

## Congress MLA Mohammed Moquim's jail term in loan fraud stayed

CUTTACK(KCN): The Orissa High Court on Monday stayed the Special Vigilance court's



order of sentencing Congress MLA from Barabati-Cuttack, Mohammed Moquim to three years imprisonment in a loan scam case. The Vigilance court, Bhubaneswar on September 29 had convicted Moquim, former IAS officer and MD Orissa Rural Housing Development Corporation (ORHDC) Vinod Kumar and two others in connection with the loan scam. Moquim had filed a criminal appeal challenging the propriety of the order on the

## Thunderstorm activity in Odisha for next two days

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast thunderstorm with lightning at one or two places in 16 districts on Tuesday. Similar weather conditions are expected in Khurda,



Cuttack and 14 other districts on Wednesday. "Moisture incursion due to the cyclonic circulation over south-west Bay of Bengal and adjoining north Sri Lanka and local heating during daytime is leading to thunderstorms with lightning in some parts of the State," said Bhubaneswar Meteorological Centre Scientist, Umasankar Das. Odisha has received 85.1 mm rainfall between October 1 and 10, which is 65 per cent more than the State normally records in the first 10 days of the month.

## US ammunition supplies dwindle as Ukraine war drains stockpiles

WASHINGTON(KCN): The United States will soon be unable to provide Ukraine with certain types of ammunition that are essential to Kyiv's battle against Russia's invasion, as supplies are being used up faster than they can be replaced.

Washington has become by far the largest supplier of arms to Ukraine since Russia launched the invasion on February 24, with more than \$16.8 billion in military assistance provided since that date.

But US stockpiles of some equipment are "reaching the minimum levels needed for war plans and training," and restocking to pre-invasion levels could take years, Mark Cancian of the Center for Strategic and International Studies wrote in a recent



analysis. Washington is "learning lessons" from the conflict about ammunition needs in a great power war, which are "far greater" than expected, a US military official acknowledged on condition of anonymity. American defense firms were forced to drastically reduce production in the 1990s as the United States slashed defense spending following the collapse of the Soviet Union, and their number fell dramatically, from dozens to single digits.

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ground that it was "incurably defective and suffered from gross infirmities". The appeal further contended that the trial court failed to appreciate the evidence and materials available on record in proper perspective and passed the conviction order while the sentence was awarded without proper application of mind. "The trial court's conclusion

holding Moquim guilty is perverse and not sustainable in law," senior advocate Pitambar Acharya argued on Moquim's behalf.

Moquim had filed three miscellaneous case petitions for stay on sentence and grant of bail, stay on Rs 50,000 fine imposed by trial court and stay on the conviction. The single judge bench of Justice BP Routray admitted the criminal appeal, granted stay on execution of sentence and imposition

## A month into Bharat Jodo, Congress sheds inertia, eyes pole position in opposition space

KARNATAKA (KCN): One month into the Bharat Jodo Yatra, the Congress is looking at some visible gains, with the party donning a revived, aggressive look.

Currently in power on its own in just two states -- Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan -- the Congress has embarked on the marathon



3,570 km journey eyeing political and electoral revival, riding on the enthusiasm of former party president Rahul Gandhi. Party leaders are upbeat as the yatra has entered its 34th day. They list three clear positive outcomes an activated Congress which has hit the ground running leaving the past inertia behind, an interactive top brass which is directly engaging the people, and a mobilised organisation

## Naveen gifts Brundabati Nivas to Habisyalis

PURI(KCN): Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Monday dedicated the Brundabati Nivas in

shawls. Spread over eight acres, Brundabati Nivas is a multi-storied building com-

month. As the number of devotees increased this year by 30 per cent after the Covid break, the dis-

ers, ASHA, SHG volunteers, teachers and district officers among others were deployed to arrange identity and health cards of the elderly women. Apart from the Brundabati Nivas, this year the Habisyalis have also been housed in other buildings like Bagala Dharmasala, Akshay Patra building, Bageria Dharmasala and Kalyan Mandap. Over 3,500 Habisyalis are included in the scheme this year. The inaugural ceremony was graced by Minister of Tourism and Culture Aswini Kumar Patra and School and Mass Education Minister Samir Ranjan Dash among other dignitaries. The Kartika Brata that began on Monday will conclude on November 8.



Puri to Habisyalis for observing Kartika Brata that began from Monday this year. Addressing the Habisyalis through video conferencing, Patnaik said the arrangement is meant to facilitate women observing the month-long ritual. The CM also directed the district administration to present them

plex located in the heart of Puri. It has been built at a cost of Rs 39 crore. Every year the State government facilitates devotees observing the brata under the Habisyali scheme which includes their accommodation, food, transportation to and from the Srimandir besides health care for a

district administration found it difficult to facilitate hundreds of aged devotees who arrived on the spot without prior online registration. However, over 600 new Habisyalis were also accommodated in the basement of the building as per the instructions of the Collector Samarth Verma. Health work-

## Samajwadi Party patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav cremated in Saifai

UTTAR PRAESH (KCN): Samajwadi Party patri-

arch Mulayam Singh Yadav was cremated in Saifai on Tuesday afternoon.



arch Mulayam Singh Yadav was cremated with full state honours at his native Saifai village

With hundreds queued up for the final darshan amid the drizzle, Yadav's

## PM Modi inaugurates Mahakal Lok corridor at Mahakaleshwar temple

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856 crore, with the first phase being de-

greeted sadhus present at the venue.

amenities for those visiting the temple which is dedicated to Lord Shiva and houses one of the 12 Jyotirlingas (representation of Lord Shiva) in India.

