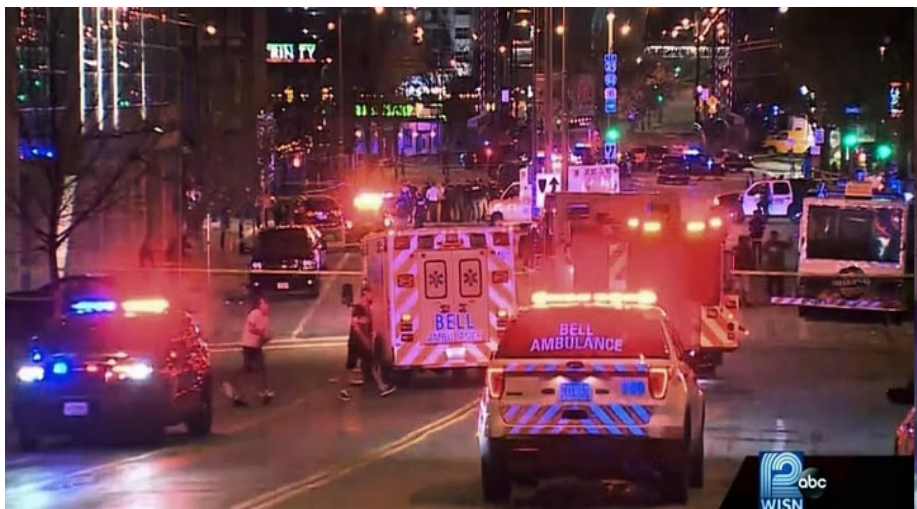


20 injured in Milwaukee shootings after Bucks playoff game

MILWAUKEE(KCN): Twenty people were injured in two shootings in downtown Milwaukee near an entertainment district where thousands of people had

which happened a few blocks away. Ten people were taken into custody and nine guns were recovered, WTMJ-TV reported.



been watching the Bucks play the Celtics in the NBA's Eastern Conference semifinals, authorities said.

None of the injuries from either shooting Friday night were believed to be life-threatening.

The first shooting, involving three victims, occurred adjacent to the Deer District — an entertainment district with numerous bars and restaurants where large crowds often assemble for major sporting events.

The Milwaukee Fire Department said authorities took two people to a hospital, a 30-year-old man and a 16-year-old girl, and a third person drove to a hospital. Police said a 29-year-old man was in custody.

Seventeen more people were injured in a second shooting about two hours later,

Srimandir requires attention

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Ratna Bhandar, and Does Lord Jagannath now the Shree Temple continue to Jagannath Heritage

Jagannath hurt the religious sentiments of crores of Hindus and the phenomenon continues unabated.

People continue to express concern and displeasure, but there seems to be no solution to the problems. Every time, attempts are made to patch up the incidents without any tangible punishment for the wrongdoers.

First take the instance of the Lord's Nabakalebara festival, which happens once in 12/15 years. Undoubtedly there was gross negligence and a statewide outcry for "Ghata Parivartan" during the day time instead of being performed in dark night. The 2015 Nabakalebara could be the first incident in the history of the 800-year-old shrine when the main ritual of "Ghata Parivartan" was messed up. During the Nabakalebara, the wooden idols of Lord

There was no immediate indication whether the two shootings were related or involved fans who were watching the game. Witnesses told WTMJ-TV that they saw a fight outside a bar following the basketball game.

Bill Reinemann, a parking attendant at lot adjacent to Deer District, said he heard gunshots but didn't see anyone get shot or see the shooter during the earlier shooting. "It sounded like six to eight gunshots," he said "It was close." After the shots were fired, scores of fans began running toward the Deer District, he said.

Reinemann, who has worked the lot for 18 years, remained at his post even as fearful Bucks fans ran past him.

"I sat in my chair here the whole while," he said. "The incident took place outside of the Deer District area. We direct all questions to the Milwaukee Police Department," Bucks spokesman Barry Baum said.

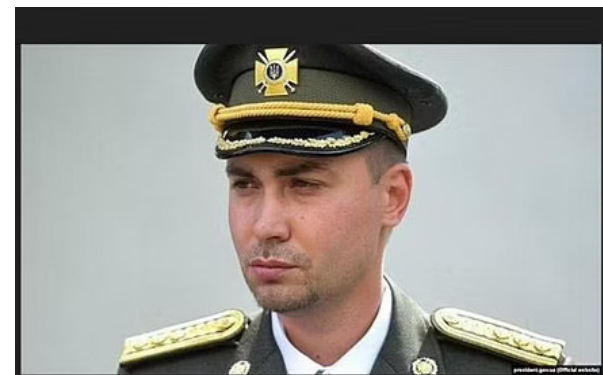
Boston defeated Milwaukee in the game to force a Game 7 in the series.

Balabhadra, Devi Subahdra, Lord Jagannath and Lord Sudarshan, are completely replaced, and this ancient ritual has many phases which starts from 'Banajaga Jatra'. In this ritual, the Daita servitors go on searching the neem trees for making new idols. People have seen how the trees were selected and how a Minister and an MLA turned this ritual into a photo session. The religious fervor of the festival was affected from the very beginning, and it finally gave a big blow to the "Ghata Parivartan" ritual. In the case of the Ratna Bhandar issue, the missing keys continue to remain a mystery and people till today do not know whether the administration has any access to the "Bhitar" (inner) Ratna Bhandar. A commission of inquiry was also appointed by the gov

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Ukraine could win war by year-end: Kyiv intel chief

UKRAINE(KCN): year. As a result, The war in Ukraine we will renew



could reach a "breaking point" by August and end in defeat for Russia before the end of the year, Kyiv's head of military intelligence told the UK's Sky News on Saturday.

Major General Kyrylo Budanov, 36, told the news network that he was "optimistic" about the current trajectory of the conflict. "The breaking point will be in the second part of August," he said.

"Most of the active combat actions will have finished by the end of this

forces without making significant progress.

Budanov said that Ukraine knows "everything about our enemy. We know about their plans almost as they're being made."

Major General Kyrylo Budanov, Kyiv's head of military intelligence. (Photo |

that many experts predicted would be lightning-fast has been marked by setbacks, especially logistical. The Ukraine intelligence chief also made unverified claims that a coup was already underway in Moscow to depose President Vladimir Putin, and that the Russian leader was



and the Crimea," he said.

Intense fighting is currently raging in eastern Ukraine's Donbas region, where Russia has recently been concentrating its

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Russia has so far been able to claim complete control of only one major city, Kherson, and the military offensive

"very sick" with cancer.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said in April that reports Putin had cancer were "an invention and a lie."

UP Police, SSB intensify vigil along India-Nepal border ahead of PM Modi's visit to Lumbini

MAHARAJGANJ (KCN): Ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Nepal, the Uttar Pradesh Police and Sashastra Seema

To prevent any movement of terrorists in the area, security agencies have been asked to ascertain the identities of people before allow-

deployed," Padda said.

"Metal detectors and baggage scanners have been installed at Sonauli and Thutibari main

to keep an eye on religious places along the border.

