

Dhamnagar bypoll: Dharmendra Pradhan drops central agency probe bombshell

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): As the high decibel campaign for the Dhamnagar by-election came to an end on Tuesday evening, Union

has started from Delhi."

He further cautioned that those BJD leaders involved in illegal stone quarry mining will also not be spared indicating to the large scale mining of stone and murram in Jajpur district.

The statement of the minister came at a time when his party in the state had undertaken a series of agitational programmes, demanding CBI probe

into the Archana Nag case. Coming down heavily on Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik's assurance to take care of Bhadrak's development just before the by-election, Pradhan sought to know what the BJD government had done for the district in the last 22 years.

"Despite being in power for the last 22 years, you (CM) have been luring people for votes. You even did not take the responsibility for a medical college in Bhadrak and a textile park. What more can you do," Pradhan remarked. Accusing the Chief Minister of deliberately scuttling his move to establish a medical college in Bhadrak under Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJKV), Pradhan showed two separate letters written by him to the CM and then Union Minister of Minority Affairs. Polling for the seat will be held on November 3.



Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan dropped a bombshell indicating that investigation by a central agency has started into the Archana Nag case.

Addressing a election rally at Dhusuri village in his second leg of campaign for BJP candidate Suryabanshi Suraj, the Union minister alleged several BJD ministers and top leaders of the party are allegedly involved in illegal mining business.

"While some top BJD leaders are in the trap of infamous Archana Nag, who is in judicial custody and facing serious charges of sextortion, many low rung leaders are minting money through illegal means," Pradhan said. Asserting that nobody will be spared having links with the Archana case, Pradhan said, "I came to know from the local media that investigation into the sensational case

Russia rejoins wartime deal on Ukrainian grain exports

KYIV(KCN): Diplomatic efforts salvaged a wartime agreement that allowed Ukrainian grain and other commodities to reach world markets, with Russia saying Wednesday it would stick to the deal after Ukraine pledged not to use a designated Black Sea corridor to attack Russian forces.

The Russian Defense Ministry said in a statement that Ukraine formally committed to using the established safe shipping corridor between southern Ukraine and Turkey "ex-

clusively in accordance with the stipulations" of the agreement.



"The Russian Federation believes that the guarantees it has received currently appear sufficient and resumes the implementation of the agreement," the ministry said, adding that mediation by the United Nations and Turkey secured Russia's continued cooperation.

Russia suspended its participation in the grain deal over the weekend, citing CONTINUED ON: P-7

Dhamnagar bypoll: BJD's big show of strength on last day of campaign

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): BJD organised motorcycle rallies, workers conferences and public meetings across the Dhamnagar constituency in a massive show of strength as

and MLAs extensively campaigned for party candidate Harekrushna Sethi, a new face. "We are optimistic about winning in Dhamnagar as it is traditionally a Congress seat and the



party has won it seven times since 1951. The people have now recognised that BJP and BJD are two sides of the same coin and they will vote for Congress," Pattanayak said.

BJD rebel Rajendra Kishore Das who is contesting the poll as an independent also

campaign came to an end for the bypoll on Tuesday evening.

BJD took out rallies at Dhusuri, Dhamnagar and other places in which thousands of workers took part. Besides, senior leaders addressed workers' conference at different places to step up campaign on the last day. Senior leaders of the parties including ministers and MLAs had been stationed in all the 45 panchayats of the constituency and Dhamnagar NAC.

Around 12 ministers and 24 MLAs, MPs and other senior BJD leaders campaigned for party candidate Abanti Das besides Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik who virtually addressed the voters on Monday. BJD also roped in Ollywood actor Varsha Priyadarshini on the last day to campaign for the party candidate. Several senior leaders of the ruling party expressed confidence that the party candidate will win by a record margin.

President of the Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee Sarat Pattanayak, deputy Odisha in-charge Rudra Raju, Congress MLAs, MPs

extensively campaigned on the last day. Meanwhile, with two days left for election, polling will be held in at least 252 booths on November 3.

BJP dares BJD to prove model code violation
Bhubaneswar: BJP on Tuesday dared the ruling BJD to produce evidences to prove the alleged violation of model code of conduct by its workers during electioneering to the Dhamnagar by-election. Contesting the BJD allegations before the chief electoral officer that BJP workers have resorted to violent activities during campaign, state BJP general secretary Lekhashree Samantasinghar told a media conference that the CEO has taken action by dismissing a lady community recourse person (CRP) and a clerk from their service following complaints from the BJP. Besides, the CEO has initiated legal action against a BJD leader under different section of the IPC and Representation of the People Act, 1951 for promising voters that panchayats which will give more votes to the BJD will get financial assistance of one crore. "I welcome the BJD to produce any proof against BJP workers violating the model code of conduct," she said.

PM Modi inaugurates newly constructed flats for Economically Weaker Sections in Delhi

NEW DELHI(KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday inaugurated 3,024 newly constructed flats for the Economically Weaker Sections in Delhi as part of an in-situ slum rehabilitation project.

He did the honours at a ceremony here which was also attended by the beneficiaries. Modi handed over the keys of the flats to many of them. This will give the slum dwellers a sense of ownership and security, a statement from the Prime



Minister's Office had earlier said.

The in-situ slum rehabilitation in 376 Jhuggi-Jhopri clusters is being undertaken by the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) in line with the prime minister's vision to provide housing for all,

it said. Delhi LG Vinai Kumar Saxena and Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri were among those who attended the event.

PM bats for Human Capital

Bengaluru(KCN): The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi addressed the inaugural function of Invest Karnataka 2022, the Global Investors Meet of the state today via video conferencing.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister greeted the people of Karnataka for their Rajyotsava, which was observed yesterday. The Prime Minister remarked that Karnataka is an amalgamation of tradition and technology, nature and culture, wonderful architecture and vibrant startups. "Brand Bengaluru comes foremost to the mind when it comes to talent or technology. This name is well established not only in India but the entire world", Shri Modi said.

The Prime Minister expressed delight at the organisation of the investors' meeting in Karnataka and remarked that it is a perfect example of competitive and cooperative federalism. He noted that manufacturing and production are majorly dependent on the policies and control of the state government. "Through this Global Investors' Meet, states can target specific sectors and forge a partnership with other countries", he added and expressed happiness that thousands of crores of partnerships are planned at this meet which will result in boosting employment for the

youth of the nation.

The Prime Minister said that in the 21st century, from its current position, India has only to move forward. India received a record foreign investment of 84 billion dollars last year. Referring to the sense of global optimism towards India, the Prime Minister said, "These are uncertain times, still most of the nations



are convinced about the fundamentals of the Indian Economy. In this period of fragmentation, India is moving with the world and giving emphasis on working with the world. India could assure the world about the supply of medicines and vaccines in the period of the disrupted supply chain, he said. Despite a climate of market saturation, our domestic

markets are strong due to the aspirations of our citizens. The Prime Minister highlighted that even in times of a global crisis, experts, analysts and economists have hailed India as a bright spot. "We are continuously working towards cementing our fundamentals to further strengthen India's economy with each passing day", Shri Modi said. The Prime Minister stressed the need to understand the trajectory of the Indian economy. He explained the change of approach from 9-10 years ago when the country was grappling with policy and implementation-related issues. He underlined that "instead of trapping the investors in the red tape, we created an environment of the red carpet for investment, and instead of making new complicated laws, we rationalised them."

The Prime Minister said "Building a New India is possible only with bold reforms, massive infrastructure and the best of talent. Today bold reforms are carried out in every sphere of the government." He mentioned GST, IBC, Banking reforms, UPI, abolition of 1500 outdated laws and 40 thousand unnecessary compliances. He also said that steps like decriminalisation of many company law provisions, faceless assessment, new avenues for FDI, liberalisation of drone

rules, geospatial and space sector and defence sector are bringing unprecedented energy. The Prime Minister said that the number of operational airports has doubled in the last 8 years and Metro has expanded in more than 20 cities.

Highlighting the aim of the PM-GatiShakti National Master Plan, the Prime Minister remarked that it is aimed at integrated infrastructure development. He explained that a road map is prepared not just for developing infrastructure but also for existing infrastructure while the most efficient route is discussed in implementing the plan. Shri Modi stressed the emphasis on last-mile connectivity and ways to improve the product or service by making it world-class. The Prime Minister highlighted the strides made by the youth in this journey and said every sector in India is being propelled by the energy of Youth Power.