The corridor has around 108 aesthetically ornate pillars made of intricately carved sandstones that depict the Anand Tandav Swaroop (Lord Shiva's dance form), 200 statues and murals of Lord Shiva and goddess Shakti.

Modi offered prayers at the temple before he inaugurated the corridor project.



Narendra Modi on Tuesday inaugurated the 900 metre-long Mahakal Lok corridor built at the Mahakaleshwar temple here. The Mahakal Lok project cost is Rs

veloped for Rs 351 crore, an official said. Modi, accompanied by Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangu Bhai Patel and Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan,

He pressed a remote button to unveil a Shivaling replica to dedicate Mahakal Lok to the nation. The Mahakaleshwar Temple Corridor Development Project will provide better

# Rail earning on rise SUM on Mental Care Katrina Boosts EMAMI Oil

New Delhi(KCN): The total approximate earnings of Indian Railways on originating basis during 1 April to 08 October 2022 is Rs. 33476 Crore, registering an increase of

ger segment, the total approximate numbers of passengers booked during the period 1 April to 08 October 2022 is 42.89 Crore as compared to 34.56 Crore during the same pe-

period 1 April to 08 October 2022 is Rs 26961 Crores as compared to Rs 16307 Crores during the same period last year, showing an increase of 65%.

In Unreserved passenger segment, the total approximate numbers of passengers booked during the period 1 April to 08 October 2022 is 268.56 Crore as compared to 90.57 Crore during the same period last year, showing an increase of 197%. The revenue generated from Unreserved passenger segment during the period 1 April to 08 October 2022 is Rs 6515 Crores as compared to Rs1086 Crores during the same period last year, showing an increase of 500 %.



92 per cent in comparison to Rs. 17394 Crore achieved during the same period last year.

riod last year, showing an increase of 24%. The revenue generated from reserved passenger segment during the

## Ayurveda@2047

New Delhi(KCN): Diet, water intake, sleep, work and mental balance are the key factors to lead a healthy life. Ayurveda is the science of body, senses, mind and soul. It is a matter of knowledge which is directly related to human health and wellness.

address, Prof. Ranjana Aggarwal, Director, CSIR-NIScPR said that Indian culture talks about the harmony of body, mind and soul in a holistic concept of human health and this is the key characteristic of Indian traditional knowledge system. She also talks about the



These are the words of Dr. Amit, Research Officer (Ayurveda), Central Ayurveda Research Institute, New Delhi. He was delivering a keynote lecture in the special session on Ayurveda@2047 organised by CSIR-NIScPR.

The theme of his lecture was "Basic principles of Ayurveda for being healthy with special focus on old age persons and mental health". This program was organized by the Ministry of AYUSH in association with the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (CSIR-NIScPR), New Delhi on 11 October 2022.

On this occasion, in her welcome

recent contributions of Scientifically Validated Societal Traditional Knowledge (SVASTIK) program of CSIR-NIScPR and gave correlations and insights received from this program which add value to Ayurveda and traditional knowledge system of our country.

Dr. Suman Ray, Principal Scientist, CSIR-NIScPR proposed vote of thanks and Shri Aniruddha Tiwari compered the program. After this special session, a Free Medical Camp was also organized by the Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India in which the Ayurveda experts of the Ministry imparted medical consultation to CSIR-NIScPR staff.

## SCB MCH plans SOP to check newborn theft incidents

CUTTACK(KCN): After coming under severe criticism over alleged theft of a newborn baby from Special Newborn Care Unit (SNCU) recently, a highly restricted area of SCB Medical College and Hospital, embarrassed authorities are planning to come up with a standard operating procedure (SOP) to check reoccurrence of such incident.

A couple of Pratap Nagari locality under Cuttack Sadar police station were recently arrested for kidnapping a newborn girl by showing fake discharge certificate and gate pass to security personnel at SNCU. Following the incident, the SCB MCH authorities have planned to issue special gate pass made of plastic instead

of paper.

"We found that the paper SNCU gate pass was forged by miscreants in the recent case. Hence, we are planning to issue plastic gate pass which cannot be forged or tampered easily. We are also planning to come up with a SOP for SNCU management to check the reoccurrence of the incident," said SCB MCH administrative officer Abinash Rout.

As per the planning, apart from deployment of more security personnel, steps will be taken for thorough checking of gate pass by security personnel before a newborn baby is taken into SNCU. The nursing staff will also have the responsibility to check the pass.

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The need for mental equilibrium, a state of balance between a person's mental framework and the environment, was

times.

The Dean of IMS and SUM Hospital, Prof. (Dr.) Sanghamitra Mishra attended the program, conducted by the department of

doctors and others attended the program where prizes were given to students who had excelled in essay, poetry and painting competitions held



stressed at a program conducted at the Institute of Medical Sciences and SUM Hospital here on the occasion of World Mental Health Day observed on Monday. Focusing on the theme for the day this year—"Make Mental Health and Well-being for all a Global Priority", speakers said that any disturbance in the mental balance needed to be addressed medically in the challenging situation humankind had been facing in recent

Psychiatry, as the chief speaker while the Medical Superintendent Prof. (Dr.) P u s p a r a j Samantashinhar was the honorary speaker. Eminent film and TV actor, music director and stand-up comedian, Tattwa Prakash Satpathy, better known by his stage name Papu Pom, who was the chief guest, regaled the audience with his views on the subject laced with humour. A large number of medical students, faculty members,

earlier.

