes are likely to resume after state



to Europe usually travel through pipelines crossing Ukraine. elections get over next week to bridge the Rs 9 a litre gap created by international oil prices soaring past USD 100 a barrel. International crude oil prices shot above USD 110 a barrel for the first time since mid-2014 on fears that oil and gas supplies from energy giant Russia could be disrupted, either by the conflict in Ukraine or retaliatory western sanctions. The basket of crude oil India buys rose above USD 102 per barrel on March 1, the highest since August 2014, according to information from the Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC) of the oil ministry. This compares to an average of USD 81.5 per barrel price of the Indian basket of crude oil at the time of freezing of petrol and diesel prices in early November last year. "With state elections getting over next week, we expect daily fuel price hikes to restart across both gasoline and diesel," JP Morgan said in a report.

The seventh and final phase of polling for the Uttar Pradesh legislative assembly is on February 7 and the counting of votes slated for March 10. State-owned fuel retailers Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) are making a loss of Rs 5.7 a litre on petrol and diesel. This is without taking into account their normal margin of Rs 2.5 per litre. The brokerage said for oil marketing companies to revert to normalised marketing margins, retail prices need to increase by Rs 9 a litre or 10 per cent. "We expect a combination of small excise duty cuts (Rs 1-3 per litre) and retail price hikes (Rs 5-8 a litre) to reflect the pass-through of USD 100 per barrel oil," it said. Russia makes up for a third of Europe's natural gas and about 10 per cent of global oil production. About a third of Russian gas supplies

spared energy transactions but were intensified in other areas, our baseline view was that crude prices would rise to average USD 110 in 2Q22 (April-June) with prices spiking to USD 120 a barrel in the interim as markets priced retaliatory measures by Russia, such as curtailing oil supply," it said.

Vihangam Yoga Satsang program organized

Continued from page-1 Geet. Vandana, Aarti, Shanti prayer were presented collectively. The organizer of the program Osier Prasad honored Ram Pravesh Sharma by presenting him the Swarveda Granth. It was said that Sadguru has incarnated for the welfare of human beings in the world. It was told that Sadguru Dharmachandra Ji Maharaj was born in Pakdi village of Ballia district of Uttar Pradesh. District coordinator Sugreev Sharma told that Sadhguru has said that I will tell you the wonderful path of yoga, if you do the means properly, I will let you reach the immortal world, Mahaprabhu will be able to meet him with infinite mercy and say that I will erase the everlasting blissful traffic. Vihangam yoga is being promoted in the country and abroad. Swarved Mahamandir has been constructed in Umrahan of Varanasi where 21 thousand seekers can do spiritual practice simultaneously. In the end the program ended with prasad. District coordinator Sugriv Sharma, Mansa Devi, Harinarayan Singh, Ravi Prasad, Shobha Devi, Lalu Soni, Aditya Sharma, Akshay Sharma, Shyam Sharma, Vishwanath Sharma, Shanti Devi, Mina Devi, Geeta Devi, Sushila Devi, Pinky Sharma, Devanti Devi, Suman Gupta, Arpita, Aaradhya, Suresh Gupta, Dayavanti Devi, Doli Sethi, Sirti Devi, Devnati Sharma, Om Rajak, Aditi, Mala, Kiran, Rinku, Ayushi, Naresh Prasad, Asha Devi, Aditya Kumar etc. were present. President of Super 20, social Worker and Peace Ambassador of International Action Council for Democratic World Government and youth journalist and youth campaigner of Rourkela Vihangam Yoga, Nitesh Kumar was present in the program. Bihar sanskritik Parishad President Ram Singh, Abhishek, Sanjay Singh and other dignitaries were present.

'Felt a whistle, realized it was flying toward us': Kharkiv resident shocked by bombing

Continued from page-1 a strong whistle, and I realized it was flying toward us. We were in the corridor then, and we felt the explosion from there." As dust rose up, she said, "the first thing I heard was children crying. Our neighbours have three children and the only thing I was thinking about in that moment was, God not them, please, only not them."

SUMUM on Cochlear Implant Surgery

Continued from page-1 Sahu, who conducted the procedure, said. "This technique helps in quick recovery. The implant was successfully placed and switched on after 21 days," Dr. Sahu said. Audiologists Lopamudra Tripathi and Abinish Kumar at the hospital worked on the device under the guidance of Dr. Sahu which was followed by speech therapy for three months. "Now the boy is able to hear and respond to sound. He will learn to speak gradually," he said.

People across the world face deafness due to issues in the inner ear and the Cochlear Implant – a small electronic device (electrode) which is placed in the inner ear, improves the capabilities of people with limited or no ability to hear. Dr. Sahu said on the eve of the World Hearing Day on March 3. The theme for the World Hearing Day 2022 is 'To hear for life, listen with care' which focuses on the importance and means of hearing loss prevention through safe listening. The key message for the day is that it is possible to have good hearing throughout life by proper ear and hearing care and many common causes of hearing loss could be prevented including hearing loss caused by exposure to loud sounds, Dr. Sahu said. Besides, safe listening could mitigate the risk of hearing loss associated with recreational sound exposure, he said.