The Prime Minister emphasised "Goals of development can be achieved only by focusing on investment and human capital. Moving forward on this thinking, we promoted investments in the Health and Education sector. Our aim is also to increase productivity as well as to improve Human Capital." The Prime Minister elaborated CONTINUED ON: P-7

Scarify life, body and soul Subhanarayan Satapathy

Beautiful tree, loaded with flowers
I went to pluck a flower
Amazing, flower bend down
Said I am not born for you
Then I asked, what it means.
Flower smiled and told
I swore to fall under the foot of God
Again, I stopped, it was morning
Flowerpot was in my hand
Flowerpot said to flower, Hi dear
We three are scarified our life before God
And our relationships are very closer
We all are reciprocal
Flower stand up and scarified, I plucked
Collectively we spoke all are devoted before God
Also we should scarify our life, body and soul.
Bijipur, Brahmagiri, Puri
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Human Life Sumanta Kar

And when consequent upon
the Sun-set of Life
The Living Soul starts resuming
a journey for Festival of Liberation,
Seeking for an ultimate anchorage
in the cosmic domain of Supreme Bliss.
Leaving behind
Gland Splendour & limitless grandeur,
Vast territory won, Annexed, & wealth amassed,
The dialogues of the dictator,
A departed Soul indulges in between.....
the dance of Death & Eternity,
Searching for the Abode of Salvation.
A Cosmic Energy emerges & circumnavigates
the living Soul,
To evaluate the values within Valuables
Achieved / Earned for Eternity,
Within the parameter of "Dharma / Artha / Kama / Mokshya"
With synchronization of a voice,
"You are my Messenger to Earth"
"Dharma" as 1st Alphabet of Eternity
I had whispered in your EAR that
Mortal World is illusory, ephemeral
& renouncement of desire for "Artha / Kama" is the entrance
to "Mokshya"
Which is the anchorage of
A liberated Soul to my HEAVENLY PARADISE.



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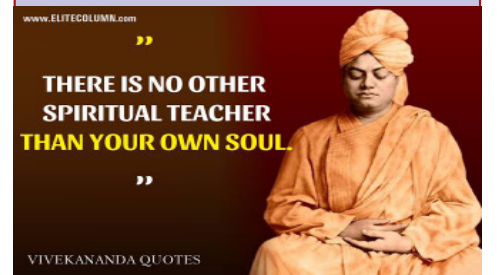
My loving garden Rajkishore Nayak

Oh my lovely lovely loving Garden
Everywhere you look like golden and golden
Marigold, Mangolia, Yellow Oleander, Sunflower
Every flower is very closely, friendly, dearer and nearer
Tossing their heads with a gentle rhythm
Slow wind helps them for slow and steady dancing
Bored butterflies flying all around with joyful mood
Honey bees creating an affectionate atmosphere
Sunflowers follow whole the day
To the Sun, from rises to set
There is a miracle combination between Sun and Sunflower
Relation never discriminates lower or higher
Wearing and glittering yellow dresses like little divine Children
Dancing, singing and noising in special discipline in lovely Garden.
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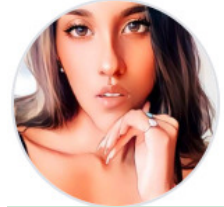


Sunak's gospel that spells Dwit David Philip

Sense of foreign, teaches to prove oneself, Martin Luther King jr, Gandhi and Sunak, Travelled almost, the same, Africa and India smells well..... Ever successful man has a woman behind, can't deny. May not be any, must be a maa finally..... Physical and psychological colonised one, Can decolonise by acquiring thorns or by challenging the throne..... Religion can be best practised in any land, If integrity is not compromised though it's a stand.... English education is binding the world, Human freedom and emancipation is the outcry of the libraries any where.....
Chaibasha, Jharkhand

Behind the Art: Why is Picasso's Girl Before a Mirror worth about \$179.4 million and what does the painting really mean?

Worth 179.4 million dollars, Girl before a Mirror is yet another masterpiece by the father of Cubism Pablo Picasso. Created in 1932, the painting depicts Picasso's mistress and his favourite muse Marie-Thérèse Walter. Currently housed in the collection at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, USA, this painting is known for its complex symbolism and hidden meanings that critics still decipher now. But why did Picasso paint this and what significance does it hold?



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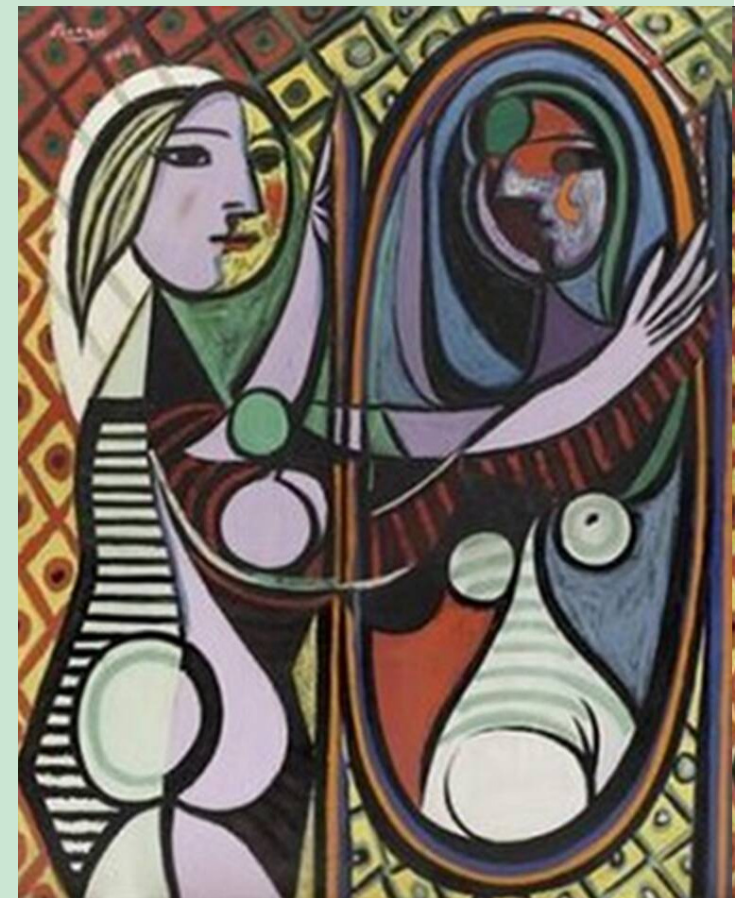
Story of the artist and his muse
Picasso is one of the very few artists who enjoyed a period of luxury using the money he earned from his artworks. During his time, it was very common for artists to live in poverty and struggle to sell their art. Despite Picasso turning 51 in 1932, his popularity had not decreased by even a margin. He had established his reputation as an essential artist and was focusing on his 22-year-old mistress and muse Marie-Thérèse Walter. It was in 1932 that Picasso first publicly displayed her portraits and

revealed to the world his secret affair with Marie-Thérèse Walter during his marriage to Olga Khokhlova. Girl before a Mirror was reportedly Picasso's favourite portrait of his mistress. They first met when she was 17 and Picasso was 45. He introduced himself by saying "You have an interesting face, I would like to do a portrait of you". And he did just that for years. He even purchased a country house 45 miles northwest of Paris in 1930 so he could house his mistress there and be with her on weekends. Many of Marie-Thérèse Walter's portraits are very sexually charged and portray the intense love affair they had. Picasso's wife eventually left him and he had a daughter with Marie-Thérèse Walter in 1935. But was it just the face of Marie-Thérèse Walter that attracted Picasso or was it the intense love he had for her that made him paint her in front of a mirror?
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often seen laying down this painting shows her looking at her reflection in the mirror, which reveals a darker side to her. Her face has been divided into two halves, one of which is shown in a calm, lilac hue, and the other is painted roughly in bright yellow paint. In the reflection, she appears to be older, her face sunken. Picasso has showcased how mortality is linked with humans. The background of the painting is signature Picasso style - full of vivid diamond patterns. The painting is often likened to a stained-glass window or cloisonné enamel due to the complex arrangement of colours and lines in it. Picasso used the main elements of Cubism to break apart the form of Marie and the organic nature of this painting also displays a Surrealist style dating from the 1920s and 1930s.
Why is it considered a masterpiece?
What makes this painting so well-liked and expensive is the fact that it shows how Picasso departed from traditional painting techniques such as tonality and consistency in the representation of the subject. He instead showed his mistress using flat blocks of colour covering an entire spectrum. There is also little use of light and dark that is needed to convey the volume of the objects. Picasso focussed on the two-dimensional nature of the canvas and paint. The painting also showcases the fullness of the woman's anatomy and her fertility through the curvilinear lines and circular shapes. Several art critics claim that this captures Picasso's outlook on women. Picasso has merged one of the most pervasive cultural myths about women inherited from the nineteenth century, the polarity between virgin and whore, archetypes that haunted Picasso from his earliest years. Some historians perceive the painting to showcase Death. It is said that Picasso may have been influenced by a painting belonging to a friend, an image of Death holding up a mirror to a woman. Picasso also liked to combine the topics of sex and death

Unlike his other portraits of Marie-Thérèse Walter where she is nude on Picasso's bed, in his artworks such as his other famous painting Les Femmes d'Alger (O.J. 1965), he dressed her in a blue and white dress. Also Read | Behind the Art: Why was Pablo Picasso's 'Les Femmes d'Alger' so controversial in its time?



