

Sri Lankan President says he will appoint new PM this week

COLOMBO(KCN): Sri Lanka's embattled President Gotabaya Rajapaksa said on Wednesday that he will appoint a new Prime Minister and a Cabinet this week which would introduce constitutional reforms, amid continuing widespread anti-government protests over the country's worst economic crisis.

In an address to the nation, President Gotabaya also said that after appointing

the new Prime Minister, and Government a constitutional amendment will be moved to enact the content of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which will vest more powers with the Parliament.

"I will appoint a young cabinet without any of the Rajapaksa's," Gotabaya said, as he started talks with political parties to stop the country from sliding into anarchy.



"The new government's Prime Minister will be

awarded the opportunity to produce a new program and take this

country forward," he added.

Sri Lanka has been

without a government since the last

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Sarat Patnaik likely to be next OPCC chief

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): Former president of the Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee

party did not take the decision to shift him to Odisha now as he is now in-charge of Bihar

Party (CLP) Narasingha Mishra is reported to be strongly opposed to the appointment

ing presidents from four regions of the State and four MLAs will be accommodated in these posts. Similarly, the post of leader of the Congress Legislature Party is likely to go either to Suresh Kumar Routray or Saluja.

Congress leaders from the State including the MLAs met former AICC president Rahul Gandhi at New Delhi on Monday during which he is reported to have expressed displeasure over indiscipline among the leaders. Gandhi warned the leaders that strong action will be taken against those giving statements on internal party affairs.

PM Modi to join President Biden at second Covid Virtual Summit on May 12

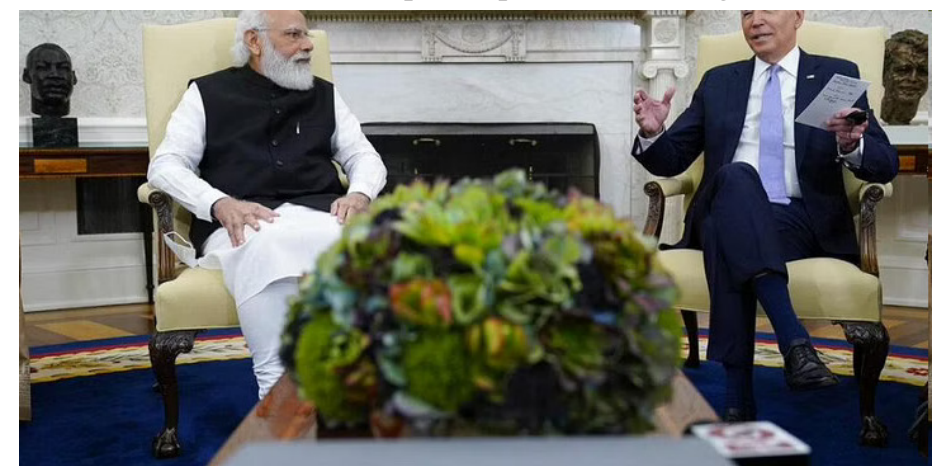
NEW DELHI (KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi will take part in the second Covid Virtual Summit on Thursday at the invitation of US President Joe Biden.

The Summit intends to galvanize new actions to address the continued challenges of the COVID pandemic and build a stronger global health security architecture. The Prime Minister will deliver his remarks in the opening session of the Summit on the theme 'Preventing Pandemic Fatigue and Prioritizing Preparedness'. The session will be live streamed from 1830 to 1945 on 12 May.

Other participants are the co-hosts of the event -- Heads of State/Govern-

ment of Belize in its capacity as Chair of C A R I C O M , Senegal as Chair of African Union, Indonesia as President of G20 and Germany as President of G7 respectively. The Secretary General of the United Nations, Director General of

World Health Organization and other dignitaries would also participate. medicines, development of low cost indigenous technologies to test and



ment of Belize in its capacity as Chair of C A R I C O M , Senegal as Chair of African Union, Indonesia as President of G20 and Germany as President of G7 respectively. The Secretary General of the United Nations, Director General of

The Prime Minister had also participated in the first Global COVID virtual Summit hosted by President Biden on 22 September 2021. India is playing a key role in ongoing global efforts to combat the pandemic by supplying safe and affordable vaccines,

treat, genomic surveillance, and capacity building for health care workers. India is also proactively engaged in multilateral fora with the objective of strengthening and reforming the global health security architecture with the WHO at its centre.



(OPCC) Sarat Patnaik is likely to be appointed as the next president of the party in Odisha. Though the name of former Union minister Bhakta Charan Das was also in contention for the post, sources said the

and Odisha. Sources, however, said that there may be last minute changes in the decision because of strong opposition to Patnaik's appointment as the OPCC president. Leader of the Congress Legislature

of Patnaik as the OPCC president though two other MLAs from western Odisha Santosh Singh Saluja from Kantabanji and Adhiraj Panigrahi from Khariar are in his favour. Sources said that there will be work-

Asani to fizzle out, but Odisha on high alert

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): As cyclone Asani has changed track and now set to touch the coast between

Ruling out any impact of the cyclone on the coastal districts, Special Relief Commissioner (SRC) PK

Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla reviewed the preparedness of Andhra Pradesh and

districts are also keeping watch, he said and added that ODRAF and fire service teams have been mobilised to the southern districts. They will be pre-positioned well before the time of the system passing Odisha coast.

Meanwhile, India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast heavy to very rainfall at isolated places in Gajapati, Ganjam and Puri districts, and heavy rainfall at one or two places in Koraput, Rayagada, Khurda, Jagatsinghpur and Cuttack districts on Wednesday. Isolated places in Puri, Jagatsinghpur, Cuttack, Kendrapara, CONTINUED ON: P-7

CM Naveen Patnaik announces Rs 1,500 crore masterplan for OUTR

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Tuesday approved a Rs 1,500 crore master plan for Odisha University of Technology and Research (OUTR) here to develop it in the lines of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT).

The budget for the university was sanctioned during a review meeting on infrastructure, management and teaching. The fund will be spent within three years. While Rs 1,000 crore will be invested in infrastructure development in the first year, the rest amount will be spent for improvement of other facilities.

The Chief Minister said that steps will be taken to encourage

entrepreneurship among the students to promote startup cul-

Stating that new-age technology has brought with it high

from the present 4,600 to 10,000 in the next five years, he



ture. He announced that an incubation centre will also come up in the university through tie-up with other educational institutions and research centres in the country and outside. He said that care will be taken to develop new patents and through research in the university.

quality education, the Chief Minister said that this required opening new courses and research facilities so that the university can emerge as a centre of excellence. Earlier known as College of Engineering and Technology (CET), the strength of OUTR will be increased

said. Starting as CET in 1981, the OUTR shifted to its own campus over 100 acre at Ghatikia in Bhubaneswar in 2001. The university is the only educational institution in the State which has bagged NAAC A grade. The institute received university status in 2021.



Vishakhapatnam and Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh before recurring in a weakened form, the State government on Tuesday issued high alert for five southern Odisha districts in view of likely heavy rains.

Jena said the system will pass Odisha coast on May 13 as a deep depression. He said that 19 teams of ODRAF have been mobilised for southern districts which may witness heavy rainfall under its influence.

Odisha after the latest track of the cyclone was known. Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mahapatra said Koraput, Malkangiri, Ganjam, Rayagada and Gajapati have been kept on high alert. Besides, coastal dis-

The unreturnable

Shreeta Sikruti Kuanr

Coming of age
In a ageless time
Recruiting emotions
Out of breath and crime
Burnt bridges shower
Over my face
I walk around at 11
On oceans appearing fade
The unappealing old skin
As it wrinkles down to sea
Deathless world
Death of art
Death of hint



Hellish demons type eulogy
Of goodbyes
To never come
Bad poets sing ballads
Stolen from the knife
To never run
I paint my skin colourless
Countless the time I pull
The dying beauty
Of the ageless rule

The sin was my heist
I cut his heart out
From jealousy and love
Lovers, you call
Love, you watch
Crazy women who die for others
I count
A mouth that never spoke
Speaks in my unrealistic desires
Igniting organs on fire
Landing guilt on the shore
Of the never coming end
I, one among the demon
To beg for a second send.

