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## PM Narendra Modi and France President Emmanuel Macron to discuss host of key issues

NEW DELHI(KCN) : In their talks on Wednesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron are likely to discuss mitigating the global economic consequences of the Ukraine conflict as well as ways to ensure cessation of hostilities in that country, diplomatic sources said. Modi, currently on a visit to Denmark, will have a brief stopover in Paris on his return journey where he will hold extensive talks with President Macron, who was re-elected to the top post over a week back. The sources said discussions will also focus how France can continue to be India's "partner of choice"

in its quest for becoming self-reliant in the field of defence manufacturing. The talks will also explore ways to boost cooperation in areas of technology, space and energy, they said. The two leaders will discuss how to ensure cessation of hostilities in Ukraine and mitigate the global economic consequences of this conflict, the sources said. They said another focus area of the talks would be to unitedly deal with the challenges in the Indo-Pacific. Modi and Macron are expected to explore ways to speeding up "positive agenda of solutions" in the region, the sources said.

## PM Modi arrives in Denmark to participate in second India-Nordic summit

COPENHAGEN(KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday arrived in Denmark on the second leg of his three-nation Europe trip during which he will hold talks with his Danish counterpart Mette Frederiksen and attend the 2nd India-Nordic Summit. Modi arrived here from Germany where he held detailed bilateral discussions with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and co-chaired the India-Germany inter-governmental consultations. It is Prime Minister's first visit to Denmark. "I will travel to Copenhagen where I will have a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Frederiksen which will provide an opportunity to review

the progress in our unique 'Green Strategic Partnership' with Denmark, as well as other aspects of our

ing Prime Minister Frederiksen's India visit in October 2021. Modi will also meet Queen Margrethe II.

missions. More than 60 Indian companies in Denmark, mainly in the IT sector, are further



bilateral relations," the Prime Minister had said in his departure statement. India-Denmark: A Green Strategic Partnership' was established during a virtual summit in September 2020. This partnership was translated into a result-oriented five-year action plan dur-

He will also attend the India-Denmark Business Roundtable and interact with the Indian community in Denmark. Over 200 Danish companies in India are actively engaged in taking forward 'Make in India, Jal Jeevan Mission, Digital India and other key national

cementing bilateral business-to-business ties. Denmark is home to a robust Indian diaspora of 16,000 people. Apart from the bilateral engagements with Denmark, he will also take part in the 2nd India-Nordic Summit along with Prime Ministers of

## Plea on Lawmaker arrest

Bhubaneswar(KCN): A delegation of State BJP led by party chief whip Mohan Majhi on Tuesday sought intervention of Governor Ganeshi Lal on arrest of party MLA Subash Chandra Panigrahi and requested him to withdraw the 'false case'.

"The BDO called Panigrahi to five different villages to meet him and later misbehaved with him. When the MLA lodged an FIR, the police did not take any action. However, the police arrested Mr.Panigrahi acting on BDO's



Notably, Deogarh MLA Mr.Panigrahi was arrested on Sunday morning for allegedly assaulting Tileibani BDO Krushna Chandra Dalapati. Speaking to media persons after meeting the Governor, Mr.Majhi said, "It is unfortunate that opposition MLAs neither get respect nor feel safe under Naveen Patnaik government."

FIR filed three hours later," he alleged. They alleged that Mr.Panigrahi on April 30 contacted the Tileibani BDO Krushna Chandra Dalapati to discuss some important works. The BDO first told him to meet him at the Block office and subsequently gave the address of four other places to meet him but when the MLA visited the places the BDO was not present in any of the places. Finally, the MLA met the BDO at Bhaliagudi village. On seeing the MLA, the BDO scolded him and threatened to kill him, the BJP leaders alleged. CONTINUED ON: P-7

## Gujarat: Rahul Gandhi to address tribals on May 10 in Dahod

AHMEDABAD: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi will address the 'Adivasi Satyagrah Rally' on May 10 in

uled Tribe communities, said senior Congress leader Arjun Modhwadia while addressing a press conference

"We had planned to organise this rally on May 1, but had to postpone it due to some unforeseen circumstances.

menting several pro-tribal Acts properly, such as MNREGA and Forest Rights Act, and also said the state government had displaced tribals from their land in the name of building highways and dams.

"The Congress will reinstate the rights of tribals given to them by the Constitution. Since we are confident of winning the Assembly polls, Rahulji will share Gujarat Congress' roadmap for the overall development of tribals during the rally," said Solanki. Notably, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had visited Dahod on April 20 and launched various projects worth Rs 22,000 crore for the tribal region.



tribal-dominated Dahod town of Gujarat, where elections are scheduled for later this year, a party functionary said on Tuesday. Tribals are decisive in at least 40 of the 182 Assembly seats in the state, including 27 which are reserved for members of the Sched-

here. Giving details about Gandhi's visit, former state unit chief Bharatsinh Solanki said the purpose of the rally is to expose the ruling BJP, make tribals aware about their rights and tell them how the Congress will help them if voted to power.

Rahul Gandhi will address tribals on May 10 in Dahod town. At the rally, Congress will reiterate its resolve to fight for the rights of tribals, who are at the receiving end at present under BJP rule," Solanki told reporters. The Congress leader accused the BJP of not imple-

## 800CR KALIA Funds Released

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Tuesday said that Odisha's farmers played an important role in food security not only in the state but across the country.

He said agriculture development and farmers' welfare are the most important programs of the state government, he said launching eight new agricultural development programs on the



"Farmers are the mainstay of our economy. Our farmers have played an important role in food security not only in Odisha but across the country," he said distributing Rs 800 crore Krishak Assistance for Livelihood & Income Augmentation (KALIA) assistance to 40 lakh small and marginal farmers across the State excepting in Jharsuguda for the Khariff crop on the occasion of Akshya Tiritiya and Krushak Diwas.

The farmers have brought glory to Odisha, the Chief Minister said while complimenting them for their efforts.

occasion. CM informed that the State Government has made provision of Rs 20,000 crore for development of the agriculture sector. The Chief Minister advised the farmers to invest this money in farming and improve their agriculture. With the launch of the Rejuvenating Watershed for Agricultural Resilience through Innovative Development program, the Millet Mission and the Special Program for the Promotion of Integrated Farming were also launched. CONTINUED ON: P-7

## Media students grooved to the tunes of World Dance Day 2022

Kolkata(KCN): The Department of Media Science of The Heri-

with some power packed performances from the extremely

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International Dance Day is a global dance event, created by the Dance Committee of the International Theater Institute, a major partner for UNESCO's performing arts. This event takes place every year on April 29.



tage Academy Kolkata celebrated the World Dance Day on 29th April 2022.

On this occasion Dean of the Department, Prof. Dr. Madhupa Bakshi addressed and enlightened the media students on how to use Mudras(Gestures) as a tool of communication.

The day was observed

talented dance students, followed by an impromptu dance by the members of faculty. Before wrapping up the event, the entire audience grooved to the party tracks to celebrate the day in their own style. It was a short yet rocking event, absolutely a high-octane dose of entertainment.

## Teasana : Best Inspiration for New Entrepreneurs

BBiswajit Tripathy, founder, and CEO of Odisha based 'Teasana' is a first-generation entrepreneur and is a man who has always challenged himself.

He is an enthusiastic & industrious personality with a risk-taking appetite and problem-solving ability. As per him, "Success is not the key to happiness, Happiness is the key to success. If we love what we are doing we will be successful."