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Now a days the heroines have nothing much in the film, except to flaunt their glamour: Aarushi Sharma

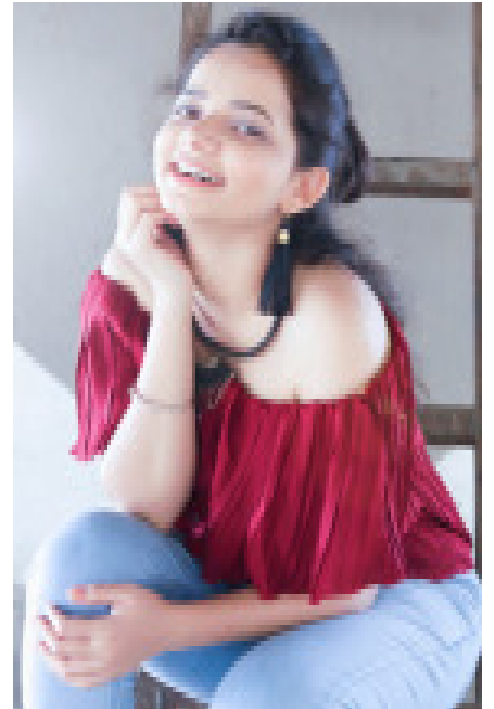
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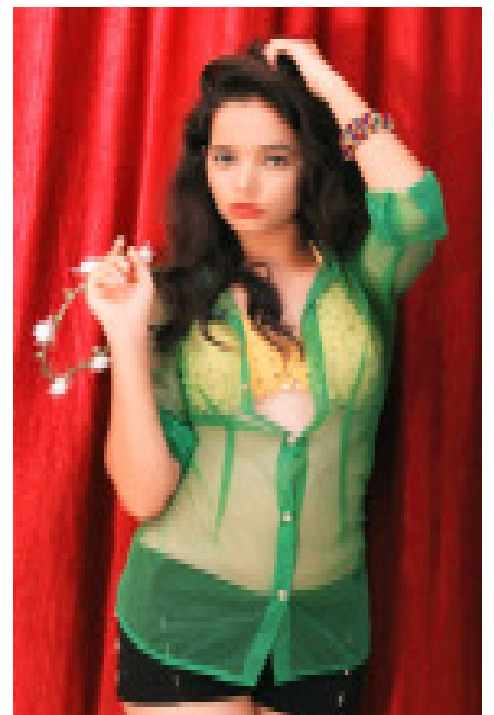
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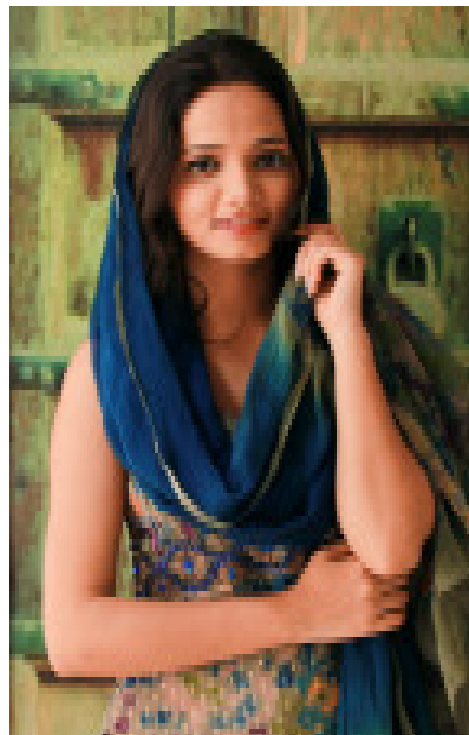
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harasses our family. Till now my role was that of an innocent and bubbly girl. But henceforth my role will be different and the viewers will be taken aback by my new role. The viewers will certainly like the new twist in the story. About her film ventures Aarushi says “I had signed a film in the South. However the project could not start early due



up- we four sisters. My father deserts



About her role in “Ranju Ki

'Emmys So White': Netizens call out award show for 'fake diversity'

Los Angeles: The 73rd Primetime Emmy Awards concluded on a disappointing note on Monday. While setting a record for diversity, with 49 black or indigenous people of colour (BIPOC) nominated across all categories, all major acting trophies went to white actors at the Emmys 2021. According to Variety, actors that were seen

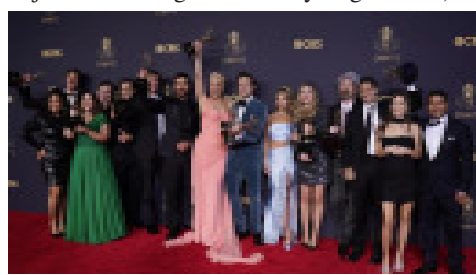
as solid contenders included Billy Porter and Mj Rodriguez

and Kenan Thompson and Bowen Yang ('Saturday Night Live') --

has undoubtedly failed to meet the expectations of people. Calling out the event, a netizen tweeted, "Not a single Black actor won tonight. Not a single Asian actor won tonight. Not a single Latino actor won tonight." Another one wrote, "#Emmys do this every year: Nominate a diverse selection of our faves, only to give them to the same white ac-

tors and/or stories. Middle-aged white folks in conflict or British period pieces will win over nuanced, multi-dimensional plots involving characters of colour." #EmmysSoWhite has been trending all over Twitter since morning. "Black host, Black announcer hell even Black music. We do everything but win. #Emm-ysSoWhite," a social media user

wrote while condemning Emmys 2021. "Lovecraft country won nothing tonight and 98% of the winners were white despite the amount of black talent around #EmmysSoWhite," a netizen tweeted. This time Black performers had a strong showing at the event. But all efforts went in vain when nominees of colour failed to win most categories.



but in the end, all ended up empty-handed. The 2021 ceremony

Not Garbage but a reality

In an article titled "Why Global Hunger Index is a Statistical Garbage" published in "The Times of India" on 30 October 2022,



Swaminathan S Anklesaria Aiyar dubs the Global Hunger Index report as Statistical Garbage. But the index has been published since 2006, not this year.

Those who are opposing it for ranking India abysmally have never spoken or written a single word against this index in the past even when National Food Security Act was enacted during the UPA regime.

Since its beginning, India has never had a good ranking, though worsened in the present regime. But never BJP nor the Swaminathan S Anklesaria Aiyar has criticised this index. Why suddenly, there is criticism of this Index, simply because our intellectuals and many media have lost independent thinking.

S Anklesaria Aiyar argues that India has little hunger but substantial child malnutrition. He says that "the simple truth is obfuscated by the Global Hunger Index (GHI). This cannot be true since 75 per cent of rural and 50 per cent of urban families get 35 kg of grain per month at just Rs 2-3/kg. Tamil Nadu gives 35 kg of rice free. No country does better. GHI does not measure hunger, yet calls itself a hunger index to sensationalise matters. This makes headlines but is statistical garbage".

The government argues that it is doing its job by providing free grain (five kilos of rice or wheat and one kilo of dal) to 60 per cent of the population, or over 80 crore people under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana (PMGKAY). Why Centre extended Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana (PMGKAY) for another three months (October 2022-December 2022). The answer can only be that they are hungry, and need it. That is why are so many Indians queuing up each month for free rations.

Further, people's purchasing power should be enhanced in such a way that they can afford

to buy food grains from the market. The government is financing this scheme by not raising resources by taxing rich/corporates but by imposing GST on food items and higher excise taxes on petroleum products. What government gives to the poor through this scheme, takes out more through indirect taxes which ultimately impoverishes poor and hungry people

Further, the government is government should not forget that as per the World Bank, nearly 5.6 crore Indians have been pushed into extreme poverty during the Covid pandemic. According to UNDP's Multidimensional index, 16.4 per cent in 2019/21 in India are multidimensionally poor which translates into the largest number of poor people at 22.8 crores, the same as what the hunger index shows. According to Hunger Index, 22.43 crore people in India are considered undernourished out of the total 82.8 crore people undernourished globally.

It is true that India made some improvements between 2000 to 2014. But overall, other countries have improved more than India. As a result of which India is abysmally placed. While the government is rejecting this report should contemplate that not in this index only, in almost all indexes such as human development, global happiness index, and UN sustainable development Index India is abysmally placed. India is behind 141 countries in terms of per capita income But the Indian government fails to differentiate between hunger and undernutrition or undernourishment. The above data is on undernutrition and undernourishment but not on hunger, though the name is given as the hunger index. According to the UN's Hunger Report, hunger is the term used to define periods when populations are experiencing severe food insecurity—meaning that they go for entire days without eating due to lack of money, lack of access to food, or other resources. Hunger is the distress associated with a lack of food.

Yes, this index deals with undernutrition, and undernourishment. The threshold for food

Dr Santosh Kumar Mohapatra

deprivation, or undernourishment, is fewer than 1,800

calories per day. When individuals are undernourished, they can no longer maintain natural bodily functions, such as growth, resisting infections and recovery from disease, learning and physical work, and pregnancy and lactation in women.