Baji Rout –Ever Glimmering Star



Mr.RadhaShyam Jena

Oh, the great soul a legendary martyr to call,
Not a line in the Indian History at all.

Alive in legendary amongst the common,
Confined to Odisha as venerable martyr well known.

You are the inspiration for the sake of nationalism,
Ever glittering star lit up with liberalism.

Footprints left by you live as ever blooming flowers,
Their odour will spread on the earth forever.

Your name is Baji in Oriya – “promise” or “bet”,
Endowed with benediction by your lucky parents.

Preferred to be a martyr warning the British to leave,
You remain ever glimmering star in the firmament alive.

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Anything you want to be;
Open a book
And you can share,
Wondrous words you find in there
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And I will too,
You read to me,
And I'll read to you!

Quotation of the Day



Sometimes life doesn't give you what you want, not because you don't deserve it, but because you deserve so much more.

Butcher

Dwit David Philip

I myself a chopped flesh,
Bleeding naked every where,
Grew young never new,
Tied in hands and leges with care.
Saw in eye his knives and chopper,
Size and sharp for different pieces,
Gazed my eyes in his brutal eyes,
Killed first before killing,
Stated touching every where,



Tied everywhere bond top and bottom,
Uncovered me with first layer,
Gradually he used his full power and sharp khife,
It's a furious attack to my young flesh,
I was not mum,
Said,
I love it and enjoyed,
You perfectly chopped and bleed me everywhere,
Perfect in power and killing instinct.
L D, House, Amlatola, Chaibasa, Jharkhand

Top 10 most read articles on art and culture in 2021

5. Hundreds of life-size seagull sculptures by Patrick Murphy take over a French city hall



Anyone looking up at City Hall in Le Havre this September might have mistaken an art installation for the real thing. We explore why British artist and designer Patrick Murphy created 200 life-size sculptures and lined them up along the rooftops of the famed Normandy building.

Sense of Belonging © Patrick Murhpy. Photography by Pinas Cohen

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6. Jarvis Brookfield on his psychedelic paint-



ings, dream-like states and what it means to be human

The pandemic has led many of us to ponder the meaning of life, and if you're among them, you should read this. Jarvis Brookfield's psychedelic, acid-trip artworks probe what it means to be human, and this exclusive interview with the artist is full of fascinating insights.

7. Colourful new artworks by Dave Towers take a closer look at the pandemic experience



Dave Towers creates eye-catching, hand-painted typographic works that reflect our times in more ways than one. Titled Free, his latest series is playful, ironic and in some cases full of humour, as the artist explores his own lockdown experience.

8. Morag Myerscough's 'endless ribbon' brings



Tom May

This summer saw a new public artwork by Morag Myerscough transform Coventry's main shopping street, with its bold simplicity of light and colour. In our exclusive interview, the artist explains the thinking behind the piece and discusses how a community is at the heart of every project she embarks on. Endless Ribbon Connecting Us © Morag Myerscough. Photography by Gareth Gardner

light and colour to Coventry's high street

Mercury Prize-winner musician, songwriter, and poet Arlo Parks is one of the planet's big-



clusively about her life during the pandemic,

9. Retro-inspired digital collages by Joe Simpson that imagine a more cheerful future

Let's face it, 2021 has been a pretty depressing year. But there's been plenty of light in the darkness, and for upbeat positivity, you can't beat Joe Simpson's digital collages. Giving a fresh new twist to retro pulp sci-fi, they imagine a more cheerful future, and we can all raise a glass to that.

10. Arlo Parks on her new album, the significance of its artwork and the vulnerability of writing



the vulnerability of her songwriting, and the significance of her album artwork. (Concluded)

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Child Artist Rishabh Sharma making a comeback in Bollywood with a love story film 'Naradham'

Mumbai (KCN, started with Muhurat cameraman is Sanjay Sharma Raj): at Khanvel Resort, Kamal. The main



The shooting of the Silvassa. It is being stars are Rishabh



started his career as a child artist. After working in films like Shivdasani's childhood role in the film 'Aao Wish Kare' and the age of 23, he is working as a hero in the first film



love story film produced by Preeti Sharma, Roshni and Salman Khan's childhood role in the film 'Naradham', which is serials like 'Mrs Tendulkar', 'Jai Jai a masala-rich romantic film.

Honda Racing India rider Sarthak Chavan creates history at Thailand Talent Cup (TTC) 2022 Becomes the FIRST Indian rider to secure podium finish at TTC

Kolkata (KCN): Chang International Circuit (Buriram), 10 May 2022: Exhibiting true racing passion and making India proud on international soil, Honda Racing India rider Sarthak Chavan sets a new record by securing podium finish at Thailand Talent Cup 2022 Round 2. It is for the first time ever in the history of Honda Racing India that an Indian rider has achieved this remarkable triumph. Showcasing his riding skills at the Chang International Circuit in Buriram (Thailand) last weekend, the 15-year-old lad from Pune meticulously maneuvered his way in race 2 of the round to reach at top 5 after his 12th position start on the grid. Giving a tough fight to the competition even under wet conditions, Sarthak boldly took on the finest of Asian riders, thus finishing the race at third place with just 0.583 seconds behind the race leader. Sarthak's teammate Kavin Quintal (16-year-old) too showed the might of confident young Indian rider in the race. Starting 15th on the grid of 16 riders, the Chennai boy made a good start and overtook 5 riders in lap 1 itself. From there till the end of race 2, Kavin persevered through the stiff competition and closed at 9th position with the total time of 29:50.642.

Sharing an overview on performance by Indian riders in round 2, Mr. Prabhu Nagaraj, Operating Officer-Brand & Communications, Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India said, "We are extremely happy with results of our riders in Round 2. Both Sarthak and Kavin showcased stellar performance & fighting spirit on the international soil. Sathak Chavan has made us all proud as it is for the first time in history of Honda India racing that an Indian rider took a podium position at the Thailand Talent Cup. Also, this victory is a testimony of how our riders are consistently climbing up the ladder and getting ready for the international arena." Honda Racing India's performance in Thailand Talent Cup 2022 The Honda Racing India team entered the second round of Thailand Talent Cup 2022 with a total of 13 points. After securing 12th & 15th place on the grid in qualifying race of round 2, Sarthak Chavan and Kavin Quintal showed aggression in race 1 and climbed up to finish at 9th and 13th position respectively. With this,

Sarthak added 6 points and Kavin 4 points to his kitty. Continuing to display the power of young India, the duo of Indian riders finished the race 2 in Top 10 (Sarthak at 3rd and Kavin at 9th), thus adding 32 points for the team. With the end of round 2 of Thailand Talent Cup 2022, Sarthak Chavan now holds total of 35 points while his teammate Kavin Quintal has 10 points in his kitty. Quote of IDEMITSU Honda Racing India rider Sarthak Chavan: "I am very happy with my performance in this round as I was able to give my maximum on the track. With learnings from last round and training with my mentors, I achieved 3rd place on the podium. This win has boosted my confidence and I will continue to fight hard to bring more laurels for the country." Quote of IDEMITSU Honda Racing India rider Kavin Quintal: "This round was all about learnings for me. The competition is very tough here. Personally, I am humbled with my performance in this round as I was able to earn points for the team. My aim is to improve my race craft and further better my results in upcoming rounds."



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Tips for Summer Party Make up

Summer is the perfect excuse to throw a party for whatever reason! Weddings, anniversaries, bachelorette parties, or just a good old beach party next to the sea to catch up with old friends.— you name it and it's happening!