"Teasana", his own proud passion has been recognized amongst the top-ten best start-ups in the tea and coffee industry by "Industry Outlook" for the year 2021-22. Just a 2-year-old baby, Teasana competed with Decade-old stalwarts from the tea industry. With a farm-to-table approach, Teasana is a young and promising brand that sources its raw material directly from the tea estates and small-scale farmers. The brand has been creating unique hand-blended flavors that match the lifestyles and health demands of today's customers. Teasana's blending method is devoid of any chemicals or artificial procedures. Everything is hand blended with a strong emphasis on hygiene. By 2023, Teasana expects to have at least one tea for every kind of health disorder that exists. They are the first tea makers in the country to make customized and on-demand tea. Its quality can be measured in terms of the repeat customers which is 95% of its total customer base. Their exertion is to create new markets and new demands for superior quality wellness tea. They want to make more and more blends for various customer segments and have at least one tea for every season and every reason.



## NASA scientist urges tech students to search the unknown among the known

Kolkata (KCN): "Tagore is in our blood. We should search for the unknown among what we know," said Dr. Goutam Chattopadhyay, Se-

that has landed on Mars in the previous year along with the first launch of a Helicopter at Mars which was also done recently creating a breakthrough in sci-

IEEE student chapter. I assure that every student will have his own paper presented in research journals after becoming a member of IEEE," said Dr. Shibhan Koul encouraging the future techies to be a part of the IEEE network.

"We are planning to open a MTT-AP student's chapter at HITK apart from motivating our students to actively become a member of IEEE. The benefits of opening a MTT- AP student's chapter in terms of



nior Scientist, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California, USA during his address on 29th April 2022 at Heritage Institute of Technology, Kolkata organized by the Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering & IEEE Microwave Theory & Techniques Society in association with AP-MTT Kolkata Chapter.

Speaking on the topic 'Mars Landing: Rover & Helicopter' Dr. Chattopadhyay said, "We did not find any form of life outside the planet earth, not even a cell. But there could be life and it is yet to be discovered. There are trillions of planets in the universe and we are studying 5000 exoplanets which requires a huge amount of investment. To make life survive on any planet, it should have a rocky surface and there should be a probability of the existence of water." Citing various examples he gave a detailed presentation to the students about the Perseverance Rover

ence & technology. The session was also



addressed by Dr. Shibhan Koul, Emeritus Professor, Centre for Applied Research in Electronics, IIT Delhi and Dr. Chinmoy Saha, Associate Professor, Indian Institute of Space Science & Technology. Both of them spoke about the latest technologies on Microwave Integrated Circuit & Satellite Tracking Applications respectively. "IEEE has started to offer internship opportunities across India for the students. Moreover we are also doing some projects as a part of our social initiatives where students can actively participate," said Dr. Saha during the session. "We are helping students with some live projects and that too can happen under the

getting grants to organize conferences where the students can actively participate and learn, are huge," said Prof. Prabir Banerjee, Head of the Department, Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering, Heritage Institute of Technology, Kolkata. It's a matter of pride that Prof. Prabir Banerjee had been featured among the Top 100 scientists across the world for the year 2022 by AD Scientific Index.

"Students learn a lot from interacting with the experts and they should capitalize on such opportunities developing their skills and knowledge," said Mr. P.K.Agarwal, CEO, Heritage Group of Institutions, Kolkata.

## Engineer's role on conservation of water even from the usage of water filters stressed at Chemspark 2022

Kolkata (KCN): On 29th April 2022, Department of Chemical Engineering, Heritage Institute of Technology organized its annual student programme on innovation & expert interaction 'Chemspark 2022' in association with Indian Institute of Chemical Engineering (IChE), Student's Chapter. The inaugural session of the programme was addressed by Prof. Sekhar Bhattacharjee, Former Dean, Faculty of Engi-

water even from the use of water filters should be the subject matter of study for today's engineering education. Equipment daily used by us works on the principles of Chemical Engineering and how we can merge the theoretical aspect with the practical knowledge is all that matters," said Mr. S.K.Roy, Former GM, Balmer Lawrie during his address at the inaugural session. The session was also addressed



neering & Technology, University of Calcutta as the Chief Guest followed by Mr. S.K.Roy, Council member, IChE and former GM, Balmer Lawrie as the Guest of Honour.

During the inaugural session, Prof. Bhattacharjee spoke about the interdisciplinary aspect of engineering where progress in chemical engineering is aligned with other streams of engineering. "A similar progress that of chemical engineering is witnessed in mechanical engineering as well," said Prof. Bhattacharjee during his inaugural address.

"Chemical engineering is nothing but the alphabets of applied science. Today chemical engineers should be able to find solutions to the crisis we face daily like shortage of water. What water conservation measures can be taken to minimize the wastage of

by Prof. Basab Chaudhuri, Principal, Heritage Institute of technology and it was followed by a workshop on 'Process simulation' addressed by Prof. Sekhar Bhattacharjee.

"Every year we organize such events to give the students practical knowledge from the experts," said Prof. Sulagna Chatterjee, Head of the Department, Department of Chemical Engineering, Heritage Institute of technology. The inaugural session was also contributed by Prof. Pinaki Bhattacharya, Dean, Research & Development, Heritage Institute of Technology and Prof. Sujit Kr. Barua, Registrar, Heritage Institute of Technology. "The event is an eye opener to the practical field for the students," said Mr. P.K.Agarwal, CEO, Heritage Group of Institutions, Kolkata

## Demand Letter to Collector Cuttack for Kandarpur Samabaya Samiti cash Issue

Cuttack Sadar(KCN) : Cuttack Sadar Kandarpur Samabaya Samiti 153 farmers deposited money around eighty lakhs rupees taken by cashier Dipti Kumar Pattanik who is not joining office long back. Several times the depositors bring notice to higher authority and Mini Bank team but neither any action not reaction. So all the farmers will not attain election of samiti and all are fight against this injustice matter. For justice BJP State working committee member Prativa

Satapathy, Cuttack Jilla Samabaya Coordinator Bandhu Charan Sahoo, CCV Cuttack Jilla coordinator Bijaya Routary, Banki CCV coordinator Ajay Muduli, Cuttack Sadar Samabaya Coordinator Khirod Dalai, Sub-coordinator Bipin Panda and team given there demand letter to Honorable Collector, DCP & State Cooperative Election commissioner with full fill there demand on top prior basic otherwise from 7th. May's team will sit on a hunger strike.

## Crafts Council of Odisha organizes first craft exhibition called Master Crafters

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Crafts Council of Odisha affiliated to Crafts Council of India launched its first craft exhibition called MASTER CRAFTERS at the banquet hall of Bhubaneswar Club today. This two-day exhibition will showcase a range of craft products such as pattachitra, stoneware, applique, handwoven ikat, dhokra, silver filigree and straw products - all made by a few of the state's best craftsmen who have been awarded with state and national awards.

Mrs. Shubha Sharma, IAS, Commissioner cum Secretary, Department of Textile, Handlooms and Handicrafts inaugurated the exhibition in the presence of Shri Santosh Mohapatra, Retd. IAS, Chairman, Crafts Council of Odisha. Present among others were Shri Rajib Sahu, Secretary, Smt Paramita Panda, Joint Secretary, Smt Adyasha Dash, Treasurer of Crafts Council of Odisha and other craft loving

members like Smt Rebati Panii, Smt. Rashmi Mohapatra, Shri Tapan Mohanty, Devesh Sinha, Sanjana Pattnaik, Ramesh Swain and other dignitaries like.



Inaugurating the exhibition, the chief guest Smt Subha Sharma welcomed the formation of Craft Council of Odisha and expressed the hope that the Council can be an ideal partner in the development of crafts in the state. She also appreciated the

idea of small indoor exhibition of state and nationally warded craft persons like Master Crafters. Outlining the various efforts of state government to promote crafts she thanked the craft persons for participating in the event.