The SSB and police in the districts of Maharajganj, Siddhartha Nagar,



Bal (SSB) have intensified vigil along the India-Nepal border to stop infiltration occurring mainly at night, officials said. Modi will pay an official visit to Lumbini in Nepal on May 16 on Buddha Purnima at the invitation of Nepalese Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba.

ing them to cross the border, Deputy Inspector General of SSB's Gorakhpur sector Manjit Singh Padda said. "CCTV cameras have been put on the SSB post, besides, on the main routes to Nepal. The dog squad, trained in detecting narcotics and arms, and women wing have also been

checkposts and other outposts on the Indo-Nepal border," Padda added. SSB has intensified vigil along the border to stop infiltration occurring mainly at night and the personnel have been asked to remain alert while patrolling, he said. Intelligence units have also been asked

and Balrampur, sharing a border with Nepal, have been put on alert, Padda said. Uttar Pradesh shares a 599.3-km-long open border with Nepal, touching seven districts -- Pilibhit, Lakhimpur Kheri, Bahraich, Sravasti, Balrampur, Sidhartha Nagar and Maharajganj.



remain in news for all the wrong reasons? Be it the Nabakalebara festival or missing keys of

Corridor Project. The negative developments taking place in the 12th century shrine of Lord

Kolkata's B-school and Engineering College wins National Awards at the 15th ASSOCHAM Education Summit

Kolkata (KCN): Proud to state that on the 15th International Education & Skill Development Summit 2022 organized by ASSOCHAM National Council on

in providing Preferred Environment for Placement- East". The awards were received by Shri Pradip Agarwal, Chief Executive Officer, Heritage Group of Institu-

ing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sport. The 15th ASSOCHAM Education summit 2022 was inaugurated by

faculty members and students in various research projects across the globe," said Mr. Pradip Agarwal. "At Heritage, we try to inculcate value



13th May 2022 at New Delhi, Heritage Institute of Technology had been awarded in the category of "Excellence in Enabling Research Environment" and Heritage Business School had been awarded in the category of "Excellence

tions, Kolkata and Prof. Basab Chaudhuri, Former Vice Chancellor, WBSU and presently the Principal of Heritage Institute of Technology, Kolkata from Mr. Rajendra Agrawal, Hon'ble, Member of Parliament, Member Stand-

Smt. Anandiben Patel, Hon'ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh as the Chief Guest. "Our faculty members and students have been contributing immensely in research and development. This award is the result of the efforts given by our

based education to our students and groom them to prepare for the future challenges. This award will support us in offering more value addition to the students and giving the right platform to the faculty members," said Prof. Basab Chaudhuri.

Rajib Sahoo Hits Hole In One

New Delhi(KCN): Ace Golfer, Rajib Sekhar Sahoo has a

cial Consultants of the country always finds time to play

were happy. An ace is golf is a rare, exciting feat.

in his life and the foursome enjoyed the exceptional achievement.



problem as he plays the sport with great skill. And he is a lucky one. Mr.Sahoo, one of the busiest Finan-

Golf. So when on Friday ace Golfer made 'Hole In One', everyone in the elite Delhi Golf Club

To hit the golf ball into the hole in just one shot requires the right mixture of skill and luck. It was a rare event

Even Ace Golfer Amitabh Kant, CEO NITI Aayog lauded Mr.Sahoo's achievement in a big way. A Hole In One occurs when a ball hit from a tee to start a hole finishes in the cup. Hole In One is rare and there is a great element of luck involved in it. While Mr.Sahoo is playing Golf for last one decade, making Hole In One proved his skill in Golf. A veteran Member of Bhubaneswar Golf Club, Mr.Sahoo goes to play the sport across the country and in foreign countries. However when he made Hole In One, his happiness knew no bounds and appreciation poured in from various quarters.

DG Fire Orders Enforcement

Cuttack(KCN): Under the background of fire mishap at Delhi official complex (commercial building), DG Fire Services Santosh Kumar Upadhyay has issued instructions to strictly enforce the guidelines of Odisha Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Rules.

Mr.Upadhyay has issued instructions to all Assistant Fire Officers of the Districts, Deputy Fire Officers of all circles and Range Fire Officers of the State to strictly enforce the guidelines as given under rules 15,16,17,18, & 19 of Odisha Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Rules, 2017 and subsequent amendment thereof. DG has emphasized about fire safety audit of installations of different institutions as enumerated under Rule-9 viz- Hotels, Lodgings and Guest Houses , All educational buildings above 12 mtrs. or build up area above 1000 Sq. mtr., Cinema Halls, Multiplex, All clinical establishment above 12 mtrs. or more than 3 floors;

Business or office building above 12 mtrs. or built up area more than 500 sq. mtr, Places of congre-

All Fire Officers, Deputy Fire Officers and Assistant Fire Officers have been instructed to inspect

tures as enumerated under Rule-10. Besides, fire station officers will co-ordinate with various



gations like auditorium, Convention Halls above 500 sq. mtrs. built up area; warehouses above 500 sq. mtrs., Coaching Centres/ Hostels; Factories and Industries etc. DG has issued instruction for ensuring appointment of Fire Safety Supervisors of Buildings as enumerated under Rule-15. All field officers of Fire department have been asked to ensure displaying of photo copies of Fire Safety certificates to different establishments of the state, at all conspicuous places in all floors as per Rule-17.

the above mentioned categories of buildings of the states under the provision of Rule-18 and then follow up action under Rules 19 & 20. DG has instructed Fire Safety audit/ inspections of all District Head Quarters hospitals, Collectorates and High-rise Government buildings on priority basis by 21.05.2022 where the frequent movement of public occurs. All fire station officers have been instructed for taking fire prevention and fire safety measures in temporary struc-

market committees for community participation towards fire safety and fire prevention in busy market places/ daily markets etc. Vendors are advised not to use loose or open electrical wiring to avoid short circuiting due to overheating. The Fire station Officers of the state are advised to liaise with concerned Fire Safety Supervisors of different establishments for safety. In case of any fire related hazard, citizens are advised to dial 112 emergency number.

Chicken price in Bhubaneswar goes upto Rs 260 amid tomato price pinch

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): Steep rise in prices of chicken due to increasing fodder and transportation costs has added to the misery of consumers who are already feel-

portation and other factors, said Bijay Kumar Nath, a trader from Rasulgarh here. The sudden price hike has affected the retail business of many traders as cus-

being able to meet the high market demand. To cater to the demand, broiler chicken is being imported from neighbouring states,

price rise of tomato to low production and short supply. "Supply of tomato in the State has remained around 100 tonne against the



ing the pinch of skyrocketing tomato prices. Chicken price in Bhubaneswar has increased by almost Rs 100 in the recent days. The cost of chicken, which used to be around Rs 160 to Rs 180 per kg, has gone up to Rs 260. The price rise is attributed to increased cost of fodder, trans-

tomers are hesitant to make purchases by paying almost 50 per cent more for the poultry product. According to traders, the fodder cost has recently increased to more than Rs 2,000 per packet from Rs 1,400. Sources said that the poultry supply is limited as local farmers are not

they said. Similarly, there has been a substantial increase in the price of tomato. On Friday, tomato was being sold at Rs 100 to Rs 120 per kg in markets of Bhubaneswar and Cuttack. President of Unit-I Haata Byabasayee Sangh Gayadhar Swain attributed the

daily requirement of 300 tonne. The low production is forcing traders to depend on Bengaluru and Nasik markets to meet the demand," Swain said and added that the price of tomato may continue to remain high for a few more days till supply from local farmers is restored.

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5th Japanese Film Festival Online 2022

NEW DELHI (KCN): The Japanese movies fans in India would soon have the

Being organised by the Japan Foundation, New Delhi in the run-up to the 5th

celebrated Taiwanese director Hou Hsiao-Hsien and Japan's own Takeshi Kitano.

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the 2019 Kawakita Award. He was appointed Program Director of the Tokyo International Film Festival in 2021. The co-panelist Bilna

has been instrumental in shaping both these festivals into important international events. She is currently the Vice-Chairperson of



opportunity to see and listen to Shozo Ichiyama, a film festival veteran from Japan and globally acclaimed movie producer and director who would participate in a virtual panel discussion "The Lives of Japanese Films in South Asia" on February 7. Ichiyama who would be joined by noted Indian film editor and national awardee Bina Paul, will speak on the trajectories of the Japanese Film Industry and its future in South Asia.