Summer is the best time to enjoy a fun and laid back party! While summer is arguably the best time of the year, keeping your makeup prim n proper while out and about is not a child's play.

Everyone wants to do something a little extra special for summer events , but it's all about knowing how to make an impact without gimmicky shades and poorly performing formulas.

We've already reached the peak of summer . Party season reaches its peak during summer season , so it's time to pull out all the stops with your beauty look.

Whether you put on one of our famous bangle or bodycon dresses or are dressing down in jeans and t-shirt, we have a few tips to ensure you enjoy the summer event with style looking and feeling your best.

1---Hydrate -----

If you really want to look good in an outdoor party in intense heat and humidity , your skin needs to have a natural glow.

Hydrating your skin is one simple way to keep it healthy. For this drink 8-10 glasses of water ,juice, soup, green tea daily to hydrate yourself .This will also help flush out the toxins and help combat dry skin. Drink-

ing an adequate amount of water boosts the metabolism and regulates your appetite.

2---Exfoliate naturally

The best way to get rid of dry, flaky skin during the summer season is by exfoliating. A good oil-based exfoliator to rid the skin of dead cells is key. Make sure your arms and legs are properly prepared before showing them off in your party dress. The key to gleaming limbs is to ensure they are soft and smooth. Increase the frequency of exfoliating your skin before Party Eve.Try a pH-neutral product for a gentle skin cleansing that will not agitate or irritate your skin type. Alternatively, prepare some scrubs at home using all-natural ingredients. Honey mixed with coffee or sugar mixed with vegetable oil present some excellent options.Just heat a cup of medium ground coffee with an oil of your choice. Do not let it boil. Then, add sugar granules and a few drops of essential oil to the mixture. Mix well. Apply this scrub on damp skin before you hit the shower and exfoliate well.You need to scrub your skin at least once a week. Use some face masks. Be it a Homemade Honey and Cinnamon mask, or a revitalizing deep cleansing mask .Use products best suited for your skin type to keep your face looking fresh and glowing . But don't go overboard as that will make it rough

3--Let your eyes do the magic-----

Don't abandon your beloved smokey eye on summer events in an open area or closed air conditioner room . Smokey eyes are always trendy, and they work for parties .If you want something flirty. Apply an eyeshadow

Shahnaz Husain

that's darker than your skin tone and sweep into your crease.Next, apply a complementary eyeshadow lighter than your skin tone to your lid and blend towards your lash line.To finish, blend the two together to blur any harsh contrast.. Try going with navy or mix black and gray for a smoldering, mysterious look. Use neutral colors for a look that is soft and natural.Applying sparkly eyeshadow around the eyes brings a whimsical touch to your look and takes no time at all to do.

4-Classic Lip-----

A little shine on your lips will complement your look .The easiest way to elevate your look in seconds is to wear a bold lipstick color. Staple colors such as red and pink, in their bolder versions, will do well on the occasion. Fuller lips will draw eyes.To get your lipstick to last until midnight : Make sure your lips are well-hydrated before using a bright color or highly pigmented lipstick so your pout stays soft and hydrated but never sticky. This red lip look is sophisticated and perfect for summer events . Find a pink or red lipstick that you feel really good in, and shape your lips with a matching lip liner to ensure the color stays put.

Dress elegantly

Pick the right type of dress according to your body type so that it highlights all your right features., Pick out a dress that not only makes you look good but in which you can actually breathe, and spend it with people that make you happy, to have a truly fabulous Summer evening party .Whether it is a cocktail dress or a different kind of outfit,

make sure that you feel confident in it. Comfort is imperative because you will be mingling and possibly dancing in summer events .Keep the jewelry minimal and straightforward if you are wearing a shiny dress to achieve the right balance.

5--The sculpted look

Not all parties / get-togethers call for a full face of makeup, you can create a light but lovely look with just a little blush. From bright pink and orange to berry and red-orange shades, a blush with a burst of color will amp up your complexion and create a radiant look that will turn heads.

Sculpted cheekbones with just the right amount of bronzer give you a straight off the runway style. Complete your party look with statement earrings and a high ponytail. Jewel-toned eyeshadow is always a good idea when you want to play with color on the eyes

Blotting Paper--

Blotting paper will be your makeup saviour throughout the day – just carry around a few in your purse and keep dabbing away the oil at regular intervals. Make sure you dab the paper and not wipe!

Pick A Water-Resistant Formula

Even if you aren't going into the pool with makeup, you do tend to sweat a lot in the summer so picking water-resistant formulas is a safe option. You don't want to end up with panda eyes after having your mascara and eyeliner running down your face, do you?

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Hindu asmita or good governance : Choice is yours

Hinduism is possibly the most tolerant and accommodating of all the world's religions. It is one of the most complex ideologies,



encompassing a diverse culture and set of moral precepts. The spirit of tolerance is one of Hinduism's most important characteristics. True Hinduism teaches that other faiths must be respected: "A true Hindu can even

allow others the right to be mistaken," states ShashiTharoor in Why I Am a Hindu. Tolerance is a characteristic of authentic Hinduism, and this quality of mutual acceptance of diversity breeds it.Hinduism does not profess to be the only path to salvation. A real Hindu thinks that he is on the right track while simultaneously acknowledging that others are on their own paths.

"I am pleased to belong to a religion which has taught the world both tolerance and global acceptance,"

Swami Vivekananda sincerely proclaims in his statement at Chicago's Parliament of World Religions on September 11, 1893, commenting on



Hinduism's universalism. Not only do we believe in universal tolerance, but we also believe that all religions are true."This clearly demonstrates that a sincere Hindu does not claim to be the sole source of truth. He is a staunch believer in peaceful interfaith harmony based on the principle of "live and let live." Let us now concentrate on Hindutva philosophy, given the broad definition of Hinduism and its universality.

Hindutva is more than just being Hindu. That isn't the case. It has nothing to do with spiritualism and everything to do with

economics. Its ideology is neither Hindu nor Indian.

VinayakDamodarSavarkar took the concept from the West, specifically from Hitler's Nazism and Mussolini's fascism. The Hindutva ideology was founded on the foundations of these two ideologies.The multi-ethnic structure of India's unity was challenged by Savarkar and M.S. Golwalkar. According to them, a Hindu was 'one who considers India to be his motherland (matrbhumi), the land of his ancestors (pitrbhumi),and his holy land (punyabhumi)'

Religion and Spiritualism

Religion and spirituality. Religion describes the social, the public, and the organized means by which people relate to the sacred and the divine, while spirituality describes such relations when they occur in private, personal, and even in ways. India as a country needs to move from extreme religiosity and biased religiousness to simple spirituality. This will only happen once we see religion through the lens of personal and private



spiritual practice. Of course, this will take some time. This in itself will bring to an end to the riot, bigotry, and religious fundamentalism. The moot question is how this can be done. How such a big transition will take place whereby Indian society would get relieved from all thisreligious-based violence and divisiveness.Can we ensure Good governance with individual Spiritual Practice devoid of organized religious exercise?

Modi's Governance Model and an overall Impression

The number of targeted attacks on Dalits

Pratap Kishore Mohanty

and members of the minority group has risen dramatically.

What sets these attacks apart is the state's acceptance of the assailants, which comes in the form of ministers garlanding them or attending their funerals reverently. No one is oblivious to the message of solidarity. In reality, the othering of a specific section of India has been the single consistent thread running through this government's term. People who are fortunate enough to be led by the Prime Minister have only one thing in common. They are defiantly communal while also being abusive. It's almost as though they've been given official approval. Modi's anti-Islam posture has only strengthened in the subsequent years, helping to reinforce Islamophobia among an enthusiastic public. In effect, he has incorporated the RSS's fundamental philosophy into the government through legislation that discriminates against Muslims.Such efforts reached a pinnacle in the run-up to the 2019 elections, when Modi engaged in widespread voter suppression, eliminating an estimated 120 million eligible voters from the electoral rolls by requiring proof of residency. The goal was to eliminate non-Indian religious groups from Hindutva ideology, which resulted in the expulsion of 70 million Muslims and Dalits. Modi took a chance by clearing the rolls, betting that a combination of voter suppression of minorities and capturing the votes of the Hindu majority would be enough to ensure electoral victory.

