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Kolkata (KCN): Merchants' Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MCCI) organised Defence Conclave 2022 on the theme "Atma Nirbhar Defence - Opportunities Challenges and the way forward" on 24th May 2022 in Kolkata. The conclave was organised with an objective



of bringing prominent Policy Makers and Industry Captains together for meaningful dis-



cussions and deliberations on the current trends and future prospects of the Indian defence industry.

Youth shot dead near Sri Jagannath Temple

BHUBANESWAR/PURI(KCN): In a shocking incident, a situation in Puri ahead of the Rath Yatra.



21-year-old youth was shot dead barely a hundred metres from the Lion's Gate of Sri Jagannath Temple on Tuesday evening, indicating a dipping law and order

At about 8 pm, the miscreant opened fire at the victim, later identified as Sibaram Patra, in front of Kakudikhai Temple. Hearing the gun shots, people ran

India today has one of the world's largest standing Army with the strength of over 1.4



Mr Satya Tripathy, Chairman, KISS Presenting a odia Pattachitra to POPE in Vatican City

Puri Seer Slams Govt

Puri(KCN): Puri Shankaracharya Swami Nischalananda Saraswati on Wednesday slammed the State Government over the ongoing Shree Mandir Parikrama Prakalp (Heritage Corridor Project) in the pilgrim town of Puri.

Raising voice against the project, the Puri Seer said there should be destruction of heritage in the name of the development. The shrine shouldn't be turned into a picnic spot in the name of the beautification project, he said. "It is the responsibility of the State Administration to ensure that a place of pilgrimage is not converted into a centre of amusement and pleasure," the Seer said.

"We support development but we are not in favour of elimination of the existence of pilgrim sites in the name of development. Mutts are being demolished in the name of widening of roads which is not acceptable," he further said.

The idols of the deities were also evicted and the process is still underway. It will invite the ire of the deities and the people of this State will face the consequences, the seer said.

Stating Puri is the pilgrimage capital of Odisha, the Shankaracharya said the Govern-

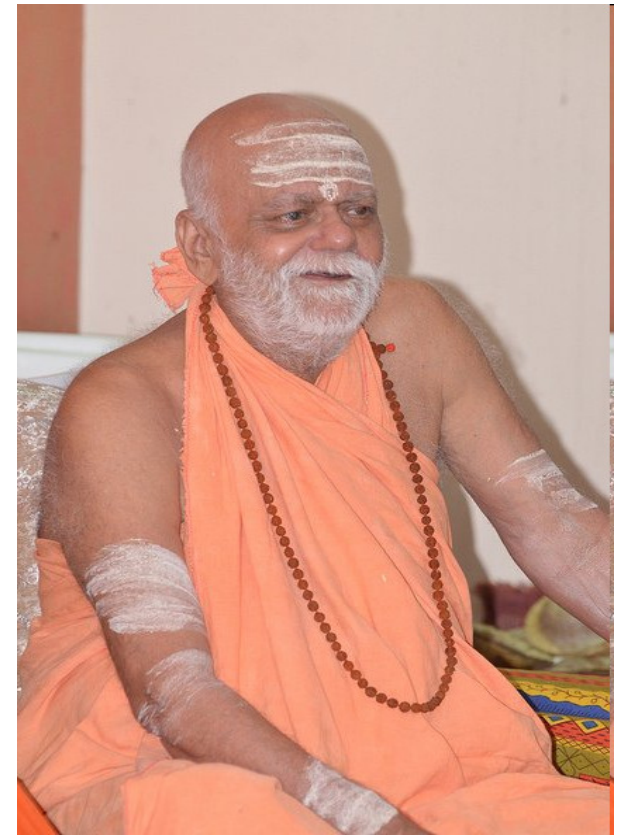
CM Patnaik launches Olympic values programme in Odisha schools

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Tuesday launched the novel Olympic Values Education Programme (OVEP) that aims to combine the twin powers of education and sport in instilling the core values of Olympism among children. The OVEP will be implemented in 90 schools of the State. The programme has already been started as a pilot project in Rourkela and Bhubaneswar and will be expanded to other schools in the coming days.

Stating that this will be the beginning of new Olympic movement in the country, the Chief Minister said that through this program children will experience and benefit from the values of excellence, friendship, and respect. OVEP is based on the Olympic philosophy

that learning takes place through the balanced development of body and mind. The Chief Minister said that sports is an important part of the

ment should not turn this Tapobhumi into a



Bhogobhumi. The Puri beach has already turned into a drinking

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DMF used politically, says Pradhan

BRAJRAJNAGAR(KCN): Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Tuesday trained guns on the State government over District Mineral Foundation (DMF) fund.



Addressing a public meeting at Bagmunda in Lakhanpur while campaigning for BJP candidate Radharani Panda ahead of Brajrajnagar bypoll, Pradhan alleged that the DMF fund has ceased to serve its purpose as the State government is misusing it. The funds are being distributed on political basis and not a single work carried out without commission, he claimed. "This will

change in the mining belt of Brajrajnagar if Radharani is voted to power in the bypoll," he told the gathering.

Pradhan further claimed that Brajrajnagar has been grossly neglected by the BJD government in its 22-year rule in the State. Odisha and many parts of the country have been illuminated due to the record production of coal in Brajrajnagar area. But unfortunately, job opportunities continue to elude the locals while basic amenities have not been proportionately developed in the area. The health sector is also in disarray, he said.

Stating that Hirakud dam was completed due to the sacrifice of people of Lakhanpur and Brajrajnagar, he said Odisha is now saved from floods due to construction of the barrage over Mahanadi river. Highlighting the welfare schemes of the Union government, Pradhan said in Jharsuguda, 28,676 houses have been completed under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Rural. CONTINUED ON: P-7



State's vision for education and personality development of students. Odisha is emerging as a major sports hub in India and will continue to lead in this sector through its partnerships. He thanked the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for partnering with the Odisha government for excellence in

for development of sports in Odisha. He said that these partnerships will make a significant contribution towards holistic development of school children. Joining the programme, chairperson of the IOC Education Commission Mikaela C. Jaworski said that sport is a powerful tool of change which formal

education may not necessarily bring about. Olympics movement can contribute significantly to society, she said and added, this programme will be integrated in school syllabus. Batra said this movement will instill the values of sports in education, will create respect for cultural diversity. "With this unique movement, Odisha will create example for other states," he said. Expressing her happiness to be associated with the programme, she said. CONTINUED ON: P-7

The Conquest of heart the real conquest

Thrilling sanguinity, sanguine for the conquest,
The Mauryan emperor, the grandson of Chandra Gupta.
The son of Bindusara, the Magadha ruler, avarice for wealth
invaded,
The only invulnerable kingdom full of prosperity for trade.

Severe fight between the armies of infantry, cavalry and elephants,
The river Daya ocular witness to brutal thrilling and horrifying
war.
Fought each to the last breath for victory, commanded by the
rulers,
The Magadha emperor saw the victory through blood flowing in
the river.

The Kingdom Kalinga replete with innumerable material property,
Trade to foreign islands, Java, Malaya and Celon.
Enviably wealth precipitated Magadha king belligerent,
Culminated with horrifying war brutal and inhuman.

Fight became severe with horrible sound of striking swords,
Threat to the lives of soldiers inevitable.
Battlefield stained with blood wet with blood and drenched with
blood,
Soldiers, horses and elephants lay on the horrible ground.

Father and grandfather failed to conquer,
The land of wealth, an invulnerable kingdom.
The son Ashok took the vow to conquer Kalinga,
At the cost of blood and martyrdom.
Kalinga soldiers fought severely,
With the powerful and matchless Magadha army.

My Girl Freind

Ram Krishna Biswal

Her majesty is parity
Does not like Publicity
She lives in calm & quite
Her name is Sukanti

Her name is Sukanti
Her nature is Simplicity
Character is her guarantee
Family is her Identity
She is Heal & Hearty
Her name is Sukanti



Character is her responsibility
Really she has no vanity
She has a great utility
Does duty with regularity
Her name is Sukanti

She is full of Quality
Having no modernity
Her heart is full of Pity
She likes me hearty
Her name is Sukanti....
MI/23, Kalinga Vihar Rourkela

As a goddess Almighty
Indian by nationality
She herself is her security
She is my Hearty

Kalingas fought with valour,
Perished at last following "do or die".

