

Mishap at Rourkela Steel Plant in Odisha claims life of contract worker

ROURKELA(KCN): Another mishap inside the Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) of SAIL claimed the life

TD Construction and was found stuck in the slag disposal belt of BF-1 at about 8.15 am and was rushed to

quity. RSP Director In-Charge Atanu Bhowmick expressed deep anguish over the untimely demise of

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They said the belt was running at the waist height of Mundari and somehow he was pulled by the running belt leading to his death.

President of the BMS - affiliated Rourkela Ispat Karmachari Sangh (RIKKS) HS Bal attributed the mishap to lack of safety adherence at the worksite, adding there was no safety fencing along the running belt.

He said the BF-1 department's claims that three other workers were at the site

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of a young contract worker on Monday morning.

Sources said the worker Ganasira Munday (22) was trapped dead in the running slag disposal belt of the Blast Furnace (BF)-1.

Munday was working for contract firm

the Occupational Health Service Centre of RSP. He was later shifted to the RSP-run Ispat General Hospital where he was declared brought dead.

The RSP management was quick to form a high-level committee for in-

the contract worker and assured of all possible help to the bereaved family.

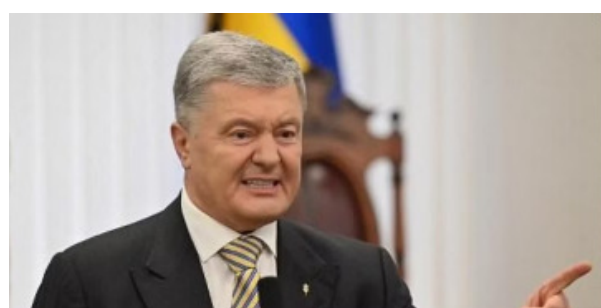
Sources informed the mishap occurred when slag particles got jammed in the running conveyer belt and Munday was clearing the slag for smooth flow.

Ukraine's ex-leader and Zelensky critic Petro Poroshenko allowed to leave country

KYIV (KCN): Ukraine's former president Petro Poroshenko, a rival of current leader Volodymyr Zelensky, said Monday he was authorised to leave the country after being "deliberately" blocked at the border this weekend.

He accused the government Saturday of breaking a so-called political ceasefire in place since Russia invaded by not letting him leave.

Poroshenko had received official permission to travel for a NATO parliament



tary assembly meeting in Lithuania but could not attend.

But Poroshenko -- one of Ukraine's richest men -- said he was

able to travel for another meeting after European Union governments, which he

since the war started. His European Solidarity party is the second biggest in Ukraine's parliament after Zelensky's ruling party.

His party was "convinced the authorities deliberately did not release Poroshenko" for the NATO gathering at the weekend.

Poroshenko had planned to "call on the allies to provide Ukraine with a Membership Action Plan

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Letter to the editor

Sub:- Rahul Gandhi behaving like traitor

Rahul Gandhi an diverted and unequal individual making botches, in prepare contradicting BJP he is corrupting nation. Congress leader, who visited UK, had an interaction session at the 'Ideas for India' conference making articulations like, Indian vote based system could be a "worldwide open great" and a central grapple for the planet, and in case that splits, it is attending to cause a issue for the planet. Another case is Rahul Gandhi comparing India with Pakistan which has been beneath the military for over half of its presence and goes around with a "asking bowl" for survival. Recently by comparing the circumstance in Ladakh with the Russia-Ukraine struggle, Rahul Gandhi almost humiliating the penances of Indian troopers in Galwan. Being in opposition does not mean that one should ought to harm country's pride in abhor. Congress leader harming India while attempting to restrict PM Narendra Modi and commenting nearly the country from inaccessible soils measured to offering out. He has to stop nonsenses to prevail.

Best Regards,

Vijaykumar H K

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Mukul Wasnik should file nomination for Rajya Sabha polls from Maharashtra: Prithviraj Chavan

NAGPUR(KCN): Expressing unhappiness over the candidature of Uttar Pradesh Congressman Imran Pratapgarhi from Maharashtra for the next month's Rajya Sabha polls, party leader Prithviraj Chavan on Monday said instead his colleague Mukul Wasnik should have



been fielded from the state.

Pratapgarhi, a poet-politician hailing from Uttar Pradesh, earlier in the day filed his nomination papers as a Congress candidate in Mumbai for the June 10 Rajya Sabha polls.

Addressing a press conference at Nagpur, Chavan said he requested Wasnik to contest the Rajya Sabha polls from Maharashtra, his home state.

"Wasnik got a (Rajya Sabha) seat from Rajasthan, while Pratapgarhi, who is a leader from Uttar Pradesh, CONTINUED ON: P-7

'VIP' Babus get EV ride to Jagannath temple's Srimandir depriving beneficiaries

BHUBANESWAR/PURI(KCN): If the Delhi stadium being emptied for an IAS couple to walk their dog sparked off nationwide outrage, here is an example of how the babus are initiated into the VIP culture at the very start of their career.

At least 181 IAS probationers who visited Jagannath Temple at Puri on Sunday enjoyed the full VIP treatment as the district administration rolled out a red carpet for them, even reserving battery-operated vehicles at the cost of senior and ailing citi-

zens and people with disabilities (PwDs), who are the actual beneficiaries of the

arrive and take the 1 km ride to the temple, while hapless citizens were deprived of the

Minister Naveen Patnaik at Bhubaneswar, arrived in Puri at about



service. As many as 11 battery-operated vehicles remained parked for over three hours waiting for the young bureaucrats to

facility till the contingent ended the temple tour.

The probationers, who visited the Sun Temple at Konark after meeting Chief

7.40 pm. But, the vehicles were put in waiting from 4.30 pm without anyone else allowed to avail service.

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Five dead in Donetsk strikes Russia advances in east Ukraine amid EU meeting on oil ban

KYIV(KCN): Russian forces edged toward the centre of the eastern Ukrainian city of Severodonetsk Monday, while President Volodymyr Zelensky prepared to appeal to EU leaders at an emergency summit where a ban on Russian oil imports is on the agenda.

Zelensky is expected

to press EU officials at the summit "to kill

international pressure on Moscow.



Russian exports" as he seeks to crank up

Member states are searching for a com-

promise on a sixth round of sanctions, which has been delayed by resistance from within the bloc, namely from Hungary.

Meanwhile, Russia forces continued their push in the eastern Donbas region, upping the pressure on the twin cities of

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Naveen meets Modi



Bhubaneswar(KCN): Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Delhi on Monday to discuss issues pertaining to the State. "I paid a courtesy call to PM Modi today. I could not meet the Prime Minister in the last two years due to the pandemic, so I

met him today," Patnaik told media persons here.

"We discussed several issues regarding Odisha and asked for his help. I will be paying another courtesy visit to Union Home Minister Amit Shah and will discuss various issues where Odisha requires his help," he said after

meeting the PM. He also inquired about the health of Modi.

While leaving the reporters, Patnaik however made one thing clear that the ensuing Presidential election was not discussed with the PM.

Later, the Chief Minister also met Home Minister Amit Shah and held discussion

for some time. However, the detailed agenda of both the meetings were not revealed by any official so far.

This is the third visit of Patnaik to New Delhi in the last three months. Political pundits feel that something is cooking between the two parties (BJD and BJP).

Grand Finale of MDJ Couple No.1 presented by Mahabir Danwar Jewellers

Kolkata(KCN): Mahabir Danwar Jewellers made married couples feel special by organiz-

Director, Mahabir Danwar Jewellers; Mr. Sandeep Soni, Director, Mahabir Danwar Jewellers & Mr. Amit Soni, Director, Mahabir Danwar Jewellers



are the official apparel partner of this grand event. Grooming and makeover of the contestants have been done by Club Salon. The couples are being styled by Celebrity Stylist Priya Saksaria and the event has been curated by San Entertainment - a boutique agency which does exclusive events only.