Prof. (Dr.) Surjeet Sahoo, head of the department of Psychiatry and Prof. (Dr.) Suvendu Narayan Mishra, professor in the department, also spoke. Dr. Jitendriya Biswal, Dr. Rakesh Mohanty, Dr. Snehanu Dey, Dr. Amiya Sahu, Dr. H i r a n m o y Mohapatra, Dr. Lagnajit Dash and Dr. Soumya Ranjan Dash conducted the proceedings while Dr. Kirti Anurag proposed the vote of thanks.

## Land scam: 39 illegal settlements cancelled in Malkangiri

MALKANGIRI: Malkangiri administration has cancelled 39 illegal land settlements which were approved by the then Kalimela tehsildar Alok Kumar Anugulia in 2020. The move came after disposal of the cases in connection with the violation of Orissa Prevention of Land Encroachment Act by Sub-Collector and appellate authority Akshya Kumar Khemudu.

Kalimela tehsildar Durga Prasad Dora told TNIE that all 39 settlements made under Orissa Preven-

ter dated December 4 2020, asked the Principal Secretary of Revenue and Disaster Management department to look into the matter following a complaint by former Kalimela sarpanch Mukund Nayak.

Nayak had alleged that Anugulia allegedly in connivance with the RI and clerk had illegally registered vast tracts of government land in favour of 18 encroachers in exchange for monetary favours. Subsequently, the Revenue department asked the Col-



tion of Land Encroachment Act have been cancelled for procedural lapses after the appellate authority disposed of the cases. Of the 43 appeals made in the Sub-Collector's court, 39 were disposed of and four are pending in the Orissa High Court.

A massive scam involving illegal settlement of government land in favour of contractors, businessmen and politicians had come to the fore in Kalimela block in 2021. A revenue inspector (RI) and a clerk of Kalimela tehsil office were suspended by the then Malkangiri Collector Vijay Yedulla for their involvement in the irregularities.

The scam surfaced after the Governor's Secretariat, in a let-

lector to look into the issue on December 17 in 2020 and submit a report.

The district administration then cancelled the 18 settlements. Initially, no action was taken against Anugulia. Under pressure, the government later transferred Anugulia to Koraput and suspended him subsequently. Meanwhile, he has reportedly been reinstated.

On the other hand, locals have sought a high-level probe into the scam and dismissal of Anugulia from service. They alleged that several senior officials are involved in the irregularities and demanded action against the then Sub-Collector and ADM of Malkangiri.

Kolkata (KCN): Emami Agrotech Ltd, the branded food manufacturing arm of the diversified business conglomerate Emami Group re-launches Healthy & Tasty, one of the leading & popular range of edible oil brands in India. Launched in 2010, Emami Healthy & Tasty enjoys a leading position in the West Bengal market

dia, Emami Agrotech introduced 'Ultralite' Soyabean Oil, the lightest version of soyabean oil that its R&D and Technical Team with the help of global technology experts has successfully developed. The European Refining Technology used in the production process makes the oil lighter in colour, less in stickiness and lower on absorption



and is one of the fastest growing brands in Northern and Western India, post its national entry in 2017.

With this relaunch, the brand targets a business turnover of Rs 5000 cr within the next 3-5 years. As a part of this relaunch, Emami Healthy & Tasty reveals a brand-new packaging makeover across its 4 variants -

Mustard, Soyabean, Sunflower and Rice Bran with a very modern, contemporary, and minimalistic look - significantly differentiating in the edible oil category. The new packs will portray a premium imagery and narrate a source story communicating the brand's natural

skewed identity rooted to its Indianness. The brand has roped in actor Katrina Kaif as its national brand ambassador. She will be paired with Ravi Kishan, the superstar actor in a separate commercial for the brand's mustard oil variant.

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Speaking about this relaunch, Debasis Bhattacharya, President, Marketing, Emami Agrotech Ltd said, "A successful brand needs to evolve to stay fresh and relevant in the consumer space. As a response to the needs of the dynamic consumer preferences, it is important for a brand to find the right connect. Hence, our new packaging represents a smart, minimalistic look to establish itself as a modern progressive brand. We also believe that Emami Healthy & Tasty brand will succeed to capture a wider consumer mind space with the launch of Ultralite Soyabean Oil." The brand will be investing in a 360-degree marketing visibility across Television, Print, OOH and Digital to capture one of the highest shares of voice within its category. Emami Healthy & Tasty in its new look will be available in varied pack sizes in pouches, bottles and jars at competitive price points.

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## 'Was difficult to play an 18-year-old': Aamir Khan on 'Laal Singh Chaddha'

How close is Laal Singh Chaddha to Forrest Gump, of which it is an adaptation?

We have tried to make it as close to Forrest Gump as possible, but it's an Indianised version. Atul Kulkarni (scriptwriter) and Advait Chandan (director) have made a few changes, and we hope the audience loves it. The Hollywood version had a few adult scenes, but since we wanted to make a family film, we decided to do away with them. We wanted to retain the innocence of the character from the original version.

Did you actually grow a beard for the role?



I grew my beard six inches long. It took me almost six months. I met a Sardar at my gym and liked his look. I told him I wanted to have this look for my next film. I did grow a beard but also used extensions.

Your son Junaid gave screen tests for the film. What happened?

