

### BJP spokesperson Aparajita Sarangi attacks Odisha government over land for Haribaldevjew temple

BARIPADA(KCN): Bhubaneswar MP and BJP national spokesperson Aparajita Sarangi on Thursday accused the State government

44,221 acre temple land under the Endowment department, only 8-10 per cent land are left in the name of the shrine now and while the rest



of failing to preserve the property of Haribaldevjew temple at Baripada which is known as the Dwitiya Srikhetra of Odisha. Launching a scathing attack on the government during her visit to Mayurbhanj district on the day, Aparajita said of the total over

has been wrongly recorded in the name of private individuals and government institutions.

"These lands were given on lease which expired years back. The lands are yet to be recorded under the Endowment department and illegally occupied due to lack of

interest of the State government," alleged the BJP MP.

While attending a Mission Shakti programme in Baripada before the 2019 General Elections, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik had assured to construct a ring road **CONTINUED ON: P-7**

### Missile attack kills 10 Syrian soldiers in the north: Report

BEIRUT(KCN): A missile struck a Syrian military bus in the country's north early on Friday, killing 10 soldiers, Syria's state-run media and an opposition monitor said. It wasn't immediately clear who was behind the attack, one of the deadliest since a truce deal reached more than two years ago. The official news agency SANA said "terrorists" targeted the bus in the western countryside of Aleppo, in the Anjara

area. Nine soldiers were wounded in the

the al-Qaida-linked militant group, for Human Rights — a war-monitoring



attack, the report said. There was no claim of responsibility. The area is dominated by

Hayaat Tahrir al-Sham. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory group with a network of activists on the ground — reported **CONTINUED ON: P-7**

### Srimandir Parikrama project: Odisha government agrees to move reception centre beyond 100 metre

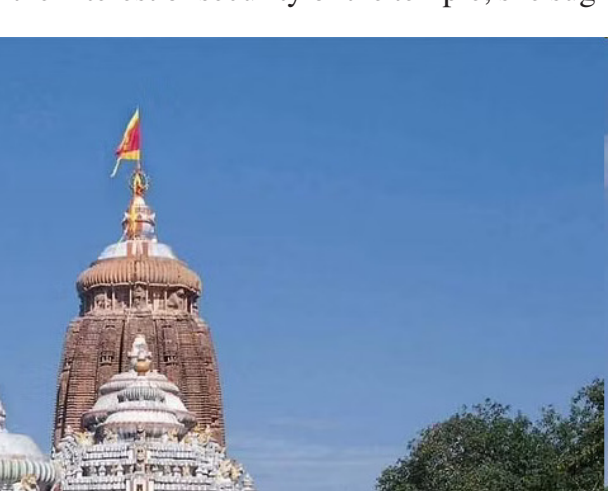
BHUBANESWAR(KCN): In the thick of controversies over the ongoing work on Srimandir Parikrama project, the Odisha government has agreed to adhere to some suggestions made by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). The Cultural Advisory Committee (CAC) of the Parikrama project which met on Wednesday evening decided to shift the proposed Shree Jagannath Reception Centre - a component of the 75 metre heritage corridor project - beyond the prohibited area (100 metre) of the Centrally protected Shree Jagannath temple.

The committee headed by Gajapati Maharaja Dibya Singha Deb decided that the reception centre will be moved to regulated area (200 metre) of the monument.

In the original detailed project report (DPR) of the project, the Odisha Bridge & Construction Corporation Limited (OBCC) had included the reception centre within 75 metre of the Meghnad Prachir of the shrine. The corporation is the executing agency.

DG ASI V Vidyavathi, however, had raised concern over the plan during her visit to review the project in February and pointed out that the proposed reception centre is at a dis-

tance of 75 metre from the temple. Since it will shelter a large number of devotees before they enter the shrine through a queue system, moving it beyond 100 metres will be good in the interest of security of the temple, she sug-



gested. The reception centre is planned to hold over 2,000 pilgrims at one go before they proceed to the main shrine. Excavation for it has been carried out within the prohibited zone in the south-east direction of the 12th century shrine of national importance but construction is yet to begin.

A member of the Cultural Advisory Committee said that for better management of the crowd, it was decided to move the proposed facility from the prohibited zone to the regulated zone.

Sources, however, pointed out that the reception centre does not come under the definition of public amenities **CONTINUED ON: P-7**

### India abstains in UNHRC resolution on deteriorating human rights situation in Ukraine

UNITED NATIONS (KCN): India abstained in the UN Human Rights Council on a resolution on the deteriorating human rights situation in Ukraine stemming from the Russian aggression, in which the Council reiterated its demand for an immediate cessation of military hostilities.

The Geneva-based Council on Thursday closed its 34th special session after adopting the resolution.

The resolution was adopted by a vote of

33 in favour, China and Eritrea voting against and 12 abstentions, including India, Armenia, Bolivia, Cameroon, Cuba, Kazakhstan, Namibia, Pakistan, Senegal, Sudan, Uzbekistan and Venezuela.

Since January this year, India has abstained on procedural votes and draft resolutions in the UN Security Council, the General Assembly and the Human Rights Council that deplored Russian ag-

gression against Ukraine.

India's Permanent Representative to the

been steadfast and consistent.

"We remain deeply concerned at the un-



UN and other International Organisations in Geneva, Ambassador Indra Mani Pandey, at the session said that India's position on the Ukraine conflict has

folded developments in Ukraine. We have constantly called for immediate cessation of violence and an urgent end to hostilities," he said, adding **CONTINUED ON: P-7**

### CM Naveen Patnaik approves Odisha government takeover of Talcher medical college

BHUBANESWAR/ANGUL(KCN): The logjam over operationalisation of the Mahanadi Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (MIMSAR) at Talcher has finally come to an end with Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Thursday approving in-principle the proposal of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) for State takeover of the management of the medical college.

The MCL had completed construction of the building and physical infrastructure since 2018, but the medical college and hospital has not been able to start func-

tioning due to the tussle over management of the institution.



The issue has now been resolved with the decision that State Health and Family Welfare department **CONTINUED ON: P-7**

### RS By-Poll on June 13

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The by-election to a Rajya Sabha seat from Odisha lying vacant following the resignation of BJD member Subash Singh, will be held on June 13.

In a notification, Election Commission of India (ECI) on Friday said candidates can file their nomina-

counting will take place at 5 PM on June 13.

The ECI has directed Chief Secretary SC Mahapatra to depute a senior officer from the State to ensure that the extant instructions regarding Covid-19 containment measures are complied with while making arrangements

2026. On May 12, the EC has also announced the schedule of biennial polls for 57 seats from the 15 states and the counting of the votes will take place on June 10.

Among the 57 Rajya Sabha seats, the biennial poll will be held for three seats from Odisha. The poll will

new vacancies as all the four seats were held by the party.

The BJD is set to win all the four RS seats with a strength of 113 in an Assembly of 147. The BJP and Congress with 22 and 9 seats in the Assembly do not have the numbers to win a seat.

Senior leaders from the Governing party



tion papers for the by-poll in between May 26 and June 2 while the papers will be scrutinized on June 3. The candidates can withdraw their nominations till June 6. The polling will be held from 9 AM to 4 PM on June 13 while

for conducting the by-election.

The seat fell vacant following the resignation of BJD MP Subhas Chandra Singh in April. The poll is being held for the rest of the period that is from April 24, 2022 to April 24,

be held as the tenure of three Rajya Sabha members from Odisha - N Bhaskar Rao, Prasanna Acharya and Sasmit Patra will end on July 1.

Speculation is rife in the ruling BJD over candidates for the

including those who have joined the party during the last general election and Panchayat poll are eyeing to go to the Upper House. Now, all eyes are on Chief Minister and BJD Supremo Naveen Patnaik, who will take the final call.