About Mahabir Danwar Jewellers : Mahabir Danwar Jewellers founded by Late Mahabir



Prasad Soni in Kolkata in 1970, is today a professional and integrated business organization managed by his sons Binod, Kailash and Jiwan with grandsons Vijay, Arvind, Amit and Sandeep. It deals in wholesale and retail of Gold, Kundan, Jadau and Diamond Jewellery, supported by international certifications of scientifically tested purity and authenticity. Mahabir Danwar Jewellers has three retail outlets, one in Burrabazar – Kolkata, another at City Centre Mall, Salt Lake & a third at Pitam Pura, New Delhi. In an industry where market reputation is the key asset, the company has carved a niche for itself and has received continuous admiration and appreciation from its esteemed clients. Recognizing the constant endeavors as well as the product quality excellence, Mr. P.K.

ing this grand event named 'Couple No 1' contest. It was a 3 month long Contest after which top 10 couples were chosen for the grand finale. Weddings in India are considered eternally blissful, but it is also important to rekindle the romance and celebrate your partner each passing day. Keeping the same thought in mind, this



unique, fun and creative competition was arranged. The Fashion Show was followed by unveiling it's exclusive bridal collection of MAHIRA - The Bridal Jewellery Couture at the



event. MDJ's Couple No. 1 contest started on 23rd February, 2022. The Grand Finale of the contest was held today at Fairfield by Marriott, Kolkata and the occasion was glittered by the presence of jury members which included: Richa Sharma, Actress; Dolly Jain, Celebrity Saree Drapist & Stylist; Ushoshi Sengupta, Actress; Naina More, Celebrity Motivational Speaker and was attended by: Mr. Vijay Soni, Director, Mahabir Danwar Jewellers; Mr. Arvind Soni,

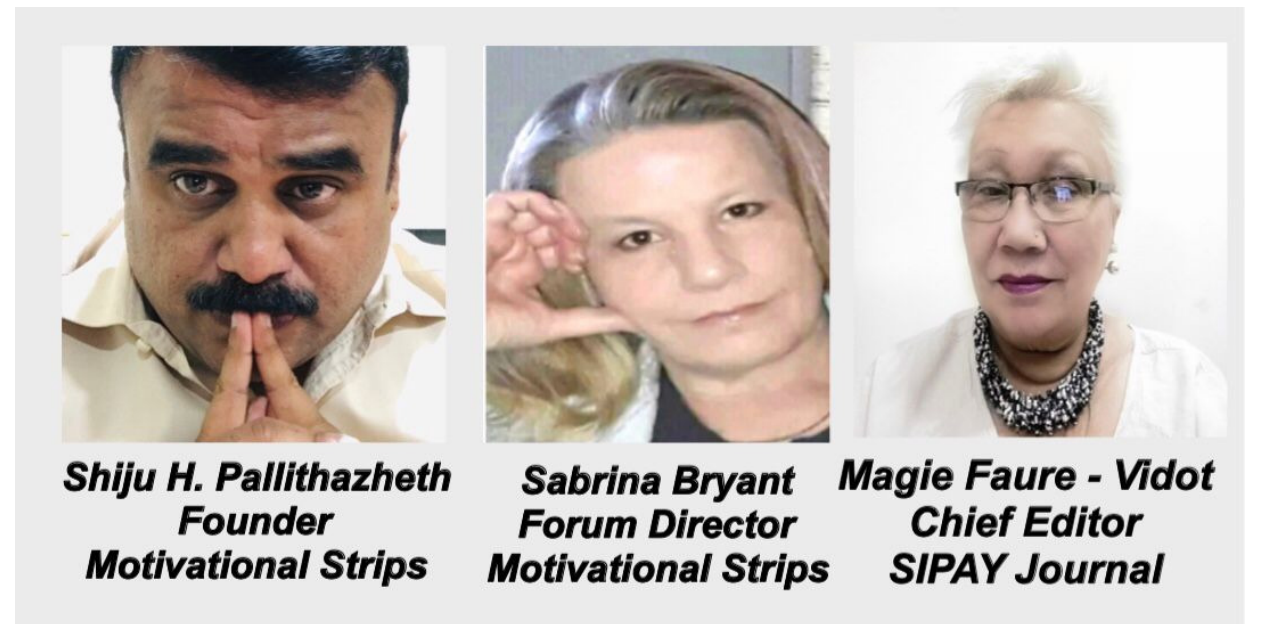
Kyndiah, Honorable Union Minister for Tribal Affairs on behalf of the Indian Achievers Forum and the All India Business & Community Foundation has awarded "Indian Achievers Award for Quality & Excellence 2008" to the company. Mahabir Danwar Jewellers has also been awarded with Times Business Award, 2019 in Best Diamonds and Bridal Jewellery category from Eastern India which was presented by Bollywood Superstar Mr. Anil Kapoor.

Pamda Dateline Till 15 Sept

New Delhi(KCN): Online nominations/recommendations for the Padma Awards 2023 to be announced on the occasion of Republic Day, 2023 have opened on 1 May 2022. The last date for nominations for Padma Awards is 15 September, 2022. The nominations/recommendations for Padma Awards will be received online only on the National Awards portal <https://awards.gov.in>. The Padma Awards, namely, Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri, are amongst the highest civilian awards of the country. Instituted in 1954, these Awards are announced on the occasion of the Republic Day every year. The award seeks to recognize 'work of distinction' and is given for distinguished and exceptional achievements/service in all fields/disciplines, such as, Art, Literature and Education, Sports, Medicine, Social Work, Science and Engineering, Public Affairs, Civil Service, Trade and Industry etc. All persons without distinction of race, occupation, position or sex are

eligible for these Awards. Government servants including those working with PSUs, except Doctors and Scientists, are not eligible for Padma Awards. The Government is committed to transform Padma Awards into "People's Padma". All citizens are, therefore, requested to make nominations/recommendations, including self nomination. Concerted efforts may be made to identify talented persons whose excellence and achievements really deserve to be recognized from amongst women, weaker sections of society, SCs & STs, divyang persons and who are doing selfless service to society. The nominations/recommendations should contain all relevant details specified in the format available on the above said Portal, including a citation in narrative form (maximum 800 words), clearly bringing out the distinguished and exceptional achievements/service of the person recommended in her/his respective field/discipline.

Motivational Strips announced the recipients of Rabindranath Tagore Honours



Shiju H. Pallithazheth
Founder
Motivational Strips

Sabrina Bryant
Forum Director
Motivational Strips

Magie Faure - Vidot
Chief Editor
SIPAY Journal

Bengaluru (KCN): The recipients of the Rabindranath Tagore memorial awards 2022 was announced by Motivational Strips founder Shiju H Pallithazheth on Saturday evening. The award was given to eminent and didactic poets across the globe who made a mark in world poetry in from mid of 2021 . This year 240 poets from across the globe made it to the list of awardees. The honour was commissioned by Motivational Strips Global administration jointly with international literary journal SIPAY, the national property of Department of Culture, Government of Seychelles. Motivational Strips is the world's most active writers forum with writers from more than 170 countries and has monthly visitors to the fo-

rum crossing 7.5 million. It is popularly known worldwide worldwide as a literary research and learning center for modern poetry. Motivational Strips founder Shiju H Pallithazheth stated to our correspondent 'Poets are icons of creativity and sagacity. They are needed to empower global reasoning and perception of day to day life'. The poets were carefully chosen for their mastery in didactic poetry' While the forum Director Sabrina Bryant congratulated the poets on their achievement, she added that poetry has added strength in bonding people and promoting world peace. SIPAY chief editor Magie Faure Vidot congratulated the recipients and said that they were role models for aspiring poets.

World menstrual hygiene day celebrated

Bhubaneswar(KCN):To create awareness on menstrual health and hygiene among the women, UNICEF in collaboration with PANTISS organized a Walkathon at here today. Starting from KIIT Square, Patia, the walkathon witnessed more than 200 women participants, who created awareness on menstrual health and hygienethrough their impeccable messages.

Ms. Anu Choudhury inaugurated the Walkathon and emphasized on the eradication of social stigma related to menstrual health of women. Para Olympics winner Shri Markanda Reddy joined as the respected guest suggested women to take care of their health. Among others, Monika Nilsen and ShipraSaxsena of UNICEF were also present in this walkathon. The Chief of PANTISS, Shri StalynNayak managed the entire event.

Debjani Das awarded with "Rabindranath Tagore Literary Honour 2022"



ing stories, novels, poems, features, her skill of augmentation are remarkably outstand-



Balasore (KCN): The Rabindra nath Tagore Memorial Literary Honour is one of the innovative approach to awarding by collaboration with powerful institutions. Thus this Honour was commissioned by Motivational strips with joint association of Department of culture, Government of Seychelles and its journal SIPAY. This year Debajani

Das from Balasore, Odisha, India received the honour for her literary excellency, writing quality, creative achievements and contribution towards Global literatures acumen. Being a trilingual (Odia, English and Hindi) prolific writer Debajani Das has contributed towards literature in versatile ways. Her efficacy has led her pen towards attributing, no doubt. Besides ,she is an environmentalist, TV and radio artist too. Her legacies are truly ineffable. Special gratitude to Shiju H.pallithazheth (founder of MS) and Maggie Faure Vidot , editor in chief of the prestigious journal *SIPAY*. Both wish her pen to raise and shine.