Japanese Film Festival Online 2022, which is taking off on February 14, the panel discussion would be moderated by film critic G a u t a m a n Bhaskaran. It is significant to mention here that the 1963-born Shozo Ichiyama was tasked with overhauling Tokyo's film offerings and using his global connections to raise the event's profile. He is also known for his work as a producer with Chinese auteur Jia Zhangke,

Since placing his production base in Shochiku Company, Limited and Office Kitano Inc., Ichiyama mainly produced works by foreign filmmakers. His major films included Hou Hsiao-Hsien's "Flowers of Shanghai" (1998), Cannes Film Festival Jury Prize-winning director Samira Makmalbaf's "Blackboards" (2000), and Cannes Film Festival Best Screenplay winner "A Touch of Sin" (2013) directed by Jia



THE QR CODE REGISTER BY 5:00 PM, 5 FEB 2022 OR CLICK HERE: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8VC1gjnYtdQy5vgKYKsg He was also in charge of selecting films for the Tokyo International Film Festival from 1992 to 1999. In 2000, he launched the Film Festival Tokyo FILMEX and served as its director. However, since 2013, he has been serving as a visiting professor in the Tokyo University of the Arts, Graduate School of Film and New Media. He is the recipient of

Paul has edited over 40 feature films working with illustrious directors. A recipient of two National Awards and numerous Kerala State Awards for editing, she has also directed & produced Documentary Films. Her latest film 'The Sound of Silence' has been screened at numerous National and International Festivals. Bina is the Artistic Director of the International Film Festival of Kerala (IFFK) & International Documentary & Short Film Festival of Kerala (IDSFFK) and

the Kerala State Chalachitra Academy and Vice President NETPAC (Network for the Promotion of Asian & Pacific Cinema). The panel discussion moderator Gautaman Bhaskaran is a movie critic, commentator, and author, who penned the first-ever biography of Adoor Gopalakrishnan, and has been covering many film festivals, including Cannes, Venice, Tokyo, and Cairo among others for about 30 years. Courtesy:- Asian Community News.

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

NEW DELHI (KCN): Actor Riteish Deshmukh lauded Vikramaditya

blown!!! #AKvsAK is a phenomenal experience - @VikramMotwane

this, you are pure gold in this film but @HarshKapoor_ has outdone your en-

star and a film director who get into a public spat, following which the director retaliates



Motwane's 'AK vs AK' and termed the Netflix based film "a phenomenal experience". Deshmukh took to Twitter to share a poster of the movie, which features Anurag Kashyap and Anil Kapoor in lead roles. "Mind has been

take a bow my friend," tweeted Deshmukh. He then went on to heap praise on Kashyap, Kapoor, and his actor son Harshvardhan Kapoor who has a cameo in the film. "@anuragkashyap72 how good are you, @AnilKapoor Sir, only you could do

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

by kidnapping the actor's daughter and films the search for her in real-time. The Netflix India Original film was released on the platform on December 24, which also happens to be Anil Kapoor's birthday.

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

NEW DELHI (KCN): The Supreme Court on Thursday granted interim protection from arrest to TV producer Ekta Kapoor in an FIR



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

Clamour for electricity-coal and its reality

At present, an atmosphere of shortage of coal and electricity is being created. The main intention behind all these conspiracies is to make people stand against the Modi Government of the Centre. This is incidentally instigated by the maximum coal reserve states like Jharkhand, Chattisgarh, West Bengal and Odisha. All these states have non-BJP governments. Let's make a note of it before moving forward.



States giving election freebies like electricity are mostly being ruled by non BJP governments. Has the electricity consumption in summer increased this year only or is a general trend or there an electricity shortage this year only?? Definitely not. Power cuts in Delhi are nominal. But CM of Delhi, Arvind Kejriwal is politicizing the entire issue. He is making an issue about the coal shortage and making people frightened. Now he has started a new game out of it. Kejriwal stated that Delhi cabinet has decided that from 1st October 2022, subsidy on electricity will be optional means people will have an option to give up the subsidy. Why would anyone opt for it? On the matter of the announcement of free travel for women in DTC buses, he said in a similar manner that women willing to purchase tickets may do so. Ask any of the female travellers of DTC buses if they buy tickets? She will reply in negative.

The power crisis in Maharashtra is deepening. The path of development of India passes through Maharashtra. This kind of situation is really unfortunate. Central Electricity producing companies has lakhs of crores of dues on states like Maharashtra, Rajasthan,

Delhi and Punjab etc. Maharashtra government has even lost the case in Supreme Court and has to pay the dues at any cost. Still states are consuming the electricity and denying payment. It is known to all that electricity producing companies (Genco) have a heavy dues of 7918

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riots will lead certain sections of voters to distance themselves from BJP, as the nature of voter and new voters will be disappointed to come with BJP due to such propagandas. Now let's talk about Punjab, the announcement of CM Bhagwant Man to give 300 units of free electricity every

fact that the consumption of power in summers increases considerably and in this scenario power supply shortage and power cut are neither big nor a new issue. Upto few years back we have seen hours of power cuts in Delhi. Power cut problem began to improve in the times of Atal Bihari government at the centre and Sheila Dixit government in Delhi.



Amidst all these power crises the derailment of 13 coaches of Freight trains loaded with coal is really a matter of concern. It happened on last 30th April. Happened in Etawah district on one of the busiest lines of the Delhi-Howrah rail

crore on many states specially Maharashtra, Rajasthan and West Bengal, and are facing coal supply shortage. Just see the shamelessness of these states where they are complaining about coal supply but not saying anything. On their payment due to GENCO. Why are they not clearing the dues of Genco? At many occasions they have sold the electricity purchased from Genco at double the cost to the consumers of their state and have recovered most of the bills also. Then how will the situation be improved? From where will Genco get the required capital to operate?

The conspiracy regarding the coal supply shortage was known many months back, you may not believe it but it is also a part of a preplanned toolkit, to create an atmosphere against the Modi government. When they haven't succeeded in all these manoeuvres, they started new agendas to incite riots and to allege the central government for shortage of basic necessities. Incitement of

month to every household will add an additional cost of 2000 crore in state government power subsidy. After his announcement, the bill is expected to surge to 6000 crore rupees. Debt-ridden Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) will have to pay heavily in order to buy imported coal to run their thermal plant as the central power ministry has advised Punjab and other states to purchase imported coal. Despite all these, the Punjab government is not thinking while giving freebies. Indeed, their single point agenda is to allege the Modi government somehow and misguide voters. Punjab and Maharashtra governments should understand that the world has changed now. World has become aware. People are understanding the states who are responsibly running their government and also such state government who are running on false allegation and propaganda.

Now let's come to coal again. It is a universal

route. Railway will have to thoroughly investigate the matter of how a goods wagon could get derailed on a dedicated freight route. This kind of incident is new for this route. Because of this incident all the coal transported in the rail wagon got scattered on the rail line and lines were broken down. This kind of incident on dedicated freight routes has not been heard of in the recent past. Pay attention, with the surge in power consumption and shortage of coal, railways have cancelled 670 passenger trains for one month. Along with it the average number of Coal loaded Goods wagons has been increased. Then this rail accident is pointing towards a bigger controversy.

Central government must be taking positive steps. But, critics will continue to criticise.

(The author is a senior editor, columnist, and former MP)

As Disney Board Chair, What Would You Advise CEO Bob Chapek Regarding 'Don't Say Gay'?