Mr. Radha Shyam Jena



The war culminated with ineffable and horrible scene,
Crying of innocent orphans, children, widows, childless parents
mourning.
Rolling of the injured soldiers with their painful crying,
The stony heart of the Magadha Emperor started bewailing.
Cruel heart of the emperor immersed in heavy grief,
Bruised with pain of brutal dead for demonic desire.
Replete with perturbed heart and bewildered mind,
Search for penance through service to the mankind.

Encounter with a woman broken with tears like torrential rain,
For loss of her father, husband and son in the battle.
Asked her desire with pledge to be fulfilled by him,
Oh, emperor can you give my son alive lying dead on my lap.

Helpless, unable to enliven a dead body to wipe the trickling
tears,
Despite his power, position, wealth as an emperor of Magadha.
Eyes of heart filled with tears, unable to console his soul,
Surrendered to Lord Buddha for solace with belief
"The conquest of heart, the real conquest".

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Only Fear..in

Sabyasachi Nazrul

Hard times are distracting restless,
just restless tired,
There is no great luck of the
peoples today!
Human-eater vampires, bad
people hide their face behind
masks,
Non-existent, inhumanity,
Forgetting the address ;
Good works, good man in
questionus!

When the destinations have
merged in the air,
I am running day and night,
Breaking the waves in all the un-
marked voids.

Where are the man who safe the
humanity!

I want to get rid of Amanisha's
whole and live like myself,

Where can I get such security, safe
shelter?

Survive in the heat if the day,
This is not here!
I sneeze in the cold, coughing
brother;
There is no light anywhere!
Darkness is all around.

It is a great responsibility to be
able to unravel the truth by hid-
ing the twist of falsehood,
On the poisonous scotch tape!
Helpless scrambling, screaming,
shouting, suffocation.

In difficult times,
The real identity is hidden in the
midst of acting in a strange desti-
nation ;

Win-lose, fear is just fear..

Quotation of the Day

All power
is within
you; you
can do
anything
and
everything.



In the city of your love

Madhu Subedi

Era has gone crazy now

To the path of power
and treasure to be crowned,

Who can understand
your inner wounds

I'm also injured in the city
of love all around!



Buds of sympathy is getting
shredded with painful emotion

when starts to bloom for
happiness in this calamities,

So fragrance of life is
shrinking day by day

between human and humanity!

Now It's an excuse

the decree of amour and devotion

don't find me anymore

in your dream of hope,

Desires of this heart

have been evicted

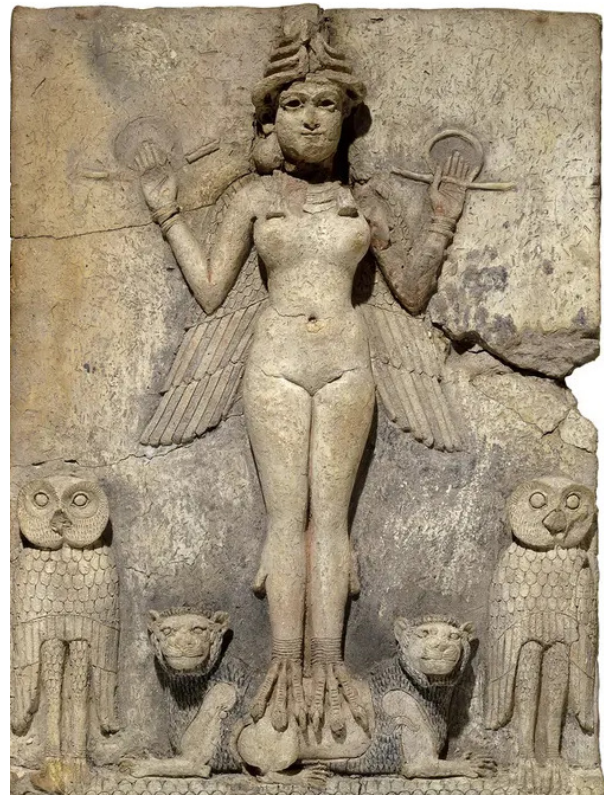
in the city of your love!!

How fear, sex and power shaped ancient mythology

In the 1st Century, bathers in the city of Bath who suffered the ignominy of having their clothes stolen while they were enjoying a soak knew exactly who to call upon for help. The goddess Sulis, who presided over the hot baths, cold baths and glistening plunge pools of the Roman complex, was known principally for her ability to heal, but she also had a remarkable capacity for vengeance. More than 100 ancient curse tablets have been excavated from her spring, many of them featuring strong-worded pleas for the goddess to punish those who'd made off with other people's possessions. Thieves beware.

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- Sulis is just one of a number of goddesses who feature in an ambitious new exhibition, *Feminine Power*, at the British Museum in London. Examining the prominence of female deities and figures



of reverence from six continents across thousands of years, the show is as rich in scope as it is in divine faces. Sharing the gallery with Sulis, a local manifestation of the Roman goddess Minerva, is everyone from the Egyptian deity Sekhmet to the Hindu Kali, the Japanese Kannon and the Mexican Coatlicue.

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The painted clay relief Queen of the Night (circa 1750 BCE) from Iraq is exhibited at the new show *Feminine Power* at the British Museum (Credit: Trustees of the British Museum)

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It is striking how many of these goddesses have been worshipped for seemingly contradictory qualities. Just as Sulis was credited with powers of healing as well as powers of exacting revenge, so Inanna of ancient Mesopotamia was viewed as a goddess of both sex and war. An early hymn describes her as a dread deity who brings death to men on the battlefield and mourning to the households they leave behind. In other writings, she is celebrated for the sexual potency she inspires in mortals she favours. Sumerian kings did their best to combine the best of both worlds by envisaging themselves as sleeping with Inanna in order to attain her protection in war. This was, perhaps in part, a way of tempering their fears of her authority.

The Roman goddess Venus overstepped the accepted boundaries with particular aplomb

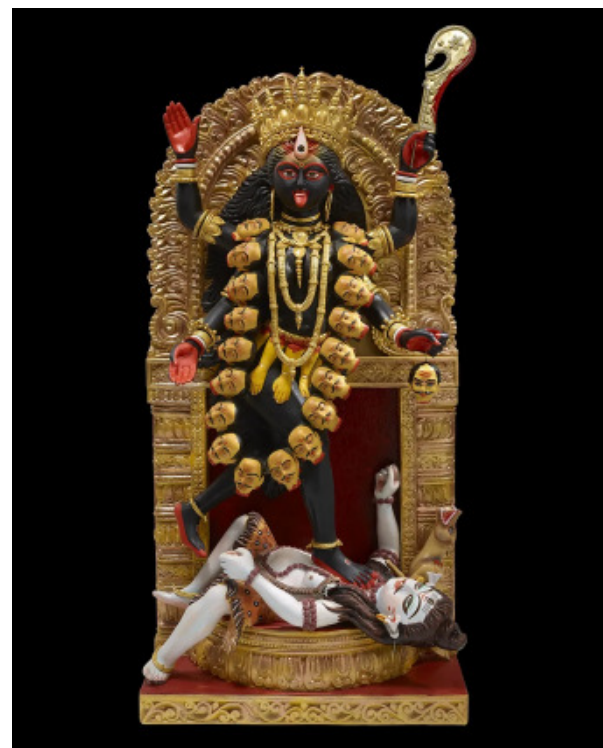
The ability of goddesses to cross societal boundaries established between the sexes on Earth was one of the main things that elevated them above most mortal women. Inanna, who was credited with the power to transform men into women, and women into men, was sometimes even described as if she herself were male. Professor Mary Beard, one of five guest contributors to the exhibition, observes in her prologue to the show's catalogue that the Greek goddess of wisdom Athena similarly had "martial attributes that fundamentally conflict with Greek concepts of female gender".

The Roman goddess Venus overstepped the accepted boundaries with particular aplomb. Like Inanna, she found a place in men's hearts on the battlefield as well as in the bedroom. Mary Beard explains: "It's Venus and the unswayable, unstoppable power of desire that in a way brings Rome its military victories." Julius Caesar claimed to be a descendent of Venus via her son Aeneas, hero-turned-refugee of the Trojan War, and placed the goddess prominently on some of his coinage. Later leaders, too, looked back to Roman goddesses almost as a hallmark of their authority. Minerva was depicted in the presence of Wellington and Napoleon as well as Queen Elizabeth I.