Junaid studied theatre at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts and did plays for a year. I told Advait to shoot a few test scenes with him for the film to see if he could handle it. We made him Laal Singh Chaddha and he shot for two weeks. That helped us gauge what Junaid had learnt at school. He was so good as the character that I was in a dilemma if Junaid should do the film. I showed (the tests) to all my close friends who don't give any leeway to my work. Only two people said no - Atul (Kulkarni) and Aditya Chopra. They said that since it was an episodic film, a newcomer should not do it. It's a star vehicle, which is why it was Tom Hanks who played the role in the original.

How did you convince yourself for the role? I prepped for the film, but it stayed in my mind that Laal is an innocent and pure character. I am 57 and an idealist. You learn a lot throughout life and that innocence does not remain. I had to finally use Junaid's instincts for the

role. I got the cue from his screen tests as Laal. You are 57 and the character's age spans from 18 to 50. What was the toughest part about it?

There were challenges during the run sequences. There were a lot of locations and I travelled a lot for one and half months. I don't look 18, but the technical team has done an amazing job with de-ageing. What was difficult was to mentally prepare as an 18-year-old. You made Kareena Kapoor Khan, who you

are working with after 12 years, audition for her role. Why so, and how was it working together again?

I watched her for the first time in Kabhie Khushi Kabhie Gham and I loved her. Then I did 3 Idiots and Talaash with her. She gets into the character completely and is a fantastic actor. She has never given a screen test, but she agreed for this one because we wanted to see how she would look in the film. After we did a reading with her, both Advait and I realised that she was perfect for the role.

What qualities of Laal have impressed you? He is innocent, doesn't complain, and knows how to leave the past behind. If anyone speaks ill of him, he keeps quiet. He knows that you can't rewind the past. A lot of us don't accept that. Even if he feels bad, he just moves on with life. His mother has taught him that. My relationship with my Ammi has been the same. That's why I could relate to the film. I have learnt a lot in life because of her.

Are you doing Kiran Rao's next film, Lapata Ladki? I gave a screen test for it, but she rejected me. Both of us felt that I was not the right fit for the role. I was also busy with Laal, so we decided that if she cannot find anyone, I will be there as a backup.

Have you ever faced rejections in your career? I don't like rejections; they upset me. I was rejected from a Hindi play during my intercollege years, but when I went out, I saw a notice on the board about a Gujarati play. They wanted chorus players. I said to myself, "Don't give up." I went and

Do you plan to launch Junaid soon? He doesn't want me to launch him. He is making his own career.

## Actor Dhanu Harsha roped in for Diganth's 'Edagaiye Apaghatakke Karana'

Dhanu Harsha is the newest talent in Sandalwood, and she is set to play the female lead in Samar B Kadkol's directorial, Edagaiye Apaghatakke Karana. A film that revolves around the problems of south-paws has Dhanu paired opposite Diganth. An official announcement of Dhanu, a runner-up of Fresh Face season 13, coming on board was announced on International Lefthanders day.



Dhanu, who has previously worked in English films, a Tamil independent film Irandha Kaalam, and a Kannada film Ariha, is excited to bag her first solo lead.

"The title, (Edagaiye Apaghatakke Karana) translates as 'Left hand is the reason for the problem to happen' is a concept based on 'Left handers'. I play the role of Radhika, who is a left hander, in her mid 20s, who goes through an unfortunate turn of events. The role is challenging, and it is something I haven't done before. It will be a different process for me to get into this character," says the actor, who will begin shooting for the film this month. Dhanu, who is still pursuing her education, says she has started loving this profession.

"At present, this medium has become my passion, and it will be amazing if I can do it full time," Edagaiya Apaghatakke Karana is jointly produced by Gurudatha Ganiga and Samar B Kadkol, and has cinematography by Abhimanyu Sadanand.

## 'We miss you Pappa': Genelia shares note, pics on Vilasrao Deshmukh's death anniversary

Bollywood actor Genelia Deshmukh, on Sunday, shared a heartfelt note to mark her father-in-law Vilasrao Deshmukh's 10th death

Riteish Deshmukh's sons Riaan and Rahyl which is directed by Shaad Ali and is scheduled to be seen sitting beside the picture of



anniversary.

Taking to Instagram, the 'Force' actor dropped a couple of pictures, which she captioned, "Verified Dearest Pappa, Riaan and Rahyl asked me today. "Aai, if we ask Ajoba a question, will he answer??" Without a doubt my answer was, "He will answer, if you Hear him". I have honestly lived all these years speaking to you and getting every answer back, I know you have been with us through our toughest times and laughed with us through our lighter times, I know that you answer every doubt we have and I know even right now, you have read what I am writing to you..And I know it's your promise to us, that you will always be there, if we just keep our ears open to hearing you, our eyes open to seeing you and our hearts open to experiencing you. We Miss You Pappa P.s - Riaan and Rahyl insist that they are holding you on either side." In the first picture, Genelia and her husband

their grandfather.

In another picture, shared by the 'Tere Naal Love Ho Gaya' actor, her kids can be seen seeking blessings from Riteish's father Vilasrao Deshmukh.

Soon after Genelia dropped the pictures, fans flooded the comment section with heart emoticons. Vilasrao Deshmukh was a two-time Chief Minister of Maharashtra, and he passed away due to kidney and lung failure on August 14, 2012.

Meanwhile, talking about Genelia, she has completed filming for 'Mister Mummy'



to release in the latter part of the year. Apart from 'Mister Mummy', she has also started working on a new project titled 'Trial Period', helmed by Aleya Sen. Manav Kaul is also a part of the film.