Early in 2022, Bob Chapek, CEO of The Walt Disney Company—one of Florida's largest employers with roughly 80,000 employees—and taxpayers, had reason to be satisfied with the company's performance, having just logged one of the most successful quarters in the company's history. Its stock, suffering the typical ups and downs of entertainment companies during the pandemic, had recovered and was at about the same price as when Chapek took over from "legendary" CEO Bob Iger two years earlier. He was aware, however, of a potential problem on the horizon.

On March 8, the Florida legislature, after several weeks of heated public controversy, passed and sent to Governor Ron DeSantis a Parental Rights in Education bill stating: "Classroom instruction by school personnel or third parties on sexual orientation or gender identity may not occur in kindergarten through grade 3 or in a manner that is not age appropriate or developmentally appropriate for students in accordance with state standards."

Under the bill, parents were given the right to sue school districts over violations. Chapek had ample warning that the bill would pass. He could have also assumed that the governor would follow through on his intentions to sign it into law. The bill had taken on the moniker "Don't Say Gay." There had been "Say Gay" protests across Florida and the US by groups supportive of LGBTQ+ rights. Hundreds of Disney "cast members"—Disney's term for employees at its theme parks—responsible for spreading "pixie dust" for Disney's "guests"—were supporters of these groups. Within Disney, employees were protesting on social media and organizing walkouts from company theme parks in Florida and elsewhere.

In spite of these warnings, Chapek elected not to have Disney join more than 150 other companies in signing a Human Rights Campaign letter opposing the legislation. He decided to make no public statements to support or reject the governor's expected signature of the bill—that is, until Disney's annual meeting with shareholders on March 9.

At the meeting, Chapek noted that "many

are upset that we didn't speak out against the bill." He stated that leaders in the company were opposed to the bill, but chose not to speak out, instead working behind the scenes to stop it, "engaging directly with lawmakers on both sides of the aisle." He then announced that the company "is reassessing our approach to advocacy—including political

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ally in the fight for equal rights, and I let you down. I am sorry." Chapek was said to be "furious" with a public statement by his predecessor, Bob Iger. It is not clear what, if anything, transpired between Iger and Chapek regarding the company's stance on the Florida bill. But Iger, who had stayed on until recently as ex-



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giving in Florida and beyond." He also announced that Disney had signed the Human Rights Campaign's statement opposing such legislative efforts and had pledged \$5 million in support of the organization. The Human Rights Campaign immediately announced that it would not accept the donation until Disney went further to back up its commitments. Pundits, including at least one investment analyst, dubbed the effort, "a day too late." And DeSantis began repeatedly characterizing Disney in his public speeches as a "woke corporation," one that will "criticize the fact that we don't want transgenderism in kindergarten and first-grade classrooms." Chapek went further, sending this message to Disney employees: "It is clear that this is not just an issue about a bill in Florida, but instead yet another challenge to basic human rights. You needed me to be a stronger

executive chairman and chairman of the board after a "legendary" tenure as CEO, said publicly, "A crisis of this magnitude, and its impact on Disney, would necessarily result in my actively helping Bob and the company contend with it, particularly since I ran the company for 15 years." Among the issues facing Chapek was what to do about a management "retreat" of senior managers scheduled a week hence in Orlando, Florida, to discuss other matters. Would he even be able to get the group to concentrate on the usual business issues? Could he take advantage of the "retreat" to discuss the company's response to employee concerns? Or should he just cancel the meeting? Put yourself in the shoes of Susan Arnold, long-time director and recent successor to Bob Iger as chairman of Disney. As Disney board chair, what would you advise CEO

Bob Chapek regarding "Don't Say Gay"? What do you think? Share your thoughts in the comments below.

Note: Please limit your comments to how you think the Disney board and Chapek should respond, not opinions about the law itself.

Editor's Note: Heskett speculates on the influence of culture on post-pandemic employee engagement and organization performance in his book *Win From Within: Build Organizational Culture for Competitive Advantage*.

There was negligible response to last month's column. Either there was little interest in the topic of reverse mentoring or potential respondents may have been discouraged from responding by Stac, whose lone response raised a topic, ageism, that others may have chosen not to address. Stac's comment is worth repeating. It was: "It's age discriminatory to assume people of a certain age need mentors under 25. I've worked in tech my whole career, and I've known people under 25 who knew nothing about tech except how to use Instagram. I've also known 60-year-olds who knew all kinds of intricate software tricks that nobody else knew. Please stop adding to age discrimination."

I appreciate Stac's reminding us of the sensitive nature of the topic. At the same time, the article did not state a position regarding technology and age. I've repeatedly reminded readers and those requesting interviews that I ask questions, I don't answer them (unless I have personally conducted research on a topic). The example that I included did imply a lack of knowledge of technology among senior executives of one company. We can debate whether the example was well-chosen or whether its inclusion added to age discrimination. But I reserve the right to raise questions about sensitive topics.

Heskett speculates on the influence of culture on post-pandemic employee engagement and organization performance in his book *Win From Within: Build Organizational Culture for Competitive Advantage*.

Nirmala Sitharaman likely to contest RS polls from Karnataka again

BENGALURU: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is likely

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to contest Rajya Sabha polls from Karnataka again. The BJP Core Committee, which will meet on Saturday in Bengaluru, is expected to finalise the candidates and send the list to party central leaders for approval. Of the four Rajya Sabha seats from Karnataka, BJP with 120 MLAs can get two RS members elected. While Sitharaman's name is confirmed, the other contestant could be a dark horse. Sitharaman was elected to the Rajya Sabha in 2016 and her tenure ends next

her to the Upper House for the second term as it is a matter of prestige for Karnataka to elect a member who is a Union minister. "We are sure central leaders will give their nod for Sitharaman, but we are not certain of the second candidate," he added. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said the party core committee meeting on Saturday will discuss and finalise the number of seats to be contested in the Council and Rajya Sabha elections. BJP state General Secretary N Ravikumar

Shahapur (North-West Teachers), Hanumanth Rudrappa Nirani (North-West Graduates) and MV Ravishankar (South Graduates). The party ticket for the West Teachers' constituency may go to Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti, who joined BJP recently. While biennial elections to the Legislative Council is on June 3, polls for two graduates' and teachers' constituencies are on June 10 and 13, respectively. The Rajya Sabha polls are on June 10.

Fire Park Opens on 21 May



Bhubaneswar (KC-N): Fire Park @ Baramunda housed in Odisha Fire And Disaster Academy (OFADA) Campus will be open for public awareness from coming Saturday. Ramesh Chandra

Majhi, Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Odisha sources said that it will be kept open for increasing public awareness on fire prevention in their households and offices on low cost involvement. First of it's kind in the Country, Fire Park is a unique effort to generate fire safety awareness among the people. Demonstrations on use of first aid fire-fighting equipment, rescue and disaster operations, visit to exhibition hall,

screening of films and distribution of leaflets on fire safety will be part of the activities. Students from schools and colleges will be the focus group, officials say. Depending on response, the State Fire Service Administration may increase weekly visits to twice or thrice a week, particularly for students and people from busy market areas etc. All visitors are advised to follow Covid appropriate behavior strictly, pointed out a senior Fire Service Official.

Finnish President Sauli Niinisto, Putin discuss NATO membership

HELSINKI: Finnish President Sauli Niinisto spoke with his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin on Saturday regarding the Nordic country's application for NATO membership, which is expected to be officially announced this weekend, his office said. "The conversation was direct and straight-forward and it was conducted without aggravations. Avoiding tensions was considered important," Niinisto was quoted as saying in a statement by his office. "The phone call was initiated by Finland." Finland "wants to take care of the practical questions arising from being a neighbour of Russia in a correct and professional manner," Niinisto

said. The Finnish president and Prime Minister Sanna Marin had said on Thursday that they wanted the country to join NATO "without delay" and that a membership bid was expected to be announced on Sunday. Moscow responded by saying it would "definitely" see Finnish membership as a threat and that Moscow would be "forced to take reciprocal steps, military-technical and other, to address the resulting threats". Neighbouring Sweden, like Finland traditionally neutral, is also expected to announce its own membership bid in the coming days.