# Odisha BJP panel to meet on Friday

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): The core committee of the State BJP

for the by-election to Brajaraj Nagar Assembly seat. Though the

said the party will mainly focus on the May 31 election.

lar intervals to take stock of the political situation and discuss

the outcome of the results of the panchayat and civic body polls in which the perfor-

mance of the saffron party was miserable. Two Union ministers, Dharmendra Pradhan

and Ashwini Vaishnaw, who had given their consent to attend the meeting

had to cancel their visit at the last moment due to important work.



will meet here on Friday to take stock of the political situation and discuss strategy

agenda of the core committee meeting was not disclosed to the media, sources

BJP State unit president Samir Mohanty said the core committee is meeting at regu-

lar intervals to take stock of the political situation and discuss

## Dacoit Gang Busted in Khordha. 7 Held

Khordha (KCN): In a major success khordha

dacoits in NH-57 Khordha-Jatni by-

Khordha, Siddhartha Kataria under the su-

Model, PS, Prajna Ritambhara Kar, SI, Anjali Mallick, ASI, P. Ch. Jena, ASI, Akshaya Kumar Sethi, Hav. Abhaya Kumar Samantaray, Pradip Harichandan and others are proceeded to the alleged location and nab seven persons and seized the different sharp's weapons. The accused were identified Jyoti Ranjan Nanda, Raj Dalabehera, Imran Khan, Abid Khan, Ajar Khan, Mohammed Khan and Sudipta Nayak and registered a case against the accused persons vide Khordha model PS, Case no-223/22,U/S-399/402 IPC and forwarded to the judicial court.



model police busted a dacoit gang in Khordha and arrested 7 members of the gang. A credible information was received regarding assemble of some

pass road. They have assembled and preparing to commit dacoity against plying trucks by placing heavy stones on roads. As per the direction of SP,

pervision of SDPO, Khordha, Sushil Kumar Mishra, DSP, I/C, Khordha Model PS, Sanjaya Kumar Pattnaik a team was formed namely Additional IIC, Khordha,

## CS Lauds IREDA Efforts

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Shri Suresh Chandra

IREDA opened a branch office in

23,921 Crores (growth of 117.44%

cess to Energy, several projects for Odisha related to Biomass and manufacturing are also under consideration. IREDA should also encourage Solar Rooftop, Solar Heating, and Solar Lighting systems for household use in Odisha said, Chief Secretary. "IREDA is keen to promote more RE projects in Odisha, realizing the immense green energy potential in the state," Shri Das said. He also informed the Chief Secretary on the company's recent initiatives, achievements, and future plans for the RE sector's expansion in line with the Government of India's target of a 50% share of energy from non-fossil fuels by 2030.



Mahapatra, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Odisha met Shri Pradip Kumar Das, Chairman & Managing Director (CMD), Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA), today. They had a positive discussion about the numerous efforts made by IREDA in the last two years and future opportunities in the state. In August 2021,

Bhubaneswar, following which the company sanctioned five Hydropower projects totaling 80.5 MW and a 1.5 MW Energy Access project. Following the opening of its branch office in Odisha, IREDA has sanctioned loans of Rs. 670 crores and disbursed a loan of Rs. 348 crores. The company sanctioned loans of Rs.

to the previous year sanction of Rs. 11,001 Crores) and disbursed Rs. 16,071 Crore (a record increase of 82% from the previous year) in the last financial year. The Chief Secretary praised IREDA's efforts in Odisha and assured the State Government's complete support for RE development. CMD and IREDA also highlighted that apart from Hydro and Ac-

## Mantra For Mandarins

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Being aware of one's duty and responsibility not only makes him successful but he gets respect and commendation everywhere, State Governor Professor Ganeshi Lal said here on Thursday.

the highest level. "Children are always important for him and all steps should be taken to unfold the unlimited possibilities in them," he said. Governor expressed hope that the book will find appreciation from all levels.

Speaking on the occasion, the former Governor narrated several instances and events during his long career as an Indian Administrative Officer serving in different capacities and posts.

and Vice-Chancellor SOA Deemed University Prof. Ashok Kumar Mohapatra also spoke on the occasion. Publisher Narender Kumar gave a brief introduction of the book.

Releasing a book 'Service Uninterrupted' of former State Governor MM Rajendran, he said that Rajendran is such an example who has created a distinct identity by serving uninterruptedly in many highest posts and glorified it with his strong devotion and innovation.

Stating that the secret of success is about finding out a way to overcome difficulties and challenges, he said Mr. Rajendran practiced hard work and the highest standard of integrity all

He advised the younger generation to put their best in whatever they do and it would give them satisfaction.

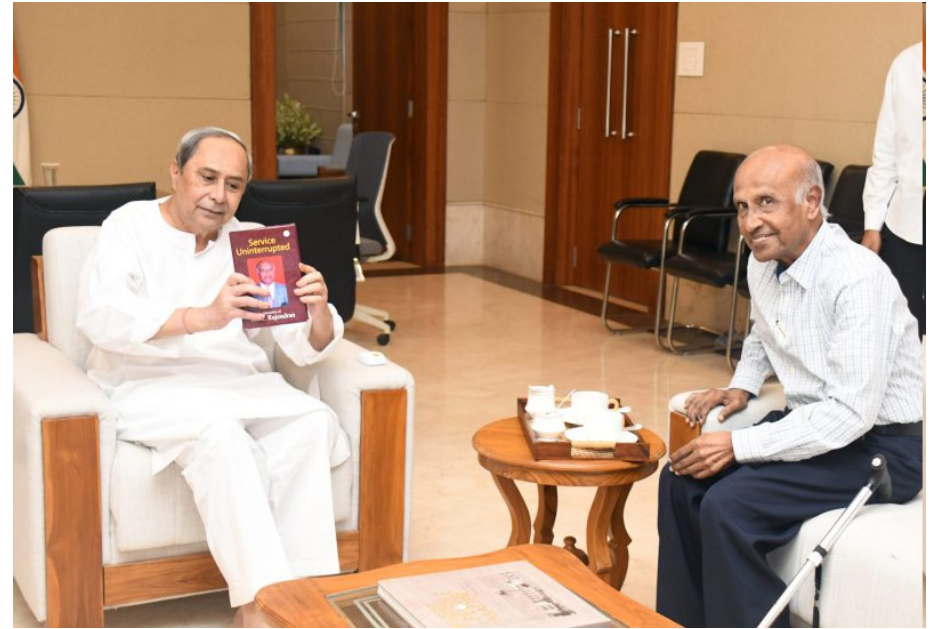
Principal Secretary to Governor Saswat Mishra was also present on the occasion.

"He is an ideal and inspiration for the younger generation," said the Governor. Congratulating the former Governor for having authored such a valuable book on his long experience and knowledge, the Governor said the reforms initiated by the Rajendran in university functioning were well appreciated and are still followed making Odisha a frontline State.

He also mentioned the importance of women empowerment, child development and nutrition on which the former Governor worked at

The former Governor fondly recalled the support and encouragement he received from former Presi-

The meeting was attended by Member of Parliament Achyut Samanta, former Chief Secretaries, former Chief Infor-



throughout his life. "His interest and desire to do something for people drove him to take many bold steps benefitting people and his period as Governor of Odisha was very rewarding," the Governor said.

Former First Lady Susheela Rajendran, Founding Vice Chancellor BPUT Prof Damodar Acharya

He concluded that he wrote the book for posterity.

Commissioner, State Election Commissioner, and many other distinguished invitees. The book published by Har-Anand Publications Private Limited has five parts, 49 chapters and 334 pages.

## Barbil railway station needs renovation

Barbil (KCN): Being one of the highest revenue payer to 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 sake. The condition in and around the platform gives a 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 the platform led coach toilet unclean. Passenger 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 hygienic 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 hygienic and safe journey for the passengers.

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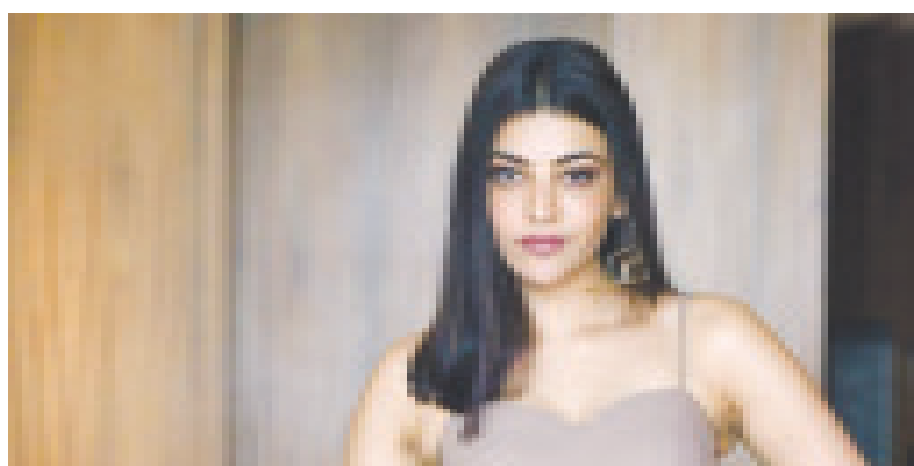
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## Signing 'Indian 2' has been a step up in my career, says Kajal Aggarwal



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

her over a decade-long career.