Undernutrition is one aspect of malnutrition. Malnutrition refers more broadly to both undernutrition and overnutrition (problems with unbalanced diets). Malnutrition refers to deficiencies, excesses, or imbalances in a person's intake of energy and/or nutrients. The term malnutrition covers 2 broad groups of conditions. One is "undernutrition"—which includes stunting (low height for age), wasting (low weight for height), underweight (low weight for age), and micronutrient deficiencies or insufficiencies (a lack of important vitamins and minerals).

Overnutrition as part of malnutrition is reflected through overweight, obesity, and diet-related noncommunicable diseases (such as heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and cancer). But Undernutrition goes beyond calories to signify deficiencies in energy, protein, and/or essential vitamins and minerals. Undernutrition makes children in particular much more vulnerable to disease and death.

But Undernutrition goes beyond calories to signify deficiencies in energy, protein, and/or essential vitamins and minerals Food security relates to food availability, access, and utilization. When a person always has adequate availability and access to enough safe and nutritious food to maintain an active and healthy life, they are considered food secure. It is not only in the global hunger index but India is placed appallingly placed in the Global Food Security Index. The Global Food Security Index consists of 15 parameters from 113 countries. It measures food security across most countries of the world. It was first published in 2012, and is managed and updated annually by The Economist's intelligence unit.

India is placed in 68th position with Algeria

out of 113 countries. It means, out of 113 countries India is behind 67 countries as far as food security is concerned. Finland, Ireland, Norway, France, and the Netherlands are placed in the top five positions respectively. Japan 6, UK 9, US 13, Germany 19, China 25, and Russia 43 are much ahead of India. Neighbouring countries like Nepal 74, Sri Lanka 79, Bangladesh 80, and Pakistan 84 are marginally behind India

The Global Hunger Index is not garbage but a reality. Whether hunger or undernutrition or undernourishment, what one says, it is true that India is in an abysmal position. This should be addressed. The following 18 parameters are considered for giving ranking to the countries.

Those parameters are Nutritional standards, Urban absorption capacity, Food consumption as a share of household expenditure, Food loss, Protein quality, Agricultural import tariffs, Diet diversification, Agricultural infrastructure, Volatility of agricultural production, Proportion of population under the global poverty line, Gross domestic product per capita (US\$ PPP), Presence of food safety net programs, Access to financing for farmers, Public expenditure on agricultural R&D, Corruption, Political stability risk, Sufficiency of supply, Food safety.

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Pollution affects Beauty

The rising air Pollution has become a buzzword nowadays and is affecting the normal functioning of life due to toxic air and a heavy blanket of smog. Airborne pollutants on human skin can contribute to skin aging, atopic dermatitis, skin discoloration,



eczema, psoriasis, and acne and can be absorbed through the skin into the body, causing a wide range of diseases. While pollution takes a toll on the environment and health but it also affects natural beauty very adversely. Pollution breaks down collagen and oxidizes the lipid layer in the skin, which

impairs skin barrier function. Smog particles result in dehydration, sensitivity, uneven skin tone, dullness, acne, and premature aging.

Highly toxic air containing smoke, soot, acid, and other pollutants severely affects the skin by draining away skin moisture which leads to allergies and pigmentation spots on the forehead and cheeks on dry and rough skin.

The toxic haze hanging in the sky cause uneven skin tone, accelerated ageing, wrinkles, and black spot on the face

Among the other organs of the body, the skin is also one of the first to bear the brunt of air pollutants, which not only attack the skin's surface but also lead to an accumulation of toxins. In fact, they are potent skin irritants. There are both long and short-term effects of pollutants. Chemical pollutants cause oxidation damage and this can lead to the manifestation of premature ageing signs on the skin, like wrinkles, loss of elasticity, dark patches, spots, etc. Chemical pollutants also disrupt the normal balance of the skin and scalp, leading to prob-

lems like dryness, sensitivity, rashes, acne, irritation or allergic reactions, dandruff, and related conditions. They also make the skin and hair dull, lacking vitality. All of us who live and work in urban areas need protective beauty care, whether we are housewives or working women. Of course, for working women, the job may involve traveling long distances to work. The skin is thus more exposed to the pollutants in the air.

Cleansing of the skin assumes more importance in order to get rid of the impurities and pollutants that are deposited on the skin. If you have dry skin, use a cleansing cream or gel. Deep clean the skin at night, neutralize it with antioxidants and create a barrier with sunscreen. Include antioxidants in your diet and skincare regime. Citrus fruits contain Vitamin C, E, and limonene which lower the risk of cancer and protect your skin from damage. Avoid cleansers containing Sodium lauryl sulphate and sodium laureth sulphates or denatured alcohols as they dry out the skin and can damage our skin barrier over time.

Use skincare rich in antioxidants. Pamper your skin with sheet masks or hydrating overnight masks to repair the damage.

For oily skin, cleansing milk or face wash may be used. For oily skin, also use a facial scrub after cleansing. Look out for products with ingredients like sandalwood, eucalyptus, mint, neem, tulsi, aloe vera, etc., when you buy cleansers. The anti-toxic and tonic properties of such ingredients have helped in clearing the skin congestion and eruptions that result from exposure to chemical pollutants. Aloe vera, for example, is also a powerful moisturizer and an anti-oxidant. So are ingredients like apricot kernel oil, carrot seed, wheatgerm oil, etc. the skin needs to be protected. If the skin is prone to eruptive conditions like acne, pimples, or rash, it should be protected with specialized creams that not only

Shahnaz Husain

protect but also reduce oiliness and deal with the

problem.

After cleansing, wipe the skin with a rose-based skin tonic or rose water, to complete the cleansing process and refresh the skin. Soak cotton wool in chilled rose water and tone the skin with it, patting briskly. It also improves blood circulation to the skin's surface and adds a glow. Green tea also makes a good skin toner. If there is a rash or eruptions, add a little rose water to the sandalwood paste and apply it to the face. Wash off with plain water after 15 minutes.

Anti-pollution cosmetics help to provide protection and reduce the damage caused by environmental effects. These are basically "cover creams" that form a barrier between the skin and pollutants. sandalwood protective cream is very useful to protect the skin from environmental effects. It forms a transparent protective cover. Sandalwood soothes the skin and protects it from irritative reactions and eruptive conditions. It suits all skin types and increases the skin's moisture retention ability too.

The hair also needs frequent washing if one regularly travels long distances for their work. Pollutants also collect on the scalp. Shampoo, hair rinses, serums, and conditioners help to restore normal balance if they contain ingredients like amla, Brahmi, Triphala, bhringaraj, and henna. They also coat the hair and form a protective cover. Mix one teaspoon each of vinegar and honey with one egg. Massage the mixture lightly into the scalp. Leave on for half an hour and then wash the hair. Rinse well with water.

Or, give the hair hot oil therapy. Heat pure coconut oil and apply it to the hair. Then dip a towel in hot water, squeeze out the water and wrap the hot towel around the head, like a turban. Keep it on for 5 minutes. Repeat the hot towel wrap 3 or 4 times. This helps the hair and scalp absorb the oil

better. Leave the oil on overnight and wash your hair the next day.

The impurities and pollutants can also affect the eyes, causing burning or redness. The eyes should be washed with plain water several times. Soak cotton wool pads in chilled rose water and use them over the eyes as eye pads. Lie down and relax for fifteen minutes. This really helps to remove fatigue and brightens the eyes.

if one is also exposed to cold weather, poor diet, a lack of sleep, or simply stress, as many of us are. In the presence of any of these factors along with pollution, the quality of the skin can become further diminished.

To brighten the skin and even skin tone, I recommend products containing Vitamin C to be used in conjunction with richer creams. Deeply moisturizing creams can truly help repair and hydrate the skin.

Use an air purifier with a humidifier at home and the workplace to lessen the effects of pollution. Humidifiers make the air breathable and maintain the room's humidity.

Eat your greens, Vitamin C rich foods, jaggery and drink loads of fluids rich in antioxidants. Antioxidants can neutralize the effects of pollutants. Lemon, orange, amla, green vegetables, grapefruit, tomatoes and potatoes are some examples of Vitamin C rich foods.

My advice is while rely on healthy eating, drinking water, and regular exercise to keep your skin healthy. Making the right choices about our skincare regimen is an equally or even more important part of a successful beauty routine.

It's a rough deal for your skin, but there are plenty of ways to care for it in the face of pollution.

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Stage set for bypolls in Mokama, Gopalganj, Adampur, Munugode, Gola, Dhamnagar, Andheri East

PATNA/LUCKNOW/HYDERABAD: All eyes are on the bypolls for seven seats in six states, ahead of voting on November 3. Their results hold symbolic importance for political parties. Chief ministers and other senior leaders made last-minute appeals to voters on Tuesday for their support in Mokama and Gopalganj of Bihar, Adampur of Haryana, Munugode of Telangana, Gola of Uttar Pradesh and Dhamnagar of Odisha.