Call for Environment Protection

Bhubaneswar: With the earth's temperature slated to rise by 1.5 degrees C by 2025 amidst environmental degradation and increasing pollution, all efforts need to be made to protect the environment by desisting from activities which has led to the present situation, Judicial Member of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) Kolkata Justice B. Amit Sthalekar said on Saturday. "If the earth's temperature goes up with no effort to contain it, it will trigger the melting of glaciers around the world causing the sea level to rise and inundate coastal areas including cities like Mumbai and Kolkata," Justice Sthalekar said while speaking at the Odisha Environment Congress-2022 held at Siksha 'O' Anusandhan (SOA) in association with NGT and Odisha State Legal Services Authority. Pointing out that development was taking place at the cost of the environment, he said NGT had directed action against construction of resorts on the sea shore in violation of the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ). "Such construction was taking place right on the beach though

the CRZ rules don't allow any activity within 500 metres of the High Tide Line. It

stopped. "The ill-effects of modernism has been hitting us badly as use

news was that India was among ten countries which had large forest cover account-



causes the beach to narrow down and makes the sea deep in that area which leads to the destruction of the beach itself," he said. "You cannot play with the environment," he told the large number of students attending the event, adding "be alive, alert and aware about the degradation of the environment taking place around us." Expert Member, National Green Tribunal, Kolkata Saibal Dasgupta attended the program as the chief guest and keynote speaker. Expressing dismay over the rampant use of plastic and polythene, Justice Sthalekar said he was of the view that the use of such substances, which don't degrade for 400 years and destroy the soil, should be completely

of earthen 'kullads' has been completely forgotten," he said, adding there was a need to go back to the era when grocery items were delivered in paper bags. "If we return to earthen kullads, it would not only generate employment but also help us to go back to nature," Justice Sthalekar said adding "when we hurt nature, it will hit us back." Mr.Dasgupta said 52.90 million tonnes of solid waste was generated in the country annually of which plastic waste alone accounted for 5.6 million tonnes. "About 78 percent of this waste was collected of which only 25 percent was precessed," he said adding NGT was strictly enforcing the rules. Amidst the gloomy scenario, the good

ing for 24.6 percent of the total land mass with the dense forest area spread across 99,779 sq km, Mr.Dasgupta said. The forest cover in Odisha, he said, had increased by 537 sq km which was heartening. Addressing the students, Mr.Dasgupta said it was up to them to work as watchdogs to save the environment. Prof. Pradipta Kumar Nanda, Pro-Vice Chancellor of SOA, presided over the program which was also addressed by Prof. Prabir Kumar Patnaik, Professor in SOA's faculty of legal studies, Prof. Basudeb Behera, Professor in the faculty of agricultural sciences and Prof. Aditya Kishore Das, Professor in the faculty of engineering and technology.

Protect Consumer Interest; Minister

Bhubaneswar: Consumer's interest being paramount must be protected in the entire operation of direct selling business. Consumers must be given sufficient opportunity to scrutinise the products of direct sellers, said Minister, Food Supplies & Consumer Welfare and Cooperation Ranendra Pratap Swain here on Saturday. Addressing the Odisha Direct Selling Conference organised by Indian Direct Selling Association in Bhubaneswar, Swain said that Indian Direct Selling Association should provide all information to the State Government regarding to the direct selling entities and direct sellers operating in the state about their local contacts, official address, extent of their workforce and their products so that it will enable the consumer to distinguish between fraud and genuine sellers.

and the consumer counselling centres operating in the State will create consumer awareness regarding direct selling business, said Swain.

The Food Supply & Consumer Affairs Minister said in the guise of direct selling if any entity or sellers take resort to pyramidal schemes, the same cannot be tolerated. "Such entity or seller must be taken to task," said Mr.Swain. The State Government has zero tolerance towards such activities where the consumer people become victims of any fraud or illegal business activities," he said. Addressing the conference Surya Narayan Patra, Speaker, Odisha Legislative Assembly said protection of consumer interest and direct selling business must go hand in hand and product quality must be ensured.

Bijon Mishra, Advisor, Consumer Welfare said direct selling business must grow, but at the same time, they must win the trust and confidence of the consumers. Chairman, Indian Direct Selling Association Rajat Banerjee said Odisha continues to be a key market for the direct selling industry. With a double digit growth of over 13% in percent, he said and added, "Odisha is the 5th largest market for the Industry during F.Y. 2020-21."

Chetan Bhardwaj, General Manager, IDSA said that the State Government while selling up the mechanism may have consultation with IDSA, to regulate the direct selling business in Odisha.



"The State Government is working on setting up a mechanism, as provided under the direct selling rules recently framed by Government of India, to monitor and supervise the activities of the direct selling entities and direct sellers and protect the interest of the consumers," said Mr.Swain adding, "All that glitters is not gold. Consumers should scrutinise everything and should not be swayed away with misleading promises." The Minister said that the Indian Direct Selling Association must ensure product quality and ethical standards in the direct selling business. The State Institute of Consumer Awareness

Odisha Mulls Logistic Policy

Bhubaneswar: In an aim to strengthen the supply chain and ensure hassle-free transportation of all kinds of goods, the State Government has decided to bring its first ever Logistic Policy soon.

Bishnupada Sethi, Principal Secretary Commerce and Transport has earlier held talks with stakeholders and senior officials about the requirement of State Logistic Policy. Accordingly, the De-

partment of Commerce and Transport (DoCT) has asked the Transport Commissioner to draft the Policy very soon and send it to the DoCT for Government approval, sources said here on Saturday.

The proposed policy will simplify documentation for exports and imports through digitization.

Through the policy, the State is likely to promote the set-up of logistic infrastructures including

intermodal and multimodal logistics parks, modern warehousing, logistic terminals, etc. Over the next five or 10 years, the State Government aims to reduce logistics costs. The details of the proposed policy will be known once the draft is ready, the officials said.

The Government of India is also preparing a holistic national logistics policy (NLP), through which the Govern-

ment aims to bridge these gaps and bring down logistics costs by up to eight per cent (of GDP) in five years.

India's logistics ecosystem is pegged at \$215 billion and expected to grow at a CAGR of 10.5 per cent by 2025. The NLP aims to bring all the stakeholders of the logistics industry under one umbrella using technology.

It wants to create a single-window portal that will digitally inte-



Marathi actor Ketaki Chitale, pharmacy student held over 'objectionable' posts about Sharad Pawar

THANE/MUMBAI: Marathi actor Ketaki Chitale and a 23-year-old pharmacy student were arrested in Maharashtra on Saturday over allegedly objectionable social media posts about Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar.

While Chitale (29), a film and TV actress, was

leader or political party in the tweet.

Baramati, a town in the Pune district of the state, is the home turf of Sharad Pawar, while Godse was the assassin of Mahatma Gandhi. "After probing the tweet, Maharashtra Cyber had intimidated Nashik rural police for further action," a police official said.



arrested by the Thane police over a post she allegedly shared on her Facebook page, the student, identified as Nikhil Bhamre, was arrested in the Nashik district for allegedly making an objectionable comment against Pawar on Twitter.

The post shared by Chitale, which was in verse form, was purportedly written by someone else. It only mentioned the surname Pawar and the age of 80. The NCP supremo is 81 years old.