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

"I'm really thrilled to be part of

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

new campaign, 7Up Ponneram.

Ponneram translates to golden times in English. Kajal said her career's golden times started when she signed S.S. R a j a m o u l i 's "Magadheera".

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

of controversies. Yet some movies shined amid the storm.

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

ing Rs 293 crore.

4. Race 3:

'Our business is our business, none of your business' line

and the government freebie schemes.. A few scenes were deleted from the movie too. The matter was

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

but it leaves you with a thought to ponder.

9. Rangasthalam:

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

10. Raazi:

An adaptation of Harinder Sikka's 'Calling Sehmat' novel, Raazi is based on the true story of an Indian spy, who gets married into a Pakistani family of military officials to spy on Pakistan during the Indo-Pak war of 1971. It's easily Alia Bhatt's career best. The movie minted Rs 121 crore in the box office against the budget of Rs 30 crore.

It's been a great year for Indian cinema which took us on a journey of emotions, from laughter to tears, sometimes of joy. Though a lot of films didn't make it to this list, good films silently made it into the hearts of the audience.

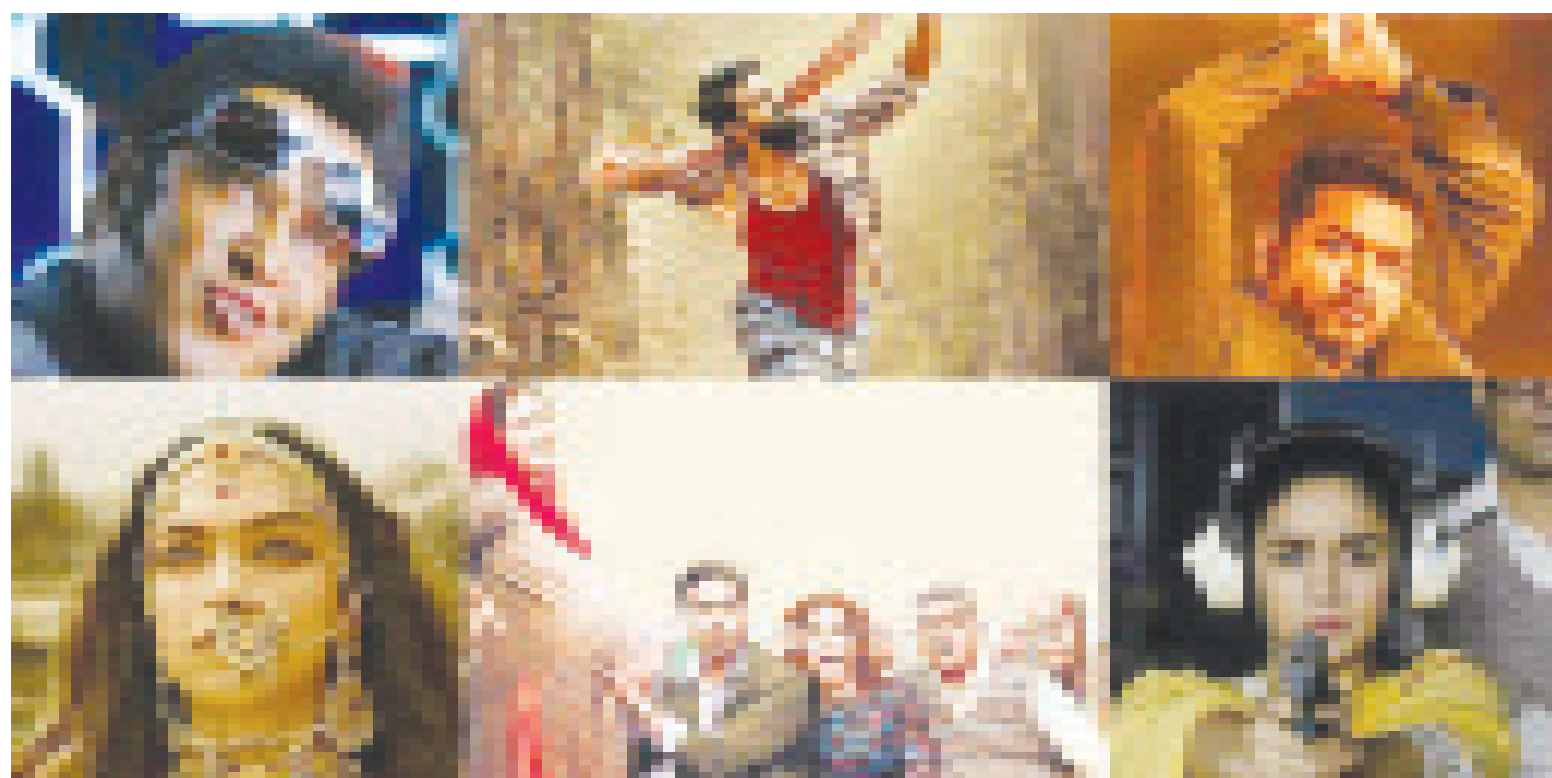
## Just 'normal' to exclude women in decision making process: Adil Hussain

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

On Tuesday, an 18-member panel, including Akshay Kumar, Karan Johar, Ajay Devgn, Siddharth Roy Kapur, Ritesh Sidhwani and CBFC chief Praso

Joshi, met Modi to discuss how to take the entertainment industry to the next stage.

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



of controversies. Yet some movies shined amid the storm.

According to IMDb, here's the list of ten movies that performed well in the box office last year.

1. 2.0:

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

2. Sanju:

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

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

3. Padmaavat:

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

ing Rs 293 crore. The movie took the internet by storm and hundreds of memes were made on it. Based on relationship and royalties, this is the first film in the series that Salman Khan was a part of. Race 3 was critically panned and failed to do the expected business. But in spite of being a flop, it managed to mint Rs 166 crore in the box office.

5. Sarkar:

Sarkar's plot is about a successful businessman from the USA coming to India to cast his vote on election day. To his shock, he finds out that his vote has already been cast by someone else. So he decides to take up a political battle against the miscreants and how he survives the race makes the rest of the story. Directed by AR Murugadoss, the movie got into a huge row and was criticised by the ruling Tamil Nadu government for allegedly misrepresenting AIADMK's late leader J Jayalithaa

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

6. Baaghi 2:

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

7. Thugs of Hindostan:

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

# Cold Facial during Summer

Looking to chill out in the hot season? Well, your face does, too!

The heat is on the rise. When the weather changes, the needs of the skin also change. That means we're constantly on the look-out for treatments that will keep us cool. Applying ice to skin for beauty purposes is known as cold therapy. It's routinely used in the treatment to eliminate puffiness, reduce oiliness, ease acne and boost the skin's healthy glow. Cold facials are especially beneficial for summer days.

With sunburn, inflammation, redness and acne on the rise in these times, a way out can be found for it right in your kitchen – apply ice to your face.

Not sure how? Read on to see all that you can freeze to make your very own beauty-boosting ice cubes to get supple, attractive and radiant skin.

## Aloe Vera ice cubes

Aloe vera is known as "nature's beauty secret"

These aloe vera ice cubes not only cool and soothe the skin, but also heal sunburnt skin. Take one bottle of natural aloe vera gel that's inside an aloe vera plant. Choose an aloe plant with mature leaves growing near the base of the plant.

If there are no leaves growing at the root of the plant, then it is not ready for harvesting. Pour

the gel into an ice cube tray. Fill each reservoir of the ice cube tray three-quarters of the way with aloe gel.

You can pour 2-3 drops of essential oil in each section and let it freeze in natural way for few hours. You can also add marigold flowers to enhance cooling as marigold is a natural antioxidant and can heal burns and other skin irritations.

Basil and aloe vera – calming combo in the icy goodness is also a great remedy for sunburn.