Speaking on this occasion Shri Mohapatra said that all craft rich states in India have craft councils affiliated to Craft Council of India which in turn is affiliated to the World Craft Council. Odisha in spite of being one of the leading craft rich states did not have this Council and we are happy that thanks to the interest shown by some craft loving persons this Council has finally been born. This exhibition is its first baby step and the Council hopes to undertake many more activities for the development of crafts and benefit of the craft persons. The exhibition shall be opened till 8 pm today and between 11 am to 8 pm on 1st May 2022 for the public.

The emphasis in this event is excellence and it includes showcasing the work of some of the best craftsmen who have been awarded for their work such as Pattachitra works by Bijay Parida, Purna Chandra Moharana and Dwijabara Das, Stone carving by Kalpataru Moharana and Keshab Moharana, Palm leaf engraving by Rabindra Behera, Applique works by Kabi Mohanty, Silver filigree by Pankaj Kumar Sahoo, Sea shell works by Jagannath Mohapatra and Ikat weaving by Harishankar Meher and Arjun Pal. The Council knows that there are many more excellent craftsmen to be given this opportunity and many more activities in areas of design, raw material and marketing to be undertaken in this sector. The Craft Council of Odisha hopes to do it in days to come with support of industry, government, institutions and craft loving patrons.

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# "SandstonePro is India's first indigenous open OTT app."

Mumbai, (Sanjay Sharma Raj): India's 'SandstonePro'. Through which you can produce better short films through this app. The app has option of stock images, stock audio etc. The app



first indigenous Open OTT app like 'YouTube' by 'Sandstone Entertainment'. 'SandstonePro' was launched by the Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Ramdas Athawale on Sunday 10 October 2021 at Raheja Classic Club, Lokhandwala, Mumbai. Its chairman is Pankaj Kamal and managing director is Arti Kamal. Indian and Bollywood martial arts expert and founder of 'Chitah Jeet Kune Do Global Sports Federation', Chairman Cheetah Yajnes Shetty has been appointed as the CEO of 'Sandstone Entertainment' company. Cheetah Yajnes Shetty says about the app, "It is India's first indigenous open OTT app

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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 arriving 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).

## Congress is desperate to become atmanirbhar

It is no secret for anybody with little sense of politics to understand that the Congress party is in deep trouble, slipping through the

slippery slopes of prospects in a country that it ruled for more than five decades. Compelled to go beyond its 'high command' culture, many leaders in the party began to feel suffocated under a family which perhaps lost credibility. Modi's entry into national politics has almost toppled the hopes of survival of many in the grand old party, forcing them to turn a mirror on its own unquestionable high command. The G-23 grouping has not only been an accumulation of the downhearted old-timers but it sensibly wanted to lift the capsizing party from a total disappearance. The Prashant Kishor Plan, as what at least some in the party inner circle feel, is expected to work as a redemption formula that the party formally, though hesitant, would like to hold on as the last reed of hope. Why is the Congress hesitant to pull the chain for the strategist is because it has a natural tendency to comfortably snuggle into the memories of its past glory and the impact of the unquestionable influence of the Gandhi family on it - the impetus that the party cherished for ages with great pride, servitude and ecstatic satisfaction. The Kishor Magic that many leaders across party lines think, would work wonders, if given a chance. The beneficiaries of the celebrated political strategist of India, agree to what they call an invincible magic wand, that Prashant Kishor could swing for the Congress too, if not giving it a complete success suddenly, but capable to lift the ailing party

from its thickening insignificance.

Every such move of revival made by the Congress should be presumably in the interest of the BJP too. For the saffron party, the emergence of local forces in different parts of the country may not always give goosebumps of delight and a silent giggle of satisfaction. The leaders in the BJP and the RSS are undoubtedly aware of the fact that there is a danger in such small regional parties emerging with numerous self-interests and regional aspirations, indubitably threatening its dream of inching towards an Akhand Bharat. Emergence of small parties and their grouping to challenge the national parties were tested and failed. This trend perhaps is viewed as a move capable of politically destabilizing the country. The Congress party's efforts to pull it from the gorge of its political apathy should be viewed and valued with sympathy. The recent elections held in five states buried the last drop of hope remaining with the Congress certainly dragging it to an outsider - a strategist who behaves like a hawk, selling his ideas to anybody in the street, with little or no political acumen as a party worker. Surprisingly, the generation gap that the party generated through its decades of hits and misses is so deep as it remained completely dependent on one family. No leader to the stature of a national eminence and ability to pull a crowd is visible in the party. Its complete dependence on the dynasty sidelined everybody, throwing it to the stage of severe political irreverence in the present political context. The way out is of course a revamp and the party leadership's gesture in this regard is indicative of the urgency.

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The BJP is blamed for its communal politics which the opposition parties rating them as their key to success. This may be a camouflaging intent by the parties that disagree with the saffron squad. No doubt, the BJP was capable of catapulting perceptions indicating that it always stood, at least vocally, with the majoritarian aspirations, which indeed should be disputed. On the ground, the reports on the welfare schemes executed so far evidently prove the fact that the government at the center could bring its projects to the last man on the queue without much mishmash. The Congress, when it was in power, mostly failed to implement welfare schemes impartially and its welfarism for the selected few was largely countered by the BJP's welfare plans for all. The schemes implemented in the last eight years were unquestionably impartial, according to agencies. The Congress's extreme obsession for a redeemer, a rescuer is signaling to its utter desperation and an urge to come out of an illusory world that it imprisoned itself. The harshest reality that the Congress would stumble on is the sycophancy that it reared and trained its leaders through, and the redemption plan offered by Kishor is triggering to break this menace. Presenting his meticulously crafted roadmap for the revival to its high command, Prashant Kishor waited for the Congress to respond but the party, though impressive on what the strategist viewed on its plight, offered him nothing special but a position in the Empowered Committee which it set up for the party's preparations for 2024 general elections. Kishor's views were almost in line with what the dissenting G 23 had viewed

and the high command's decision to lean on and lend an ear to what the veterans flagged long back is a positive sign. Meanwhile the Congress was irritated and skeptical of the intentions of Kishor and his team for striking a deal with the Telangana Rashtira Samithi (TRS) for the next year's assembly elections. The TRS and the Congress are face to face in the state of Telangana. Kishor, on the other hand, is with a definite plan to dethrone Modi in 2024 and all set to bring the regional bulls to one yoke with Congress taking an important role in the plough. The strategist, seemingly with humility, denied the offer the Congress made, possibly dissatisfied with the trifling weight that the party threw on him. What seems to be mounting on Sonia Gandhi is the magnitude of the threat of existence and the fear of being discarded by the cadre. This must be the reason that the dynasty is still perplexed and hesitant to do the course correction. The Congress party needs to know its traditional voters who, for generations, voted for the party unwavering on any political storm that could sweep seats to power giving it defeats multiple times. Disappointing the grassroots cadre and its voters for long would be more hazardous. The present context is that the party is insecure to strengthen the base, the grassroots, as the leadership itself is clueless on what the party would look like as a system minus the Gandhis. Of course, this is a huge crisis that the party knows is not possible for any outsider with parachuted ideas to easily solve.

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## India needs innovative idea to resolve Guaranteed MSP

Successive Governments have provided huge subsidies for Agro inputs such as, fertilizer, electricity, water etc. Income tax on

Agriculture is also exempted. Bank credits at cheaper rates are provided on priority basis. At times, the loans are also waived. In addition, cash assistance is given through "PM KissanSammanNidhi" scheme. In FY-2020, under MSP, Government had procured 23 eligible crops barely 26 per cent by value. This might be below 15% of all crops. Despite this, unsold stock with FCI is about 32.0 million tons and 24.0 million tons with States. Debt of FCI has also exceeded Rs. 4.0 lakh crores incurring huge interest and storage cost. Hence, it is financially not feasible for Government to purchase entire food grain at MSP except for the PDS scheme, as being done now.