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'Shakeela' trailer falls flat, lacks the punch expected in a star biopic



The trailer of Indrajit Lankesh's Hindi language film "Shakeela" doesn't hold much to impress. From using modern-day Hindi music to cliched film sets, it feels like a repackaging of Vidya Balan's 'Dirty Picture' except that this version fails to bring the charm Vidya brought to the

screen. The film, as described by the filmmakers of 'Shakeela', is "inspired by life events of a famous star Shakeela who predominantly starred in southern cinema." It features Richa Chadha as the titular adult actor who was one of the biggest stars of the 1990s ar-

iving from Kerala who went on to act in several adult films in languages spanning Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Kannada, while Pankaj Tripathi is the male lead. The film is described to "portray the hardships of the actress as she had to face a lot of criticism, insults and betrayals from

her own family members and the film fraternity who were influential in getting her films banned." The main reason for the success of 'Kinnarathumbikal', one of the films that catapulted her into the limelight, was solely her screen presence and energy, and with no other male lead in the

movie. Trying to fill in the gaping hole left by Silk Smitha in the low-budget softcore industry, Shakeela made her own mark with around 250 movies in her kitty -- heralding the 'Shakeela Tharangam' (The wave of Shakeela). Meanwhile, the Shakeela that

Indrajith is trying to portray doesn't look like she has much story to tell. The screen-space also seems to be overpowered by star cast Pankaj Tripathi. Let's hope the full length movie holds more than what the trailer showed. The film is produced by Sammy Nanwani and Sahil Nanwani, with music by Meet Bros and Veer Samarth.

Priyanka Chopra reveals husband Nick Jonas likes her 'natural' looks, calls him 'appreciator'

WASHINGTON(K-CN): Nick Jonas has

Chopra. The actor re-

2019 and revealed how her husband is

natural or a more glamorous look.

"there are days when he likes a really natu-

went all out for the event, wearing a sheer black top with a pussycat bow, a white blazer paired with a matching pair of pants. Adding a pop of colour to the whole look, she opted for striking pink eye makeup with a matching bold lip colour.

Earlier this month, Priyanka joined her fellow J sisters Sophie Turner and Danielle Jonas in celebrating the first night of their husbands' 'Happiness Begins' tour. All three women rocked Jonas Brothers T-shirts.

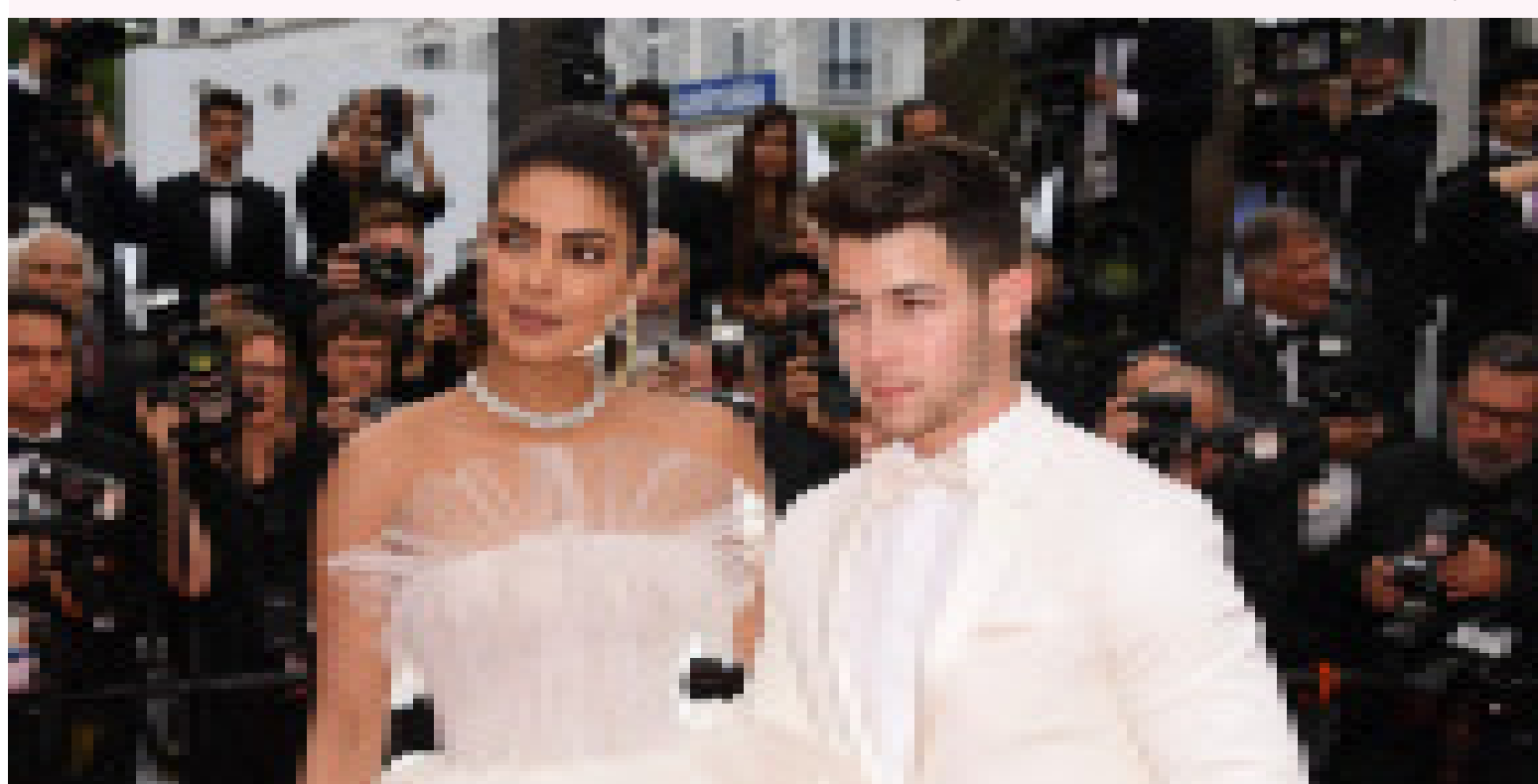
The actor shared that it was "really cool" that they all decided on coordinating their outfits since they "have such distinct personalities."

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

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

Ritesh Sidhwani and CBFC chief Prasoon Joshi, met Modi to discuss how to take the entertainment industry to the next stage.

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



nothing but love and admiration for his wife Priyanka

cently spoke to People at Beautycon Festival Los Angeles

full of admiration for her whether she decides to go for a more

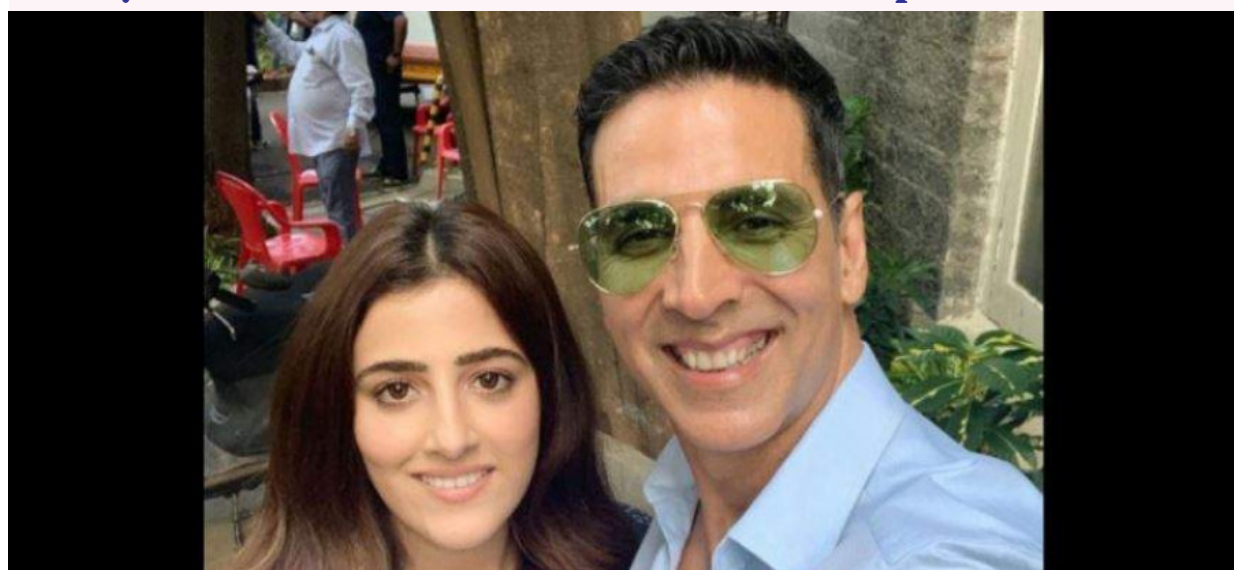
"He likes a bit of both," the 'Quantico' star, said, adding that

real thing."

The 'Mary Kom' actor added, "He's an appreciator. He's someone who can appreciate both things."