Take few basil leaves in a cup of water and grind them. Add 2 tablespoon of natural aloe vera gel and mix. Keep the mixture in an ice-cube tray and let it freeze for few hours and use it as per your convenience in once or twice in a month by rubbing them directly over your face and neck areas till you feel numb and the cube melts.

The regular use of Aloe Vera cubes on the skin will help fight infections, soothe sunburns, skin eruptions, black spots and even acne.

## Rose Water ice cubes

This is an amazing technique to give an instant and immediate glow to your skin.

Mix together 1 cup of concentrated rose water with 1 cup of water and add in rose petals in ice cube tray. For extra cooling effects, you can add in peppermint essential oil or rose essential oil for an extra rosy glow. Freeze and your rose ice cubes are ready!

When ready for your facial treatment, boil some water and pour into a large bowl. Place your face over the steaming bowl with a towel over your head for max five minutes or till you feel

**Shahnaz Husain**

convenient with the steam. Next, grab one of your rose ice blocks and gently roll the ice all over your face and neck. Finish off with a spritz of rosewater.

Alternatively, mix together 1/2 cup rose water and 1/2 cup witch hazel. Stir them well and put in a Jar. Pour the mixture into each of the ice cube tray and allow it to freeze for a few hours, and your rose ice cubes are ready. Take rose petals preferably pink or red from garden or flower market whichever is convenient to you. You won't need the stems or leaves, just the petals. Next, give them a good rinse and transfer into a large pot. Add just enough water to cover all of the rose petals. Cover the pot and let it simmer for about 15 minutes or until the petals have lost all of their colors or even longer so the petal starts to almost brew. Remove the petals out of the rose water pot and transfer the remaining liquid into a jar. Pour over ice cube trays and stick them in the freezer. You can use when you require.

## Green Tea Ice Cubes

This popular beverage is rich in antioxidants and flavonoids that help reduce the rashes and scars, fight ageing, kill bacteria, repair sun damage, and soothe irritated skin.

1. Brew 2 green tea bags in boiling water for 2-3 minutes. Avoid adding too much water to get concentrated solution. Take tea tree essential oil and add 2-3 drops in each section of your ice tray.
2. After it cools down, add your green tea to each section of an ice cube tray and place it the freezer for 2-3hrs or until the solution becomes totally solid. Please en-

sure that your ice tray should be totally clean and free from any bacteria. Use these every other day gently moving it on your skin, especially around the eye/neck areas.

## How to Use these:

After using a cleanser, take one of the ice cube and hold it on to the pimple for a while. You will realise that it numbs the area. Depending on your pimple, you will see the results within a short period of time.

## Cucumber & Lemon Ice-Cubes

### How To Make It?

- Blend cucumber and the juice on 1 lemon to make a puree. Add just enough water to blend for desired consistency. Mix it well until smooth.
- Add a few drops of lemon and pour it evenly an ice-cube tray.
- Freeze it for a few hours preferably for overnight and apply cold for maximum effect.
- Before using, allow the cube sit for 30 seconds or so to soften slightly. Gently rub the cube over your face and neck, using the icy slush to exfoliate. You can sit on your face for 5-10 minutes before rinsing.
- 2. Freeze the cucumber water in trays. You can add herbs basil, mint or lemon juice in them for a little extra flavor. Put them in freezer and allow them to settle for overnight to form solid state. You can use them as per your convenience.

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# Putin's Victory Day Message: End of American Hegemony

On Monday, Russian President Vladimir V. Putin praised his country's army for "fighting for the Motherland," delivering a defiant address at the annual Victory Day commemorations in Moscow that wrongly presented his invasion of Ukraine as an extension of Europe's struggle against Nazism. Instead, on

Russia's most important secular holiday, Mr. Putin conveyed a message to the Russian people: they could go on living their lives. The military will continue to fight to clear Ukraine of "torturers, death squads, and Nazis," as Mr. Putin falsely claimed, but Mr. Putin made no new effort to prepare his people for a larger conflict. While some Western officials expected Mr. Putin to use the May 9 holiday to intensify the war, the calibrated tone revealed that he is wary of asking too much of ordinary Russians. Mr. Putin's single policy pronouncement in his speech was a directive to provide greater aid to the children of murdered and wounded servicemen, which was targeted at alleviating the sorrow directly inflicted by the war.

Mr. Putin's speech was subdued, especially in comparison to the fiery rhetoric he has espoused on other occasions in the last two months; it was also the speech that the Russian people were most likely to see, because it took place during the televised Victory Day parade, the Russian state's signature annual event commemorating the Soviet victory over Nazi Germany in World War II. While surveys show widespread support for the war in Russia, some observers believe the Kremlin is concerned that this support is not strong enough. Mr. Pavlovsky noted that the president was eager to minimize more damage to the unspoken contract he struck with the Russian people shortly after taking office: Regular Russians avoid politics, and the Kremlin mostly lets them go about their daily lives. During the initial weeks of the conflict, more than 15,000 Russians were imprisoned at antiwar protests, but the vast majority remained silent, even if they opposed it. While Western

sanctions have harmed Russia's economy, it has not collapsed, allowing many people to continue to live their lives as they did before the invasion on February 24.

Last month, the independent pollster Levada reported that 39% of Russians were paying little or no attention to the "special military operation" in Ukraine, as described by the Kremlin. In a video published on Monday, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky dismissed Mr. Putin's claim of eliminating Nazism to justify the invasion, saying that the Russian leader was "repeating the awful atrocities of Hitler's government today."

Mr. Zelensky remarked as he walked alone through the streets of Kyiv, past government buildings guarded by walls and barbed wire, "On the day of victory against Nazism, we are fighting for a new victory." Both presidents appeared to be preparing for a long conflict in the Donbas region of eastern Ukraine, where Ukrainian troops armed with heavy weapons supplied by the West confront Russian forces along a 300-mile front. Russia has gained only occasional gains after weeks of intensive battle.

The Russian army had deployed 19 battalion tactical groups — each with up to 1,000 troops — to the Russian border town of Belgorod in preparation for an assault to slow a Ukrainian counteroffensive around Kharkiv and break through Ukrainian defensive lines elsewhere in the region, according to the Ukrainian military. Protesters yelling "fascists" sprayed crimson liquid on the face of Sergei Andreev, Russia's ambassador to Poland, as he and other Russian diplomats attended a memorial honoring Red Army soldiers slain in World War II in Warsaw. Maria V. Zakharova, a spokeswoman for Russia's Foreign Ministry, described the protestors as "neo-Nazi enthusiasts."

Officials in the West and Ukraine had theorized that Mr. Putin may use the military grandeur of the May 9 ceremony to declare Russia at war and expand military conscription, allowing him to bolster his depleted forces after so many battles on the battlefield. "It could turn out that people are willing to support the war while sitting at home in front of the TV, as they say," Mr. Pavlovsky added, "but not at all willing to

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go and fight." "That is the core point that Putin recognizes and is attempting to avoid touching."

The parade's choreography seemed to be aimed toward the comfortable familiar: troops and vehicles marched and rolled around Red Square as in past years, but without the "Z" emblem that has come to symbolize support for the Ukraine war. Mr. Putin repeated similar arguments in his speech, claiming that the attack was the "sole correct decision" because Ukraine was planning a "punitive assault" on Russian-controlled territory and NATO was massing soldiers near Russia's borders, both of which he erroneously claimed. However, other analysts warned that the threat remained high in the coming weeks, even though Mr. Putin resisted certain Western predictions of escalation. Mr. Putin likely saw the Victory Day parade as the wrong time and place to signal an escalation, according to Tatiana Stanovaya, who has long researched Mr. Putin and created the France-based political analysis business R. Politik. She said Mr. Putin's dissatisfaction with the West's military delivery to Ukraine was the greatest threat, and that he would use Russia's massive nuclear arsenal to prevent it by detonating a single bomb for show. Mr. Putin's narrative is that the West is inciting Ukraine to rebel in order to damage Russia; late last month, Mr. Putin warned that countries that "present a geopolitical threat to Russia" could face "lightening rapid retaliation strikes." "The challenges that Russia is facing in Ukraine right now, in his opinion, arise not from a shortage of forces, but from the West arming Ukraine," Ms. Stanovaya added. "Because he is at war with the West, he must demonstrate to the West that it must withdraw." And he has to do it in such a way that everyone is terrified."