Despite all such assistance, there is perennial distress among farmers causing suicides and agitations. The key impediments are "low sale price of food grain" at farm gate due to surplus production and the exports are not so competitive every time except few years. Unlike industrial product, the production cycle of food grain is too long. But poor farmers don't have financial resources and storage capacity and wait for remunerative prices. Majority of food grains are sold at distress price which is much lower than MSP. Hence, farmers are demanding that; entire produce is sold at guaranteed MSP. Their demand is genuine. Private trade channel shall not purchase at MSP during crop arrival season. They have to store the stock and incur cost of storage and interest. Considering past market trend and surplus production don't ensure profit unless; the exports are liberally permitted. More so, the exports are not so competitive unless; the export incentives are available. The cost of logistics, capital, energy and other basic inputs in India are too high

in India comparing to peer nations.

Considering the complexity, India needs an "out of box" scheme. By which, the farmers will get MSP and the fiscal and debt burden on Government and FCI shall reduce. More so, it should be a profitable proposition for the private channel. For this, FCI has to play a vital role and Government should incur capital expenditures in building storage and logistics infrastructures for FCI from budgetary resources without burdening FCI for the repayment of capital cost. More so, Government should extend export incentives to FCI and private channel including processing industries. Fiscal burden due to export incentives shall be gradually compensated by cutting down the farm input subsidy which, in fact, is not retained with farmers but passed on to consumers.

FCI must assist farmers for selling food grains through auction to private channels under its supervision. The floor price must be kept about 93-95 per cent of MSP. FCI should fix quality standards and provide testing facility to avoid any arbitrary deduction by purchaser on the quality ground. Unsold stocks must be essentially stored by FCI and the cheap loan may be extended to farmer up to 90 per cent of stock value at MSP price. Same can be refinanced by Banks to FCI at SLR rate. In absence of such stocking facility, the farmer is compelled to sell its produce at distress price to trade channel. This is the key recommen-

ation.

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against stocks mentioning the quantity, quality and loan amount. The validity period of such GR may be 5-6 months. GR must be tradable in the open market, e-

A "Goods receipt"(GR) may be issued to farmer



NAM and Commodity exchange. FCI must assist and charge nominal fee of 0.5 per cent of sale value. Interest and storage charges may be levied @ 9.0 per cent per annum on the stock value. That may be recovered from the ultimate buyer during delivery of goods. Balance money may be remitted to farmers. This will eliminate interest and storage cost of FCI.

Generally, the price of food grain increase still the next crop arrives. Thus, farmers shall get better price after availing storage facility, as normally done by trade channel. With prior consent of farmers, FCI may also purchase stock at MSP as per the needs of PDS scheme. By this, FCI shall not need separate buffer stock, as being done now. Thus, the debt burden on FCI shall substantially reduce.

If the stock is not sold by farmers within the validity period of GR, they shall lose selling rights and it shall be deemed sale to FCI at MSP. After expiry of validity of GR, FCI shall remit balance money after adjusting debt, interest and storage charges.

With above arrangements, the farmers might get about 95 per cent of MSP. Hence, in due course, MSP may be increased by 5-7 per cent. After stabilizing the system, there are fair chances for farmers getting higher price. FCI shall also be benefited since; its debt burden and storage cost shall reduce. Rather, it might earn gross profit in future years from service fee and storage charges. However, FCI should increase storage capacity and build marketing infrastructures. More so, it must disseminate market information to farmers.

In this process, the stock with FCI might increase due to excess production or poor market demand. In such situation, FCI must quickly export directly or through trade channels. Government must encourage export and be liberal in giving export incentives to compensate the loss of FCI and trade channel and processing industries. By this, the debt of FCI shall reduce and the storage capacity shall be available for fresh arrival of crop. More so, trade channel shall also be motivated to participate.

Simultaneously, India must promote food grain processing industries and trade channel near to FCI godown and share the logistic infrastructure for exports and onward marketing. A team spirit between FCI, Government, Processing Industries, Traders, Exporters and Farmers will certainly deliver desired outcome. States should also join this team. Farmers may be also pursued for crop diversion; that will reduce Agro-imports and enhance farmer's income. A composite plan will certainly resolve crisis and fetch rural prosperity and reduce urban migration.

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# Play Hanuman Chalisa if you hear loudspeakers 'blaring azaan': MNS chief Raj Thackeray

MUMBAI: Under-terred by registration of a case against him, Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) president Raj Thackeray on Tuesday urged people to play the Hanuman Chalisa on loudspeakers on Wednesday wherever they hear loudspeakers "blaring azaan (Islamic prayer call)". In an open letter, he

it to the police station in their locality, he said. Thackeray had earlier given an ultimatum to the state government to remove loudspeakers from mosques by May 3. Earlier in the day, the Aurangabad police registered a case against the MNS chief, days after he called for "silencing" loudspeakers atop

Thackeray "Are you going to listen to this or are you going to follow non-religious Sharad Pawar who is responsible for keeping you in power? Let people of Maharashtra witness what is going to happen. Our country doesn't have so many jails that can arrest the Hindus of our country. This very fact should be

social one, Raj Thackeray said people of every religion are exposed to noise pollution. ALSO READ: Aurangabad police chief will act against Raj Thackeray over speech, says Maharashtra DGP "Which religion propagates assembling and sitting on the middle of the road to pray and cause immense traffic jams?



asked people to lodge complaint with the police by dialling 100 if they are disturbed by the sound of 'azaan'. "One must complain daily," the MNS leader said. "I appeal to all Hindus that tomorrow, the 4th of May, if you hear the loudspeaker blaring with azaan; in those places, play Hanuman Chalisa on loudspeakers. That's when they will realise the hindrance of these loudspeakers," Raj Thackeray said in the letter. All local mandals and vigilant citizens should start a signature campaign over the issue of loudspeakers atop mosques and submit

mosques from May 4 while addressing a rally in the central Maharashtra city, an official said. In the letter, Raj Thackeray also attacked the Shiv Sena-led Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government, saying the ruling coalition "stands feeble" over the issue. Invoking Shiv Sena founder Bal Thackeray, the MNS president drew Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray's attention to a statement of the late leader - "all newspapers need to be silenced". ALSO READ: MNS leaders warn of agitation over action against Raj

recognised by all the governments," he said. The Sharad Pawar-led NCP is a key constituent of the MVA government. The MNS chief claimed loudspeakers are "unauthorised" and so are many mosques. "How is it possible that the government has authorised permissions to unauthorised masjids to use loudspeakers? And if permissions are being granted, then Hindu temples need to be given permissions to play the loudspeakers," the MNS leader said. Maintaining that the issue of loudspeakers is not religious, but a

This is main reason for my statements to the Muslim community that this is a social issue affecting the public. Kindly take cognisance of the same," he said. "If steps are taken to turn this social issue into a religious one, then we, too, can give a befitting reply," Raj Thackeray warned. He said issues like "unauthorised" mosques, loudspeakers and prayers being held on the middle of the roads need to be addressed duly. "The Hindu festivals are restricted under the facade of schools and hospitals being around. However, mosques are exempt from such restrictions," he claimed.

## K'taka Legislative Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti meets Amit Shah, to join BJP soon

BENGALURU: Chairman of Karnataka Legislative Council Basavaraj Horatti on Tuesday met Union Home Minister Amit Shah here, and said he would join the BJP soon. He is likely to be the BJP's candidate for the upcoming MLC polls from West Teachers'



constituency. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Union Minister Pralhad Joshi, former chief minister Jagadish Shettar, Minister Kota Shrinivas Poojari, who is also the leader of the House in the legislative council, were present during the meeting. "I will be resigning soon as Chairman of the Legislative Council. After that, a date will be fixed (for joining BJP) and I will be contesting the upcoming polls from BJP. Shah expressed happiness about my decision to join the party and said with people like me joining, it will benefit the party," Horatti said after meeting Shah.