In honour of Beautycon, Priyanka

Akshay Kumar shoots with Kriti Sanon's sister Nupur for music video



MUMBAI(KCN): Actor Akshay Kumar on Sunday shot for singer B Praaks new single with actress Kriti Sanon's younger sister Nupur.

written by Jaani. B Praak has previously lent his voice to the song "Teri Mitti" in Akshay's film "Kesari".

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On the work front, Akshay will be seen in "Housefull 4" and "Good Newwz" this year.

ALSO READ: Akshay Kumar has a namesake actor in

A lot of pictures are doing the rounds on the internet in which Akshay is seen

posing with Nupur and Ammy at the St. Xavier's college in Mumbai.

Beyond Food and Fitness For Indians Milk is a Faith

Everyone knows what milk is. Milk is a substance that mammals produce to feed their babies. When the babies grow, milk production stops. However, with human species it is more than just this. While they share this aspect with other mammals, they also consume the milk of other domestic animals, such as cow, buffalo, goat, camel etc. And not only babies, but adults also use it.

The consumption of milk by the human species is relatively new in our evolution. It began with domestication of animals and with animal husbandry, which was around 10,000 to 15,000 years ago. But this complete change in food habit (consuming the milk of other species) started more at foundational reason that is genes. Or more specifically, a gene mutation called 13910T which originated in Europe some 7500 years ago. This gene allows the human body to digest milk beyond infancy, into adulthood. Homo sapiens are the only mammals in the world who have acquired this ability. This is not surprising because humans figured out they could keep cattle or goats and exploit them for milk, such a mutation would have been unnecessary. But once they started domesticating cattle, the ability to digest milk as adults would have become tremendously useful, and a mutated gene that fit the bill was selected over time by evolution.

Initially the consumption of milk by humans did not spread all over the earth and it was mainly used in West Asia and spread to Europe in the West and up to North West India in the East. Large parts of the world, until recently did not use milk. Thus, the American Continent, the African Continent, Australia and East Asia did not use milk. East Asia even today does not use milk. It is only in the last two hundred years, thanks to the industrial revolution and colonialism, the milk consumption spread all over the world. Though the consumption of this white nectar is relatively new to mankind the milk has been given too much importance throughout human history. The Fulani tribe of West Africa believes that the world was born from a drop of milk. According to Greek mythology, the Milky Way is a by-product of an unfortunate breast-feeding mishap involving the Goddess Hera. In ancient Egypt, the common people were not allowed to drink milk. It was reserved for the priests and the aristocracy.

As mentioned above, the use of milk in India spread up to North West India. At the beginning of the Iron Age (roughly around 1000 B.C.E.) agriculture spread all over India in a big way. It needed bullocks and so the cows were domesticated for production of bullocks and when the milk production was low it was mainly given to young calves and very little or none was taken from the cows. Thus, while milk was known in large parts of India, its use was restricted. It was only in North West India, where the cows gave more milk, was milk used in larger quantities.

Milk's special significance in India goes back to Hindu mythology and the legend of the Samudra manthan, the churning of the ocean that brought forth the drink of immortality, the amrit, and also the goddess Kamdhenu, which manifested itself as a wish-granting divine cow. Hindus, who make up 81 percent of India's 1.4 billion people, consider cows to be sacred embodiments of Kamdhenu. Krishna worshippers have special affection for cows because of the Hindu god's role as a cowherd. Stories about his love of butter are legendary, so much so that he is lovingly called "Makhan chor," or butter thief. Hindus use milk and its products for religious purposes because it is believed to have purifying qualities, ghee or clarified butter,

is used in lamps for rituals, milk is used to bathe Hindu idols on special occasions; sweets made from milk or ghee are used as offerings to gods. It accompanies so much of Hindu life, in rituals from an infant's first food to the last rituals after death.

As we have discussed earlier milk has got almost importance in our religion and cultures. Many of us are not aware that there is special offering which was offered to lord Jagannath at Jagannath temple, Puri in Odisha and is popularly called as "Chhapan Bhog". Out of fifty six items (As the name indicate Chhapan Bhog) in Chhapan Bhog for preparation of nine items, (Khiri, Papudi, Khua, Rasabali, Tadia, Chhena khai, Bapudi Khaja, Khua Manda and Sarapuli) milk and milk cream is used and almost for preparation of more than twenty-five number of items (Dahi pakhala, Ghea Anna, Gaja, Ladu, Jeera Ladu, Magaja Ladu, Mathapuli, Jagannath Ballav, Kakara, Luni Khuruma, ect) ghee is used as base material. There is also a ritual that was being celebrated at Jagannath temple, Puri and is called as "Dudh Melana". This was celebrated on the day before 'Nabanka'. On this day Lord Rama and Krishna are carried to the Jagannath Ballabh Mutt in a palquin after "Dwipahar Dhupa". There the Mahaboi sevayat, as a tradition milk the cow and fresh milk is

Dr. Gyana Ranjan Mishra

small, marginal, and landless farmers in to augmenting their status of living beyond the farm gate particularly of the women livestock farmers. According to the Food and Agriculture Organization's (FAO) note on dairy production, women traditionally have an important role in milk production in India. The formation of dairy cooperatives has played a significant role in contributing to women's economic empowerment. As per a 2020 report by the National Cooperative Union of India, 4.85 million women members contribute to 30% of the total membership in cooperative societies.

India's percapita income has risen two-thirds in the past ten years. But unlike in other countries where a higher disposable income would mean an increased meat consumption. India has seen a growth in dairy intake as disposable income grows cementing dairys status as the primary source of animal protein. The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and FAO in 2020 estimated India's percapita consumption of fresh dairy products like milk, curd and butter milk is 84 kg among the highest in the world. It is 53 percent higher than the global average.

While drinking milk was not important in the Indian context particularly among the

is about enjoying the small things. Chai is truly one of India's greatest innovations. Like cricket, it is something we took from the British, and bettered beyond measure. It is hardly a surprise that chai shops are spaces for public discourse. From politics to sports to the economy, the chai shop is the most inclusive and accessible space for citizens of the country and binds all Indians in one thread.

In urban India, milk is not just the to morning glass you drink before you sprint out of the house. Its uses go far beyond the dietary and nutritional need. Buttermilk is a popular summer drink to soothe the stomach. If you are in India, you cannot escape calorie-filled sweets made with milk. Well, a surprising fact about most of the Indians has a sweet tooth, and every Indian authentic meal does not end without the delicious Indian milk sweets and what's more impressive is Indians or anyone who tastes the Indian milk sweets cannot resist having one more to satisfy their tongue.

Milk in India is considered as gift from god for many reasons. India has a long history of farmers keeping their cows with love and respect, often giving them names, and treating them as members of the family. This is certainly guided by the religious and cultural association of the cow as a sacred mother figure. For this reason, consuming cow milk is culturally more accepted as compared to consuming the milk of any other



offered to Mahaprabhu by pujapanda sevayat. Then lord Rama and Krishna are carried to the Dakini Ghara of shrimandir. It implies the importance of milk and its byproducts in our socio cultural context.

In India, milk is more than just a dietary need. It is a weapon to fight malnutrition and to support the livelihood of millions of Indian farmers. It cannot be forgotten that around 85 per cent of the farmers are small farmers in India. They own 45 per cent of the land and own 75 per cent of the animals in the country. There is more equitable distribution of animals in India than land. Around 1970, we had Operation Flood which ushered in the milk revolution. It started in Gujarat with the Amul project. Here through a cold chain milk is collected transported from remote villages to processing plants where the milk is homogenised and packed. Excess milk is converted into butter, cheese and ice cream. While on the one hand this project increased the milk production and increased its supply to the cities on the other hand it improves the socio-economic condition of the rural livestock farmers through dairing. Dairy farming is a major income source for

rural poors, whatever little milk was available at the household level may goes bad quickly because India is a tropical country and here the day temperature is fairly high and milk is very sensitive to heat. So the milk was converted to curd and churned for the butter. The butter was made into clarified ghee. The butter milk, which retains the proteins, was consumed as a source of protein. The ghee, rich in fat has longer shelf life and was used for longer period of time and needs no special method of preservation. This ghee is used almost in every household as a dietary supplement mostly as a flavouring agent. In this way milk serves as efficient media in meeting the nutritional requirement rural poors particularly the protein requirement and according to one study dairy products make up 12 percent of the protein consumptions of the Indians.

Another thing common across this large and diverse country like India is the morning cup of milky tea, tiny tea stalls start their businesses early, with migrant laborers normally the first customers. The humble chai, like a true Indian, understands that life

animal. Cow milk is an integral part of the Indian diet and its consumption is a symbol of keeping good health. At present ancient wisdom, however, is being superseded by western learning. The relationship of the farmer with the cow so also the consumption of milk and its byproducts is being altered. There are a number issues related to milk that was being supported by different groups in India like the Vegans (Vegetarians who do not use milk) another group is of the view that milk should be used only for cow's progeny not by humans, then there is the tussel between the organic and factory produced milk, use of A1 verses A2 milk, milk from alternative source like plant based milk and the list goes on. Though at first sight these issues seems threatening to the special place of the milk in Indian diet in future but nothing to worry consuming cow milk was deeply engraved in the Indian tradition, culture and religious believes for good reasons and as we know one can have a question on one's believe, but faith its unquestionable.