In his Monday speech, Mr. Putin reserved his harshest rhetoric for the United States. He said that the US and its "minions" were threatening Russia with Ukrainian "neo-Nazis," compelling him to respond militarily. After the demise of the Soviet Union, he claimed, it was the United States that "humiliated" the globe by asserting its "exceptionalism."

The United States, which is to blame for the Ukraine issue, has historically fostered crises and profited from others' misery in order to retain its hegemony. It aims to utilize the



Ukraine crisis, which has lasted more than a month, to drive Russia down, reap economic and political benefits, and prevent Europe from seeking strategic autonomy, all in order to cement US hegemony. However, as the implications of this issue become more widely discussed, it's becoming more likely that the Russia-Ukraine disputes will serve as a catalyst for the end of American hegemony. Over 140 of the 190 UN member states have refused to join in the sanctions against Russia. The majority of countries in the globe want to maintain their policymaking independence from the US and its allies, as well as avoid the US' attempts to drag them into the circle, indicating that the US' strength and influence are dwindling.

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## Islamic conference in Abu Dhabi rejects idea of caliphate

ABU DHABI: Rejecting the idea of uniting Muslims under one caliphate and one flag as propagated by the extrem-

Islamic caliphate in contrary to the historical facts. The paper said that the single state (caliphate) disappeared

caliphate and not in modern nation-states. Extremist outfits like IS and Al Qaeda have been pushing the agenda fervently,

cally asserted that such dangerous dreams have no place in contemporary Islam. The conference also



ist elements like the Islamic State (IS), Muslim scholars have called for encouraging diversity in the Ummah (community). The international conference organised by The World Muslim Communities Council on May 8 and 9 strongly felt that the Muslim unity is cultural and not political. The concept paper prepared for the conference observed that "the groups and movements that emerged in the recent decades have twisted the concept of Islamic unity into a political dream." It added that the idea to unite all Muslims in one state under the name of Is-

one hundred years after the migration of Prophet Muhammad and the Ummah (the community) was divided and fragmented since then. But the divisions did not affect the cultural unity of Muslims all over the world, it said. The sentiment of the conference was powerfully conveyed by Mohamed Mokhtar Gomaa, Minister for Religious Endowments in Egypt, who said "a Muslim must respect the country in which he lives, whether it is a Muslim-majority or not." The conference was held against the backdrop of the continuing propaganda that it is mandatory for Muslims to live under

misquoting the verses from scriptures. UAE has been fighting against the propaganda under the leadership of Islamic scholar Sheikh Abdulla Bin Bayyah, chairman of the UAE Fatwa committee. It may be recalled that the Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) had called for the annihilation and restoration of the caliphate. Some Muslim youths from Kerala migrated to IS strongholds in Syria and Afghanistan a few years ago with the intention of living 'under the caliphate'. Without directly referring to any of these developments, the conference unequivocally

called upon Muslim communities all over the world to draw up plans that are in consonance with the regional aspirations and to protect the diversity existing in the community. Unity could be achieved even while upholding the diverse cultures, the meeting felt. UAE Minister of Tolerance and Co-existence Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan inaugurated the conference. Sheikh Bin Bayyah, representatives from various countries including Russia, Turkey, Pakistan, Syria, Egypt, Malaysia, Indonesia, USA, China and Morocco participated in the deliberations.

## Biden administration to release USD 45 billion for nationwide internet

WASHINGTON: The Biden administration is taking the first steps to releasing \$45 billion to ensure that every U.S. resident has access to high-speed internet by roughly 2028, inviting governors and other leaders on Friday to start the application process.

Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo is overseeing the distribution and said that universal access to broadband internet would be akin to the electrification of rural America during the 1930s, a recognition that the internet is a utility needed for U.S. residents to function in today's economy.

"There's more than 30 million Americans who don't have internet," Raimondo said. "And in this day and age without high-speed internet, you can't go to school, can't go to the doctor, can't do simple things. Think of how many times in a day you Google something or go online."

The funding is part of the \$65 billion for broadband in the \$1 trillion infrastructure package that President Joe Biden signed into law last November. That bipartisan package is

one of the policy achievements that the Democratic president is trying to sell to voters ahead of the midterm elections, though it's un-

band money, which comes from three programs totaling \$45 billion. Each state would then get \$5 million to help it consult with resi-

Commission this fall releasing new maps that detail where people lack internet service or are underserved. Governors and other lead-



clear how much the message will resonate when much of the country is focused on high inflation, cultural differences and political identity.

Former President Donald Trump has dismissed the infrastructure spending as "fake" even though the broadband spending was one of his own priorities. His Agriculture Department said in 2020 that it had invested \$744 million on rural internet connectivity, a sum that was meaningful yet insufficient.

Raimondo is traveling to Durham, North Carolina. She'll announce that governors can send their letters of intent to receive the broad-

dents and write its plan.

The Commerce Department recognizes that internet needs vary by state. The money could be used to lay fiber optic cable, build out Wi-Fi hotspots or even reduce monthly charges in places where price is the main challenge. After the administration's announcement Monday that it would provide a \$30 monthly subsidy to low-income households, Raimondo noted that states could use the additional money from these programs to make the service free to some users. The allocations would also be influenced by the Federal Communications

ers would then have six months to use this data to shape their final applications. States and eligible areas are guaranteed a minimum of \$100 million, though the average payment would be closer to \$800 million, according to rough estimates from the Commerce Department. The goal is to have states lay out a five-year timeline to provide full internet access, while ensuring affordable internet access and promoting competition among providers. The federal government has not defined what qualifies as affordable, since that could be different around the country based on cost of living.

## Rajya Sabha polls: BJP likely to win eight upper house seats from UP, SP three

LUCKNOW: With the Election Commission of India (ECI) scheduling the 57 biennial elections for 57 seats of the Rajya Sabha on June 10, the focus will be on UP, which will send 11 members to

dismal presence in the state assembly. While the BSP has just one MLA from Rasra in Ballia, Congress has two -- from Rampur Khas in Pratapgarh and Pharenda in Maharajganj. Be-

and Zafar Islam, SP's Vishambhar Prasad Nishad, Sukhram Singh Yadav and Reoti Raman Singh, BSP's Satish Chandra Mishra and Ashok Siddharth, and Congress's Kapil Sibal.

quire at least 36.63 votes to sail through. This means that the BJP will require at least 298.64 votes to win eight seats. It is sure to win seven and is 26 votes short to win the eighth seat as it has 273 votes. So, the second preference vote will also come into play if the Samajwadi Party, which is sure to win three with 109.91 votes, fields a candidate to stake claim for the fourth. This will lead to voting.

This means that while the BJP would require 26 votes, SP would have 15.36 additional votes and would need 21.53 votes to bag the fourth seat.

ALSO READ | 'Time to repay debt': Sonia tells Congress men and women to be ready for sacrifices However, the victory of SP on fourth seat would depend much on how disgruntled MLAs like Shivpal Yadav, Azam Khan and his son Abdullah Azam Khan vote. According to political observers, as

these MLAs have strained ties with SP chief Akhilesh Yadav, the possibility of cross-voting cannot be ruled out if the situation arises in RS polls. Sources said that of the three seats which SP is sure to win, the party presi-

dent may choose alliance partner and RLD chief Jayant Chaudhury, former IAS officer Alok Ranjan, who had joined the SP just ahead of 2022 Assembly polls, and the party's face in Maharashtra Abu

Asim Azmi. Moreover, in the wake of the recent meeting with senior BJP leaders and cabinet ministers, the moves of SBSP chief Om Prakash Rajbhar would also be closely watched. At the same time, if sources are to

be believed, Apna Dal (K) leader Pallavi Patel, who had won the assembly election under the SP symbol by defeating BJP's Keshav Maurya in his own turf of Sirathu, is also not very happy with the SP leadership.



the upper house. In fact, UP tops the list of states and sends the maximum number of 31 members to Rajya Sabha. With the BJP returning to power in the state with 273 seats and Samajwadi Party and its allies emerging as the largest opposition with 125 seats, there are only two clear claimants to the RS seats. The Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) and Congress are set to draw a blank owing to their

sides, the Raghuraj Pratap Singh alias Raja Bhaiyya-led Jansatta Dal (Loktantrik) has two seats. ALSO READ | '50% below 50 from block to CWC' set to lead to major leadership revamp in Congress Of these, 11 members who will bid adieu to the upper house in July include BJP's Shiv Pratap Shukla, Hariom Yadav, Surendra Singh Nagar, Sanjay Seth, Jay Prakash Nishad

As per the numbers, the BJP could win at least eight of the 11 seats, while Samajwadi Party will comfortably bag at least three. Both the ruling BJP and opposition SP would have five floating votes comprising one of the BSP, two each of Jansatta Dal and Congress. However, these five votes would not be able to tilt the polls in favour of one of the two main claimants as each seat would re-

## PM Modi launches new start-up policy of MP government



INDORE: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday launched the Madhya Pradesh government's Start-Up Policy 2022 and a start-up portal through video link in the presence of young entrepreneurs here.