The ancient goddess Kali Murti represents time, doomsday and death (Credit: Trustees of the Brit-

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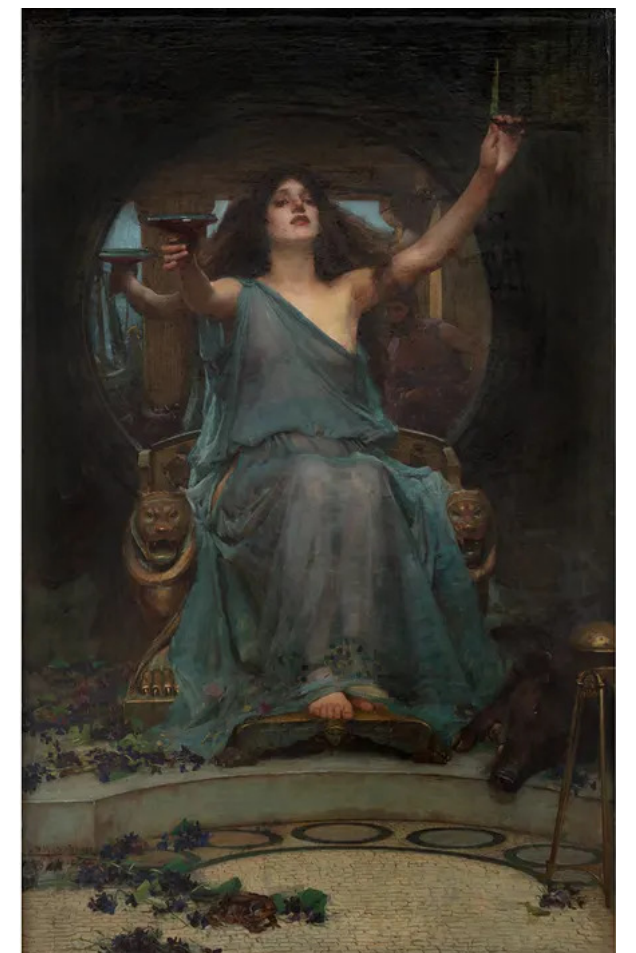


British Museum)

The idea that female figures of power have been more important to women throughout history than to men is certainly belied. Amenhotep, a Pharaoh of the 18th dynasty in Egypt, went so far as to commission a vast quantity of sculptures of Sekhmet for his mortuary temple on the Nile, in the belief that she would help ward off pestilence and plague. And men were responsible for making at least some of the cult statues and artworks of goddesses that still survive today. Belinda Crerar, lead curator of the exhibition, tells BBC Culture, "In a lot of cases, we don't know exactly who was making the objects. We tend to assume they were made by men, but this was not necessarily the case. In the first section of the exhibition there's a bronze dish, probably made in Birmingham, and decorated by women." These stories had agency because feminine power was intrinsic to man's conception of our planet. In Hinduism, Shiva's wife, Sati, was believed to become part of the physical universe after she died. Her body fell in pieces across the landscapes below, inspiring the foundation of the Kamakhya Temple in Assam, on the very spot her vulva was said to have settled. Still today, a festi-

val is held here in monsoon season. Worshippers gaze in wonder as the natural spring turns red with the seepage of iron oxide. It is as if the goddess were menstruating. In an 1891 painting by John William Waterhouse, Circe offers a cup to Ulysses (Credit: Gallery Oldham)

In an 1891 painting by John William Waterhouse, Circe offers a cup to Ulysses (Credit: Gallery Oldham) As important as these modes of worship are, one can't help but feel that men have endowed female deities with powers beyond their human counterparts to illustrate why female rule on Earth would be disas-



trous. While the Egyptian Sekhmet was upheld for her life-giving potential, like Shri-Lakshmi and Demeter, she could also deliver destruction. It was said that she was sent to plunder the Earth after mortals rebelled against her father, the sun god, Ra. Sekhmet did as she was told but got carried away. Ra was so ashamed by her bloodlust that he recalled her. Sekhmet would not give up. The only way Ra could stop her in her tracks was by disguising alcohol as blood so that she would become too inebriated to continue.

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Veteran Film Director N Chandra to be Awarded 'Lifetime Achievement Award' in the Rajasthan International Film Festival-2022

Jaipur (KCN, Sanjay Sharma Raj): The 8th Rajasthan International Film Festival



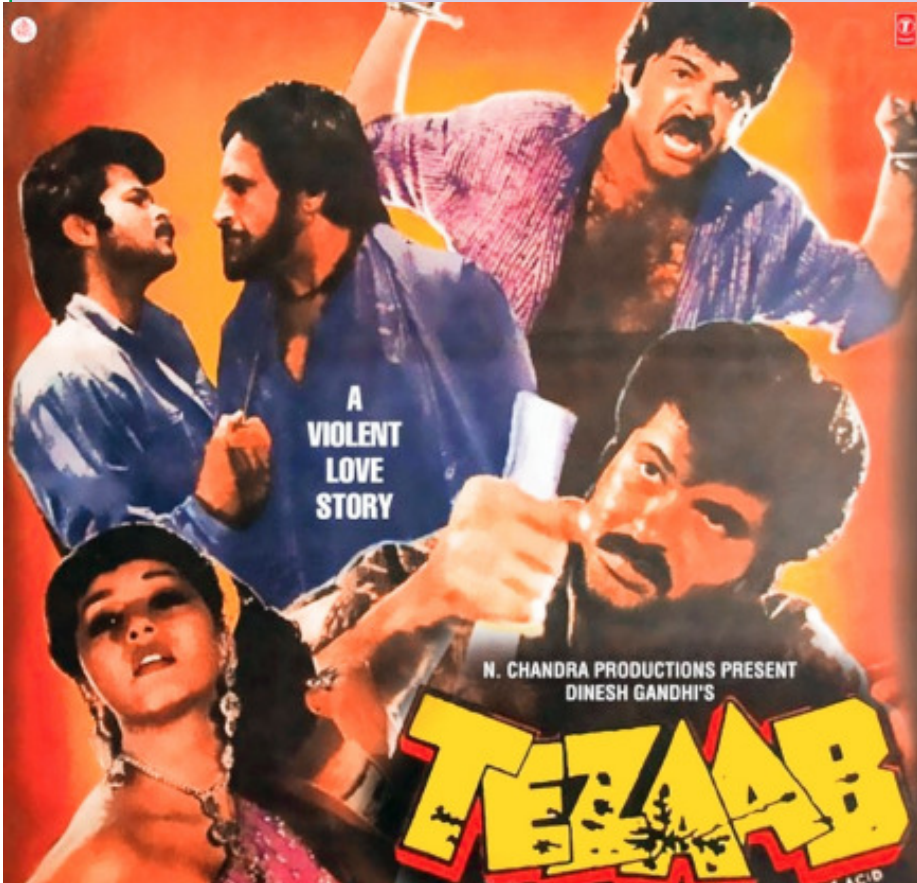
edition of the Rajasthan International Film Festival (RIFF) will be organized by RIFF Film

given to such a personality in the film industry who has dedicated his whole life to the cinema. Chandrashekhar Narvekar (N Chandra) is an Indian producer, writer and director who is known for crisp realism in his early Dark and Loud films. His most successful commercial films are 'Ankush' starring Nana Patekar, 'Pratighaat' starring Sujata Mehta and Nana Patekar, 'Tezaab' starring Anil Kapoor and Madhuri Dixit and 'Narasimha' starring Sunny Deol and Dimple Kapadia. The filmography of N

'Xcuse Me', 'Kagaar: Life on the Edge' and 'Ye Mera India' etc. After his schooling, N Chandra began his career as a film edi-

career, leading to films by Raj Ghosla, BR Chopra and Ravi Tandon. Gradually, N Chandra continued to grow as a film editor

Film Awards 2019 (which were awarded in 2021). Anshu Harsh, the Managing Trustee of RIFF Film Club said



Club from 25-30th March 2022 and will also celebrate Rajasthan Diwas. Somendra Harsh, Founder & Festival Director of the

Producer and Director Chandrashekhar Narvekar (N Chandra) at the 8th Rajasthan International Film Festival (RIFF). This award is

tor at the Film Center in Tardeo, Mumbai, where his father also worked. He started his film career as an assistant editor in Sunil Dutt's film 'Reshma Aur Shera' in 1969. He got a break in the film industry as a clapper boy in Gulzar's 'Parichay' (1972). N Chandra worked as an assistant editor with Pran Mehra, Vaman Bhosle and Guru Dutt early in his

and assistant director. N Chandra has been a member of the Governing Council of the Film and Television Institute of India, Pune. Along with this, he has also been the Chairman of the jury of Indian Panorama of 2010 and 2011 and was also included in the Indian Film Entry Jury for Oscars in 2006 and 2011. He was also the Chairman of the Jury at the 67th National

that "In this 8th edition of the Rajasthan International Film Festival (RIFF) Short, Documentary, Animation, Feature, Regional, Rajasthani films as well as music albums can be submitted by visiting the website www.riffjaipur.org and also by filmfreeway. The next deadline to submit the film is 31st January 2022."