Speaking to reporters, the senior politician said there are some technical issues for him to resign immediately as the Deputy Chairman post remains vacant, and after clearing them, he will resign as Chairman and join the BJP soon. With this, Horatti, who was elected as MLC seven successive times from 1980, has ended his long association with the JD(S). Asked about the reason for him to join the BJP by quitting JD(S), Horatti said, "It is nothing but politics. I still have the same affection and good opinion towards the JD(S), but as the voters' preferences and system changes, we too have to take certain decisions suddenly and I have taken it. I had been in JD(S) for a long period." To a question on ideological differences in both parties, he said, "Please don't ask about ideology in politics." Considered to be among the senior-most MLCs, 76-year-old Horatti was seen as a prominent Lingayat face of the JD(S) from north Karnataka. He had been education minister in the state, and was elected as the Chairman of the Legislative Council in February 2021. The MLC polls from graduates' and teachers' constituencies are expected in June or July this year.

# Odisha's journey of change and hope with The New Indian Express

On this day May 3, 1997, The New Indian Express (TNIE) started publishing from Odisha. In a way, it coincided with the start of the journey of Odisha's transformation from a BIMARU State to a fast-developing economical and industrial powerhouse in the last 20 years. The New Indian Express has scrupulously chronicled the very transformative journey along with the lacunae and missteps without fear or favour. As TNIE crosses a milestone of 25 years in Odisha, we look back at the strides that the State has taken over the past two decades. From depending on over-draft 365 days a year to dispense salary of the employees to targeting a growth rate of more than 12 per cent, Odisha's transformation has been exemplary, which a few states can match. Coming out from the ravages inflicted by the 1999 super cyclone, which claimed 10,000 lives and ruined the livelihood and shelter of lakhs of people, Odisha now boasts of surplus in foodgrains, all-round social security, inclusive health care and education system benefiting the majority of the population, thanks to the proactive governance and deft administration. For Odisha, which is blessed with an abundance of resources, the transition from a deficit state to a surplus state has taken a long time. The end of the 20th century and beginning of 21st century witnessed power change hands in Odisha and a new era was born. The people of Odisha, angered by the Congress government's mishandling of the post super cyclone situation, brought in the BJD-BJP alliance government in Odisha headed by Naveen Patnaik. The financial situation continued to be in the doldrums till 2002 when steps were initiated to arrest the downward slide of the state. Panchanan Kanungo, who was the Minister of State for Finance till April, 2004, said that several measures were started under the leadership of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik to

bring about a transformation and give a positive turn to the affairs of the State. Several reform initiatives including austerity measures and increase in revenue collection were started to save the State from a debt trap. Several other measures including grain for work were introduced to create many assets during the post super cyclone. Strict monitoring at the check gates were also introduced to generate and save revenue to give a turn around to affairs of the State. The work continued over the years, which has culminated in the present situation where the State is targeting a growth rate which is more than the national average. As austerity measures aimed to bring down spending, the State government decided to continue with the ban on new recruit-

the turnaround. The Odisha government signed more than 130 MoUs to establish steel plants in the State. So far, according to government claims, 36 steel plants are in different stages of implementation. The Jajpur district which has been identified as a growth centre by the State government has 10 steel, pig iron and sponge iron plants. The Make in Odisha conclave, the flagship industrial summit of the government, attracted investment intent worth over Rs 1 lakh crore across multiple sectors despite the Covid-19 pandemic. Two decades after the super cyclone, when Odisha's economical and social standing had touched an all-time low, the State is now ready with the "New Odisha-Em-powered Odisha" dream with an agenda

two of the major schemes launched by the Odisha government. KALIA scheme brings under its umbrella 92 per cent of cultivators of the State and almost all needy landless cultivators. So far, more than `3200 crore has been transferred to the accounts of farmers covering more than 37 lakh families in the State. BSKY has been launched to provide universal health coverage, with special emphasis on the health protection of economically vulnerable families. State Government bears the cost of healthcare provided in empanelled private hospitals for over 96.5 lakh economically vulnerable families in the State. The coverage amounts to annual health coverage of `5 lakh per family and



ment and abolished a whopping 44,197 vacant posts. Downsizing of the government establishment also helped to bring down the salary component which had become unmanageable and at one point of time consumed 98 per cent of the earning. Finance Minister Niranjan Pujari while presenting the budget for 2020-21 said that over the last 20 years Odisha has achieved many milestones in the field of fiscal transparency and prudent fiscal management. The State government is committed to achieve fiscal targets of the Odisha Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act, 2005. The 15th Finance Commission has also appreciated the financial management practices of Odisha. In fact, consistent generation of revenue surplus has provided additional fiscal space for capital investment. Gradual increase in investment in Odisha from 2005 onward played a major role in

to transform health, agriculture, education, livelihoods, infrastructure as well as industries to the next level. Not only that, Odisha has now become a model state in disaster preparedness and risk mitigation. It has faced at least five severe cyclones during the last 20 years and has managed them with aplomb. The devastation of the 1999 super cyclone has not been repeated. The focus of the government on zero casualty during disaster has ensured no one loses life to natural calamities. The Odisha model of disaster preparedness and mitigation has earned praise from the entire world including the United Nations. Contribution of two new initiatives 'Mo Sarkar' and 5T governance model cannot be overlooked in the march towards a new Odisha. The Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation (KALIA) and Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY) are

additional `5 lakh for the women members of the family after exhaustion of initial limit. Smart health cards have been distributed to the people of all the 30 districts. During the Covid-19 pandemic, the priority of the government changed. Odisha's response to the pandemic was decisive with the announcement of the Chief Minister that "Every life is important for us". The entire government machinery especially ASHA and health workers, police personnel and other frontline Covid warriors worked day and night to ensure that the mortality rate in the state was kept low. The medical personnel, including doctors, nurses, paramedics and support staff, rose to the occasion and rendered selfless service, risking their own lives against an unknown deadly virus. To sum it all, a people centric model has been launched to prepare Odisha to improve governance in the State.

## Students From Private College Selected For Microsoft Engage Mentee

Kolkata (KCN): Education is a wide topic that goes beyond classroom interactions. This is where mentorship comes in as another way of training students imparting them with the practical knowledge.

Student engagement and mentorship program by Microsoft offers 1:1 mentorship to shortlisted students while working on a project, learning sessions specially curated for them and also a sneak peek into Microsoft's culture and



values. Nowadays well known IT companies have started Mentorship programmes apart from coding competitions and Hackathons to ignite the young minds and give them ample opportunities.

The motive of students being mentored in such programs is to connect them with experts who are skilled and knowledgeable in software programming and also to help them land up with internship opportunities.

This year students of Heritage Institute of Technology, Kolkata, Ishika Saha from B.Tech- IT 2024 Batch and Ayesha Solanki, B.Tech- CSE 2024 Batch got selected for Microsoft Engage Mentorship Programme 2022.

## Swabhimani Anchal: Once a Maoist citadel in Odisha, now a proud example of transformation

Cut-off area of Malkangiri district, now known as 'Swabhimani Anchal', was formed as a consequence of construction of two major reservoirs at Machhkund in 1960s and Balimela in 1980s. The reservoirs created a 60 km-long water channel that surrounded the 150-odd villages from three sides and left the inhabitants of the area with no access to the mainland.