The current wave of nationalist-populist regimes is known for limiting democracy in this way. However, as Modi's comrades in Hungary, Brazil, Russia, the United States, and the United Kingdom are discovering, even a "managed," restrained

democracy may be difficult to control. Modi's popularity is currently at an all-time high, with polls such as Morning Consult showing his approval rate at over 75%. However, such polls can be unreliable, and unhappiness is developing among India's growing pool of young voters. The BJP has begun to suffer continuous domestic criticism as a result of its poor economic performance and mishandling of the coronavirus outbreak (a failing the BJP shares with the other authoritarian nationalist governments).

Let us now turn our attention to politics and domestic issues. Most economists agree that the governments led by the late P V Narasimha Rao and the late A B Vajpayee launched and executed some substantial reforms. These guys were diametrically opposed to one another, and their political ideas were diametrically opposed as well. Both faced considerable headwinds – Rao had to deal with an economic crisis, a fractious coalition, and even opposition within his own party. Despite this, he was able to put together a coherent team that was able to implement the economic changes that his successors would build on.Despite not having the same illustrious legal team as the Indian National Congress, his legal team persuaded the Supreme Court to allow Ram Temple to be built. He was determined to free himself of Triple Talaq, and he was successful. Despite opposition, he was successful in getting the Citizenship Amendment Act enacted by Parliament. When it comes to politics, he has typically been successful — with a little help from Amit Shah, the Home Minister, and his closest confidante. It'shigh time that Mr. Modi needs to understand that beyond the Hindutwa-driven politics, he needs to address some of the real and worrisome issues confronting India as a nation and finds the best ways to give solace to the common people.

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Khordha(KCN): On receipt of credible information as per the direction of Pattnaik of village - Bhaliaabadi, Hatiasuni Sahi, Khordha, in his house while selling



Siddhartha Kataria, SP, Khordha under the Supervision of Sushil Kumar Mishra, SDPO, Khordha and DSP, I/C, Khordha Model PS, Sanjaya Kumar Pattnaik a team was formed headed by SI, Samir Dalai, SI, P. L. Behera, SI, Sasmita Behera, Hav. Abhiram Samantaray, P. K. Harichandan and Sasmita Baral proceeded to the alleged location and nab the accused person namely Rajesh Pattnaik (21) S/O-Late- Suresh Chandra

the brown sugar to the customers and detected 20.15 gram's of brown sugar (Cost of Rs-1 lakhs) and Cash Three Lakhs Fifty One Thousands Two Hundred rupees and one costly Yamaha, R-15 bike bearing registration no-OD-02-BV-5994 were seized from his possession. Accordingly case has been registered vide Khordha model PS, Case no-220/22,U/S-21(b) 29 NDPS Act and the accused was forwarded to the Judicial Court of Khordha.

Odisha Mulling eCabinet

Bhubaneswar: The State Government is planning to implement the e-Cabinet system to make Cabinet meetings and related documents paperless, sources said. As part of the Digital India initiative, the National Informatics Centre (NIC) will implement the project for the Government of Odisha. Very soon a meeting between the Parliamentary Affairs Department and NIC will be held to discuss this project, the sources said. Once the online system is put in place, the entire Cabinet and Council of Ministers related matters and documents will be issued through the web platform. The physical movement of files will become history, they said. Conduct of physical(manual) Cabinet meetings involving multiple interactions between several offices and efforts till the last minute. Ev-

ery meeting consumes huge resources of paper, fuel, manpower, time and efforts. The details of Cabinet meetings will have a dynamically built-in database, which will facilitate quick and easy search & retrieval of decisions taken in meetings & review action taken on them. Besides, the secrecy of Cabinet related documents will be ensured. As the files will be moved electronically, there will be no scope of leak of the secret documents, the officials informed. The Governor, Chief Minister, Ministers and concerned Senior Officers will have access to the system. The system is likely to have features where all stakeholders will get information through SMS, email and portal from time to time. States like Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand have already successfully implemented the project.

WHO's European countries say Moscow office should be moved

LONDON(KCN): Members of the World Health Organization's European region have condemned Russia's war in Ukraine, which could result in moving one of the agency's offices out of Russia and suspending all meetings there until Moscow pulls its troops out of Ukraine.

In a statement after a resolution passed on Tuesday, countries in the WHO's European region said they were "highly concerned" over the situation in Ukraine that was "triggered by the unprovoked and unjustified military aggression by the Russian Federation against Ukraine". More than 40 countries, including

France, Germany, Italy, Sweden and the UK, voted in favor of the statement, while



Russia, Belarus and Tajikistan voted against it. The resolution said the WHO should do "whatever is possible to support the government in Ukraine" and to consider the possible relocation of the United Nations health agency's Moscow-based European Office for the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases to another country.

It also asked the WHO's European director to consider temporarily suspend-

ing all meetings in Russia until the country withdraws its military forces from Ukraine. To date, the WHO has confirmed more than 200 attacks on health facilities and first responders in Ukraine, resulting in at least 75 deaths. After a recent trip to Ukraine where he spoke with health workers and victims of the invasion, WHO director-general Tedros Adhanom

Ghebreyesus said Tuesday that "what Ukraine really needs more than anything else is peace", and appealed to Russia to stop its war. Still, some academics doubted the European resolution would have much impact. Lawrence Gostin, director of the WHO's Collaborating Center on Public Health Law and Human Rights at Georgetown University, called it "a weak rebuke that won't bother Putin". In a tweet, he called instead for the WHO to remove Russia's voting rights at the World Health Assembly, the WHO's annual meeting of its member countries, scheduled for later this month.

State Warns NHAI

Bhubaneswar: Bishnupada Sethi, Principal Secretary Commerce & Transport has warned the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) for its non-cooperation and negligence in maintaining the road at Dwarsunighat in Mayurbhanj district.

Mr.Sethi has written a strong letter to the Chief General Manager & Regional Officer of NHAI, Odisha, on this issue. "You are aware of the fact that, reduction of road accidents and fatalities is a matter of great concern for all of us. During the last decade about 45,000 people have died due to road accidents in the State. Most of them are the young people and bread earners of their families," he said.

Mayurbhanj District is one of the vulnerable districts from the point of road safety. During 2021, 540 accidents occurred in the district in which 312 people died. There are 13 Black Spots in the district as per the accident data for 2017-2019, he said.

The Principal Secretary pointed out that Dwarsunighat is a hazardous spot in the district, on which 2/3 accidents occur every month.

As per the information provided by the Mayurbhanj Collector, this issue is regularly discussed in the District Road Safety Committee (DRSC) meeting. In spite of intimation to attend the meeting of DRSC, the PD, NHAI, Balasore never feels it necessary to attend the meeting and sends his representatives to the meeting, which indicates his negligent attitude towards road safety, orders of Collector, Mayurbhanj and directions of Supreme Court Committee, he stated.

"Supreme Court Committee also emphasizes holding the meeting of DRSCs regu-

larly. The representatives who attend the meeting on behalf of the PD, NHAI, Balasore express their inability to repair this stretch, till 4 laning work is taken up. But, human lives are not so cheap to be sacrificed till the road is converted to 4 laning," Mr.Sethi told the NHAI Odisha Head.

A survey was conducted by the RTO, Mayurbhanj on the Dwarsunighat and photographs of various locations have been taken, which indicate that there are many potholes, no crash barriers/damaged crash barriers, dangerous road shoulders, no signages, no reflective tapes etc. on the road. The photographs show a gloomy situation on the road. This stretch is very poorly maintained, although it is an important road of the district and a ghat road.