In Andheri (East) of Maharashtra, the BJP has pulled out of the race after the Shiv Sena faction led by Uddhav Thackeray fielded the wife of its deceased MLA Ramesh Latke from the constituency. Rutuja Latke is expected to score an easy victory in the election which is the first after the recent split in the Shiv Sena following a rebellion by Eknath Shinde, who replaced Thackeray as the Maharashtra chief minister. The counting of votes will take place on November 6.

BIHAR

Bihar's Mokama and Gopalganj by-elections will be the first electoral contest after the Nitish Kumar-led JD(U) snapped ties with the BJP in August and again joined hands with the RJD.

The seats were held by the RJD and the BJP respectively.

Chief Minister Nitish Kumar urged voters of Mokama to support Neelam Devi, the RJD candidate and wife of his former protégé Anant Kumar Singh whose disqualification has necessitated the by-election.

Kumar made the appeal in a video message after he stayed away from the campaign due to an injury.

"I have not been able to come myself, but I appeal to all people of Mokama to ensure a massive victory of Neelam Devi, the Mahagathbandhan candidate who is contesting on the RJD's hurricane lamp symbol," Kumar added.

Deputy CM and RJD heir apparent Tejashwi Yadav, however, led from the front and addressed several rallies.

Anant Kumar Singh was disqualified earlier this year upon conviction in a case relating to the recovery of arms and explosives from his residence.

The BJP has nominated from the seat greenhorn Sonam Devi, wife of a local muscleman Lalan Singh who has been opposing Anant Singh. In Gopalganj, BJP has fielded Kusum Devi, the wife of deceased party MLA Subhash Singh.

The RJD has fielded Mohan Gupta, while Indira Yadav, wife of Lalu Yadav's brother-in-law Sadhu Yadav, is contesting as Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) candidate.

The BJP campaign was steered by its leaders

and later Chirag Paswan, an estranged ally, canvassed in support of its candidates.

UTTAR PRADESH

The Gola Gorakhnath seat in Uttar Pradesh fell vacant after the death of BJP MLA Arvind Giri on September 6.

With the BSP and the Congress keeping away from the bypolls, there seems to be a direct fight between the BJP and the Samajwadi Party. The BJP has fielded Aman Giri, son of Arvind Giri, while the SP candidate is former Gola MLA Vinay Tiwari.

While it is hoping to get sympathy votes, the BJP has not taken the contest lightly and deputed as many as 40 star campaigners includ-

Lal.

Congress leaders including Bhupinder Singh Hooda and state unit chief Udai Bhan held a series of poll meetings on the last day of campaigning, while AAP took out a roadshow.

The INLD also held a rally.

The INLD has fielded Congress rebel Kurda Ram Nambardar.

AAP nominated Satender Singh, who switched over from BJP after having earlier remained with Congress too.

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann also campaigned in Adampur.

Khattar on Tuesday appealed to Adampur voters to make Bhavya victorious with a big mar-

The party is on a high following its victories in Dubbak and Huzurabad Assembly bypolls and also the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) election during the last two years.

While 47 candidates are in the fray, the main contest is confined to Reddy, who is seeking re-election on a BJP ticket after quitting the Congress, former MLA Kusukuntla Prabhakar Reddy of TRS and Congress' Palvai Sraavanthi.

The BJP had deployed Union Minister G Kishan Reddy, state unit president and MP Bandi Sanjay Kumar, party MLAs Eatala Rajender and M Raghunandan Rao among

other leaders for the campaign.

The TRS too raised the pitch with several state ministers, MLAs and other leaders covering every inch of Munugode.

TRS Working President K T Rama Rao even announced that he would "adopt" the constituency and personally focus on its development.

Congress nominee Palvai Sraavanthi is banking on the goodwill of her late father Palvai Govardhan Reddy who had served as Munugode MLA and as MP.

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ing all major UP cabinet ministers and party office-bearers.

On the last leg of electioneering on Monday, UP chief minister Yogi Adityanath made promises on payment of cane dues and establishment of Chhoti Kashi corridor on the lines of Kashi Vishwanath and medical college.

HARYANA

Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has been actively campaigning for Adampur Assembly bypolls in Haryana's Hisar district, where former chief minister Bhajan Lal's grandson is among 22 candidates in the fray.

The bypolls were necessitated after Kuldeep Bishnoi, the younger son of Bhajan Lal, resigned as MLA from the seat and switched from the Congress to the BJP in August.

Bishnoi's son Bhavya is contesting the bypolls as a BJP candidate.

The BJP, Congress, Indian National Lok Dal and Aam Aadmi Party are among the key parties contesting the bypolls.

BJP held a rally in the constituency on Tuesday that was addressed by Chief Minister Khattar and other leaders of the BJP and its ally JJP.

Leaving behind the political rivalry between the Bhajan Lal and Devi Lal families, Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala also campaigned for Bhavya.

The JJP leader is the great grandson of Devi

gin and assured them no stone will be left unturned to ensure development.

TELANGANA

The Election Commission asked Telangana's chief electoral officer to keep a "close watch" on the Munugode Assembly constituency through "various enforcement agencies" amid allegations of attempts to induce voters.

The direction came after the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) alleged that Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidate K Rajagopal Reddy transferred Rs 5.24 crore from his family-owned firm's account to 23 people and entities within the constituency, a charge denied by the latter.

The EC had on Saturday barred Telangana energy minister Guntakandla Jagadish Reddy from campaigning for 48 hours for violating the poll code after he allegedly threatened to stop welfare schemes if people do not vote for the ruling TRS candidate.

The TRS, recently renamed Bharat Rashtra Samiti (BRS), aims to demonstrate its dominance in state politics and go national with a big win here.

A loss would hamper not only its national plans but also embolden the opposition ahead of the Assembly polls.

The BJP, meanwhile, hopes to give a push to its plans to emerge as the alternative to TRS with a victory in Munugode.

ODISHA

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik had on Monday addressed voters in Dhamnagaris through the virtual mode and promised that five years of work will be completed in 18 months.

Patnaik who is also the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) president urged them to elect a woman from the seat as "mothers work more efficiently." The BJD has fielded Abanti Das, the lone woman among the total five candidates.

BJP MLA Bishnu Charan Sethi's death necessitated the by-poll.

The saffron party, banking on sympathy votes, has fielded Sethi's son Suryabanshi Suraj. The BJD won all six Zilla Parishad seats and 9 of 11 wards of Dhamnagar Notified Area Council (NAC) in the panchayat and civic polls held in February and April respectively this year.

The party has also won all bypolls since 2019. "I am optimistic that the people will repeat it," Patnaik said.

The BJD's official candidate is facing a rebel as its former MLA Rajendra Das is in the fray as an Independent.

Both BJD and BJP have accused each other of violating the model code of conduct and have filed complaints with the EC.

Out of the seven seats where bypolls are being held, the BJP and the Congress held two seats each, while one seat each was held the BJD, Shiv Sena and RJD.

Indian-origin priest stabbed six times by intruder at his Ireland residence

DUBLIN: An Indian-origin priest in Ireland was stabbed six times in the face, head and back by an intruder who broke into his residence last week.



Father Bobit Augusthy, 30, was attacked by the 22-year-old Anthony Sweeney on the

morning of October 30 at the chaplain's house near University Hospital Waterford in Ardkeen, local media reports said.

Sweeney has been charged with assault causing harm, under Section 3 of the Criminal Justice Act.

Father Bobit, who has been living in Ireland with two of his colleagues, works in the hospital and runs the chapel there.

He was rushed to hospital for treatment after the attack, and is now recovering at home after being discharged.

Sweeney "scaled a wall" from the University Hospital Waterford's Department of Psychiatry and gained access to the nearby chaplains' house, where three priests live, the Irish Sun reported.

It said, once inside the house, he allegedly armed himself with a peeling knife from the kitchen and went upstairs.

He met the priest coming from the bathroom who he "stabbed six times" in the face, head and four times in the back, the Waterford District Court heard.

The incident happened at 9.16 a.m. and the man fled the house two minutes later according to CCTV, Detective Garda Harty told Irish Sun.

Detective Harty, who nabbed Sweeney, said that it was a "completely unprovoked attack" and that the charges facing Sweeney may be upgraded to include "attempted murder and burglary".

Odisha sets ball rolling for Make-in-Odisha

BHUBANESWAR: The state government on Tuesday set the ball rolling for 'Make-in-Odisha Conclave 2022' by conducting a 'bhumi puja' ceremony at Janata Maidan where the event will be held from November 30 to December 4.

The ceremony marked the start of the fieldwork for development of the site and infrastructure for the flagship biennial mega industrial carnival. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik will inaugurate the five-day event.

Three countries - Japan, Germany and Norway have already agreed to partner in the investment summit being organised in collaboration with FICCI. In view of the response received from overseas investment meets, more countries are expected to join.