Situated at the tri-junction of Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh with extremely inhospitable terrains, the area had practically no access for government officials also, and, thus, became truly cut-off. The region comprising 9 Gram Panchayats, is mostly inhabited by the Didayis, a Primitive Tribal Group. Because of its inaccessibility for security forces also, this area had become a bastion of CPI (Maoist). Difficult topography made matters more severe.

The Odisha Government realised that the Maoist citadel could be transformed into a well-administered area, not only by providing security, but through state intervention targeting the basic causes of discontent, disaffection, and maybe, dependency as well.

The Government also felt that the Maoists could hold sway over the area as the same had manifested in a social malaise which was no governance at all, thereby, no socio-economic development for several decades. As a matter of fact, the local population did not have any idea that there existed a government for the welfare of the people. This only got compounded as the Maoists took advantage of this with impunity and kept instigating the populace against the administration. Therefore, the State Government's vision revolved around making the local population have a feel of the government for their welfare and upliftment.

The first and the foremost task for the State Government undertook was to create access to the area which could only be approached through the water bodies by means of a steamer.

Watershed moment

The Government expedited construction of Gurupriya Setu under heavy security. Then came the watershed moment in 2018 when Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik inaugurated the bridge and connected Swabhimani Anchal to the mainland. This bridge allowed security forces to get inside and plug the security vacuum that existed for decades. To bring about development and for any effective counter-insurgency strategy, it was imperative that first the area be cleared of Maoists and then some

## Radhamohan's book of "The Last Page" Unveiled

Phulbani(KCN): The vice Chancellor of Utkal culture University, Mr. Byamkesh Tripathi, and guests unveiled Radhamohan's book "Poetry" at the Banajoshna Sahitya Sangsad Book Fair today. Radhamohan is a young social activist, and government-accredited journalist, a philanthropist, an accomplished organizer and a well-known figure in Kandhamal district. He wrote the book for the first time as a young poet. The guests hoped that his book, The Last Page, would be well received by today's society and the younger generation. Mr. Mohapatra, the author of the above book, wished the intellectuals youth and writers a bright future for mohapatra.

values.

"This gives me the right opportunity to hone my skills and prepare myself for the industry," said Ishika.

Recently Rituparna Padira from the same college secured a Global Rank # 28 in TCS codevita season-10 Round-2. She will be appearing for the Grand Finale on 14th May 2022. Subham Raj from Heritage Institute of Technology had made to the Grand Finale at Hackwithinfy 2022 in this month.

semblance of stability is brought with establishment of security camps to put in a system in place for development to be taken forward.

However, construction of Gurupriya Setu and connecting the cut-off area with the mainland was not enough. Since the entire area was physically separated from the mainland for decades; and there was no socio-economic development of the zone, disenchantment amongst the populace with the government was palpable. Over the years, the physical isolation and its strategic location being sandwiched between Andhra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh and also due to its difficult terrain and numerous water bodies and creeks, Naxals held sway in the area. They would inflict heavy casualties on the security forces whenever they ventured into the area and then disappear into obscurity. This is the reason why the entire top brass of Andhra Odisha Border Special Zonal Committee (AOBSZC) had made this their headquarters for a very long time. If we look back, we can see that Malkangiri district was one of the worst affected districts in the State and Swabhimani Anchal had been the hotbed of Maoist violence. Since the turn of the century and till the inauguration of Gurupriya Setu, this district had seen almost 500 instances of Maoist violence with a little less than 100 security personnel getting killed. This spiral of violence coupled with inaccessibility had taken the 35,000-odd people of the area off the map of the State.

## Journalist misbehaved by a doctor at CHC, Barbil

Barbil (KCN): One doctor at Barbil is reported to have abused to some journalists. According to reports two journalist who had come to attend one of their patient at CHC, Barbil. Doctor who was on duty had taken care of their patient and left CHC. Another doctor who substituted her joined duty at about 10.15pm. Seeing the doctor, one guardian of a paediatric patient whose child was being treated by the concerned doctor asked the doctor about the health condition of his ward. They were too worried as the condition of the child has not been improved since three days after treatment. He was abused by the concerned doctor. Journalists present their protested the doctor for his inappropriate behaviour. Having heard them doctor frighten them and called few locals and tried to made them scared. Journalists wanted to record the scene on their mobile phones. Seeing this, doctors tried to snatch and break their mobile. In the meanwhile, some police personnel were also misbehaved who had come with a drunk driver for alcohol testing at the CHC. People present there also alleged that the doctor was drunk. He has a record of such bad conduct in this hospital earlier too, some other alleged. A journalist forum called "The Regional Media Forum" has issued a letter of demand to the Medical in charge of the Community Health Center for action against the doctor. A copy of the letter also forwarded to the District Medical Officer, Health Department and 5 T Secretaries.

## Yoga Mahotsav – 2022

Madras (KCN): Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research (Deemed to be University), Chennai was selected one among the 100 organizations across the globe to organize yoga programme/workshop/seminar through offline and online mode in connection with the celebration of 100 days, 100 organizations at 100 places globally by Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY), Ministry of Ayush, Government of India to celebrate yoga Mahotsav – 2022.

In Tamilnadu, only Two Institutions are selected and one among those two is Meenakshi Academy of higher Education and Research (Deemed to be University), Chennai. The Common Yoga Protocol (CYP) practical demonstration was organized today at two places such as one at Shri Kailasanathar Temple, Kanchipuram and the other one Meenakshi Medical College Hospital and Research Institute (MMCHRI) simultaneously. Thousands of MAHER students participated in the yoga demonstrations.

Online yoga programmes commenced after those demonstrations with the registration of 1509 all over the world. Vice Chancellor of MAHER Prof Dr R S Neelakandan presided over the inaugural function. The Registrar of MAHER Prof Dr C Krithika presented the special address. The DEAN of MMCHRI Prof Dr K V Rajashekar felicitated the function. Dr R Elangovan, Professor and Head of the Department, Faculty of Yoga Sciences and Therapy welcomed the gathering. Online Workshop with discourse was handled by Yoga Thilakam Dr Meena Ramanathan, Deputy Director & Associate Professor of Centre for Yoga Therapy Education & Research (CYTER) at Mahatma Gandhi Medical College & Research Institute (MGMCRI) and Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), Puducherry, spoke on 'Rejuvenating Wellness among Women'. Then, Prof Dr Akshay Anand, Professor In-charge, CCRYN Collaborative Centre for Mind Intervention through Yoga, PGIMER, Chandigarh, delivered the lecture

on 'how to bring quality to yoga research methodology'. Prof Neera Nathani, Professor & Former Head, Department of Swasthavritta and Yoga, Faculty of Ayurveda, Institute of Medical Science, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi (India), briefed the importance on a boon for wellness and world peace. Yogacharya Dr Ananda Balayogi Bhavanani,



Director of the Centre for Yoga Therapy Education and Research (CYTER) and Professor of Yoga Therapy at Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), Pondicherry, voiced on 'Salutogenesis and yoga therapy' in the webinar. Dr K S Balasubramanian, Deputy Director The Kuppaswami Sastri Research Institute, Mylapore, Chennai, done a discourse on 'Yoga for total wellbeing would be useful to the society'. Finally, Dr A Subramanian, Director of Adhyatma Yoga Academy, Bengaluru, explained on 'Yogic Wellness for Vitality of Youth'. With the National Anthem, the event successfully came to conclusion. Elaborate arrangements were done by all the constitutions colleges of Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research in the presence of Thiru. A.N Radhakrishnan, Chancellor, Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research (Deemed to be University), Mrs. Jayanthi Radhakrishnan, Rector, Dr. G. Ra. Gokul Managing Director, Meenakshi Ammal Trust, and R. Naveen Rakesh, Managing Director, Meenakshi Medical College Hospital and Research Institute.