# World Mental Health Day

Many may not know that 10th of October 2022 is the World Mental Health Day! We know ourselves how sound is our mental health, everyone looks at the physical health (body health). Its no surprise, few have no idea that one should take care of their mental health too. Unfortunately though we pay very little attention to our mental health and as a consequence we are observing an epic rise of mental diseases, syndromes and disorders impacting both our social and family life as well putting stress on the existing medical infrastructure. Most under developed and developing countries like India do not have bare minimal infrastructure in dealing with the challenges of mental health related issues. We do not have enough qualified and experienced psychiatrist, psychologists, councillors, mental health trained nurses or medical personnel and staff to tackle the challenges of both patients and would be patients at all.

For past two years we have gone through the global pandemic and many got impacted due to this due to acute isolation for days. Not only did we experience social, cultural, economic and physical challenges; but we have been also severely impacted emotionally too. This has been a catastrophic challenging time for all of us; more so for our numerous helpless senior citizens and countless babies and young children who lost their lives due to the COVID-19 pandemic around the globe. Although now we do see the shift of the COVID-19 infection graph going downhill; but the cases of mental health issues have taken an accelerated growth across the planet as a long term impact of this devastating pandemic. This has affected many people irrespective of the age and gender. And I am sure many of us would have understood and learnt a lesson on mental health.

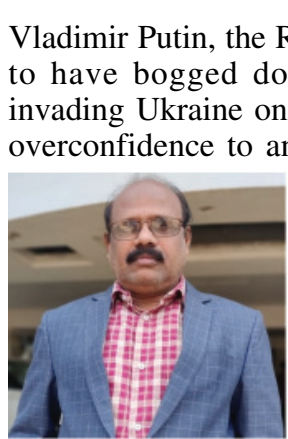
Psychologists and many scientists have cautioned us during the pandemic on the long term impacts of the human mental health irrespective of developed, developing and under developed nations. But we have failed to take any appropriate measures as we were focused heavily on physical diseases and symptoms and treating them successfully. But effective treatment of mental health is still a far reaching goal that we need to achieve

across the globe. No doubt the pandemic has brought many good changes and people started cultivating few good habits. In order to keep our mental health and sustain it life long, one should engage their mind always in positive activities. We should always be in touch with

other positive human beings and try to establish our own friend or support circle to take care of one another. Hence it is important for us from now on to enhance our skills in bettering our ability to communicate and interact with other people even outside our comfort zone. It is very important that we take out our time to meet and greet other people physically; and not just virtually. It is also important to know your close and distant family members and our neighbours. We have to develop the habit to start wishing others or at least simply smile at people that we come across throughout the day. We should not hesitate and apprehend in helping people at any time. We will be amazed to know how happy we are internally for that purpose. Please remember that you are part of this society-not "you are the only important being in the society". Look for reaching out to others; without expecting others to reach you instantaneously whenever you need them. Change the focus of your life from being either 'I' or 'me' or 'myself' centric to be 'our' and 'we' centric. This will rapidly transform your mental make up from negativity to positivity instantly. Live your life with your full attention, love and care for yourself as well as others. You will see a world of difference around you.

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President on March 18,2018 for a six year term. He wants to revive Russian nationalism, to promote Russian language and culture to glorify the superiority of Russian civilization and to unify all those former constituent republics of USSR under single rule. His vision is a resurgent " Greater New Russia"( **Greater Novorossiya** ) comprising almost all the lost territories of the former USSR. On March 18, 2014 the Federal Assembly in Moscow voted to accept Crimea as a territory of Russian Federation and the former was annexed. Russians claim that Crimea had been illegally transferred to Ukraine in 1954. This apart, Russia's invasion of Ukraine on February 24,2022 is also very significant from the perspective of geopolitics. However, it has proved to be a costly gamble or a sort of misadventure for Vladimir Putin. Since Ukraine was a peaceful part of the Soviet Union, pro-Putin Russians feel that it should be a part of Russia once again. Putin's plan includes "returning Ukraine to Mother Russia or Soviet Union 2.0" He wants to recreate a new kind of USSR as a global power. Moreover, the main reason behind Ukraine invasion is putting a stop to NATO ( North Atlantic Treaty Organisation )'s expansion. Another cause that irked Putin was the secret



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The future

The actions of others

The opinions of others

What happens around me

What other people think of me

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My thoughts & actions

The goals I set

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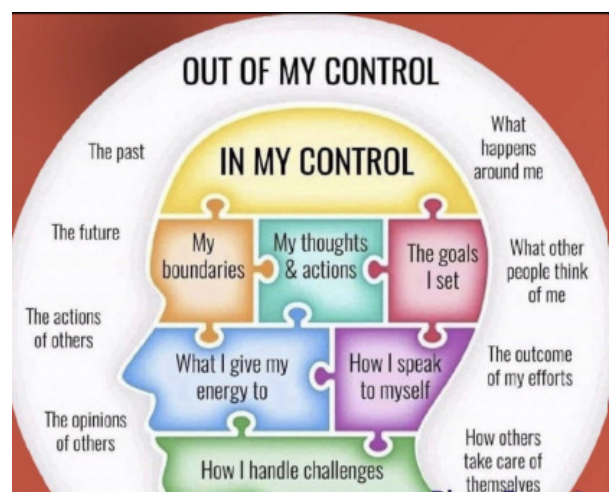
How I handle challenges