Under the new policy, start-ups would get subsidies towards rent and salaries of employees. Modi also interacted with a few entrepreneurs on this occasion to learn about their start-ups, and advised them about how they could benefit people. In 2014, there were 300 to 400 start-ups in the country, but in eight years their number rose and now there are 70,000

recognised start-ups, the prime minister said. Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan also spoke at the function in Indore.

Under the new policy, the state government will give subsidy to start-ups towards rent for the workplace, salaries and product patents. There will also be a quota for start-ups in government purchases, an official said. If a start-up is working from a rented place, Rs 5,000 per month will be paid for rent. It will also get Rs 5,000 per month per head for salary of up to 25 employees, the official added.

# State Issues Spending Timeline

Bhubaneswar(KCN):State Government has issued detailed guidelines for timely spending of the budgetary grants out of the Vote on Account Budget for the financial year 2022-23.

Principal Secretary, Finance, Vishal Dev has issued the guidelines for spending on the interim budget through implementation of Cash Management System in the selected Departments through Quarterly Expenditure Allocation (QEA) for the first quarter and Monthly Expenditure Plan (MEP) till July, 2022.

In March this year, Finance Minister Niranjana Pujari had presented the Vote on Account of Rs 1,06,498 crore for the first four months of 2022-23 fiscal and announced a total budget outlay of Rs 2 lakh crore for the current financial year.

The Cash Management System was formulated on the lines of modified exchequer control based expenditure management and restrictions on expenditure during the last quarter of the financial year, being implemented in the Ministries of Government of India.

The system was initially adopted in respect of the 10 Demand for Grants administered by large spending Departments during the financial year 2010-11. Thereafter, it has been extended to 10 more Departments during 2011-12 to 2017-18. All these 20 Departments will also continue to remain under the purview of Cash Management Sys-

tem in 2022-23.

The Departments are Works, Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare, School & Mass Education, ST & SC Development, Health & Family Welfare, Housing & Urban Development, Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water,



Industries, Water Resources, Forest, Environment and Climate Change, Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment, Rural Development, Energy, Handlooms, Textiles & Handicrafts, Fisheries & Animal Resources Development, Women & Child Development, Higher Education, Skill Development & Technical Education, MSME, Department of Social Security & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

These departments have been asked to work out a monthly expenditure plan (MEP) on the basis of the QEA. The Finance Department has also provided an online platform to the departments to update their QEA and MEP in the Budget Execution Technique Automation (BETA) system for the year 2021-22 so as to ensure effective monitoring of monthly and quarterly expenditure patterns.

The departments were also directed to update their Quarterly Expenditure Allocation for the first quarter and Monthly Expenditure Plan for the month from April to July in the online system.

"The limit of expenditure indicated for the first quarter and for the month of July is the minimum; however, the Administrative Departments are free to enhance the MEP & QEA for their respective Departments within the overall limit indicated in the Voted, Charged, Revenue and Capital section of the Vote on Account and in line with the broad principles outlined by the Finance Department," Dev said in the circular.

However, the QEA for the first quarter and MEP for the month of July should not be modified by the Administrative Departments without prior approval of the Finance Department.

Enhanced delegation for sanction of funds by the Administrative Departments covered under the Cash Management System. So, the Administrative Departments are authorized to sanction expenditure under the Programme, he said.

Dev made it clear that the expenditure for the continuing Central Sector Schemes/Cen-

trally Sponsored Schemes out of the Vote on Account, 2022-23, only should be considered in accordance with the QEA for the first quarter and MEP for the month of July, 2022, subject to the limit of Vote on Account and receipt of Central Assistance.

The State Share is to be released in accordance with receipt of Central Assistance. However, in case of urgent necessity for release of funds, the Administrative Departments can incur expenditure to the extent of 50% of the provision under the respective scheme or 50% of the annual allocation made by the concerned line Ministry of Government of India whichever is less, during April to July, 2022.

Further, in case of continuing schemes, the Administrative Departments can incur expenditure on the salary component up to 50% of the provision, during April to July, 2022 in anticipation of receipt of Central Assistance up to July without concurrence of the Finance Department, added the Principal Secretary.

"Expenditure is to be incurred only on existing establishments and ongoing schemes and programmes. It must be ensured that no expenditure on a new scheme/programme is incurred until the Demands for the whole year are passed by the Legislative Assembly and the related Appropriation Bill is enacted," read the guidelines.

However, it said, the Administrative Departments can sanction expenditure on existing schemes where scope of the scheme is proposed to be altered substantially and/or cost estimates of projects/schemes are to be revised, only after completion of the process of appraisal and approval by the competent authority.

## BJP MLA Wants Corridor Completion

Puri: It seems BJP is divided over Shree Jagannath Corridor Project, which has turned out as a burning issue in the State.

While leaders of BJP went on to demand to stop construction of the Heritage Corridor Project in Puri in the prohibited zone of Shree Jagannath Temple here for not having required

ation of the Orissa High Court, he added.

Noting that ASI's stand on heritage corridor has delayed the project, the MLA said: "If it is not completed before monsoon, people of the pilgrim town would face a lot of problems in their daily activities due to the deep pits dug up around the temple for construction of different facilities".

Mr.Sarangi said that he was in support of the project from the beginning. He appealed to both state and Central governments to work in co-ordination with each other to complete the works before the rainy season.

The BJP MLA has also sought Prime Minister Narendra Modi's intervention to save the temple. "Whatever has been damaged cannot be brought back to its original form. The government must ensure there's no further damage to the structures". Asked whether he was supporting demolition of several mutt near the temple, Mr.Sarangi said: "What can I do when Mutt heads and others come forward to donate the land for the project."

However, Mr.Sarangi was confronted by the media for issuing different statements during the last three days.

On May 10, 2022, Mr.Sarangi said, "No one is happy with the heritage corridor project. All have parted their land for the project out of compulsion."

Next day on May 11, he changed his version and said that the Prime Minister should intervene in the controversy and resolve the row. Now on May 12, the same lawmaker says that he wants the work to be completed soon.

"I have replied to the media according to their questions in all the three days. From the beginning, I have been supporting the project," he made his stand clear notwithstanding what his senior party leaders demanded.

Mr.Sarangi claimed that after he was elected as Puri MLA, several developmental projects including two market complexes, Shri Jagannath Medical College, Siddha Mahavir railway overbridge, modernization of Swaragadwar, indoor stadium and town hall have been taken up in the last three years.

However, none of these projects have faced opposition from any quarters except the Puri Heritage Corridor project.



permission from the ASI, local party MLA Jayant Sarangi Thursday said the work should be completed as soon as possible.

Mr.Sarangi's statement in this regard came a day after BJP's national spokesperson Sambit Patra's demand to stop work in the prohibited zone which is being carried out by the state government without having the valid permission of the competent authority, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

Dr.Patra, who unsuccessfully contested from Puri Lok Sabha seat in 2019, on Wednesday strongly criticized the state's BJD government and accused it of undertaking heritage corridor project work in an "illegal" manner. He too blamed Puri's MP Pinaki Mishra for making a "misleading" statement on the heritage corridor project in the Parliament, a charge denied by the BJDD law maker.

Earlier Bhubaneswar MP and senior BJP leader Aparajita Sarangi has also demanded immediate stop work of the heritage corridor project after ASI informed the Orissa High Court that it had not given any permission to undertake construction work in the restricted zone of the 12th century shrine.