Principal secretary of Industries Hemant Sharma said the entire Janata Maidan spread across 20,000 sq metre will be converted into a modern state-of-the-art event venue with an exhibition centre, a plenary hall, five session halls, chief minister's lounge,

VIP lounge and a grand stage for cultural events besides a dedicated media lounge.

The venue will also have two large anamorphic screens and six pods displaying Odisha's culture, heritage and industrial prowess. The registration to take part in the conclave has already commenced, he said.

As per the schedule, the chief minister will host a plenary session with CXOs and business leaders from across the country. The plenary session will be followed by a session on 'Start-Up Odisha' in the plenary hall and business leadership talks in the sessional halls.

On December 2, the session on 'Skilled-in-Odisha' will be followed by discussions on 'Metal Downstream' in the plenary hall while the session halls will host various sectoral deliberations on chemicals and petrochemicals, textiles and apparel, mining, food processing and IT/ITeS.

Key thematic sessions on women SHGs and school transformation in Odisha will be held on December 3. Simultaneously, sectoral sessions on emerging sectors like biotechnology, circular economy, healthcare and pharma, defence and aviation will be held.

Man arrested for intention to commit rape to a minor

Barbil (KCN): A 37 years old man was arrested for allegedly attempting to rape a minor girl at his resident. The accused has been identified as Sachin Oram of Majhi

and aunty Mamta Naik .They lodged complain against the Sachin Oram .Based on complain, Barbil police investigated matter and taken to the victim to Keonjhar district hospital for



hutting of Kolharoida village under Rugudi police' station in Keonjhar district. He reportedly neighbour of the victim.

As per reports, the victim is of six years old who used to come to play with the son of the accused. The accused had lured the girl to play game with his mobile. When the victim was playing video game, the accused rubbed her genitals and on the act the victim got seriously ill and fled away to her home .She was taken to Barbil CHC with her mother Charulata Naik

further examination. Lady police officer T . Priyadarshini took the witness of victim and other through audio video mode under CrPC 161.The act was deliberately done with manifest intention to commit the offence of rape and was reasonably proximate to the consummation of the offence said one advocate.However,as per information of IIC ,Rajendra Swain ,Barbil ,the accused Sachin was forwarded to court under IPC 376(AB)and section 6 of POCSO act.

Similipal opens for Tourists

Bhubaneswar (KCN): The Simlipal National Park was opened for tourists

official said. The National Park is situated in Mayurbhanj, which

On the first day, 142 tourists in 31 vehicles took a tour of the National Park,

Simlipal National Park houses a wide variety of flora and fauna, breathtaking



on Tuesday. Now tourists have started flocking to the National Park. This was closed for 5 months due to the monsoon season, an

was closed to tourists from 16 June. Similipal, spread over 2750 square kilometres is one of the largest Tiger Reserves in India.

Simlipal Tiger Reserve Field Director T Ashok Kumar said. Mr.Kumar greeted the tourists with roses at an entry point in the morning.

waterfalls and green meadows. It is also home to a rare black melanistic Royal Bengal Tiger, the Field Director Mr.Kumar informed.

Linkage Boost for Textiles

New Delhi(KCN): Ministry of Textiles cleared 20 strategic research projects worth around Rs.74 crores in the areas of Agrotextiles , Speciality fiber, Smart textiles, Activewear textiles, Strategic application areas Protective gear and apparel Sports textiles under the chairmanship of Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, and Textiles on 1 November 2022. These strategic research projects fall under the Flagship Programme 'National Technical Textiles Mission.'

Among these 20 Research projects, 5 Projects of Speciality Fibres, 6 Projects of Agro-textiles, 2 Projects from Smart Textiles, 2 from protective gear and apparel, 2 from geotextiles, 1 from activewear apparels, 1 from strategic application area, 1 from sports textiles were cleared.

The Minister provided his inputs pertaining to Technical Textiles for the meeting along with the officials from different Line Ministries. Leading Indian Institutes including IITs, Government Organizations, Research Organization and Eminent Industrialists, among others participated in the session which cleared projects strategic for the development of Indian economy and a step in the direction of Atmanirbhar Bharat, especially in the field of



Geotech, Industrial and Protective, Agriculture and Infrastructure.

While addressing the esteemed group of Scientists and Technical Technologists, Shri Goyal said, "Industry and Academia linkages are essential for the growth of research and development in the application areas of Technical Textiles in India. Building convergence with Academicians, Scientists and Researchers is the need of the hour."

Union Minister emphasised on the importance of contributions of technology and segment experts, scientists and academicians to India's technical textiles future growth.

Despite the prominent usage of speciality fibres in India, indigenization of the technology has still been a major challenge which needs collaborative interventions from both industry and academia, he further added.

The Minister further emphasized on robust indigenization of machineries and equipments for the technical textile sector to establish sustained and strong foothold in the global landscape.

Revision of R&D guidelines and creation of dedicated indigenous machinery and equipment development guidelines under NTTM were discussed and recommended by the committee during the meeting To bolster the innovation and research ecosystem in technical textiles, NTTM to support ideation and prototyping R&D projects worth upto Rs.50 lakhs and 100 lakhs respectively, which have clear potential to translate into commercial products and technologies.

RKL Air on Fast Track

Bhubaneswar(KCN): With the Men's World Cup Hockey deadline in view, the State Government has fast-paced efforts to operationalize the Rourkela

airport and are in touch with AAI officials, which are implementing the project, said sources. Meanwhile, AAI authorities and SAIL Management



Airport.

Team Aviation Odisha is working in tandem with Airports Authority of India (AAI) to complete the process.

Principal Secretary, Commerce & Transport Bishnupada Sethi and Special Secretary Commerce & Transport Manoj Kumar Mishra are seriously engaged in the pursuit, said a senior officer of Government of Odisha.

Both the top mandarins who are instrumental in making Bhubaneswar-Jeypur air connectivity a reality a couple of days before, are chalking out the details and have been engaged with the officials the Union Government and AAI to fulfill all the requirements for getting clearance from Director General Civil Aviation (DGCA).

While the deadline for completing infrastructure has been set on 30 November, both Mr.Sethi and Mr.Mishra are leaving nothing to chance in this re-

have signed the Pact in this regard and both are committed to perform their respective responsibilities, which are being coordinated by the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Ministry of Steel, said sources. With two top mandarins joining hands to expedite the work in a time bound manner, it is expected that few critical issues will be sorted out soon, officials feel. While Team Aviation Odisha has been successful in operanilization of Jeypore Airport in a time bound manner, and maiden flight started its operation from 31 October, similarly Rourkela airport will be operationalized with the timeline set for the purpose, feel officials.

In the meantime, all papers and documents are being prepared by the authorities for license application to DGCA and both Principal Secretary Mr.Sethi and Special Secretary Mr.Mishra are overseeing the details, which is crucial for operationalization of Rourkela Airport.



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Odisha's adolescent girl champions interact with international donors from the Global Programme to End Child Marriage

Bhubaneswar (KCN): Adolescent girls from different districts of Odisha interacted with a team of representatives from various countries on their journey as champions to End Child Marriage in Odisha.

Twenty girls interacted with international visitors in Bhubaneswar and shared their stories of courage and determination, with many of them having resisted

meetings at the anganwadi centers.

The girls also asked questions to the team on gender inequality in western countries, the value of education as the only path to success and about the minimum age of marriage in other countries.

"While education is important, a person can learn through experiences as well," said Isabelle Solon Helal, Deputy Director, Global Affairs Canada. She said children can volunteer with their communities, take up a sport, learn a new craft and add more dimensions to their education which needn't only be through schools and colleges. Ritika Dhall, Assistant Director, Gender Equality, Norad from Norway said gender inequality is often hidden. It may show in difference in salaries in men and women even though they do the same work. "We need to work around the world to ensure equality is understood and practiced," she said.

Launched in 2016 the Global Programme to End Child Marriage covers 12 countries - Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Sierra Leone, Uganda,



the pressure from families to get married at an early age.

The team comprised Isabelle Solon Helal, Deputy Director, Global Affairs Canada, Ali Hency, Child Protection and Child Marriage Lead, UK (FCDO), Ritika Dhall, Assistant Director, Gender Equality, Norad, Beate Gabrielsen, Head of Political Section, Norway, Mieke Vogels, Senior Policy Advisor SRHR, Netherlands Embass and Ute Scholz, President, Zonta International who, together with senior representatives of UNICEF and UNFPA as part of the steering committee of the Global Programme to End Child Marriage (GPECM) were part of the interaction. The

Global Programme promotes the rights of adolescent girls to avert child/early/forced marriage and pregnancy and enables them to achieve their aspirations through education and alternative pathways. It supports households in demonstrating positive attitudes, empowers girls to direct their own futures, and strengthens the services that allow them to do so. The adolescent girls shared their stories of courage and journey as peer leaders and also asked questions to the visitors. "My parents wanted me to get married when I was 15-years-old. I was scared of the consequences if I refused. But I spoke to Anganwadi didi and together with district administration officials, they convinced my parent not to go ahead with the marriage. They helped me to enrol in the Industrial Training Institute where I learnt tailoring. Today I earn Rs 8,000 a month and proudly support my family," said Malati Pujari from Nabarangpur. Suprava Subhadarshini Behera, 16 years, from Kandhamal is training to be an electrician. Like Malati, her marriage was fixed in July this year. She too reached out to the anganwadi worker and with her help could stop her marriage. Both the girls, like many others in the state, have been benefitting from the Advika initiative that teaches life skills to adolescents through weekly

Yemen and Zambia. It is the first United Nations-led joint initiative designed with a focus on promoting the rights of adolescents to delay marriage, supporting adolescents to realize their rights by engaging with communities, and strengthening systems that deliver critical services to adolescents, including health and education.