The post contained phrases like "hell is waiting" and "you hate Brahmins", allegedly referring to Pawar whose party shares power in Maharashtra with the Shiv Sena and Congress. Speaking to reporters in Nanded, Pawar said he didn't know who Chitale was and also had no idea about what she posted about him on social media. "The offence against Chitale was registered at Kalwa police station in Thane on Saturday based on a complaint lodged by Swapnil Netke," a police official said.

Subsequently, Chitale was arrested from Navi Mumbai by the crime branch of Thane Police.

Black ink and eggs were thrown at her outside Kalamboli police station in Navi Mumbai by workers of the NCP's women wing as she was being taken away.

She was booked under Indian Penal Code sections 500 (defamation), 501 (printing or engraving matter known to be defamatory), 505 (2) (making, publishing or circulating any statement, rumour or report promoting enmity, hatred or ill will between classes), 153 A (spreading disharmony among people).

In Pune too, a case was registered against her based on a complaint filed by an NCP worker for similar offences.

In Dhule, in north Maharashtra, a case was registered against Chitale and Nitin Bhawe, the purported author of the post shared by her, on a complaint lodged by an NCP leader.

In his tweet, Bhamre had said that the time has come to create "Baramati's Nathuram Godse for the Gandhi of Baramati". He had, however, not mentioned the name of any

Bhamre has been charged under Indian Penal Code (IPC) sections 153 (A) (promoting enmity between different groups), 500 (defamation), 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace), 506 (criminal intimidation), he added.

Earlier, NCP leader Anand Paranjpe had lodged a complaint against Bhamre at Naupada police station in Thane city, following which a case was registered against him. Maharashtra ministers and NCP leaders Jitendra Awhad and Chhagan Bhujbal called for strict action against Chitale. "In Maharashtra, our youth will go to at least 100-200 police stations to register offence. He is the father of the family - that is NCP. He is everything for us and such hideous comments are made about him and that too by a woman!" Awhad told a news channel.

Some NCP leaders also sought to link the BJP and the RSS for such remarks being made against Pawar on social media.

NCP spokesperson Clyde Crasto said the actor had learnt from Maharashtra BJP leaders that the best way to get "cheap and free publicity" is to make derogatory statements against Pawar.

"That criticism is condemnable. She should not engage in such a criticism," Maharashtra State Women's Commission chairperson Rupali Chakankar told reporters in Nagpur.

Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) chief Raj Thackeray also condemned Chitale, saying "such writing" does not have a place in the culture of Maharashtra. Such writing is "not a tendency, but wickedness" and it needs to be controlled promptly, he said in a statement issued on Twitter and Facebook.

"We have differences with them (Pawar) and those will be there. But it is quite wrong to come to such a hideous level. It needs to be told quite clearly that this is not Maharashtra's culture. To write something like this is not a tendency, but wickedness. It needs to be checked in time," he added.

Pawar said he didn't know the person (Chitale) and also have no idea about what you are saying (about the actress's post).

Asked about the post allegedly shared by Chitale on Facebook, the NCP chief told reporters that he didn't know about it.

The veteran leader further said it would not be right for him to comment on the issue until he learns what the actress had done.

grate service providers such as warehousing, shipping experts, third-party service providers, transporters and customs brokers with government agencies for a seamless flow of goods across regions.



In 2018, India dropped to 44th position on

Excise department allows 14 dance bars to resume business in Bhubaneswar
BHUBANESWAR: The Excise department has permitted 14 dance bars to resume business in the Capital City after two years as the State has been witnessing a drop in COVID-19 cases. Permission has been given to 14 IMFL on-shop licensees, which includes hotels and restaurants, for the remaining period of the financial year 2022-2023. These establishments under Bhubaneswar Excise district have been directed not to engage women below 21 years of age in musical/dance programmes or orchestra on their premises. The department has asked the dance bars to comply with its 18 point guidelines including to maintain a register and every day

World Bank's Logistics Performance Index (LPI) after it had jumped to 35th position in 2016 from 54th in 2014 largely due to the massive investment in mega projects like the Dedicated Freight Corridor, UDAN, Bharatmala, Sagarmala, and so on.

mention the names and address of the women reporting to work. As per the guidelines, the dance bars will have to verify the names, address and the citizenship of the women professionals engaged by them, and to obtain permission from the Commissionerate Police regarding using loudspeakers on their premises.

Deputy superintendent and inspector of Excise, Bhubaneswar, will visit these establishments to monitor whether the 18 point guidelines are being followed or not. The officers will submit a report every three days. In case of any violation, action will be initiated as per the law, the order said.

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Government sets up committee to create enabling eco-system to boost cruise tourism

MUMBAI: Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal on Saturday said the government has set up a high-level committee to create an enabling eco-system for the development of cruise tourism in the country. The committee comprises government officials and cruise industry players. Sonowal on Saturday inaugurated the first two-day International Cruise Conference being held here. Speaking to the media on the sidelines of the event, the minister said the government aims to make India the most attractive cruise tourism destination and the industry the world's largest one in the world. The Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways also informed that the gov-

ernment has set up a Task Force under the Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism and the Shipping secretary as its vice-chairman.



gestions, Sonowal told reporters. Emphasising that the purpose of the international conference is to make India a cruise tourism hub, the minister said the government will provide whatever modern infrastructure is required to attain the

objective. He also expressed hope that the state governments will also play their role in the promotion of the industry, which is from USD 110 million to USD 5.5 billion in the years to come, according to an official release. To boost the cruise tourism industry in

tial to grow 10 folds over the next decade, driven by rising demand and disposable incomes. "The government realises this potential foundation stone for the third Chemical berth at Pir Pau Jetty and remotely inaugurated Kelshi Lighthouse in the Ratnagiri district of Maharashtra. "Four theme-based coastal destination circuits, such as Gujarat Pilgrimage tours, West Coast - Cultural and scenic tours, South Coast - Ayurvedic wellness tours and East Coast - heritage tourism have been developed to activate cruise demand," said Naik while addressing the conference. "Lighthouse and Island development is also being undertaken to attract Coastal tourists while river cruise or inland cruise is another potential component of cruise tourism that could be explored," he added.

passengers per annum. Similar infrastructure up-gradation is taking place in Goa, New Mangalore, Kochi, Chennai, Visakhapatnam and Kolkata. Earlier, Sonowal along with his deputy Sripad Naik laid the

being carried out at seven major ports in the country, including the flagship New International Cruise terminal coming up in Mumbai with a total cost of about Rs 495 crore. Sonowal asserted that the Indian cruise market has the poten-