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Sethi Bags National Award

New Delhi: Ace Mandarin Bishnu-pada Sethi has been honored with R Chandra Karmayogi National Award for his immense contribution for the Public Service.

1995 Batch IAS Mr.Sethi, a pro-people mandarin has all along served the State with Public Interest and cause.

Mr.Sethi is Principal Secretary School & Mass Education, Commerce & Transport, Information & Public Relations and Chairman Odisha Hydro Power Development Corporation. The National Express, vernacular leading daily, which celebrated its 41st Anniversary and presented Mr.Sethi with R.Chandra Karmayogi Rashtriya Samman in recognition of his public service at NDMC convention center New Delhi recently, said Vipin Kumar Gupta, Chief Editor, National Express Publication Group.

A visionary Mandarin, who could visu-

preciated the Cage Fish Culture, which



alize the immense potential of the Fishery Sector in Odisha, way back in 2011, which World Fish was roped in to boost fishery development in the State. And now results are percolating now and with Chief Secretary SC Mahapatra recently visiting Hirakud Dam and ap-

Mr.Sethi initiated long ago. Odisha was ahead on Doubling Farmers' Income, which was later initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Odisha Government had been successful in doubling Farmer's Income in Fishery and ARD Sector, thanks to initiative of

Mr.Sethi. Mr.Sethi's role as Special Relief Commissioner and Managing Director of Odisha State Disaster Management Authority was praise worthy. Mr.Sethi as SRC steered the Program of 'Zero Causality' approach taken up by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and had been successful handling situation during Very Severe Cyclone FANI, which wreaked havoc in the State.

In Power Sector, as CMD OHPC, he has been instrumental in turning around the Hydro Power Major, thanks to his innovative initiatives.

As District Collector of Sonepur, Nuapada and Rayagada, Mr.Sethi has scripted success in serving the people with all sincerity and honesty. National Express Group of Publications heaped all praise on the senior mandarin, who has reputation of connecting to the people.

Enforcement Directorate arrests Delhi Minister Satyendar Jain in money laundering case

NEW DELHI: Delhi minister and AAP leader Satyendar Jain was arrested by the Enforcement Direc-

"A fake case has been going on against Satyendar Jain for eight years. He has been called by the ED

released soon as he has been arrested in a fake case," Sisodia added.

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taken into custody under criminal sections of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA),



torate (ED) on Monday in connection with a money laundering case, officials said.

Reacting sharply to the arrest, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said Jain has been held in an eight-year-old "fake" case as he is the AAP's incharge for the Himachal Pradesh assembly elections and the BJP is afraid of losing the polls.

several times so far. The ED had stopped calling him for some time because it did not find anything against him. Now it has again started because he is the incharge of Himachal Pradesh elections," Sisodia said in a tweet in Hindi. "The BJP is afraid of losing the elections and hence he was arrested to prevent him from going to Himachal. He will be

Satyendar Jain arrested in 'fake' case as BJP is afraid of losing Himachal polls, says Delhi Deputy CM Manish Sisodia. The ED had said last month that assets worth Rs 4.81 crore of Jain's family and companies "beneficially owned and controlled" by him were provisionally attached as part of a money laundering probe against him. The minister was

officials said. Jain, 57, is the minister for health, industries, power, home, urban development and water in the Arvind Kejriwal-led government. The Himachal Pradesh assembly polls are slated for later this year and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) is looking to make inroads into the state after its stupendous victory in Punjab earlier this year.

Inclement weather caused Tara Air plane crash, suggests preliminary investigation

KATHMANDU: Inclement weather was the reason behind the crash of the Tara Air plane in Nepal's mountainous Mustang district on Sunday with 22 people on board, including four Indians, according to

ineer Ratish Chandra Lal Suman to find out the cause of the Tara Air plane crash, officials said. Preliminary investigation revealed that the aircraft had crashed into the mountains after it

the crashed plane. One more body has been spotted but due to rain and difficult terrain it's not been retrieved yet, the spokesman said, adding that one person was still missing. The spokesperson

Their family members from India are waiting in Kathmandu for identification of bodies. Pieces of the wreckage of the aircraft were found after nearly 20 hours since the plane went missing, the Nepal Army said on Monday.

The plane took off at 9:55 am from Pokhara and lost contact with air control about 12 minutes later at 10:07am, according to the Civil Aviation Authority. Nepal, home to eight of the world's 14 highest mountains, including Everest, has a record of air accidents.

In 2016, all 23 people aboard were killed when a plane of the same airline flying the same route crashed after takeoff. A plane flying from Pokhara to Jomsom crashed near Jomsom airport on May 14, 2012, killing 15 people.

Tara Air is the newest and biggest airline service provider in the Nepalese mountains, according to the airline website. It started its business in 2009 with the mission of helping develop rural Nepal.

'A lot of us were arguing with the police': A dad's anguish outside Texas school while shooting unfolded

UVALDE: Javier Cazares raced to his daughter's school when he heard there was a shooting, leaving his truck running with the door open as he ran into the schoolyard. In his rush, he didn't bring his gun. He spent the next 35 to 45 agonising minutes scanning the children fleeing Robb Elementary School for his 9-year-old 'firecracker,' Jacklyn. All the while, he yearned to run in himself, and grew increasingly agitated, along with other parents, that the police weren't doing more to stop the teenage gunman who holed up in a classroom, killing kids.

"A lot of us were arguing with the police, You all need to go in there. You all need to do your jobs," said Cazares, an Army veteran. "We were ready to go to work and rush in." Nineteen children and two teachers were ultimately shot dead in the roughly 80 minutes the gunman spent inside the school in Uvalde, Texas, a small, predominantly Latino community that sits among vegetable fields halfway between San Antonio and the U.S.-Mexico border.

This account of the deadliest school shooting since Sandy Hook is based on law enforcement's timeline, records and numerous interviews with Uvalde residents in the hours and days after the massacre. Salvador Ramos was up early on May 24, sending ominous messages. The man authorities have identified as the gunman turned 18 the week before and promptly bought two AR-15-style rifles along with hundreds of rounds of ammunition. In the pre-dawn hours in his grandparents' shaded neighborhood just a half-mile from the site he would turn into a killing ground, Ramos wrote "I'm about to" to a woman over Instagram and sent someone a private Facebook message saying he was going to shoot his grandmother. Within hours, he'd done it.

Sometime after 11 a.m., a neighbour who was in his yard heard a shot and looked up to see Ramos run out the front door of his grandparents' home to a pickup truck parked along the narrow street. The 18-year-old seemed panicked and struggled to get the Ford out of park, Gilbert Gallegos, 82, said. Ramos finally drove off, kicking a spray of gravel in the air. Moments later, his grandmother emerged from

the single-story home covered in blood. "This is what he did," Gallegos recalled her yelling. "He shot me." Gallegos' wife called 911 while he took the wounded woman into their backyard. As they hid and waited for the police, more gunshots rang out. By 11:28 am, Ramos had sped to Robb Elementary and crashed the pickup in a drainage ditch, authorities said. At that moment, video shows a teacher entering the school through a door that the teacher had emerged from and propped open a minute earlier.

That door was usually closed, and locked, per security protocol. But it stayed ajar. Witnesses said Ramos jumped from the passenger side of the truck with a rifle and a backpack full of ammunition. After shooting at two men who emerged from a nearby funeral home, Ramos hopped a chain-link fence and headed toward the school, still shooting, as panicked people nearby called the police.

Authorities initially said Ramos exchanged fire with a school police officer before entering the building, but they later said the officer was not actually on campus and 'sped' back upon hearing of the shooter. But the officer initially headed for the wrong man, confronting someone who turned out to be a teacher, after passing within feet of Ramos, who was crouched behind a vehicle parked outside the school. From his hiding place, Ramos went for the propped-open door, slipped through it and into adjoining fourth-grade classrooms at 11:33 a.m., authorities said.

He rapidly fired off more than 100 rounds. In one of those rooms, Miah Cerrillo, 11, covered herself with a friend's blood to look dead, she told CNN. After the shooter moved into the adjacent room, she could hear screams, more gunfire and music being blared by the gunman. Two minutes after Ramos entered the school, three police officers followed him through the same door and were quickly joined by four more.



a preliminary investigation carried out by the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal (CAAN). The Canadian-built turboprop Twin Otter 9N-AET plane went missing on Sunday morning in the mountainous region of Nepal minutes after taking off from the tourist city of Pokhara.