In Odisha UNICEF and UNFPA, through support from GPECM, work across all 30 districts to promote life skills for adolescents, improve overall well-being including sexual and reproductive health and build more capacity within the government systems to prevent child marriage and build linkages to skilling and livelihood opportunities. The programme also promotes positive behaviour changes and social norms to empower girls and provide equal opportunities to girls and boys. Prior to the interaction with the adolescents, the donors visited Ganjam and Gajapati districts to understand the joint work between UNICEF and UNFPA on ending child marriage by interacting with multiple partners, adolescents, community members including Panchayat representatives and women's groups. They also interacted with the District Task Force on ending child marriage and adolescent empowerment.



Our aim is to keep 'Arjuna's eye' on inflation: RBI Governor

MUMBAI: The Reserve Bank of India wishes to concentrate on inflation in the same way as Arjuna focussed on hitting the eye of a revolving fish in the epic Mahabharata, Governor Shaktikanta Das said on Wednesday.

"No one can match the prowess of Arjuna, but our (RBI's) constant effort is to keep an Arjuna's eye on inflation," Das said at the annual FIBAC conference of bankers here.

The remarks come at a time when inflation is ruling high and RBI will soon be explaining to the government about the reasons for overshooting the inflation target for nine consecutive months.

Probably hinting at various factors which influence his own fight against inflation, Das said Arjuna would have assessed the speed at which the fish was revolving, the prevailing wind conditions, the intensity of the ripples in the pool of water below and the noise levels in the king's court while aiming

at the fish.

Satyajit Das: No way back for emerging markets now, India may at best muddle through

Das also defended RBI's strategies in the recent past amid criticism over price rise.

He said the country would have had to pay a heavy price if RBI had begun tightening earlier than when it did, hinting that the process of recovery had to take root in the economy first.

Das also said that RBI's rate-setting panel will be meeting on Thursday to formulate a reply which will detail the circumstances that led to missing the inflation target and the corrective measures it plans to undertake. Further, the governor said RBI chose to utilise the flexibility available in the monetary policy framework to tolerate a slightly higher inflation which was within the 2-6 per cent target range to ensure that overall economy remained resilient and financial stability was maintained.

Russia rejoins wartime deal on Ukrainian grain exports

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allegations of a Ukrainian drone attack against its Black Sea fleet in Crimea. Ukraine did not claim responsibility for the attack, which some Ukrainian officials blamed on Russian soldiers mishandling their own weapons.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu informed Turkey's defence minister that the deal for a humanitarian grain corridor would "continue in the same way as before" as of noon Wednesday.

Erdogan said the renewed deal would prioritize shipments to African nations, including Somalia, Djibouti and Sudan, in line with Russia's concerns that most of the exported grain had ended up in richer nations since Moscow and Kyiv made separate agreements with Turkey and the U.N. in July.

Poor nations hinge on Ukraine-Russia grain deal U.N. humanitarian chief Martin Griffiths said Monday that 23% of the total cargo exported from Ukraine under the grain deal went to lower or lower-middle-income countries, which also received 49% of all wheat shipments.

Ships loaded with grain departed Ukraine on Tuesday despite Russia halting its support for the agreement, which aimed to ensure the safe passage of critical food supplies meant for parts of the world struggling with hunger. But the United Nations had said vessels would not move Wednesday, raising concerns about future shipments.

The United Nations and Turkey brokered separate deals with Russia and Ukraine in July to ensure Africa, the Middle East and parts of Asia would receive grain and other food from the Black Sea region during Russia's eight-month-old war in Ukraine. Ukraine and Russia are key global exporters of wheat, barley, sunflower oil and other food to developing countries where many are already struggling with hunger. A loss of those supplies before the grain deal was brokered in July surged global food prices and helped throw tens of millions into poverty, along with soaring energy costs.

A woman in drought-hit Baioda, Somalia, carries firewood to cook for her children. Somalia is one of the several struggling nations that will benefit from the safe passage of food supplies as part of the UN-brokered grain deal. (Photo | AP)

The grain agreement brought down global food prices by about 15% from their peak in March, according to the U.N. Losing Ukrainian shipments would have meant poorer countries paying more to import grain in a tight global market as places like Argentina and the United States deal with dry weather, analysts say.

After the announcement of Russia rejoining the deal, wheat futures prices erased the increases seen Monday, dropping more than 6% in Chicago.

At least a third of the grain shipped in the last three months was going to the Middle East and North Africa, and while a lot of corn was going to Europe, "that's the traditional buyer for Ukraine corn. It's not like that was so unusual," Joseph Glauber, a senior research fellow at the International Food Policy Research Institute in Washington, said. He added that more wheat was going to sub-Saharan Africa and Asian markets that have become increasingly important buyers of Ukrainian grain.

Ukraine under 'cloak of darkness' In Ukraine on Wednesday, thousands of homes in the Kyiv region and elsewhere remained without power, officials said Wednesday, as Russian drone and artillery strikes continued to target Ukraine's energy infrastructure. Kyiv region Gov. Oleksiy Kuleba said 16,000 homes were without electricity and drones attacked energy facilities in the Cherkasy region south of the capital, prompting power outages.

A resident in Kyiv shows a solar panel that can provide energy for an entire apartment for four hours, Nov. 1, 2022. (Photo | AP)

Although power and water were restored to the city of Kyiv, Kuleba didn't rule out electricity shortages lasting "weeks" if Russian forces continue to hit energy facilities there. In a Telegram post, he accused Russian forces of trying to prompt a serious humanitarian crisis.

Power outages were also reported in the southern cities of Nikopol and Chervonohryhorivka following "a large-scale drone attack," Dnipropetrovsk Gov. Valentyn Reznichenko said. The two cities are located across the Dniiper River from the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant, Europe's largest nuclear facility. Russia and Ukraine have for months traded blame for shelling at and around the plant that U.N.'s nuclear watchdog warned could cause a radiation emergency.

Kremlin's attacks continue Continued Russian shelling across nine regions in southern and eastern Ukraine resulted in the deaths of at least four civilians and the wounding of 17 others between Tuesday and Wednesday, according to the office of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. The shelling also pounded cities and villages retaken by Ukraine last month in the north-eastern Kharkiv region, wounding seven people.

Russian fire damaged a hospital, and apartment buildings in the Donetsk region city of Toretsk. Donetsk Gov. Pavlo Kyrylenko said Wednesday that Ukrainian and Russian forces continued to fight for control of the cities of Avdiivka and Bakhmut, both key targets of a Russian offensive in the region.

Ukrainian soldiers on captured Russian tanks T-72 hold military training close to the Ukraine-Belarus border near Chernihiv, Ukraine, Oct. 28, 2022. (Photo | AP)

In southern Ukraine, Russian-installed authorities in the occupied Kherson region relocated civilians some 90 kilometres further into Russian-held territory in anticipation of a major Ukrainian counterattack to recapture the provincial capital of the same name. Russian forces dug trenches to prepare for the expected ground assault. The Kherson region's Kremlin-appointed officials on Tuesday expanded an evacuation area to people living within 15 kilometres of the Dnieper River. They said 70,000 residents from the expanded evacuation zone would be relocated this week, doubling the number moved earlier.

AirAsia sells remaining stake in AirAsia India to Air India

NEW DELHI: Malaysia's AirAsia on Wednesday said it has entered into a pact with Air India to sell its remaining stake in budget carrier AirAsia India. Tata group and the Malaysian entity-owned AirAsia India started flying in June 2014.

In a statement, AirAsia Aviation Group Ltd said it has entered into a share purchase agreement to sell the remaining equity shares held in AirAsia India to Air India. It did not provide any specific details.

AirAsia India was a joint venture between Tata Sons and Air Asia Investment Ltd. Tata Sons had an 83.67 per cent stake and the latter owned a 16.33 per cent shareholding.

In June, the Competition Commission of India approved the proposed acquisition of the entire shareholding of AirAsia India by Air India.

Group CEO of AirAsia Aviation Group Bo Lingam said that since 2014, "when we first commenced operation in India, AirAsia has built a great business in India, which is one of the world's biggest civil aviation markets".