"You are aware of the fact that, State Government accords topmost priority on road safety with the intention to reduce accidents and fatalities in the State. The MoRT&H also accords priority for reduction of accidents and fatalities in the country. But the attitude of NHAI, Odisha towards road safety is quite discouraging," the Principal Secretary said expressing strong dissatisfaction.

The NHAI regional head has been urged to instruct Technical Officers from his office and the PD, NHAI, Balasore to visit the Dwarsunighat, conduct a survey, find out the defects and rectify them in consultation with the Mayurbhanj Collector and RTO.

He was also asked to submit a compliance report to the Transport Department at the earliest for the kind perusal of Chief Secretary. "The PD, NHAI, Balasore may be instructed to attend the meeting of DRSC regularly," Mr.Sethi ended his letter with this note.

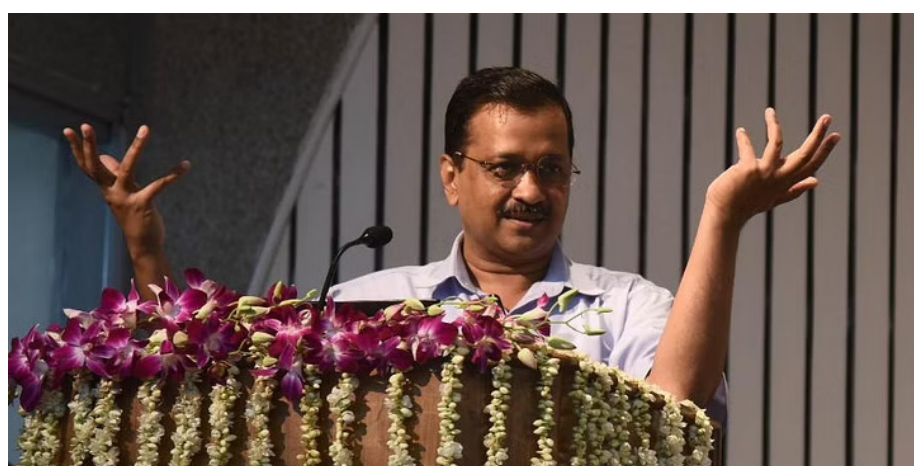


Kejriwal promises free pilgrimage, free power if AAP forms govt in Gujarat

AHMEDABAD(KCN): Aam Aadmi Party convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday promised free pilgrimage for senior citizens to various religious places, including Ayodhya, if the AAP was voted to power in Gujarat, and accused the ruling BJP of "failure" on multiple fronts despite being in power in the state for nearly three decades.

He also promised free electricity, better schools and hospitals if the AAP forms the next government in Gujarat, where the Assembly polls are due by the year-end.

Addressing a rally in Rajkot city,



Kejriwal accused the BJP of "failing" on education, health and employment fronts in Gujarat during its long rule in the state.

"Though the BJP is in power for 27 years in Gujarat, it has never sent a single person on pilgrimage. In Delhi, we sent 50,000 persons on pilgrimage in three years under

Barbil railway station needs renovation

Barbil (KCN): Being the platform led one of the highest revenue payer to the platform led coach toilet uncleaned.Passenger



railway ,the railway platform of Barbil in the district of Keonjhar envisages negligence by the railway ministry .Barbil railway platform is a platform for a name shake ,The condition in and around the platform gives picturesque of the poor sanitary condition of the railway platform. The garbage spread in front of station and untidy environment inside station speaks a lot about the station. No waiting hall and lack of toilet facility led to a state of uncomfortable for many passengers. The railway tracks are littered with solid waste across length of platform.As two trains rest in one platform and lack of cleaning facilities in

are complaining on the unhygienic condition of coach and toilet .Being an end station and two trains rest at night ,the station requires adequate washing facility to provide passenger a hygenic and safe journey, one passenger commented. The concerned railway station comes under eastern railway and concerned authority should look into this .There stations demands a well furnished platform equipped with all facilities as thousands of passengers depend upon this only station of the area. People too demand for cleaning facilities of the trains in view of hygenic and safe journey for the passengers.

Tech Boosts Transformation

Bhubaneswar: Transformation, progress, development, growth largely depend up on the advancement of technology. This was reiterated by the panellists during a virtual discussion on the theme Technology and Sustainable held on the occasion of National Technology Day by the Regional Outreach Bureau(ROB), Bhubaneswar. ROB is a unit of Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, Bhubaneswar. Participating in the event Joint Commissioner (Road safety), Sanjay Kumar Biswal stated that different technologies are being adopted by the Government of Odisha to prevent

road accidents and erroneous driving. Senior Technical Director Dr. Pabitrnanda Patnaik elaborated in detail about the various measures to ensure IT security. Asst. Prof. Dr.Pallabi Mishra from Utkal University stated that technology has brought out a sea change in the field of agriculture, health, artificial intelligence and other arenas. Additional DG of ROB Akhil Kumar Mishra highlighted the objective of the National Technology day while Itishree Singh Rathaur, News Editor of AIR, Cuttack moderated the session which witnessed the participation of people from different section.

our scheme. If voted to power here (in Gujarat), we will take each and every elderly citizen to religious places for free," said Kejriwal.

The AAP leader, whose party recently formed its government in Punjab, asked the people of Gujarat to give his outfit a chance to govern the state, a BJP stronghold.

"The AAP is a party of educated, honest and patriotic people. I urge the people to give us one chance, at least to break the ego of the BJP. If you do not find our work satisfactory, you are free to choose any other party afterwards," he added.

First time in Odisha, Blood Stem Cell Donor Registration & HLA Sample collection campaign was organised Spread Happiness Foundation in collaboration with Datri Blood Stem Cell Donor Registry, India's Largest Registry for the Cause

Bellaguntha(KCN): Spread Happiness Foundation, a leading expatriate Oriya voluntary organization based in Pune, has taken another step forward in the field of social service.

Today, on the occasion of World Thalassemia Day and Mother's Day, a blood stem Cell Donor Registration & HLA Sample collection program was held at the Belguntha Announced Area Council House with the joint support of the Spread Happiness Foundation and the Charitable Foundation.

For the first time in Odisha, the blood stem cell Donor Registration & HLA Sample collection campaign was launched to save the lives of patients suffering from blood cancer and thalassemia.

The main purpose of the campaign was to bring new hope to life for people living with Blood cancer & other Blood Disorders. The move by Spread Happiness Foundation has ushered in a new era in the history of Odisha.

The function was presided over by Soumya Ranjan Mohapatra, Chairman, Spread Happiness Foundation and was attended by Belguntha Mayor Firoz Kumar Sethi as the Chief Guest while Belguntha Press Club President and Utkal Journalists Association Ganjam District as the Chief Guest.

Pradyumna Patra(General Secretary), S Rakesh Patra(Executive Officer) Belguntha, Special Guest, Rotary Club President V Devi Prasad Patra, Councilor Divya Ranjan Das and

Bhaskar Chief were present.

Soumya Ranjan Mohapatra, Chairman of Spread Happiness Foundation, informed everyone about the purpose of the campaign.

The event was attended by more than 70 intellectuals from Belguntha area, notified area council staff, youth social workers, police personnel and health center staff who volunteered to donate their blood Stem Cell registered its name through a sample.

Spread Happiness Foundation members Akhil Jena, Shubhkant Nayak, Shubham Patra and Ganesh Dalai were present on the occasion and assisted in the collection of samples.

"In the coming days, the program will be held in various rural areas and people will be made aware," said Mr. Mohapatra, chairman of the Organization.

Belguntha police station SI Narayan Nayak, ASI GB Das, journalist Chandan Sahu, Saroj Shatapathi, Shivram Chowdhury, NAC staff Babula Gaud, Mangulu Muni, among others, contributed to the main event.