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Shower unconditional love and affection to others as people simply do not just want our money or wealth or share the glory and glamour of our social prestige and security, but they need our empathy in the very true sense of the term. We have to put our ego behind and learn to calm our mind. It is not easy but not impossible either. A daily habit of active life that includes some free hand exercises, yoga, pranayam and brisk walking can make a positive change for your mental health if you are suffering from anxiety, depression, frustrations, anger, emotional outbursts, short temper, irritability and melancholy. A daily cycle of meditation at least for 5 minutes in the morning when you get up or before you go to sleep for six months can start showing positive impacts on your mental health. Try and develop a regular life style with food low in carbohydrates but rich in seasonal fruits and green leafy vegetables. Avoid too much addition to different tobacco products, hard and soft drinks, tea and coffee or addiction to TV,



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from one individual to another. But at the end you will joys abs satisfaction that simply money can't buy for you. You can always visit a doctor to get anti-depressant drug prescriptions; but you can always be your own physi-



cian. Guide yourself towards positive thoughts, Pisi prove activities, positive companions and positive thoughts, you could keep your tentative mental health issues at bay. We need to learn how to lead a Happy Life, and not just a rich life. Richness does not guarantee happiness. It could not be simply bought with your social, political and economic power. It is a rare resource that has to be raised, developed and established internally. We need to learn to train ourselves to develop a happy and sound mind. For that we have to be realistic in life and need to cut down on our ever increasing unnecessary as well as unrealistic demands, lust, need, thrust or focus on gathering power, prestige and materialistic wealth. We need to understand that we are human being! By doing so we are taking care of our mental health as well as the surroundings-at large the society! Life is always beautiful and it all depends upon the choices we make and the path of life that we wish to explore. Wish you all a very happy and successful World Mental Health. Let peace be your destiny.

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## Pakistan rejects PM Modi's 'farfical' remarks on Kashmir issue during Gujarat rally

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Tuesday rejected Prime Minister Narendra Modi's remarks about Kashmir during a public rally in Gujarat, saying his contention that he has, somehow, "resolved the Kashmir issue", is not only false

Kashmir.

"Jammu and Kashmir is an internationally recognised dispute, the resolution of which has been on the agenda of the United Nations since 1948," the FO said in a statement.



"Instead of making delusional statements about having resolved the dispute unilaterally, the Indian leadership must deliver on their commitments to the Kashmiris and to the world and ensure that the people of Kashmir are accorded their inalienable right to self-determination," it said.

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Addressing a rally in Anand district in Gujarat on Monday, Prime Minister Modi stated that Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel deftly resolved issues of the merger of erstwhile princely states, Kashmir was handled by "one person" and the issue remained unresolved.

"As I am following the footsteps of Sardar saheb, I have values of the land of Sardar and that was the reason I resolved the problem of Kashmir and paid true tributes to Sardar Patel," Modi said.

Pakistan's Foreign Office "categorically rejected" his remarks and said the Indian Prime Minister's "farfical contention that he has, somehow, 'resolved the Kashmir issue' is not only false and misleading but also reflects how oblivious the Indian leadership has become of the ground realities" in Jammu and

tion," it said.

Relations between India and Pakistan have been strained over the Kashmir issue and cross-border terrorism emanating from Pakistan.

Bilateral ties nosedived after India abrogated Article 370 of the Constitution, revoking the special status of Jammu and Kashmir and bifurcating the State into two Union Territories on August 5, 2019.

Following India's decision, Pakistan downgraded diplomatic ties with New Delhi and expelled the Indian envoy.

Trade ties between Pakistan and India have largely been frozen since then.

India has repeatedly told Pakistan that Jammu and Kashmir "was, is and shall forever" remain an integral part of the country.

India has said it desires normal neighbourly relations with Pakistan in an environment free of terror, hostility and violence.

## SC posts for November 1 Ukraine students' plea on resuming their medical education in India

NEW DELHI(KCN): The Supreme Court on Tuesday posted for November 1 pleas filed by Ukraine returnees seeking permission

need their help," he added.

Earlier while appreciating the Centre's stand of introducing the "Academic Mobility Program for Joint Effort for RKL Airport

transferred. We acknowledge that India can't accommodate 20,000 students and they will have to study outside India. It is for the benefit of the students that they will have to

mitted that Ukraine returnees with "poor merit" could not be allowed to continue their education in India. The Centre said that they will have to



to continue their medical education in India.

Senior Advocate Rajiv Dutta appearing for the students submitted before a bench led by Justice Hemant Gupta that a meeting had to be convened to take a call on the issue.

"We're waiting for something positive may come. They have been informing but nothing is coming through. This is the situation where we

that would give almost 20,000 Ukraine returnees a chance to continue their medical education in alternate universities of other compatible countries, it asked the Centre to develop a portal specifying requirements such as fee structure of college and seats available in these universities.

"You can develop a portal, and give them the options so that the students can be

ently available so that they can take up the course," a bench of Justices Hemant Gupta and Sudhanshu Dhulia noted even as they pointed out that one liaisoning officer will go crazy dealing with the workload. Hence, the necessity to make it clear what is the fee, the colleges available, how many seats are available and the name of the college.

In its response, the Health Ministry sub-

utilise the academic mobility programme proposed by Ukrainian universities that have already been "no objectioned" by National Medical Commission and Centre. It was also said that the programme would do justice to most of the aggrieved students and also protect the career of nearly 20,000 Indian students who had to be evacuated from the war-torn country.