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## Sri Lanka government to provide cash to low-income families hit by economic crisis

COLOMBO: The Sri Lankan government on Tuesday announced that it will provide cash allowances ranging between Rs 3,000 and Rs 7,500 to low income families "severely affected" by the current economic crisis in the country.

The decision was taken in a Cabinet meeting held on Monday. World Bank assistance would be used for the purpose, trade minister Shehan Semasinghe said. Some 33 lakh families have been identified which will receive the money from May to July, he said.

"Low income families entitled to samurdhi (poor relief), elderly, kidney and disability allowances have been

severely affected by the current economic crisis in the country. The government has identified the need for immediate relief to these families and those others on the waiting list," Semasinghe said in a statement.

As per the statement, amounts ranging between Rs 3,000 to Rs 7,500 under various categories like elders' allowances, kidney patients allowances and disability allowances will be disbursed to low income families.

The world bank is facilitating financial and technical assistance to Sri Lanka. The cash transfer will be done only through bank accounts. Any eligible person who doesn't have an account will be informed to open one immediately by government officials concerned, the minister said in a tweet.

Quoting Central Bank Governor (CBSL) Nandalal Weerasinghe, the Daily News online portal in a report published last week said that the World Bank has agreed to provide Sri Lanka with USD 600 million in financial as-

sistance to help meet payment requirements for essential imports.

Sri Lanka will offer over USD 300 million

ports of staple foods and fuel, leading to acute shortages and very high prices.

Months of lengthy blackouts and acute short-



out of the USD 600 million due from the World Bank to provide direct financial assistance for low-income families, Weerasinghe was quoted as saying in the report.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa's office has announced that China will grant 300 million Yuan to Sri Lanka to purchase medicine, food, fuel and other essentials.

The move comes after Rajapaksa's telephonic conversation with Chinese premier Li Keqiang earlier last month. Debt-ridden Sri Lanka's overall inflation surged to nearly 30 per cent in April from 18.7 per cent recorded in March, according to the official figures, as the island nation grapples with its worst economic crisis in decades.

Sri Lanka is in the grip of an unprecedented economic turmoil since its independence from Britain in 1948. The crisis is caused in part by a lack of foreign currency, which has meant that the country cannot afford to pay for im-

ages of food, fuel and pharmaceuticals have triggered widespread protests calling for the government's resignation.

According to the data published by the government's Census and Statistics Office, the overall inflation hit 29.8 per cent in April from 18.7 per cent recorded in March. The food inflation increased from 30.21 per cent in March to 46.6 per cent in April. Most food items have recorded price increases.

Sri Lanka needs at least USD 4 billion to tide over its mounting economic woes, and talks with international institutions such as the World Bank as well as countries like China and Japan for financial assistance have been going on.

India has agreed to extend an additional USD 500 million credit line to help Sri Lanka import fuel. India has already agreed to defer USD 1.5 billion in import payments that Sri Lanka needs to make to the Asian Clearing Union.

## LIC IPO grey market premium doubles to average Rs 75

MUMBAI: Retail and high-networth individual (HNI) demand for the LIC IPO, the largest to-

the grey market happened at Rs 1,024 apiece on average," said Sunil Pachisia, director,

HNI category as per the grey market trades," Pachisia added.

Against the Febru-

are eligible for a Rs 60 discount. Brokers have advised a "subscribe" to the IPO.

Geojit notes that LIC's market share (based on premium) in group business fell from 81 per cent in FY16 to 74 per cent in Q3FY22, while in individual business, fell from 56 per cent to 43 per

cent. Due to higher mix of non-linked and participating policies, LIC has lower margin of 9.9 per cent as of FY21 compared to private players in a range of 20-25 per cent.

### Plea on Lawmaker arrest

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The BJP leaders said though the MLA lodged an FIR against the BDO first but no action was taken against him so far.

However, Mr.Panigrahi was arrested by the Deogarh Police on May 1 last from his official residence in Bhubaneswar on the basis of the FIR lodged by the BDO which is "unlawful, illegal and unconstitutional in the eye of the law" they said and requested the Governor to intervene in the matter.

Though several incidents of attack on BJP legislators have been reported in the recent past, no action has been taken against the culprits. However, Mr.Panigrahi, who had not assaulted the BDO, had been arrested without proper investigation, alleged the BJP lawmaker.

He demanded arrest of the BDO for violating Book Circular 47 (a circular issued by Odisha government on observance of relationship between MP/MLAs and government servants). In the memorandum, the BJP leaders said, "Book Circular 47 is not being implemented in the field and the officers are very carelessly dealing with the MPs and state legislatures. It is seen that some officers are daring to ignore the Book circular- 47 at large for which MPs and MLAs are feeling humiliated."

They requested the Governor to instruct the State Government to direct all the public servants to follow the Book Circular- 47 leaf and bound for a conducive and congenial atmosphere between public servants and MPs / MLAs.

date in the Indian market, seems robust, going by the doubling of the grey market premium (GMP) from a week ago to an average Rs 75 on Monday, analysts told The New Indian Express.

Grey market is an unofficial market to trade IPO applications and shares before listing of the stock. It gives an indication of the appetite for the IPO by retail investors. "At the upper band of Rs 949 for the price range, the trade in

institutional sales, Pratibhuti Vinihit.

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Another broker confirmed on condition of anonymity that the premium had doubled to Rs 70-75 on May 2 from Rs 30-35 on April 27, when the finance ministry released details like price band and investor quotas. LIC is likely to list on May 17."There seems to be good appetite among retail and

ary DRHP, the revised offer size is 3.5 per cent (Rs 21,000 cr) with a price band of Rs 902-949 a share, valuing the firm at Rs 6 lakh crore against the earlier size of 5 per cent (Rs 67,500 cr), valuing the firm at an estimated Rs 13.5 lakh crore at the upper band of over Rs 2,000 apiece.

Retail shareholders and employees can avail of Rs 45 per share discount while policyholders

Religare Broking, which has advised investors to subscribe for the issue, terms the valuation "reasonable" at the upper band of Rs 949, the price-to-embedded value is 1.1 times against 4 x P/EV for HDFC Life, 3 x for SBI Life and 2.5 x for ICICI Pru Life. "The valuation seems reasonable given it is the largest player in the industry and has a strong customer base," says the Religare note.

## PM Modi arrives in Denmark to participate in second India-Nordic summit

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Denmark, Iceland, Finland, Sweden and Norway where they will take stock of the cooperation since the First India-Nordic Summit in 2018.

"The Summit will focus on subjects like post-pandemic economic recovery, climate change, innovation and technology, renewable energy, the evolving global security scenario and India-Nordic cooperation in the Arctic region," Modi had said.

The summit will focus on economic engagement, green partnership and mobility and cooperation in the Arctic region. "On the sidelines of the Summit, I will also meet the leaders of the other four Nordic countries and review the progress in India's bilateral relations with them," Modi had said.

"Nordic countries are important partners for India in sustainability, renewable energy, digitisation and innovation. The visit will help in expanding our multifaceted cooperation with the Nordic region," he added. India's trade with Nordic countries stands at over USD 5 billion (2020-21) and a cumulative FDI of over USD 3 billion (April 2000- March 2021.)

### 800CR KALIA Funds Released

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Each farmer got Rs 2000 as assistance in their bank accounts directly distributed by the Chief Minister at a function held virtually.

"Thank you for your important contribution to the food security system across the country," the Chief Minister told the farmers.

"We attach great importance to investment in agriculture," he said. "We will continue to work to make agriculture a lucrative profession," he said.

On the occasion, the Chief Minister inaugurated the new 'Krishak Odisha' portal for farmers. Farmers can get involved and update their data to get the services and advice they need. He also launched the 'Go-Sugam' portal for farmers and agricultural entrepreneurs. It is the country's first single Windows platform for farmers.