It has been revealed that blood stem cells are essential for the survival of cancer patients, while in India only around five lakh people so far are registered as Potential Blood stem cell Donors.

Therefore, for the first time in Odisha, such an innovative effort by Spread Happiness Foundation has been highly praised by local intellectuals.

HITK students win National Level Hackathon at Gujarat, Bengal's pride on this National Technology Day

Kolkata (KCN): Today internet-based education has undergone a big boom, thereby boosting the economy to a greater extent. In a country like India, EdTech Startups have contributed not only to the job market, but also to the upliftment of the quality of education for the Indian students. However, there is a major loophole in the process of certification, in most cases, the companies; even the big players in the market, like, Coursera and Udemy only provide a certificate in PDF format. Now this certificate can be easily forged or manipulated, the name of the student can be easily changed. Hence, there is a need for a proper authentication mechanism to check the validity of the certificate generated in a PDF format.

Finding a solution to this problem, a duo from Heritage Institute of Technology (HITK), Agnish Ghosh B.Tech- CSE 2nd Year and Rajarshi Paul B.Tech- ECE 2nd Year invented a web-based application DeCert which is based on the core-principles of blockchain, encryption and network security. Using the ideas of non-fungibility and tokenization, the students have managed to create an interface which tokenizes the PDF certificate data. The idea of tokenization works in encrypting the PDF certificate's data and distributing it over a decentralized blockchain network, in such a way that every time a user/organization wants to access the certificate data, there is a need to render the information from the network. In this process, the data undergoes an immense level of security, preventing copyright infringements, forgery and fraud. The application had won at HackSVIT, a national level Hackathon organized by Sardar Vallabhai Patel Institute of Technology (SVIT), Vasad, Gujarat on 29th April 2022. The Hackathon was sponsored and partnered by Major League Hacking which is a Talent-Acquisition division by Facebook (Meta Platforms). This was the only offline Hackathon, organized by Major League Hacking (Meta Platforms), in the Indian Subcontinent, for the year 2022.

There were 980+ selected registrations for the offline event, over 600 submissions of projects in their online platforms, and finally 115 teams competing in the final event with about 500 programmers from all across the country.

The Hackathon had duration of 36 hours at

a stretch. Here the participants had to program and assemble their ideas into websites, applications and software prototypes. The organizers provided all the infrastructural support to the participants.

There were 3 rounds of mentoring, where computer scientists, startup-founders, and other company tech leads mentored the participants about the product and tech stack they used. In between those 3 rounds, there were 2 rounds of judging where the participants had to pitch and demonstrate their products in front of the judges.

In these rounds, the judges and mentors were quite impressed by the level of technology and product knowledge Agnish & Rajarshi possessed for which they were declared as the winner in the National event.

In the final round, there was entire jury of tech start-up founders and investors who asked various questions to the participants where the duo also proved their best with their unique idea of data security overtaking others.

"Usually, every other team had a strength of 3-6, but we had just two, myself and Rajarshi, but somehow we managed to work our souls out and get the product ready 3 hours before the final code push.

After our final pitch, I literally held the judges for another 12-15 minutes and drew and explained the entire web/app architecture, since they may not be interested in looking through the code anymore. I gave a final demonstration of the product after which they were amazed. Some spoke about investing in this product and there was one who literally gave a blank cheque offer and said he had links to Y-Combinator. We exchanged numbers, but I knew deep down that being placed was still hard, the other winning teams made products over Augmented Reality and Internet of Things," said Agnish.

The winner of HackSVIT Agnish & Rajarshi won a prize money of Rs. 50000/- which they have decided to donate for a social cause. "On this National Technology Day, on behalf of the entire Heritage Family, we recognize the valuable invention Agnish and Rajarshi had made which not only won the First Prize in a National level Hackathon but also will contribute in solving a major problem faced by the entire Nation," said Mr. P.K.Agarwal, CEO, Heritage Group of Institutions, Kolkata

6th Road Safety Conference on Safer and Sustainable Mobility with Innovations and Technology

New Delhi(KCN): Innovations and Technology are the key enablers to achieve the goal of safe road ecosystem. Road safety has always been a significant challenge with adverse implications on the country's economic and social development. India ranks first in the number of road crashes deaths and accounts for almost 11% of the accident-related deaths in the world. In the past one decade, over 1 million people have lost their lives in road crashes.

Safer Mobility with innovations and technology has always been key agenda for all stakeholders. It is utmost important for People, Planet and Prosperity to achieve the goal of safe road ecosystem. In this context, ASSOCHAM is

organising 6th Road safety Conference on "Safer and Sustainable Mobility with Innovations and Technology" on Friday, 13th May 2022 from 10.00 AM to 2.00 PM at New Delhi.

Invited Speakers are Chief Guest : General (Dr.) V.K. Singh (Retd.), Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways and Civil Aviation, GoI., **Shri Sudhendu J. Sinha,** Adviser (Infrastructure Connectivity – Transport and Electric Mobility), NITI Aayog, Government of India, **Dr. Reji Mathai,** Director, Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI), Ministry of Heavy Industries, GoI, **Dr. Ranjana Aggarwal,** Director, Central Road Research Institute (CSIR-CRRI), **Mr.**

Deepak Sood, Secretary General, ASSOCHAM, **Mr. Vinod Pandey,** Chairperson, ASSOCHAM Global Value Chain Council and Director, Govt. & External Affairs, CSR, BMW India Pvt. Ltd., **Mr. Puneet Anand,** Assistant Vice President & Group Head - Corporate Affairs & Communication, Hyundai Motor India Ltd., **Mr. Ravi Bhatnagar,** Co-Chairperson, ASSOCHAM CSR Council and Director External Affairs & Partnerships, South Asia, Reckitt **Mr. K. K. Kapila,** President Emeritus, International Road Federation, **Representative,** Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India Pvt. Ltd., **Mr. Gaurav Gandhi,** General Manager & Head CSR, Maruti Suzuki India Limited, **Mr.**

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Tirupur Exporters Association urge SBI to help MSMEs tide out liquidity crisis

COIMBATORE: support from the government as well as the Tirupur Exporters Association banks to pull them undergoing financial stress on the operational front and the nance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, who was in



(TEA) on Wednesday requested public sector State Bank India (SBI) to help MSMEs tide over the liquidity crisis, as the knitwear sector is passing through a difficult situation due to an unprecedented surge in cotton prices that have more than doubled.

The subsequent hike in yarn prices has also doubled compared to last year, which ultimately resulted in the Tirupur knitwear garment sector and stakeholder working units going into confusion and seeking

out of the crisis, TEA President Raja M Shanmugham said in a letter to SBI Chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara. Thanking the bank for continuously providing support to the Tirupur knitwear sector, comprising 95 per cent of MSMEs, Shanmugham said 18 months back, the unit could buy one kg of yarn for Rs 200 whereas now the same amount fetches only 400 grams of yarn. This revealed how the knitwear exporting MSMEs are now

major concern is that liquidity has been drained off from its sanctioned limits, he said. Despite all of this, it is possible for MSMEs to execute only 40 per cent of their own capacity, Shanmugham said. "We would like to drive home the point that price escalation cannot be easily equated with price realisation as it takes time and ultimately all MSMEs are facing stress," he pointed out. The issue was highlighted to Union Fi-

Coimbatore two days ago and the exporters' body made a detailed representation, he said. "Tirupur knitwear exports clocked Rs 33,525 crore in 2021-2022 and in terms of dollars, recorded USD 4.51 billion, 1.07 per cent of All India Merchandise Exports. Despite passing through a host of adverse issues, with our in-built resilient nature, we have been confidently moving ahead in the challenging global and domestic business environment," he said.