The plane was carrying four Indians, two Germans and 13 Nepali passengers, besides a three-member Nepali crew. The government has formed a five-member commission of inquiry headed by senior aeronautical en-

swered to the right, instead of turning to the left due to inclement weather, CAAN Director-General Pradeep Adhikari said during a meeting of the International Committee of the Parliament on Monday.

The wreckage of the airplane was found on Monday morning at the Sanusare cliff at Thasang rural municipality-2 of Mustang district. The crash site is situated at a distance of eight nautical miles from the Jomsom Airport. Rescuers have so far pulled out 20 bodies from the wreckage of

said that 10 bodies were brought to Kathmandu, while 10 bodies were taken to Pokhara from where they would be brought to Kathmandu.

In a statement, the CAAN earlier said that the plane had crashed at Thasang-2 in Mustang district at the height of 14,500 feet.

The airline's passengers list identified four Indians as Ashok Kumar Tripathy, his wife Vaibhavi Bandekar (Tripathy) and their children Dhanush and Ritika. The family was based in Thane city near Mumbai.

PM, Modi Release Benefits under PM Care's For Children Scheme

Khordha(KCN): prime Minister Narendra Modi on May-30 released the benefits under the PM cares for children scheme through



videoconferencing. It will support those who lost their parents in the pandemic. PM cares has been designed to help any such child looking for an education loan for some professional courses or for higher education. The government has also arranged for a monthly Rs-4000 through other schemes for the child's daily needs. Many children along with their guardians and the Collector of Khordha joined the event through Virtual Mode. In this scheme PM, Narendra Modi provide financial assistance of Seven Children of Khordha District through Collector Khordha Sangram Keshari Mohapatra. The scheme aims to ensure comprehensive care and protection for children in a sustained manner by providing

them boarding and lodging, empowering them through education and scholarships equipping them for well sufficient existence with financial support of Rs-10 lakhs on attaining 23 years of age and ensuring their well being



through health insurance. The event was attended by Additional District Magistrate, Khordha, Manoj Kumar Padhi, Chairman Child Welfare Committee, Khordha, Nilakantha Tripathy, District Child Protection Officer, Khordha, Banishree Pattnaik and all the members of CWC. The programme was Co-ordinated by District Child Protection Unit, L. P. O. Soumendra Nayak, Anup Kumar Behera and Reetanjali Mohanty.

Paradip Port on Deepening Mode

New Delhi(KCN): Port Major, Paradip Port will be deepening and optimizing its capacity with infusion of over Rs.3004 Crore. The ambitious project involves deepening and opti-

confidence by underpinning strong vision and leadership from long term strategic infrastructure plan including a pipeline of investable projects that are economically, socially and environmentally sus-

will enhance the Port's ability to handle Cape Size vessels, will contribute to Port's capacity addition of 25 MTPA and will result in improvement in the Port efficiency, better cargo han-

iron ore. In the last 54 years, the Port has transformed itself to handle a variety of EXIM cargo which includes iron ore, chrome ore, aluminium ingots, coal, POL, fertilizer raw materials, lime stone,



mization of inner harbour facilities including development of western dock on build, operate and transfer (BOT) basis under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode at Paradip Port. The estimated cost of the project is Rs 3,004.63 crore. This includes development of the new Western Dock on BOT basis and capital dredging by the selected concessionaire at a cost of Rs 2,040 crore and Rs 352.13 crore respectively; and Paradip Port's investment will be to the tune of Rs 612.50 crore towards providing Common Supporting Project Infrastructure. In fact the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways aims for robust investor

tainable and practically deliverable. One of those visionary initiatives is capital intensive project at Paradip port which will transform the port into a world-class modern port which will have capability to handle capsized vessel. The decision has been taken with a futuristic approach as Prime Minister has been laying emphasis on development of eastern states. Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal has said the success of the project is a milestone towards Paradip Port becoming a Mega Port. He said this is in line with Prime Minister's vision of development of Eastern States. The minister said the project

ding, increased trade and also lead to socio-economic growth including employment generation. The project will facilitate de-congestion of the port, reduce sea freight making coal imports cheaper, and boost the industrial economy in the hinterland of the port leading to creation of job opportunities. The port, after the project, can easily handle very large ships for which 18 metre draft is required resulting in reduction in logistics cost and will boost EXIM trade in the current global competitive environment. Paradip Port Authority was commissioned in 1966 as a mono commodity port for export of

clinker, finished steel products, containers, etc. Paradip Port Authority (Concessioning Authority) shall provide the common supporting project infrastructure works like breakwater extension & other ancillary works to facilitate handling cape size vessels by the selected BOT concessionaire with an ultimate capacity of 25 MTPA (million tonnes per annum) in two phases of 12.50 MTPA each. The concession period shall be 30 years from the date of award of concession. It shall cater to the requirement of coal & limestone imports besides export of granulated slag & finished steel products considering the large number of steel plants established in the hinterland of Paradip Port.

Rail Projects on early Completion

Bhubaneswar: Railway Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) VK Tripathi on Monday asked senior officials of East Coast Railway (ECoR) to take steps for early completion of all on-going projects in its jurisdiction.

Mr. Tripathi issued this instruction while holding a review meeting here at East Coast Railway Headquarters with the General Manager (in-charge) Sharad Kumar Srivastav, Divisional Railway Manager, Khurda Road, Rinkesh Ray and other Principal Heads of the Departments of ECoR. During the review meeting, different infrastructure and train traffic related issues were discussed. The Chairman also advised officials to increase the speed of passenger carried trains over East

Coast Railway (ECoR) jurisdiction. Apart from this, he stressed on early



completion of ongoing projects and increase in revenue, officials said. During his visit to Odisha, Mr. Tripathi inspected the Railway Developmental Works at Paradip on Monday morning and took stock of various developmental activities of Railways in connection with traffic facilities and hassle-free train operations. He also reviewed the developmental works of Railways in this area. Mr. Tripathi also discussed various issues

with the authorities of Paradeep Port Trust (PPT) and other stakeholders like Jindal Steel, PPL, IOCL, IFFCO, Mittal Steels, etc. and assured to provide all kinds of support in the field of transportation and

Newly elected Sarpanch Minati Sethi felicitated by Utkal Vikash Parisad



Cuttack Sadar(KCN) : Cuttack Sadar block

traffic facilities. Senior railway officials from ECoR head office and Khurda Road Division and officials from different stakeholders also participated in the inspection and review meeting.

Chandra Sethi paid his best wishes and



Jasapada GP newly elected sarpanch Mrs. Minati Sethi has been felicitated and welcomed by Cuttack Sadar based leading social organisation Utkal Vikash Parisad (UVP). UVP president Social worker and educationalist Er. Prakash the active members Jamini Mohan Sahoo, Tapas Mandal, Bailochan Baishanb, Duryodhan sahu meet her and felicitated with discussed about the better work plan, social work, development of Jasapada GP respectively.



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Five dead in Donetsk strikes Russia advances in east Ukraine amid EU meeting on oil ban

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Severodonetsk and Lysychansk.

Since failing to capture Kyiv in the war's early stages, Russia's army has narrowed its focus, hammering cities with relentless artillery and missile barrages as it seeks to consolidate its control.

The situation in Severodonetsk, just across the Donets river from Lysychansk, was "very difficult", the local Lugansk regional governor Sergiy Gaiday said in a statement on social media.

"The Russians are advancing into the middle of Severodonetsk", while the fighting continued, Gaiday said.

Pressure on the east

While Russia concentrated its efforts in the east, Ukrainian forces pushed back over the weekend in the southern region of Kherson, the country's military leadership said.

At the same time, two people were injured following an explosion in the Moscow-controlled city of Melitopol in southeastern Ukraine, with local pro-Kremlin authorities said pinning the blame on Kyiv. Newly appointed French Foreign Minister Catherine Colonna also made the journey to the Ukrainian capital Monday for talks with Zelensky.

The highest-ranking French official to visit Kyiv since Russia invaded Ukraine on February 24, Colonna also visited the town of Bucha, where Russian troops have been accused of committing war crimes against the civilian population.

In the eastern Donbas region, Moscow's forces were making slow progress towards taking the city of Severodonetsk.

Zelensky, in his daily address Sunday, described a scene of devastation in Severodonetsk.

"All critical infrastructure has already been destroyed... More than two-thirds of the city's housing stock has been completely destroyed," he said.

Constant shelling

In Severodonetsk, where an estimated 15,000 civilians remain, a local official said "constant shelling" made it increasingly difficult to get in or out while the water supply is increasingly unstable.

Ukrainian forces counterattacked in the region of Kherson, the only region of the country fully controlled by Russian troops.

Russia gained control over most of Kherson, which borders Crimea, in the early stages of the war and Moscow-backed officials in the region have recently pushed for annexation.

While limited in nature, the attack could have the effect of stretching Russian forces.