Decoupled, dissonance, and deja vu: Madhavan, Surveen Chawla on marriages and more

At the outset, Netflix's latest release, Decoupled, might seem like the antithesis of love and romance because it tracks a broken marriage, and how worse romantic life can get. And yet, the glimmers of love and hope shared by Madhavan's Arya and Surveen's Shruti is the lifeline of this series. "I liked the take on splitting up. It is normal for people to grow apart. Not all splitting or divorces need to be about something dramatic. There is both a real image and a projected image in a marriage/relationship, and when there is a vast difference in what we are and we are projecting, all that remains is our intent to be together," says a sagely Madhavan tapping into his 22 years of marriage. In this conversation with Cinema Express, he is joined by an equally philosophical Surveen Chawla as they discuss marriages, literally and metaphorically.

Excerpts:
Marriage of their real and onscreen selves
Surveen Chawla (SC): Playing Shruti was so much fun. There were times when it felt like I was talking to my real-life husband, and not Madhavan's Arya. It was not about the manner of speech, but simply about the way both conduct themselves. The relatability factor is that the basic issues faced by this couple are things we might have experienced. Just because there is relatability, it doesn't mean all couples have to end up like Shruti and Arya. Relationships are always a work in progress.
Madhavan (M): There were so many instances

that were well-written; I could see such fights erupting between my wife, Saritha, and me. When you are really fond of each other, the intensity of arguments flares up. But the difference between a marriage that works and one that doesn't is that once this argument is done, any residual anger will not seep into the next conversation. The power equation is reset after every disagreement, and this was written beautifully in the series too. This resetting of the power equation between Shruti and Arya is what gives us the hope that this couple might actually work. I thought it was mature, and it was a great insight into the marriages of today.

Marriage between thinking and acting languages
SC: Having the same acting and thinking language can make all the difference to our performances. Although we are fluent in other languages, English has been the thinking language for both Madhavan and me. The pauses, the commas, the casualness... everything is effortlessly translated from our minds to our dialogues. When I am thinking in English and delivering lines in another, it runs the risk of becoming dialogue-y. Also, points to Hardik Mehta (director) and Manu Joseph (writer) for allowing me to put down on paper what Surveen was thinking as Shruti. They gave us the liberty and scope for improvisation.
M: My son Vedanth gave me a huge nod of approval and not only felt that the show looked trendy but was also candid about how the En-

glish we spoke didn't feel forced. To be honest, I haven't done anything like this before. Our language of communication at home was English, and we wanted it to have the flow in which the language is spoken in our country.

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Marriage between the content and audience
SC: We are not regional actors anymore. In fact, we are global actors and not just pan-Indian. The pandemic propelled the OTT movement, and it has definitely taken centre stage. The world itself has shrunk, and it is important to have the right team and trust them to make the right decisions. But more than anything else, the end game is really the content we are doing. For now, I honestly don't have a preference about the kind of release as long as I am doing the content I love to do.
M: We have to decide if the content is worthy of the format it chooses to be presented in, and that choice has become paramount for the success of the content. Secondly, with experience, it does become an easy and informed choice. There is no way I could make Breathe into a film. Thirdly, having stepped away from the industry for a long time, I am more in touch with what people really want. Kids are now watching anime because they care more about relationships than the VFX. In this pandemic, people don't want to watch morbidity anymore. So, when I read a script and depending on the place where I am in my life, I see if I am able to relate to it. If yes, and then the team is a solid one, I am completely committed to the film/series.
Marriage between reality and social media personas



Idea of India - from Union of states to nation

There have been attempts aplenty to differentiate the existence and the idea



that India represents from multiple angles. The controversial one that has gained prominence in the recent days is to

narrate the idea which is India, as a union of states. And they, who confirm to be convinced to call India a Union of states, are totally against the idea of a nation. They take the constitution as the rock base document to define this argument and take instances of integration of different princely states into the national administration, post independence. From a peripheral view this argument appears to gain currency. But the ethnicity of a landscape that remained a geographically united cultural entity for millennia loses its charm as the arguments to establish it as a union of states to what the constitution defines it for the sake of administrative ease. Can the constitution discover or at least define the soul of a nation, particularly a country such as India which owns a great tradition of cultural upbringing that it cherished beyond the modern boundaries. This needs a seriously genuine debate. Beyond politics, a civilizational aspect which is dormant behind the existence of a country remains a reality and attempts to break it for petty momentary gains are dangerous.

Centuries of invasions and the scars that they brought to the collective psyche get revamped every generation. Probably, as a country we were successful in glorifying the brutality that the invasion had on this land and

the invaders are still eulogised to

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be heroes. At present, the majoritarianism which is aggressively blamed and debated across the country has mostly been an output of the historical brutalities and the rejections and denials that followed in an independent India by deliberately concealing the struggles and hardships to counter the invasions. A new generation, ignorant of the historicity of bravery that its ancestors fought with, against the brutal invading force is natural to dig deeper into the concealed realities and excavate the debris of its lost identity. To understand India, it is necessary to go beyond the politically discovered concept of 'union of states' and embrace the cultural ethos that enshrined in the soul of India, and avoiding which, not only the present generation, but the generations to come would also remain confused and incompetent to sublimate the rigidity with which we distorted the idea that India represents.

Rahul Gandhi's subjugating remarks by accentuating and projecting India as a mere conglomeration of states naturally puts his intelligence into test and reveals the depth of his ignorance on the cultural dimensions which he failed to study. To reduce a living civilizational reality to a civic nation cannot be wholesome but a futile practice to assess the land in terms of its geological components and give it a mere political image. The civilization that India represented for almost five thousand years remains indisputably accurate and the global community accepts and appreciates its Vedic heritage. The hatred that we spew out on a daily basis, especially between the

Hindus and the Muslims is mainly

due to the ignorance and the confusion of what, as a country India stands for or a deliberate and a well calibrated conspiracy for not paying attention to the spiritual essence which we inherited from our ancestry irrespective of the religious differences. India's contribution to pluralism and multiculturalism has been so solid that every religious ideology could successfully find its place to flourish though some of them landed with sword and acrimony. This cannot be understood with a Semitic arrogance and the veracity of India being truly secular has not come through a constitutional injection. It cannot survive naturally without being secular as its basic cultural outlook is secular, accepting all the different views and extracting the best in them. This was the reason why India never found joy in entering any other territory by force or expanding its land though it had been connected with a large part of the world socially, economically and culturally for centuries. It is true that a political entity, to call India, came into existence after 1947 but its constitutional values such as respecting the diversity and democratic principles always existed here well before it became a British colony. The geographical existence of India being a glorious land was found in Vedic literature and probably, nobody, except those from the ancient times deserve the royalty for the discovery of the secular essence that India stands for. So India never existed as a mere conglomeration of boundaries, but a Rashtra - a nation which is a civilizational entity per se.