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ernment. But people are still in the dark as to whether the keys were found or not, and how the keys went missing. The Shree Mandir Heritage Corridor project aimed to transform the pilgrim town into a world class heritage site. A resolution was passed in the Odisha Legislative Assembly and Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik attended the Maha Yagna held at the beginning of the project. Puri's Gajapati Maharaja Dibyasingha Deb also joined the occasion and performed puja. The entire House agreed that the corridor project work should continue. Still there is controversy and cases are filed in lower courts to Orissa High Court while the VHP-backed Shree Mandir Surakshya Abhijan has also threatened to take the matter to the Supreme Court. The issue has also been raised in both Orissa Legislative Assembly and in the Lok Sabha. Though all support the developmental activities, majority of them do oppose the manner in which the works are being implemented. The doubts over the project originated when the administration dug 20 feet pits within 100 meters from the temple boundary wall, categorized as the Prohibited Zone according to the Ancient Monuments and Archeological Sites and Remains Act (AMASR), 1958. The doubts over the government's intention further intensified when Puri MP Pinaki Mishra informed the Parliament that only four toilets are being constructed in the Prohibited Zone and all the works are being done as per law of the hand. Mishra, however, in the face of criticism clarified that he could not mention about the clock rooms due to time constraints in the Lok Sabha. Critics expressed wonder as to why such pits were dug then. Bhubaneswar MP and BJP Leader Aparajita Sarangi took the lead and raised many questions on the intention of the government. She demanded declaration of names of the civil or archeological engineers who directed digging 20 feet pits in the prohibited zone. The visit of the Chief Secretary also added to the confusion when he told media that the corridor project work is being done in "coordination" with the ASI, which later on May 9 through an affidavit informed the Orissa High Court that no valid permission was accorded by it for undertaking massive excavation in the prohibited zone. The ASI's affidavit has also created doubt over the statement of Gajapati Maharaja of Puri Dibyasingha Deb, who had earlier claimed that the corridor project has not harmed the old shrine. The ASI, on the other hand in its 70-page affidavit said: "There is every possibility that the construction agency OBCC (Odisha Bridge Construction Company) during the excavation and removal of the earth might have destroyed the archaeological remains of the heritage site." The ASI further exposed the state government saying: "No heritage impact assessment studies have been conducted before commencement of the project. At several locations stratified deposits of about 15 to 20 feet have taken place, which has caused irreparable damage to the heritage site". The issues linked to the Puri corridor project seem endless. Every day, new issues are coming to the fore. Now after agreeing to shift the Shree Jagannath Reception Centre to a regulated zone, beyond 100-meter from the boundary wall, the local people have started agitating not to part with their homestead land further. Shree Jagannath Temple is being governed through a special legislation and the Department of Law manages the shrine. However, it seems the state has overlooked the temple issues, which is leading to confusion and controversy. The state government which has earned a name at international level for proper management of disasters like cyclones and rescuing Odisha's finance from bankruptcy, has failed to manage a temple, which is the epicenter of faith and the identity of Odisha. All the incidents linked to the Shree Jagannath Temple seem to be man-made and crores of people feel sorry for the faults of a handful of people, be it servitors, administration or the government. The question is not who commits mistakes, but whether the government gives priority to the temple issues. Shree Jagannath temple issues are as such complicated and cannot be solved with iron fists. It calls for application of mind and focused attention. This is high time that Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, also a heritage lover personally intervened and resolved the matter in order to transform Puri Dham as an international heritage site.

Wheat export ban will help crush attempts to hoard Indian wheat for price manipulation in global markets: Sources



NEW DELHI: The government's decision to ban wheat exports will help in crushing attempts by certain foreign players to hoard Indian wheat for price manipulation in global markets, according to sources. With this move, they said, India wants to ensure fair and proper use of its wheat stocks to address global needs, particularly of the neediest countries. "The ban will crush attempts to hoard In-

dian wheat for price manipulation. It will also counter food inflation," a source said. According to industry sources, Chinese traders were trying to manipulate the global market. Indian wheat will now go to the needy countries, they noted. India has banned wheat exports with immediate effect as part of measures to control rising domestic prices, according to an official notification.

However, the export shipments for which irrevocable letters of credit (LoC) have been issued on or before the date of this notification will be allowed, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) said in a notification dated May 13. It also clarified that wheat exports will be allowed on the basis of permission granted by the government to other countries to meet their food security needs and based on the request of their governments.

SBI net at Rs 9,114 crore, highest-ever quarterly gain

MUMBAI: SBI, the country's largest bank, posted its highest-ever quarterly profit at Rs 9,114 crore, a 41% YoY growth, in Q4 on the back of higher net interest income, which grew 15.3% year-on-year to Rs 31,198 crore. However, both numbers missed Street estimates, dragging down the stock by almost 5% to Rs 440.5 at closing. Domestic net interest margin (NIM), a key profitability measure, grew 29 bps on-year but was flat sequentially. Operating profit grew just 0.08% year-on-year but rose 6.45% sequentially to Rs 19717 crore. The figure that stood out was the 11% loan growth to Rs 28.19 lakh crore in Q4 from the year-ago quarter, driven by retail, personal loans (15.11% YoY) and foreign office advances (15.42% YoY). Home loans, nearly 23% of the bank's domestic advances grew by 11.54%. "We should continue to see the loan growth we have in the past both in corporate and retail," said Dinesh Khara, chairman, SBI. Deposits grew 10% to Rs 40.51 lakh crore with low cost or CASA deposits up 7.78% at Rs 17.75 lakh crore. Loan loss provisions at Rs 3,262 crore were down 67% YoY but up 5% sequentially. Asset quality improved with the

gross non-performing asset ratio declining 101 basis points (1.01 percentage) YoY and 53 bps sequentially to 3.97%. The net non-performing asset ratio declined 24% yoy and 19% sequentially to 1.02%. On the growth in NIM amid a turning interest rate cycle, Khara said the bank would be impacted positively as nearly 75% of its loan book was linked to the MCLR and external benchmarks like the repo rate. "The lending rate would rise first as they are linked to MCLR and EBLR and the deposit rate would move up with a lag, benefiting in terms of NIMs." Emami net profit up 303% at R354 cr NewDelhi: FMCG major, Emami on Friday, reported a 302% growth in consolidated net profit at Rs 354 cr for Q4FY22, compared to Rs 88 cr in the same quarter a year-ago. The company's revenue from operations rose by 5.4% YoY during the quarter to Rs 770.40 cr. EBIDTA remained flat at Rs 163.95 cr in Q4FY22, as against Rs 162.80 cr in Q4FY21. Firm's Vice-Chairman and MD Harsha Agarwal said it is now increasingly looking at D2C and eB2B segments and its investments in new-age startups are a step toward being present in the FMCG sector.

Tech Mahindra Q4 net profit up 39% Bengaluru: IT company Tech Mahindra on Friday posted a 39% increase in its consolidated net profit at Rs 1,506 crore for the quarter ended March 31, 2022. It reported Rs 1,081 crore in the same quarter last year. The company's profit beat the Street estimates. Its revenue from operations in the fourth quarter stood at Rs 12,116 crore, a 24% increase compared to Rs 9,730 crore in the year-ago period. For the full year, its revenue stood at Rs 44,646 crore, up 18% y-o-y and EBITDA at Rs 8,020 crore, up 17% y-o-y. BoB posts R1,779 cr profit in Q4 Mumbai: Bank of Baroda on Friday reported a standalone profit after tax of Rs 1,779 crore in Q4FY22, helped by higher interest income and fall in bad loans. The lender had a loss of Rs 1,047 crore in the year-ago period. In the last financial year, the bank posted a standalone net profit of Rs 7,272 crore compared to Rs 829 crore in 2020-21. "The year went as per the guidance we gave at the beginning of the year. Our thought was that we should grow as per market and also protect our margins because liquidity was abundant," the bank statement said.

Vegetable oil imports fall 13% in April

NEW DELHI: Imports of vegetable oils, comprising edible and non-edible, have fallen 13% to nearly 9.12 lakh tonne during April, shows industry data. The Solvent Extractors' Association of India (SEA) said the import of vegetable oils is reported at 9,11,846 tonne in April 2022, compared to 10,53,347 tonne in April 2021. During November '21 to April '22 nearly 11.10 lakh tonne of sunflower oil was imported by India, mainly from Ukraine, Russia and Argentina, the association said adding that as Ukraine has banned the export of sunflower oil, its import in April stood at 54,426 tons only. As it is a key ingredient for food processing industries, it is expected to further escalate cost of products and impact margins of consumer companies. Consumers, they may have to bear the brunt of ever-rising price hikes of several goods like

biscuits, noodles, and soaps, among others. "High prices of sunflower oil in the international market and lesser availability and high domestic prices have shrunk the demand and consumption of sunflower oil in India," SEA said. Indonesia has also banned the export of palm oil from 28th April 2022, which says the association, has queered the pitch and make life difficult for hapless consumers across the world. India imports about 6,00,000-6,50,000 tonnes of palm oil per month from Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand and other countries. Recently, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said that India is exploring new markets to import edible oil amid disruption in supplies from Ukraine and Indonesia. The two countries account for about 65% of India's total annual edible oil imports.