Government asks Ola, Uber to improve their services amid rising complaints



NEW DELHI: The government has warned cab aggregators, including Ola and Uber, of strict action if they don't improve their services and answer to rising consumer complaints. "We told them about the rising consumer complaints against their platforms. We gave them the statistics also. We have asked them to improve their system and redress the consumer complaints otherwise the competent authority will take strict action,"

said Consumer Affairs Secretary Rohit Kumar Singh. The government on Tuesday held a meeting with the ride-hailing companies amid a rise in consumer complaints of alleged unfair trade practices, including cancellation policy which at times results in customers paying cancellation penalties. Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) Chief Commissioner Nidhi Khare said the cab aggregators should immedi-

ately come out with solutions. "The authority is likely to issue an advisory to ensure that unfair trade practices by cab aggregators are not carried on in violation of consumers' rights," she added.

Asani to fizzle out, but Odisha on high alert

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Bhadrak and Balasore districts are likely to receive heavy rainfall on Thursday. Asani on Tuesday moved northwestwards with a speed of 10 kmph and lay centered at 5.30 pm over westcentral Bay of Bengal, about 170 km south of Kakinada, 290 km south-southwest of Visakhapatnam, 530 km south-southwest of Gopalpur and 630 km south-southwest of Puri. "Asani is likely to move nearly northwestwards and reach westcentral Bay of Bengal close to Kakinada-Visakhapatnam coast by Wednesday morning," said Bhubaneswar Meteorological Centre scientist Umasankar Das. Thereafter, it is very likely to recurve slowly north-northeastwards and move along Andhra Pradesh coast and then emerge into northwest Bay of Bengal off north Andhra Pradesh and Odisha coasts. It is likely to weaken into a cyclonic storm by Wednesday morning and into a deep depression 24 hours later, he added.

Sri Lankan President says he will appoint new PM this week

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two days after his President Gotabaya's elder brother and prime minister Mahinda Rajapaksa resigned, making way to form an all party interim government. The President is constitutionally empowered to run the country without a cabinet. Speaking on the violence that took place in the nation earlier this week, he said what happened on May 9 was very unfortunate. "The murders, assaults, acts of intimidation, destruction of property, and the series of heinous acts that followed cannot be justified at all," the President said. Gotabaya said that the Inspector General of Police has been instructed to conduct investigations. He also said that Sri Lanka Police and Three-Armed Forces have been ordered to strictly enforce the law against those who cause violence. "Steps will be taken to strictly enforce the law against those who planned, aided, promoted, and are connected to these events," Gotabaya said while urging everyone to maintain calm. Sri Lanka is facing its worst economic crisis since gaining independence from Britain in 1948. The crisis is caused in part by a lack of foreign currency, which has meant that the country cannot afford to pay for imports of staple foods and fuel, leading to acute shortages and very high prices. Thousands of demonstrators have hit the streets across Sri Lanka since April 9 seeking the resignation of President Gotabaya and his brother Mahinda, as the government ran out of money for vital imports; prices of essential commodities have skyrocketed and there are acute shortages in fuel, medicines and electricity supply.

Rising cost of goods, services affecting purchasing decisions in India: EY report

NEW DELHI: A majority of the Indian consumers are bullish about their financial situation in the next year, but have raised concerns over the rising cost of goods and services, which is affecting their purchasing decisions, according to an EY report. Moreover, uncertainty around managing rising living costs is driving over 80 per cent in India to save more money, said the findings

strongly, with 62 per cent citing 'affordability' affecting their choices (South Africa 77 per cent, India 64 per cent, Brazil 63 per cent, China 42 per cent), compared with 45 per cent of respondents from developed markets (the US 50 per cent, Canada 52 per cent, the UK 42 per cent, France 40 per cent)," said a statement from EY on the findings of the report. In India, this impacts lower-income earners the

cent of the Indian respondents shall be more cautious about physical health in the long-term, followed by mental health at 78 per cent," the report said.

EY India Partner & National Leader — Consumer Product and Retail sector Angshuman Bhattacharya said experience-seeking consumers are less loyal, and with increasing price sensitivity and an inflationary environment, companies would need to toil harder to retain them.

"This calls for FMCG companies to look at their revenue and margin waterfalls and squeeze outspends across the value chain to drive profitability," FMC it said. "The consumer priorities have shifted to better self and better environment, post-pandemic," he said.

"This behavioural change will drive the buying decision in the long-term. Customers are getting increasingly environmentally conscious and are asking the brands that sell to them, to demonstrate the values that align with their own."

The EY Future Consumer Index tracks changing consumer sentiment and behaviours across time horizons and global markets, identifying the new consumer segments that are emerging.

The ninth edition of the EY Future Consumer Index surveyed 18,000 consumers across the US, Canada, the UK, France, Germany, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, China, India, Brazil, Saudi Arabia, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Norway, Indonesia, Italy, Spain, Mexico, South Africa, Chile (new), Argentina (new) and Thailand (new) between January 28 and February 15, 2022.



of the ninth edition of the EY Future Consumer Index for India. The Index for India reaffirms the "positive outlook" of the Indian consumers as 77 per cent expect positive changes in the financial situation, in the next one year. This is better than their global counterparts which stand at 48 per cent, the report said. However, the survey which was conducted over 1,000 Indian consumers in February 2022, "raises concern over the rising cost of goods and services that is impacting their ability to purchase goods and is affecting their purchasing decisions," it said. "Emerging markets are feeling the pinch

most (72 per cent), followed by the high-income group at 60 per cent, and the middle-income group at 58 per cent, it said. "Uncertainty around managing rising living costs is driving over 80 per cent in India to save more money than in the past, with 50 per cent of all respondents have made it a goal already to save rather than spend," it said. Moreover, health and wellness continue to be the focal point and Indian consumers are willing to pay a premium for high-quality and organic food, even amidst inflationary pressure. "More than half (54 per cent) of the respondents in India have made physical health and wellness a goal for the next 2-3 years. 80 per

Jadeja ruled out of remainder of IPL, goes home with rib injury

NEW DELHI: Senior India and Chennai Super Kings all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja was on Wednesday ruled out of the remainder of

the IPL due to a rib injury, days after quitting the leadership role.

"Ravindra Jadeja won't be playing CSK's next two

games as he has suffered a rib cage injury. He has already gone home," CSK CEO Kasi Viswanathan told. Jadeja apparently

didn't play the match against Delhi Capitals due to an upper body injury, sustained during an earlier match against the RCB.

Jadeja, who captained CSK in the first eight games, had a forgettable season as all he could man-

instagram," an IPL source told PTI on conditions of anonymity. The CSK CEO when

brigade' has won three out of four games since Dhoni is back as the leader. Dhoni, after taking

in his own right. It appeared that he wasn't given full charge during the time he was at the