What we own today is the fallacy that our intellect has been deliberately engraved on. An attempt to define the idea of India as a mere geographical landscape, politically alive by the mercy of a constitutional mechanism would be the repetition of a historical wrong and what we frequently miss out is the nationalism which should have been essentially strengthened by the ancient spiritual wisdom. The widening distance and disagreements between religions in India is sure to exercise its precariousness when it comes to the existence of a nation. Digging up the past could not have happened, if the past was documented for the future generations with genuineness. From Babri to Gyanvapi the reason that is playing out behind all the irrational controversies is the partiality with which the history was codified, extolling somebody and demonizing someone else. The apt vocabulary that the history should have been genuinely presented with was the truth of suppression, invasion and bloodshed along with the tribulations and the bravery with which such attempts were barricaded. This is what is missing and the dejection that it triggered has mainly arm-twisted the country into a majoritarian build-up. A genuine curiosity to regain what is lost when the country was captured and tortured by alien forces and reinstate the reality to its ancient glory is the attempt behind the resurrection of monuments in India justified as. To end the controversy, we need to go beyond the political interpretations of India and understand its national essence and reason out its distorted ancestry and regain it amicably suitable to the modern age.

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The present War and our needy commodity

Given the food crisis in Sri Lanka and ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine, the importance of wheat and food grains, in general, has already been a part of



public discussions. Union agriculture ministry officials explained that the step was taken because of the rising wheat prices in the domestic market.

Closer scrutiny revealed that the Government has fixed Rs.2,015 per quintal as the Minimum Support Price(MSP) for wheat for the current fiscal, more than Rs.40 per quintal up from the previous year. Government officials also revealed that the condition for procurement of wheat is also being relaxed to ramp up stocks. But Indian's wheat export ban has become a global issue in less than a week. Now, it seems the next war could well be on wheat. After the Government announced a ban on the export of this staple food grain, the prices began to soften in the domestic market and fell by Rs.200 per quintal in 3 days. However, the prices in the International market touched a record high. In Europe, it rose by 6% in 3 days.

The wheat futures at leading

Uma Sankar Prasad

commodity exchanges also shot up, meaning, going forward, the grain is going to remain costly after a few months from now.

That's an alarming situation given the sanctions on Russian exports and Ukraine's inability to ship the wheat it has in the stocks due to the war. In what can be a provocative measure, Canada has offered to ship Ukrainian wheat through the Romanian ports.

The Group of Seven(Go7) nations that include Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan the UK, and the US have flayed India's decision and asked the country to reconsider the ban.

Modi Government's realisation that wheat is going to become a needy commodity of strategic importance in the unfolding international crisis came during his recent Europe visit. While Modi was talking with European leaders on the Russia-Ukraine war as to how and when it will stop, the European leaders were invariably bringing up the food supply issues, some asking him to help African countries.

Back home, wheat prices had crossed the acceptable threshold and the middle-class budget sensitive population had already

started talking about rising food prices and inflation. On review, it was found that traders, anticipating a price hike in the international market, had started hoarding wheat right after the Russia-Ukraine war broke out. Now, the supply situation had become tight, fuelling a hike in price. Even the production of wheat that the Government had estimated to be 11 million tonnes had fallen short of the target. As the food crisis is slowly engulfing more regions, it is expected that if the supply situation doesn't stop and wheat supply gets back to normal, a large part of the world would be reeling under a severe food crisis, the kind of situation we're witnessing in Sri Lanka, right now.

Even if the war stops and the sanctions on Russia stay as it is, the food crisis is unlikely to improve. Moreover, after all the war effort so far, if the sanctions are not lifted, Russia has little incentive to stop the war offensive. The sudden export ban on wheat caught the cargo that was already in different stages of shipment totally off guard. Kandla Port in Kutch, Gujarat and Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port in Kolkata had chaos unleashed due to thousands of trucks laden with wheat not being able to unload and return and

cargo ships with wheat consignments with no clearance to sail.

After the media highlighted the chaos, the Government relaxed the ban to allow the wheat shipments cleared before the ban to sail. And India has said that it will honour all the contracts for wheat export that it has signed with other countries but won't export beyond the contractual obligations at the cost of its food security. However, G7 consultations are currently on and will lead to a summit next month in Germany. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to participate in this meeting. Given the war and the looming food crisis, India's role as a soft power will be in for a test.

The matter becomes a little complicated for India because of the Chinese stand on this issue. In an article, the Chinese Government-controlled 'Global Times' has supported India's stand to stop wheat export." although India is the second-largest wheat producer in the world, it accounts for only a small part of global wheat exports. By contrast, some developed economies, including the US, Canada, the EU and Australia, are among major exporters of wheat." Now, wheat seems to be the top global agenda today.

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Suu Kyi's family file detention complaint at UN

GENEVA: Relatives of Myanmar's ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi on Wednesday filed a complaint before a UN watchdog against her detention following a military

"This is a kidnapping disguised as a trial, she is held incommunicado in defiance of all justice and resists with strength an unacceptable psychological torture," it

charges. - Group made Assange finding - The UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention's five independent experts investigate cases of

finned to an undisclosed location in the capital Naypyidaw, with her links to the outside world limited to brief pre-trial meetings with lawyers.



coup last year, their lawyers said. Since a coup ousted her government in February 2021, plunging Myanmar into upheaval, the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize laureate has been in military custody and faces a raft of charges that could jail her for more than 150 years.

Describing the situation as a "judicial kidnapping", human rights lawyers Francois Zimeray and Jessica Finelle said they had filed a complaint on behalf of her relatives with the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention. "Her arrest was illegal, her detention is devoid of any legal basis, and her different trials violate the basic rules governing any legal procedure," reads the complaint, seen by AFP.

said. In a statement, the lawyers added that "this is a tragic regression for Myanmar. Through the figure of Aung San Suu Kyi, the entire Burmese people is silenced, and its democratic aspirations are crushed." Suu Kyi, 76, has been sentenced to five years in jail for corruption, and six years for incitement against the military, breaching Covid-19 rules and breaking a telecommunications law. She faces a raft of other trials, including for allegedly violating the official secrets act, several counts of corruption and electoral fraud. Branding them "farfetched charges", the lawyers said Suu Kyi faces the prospect of more than 100 more years on 17 different

deprivation of liberty imposed arbitrarily or inconsistently with international standards. They made headlines in 2016 by finding that WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange was being arbitrarily detained as he sought to avoid extradition from Britain to the United States by sheltering in the Ecuadoran embassy in London. The Working Group has already evaluated cases involving Suu Kyi, who under a previous junta regime spent long spells under house arrest in her family's lakeside mansion in Yangon, Myanmar's largest city. Both in 1991 and 2001, the experts determined she was being arbitrarily detained. Today, she is con-

"Can anyone conceive what this detention entails for a (soon) 77-years-old woman, who has already spent 15 years of her life deprived of liberty?" Zimeray and Finelle asked. Speaking with AFP, Zimeray said Suu Kyi's current case borders on "enforced disappearance". "We don't know where she is. She only reappears at her trials. It is a judicial kidnapping," he said. He voiced hope the Working Group, whose decisions are not binding but carry reputational weight, would "speak out firmly". Since the coup that ousted civilian leader Suu Kyi, more than 1,800 people have died in a brutal military crackdown on dissent, according to a monitoring group.

NCW seeks explanation from Rajasthan Police on delay in filing FIR against Congress MLA

NEW DELHI: The National Commission for Women (NCW) on Wednesday sought an expla-

sent. The commission also directed the police to submit a progress report in the matter

tendent of Police Anil Kumar Beniwal appeared in it on behalf of the Director General of Police (DGP).

the NCW said in a statement. The NCW had taken cognizance of the matter on May 3 and directed the Rajasthan DGP to immediately file an FIR against the MLA and to take fair action against him without any influence.

The commission said it also issued a notice to the DGP on May 13 for a hearing in the matter. The police registered the FIR only on May 17, after the commission's notice for hearing. Solanki had posted on social media pictures of the family members of the woman who was gang-raped and killed in Dausa in Rajasthan.

within seven days. The NCW, which took up the matter against Solanki suo motu, conducted a hearing on Wednesday. The hearing was chaired by NCW chairperson Rekha Sharma and Superin-

"The commission sought an explanation on the delay and further directed police that the progress report must be apprised in seven days. The commission has also directed that the further case updates be apprised weekly,"



nation from the Rajasthan Police on the "delay" in registering an FIR against Congress MLA Ved Prakash Solanki for posting pictures of the mother and children of a rape victim on social media without the family's con-

Twenty BJP leaders in Bengal's Jalpaiguri resign from posts, allege irregularities in local panel formation

JALPAIGURI: Days after BJP MP Arjun Singh rejoined the Trinamool Congress, at least 20 saffron party leaders in West Bengal's Jalpaiguri have tendered resignation together from their party posts, accusing the district leadership of taking money in lieu of inducting members in a local panel, a party functionary said on Wednesday.