However, in a press conference here, Puri MLA Mr.Sarangi said he was not opposed to any development works. "It is better before the temple as well for the temple to complete the work without further delay. I also urge parties and people not to politicize the corridor project issue."

Stating that he was first to raise the heritage corridor issue in the Assembly, the Puri MLA said a House committee headed by the Assembly speaker has been formed to look into the matter. Besides, the matter is under consider-



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## Emirates airline announces 'significantly' lower USD 1.1 billion annual loss

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: travel restrictions ease. its global capacity and reinstated to help it survive the crisis.



Emirates airline announced a "significantly reduced" annual loss of \$1.1 billion dollars on Friday, down from \$5.5 billion a year earlier, as pandemic losses came in at 3.9 billion dirhams (\$1.1 billion) in the 2021-2022 financial year to March, with revenues up 91 percent, as the airline expanded flights, Emirates said in a statement. The carrier said it received a capital injection of \$954 million from its owner, the government of Dubai, "This year, we focussed on restoring our operations quickly and safely wherever pandemic-related restrictions eased across our markets," said its chairman and chief executive, Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al-Maktoum. "Business recovery picked up pace, particularly in the second half of the year. Robust customer demand drove a huge improvement in our financial performance compared to our unprecedented losses of last year and we built up our strong cash balance." Over the fiscal year, Emirates carried 19.6 million passengers, up by 197 percent from the same period the previous year. "2021-22 was also a significant year as the UAE marked its 50th anniversary and hosted the world at Expo 2020 Dubai which generated increased global engagement and visitation to the UAE," Sheikh Ahmed said.

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### CM Naveen Patnaik approves Odisha government takeover of Talcher medical college

Continued from page-1 will run the college and hospital while the MCL will provide the necessary funds.

The decision for government takeover of the management of the hospital has come two days after the Talcher bandh called by Talcher Surakhya Samiti. There was widespread demand by the people of Talcher for takeover of the administration of the medical college and hospital by the State government.

Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd (MCL) has invested Rs 492.62 crore to set up the 500-bed hospital and medical college with 100 seats. Admission to MIMSAR will be on the basis of NEET examination. The institution has been constructed on 20 acre of land provided by the State government.

The existing 125-bed hospital of the MCL will be merged with MIMSAR. This project is reported to be the largest single-location CSR project by a public sector undertaking (PSU) in the health and education sector.

The medical college and hospital will be a major step towards providing quality healthcare facilities to the people of Angul and nearby districts of Boudh, Deogarh, Dhenkanal, Keonjhar, Nayagarh and Subarnapur.

The medical college will also further strengthen the efforts of the State government to improve the capacity of the medical education institutions in the State. Initially, MCL tried to operate the college and hospital through public-private partnership (PPP) mode.

However, later MCL, based on the discussion between the Union Minister of Coal Pralhad Joshi and Chief Minister, sent a proposal to the State government to take over the responsibility of operating the medical college and hospital.

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan hoped that both the State government and the MCL work in coordinated manner to make the medical college and hospital operational soon. He said that 70 lakh people from six districts will benefit from the hospital at Talcher.

### Missile attack kills 10 Syrian soldiers in the north: Report

Continued from page-1 the attack but said that Syrian opposition forces fired the missile and that the 10 killed were government-allied fighters.

Most of Syria has returned to government control after a decade of war, with the exception of the opposition-held bastion of Idlib in the northwest and nearby areas, and the oil-rich northeast, held by U.S.-backed Syrian Kurdish groups.

The violence has largely tapered off in most of the country, but few among the nearly 6 million refugees scattered across the globe have returned.

### India abstains in UNHRC resolution on deteriorating human rights situation in Ukraine

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that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has reiterated this in his interactions with global leaders, including the leaderships of Russia and Ukraine.

"India continues to believe that pursuing the path of dialogue and diplomacy is the only way out," he said.

In the resolution as orally revised, the Human Rights Council reiterated its demand for an immediate cessation of military hostilities against Ukraine, to refrain from any human rights violations and abuses in the country, refrain from any State-sponsored disinformation, propaganda for war or advocacy of national, racial or religious hatred that constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence, related to the aggression against Ukraine.

The Council also requested the Commission of Inquiry to conduct an inquiry, consistent with its mandate and international standards, and in coordination with other national and international mechanisms, to address the events in the areas of Kyiv, Chernihiv, Kharkiv and Sumy regions in late February and March 2022, including their gender dimension, with a view to hold to account those responsible.

Pandey said that the impact of the Ukraine situation is being felt beyond the region as oil prices are skyrocketing, there is shortage of food grains and fertilisers in the world.

"This destabilisation has burdened people around the world, especially in developing and least developed countries".

### BJP spokesperson Aparajita Sarangi attacks Odisha government over land for Haribaldevjew temple

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in the town to prevent floods from Budhabalanga river. But the road project is yet to materialise, she said.

The BJP leader also claimed that the Subarnarekha Irrigation Project (SIP) is not functioning in a full-fledged manner due to which lakhs of farmers in both Mayurbhanj and Balasore districts are facing difficulties in irrigating their lands.

The government is yet to take any step to resolve the inter-State dispute between Odisha and Jharkhand over release of water through canals for the benefits of farmers.

While at least 28 Wards in Baripada town are facing acute water crisis, the Jambhira drinking water project is yet to become functional due to lackadaisical attitude of the State government. Aparajita blamed the government's lack of interest for lack of railway connectivity between Bangiriposi and Gorumahisani.

"The State government should take steps for revival of the spinning mill at Baripada and setting up of a steel plant at Rairangpur as these projects will create employment opportunities and boost the economy of the tribal district," she added.

The BJP leader said she will hold discussion with Mayurbhanj MP and Minister of State for Tribal Affairs and Jal Shakti Bishweswar Tudu over the issue of revival of Mayurbhanj Ayurvedic and Homoeopathy colleges. Aparajita was in Mayurbhanj to attend a Ram Mandir Pratistha Utsav at Bhugudakota.

### Srimandir Parikrama project: Odisha government agrees to move reception centre beyond 100 metre

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as per the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act (AMASR Act), 2010 which governs all the Centrally-protected monuments.

Only public amenities like drinking water and electricity for public, cloak rooms can come up within the prohibited zone.

It may be noted that Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) had submitted a revised DPR on the project to the ASI, Bhubaneswar circle, on April 6 this year, three months after it started work on it. The DG ASI had asked SJTA to rework on the DPR by aligning it with the AMASR Act.

The advisory committee also decided after examining current land availability that Outer Access Road will be developed in the available width. After acquisition of balance land, required extensions will be made.

## India-UAE trade pact to create huge job opportunities, boost economy: Goyal

MUMBAI: The comprehensive trade agreement between India and the UAE will help in creating huge job opportunities and boost growth of the domestic economy, Commerce and Industry Minister

Start-up Bridge' at the India-UAE Partnership Summit, organised by industry body CII here. "Clearly millions of jobs will be added if our exports which are now at about USD 36 billion, which is

countries, and the Gulf region. CIS countries include Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, and Tajikistan. Further, Goyal said

business will get a booster shot," the minister said. He informed that there are a large number of startups that have emerged in the last six years, with more than 65,000 registered with the



Piyush Goyal said on Friday.

The bilateral pact, officially dubbed as the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) is expected to increase the bilateral trade in goods to over USD 100 billion and trade in services to over USD 15 billion within five years. It came into effect from May 1.

The agreement opens the door for many sectors, particularly labor-intensive ones such as textiles, gem and jewellery, pharmaceuticals and agriculture, Goyal said while briefing the media along with the UAE Minister for Economy Abdullah Bin Touq Al Marri here. The ministers launched 'India-UAE

about nearly Rs 2.5 lakh crore, grows as we are planning. And my own guess estimate is this partnership can finally go up to about USD 250 billion of bilateral trade on both sides." "So my sense is that this will give a big boost to economic growth, to jobs. And the opportunities it opens not only in the UAE, but in the larger African region. (It) should significantly give a bump up to the Indian economy as well," Goyal said. He added that the pact would not only open doors for Indian businesses to UAE but also to other countries as UAE is a transit point for large parts of Africa, CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States)

that Indian pharma products will get immediate access to the UAE market and "we believe (bilateral) trade will grow to at least to USD 100 billion in the near future. Our own commitment is to take it to a much higher level" According to the minister, the framework is expected to add a million jobs in India and provide opportunities to the startup ecosystem in the country and has huge potential for engagement on skill development and education.