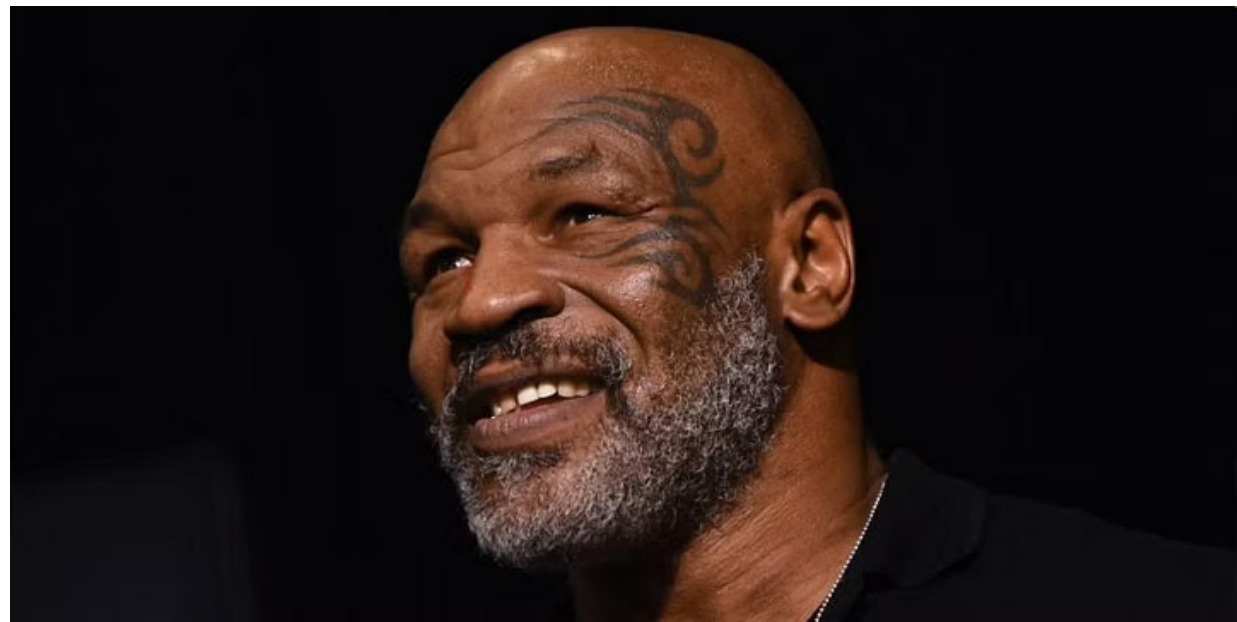
Mike Tyson to face no charges over plane fracas: US prosecutor

LOS ANGELES: Former heavyweight boxing champion

tially friendly to the passenger and his friend when they

and the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office and have viewed

well as the requests of both the victim and Mr Tyson that no



Mike Tyson will not face criminal charges over repeatedly punching a fellow plane passenger, a prosecutor in California said Tuesday. Cell phone footage showed Tyson leaning over the back of his seat and delivering a flurry of blows to the man, who appeared to be left with bruises and some bleeding after the April 20 incident. "Iron Mike" was ini-

boarded the flight from San Francisco to Florida, but snapped after the man "wouldn't stop provoking" him, the TMZ entertainment website said. San Mateo County District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe told AFP there would be no charges against the former fighter. "We have reviewed the police reports of the San Francisco Police Department

the various videos collected by law enforcement from others on the airplane," Wagstaffe said. "Our decision is that we will not file any charges against Mr Tyson based on the circumstances surrounding the confrontation. "These include the conduct of the victim leading up to the incident, the interaction between Mr Tyson and the victim, as

charges be filed in this case." Considered one of the best heavyweights of all time, Tyson is also known for his erratic behavior, which included famously biting off a piece of Evander Holyfield's ear in a 1997 bout. Tyson was convicted in 1992 of rape, and jailed for three years. In 2007 he admitted to a cocaine addiction.

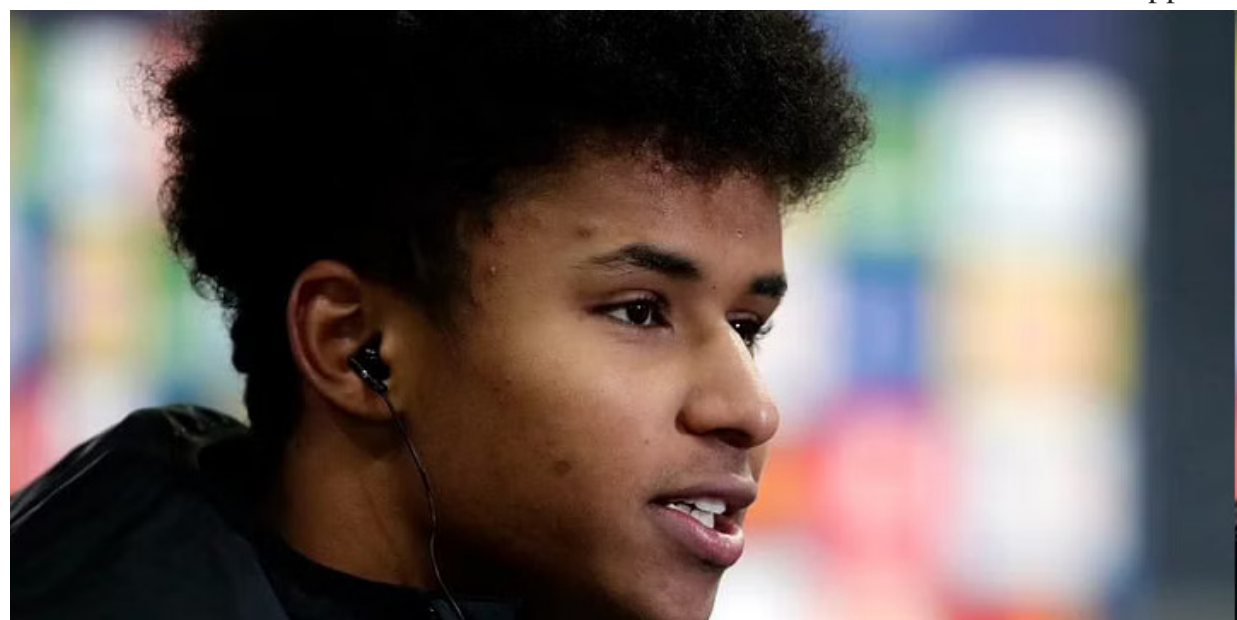
Borussia Dortmund sign Karim Adeyemi from RB Salzburg as Erling Haaland replacement

DORTMUND: Borussia Dortmund have signed attacking player Karim Adeyemi from Austrian champions RB Salzburg. The 20-year-old com-

mier League club have reached an agreement in principle with Borussia Dortmund for the transfer of star striker Erling Haaland to the club on July 1. The

wanted to sign with BVB. I made the conscious decision to sign a long-term deal because I'm convinced that we're going to form an exciting team, that with

four years in Salzburg, he has won six trophies (three league titles and three cups). In the current season, Adeyemi has made a total of 35 appear-



pleted his medical in Dortmund on Tuesday and signed a contract this afternoon which will keep him at the Bundesliga club until June 30, 2027.

This announcement by the German giants came an hour after Manchester City confirmed that the Pre-

deal for Haaland finally ends City's protracted hunt for a striker.

Karim Adeyemi in a statement said: "As a young boy I was fascinated by the Black & Yellows' fast-paced football. That's why, as soon as I heard Dortmund were interested in me, I knew I

the support of the amazing fans in Dortmund will be able to compete for and win titles in the years to come." Adeyemi, an U21 European Championship winner in 2021, is currently the leading scorer in the Austrian Bundesliga with 19 goals. During his

ances (22 goals/six assists) for Salzburg in the Bundesliga and the UEFA Champions League. On 5 September 2021, he made his senior debut for Germany in a World Cup qualifier against Armenia and scored his first international goal.



age was just 116 runs at an average of 20 in 10 games and only five wickets at an economy rate of 7.51. While the official reason being given for Jadeja's unavailability is injury, sources tracking developments in the CSK camp claimed that the all-rounder has been dropped. "It seems there is more to it. Jadeja has also unfollowed CSK on

asked about Jadeja's decision to unfollow the franchise on social media, didn't want to read too much into it. "I have no clue about all this stuff like instagram and twitter and so I won't be able to tell you much about these things," the CEO said. While Jadeja led CSK in eight games losing six and winning two, the 'Yellow

the leadership mantle back from Jadeja, had in a roundabout manner claimed that the all-rounder was told during the last season that he would be handed captaincy for 2022 edition. It was typical Dhoni-style subtle message about the Saurashtra player not doing his homework. At 33, Jadeja is a senior India star and decorated performer

helm, an indication of that was when he was seen fielding in the deep. Those who have keenly followed CSK franchise over the years have observed that if a CSK player is injured, he normally doesn't come to the ground. Only those who are dropped sit in the dug-out. And for the record, Jadeja was in the dug-out.




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