The dissent leaders, including party's Jalpaiguri district general secretary Amal Roy, claimed that those who had worked for the saffron brigade and fled their homes due to the post-poll violence in the state did not get a place in the newly formed Maynaguri South Mondal committee. Roy alleged that the posts of the local panel have been handed out in lieu of money to those who were inducted into the party recently. "The dissent leaders

have submitted their resignation letters to the district chief," he

members being inducted into the local committee in lieu of

saffron camp ahead of the Lok Sabha polls in 2019, and



claimed. When contacted BJP's Jalpaiguri district president Bapi Goswami refused to make any comment on the allegations. The development came weeks after Union Home Minister Amit Shah, during his visit to West Bengal, had advised the BJP state unit to strengthen the party organisation in order to put up a fight against the ruling party. BJP's state unit spokesperson Shamik Bhattacharya denied the allegation of new

money but admitted that there are "differences of opinion in the organisation" "The party will look into the matter and the problem will be sorted out soon," he said. Notably, Jalpaiguri is a stronghold of the BJP as the party bagged four of seven constituencies in the district in the last assembly elections. Singh had on May 22 rejoined the state's ruling party. One of the prominent Hindi-speaking leaders of the TMC, Singh had joined the

went on to win the Barrackpore Lok Sabha seat. The BJP in the state has been fighting hard to keep its flock together after former Union minister Babul Supriyo and five legislators, including national vice-president Mukul Roy, switched over to the TMC since the assembly poll results last year. Several senior TMC leaders like Rajib Banerjee and Sabyasachi Dutta, who had joined the saffron camp, too, returned to the Mamata Banerjee-led party.

Delegations from Sweden and Finland in Turkey for NATO talks

ANKARA: Senior officials from Sweden and Finland met with Turkish counterparts in Ankara on Wednesday in an effort to overcome Turkey's strong objections to the Nordic nations' bids to join NATO. Sweden and Finland submitted their written applications to join NATO last week. The

ment also accuses Finland and Sweden of imposing arms exports restrictions on Turkey and refusing to extradite suspected "terrorists." Turkey's objections have dampened Stockholm's and Helsinki's hopes for joining NATO quickly amid Russia's invasion of Ukraine and

wanted to "clarify" claims that have been floating around during discussions with Turkey. "We do not send money or weapons to terrorist organizations," Andersson said Michel, who is scheduled to head to Helsinki from Stockholm, said it was "a pivotal moment for

Stockholm. The Turkish government claimed Sweden had decided to provide \$376 million to support the Kurdish militants in 2023 and that it had provided them with military equipment, including anti-tank weapons and drones. Sweden has denied providing any "financial assistance or military support" to Kurdish groups or entities in Syria.



move represents one of the biggest geopolitical ramifications of Russia's war in Ukraine and could rewrite Europe's security map. Turkey has said it opposes the countries' membership in the Western military alliance, citing grievances with Sweden's — and a to a lesser extent Finland's — perceived support of the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, and other entities that Turkey views as security threats. The PKK, which is listed as a terror organization by several of Turkey's allies, has waged a decades-long insurgency against Turkey, a conflict that has cost the lives of tens of thousands of people. The Turkish govern-

put the trans-Atlantic alliance's credibility at stake. All 30 NATO members must agree on admitting new members. The Swedish and Finnish delegations met with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's spokesman, Ibrahim Kalin, and Turkish Deputy Foreign Minister Sedat Onal. The Swedish delegation was led by state secretary Oscar Stenstrom, while Jukka Salovaara, the foreign ministry under secretary, headed up the Finnish delegation, Turkish officials have said. Swedish Prime Minister Magdalena Andersson said following a meeting with European Council President Charles Michel in Stockholm that her country

Sweden" and "we fully support your choices." Turkey this week listed five "concrete assurances" it was demanding from Sweden, including what it said was "termination of political support for terrorism," an "elimination of the source of terrorism financing," and the "cessation of arms support" to the banned PKK and a Syrian Kurdish militia group affiliated with it. The demands also called for the lifting of arms sanctions against Turkey and global cooperation against terrorism. Turkey said that it has requested the extradition of Kurdish militants and other suspects since 2017 but hasn't received a positive response from

"Cooperation in northeastern Syria is carried out primarily through the United Nations and international organizations," she said. "Sweden doesn't provide targeted support to Syrian Kurds or to the political or military structures in northeastern Syria, but the population in these areas is, of course, taking part in these aid projects." Speaking Tuesday before a meeting of the Council of the Baltic Sea States, German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock said Russia had left Sweden and Finland "no choice" but to join NATO. She said Germany would support the two countries' membership, calling it "a real gain" for the military alliance.

Ph D student not allowed to board Bengaluru-Bhubaneswar Indigo flight for carrying GPS phone

BENGALURU(KCN): Ignorance on rules pertaining to satellite phones at airports in India cost a Doctorate student from Odisha dearly as he was not allowed to board his flight to Odisha from Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) on Tuesday night. He had in his possession a Global Positioning System (GPS) phone. When his flight departed by 8:45 pm, Bikash Sahu was cooling his heels at the Airport police station. Sahu, studying his IIIrd year Ph.D in Biological Sciences from National Institute of Science, Education and Research in Khurda, was readying

to leave to Bhubaneshwar by an Indigo flight (6E 411) from the airport around 7 pm. The 26-year-old told The New Indian Express, "I had kept my

inside airport. I was detained there." The CISF later called the Airport police and submitted a complaint about the possession of the banned phone by the student. The

pertaining to the instrument and his identity. "I carry out soil testing as part of my course and this phone is very useful for me as a location indicator. sometime and Sahu was there at the station upto 10 pm and missed his flight. His phone has been confiscated by the police for further examination and he has been



Bipadara Bandhu Seva Sangathan extended helping hand to the needy



Cuttack Sadar (KCN): Cuttack Sadar Kishorenagar based social organization Bipadara Bandhu Seva Sangathan(BBSS) has donated food and financial support to needy people, one family Manabhanjan Maharana as long as his illness. In this great seva work done in presence and active cooperation of Mr. K h i t i n d r a Mitra, Mr. Kailash C h a n d r a Das, Mr. Liakat A l l i, Mr. A s i f Alli, Mr. Bhairab Sethi, Mr. Sudhakar Das, Mr. Jagannath Mallick, Mr. Bipin Barik, Mr. Narayan D a s, M r. A l o k Mandal, Mr. Pabitra M o h a n Bisoi, Mr. Halim Khan, Mr. Bimal Goswami and all team.

Gramin GPS phone in my bag and during the screening of my baggage by the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), it was taken out and examined. I was told this specific phone is prohibited

student had to go to the airport police station. When this reporter visited the station a little while later, he was being questioned by the police who asked him to submit all the documents

Hence, I carry it with me always. I did not know it was not permitted inside the airport. I hope I am able to catch my flight," he said. The questioning though continued for

let off after submitting a detailed explanation. A security official told The New Indian Express, "Carrying of any kind of satellite phone inside an aircraft or inside airport premises in not permitted anywhere in India. It is banned and is considered illegal under the Indian Wireless Act as well as Telegraph Act."

Cine Artist & Social Activist Trupti Sahoo Planting Sapling's for a Greener Environment on her Birthday

Khordha(KCN):

for her birthday. As climate change is be-

friendly. She said " we have been plant-



artists and social activist Trupti Sahoo celebrated her birthday in the old age home of her village Khentilo. Trupti interacted with the inmates and distributed new clothes, sweets, fruits among themselves. But unlike others she decided to do something hetake

coming one of the most talked about topics across the globe, Trupti decided to plant saplings to create awarness and urges her fans to take up planting as many trees as possible. The importance of sustainable living and the benefits of being environmental

ing saplings but it is a practise we should keep doing and not just on birthday but otherwise as well. I hope I can inspire everyone in the smallest ways to do their bit. It is easy and something we can all do. Actress Trupti Sahoo has been flooded by birthday wishes from Celebes and stars.