"We are looking at significant investments as the UAE has committed over USD 100 billion of investments into India in manufacturing, infrastructure, (and) service (s). So the busi-

ministry. India also has over 100 unicorns with the third largest startup ecosystem in the world, he said. The UAE minister said the pact will add 1.7 per cent GDP growth to their economy. He also said the agreement is not just on products and commodities but also into services, adding that there are other opportunities that can come along. "Now, the growth that we're looking at, that we want to reach USD-100 billion dollars from USD 40 billion or so today, in the next decade. Our economic modelling showed that this is an opportunity of growth, it can actually reach that number," the minister said.

# At least 26 dead as fire breaks out in office near Mundka Metro Station; owner arrested

New Delhi (KCN): At least 26 people were killed in fire that broke out at a building near Mundka Metro Station in Outer Delhi on Friday. Confirming that 26 bodies have been recovered so far, DCP Sameer Sharma (Outer) said the fire broke out at an office by the name Cofe Impex Pvt Ltd and the owner of the company has been arrested.

Delhi Fire Services chief Atul Garg said, "It's a massive fire. We have recovered 20 bodies from 1st and 2nd floor. Teams are now trying to go to the 3rd floor for rescue. All bodies are charred." During the day, Delhi Fire Services had sent 27 fire tenders to the spot.

A day after AAP MLA Amanatullah Khan was arrested during demolition clashes in Madanpur Khadar, Delhi Police Friday opened his history sheet and declared him 'Bad Character of Jamia Nagar area.' Khan was arrested while 12 residents, including a woman and her minor daughter, were detained on Thursday.

26 dead in Delhi blaze, toll could go up At least 26 people were killed in fire that broke out at a building near Mundka Metro Station in Outer Delhi on Friday. Confirming that 26 bodies have been recovered so far, DCP Sameer Sharma (Outer) said the fire broke out at an office by the name Cofe Impex Pvt Ltd and the owner of the company has been arrested. Read more

Sameer Sharma, DCP (Outer) said the fire broke out at an office by the name Cofe Impex Pvt Ltd and the owner of the company has been arrested. "On preliminary enquiry, it has been learnt that the building is a three-storey building and is a commercial building generally used for providing office space to companies. The fire started from the 1st floor of the building which is an office where CCTVs and routers are manufactured," said Sharma

Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal tweeted: "Shocked and pained to know about this tragic incident. I am constantly in touch with officers. Our brave firemen are trying their best to control the fire and save lives. God bless all."

Condolences to the bereaved families: President Kovind on Mundka fire President Ram Nath Kovind expresses condolences towards families of victims who died in the Mundka fire incident

Another video of the rescue operations that are underway at Mundka. Atul Garg, DFS Chief said, "It's a massive fire. So far, we have recovered 20 bodies from 1st and 2nd floor. Teams are now trying to go to the 3rd floor for rescue. All bodies are charred." At least 16 people was killed in fire that broke out at a building near Mundka Metro Station in Outer Delhi on Friday, Delhi Fire Services chief Atul Garg said. He added that the toll could go up as the fire continued to rage till Friday night and a rescue operation was still underway. During the day, Delhi Fire Services had sent 27 fire tenders to the spot. Garg had said at the time:

"It's a massive fire. Cranes are being used to go up and douse the fire. There's no information on the rescue operation so far. We are waiting for details." At least one person was killed in fire that broke out at a building near Mundka Metro Station in Outer Delhi on Friday. Delhi Fire Services (DFS), that pressed 24 fire tenders to service, has recovered the body of a woman from the spot. A fire broke out at a building near Mundka Metro Station in Outer Delhi on Friday. Delhi Fire Services has sent 24 fire tenders to the spot. Atul Garg, DFS Chief said, "It's a massive fire. Cranes are being used to go up and douse the fire. There's no information on the rescue operation yet. We are waiting for details."

Delhi: Guest teachers seek end to practice of discontinuing their services during holidays With the start of school summer vacations in Delhi, the services of roughly 22,000 guest teachers have been discontinued for the duration of the holidays, an annual practice which

has been opposed by the guest teachers' association. Read more

Gurgaon: Contractor cooks up tale of robbery to avoid paying creditors, booked

The Gurgaon police Thursday booked a labour contractor for allegedly concocting a false story of robbery to avoid paying creditors, officers said.

According to the police, labour contractor Kamal Singh complained that as he was driving to Noida in his car after withdrawing money from a bank in Sector 5, Gurgaon around 11.50 am on Thursday, three assailants snatched cash worth Rs 4.4 lakh from him at gunpoint. He had alleged that the accused escaped on a motorcycle. Read more

AAP leader Durgesh Pathak asks MCD to take action against Delhi BJP chief Adesh Gupta house, party office for 'illegal construction' Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Durgesh Pathak Friday asks MCD to take action against Delhi BJP president Adesh Gupta's house and party office constructed "illegally" on public land by Saturday 11 am else AAP will reach Gupta's house with its "Bulldozer" to take action against the encroachment.

"AAP raised this matter earlier also and filed an official complaint with mayor that how BJP president Adesh Gupta violated MCD rules and constructed his house without getting the layout plan/map passed from the corporation. Similarly, Gupta illegally encroached the land of an MCD school and constructed his party office. AAP gives a warning to MCD to take action against Gupta by 11 am tomorrow, else AAP will do its bulldozer justice," Durgesh Pathak said.

In weather-related news, a heatwave spell is set to hit Delhi from May 13 to 15 with the maximum temperature likely to settle at around 44

degrees Celsius on Friday, according to the India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecast. While a 'yellow' alert has been issued for Friday and Saturday, an 'orange' alert has been issued for Sunday, when the maximum temperature could increase to around 45 degrees Celsius.

A father-son duo was arrested for allegedly posing as officials of the Enforcement Directorate and Central Bureau of Investigation and demanding Rs 4 crore from a resident in Gurgaon. The complainant, Yashpal Batra, former senior deputy mayor in MCG, lodged a FIR at New Colony police station, alleging that the accused had filed false complaints against him stating that he had accumulated properties by illegal means.

Yamuna level low, water supply likely to be hit in Delhi on Friday

Water supply is likely to be affected in parts of Delhi on May 13 on account of the water level depleting in the Yamuna river at Wazirabad, according to the Delhi Jal Board (DJB).

The level of water in the pond at Wazirabad has fallen from a normal level of 674.5 ft to 671.8 ft, affecting water production from the water treatment plants at Chandrawal, Wazirabad and Okhla, which draw water from the pond.

Amid heatwave in Delhi, teachers' groups appeal to DoE to call off summer camps

Referring to the recurring heatwaves in Delhi, teachers' associations have appealed to various authorities that the ongoing camp in government schools during summer vacations be called off. However, education department officials said that these are required to address the students' learning needs. Summer vacations in Delhi began on Wednesday, and summer camps are being held in all government schools for classes III to IX from 7.30 am to 11 am.



Meanwhile, Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia Friday wrote a letter to Union Minister Amit Shah asking for his immediate intervention and to stop the 'Demolition Drive in Delhi'. "The BJP and its leaders crossed all lengths to run its 'cheap' bulldozer politics in Delhi despite its period is over in MCD," Sisodia said. In the letter, Sisodia also asked Shah to "conduct demolition activity in the houses of BJP leaders who took money and let people construct houses on unauthorised lands". Clashes broke out between locals and Delhi Police personnel during an anti-encroachment



drive by the South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) in Madanpur Khadar on Thursday.

Delhi Live News Updates: Clashes break out during an anti-encroachment drive, AAP MLA arrested; heatwave set to hit Capital; Satyendar Jain says scarcity of coal in India "created for somebody's benefit; heatwave set to hit Capital; follow this space for more.

Delhi fire: President condoles loss of lives President Ram Nath Kovind expressed condolences on the loss of lives in the fire at the Mundka Metro Station in Delhi.

'Distressed by the tragic fire accident at a building near Mundka Metro Station in Delhi. My condolences to the bereaved families. I wish for speedy recovery of the injured,' tweeted Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Delhi fire: Modi says 'extremely saddened' "Extremely saddened by the loss of lives due to a tragic fire in Delhi," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, condoling the deaths at Mundka fire incident.




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