The Ukrainian general staff claimed the move had put their adversary into "unfavourable positions" around the villages of Andriyivka, Lozovo and Bilohorka and forced Moscow to send reserves to the area.

"Kherson, hold on. We're close!" it tweeted Sunday.

In Melitopol, Russia-installed authorities said in a statement the city had been targeted by a "terrorist attack".

According to the statement, car packed with explosives exploded in the city centre, injuring two "humanitarian aid" volunteers, a 28-year-old woman and a 25-year-old man.

"The Ukrainian government continues its war on the civilian population and the infrastructure of cities," the officials said.

Oil sanctions

A new, sixth round of European sanctions has been held up by Hungary, whose Prime Minister Viktor Orban has close relations with Russian leader Vladimir Putin.

EU ambassadors made a final push ahead of the summit to persuade Hungary to accept a watered-down oil embargo against Russia.

The landlocked country is heavily dependent on Russian crude oil supplied via the Druzhba pipeline.

Hungary has asked for at least four years and 800 million euros (\$860 million) in

EU funds to adapt its refineries and increase pipeline capacity for alternative suppliers, like Croatia.

But under the compromise proposal the Druzhba pipeline could be excluded from a sanctions package "for the time being", an EU official told AFP.

New face

Meanwhile, Zelensky on Sunday made his first visit to the embattled east since the start of the war, walking the streets of the Kharkiv region's devastated capital in a bullet-proof vest.

While in Kharkiv, Zelensky discussed reconstruction plans with local officials, saying there was a chance for areas wrecked by Russian attacks to "have a new face".

Despite an estimated 2,000 apartment blocks having been wholly or partially destroyed by shelling, the city has returned to a degree of normality in recent weeks. While one-third of the northeastern region remains under Russian control, "we will for sure liberate the entire area," the Ukrainian president said after the visit.

Russia says five dead in strikes on Donetsk in eastern Ukraine

At least five people died following strikes on civilian infrastructure in Ukraine's separatist-controlled city of Donetsk, Russian investigators said Monday, claiming the attack was carried out by Kyiv's forces.

"On May 30, Ukrainian security forces shelled the centre of the city of Donetsk. According to preliminary information, five civilians were killed, including a teenager born in 2009," Russia's Investigative Committee said as quoted by Russian news agencies.

It added 16 people were injured in the attack that damaged three schools.

Donetsk is the de-facto capital of the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic (DNR) in Ukraine's eastern Donbas region that borders Russia.

Before sending troops into Ukraine, Russia recognised the independence of the DNR and neighbouring Lugansk People's Republic (LNR), another pro-Russian breakaway region.

Kyiv has been locked in conflict with Kremlin-backed separatists in the two breakaway regions since 2014.

Authorities in the DNR said on Telegram that two apartment blocks and three schools were hit in the attack, accusing Kyiv of using artillery and rockets with cluster munitions.

Bucha killings 'must never happen again', says French foreign minister in Ukraine

France's new foreign minister Catherine Colonna on Monday condemned killings of civilians outside Kyiv during a visit to Ukraine in a show of support as Russian forces advance in the east.

"This should never have happened. It must never happen again," Colonna told reporters after visiting an Orthodox church in the town of Bucha outside the capital Kyiv, where Russian forces have been accused of killing civilians.

She said France stood with victims of alleged Russian atrocities and that her country would "do everything in its power to restore peace".

Hundreds of Ukrainians were killed during Russia's occupation of the town in the early stages of Moscow's invasion spurring allegations of war crimes by Kyiv and European capitals.

Colonna said during the visit to Bucha that France had been "the first one to respond", referring to the dispatch of French gendarmes to Bucha to investigate potential war crimes alongside Ukrainian investigators.

The foreign minister added she hoped "legal proceedings are completed as quickly as possible, so that families can see their loved ones laid to rest in proper graves".

Colonna is the highest-ranking French official to visit Ukraine since the beginning of the Russian invasion on February 24.

The French foreign ministry said she will meet with President Volodymyr Zelensky and her counterpart Dmytro Kuleba to discuss Russia's blockage of Ukrainian ports and the impact on global food security.

79,669 pieces of fake Rs 500 notes detected in FY22: RBI report

MUMBAI: The number of fake currency note of Rs 500 denomination detected by the banking system more than doubled to 79,669 pieces in fiscal 2021-22 over the previous year, according to the RBI annual report.

The number of counterfeit notes of Rs 2,000 denomination detected in the system was

design) and Rs 2,000, respectively," said the RBI's annual report for 2021-22.

The counterfeit notes detected in the denominations of Rs 50 and Rs 100 declined by 28.7 per cent and 16.7 per cent, respectively.

During 2021-22, out of the total FICNs detected in the banking sector, 6.9 per cent were



13,604 pieces during 2021-22, up 54.6 per cent from the preceding financial year.

After declining in 2020-21, the total number of Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICNs) of all denominations detected in the banking sector increased to 2,30,971 pieces from 2,08,625 pieces in the previous fiscal.

During 2019-20, the FICNs detected stood at 2,96,695 pieces.

"Compared to the previous year, there was an increase of 16.4 per cent, 16.5 per cent, 11.7 per cent, 101.9 per cent and 54.6 per cent in the counterfeit notes detected in the denominations of Rs 10, Rs 20, Rs 200, Rs 500 (new

Mukul Wasnik should file nomination for Rajya Sabha polls from Maharashtra: Prithviraj Chavan

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got a seat from Maharashtra," the former chief minister said.

Wasnik should be fielded from Maharashtra instead of Rajasthan, he said.

Wasnik and Pratapgarhi can withdraw their nominations from Rajasthan and Maharashtra, respectively, and the former can file papers from his home state, the Congress leader said. "I have requested top leaders for the change," Chavan claimed.

May 31 is the last date for filing nominations for the Rajya Sabha polls in which members of the 288-strong state assembly will vote to elect 6 candidates for the Upper House of Parliament.

The BJP, which has fielded three candidates, has votes to win two seats on its own.

The Congress, the Shiv Sena and the NCP can win one seat each on their own and will together have surplus votes to win another seat. The Shiv Sena, which has fielded two candidates, is banking on these surplus votes to win its second seat.

Ukraine's ex-leader and Zelensky critic Petro Poroshenko allowed to leave country

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in NATO at the Madrid summit in June" during the meeting, his press service said in a statement to AFP.

But he was able to travel to the Netherlands for a summit bringing together European political parties that begins Tuesday.

"After pressure from deputies of the European Parliament and members of the governments of the EU

countries, Petro Poroshenko was able to go abroad to participate in the Summit and Congress of the European People's Party in Rotterdam," his press service said.

It said the former leader "showed the same documents" at the border with Poland that he had twice been refused to leave with.

Under Zelensky, Poroshenko has been investigated for treason and corruption — accused in part of helping pro-Russian separatists sell coal to Ukrainian authorities. He denies the charges.

After Russia's invasion, Ukraine's parliament banned several pro-Russian parties, and allowed others to still operate under a so-called political ceasefire -- a tacit understanding that all parties would put aside domestic political disagreements to unite against the war.

detected at the Reserve Bank and 93.1 per cent at other banks, the report said.

One of the major objectives of the 2016 demonetisation of the then prevailing Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes was to curb circulation of fake currency notes.

Mishap at Rourkela Steel Plant in Odisha claims life of contract worker

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seem questionable as had there been any other present at the spot the victim would not have died. He reiterated strict safety adherence inside RSP.

Earlier, on January 30 a contract worker Amar Panda (42) had died and another contract worker escaped with minor injury after a heavy iron safety seal of a gas tank got dislocated to trap Panda dead. They were engaged in a housekeeping job at the Captive Power Plant (CPP) -1.

On January 06, 2021, four contractor workers died of exposure to poisonous gas. They were engaged in a maintenance job at the Site A of the Coal Chemical Department when they got exposed to entrapped CO gas while opening the flange bolts of the CO gas pipeline attached to the Gas Mixing Tank.

The fatal mishap had led to the suspension of three RSP executives and a series of inquiries by SAIL and state government and the intervention of the National Green Tribunal.

'VIP' Babus get EV ride to Jagannath temple's Srimandir depriving beneficiaries

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Scores of elderly people and those with disabilities, who were in need of the vehicles that have been specifically assigned for the service free of cost by the State government, had to return disappointed without going to the temple. Many others had to take the arduous walk to the temple from Jagannath Ballav Mutt, as other vehicles are barred from the point.