Contractual workers agitate at SAIL, Bolanidemanding pay revision



Barbil (KCN): A Massive rally led by the CITU leaderships today at SAIL, Bolani area mounted the woes of Steel Authority of India (SAIL) with the threat of crippling iron ore supply ensure demand fulfillment of all contractual workers' under the leadership of Indramani Behera mobilised thousands of supporters and took out the rally before holding a protest meeting. Behera said if the discussion

failed then indefinite rally would be held at different strategic points of the mines to paralyse production . The union demanded immediate finalization of wage settlement, payment with full arrears effective from January 1, 2017, non curtailment of gratuity benefits, enhancement of wages of all contractual workers which include in their eight fold demands

SJSPL , Ulliburu reducing workforce to confront economic crises

Barbil(KCN): Jagannath Steel company under Barbil Municipality is showering it's production process and decided to reduce employment .As per information new imposition of

confront economic losses, said one officials of SJSPL.As a major ,the company is planning for a cost control .This has decided to reduce of work days of contractual workers .Issuing one notice to all



export duty on iron and steel intermediates is likely to impact their projects and the new export duty will create a negative signal to investors and that could adversely impact capacity on their expansion projects.As the Centre increased export duty to 50% on iron ore and concentrates categories from 30% which is now applicable on lumps above 58% iron content. Further, iron ore pellets which currently do not attract any export duty - a 15% duty has been levied. This would adversely impact their capacity utilisation and will hinder them for export, thus compelled to

contractor engaged in their industry, they have advised to send their worker on alternate day except holidays. This action of company will hamper the economic conditions of contractual workers as their wages will drop .A maximum number of employment through contractor are from neighbouring village like Ulliburu ,Hayarpur etc. There is discontent among these worker and this may lead to further disturbance in the plant ,one villager remarked. Company's decision will in force with effective from 25th May and onwards as per notice.

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Ratan Tata backs energy distribution startup Repos Energy

MUMBAI: Pune-based energy distribution startup Repos Energy on Wednesday said it has raised Rs 56 crore from Tata Sons Chairman Emeritus Ratan Tata and other investors. The fresh capital as part of the pre-series A funding round is in a combination of equity and debt, the company said. Repos Energy, however, did not disclose the identity of the other investors. This is the second round of investment by Ratan Tata in the company.

Repos said it plans to use the funds in building its product line, expanding into different geographies in the country as well as team building. The fresh capital will also enable the company to invest in the latest technolo-

gies such as IoT (Internet of Things), AI (Artificial Intelligence), and blockchain to make the energy distribu-

tion system absolutely seamless in the future, it said. This will also help the company refuel the energy distribution sector for a "carbon-light" tomorrow, as it has already seen the popular demand and huge



release. Founded by husband-wife duo Chetan Walunj and Aditi Bhosale Walunj, the startup is now working on bringing renewable energies such as ethanol, methanol, and biofuels on its

the success," Ratan Tata was quoted as having said in the release. "This fundraiser will help us achieve our dream of making energy reach the last mile across the globe," said Aparajit Subramanian, Co-

founder, of Repos Energy. The world is moving towards a carbon-neutral future, and Repos Energy is

to make all clean fuels available at a single click of the phone and bring it to the doorstep of our customers through an e-commerce platform," said co-founder Aditi Bhosale Walunj. "Currently, India's infrastructure is heavily dependent on diesel, and it is our responsibility to use it sustainably. We will use this distribution network to bring clean and green fuels to the end-users in the near future," she added. Repos is present in over 220 cities across India through its 1,500-plus partners and 2,500-plus Repos mobile fuel pumps.

working towards this goal by bridging the gap between the supply and demand of fuels. Our ultimate goal is

CM Patnaik launches Olympic values programme in Odisha schools

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with the movement, Neeta Ambani said, "We have over 250 million children in our schools, brimming with talent and potential. They are the champions of tomorrow, the future of our nation. Only a small number of children in the world may become Olympians, but every child can be touched by the ideals of Olympism."

Stating that the core values of life are learned outside the classrooms, Bindra said Olympic movement has the potential for social change. President of Odisha Hockey Promotion Council, Dillip Tirkey said he has learnt the values of self-discipline, respect and confidence by playing in Olympics. Minister of State for Sports and Youth Services Tushar Kanti Behera, Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mahapatra and others were present.

Puri Seer Slams Govt

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point. The holy town should not be made a centre of Surasundari, he stated.

"A secular administration can only extend cooperation in affairs related to religious places but can't take and execute decisions. The Prime Minister and Odisha Chief Minister should pay attention to the fact that Puri is being distorted in the name of development," he concluded.

Meanwhile, Governing Biju Janata Dal (BJD) sought cooperation from all quarters for early completion of the project in view of the upcoming Rath Yatra and Monsoon.

Party Spokesperson Lenin Mohanty said that the project was prepared and recommended by the Srimandir Managing Committee led by Puri King.

Firstly, the plan was prepared and kept in public domain for the opinion of people and various organizations. Thereafter, the plan was recommended by the Managing Committee, he said.

The project then came to the State Government which could have approved it. Instead, it decided to take it to the people of Odisha in the Odisha Legislative Assembly. There the plan was passed unanimously by all MLAs without any opposition," said Mohanty.

He further said that after approval of the plan, it was sent to the National Monuments Authority (NMA) which approved the proposal. "After approval of the NMA, the foundation stone was laid for the project. For this ceremony, leaders of all political parties, as well as various other dignitaries, were invited. After this, the work was started. ASI gave certain suggestions which were duly incorporated and modifications done accordingly," pointed out the BJD leader.

Mohanty also said that after consulting people and various organizations, unanimous passing of the Plan by the Odisha Legislative Assembly and subsequent approval by NMA this plan is being implemented.

RK Singh asks states, UTs to set up panels for energy transition

NEW DELHI: Union Power and New & Renewable Energy Minister RK Singh has asked states and union territories to set up state-level steering committees for en-

New and Renewable Energy Departments, Transport, Industries, Housing and Urban Affairs, Agriculture, Rural Development and Public Works Departments, etc.

Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, and Uttarakhand have already constituted such committees. Singh highlighted that for energy transi-

tion, the states and Union Territories have to work together on multiple tracks. He added that the first track is the addition of Renewables (renewable energy) to the electricity generation mix to meet the nation's ever-increasing demand for electricity. He said that the second track would be the promotion of energy efficiency while the third one would be more use of biomass and green hydrogen. He said that if we all work collectively on these points, not only we will be able to achieve our goals, but it will also create new



energy transition and make efforts for zero diesel use in the farm sector by 2024.

The steering committees will work under the chairmanship of the chief secretaries of the respective States/Union Territories.

"Union Minister of Power and New & Renewable Energy, RK Singh has asked the Chief Ministers of all States, and Lieutenant Governors of Union Territories to set up State-Level Steering Committees for Energy Transition," a power ministry statement said. The Principal Secretaries of Power and

will act as members of these committees. The states and UTs will work on the annual strategy of energy transition under the mandate of the committee. The minister reiterated in the statement that states/UTs have a vital role in meeting state-specific goals on sustainable development in the most energy-efficient way.

He added that the energy transition is the only means of reducing carbon emissions and fulfilling our commitments made at international forums. He informed that some states like

Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, and Uttarakhand have already constituted such committees. Singh highlighted that for energy transition, the states and Union Territories have to work together on multiple tracks. He added that the first track is the addition of Renewables (renewable energy) to the electricity generation mix to meet the nation's ever-increasing demand for electricity. He said that the second track would be the promotion of energy efficiency while the third one would be more use of biomass and green hydrogen.

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jobs, accelerate development, and ultimately benefit every citizen of the country. The minister urged the states to make efforts for zero diesel in agriculture by 2024

by limiting the consumption of diesel in the agriculture sector. In this regard, financial assistance through RDSS (Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme) may be availed for adopting solar energy for separate agricultural feeders and agricultural feeders under the PM-KUSUM scheme.