## Grief and outrage in Gambia over cough syrup deaths

BANJUL: When Wuri Bailo Keita's two-year-old daughter Fatoumata developed a fever, he took her to hospital where she was diagnosed with malaria and sent home with a prescription for a paracetamol syrup.

Less than a week later she was dead. The infant is just one of 69 Gambian children to die of acute kidney failure since July in a series of cases linked to four Indian-made cough syrups.

The widening scandal has highlighted flaws in the tiny West African nation's healthcare system, in turn raising questions about potential loopholes in world pharmaceutical trade.

"She could not eat anything and she was oozing blood from her mouth and nose", Keita, a 33-year-old carwash attendant, told AFP, recounting his daughter's suffering.

ria as a possible cause of the deaths.

India's health ministry said late Thursday it had been informed of the WHO's findings last month and was awaiting the results of its own lab tests on the four drugs.

Maiden Pharmaceuticals was not licensed to distribute the four products in India and had only manufactured and exported them to The Gambia, it said. "It is a usual practice that the importing country tests these imported products on quality parameters, and satisfies itself as to the quality of the products," the ministry said.

But The Gambia has no national laboratory to test for drug quality and food safety -- a lack that Barrow on Saturday vowed to redress.

Maiden Pharmaceuticals did not respond to AFP requests for comment after the WHO alert.



ALSO READ: Locals clueless about Haryana factory producing syrups blamed for Gambia children deaths

'Failed miserably' Domestic critics accuse Barrow of having failed to protect the public and standing by watchdogs who should have been sacked.

The opposition United Democratic Party (UDP) criticised Barrow's "five-minute

"At some point, I was praying for God to take her life."

ALSO READ: WHO probing Indian cough syrup after 66 children die in Gambia

President Adama Barrow made a nationwide address on Saturday after the police launched an inquiry and health authorities were told to suspend the import licence of a suspected company.

Barrow also promised to update drugs-related laws and praised the work of the health ministry in preventing further deaths. But fear and anger are mounting, and the death toll is still rising.

"President Barrow should sack the health minister, but instead of sacking him, he was praising the minister," said Keita, the grieving father. "We want justice for these children."

Social media has been swamped by criticism of the healthcare system and by photos of the children who have died, most of whom were aged under five.

"It's time for the government to step up and stop these products," Mariama Kuyateh, a 30-year-old mother who lost her son Musa in September, told AFP.

"If they don't, and other syrups enter the country, it will be terrible."

No test lab The deaths were catapulted to global prominence last Wednesday when the UN's World Health Organization (WHO) issued an alert over four syrups made by Maiden Pharmaceuticals of India.

Lab tests found "unacceptable amounts" of diethylene glycol and ethylene glycol, the WHO said. The toxic impact from these substances includes "acute kidney injury which may lead to death," the agency said.

The Gambian health authorities, after launching their own investigation in July, on September 23 ordered a recall of all medicines containing paracetamol or promethazine syrup. They have cited E.coli bacte-

address" to a "traumatised nation left to wonder what other pharmaceuticals are on the market that may be fake or unsafe for use."

Nancy Jallow, of an NGO called Global Bridges, said she was appalled that top officials such as Health Minister Ahmadou Lamin Samateh and the head of the Medicines Control Agency, Markieu Janneh Kaira, were still in their jobs.

"We signed a social contract with Adama Barrow and his number one role is to protect the most vulnerable, and he has failed miserably," she told AFP. She also called for a total halt to pharmaceutical imports "until Gambia's government can build a facility that can test medications."

Others voices, including the Gambia Bar Association, have insisted that the inquiry be conducted by independent experts.

Weak healthcare Behind the political row is the reality of a country deep in poverty lacking many of the safeguards that elsewhere are taken for granted.

The Gambia is the smallest country in continental Africa, and nearly half of its population lives below the poverty line, according to the World Bank.

The country ranks a mere 174th out of 191 countries on the UN Human Development Index.

Its already weak health institutions were hit hard by Covid, with a 2020 UN assessment saying the pandemic had "exposed the shortcomings in the nation's healthcare system".

The UN flagged limited expertise, a shortage of basic equipment and a chronic lack of health professionals.

According to World Bank data, The Gambia in 2019 had just 0.1 physicians per 1,000 people -- less than a twentieth of the numbers in Canada.

The Gambia's under-five mortality rate is 49.4 deaths per 1,000 live births, according to UNICEF, compared to 3.7 deaths in Germany and 4.4 in France.

## Joint Effort for RKL Airport

Bhubaneswar: With Men's World Cup Hockey in view, both Union and State Government have joined hands to operationalize the Rourkela Airport in a time bound manner.

Today a high level meeting was held between the Odisha Government and Government of India to expedite the operationalization of the Rourkela Airport as Men's WCH date is fast approaching.

The mega sporting event will be held at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar and Birsu Munda International Hockey at Rourkela from January 13 to January 29, 2023. As many as 16 countries are participating in the Global Event.

Bishnupada Sethi, Principal Secretary Commerce & Transport and Usha Padhee, Additional Secretary Civil Aviation held Joint Meeting with the senior officials of Airports Authority of India(AAI), Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and other stakeholders engaged in setting up the infrastructure of the airport.

While Mr.Sethi urged the senior officials of AAI and SAIL to work jointly keeping in view the Global Event in sight, Ms.Padhee asked to identify the critical issues and chart out strategy accordingly for implementation.

Recently Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mahapatra has written letters to Secretary Civil Aviation and Secretary Steel in this regard.