Agriculture Minister Dr Arun Sahu said that Odisha has taken the lead in agriculture due to the vision and strong leadership of the Chief Minister.

"Women are being given priority in agriculture," he said while highlighting the various initiatives of the State government for development of agriculture.

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was also signed between the International Food Policy Research Institute and the state Department of Agriculture to formulate a realistic policy to increase farmers' incomes in agriculture and allied sectors. The Chief Minister also unveiled a guide for farmers' organizations to empower farmers.

The Panas Mission and REWARD programme, expansion of Millet Mission and SPPIF Integrated Agriculture Programme at a total investment of Rs 34 crore were launched on the occasion by Mr.Patnaik.

While the Panas Mission has provided Rs 97 crore to the Panas farmers in six districts, the REWARD scheme has provided Rs 500 crore to increase the productivity of the farmland through a watershed program in a scientific manner.

Similarly, the Odisha Millet Mission has set aside Rs 2,808 crore for farmers in 182 blocks of 19 districts, while Rs 239 crore has been earmarked for the special program to promote integrated agriculture to 1.8 lakh farming families in 8 districts.

Rs 3644 crore will be spent on these four schemes.

At the event, Nirmal Nayak, a farmer from Kalahandi district, Baid Nayak from Balasore and Menaka Bhoi, a farmer from Sundargarh district, shared their experiences on how their farming activities have improved due to the major KALIA scheme.

They can easily buy fertilizers, seeds, etc with the assistance, they said.

A video of the new scheme and the application of digital technology in agriculture was shown at the function.

## Healthcare in Odisha: Prospects and concerns

Health care and care for the sick is as old as human civilization. WHO brought the paradigm change in the concept by defining health as not mere absence of disease but all-round physical and mental wellbeing/fitness. This infused the change in strategy for health care. The highly acclaimed Nobel Prize bestowed thesis on health and education

is only those who perform are visible and assessed. Attitude needs to be changed. Growth in health sector The state has faced many unprecedented health care challenges since 1998 where experience, appreciation and practical knowledge was limited but never failed to rise to the cause. To start with, the heat wave and

vide long-term care to chronic patients like haemodialysis is worth appreciation. Bone marrow transplant is another feather in the cap. Upgrading the only State run cancer institute to a post graduate teaching institution is a great milestone. The concept of public-private partnership (PPP) with regards to establishment of high-end,

in place. This will not only enhance the confidence of the employees but ensure steady, effective and committed health care. Vacillating rules and modus operandi are not conducive of positive growth in health care. Creation of new medical colleges is a welcome step but recruiting regular faculty seems to be a great challenge.



by Prof. Dr. Amartya Sen added the icing on the cake. Investing in health care for a better tomorrow and positive growth of society enkindled the mind of policy makers and administrators. Governments realised that investment in health care can no longer be shelved. We are still a developing nation, and the challenges are very many. As a medical professional for more than four and half decades, medical educationist, researcher for nearly four decades and an organiser for health care development, I have experienced a sea of changes for the good over the past two and half decades. Health infrastructure at micro-levels has been fortified. Equipment procurement and maintenance has been addressed to a great extent so also supply of consumables through partly centralised and partly institution level management. Shortcomings will always be there and attract criticism but what the system lacks is necessary promotion and placing the facts before society aptly. Any public/media allegation should not be construed as negative and government machinery need not take it defensively. It

unprecedented human tragedy of 1998, super-cyclone of 1999, natural disasters like floods and cyclones, massive road traffic disasters, liquor tragedies and gastroenteritis have been effectively managed. The steady growth in the health care sector could handle them to a remarkable extent. Spontaneous action of medical professionals, paramedics, hospital administrations and government response are well appreciated by society with regard to management of Covid-19 pandemic. Creation of dedicated Covid hospitals with availability of high-end investigations like CT Scan with supply of expensive medications at State cost is worth commendation. Mobilising people and executing mass vaccination against Covid-19 stands proof to the available health care facilities and commitment. The Government's endeavour received global appreciation. Health care for individuals has also seen remarkable development and enhancement. Availability of ICU, HDU and SNCU facilities at secondary and tertiary care institutions have grown leaps and bounds. State's commitment to pro-

expensive investigative facilities is a novel and beneficial concept. Patients as consumers get benefit, Government is relieved from huge investments and private investors make their bucks. This phenomenon has widespread visibility. But the word of caution is that in tertiary medical teaching institutions, the door should be ajar for academics and learning. The teaching department concerned and the trainees should have the desired liberty to use the systems for medical education. This will fortify health care and envisage advancements for the benefit of all. PPP should not be limited as a business concept, the MOU, thus, should be framed. Boost to government facilities Over the years, quality health care has been perceived in many government institutions on par with good national institutions. Yet it cannot be a generalisation. Many health care institutions require upliftment both in infrastructure and human resources. Human resource procurement and development should not be done in an ad-hoc/contractual mode. Systematic, long-term and visionary State policy has to be

The planning, approach and execution should be horizontal and not telescopic. While planning for construction of a medical college building, human resources required as per prevailing rules should also be addressed. Procedure for recruitment of faculty, paramedics and support staff has to be initiated through a regular process. In view of the gross disparity in supply and demand of human resources, simpler and pragmatic recruitment rules need to be framed and archaic time-consuming methods be dismissed. Excellent and extensively available health care does not only depend on doctors and nurses alone. A huge army of paramedics viz. ECG / EEG/ dialysis technicians, OT assistants, perfusionists to run ECMO/ bypass machines, ICU technicians etc. are required to be created. State needs to envisage institutions for such training leading to diplomas in the subjects. Horizon is bright yet the traveller has to reach. Prof Sidhartha Das is former, Dean and Principal, SCB Medical College & Hospital, Cuttack

## WTA event likely in 2022, ATP may follow, says Amritraj

CHENNAI: The Chennai Open may be back in a new avatar as early as later this year. This was according to Vijay Amritraj, president of the Tamil Nadu Tennis Association (TNTA). Speaking to reporters after the association's annual day function inside the SDAT tennis stadium in the city on Monday, Amritraj said: "I had a very good meeting with the honourable chief minister and he wants an event this year," Amritraj said. "Hoping we will be able to make an announcement soon." Amritraj met several high-ranking officials of the state government, including chief minister, MK Stalin, sometime in the last month. The CM, during an address in the assembly last week, had announced the government's intentions to revive the Chennai Open, an annual ATP 250 event this year and hopefully get an ATP event next year.

several new events, will be a WTA 250 meet. While finding a slot in the calendar may be difficult — especially as most of the events in the Asian swing have been wipped out thanks to

Chennai has not had a women's event and it is important for us to encourage the girls in the state." This isn't the first time that Amritraj has spoken about hosting a women's tour level

pens to the Pune Open. "No, it would be a different one. They are drawing up the calendar as we speak. It will be nice if Chennai can follow the Pune event." Conducting elite level



the pandemic — Amritraj expressed hope the first WTA 250 meet to be scheduled in the city could be staged later this year sometime after the US Open (September 2nd week) and before the start of the Northeast monsoon (middle of November). "We will start with a WTA tour 250 event this year and hopefully get an ATP event next year.

event. He had spoken about his desire to conduct one but the onset of the pandemic put paid to it. With the contract for the ongoing ATP 250 meet in Pune expiring after the 2023 season, there was some speculation as to whether Chennai may be interested in getting that event back. However, Amritraj said it would be a new event independent of what hap-

tennis meets in India is difficult because of sponsorship. In fact, no Indian city has been able to host ATP and WTA tour level events in the same year. To try and achieve it, the funding model would be a mix of public and private. "We want the blessing of the CM and then it is up to us (TNTA)... We want to put the city and the state front and centre globally."




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