DMF used politically, says Pradhan

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Similarly, 85,704 toilets have been constructed in the district. Farmers of Brajrajnagar have benefitted from Pradhan Mantri Kisan Yojana. More than 1.24 lakh families in Jharsuguda have been provided electricity connection under Pradhan Mantri Souvagya Yojana.

"The Narendra Modi-led government at the Centre has provided the highest `9.734 crore allocation to Odisha in the Railway budget this year. People of Jharsuguda and Brajrajnagar will be greatly benefited from the Talcher-Bimalagarh rail track. Besides, stoppage of Puri-Risikesh Utkal Express and Puri-Lokmanya Tilak Express have been made at Brajrajnagar.

People of Jharsuguda will be also benefited by the second bridge over Brahmani river at Rourkela," the Union Minister said. On the day, Pradhan took part in public meetings and road shows at Rampela, Dalgaon, Charpali, Adhapara, Baghamunda, Panchagan, Kanakatora, Belpahar and Brajrajnagar.

GOC-in-C Eastern Command addressed Defence Conclave 2022

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Defence sector has been witnessing major development.

Defence Acquisition Council (DAE) boosted Atma Nirbhar Bharat initiative by according Acceptance of Necessity (AON) to capital acquisitions proposals worth USD 1.07 billion for modernisation and operational needs of armed forces.

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The Ministry of Defence had earmarked 64 percent of its Capital Acquisition Budget for domestic industry in Financial Year 2021-22.

To indigenize manufacturing of Defence systems and equipments the Ministry of Defence has been in the process of adding more items which will be manufactured in India. 351 more items have been listed and it is now an opportunity for Indian industries to manufacture them. The government has already identified a list of over 2500 items which are not going to be imported. Also, the Ministry of Defence has released list of 209 items including arms which the country will stop importing in a phased manner. The listed items will be indigenized in next 3 years and will save precious foreign exchange.

The vision of Defence Production and Export Promotion Policy (DPEPP) has an ambition to achieve a turnover of USD 25 billion including export of USD 5 billion in Aerospace and Defence Goods and Services by 2025.

The DPEPP and it's associated Defence Acquisition Procedure mark a new era for the defence manufacturing sector in India and opens up new opportunities for Indian manufacturers to not only develop but also contribute to the defense of the nation.

Addressing the august gathering Lt. General Rana Pratap Kalita GOC-in- C Eastern Command said the government is simplifying procurement policies of Defence items as well as encouraging Indian private sector participation in R and D. as well as production of various Defence items including arms. Also, he mentioned government is encouraging MSME sector participation in production of Defence items wherever feasible. Lt. Gen. Kalita announced "Mini Defence Expo" will be organised in Kolkata in month of July 2022. He invited various manufacturers of Defence items to participate in the upcoming Expo as well as demonstrate their technologies.

In welcoming address, Shri Rishabh C Kothari, President MCCI lauded Government of India's efforts to encourage private sector participation in production of wide range of defence items in India.

Defence conclave was addressed by top officials including Policy Makers of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited Barrackpore division, Bharat Electronics Limited, DRDO, Hooghly Cochin Shipyard, GRSE Ltd.

Shri Lalit Beriwalla Senior Vice President MCCI gave vote of thanks.

Even Carlo Ancelotti feels the pressure in Champions League final

MADRID: Carlo Ancelotti is the only coach to win titles in the top five European soccer leagues, and is a victory away from a record-fourth Champions League trophy.

Still, not even Ancelotti is immune to pressure, especially ahead of a Champions League final.

"For me, the toughest moment is three or four hours before the match. You are not feeling well, physically," the Real Madrid coach said going into Saturday's final against Liverpool in suburban Paris. "I'm sweating a lot, have an accelerated heart rate, negative thoughts creep in. But fortunately, all that stops once the game starts. There's no medication, no pills for that, you just have to hang on." Few could tell he suffers like that,

though, looking at the always-calm demeanour of the 62-year-old Italian coach who is enjoying one of his best-



ever seasons. Ancelotti has looked in control from the start after rejoining a Madrid team that had gone through a lacklustre season in which it finished without a significant title under Zinedine Zidane.

Ancelotti quickly put Madrid back on track by keeping the defence solid and making the attack

click with Karim Benzema and Vinicius Junior. He managed the squad well and it reached the final stages of

the season in good form. The team cruised in the Spanish league, winning the trophy with several games to go, and it also won the Spanish Super Cup. The run to the Champions League final was special, with gritty comebacks against Paris Saint-Germain, Chelsea and Manchester City

in the knockout rounds. "We have been able to foster a great atmosphere, we have a good relationship,"

Ancelotti said. "When the players show up, they're happy, and when that happens, the team can achieve great things. It's been a season where certain players have had more involvement than others but the atmosphere has been great and the guys who have had less game time haven't let their

heads drop." Among those who didn't get to play much were Eden Hazard, Franciscoisco Isco and Gareth

Bale, in part because of injuries and in part because of poor performances. "Every decision is pretty difficult and sometimes you can't tell the whole truth if you want to keep ev-

eryone motivated," Ancelotti said. "This squad has given me no problems whatsoever in that sense because they have all respected my decision without any issue. I haven't had any trouble this season. We all respect each other greatly." Ancelotti had been criticized for not rotating his players enough in his first stint at the club from 2013-15, when he failed to win the league but won the Champions League. A win on Saturday would put Ancelotti in a league of his own in European soccer with four Champions League titles. Only two other coaches currently have three — Bob Paisley, who won European Cup

titles with Liverpool in 1977, 1978 and 1981, and Zidane, who won the Champions League with Madrid from 2016-18. "It would be a huge achievement for me, but I know anything can happen in a final," Ancelotti said. "I'm not obsessed with individual honours." Ancelotti won the Italian league with AC Milan in Italy in 2004, the Premier League with Chelsea in 2010, the French league with Paris-Saint Germain in 2013 and the Bundesliga with Bayern Munich in 2017. He then coached Napoli and Liverpool rival Everton. Ancelotti won his first Champions

League titles with AC Milan in 2003 and 2007, but lost it with the Italian club — in a final against Liverpool in 2005 — after squandering a 3-0 lead. As a player, he won the European Cup title in 1989 and 1990 with Milan. There will be extra reason to celebrate if he can beat Liverpool on Saturday because it would keep the English club from winning its seventh European title and tying Milan for second-best behind Madrid. "It is a club I respect. I love its history," Ancelotti said about Liverpool. "Playing a final against them is special. It's a club that has won six Champions Leagues, so I'm extra motivated for this game."

Kohli, Rohit, Ashwin maintain their top-10 positions in ICC Test rankings



DUBAI: Bangladesh's Liton Das and Sri Lankan veteran Angelo Mathews have made valuable gains in the ICC Men's Test Rankings after fine performances in the drawn first match while there has been no movement in latest top-10 list issued by the world body. In the batter's list, Marneus Labuschagne maintained his pole position while India captain Rohit Sharma and his predecessor Virat Kohli remained static at eighth and 10th place respectively.

Similarly in bowling, Pat Cummins (901 points) has a 51-point lead over his nearest rival Ravichandran Ashwin, who is followed by countryman Jasprit Bumrah. India's Ravindra Jadeja also remained on top of the all-rounders' table.

With only Sri Lanka and Bangladesh engaged in a WTC series, it was inevitable that players from those two nations earned points. Wicketkeeper-batter Liton has moved up three places to 17th after notching 88 in Bangladesh's only

innings, while Player of the Match Mathews' knock of 199 in the first innings has lifted him five places to 21st among batters in the list led by Australia's Labuschagne. Mushfiqur Rahim and Tamim Iqbal are other Bangladesh batters to advance in the latest weekly rankings update after scoring centuries that took Bangladesh to a total of 465. Mushfiqur, who notched 105, is up four places to 25th, while Tamim has gained six places to reach 27th position following his innings

of 133. In the rankings for bowlers, Bangladesh all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan has inched up one place to 29th after finishing with four wickets in the match, while off-spinner Nayeem Hasan's career-best figures of six for 105 in the first innings see him progress nine places to 53rd. Sri Lanka medium-fast bowler Kasun Rajitha has moved from 75th to 61st after taking four wickets and Asitha Fernando is now in the top 100 of the list led by Australia captain Cummins.




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