Students in Ukraine, parents back home panic as India asks its citizens to leave Kharkiv immediately

NEW DELHI: The advisory by India asking its citizens to immediately leave war-torn Ukraine's Kharkiv city panicked the stranded Indian students while their parents back home got glued to the TV and surfed the Internet frantically for updates. The embassy has asked Indians to proceed to Pischyn (11 km), Babai (12 km) and Bezlyudivka (16 km) even by foot if they cannot find vehicles or buses. Reyham Khan, a first-year medical student said, "We have received an advisory today to leave immediately, there is so much

chaos." "People have started walking, but to where? We were staying in bunkers sending SOS messages. But this sudden directive has left everyone in a panic," the student said over the phone.

Aanchal Sharma, the mother of a second-year medical student of Kharkiv National Medical University, is praying for her son's safety who has left the bombed-out city. "My son has left for Pischyn but I am going to be on pins till I hear from him. This feels like sitting on a ticking bomb," said the anxious mother.

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The eastern part of Ukraine has been witnessing intense fighting between Russian and Ukrainian troops.

The comments by MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi came hours after the Indian embassy in Ukraine asked all Indians in Kharkiv to leave the city immediately for three safe zones.

He said nearly 17,000 Indian nationals have left Ukraine's borders since advisories were issued over a fortnight back. Bagchi said 15 flights are scheduled over the next 24 hours and some of them are already operating.

"The cities in eastern remain areas of concern for us. Some students were able to board trains out of Kharkiv yesterday night and this morning and we assisted in the process through the student contractors and other partners," Bagchi said.

"We have been in communication with the Russians regarding the safe passage of our nationals from Kharkiv and other nearby cities," he said.

Bagchi said India is also exploring the option of reaching the eastern part of Ukraine to help in the evacuation of Indian nationals stranded in the areas.

"It's not easy because the route is not open at all times," he said at a media briefing.

Separately, he said an Indian national, identified as Chandan Jindal, died in Ukraine due to natural causes.

He was in the hospital for the last few days. Bagchi also said that there has been a sharp increase in the number of Indians who have left Ukraine over the recent past.

"We now estimate that nearly 17,000 Indian nationals have left Ukraine's borders since our advisories were issued. This of course includes some Indians who had not registered with the embassy earlier," Bagchi said.

Earlier, the MEA had said that 20,000 Indians were in Ukraine when India had issued the first advisory in mid-February when the tension between Russia and Ukraine started building up.

Bagchi said the Indian embassy in Kyiv was asked to set up a temporary office in Lviv to facilitate border crossings by Indian nationals, adding a large segment of the team in the mission is now at Lviv.

The MEA spokesperson also said that a mechanism has been put in place for issuing emergency certificates to those Indian citizens who somehow lost their passports.

About the evacuation mission, Bagchi said flights under 'Operation Ganga' have increased sharply and that six flights have landed in India in the last 24 hours taking the total to 15.

He said the total number of Indians who have returned on board these flights is 3,352.

He said the advisory issued by the Indian embassy in Ukraine asking citizens to leave Kharkiv is based on information from Russia.

"We would urge all our nationals to leave Kharkiv immediately to safe zones," he said.

Svitolina of Ukraine beats Potapova of Russia in WTA event

MEXICO: Elina Svitolina put on the yellow and blue colors of Ukraine and beat Anastasia Potapova of Russia 6-2, 6-1 on Tuesday in the opening round of the Monterrey Open, deciding she could do more for her country by playing than boycotting the match.

Top-seeded Svitolina earlier said she wouldn't play against Potapova in Mexico or against any Russian or Belarusian opponents until the International Tennis Federation and the men's and women's tennis tours barred competitors from those countries using any national symbols, flags or anthems.

The tennis governing bodies issued a statement on Tuesday confirming that Russian and Belarusian players will still be allowed to compete at

the top level, but without national flags.

"Today it was a very special match for

me," the 27-year-old Svitolina said. "I'm in a very sad mood, but I'm happy that I'm playing tennis here.

"I was focused. I was on a mission for my country," she said. "From the beginning, it was important to be ready for anything that comes my way."

Svitolina is a two-time Grand Slam semifinalist with 16 career tour-level singles titles who has been ranked as high as No. 3 and is currently No. 15.

"All the prize money that I'm going to earn is going to be for the Ukrainian army," said Svitolina, who won



this tournament in 2020. The Monterrey Open has \$31,000 in prize money for the champion.

Svitolina, who broke serve in the first and third games on the way to a lopsided win over Potapova in 64 minutes, will play against Viktoriya Tomova in the second round.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine entered its sixth day on Tuesday, with a huge convoy of Russian tanks and armored vehicles on a road to the capital,

Kyiv, and fighting intensifying there and in other big cities.

Russia shelled several key sites in Kyiv and in the country's second-largest city, Kharkiv, killing at least 11 people and wounding dozens of others, Ukrainian officials said.

In her social media post Monday, Svitolina said her objective in demanding tennis follow the International Olympic Committee's lead and insist that players from Russia and Belarus are only identified as "neutral athletes" was not against individual competitors.

"I do not blame any of the Russian athletes," Svitolina wrote. "They are not responsible for the invasion of our motherland."



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