"We asked the vehicle operators for the ride but were refused service. We had to walk all the way to the temple in the terribly hot and humid conditions," said a 65-year-old man who came with his wife and children. Over 30,000 devotees visited the shrine on Sunday. With heatwave-like conditions prevailing in the State, the problems faced by the citizens who deserved the ride can be well imagined. Sources said the Puri administration sanitized the area by moving out the vendors and even cleaning up the road stretch to give the young officers the best experience. ADM (Protocol) Pradeep Sahoo, however, denied that the battery-operated vehicle service was not provided to senior citizens and PwDs. "Out of 17 such vehicles, we had reserved 11 for the contingent. The bureaucrats used it only at 8 pm. Till then, it was provided to others as usual," he told The New Indian Express.

However, it was for all to see that the vehicles had been lined up in front of Paradise Hotel since afternoon with seats covered with white towels, which is a well-recognized emblem of VIPs in the country. The contingent that visited the temple included the IAS probationers and two Bhutanese Royal Service officers.

Wanted to be flag-bearer of how my team would function, says Gujarat Titans 'Captain' Hardik

AHMEDABAD: Minutes after the final was over, Hardik Pandya was quietly caressing the IPL trophy flap as one of the BCCI employees was inscribing the name of new champions 'Gujarat Titans'.

It seemed as if an indulgent father was tousling his son's hair with love. That trophy was indeed Pandya's labour of love.

For all the hardwork put in after some years of circumspection and uncertainties.

We all saw it but he dealt with it.

His wife Natasha hugged him.

It was an act of assurance -- that his support system is firmly behind him, earlier in 'thin' and now in 'thick'.

Lifting the IPL trophy isn't a new experience for Pandya but guiding a new team in its first year is certainly super special and he makes no bones while admitting it.

"This is a bit more special as I got it as a captain. But those earlier four (2015, 17, 19, 20 with MI) were equally special. I am insanely lucky to win five out of five IPLs, but this IPL trophy will create a legacy," Pandya declared in his booming baritone.

"Today was a day, we got such support with 110,000, we got all rewards for the hard work," he added.

Batters can win matches but bowlers win Championships



"I live and feed on love, which I keep getting from my family," said the man, who won it for the Titans in first half itself with the wickets of Jos Buttler, Sanju Samson and Shimron Hetmyer.

The 34 runs in a low-scoring chase was just the cherry on top.

On May 29, 2022, India just got another genuine white-ball captaincy option in Pandya.

His MS Dhoni style of calm leadership, has blind-sided even the best of cricket analysts in the country, who wouldn't have remotely considered him of being a left-field choice in their wildest of dreams even three months back.

But dream has turned into a reality and Pandya has walked the talk as a leader with 487 runs and 8 wickets.

"I have always enjoyed responsibility and been someone, who wants to lead from the front, so that I can set an example," Pandya told reporters during virtual conference.

"If I want my team to function in a certain way, I need to be the first flag-bearer to show them the way.

So that, it makes more sense if I do it first," Pandya spoke with conviction and all who listened believed him.

"....But World Cup Trophy remains an ultimate goal"

Hardik in his six-year start-stop international career has played one ICC final (Champions Trophy in 2017) and two semi-finals (T20 World Cup in 2016 and ODI World Cup in 2019).

On June 9, it will be one of the sweetest of comebacks for Pandya in India Blue and the eyes are trained on a World Cup triumph.

There are two in next 16 months -- one in shortest version (T20) and other in shorter version (ODI).

"It's about winning the World Cup for India, no matter what happens. I have always been that guy to put the team first, so the goal will be to see my team gets it (global trophy) most," he said.

"Playing for India has always been a dream come true. No matter how many games I have played, I have always got support and love. In the short and long term, one goal is there. I want to win the World Cup no matter what happens," he makes his priorities crystal clear. This IPL Trophy is more special than other four

When Hardik was picked by Gujarat from the draft, his first endeavour along with head coach Ashish Nehra was to pick a potent bowling side and accordingly, they assembled a cracking unit -- Mohammed Shami (20 wickets), Rashid Khan (19 wickets), Lockie Ferguson (12 wickets) and rookie Yash Dayal (11 wickets).

"People say T20 cricket is a batter's game but it is the bowlers, who win you matches," he said.

But the skipper explained his rationale behind concentrating on bowling line-up.

"Because if the batters are not putting up a par-score, then you need a gun bowling line-up, so we have always ended up giving 10 runs less. On tracks, where other teams have gone for 190, we have perhaps restricted sides to 180," Pandya elaborated.

"Obviously 10 runs make a big difference in larger context as it can decide on winning and losing."

"For me and Ashu paa (Nehra), at the start, our endeavour was to create a strong and experienced bowling unit, so that if batting doesn't click occasionally, we can pull things back, so that was very important."

Strong family, emotional bonds From the garish jackets and the blingy diamonds and flashy in-your-face lifestyle during initial years, Pandya's transformation from a brash youth to a responsible man has been an incredible one.

Wife Natasha, son Agastya, brothers Krunal and Vaibhav, sister-in-law Pankhuri form his core circle, people who are like his protective human shields from the vulnerabilities.

"Natasha is someone very emotional and gets very happy when she sees me doing well. She has seen me going through a lot of things and putting in hard yards, no matter what has happened, I have worked hard, that is something I don't speak about but she knows how much hard work goes behind the scenes," the husband in Hardik was full of gratitude.

"My family has been my strong pillar. My brother Krunal, my sister-in-law Pankhuri, my other brother Vaibhav. Lot of people, who have been fantastic in ensuring that I stay in best mind space whenever crunch situations come. "My brother (Krunal) as well cried, when I called him, my sister-in-law cried. Those were tears of happiness. I know that I can perform out there on the field as these people are all behind me," he concluded.

Nadal to face Djokovic at French Open after 5-set victory

PARIS(KCN): By the end of only the third five-setter Rafael Nadal has played in 112 career matches at Roland Garros, as the sun and temperature descended and the chants of "Ra-fa! Ra-fa!" filled the evening air, the man known as the King of Clay showed precisely what this meant to him.

With every sprint-slide-and-stretch to reach a seemingly unreachable shot off the yellow racket of his opponent, Felix Auger-Aliassime; with every right-to-a-corner winner; with every well-struck volley, Nadal would hop or throw an up-percut or scream "Vamos!" — and, often, all of the above.

Nadal got through his first serious test of this French Open by edging No. 9 seed Auger-Aliassime 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 across nearly 4 1/2 hours of even, entertaining tennis in the fourth round Sunday at Court Philippe Chatrier. "Being honest, every match that I play here, I don't know if it's going to be my last match here in Roland Garros. ... That's my situation now," said Nadal, who turns 36 on Friday. "That's why I am just trying to enjoy as much as possible."

And the reward for coming through this one? A tantalizing matchup against rival Novak Djokovic in Tuesday's quarterfinals. Nadal improved to 3-0 in five-set matches at the clay-court tournament he has dominated the way no one ever has dominated any Grand Slam event. Overall he is 109-3 here, and two of those defeats came against Djokovic, including in last year's semifinals in their most recent showdown. The significance of the rivalry: Tuesday's meeting will be their 59th, more than any other two men have played each other in the sport's professional era. Djokovic leads 30-28, although Nadal has a 7-2 advantage at the French Open. "We have a lot of history together," said Nadal, who attended the Champions League final Sat-

urday night won by his favourite club, Real Madrid, and didn't get back to his room until after midnight.

Looking at the larger picture, the formerly No. 1-ranked Nadal's record 13 championships at Roland Garros are part of his haul of 21 Grand Slam trophies, a record for men. The currently No. 1-ranked Djokovic, twice the title winner at the French Open, is just one behind Nadal in the total Slam count, tied with Roger Federer at 20. Djokovic beat 15thseeded Diego Schwartzman 6-1, 6-3, 6-3 earlier Sunday and has won all 12 sets he's played in the tournament. "It's a huge challenge," Djokovic said about playing Nadal, "and probably the biggest one that you can have here in Roland Garros. I'm ready for it."

The other quarterfinal in their half of the men's bracket is between No. 3 seed Alexander Zverev, the 2020 U.S. Open runner-up, and No. 6 Carlos Alcaraz, the 19-year-old from Spain who leads the tour with four titles this year. Zverev beat 131st-ranked qualifier Bernabe Zapata Miralles 7-6 (11), 7-5, 6-3, and Alcaraz displayed a back-to-the-net, between-the-legs lob while wrapping up the day's schedule with a 6-1, 6-4, 6-4 victory over No. 21 Karen Khachanov.

Two women's quarterfinals were set, too: 18-year-old Coco Gauff against 2017 U.S. Open champion Sloane Stephens in an all-American matchup, and 2021 U.S. Open runner-up Leylah Fernandez of Canada against 59th-ranked Martina Trevisan of Italy. The remaining fourth-round matches are Monday. Might be tough for any of them to live up to what Nadal and Auger-Aliassime produced as the temperature dipped below 60 degrees Fahrenheit (15 Celsius) and a 10 mph (15 kph) wind made it feel even chillier as 9 p.m. approached during the denouement.



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