History beckons as India take on formidable Indonesia in Thomas Cup Final

BANGKOK: Brimming with confidence, India will again look to punch above their weight when they run into 14-time winners Indonesia in the final of Thomas Cup here on Sun-

versals to come on top of their opponents. Going into the final, India will look to prove that it possess the wherewithal to pull the rugs from under the feet of their fancied rivals.



day, seeking to create history one more time. Given their formidable record, defending champions Indonesia have been the team to beat in the competition, but the Indian men's team has shown its mettle by bringing down mighty Malaysia and Denmark to make its first-ever final at the prestigious tournament. It was a historic moment for the unheralded Indian team as despite the odds, it never lacked in self belief and displayed exemplarily mental fortitude to recover twice from initial re-

Stan Wawrinka pulls out of Geneva Open with injury

GENEVA: Stan Wawrinka's comeback win in 15 months on Monday in Rome,



back trail hit a stumbling block on Friday after he pulled out of next week's Geneva Open tennis tournament with an injury. The Swiss three-time Grand Slam champion secured his first

having missed most of 2021 with a foot injury that required two surgeries. However, following his defeat to top seed Novak Djokovic in the Italian Open quarter-finals on Thurs-

day, he told Geneva organisers that he would not be able to take part.

The 37-year-old, who has seen his world ranking drop to 361, had been given a wildcard to play before home fans on the Geneva clay, the week before the French Open.

"It's a disappointment because obviously we are in Switzerland, he won the tournament twice, he was the ambassador of the tournament for the first

three years after it returned to Geneva," tournament director Thierry Grin told AFP.

"Unfortunately he is injured. It happens." The 28-man event will see world number two Daniil Medvedev return to action following hernia surgery last month.

Last year's winner Casper Ruud, runner-up Denis Shapovalov and Reilly Opelka are the other top 20 players taking part.

Rohit, Pant, Rahul, Bumrah to be rested for SA series; Dhawan and Pandya in line for captaincy

NEW DELHI: Many seniors including captain Rohit Sharma and KL Rahul are all set to be rested for the upcoming five-match T20 series against South Africa, with an eye on the marquee tour of England in July.

Besides, the national selection committee is also set to excuse Jasprit Bumrah and Rishabh Pant from the engagements against the Proteas.

It is understood that veteran opener Shikhar Dhawan and all-rounder Hardik Pandya, who has impressed one and all with his captaincy for Gujarat Titans in IPL-15, are in reckoning for the leadership role for both South Africa and the short two-match T20I series against Ireland. The T20 rubber against the Proteas will start in the national capital on June 9 with the remaining matches being held at Cuttack, Visakhapatnam, Rajkot and Bengaluru respectively.

The squad for the SA series is likely to be selected on May 22 -- the last day of the league phase of this edition of IPL -- in Mumbai.

The PTI has already reported that an out-of-form Virat Kohli will also be given a much-needed break but it is understood that for the selectors as well as the BCCI, the tour of England starting early July is paramount.

"All the senior India players will get at least three and half weeks of complete rest. Rohit, Virat, KL, Rishabh and Jasprit will all directly go to England for the 'fifth Test' following the white-ball series. We need all our key players to remain fresh for the England series," a senior BCCI source privy to the development told PTI on the condition of anonymity.

As a part of workload management, all the senior all-format players will not be part of the next seven T20 Internationals.

Asked about captaincy, the source said: "The selectors have a couple of choices. Shikhar Dhawan, as he has already captained India in absence of Virat, Rohit and Rahul during last

year's Sri Lanka series. But Hardik Pandya's impressive captaincy for Gujarat Titans hasn't gone unnoticed. So it will be a close call," he added.

Mohsin Khan could pip Umran Malik in SA squad

While Umran Malik has generated considerable excitement with his 150 kmph plus pace, there is a feeling that he is too raw and time with the India A team could help him develop better.

While he remains in the mix with death overs specialist Arshdeep Singh, the man who is emerging as a 'Dark Horse' is Lucknow Super Giants' left-arm bowler Mohsin Khan.

"Our pace bowling department is set and selectors might not experiment too much," he said. "But yes, Mohsin has impressed almost everyone with his pace, bounce and swing in this edition. He does have a chance. Having said that, not ruling out Umran or Arshdeep either, but Mohsin might just be slightly ahead," he added. It is understood that most of the players who recently played in the T20 series against Sri Lanka and the West Indies are set to be retained irrespective of their current IPL form.

Obviously Suryakumar Yadav or Ravindra Jadeja's injury needs to be factored in and Deepak Chahar will also not be available. The likes of Rituraj Gaikwad, Ishan Kishan, Shreyas Iyer, Deepak Hooda along with Dhawan and Hardik are set to form the core of the batting unit.

Sanju Samson could also be retained and there could be at the max one left-field selection in the squad.

In the pace bowling unit, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Prasidh Krishna, Harshal Patel, Avesh Khan are all certainties, along with the IPL's stellar spin duo of Ravichandran Ashwin and Yuzvendra Chahal. Kuldeep Yadav is also expected to make the cut.

account of themselves during their losses against Malaysia and Denmark.

The Indian think-tank is likely to bring back MR Arjun and Dhruv Kapila as the second doubles pair for the final.

The duo has played two matches in round robin with one win and one loss.

World number 9 Lakshya Sen, who was laid low by food poisoning at the start of the tournament, has played well in patches but couldn't provide a positive start in the last two outings. On Sunday, Sen is likely to go up against world number 4 Anthony Sinisuka Ginting and the Indian will take inspiration from his last performance against the Indonesian, whom he easily dismantled in straight games at German Open in March.

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Srikanth is expected to face world number 8 Jonatan Christie, who has been in red-hot form with title win at Swiss Open and runners-up finishes at Korea Open and Badminton Asia Championships.

The Indian has a 4-5 record against Christie but he comes into the match after suffering losses in two close matches against the Indonesian this year and would be itching to set the record straight this time.

If the match goes down to the wires then Prannoy, who had battled pain after twisting his ankle to take the team home, will again be summoned and he is likely to cross swords with world number 24 Shesar Hiren Rhustavito.

Prannoy, currently ranked 23rd in the world, has a 2-0 record against the Indonesian but he

hasn't played the youngster in the last five years.

"We have a quite balanced team, the doubles are contributing immensely. All the players have played exceptionally well and pulled out matches from close situations. So I feel we have a 50-50 chance against Indonesia," former India coach Vimal Kumar, who is with the team, told PTI.

"The playing conditions are very different here, there is a lot of drift in the hall, so players who adjust well will have a better chance of getting success. That is the key.

"Also there is added pressure on Indonesia, which is an advantage for us as we have nothing to lose. We are not under pressure like the Chinese, Indonesians or Danish and that helps," he added.

Indonesia possess some of the best doubles shuttlers with three players of the world's top two pairs -- Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo, Mohammad Ahsan and Hendra Setiawan -- in their ranks in this competition.

They also have the world number 7 combination of Fajar Alfian and Muhammad Rian Ardianto and it will be an uphill task for India to take the doubles matches.

Chirag and Satwik, however, had beaten Sukamuljo and Ahsan at the 2018 Asia Team Championships and with Danish legend Mathias Boe by their side, they will fancy their chances.

"Indonesia have a lot of choices in doubles with many players of similar levels, so they can try out different combinations. They are all experienced guys and have done well but I am hopeful," Vimal said.



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