"We have had a great experience working with India's leading Tata Group. This is not the end of our relationship but the beginning of a new one as we explore new and exciting opportunities to collaborate and enhance our synergies moving forward," he said.

Further, he said, the pandemic has allowed it to re-examine the priorities and "we felt that it was best suited for AirAsia to develop an Asean-only business".

PM bats for Human Capital

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by mentioning simultaneous push on things like manufacturing incentives along with health assurance schemes; ease of doing business as well as health and wellness centres; highways network as well as provision of toilets and clean drinking water; futuristic infrastructure as well as smart schools. On the environment-friendly growth of the country, the Prime Minister said "Our initiatives towards green growth and sustainable energy have attracted more and more investors.

Those who want to return their cost and also want to fulfil their responsibility towards this earth, they are looking towards India with hope."

Reflecting on the power of the double-engine government in Karnataka, the Prime Minister said that it is one of the reasons for the faster development of many sectors in the state. Giving examples, the Prime Minister stated that Karnataka continues to maintain its place among the top rankers in the Ease of Doing Business and credited this to its inclusion in the list of top states in terms of FDI. He underlined, "400 of the Fortune 500 companies are here and out of 100 plus unicorns of India, more than 40 are in Karnataka" he added. The Prime Minister mentioned that Karnataka is being counted as the largest technology cluster in the world today which is home to industry, information technology, fintech, biotech, startups as well as sustainable energy.

"A new story of development is being written in every field", he continued. He further added that several development parameters of Karnataka are challenging not only other states of India but also some countries. Highlighting that India is entering a new phase of the manufacturing domain, the Prime Minister mentioned the National Semiconductor Mission and pointed out that the tech ecosystem here will take chip design and manufacturing to new heights.

Drawing an analogy between the vision of India with that of an investor, the Prime Minister pointed out that as an investor moves forward with a medium and long-term vision, India also has an inspirational long-term. He gave examples of nano urea, hydrogen energy, green ammonia, coal gasification and space satellites and underlined that today India is moving ahead with the mantra of development of the world. "This is the Amrit Kaal of India, and in the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the people of the country are taking a pledge to build a new India," he remarked. The Prime Minister concluded his address by stating that India has set a target of becoming a developed nation by 2047 and for it is very important that the investment and India's inspiration should come together as the development of inclusive, democratic and strong India will accelerate the development of the world. "Investing in India means investing in inclusion, investing in Democracy, investing for the world, and investing for a better, cleaner and a safer planet", the Prime Minister concluded.

AIFF development committee recommends annual grant of Rs 24 lakh to states

NEW DELHI: The development committee of the All India Football Federation (AIFF) has recommended an annual grant of Rs 24 lakh each to all the state associations.



The meeting was chaired by Avijit Paul at the Football House here on Wednesday.

"This financial assistance may be utilized by the state associations for their women's and men's leagues, youth leagues, office space, equipment, and grassroots development," the AIFF said in a release.

The committee also suggested that the AIFF provides support to each state association to hire their respective administration heads and technical coordinators.

"The state FAs may use these grants for the appointment of other personnel, if they have already hired full-time personnel in these posts."

Record-breaking Kohli powers India to 184-6 against Bangladesh, becomes highest run-scorer

ADELAIDE: Virat Kohli became the highest run-scorer in Twenty20 World Cup history as he powered India to 184-6 against Bangladesh in

Jayawardene's total of 1,016 runs in his 23rd innings in T20 World Cups. Jayawardene set his previous World Cup-leading mark off 31

mistime a hit to a deep backward square, but Hasan Mahmud dropped the catch. Skipper Rohit could not capitalize as

but fell on the next ball from the left-arm spinner. There was no respite for the Bangladesh bowlers as Suryakumar Yadav



a key Super 12 match in Adelaide on Wednesday. Kohli, who hit an unbeaten 64, and KL Rahul with a blazing 50 put on a key stand of 67 to lay the foundations for a strong total.

India needs to win their remaining two matches to be certain of entry into the semi-finals, but Bangladesh is also in the hunt for the knockout stage.

Kohli beat former Sri Lanka captain M a h e l a

innings. The in-form Kohli, who had already hit two match-winning half-centuries at this World Cup, reached his third fifty in 37 balls to bring alive the Indian-dominated crowd in Adelaide.

Taskin Ahmed kept India on the back foot in a lethal opening burst of seam and swing bowling after Bangladesh elected to field first.

Indian fans had their hearts in their mouths when Taskin got Rohit Sharma to

Mahmud had his revenge in the next over to get the opener out for two. Rahul had other ideas and shrugged off his poor form to take on the attack with a flurry of boundaries and Kohli joined in from the other end. Rahul, who had scored just 17 runs in the previous three matches, smashed two sixes and a four in a 24-run ninth over as the Indian run rate soared. He reached his fifty off Shakib Al Hasan

joined Kohli to keep up the attack, nonchalantly hitting the ball to all parts of the ground.

Shakib struck again to cut short Yadav's innings on 30 off 16 balls. Kohli slowed down after the two wickets but soon changed gears with two boundaries and took the attack until the end with help from R a v i c h a n d r a n Ashwin's six and four in the final over.

In a new move, NADA takes action against coach

CHENNAI: In what could be a first, the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) has acted against a coach for administering a prohibited substance to an athlete. The NADA found athletics coach Mickey Menezes violating its Anti-Doping Rule 2021 and has banned him for four years from coaching/training. It has also fined the coach Rs. 50,000. The coach had already been suspended by the Maharashtra Athletics Association after trainee, Kirti Bhoite, alleged he had given her a banned substance that led to a positive dope test during the Khelo India Youth Games in Guwahati in 2020. This newspaper reported the infraction in May 2022. The NADA too initiated proceedings against the coach on May 12, 2022, for the administration of the prohibited substance to the sprinter (Kirti) and complicity (under NADA Anti-Doping Rule 2021 Article 2.8 and 2.9 — see below). According to the order, NADA invoked clause ADR 2021, 10.3.3 and read with rule 10.12, and banned him for four years. A fine was also imposed to recover the cost associated with an Anti-Doping Rule Violation (ADRV).

The coach, however, did not appear before the NADA's Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel (ADDP) on the day of the hearing. "The hearing was attended by Yasir Arafat, a NADA law officer. The coach did not appear before the hearing panel," said the order. Menezes, however, had filed a written submission. In his reply, he said that "he (coach) has recommended supplements to the parents of the trainees and purchased those supplements for athletes on a payment basis. He (coach) has purchased supplements such as proteins, amino acids, energy drinks, and pre-workouts."

The coach said that the supplier had informed him about the new product, which "is beneficial for sprint athletes and is also completely dope free". According to the order, "he was under bonafide belief that the product was dope free". He also said he was "in shock" when he learned about Kirti's positive test. What seems more intriguing is that the supplier then changed his statement. "The supplier said that the product gets washed out in 10 days. He also said that the product was completely dope free..." He went on to say that "he was only intending to give her supplements which are dope free and only to enhance her strength through these supplements." He said it was the fault of the supplier and "he had no intention to give a supplement which was not

dope-free to Kirti or to any other athlete." However, the ADDP comprising Dr Bikas Medhi, Charu Pragya (chairman) and Kalyan Chaubey found that his conduct was an anti-rule violation. The order said the coach is a former athlete and must be aware of anti-doping rule violations. "The ADR cast the duties on the athlete support personnel to be knowledgeable of any comply (sic) with Anti-Doping Rule."

Kirti, who was handed a four-year suspension by the ADDP, got a reduced two-year sanction after an appeal on the ground that "she has not consumed any prohibited substance intentionally, rather it was the fault of her coach".

Interestingly, there has been a major change in the way NADA has been tracking and testing athletes this year. Top players are being tested and even hearings are getting over within three months. If they find a discrepancy in the ADDP ruling, like in the case of Asian Games gold medallist MR Poovamma, they shall appeal and get sanctions imposed. With the Anti-Doping Act in force, the NADA will have more power, especially to search and seize, but getting top athletes in its net is something positive.

NADA Anti-Doping Rule Articles 2.8 and 2.9

2.8 Administration or Attempted Administration by an Athlete or Other Person to any Athlete In-Competition of any Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method, or Administration or Attempted Administration to any Athlete Out-of-Competition of any Prohibited Substance or any Prohibited Method that is Prohibited Out-of-Competition

2.9 Complicity or Attempted Complicity by an Athlete or Other Person

10.3.3 For violations of Article 2.7 or 2.8, the period of Ineligibility shall be a minimum of four (4) years up to lifetime ineligibility, depending on the seriousness of the violation. An Article 2.7 or Article 2.8 violation involving a Protected Person shall be considered a particularly serious violation and, if committed by Athlete Support Personnel for violations other than for Specified Substances, shall result in lifetime Ineligibility for Athlete Support Personnel. In addition, significant violations of Article 2.7 or 2.8 which may also violate non-sporting laws and regulations, shall be reported to the competent administrative, professional or judicial authorities.



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