While both the State and Union Government are

working in tandem to commission the Rourkela airport, there are areas of concern, which was raised by the State Government, said sources.

Looking at the concern of the State Government, Union Additional Secretary Civil Aviation, Ms.Padhee asked the AAI authorities to adhere to the timeline and to be in constant touch with the State Government and SAIL Officials.

While infrastructure work is going on documentation for Directorate General Civil Aviation (DGCA)clearance for operation of Rourkela Airport, officials say.

Once infrastructure work is completed, application will be submitted to DGCA for inspection and clearance for flight operations from Rourkela.

Rourkela Airport was planned for 2B Airport and license was obtained however, looking at the operational issue, it has been decided to upgrade it to 2C category for which AAI is taking up the infrastructure work.

While Principal Secretary Commerce & Transport Mr.Sethi assured all out support for the AAI authorities, Ms.Padhee expressed her commitment towards the State, which is hosting a Global Event with all sincerity. With two Top Mandarins joined hands to expedite the work in a time bound manner, it is expected that few critical issues, which was concern of the State Government will be sorted out at the earliest, officials feel.

## 9th International Workshop on PCNL - Percon 2022

## Digital technology will have to be adopted in health services: Dr.Sangeeta reddy

New Delhi(KCN): Under the joint venture of Percon Academic Society (Regd.) and Apollo

technology easily available for people. It would be useful to organize more such workshops every year to take this technology across the world. Indian doctors are the best



in the world because of our environment and social system.

Dr. Reddy is giving information about the new experiments being done under Apollo Hospitals and the new techniques of medicine. Reddy said that only by spreading the knowledge of PCNL technology to the doctors, the patients would benefit from its expansion. The new technologies has developed rapidly in the medical world. Due to its laproscopic instruments and other equipments; varioussurgical process has been made better. It is only through a hole of 3 to 8 mm that the stone lying in the kidney is broken and removed. Patients can work on the third day after surgical removal of stones.

Dr. S. K. Paul has done complex operations of kidney stones with the above technique and gave information about this to the doctors from all over the world present in the workshop.

Hospital Group, the 9th International Workshop on PCNL - Percon 2022 was organized in a grand manner at Surya Hotel, New Friends Colony, New Delhi, in which 700 delegates from eight countries participated. In which there were representative doctors from Palestine, Philippine, Buleria, Kuwait, Nepal, Bangladesh, Iraq and India. The workshop, which lasted for two days, was inaugurated by the Joint Managing Director of Apollo Hospitals Group, Dr. Sangeeta Reddy. The



program was presided over by Dr. Chanchal Pal, organizer of the event Dr. S. K. Paul presented the complete outline of this workshop.

Dr. Paul who taught the tricks of PCNL technique to doctors says that kidney stone pain is more in men than women. One-third of women and two-thirds of men have kidney stones. After removing the stone from the operation, in the coming ten years, 70 percent of its pain arises again. There is only one percent effect on kidney function after the operation. He said that a national level conference is being held since 2004 for training of doctors in all over the world for this technique. He has



It is known that Percutaneous Nephrolithotomy (PCNL) is a complete technique of kidney stone removal, which is a very common problem in North India.

Chief guest Dr. Sangeeta Reddy in her inaugural address said that Percutaneous Nephrolithotomy (PCNL) is proving to be a panacea in relieving the pain of kidney stones. We have to digitize health services to make this

taught the tricks of PCNL technique to about 700 doctors of the country and abroad. He said that in case of kidney stones larger than 6 mm, surgery is needed. Consumption of excessive water to prevent stones works as a lifesaver. Program President Dr. Chanchal Paul urged all the doctors involved in this workshop to strengthen the spirit of service by doing new experiments in the medical

## Suraj files papers



**B h a d r a k :** Janata Dal (BJD) and Opposition Congress are yet to announce the names of their candidates. The last date for filing the nomination paper is 14 October. Suraj went to the office of the Sub Collector and Election Officer Laxmiprasad Sahu in a procession and filed his nomination paper. BJP Candidate Suraj is the son of party leader Bishnu Charan Sethi whose death necessitated the by-election. Governing Biju

Samir Mohanty, Leader of the Opposition Jaynarayan Mishra and other senior leaders attended the rally. "The people of Dhamnagar had elected Bishnu Charan Sethi for five years. It will be the real tribute to Bishnu Babu if the voters give their blessings also to Suraj, his son," Mr.Mohanty said.

Before filing the nomination paper, Suraj and other senior leaders visited Mr.Sethi's memorial at his native Mangarajpur village under Tihidi police station limits. Mr.Sethi had won from the Dhamnagar seat by a margin of 4,625 votes in 2019. While he polled 80,111 votes, Rajendra Das of BJD got 75,486.



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## Hyderabad-based Electriq ties up with Yamaha to enter EV mobility market

HYDERABAD: Hyderabad-based electric vehicle manufacturer Electriq has tied up a

facilitate short distance deliveries. Speaking to Deccan Chronicle, Electriq CEO



two-wheeler vehicle leasing arm of Yamaha Motors to supply vehicles for food delivery aggregators.

Moto Business Service India (MBSI) is Yamaha Motors' leasing company, which operates entry in the 2-Wheeler Asset Management Services space.

It has already deployed 250 of the planned 1250 units of E-scooters and 50 units of E-cycles, which are available on rent for delivery executives of Zepto and Swiggy to

and Founder Anand Thakur said that the company aims to create a clean, green, and sustainable environment by providing good quality products at affordable rates. Established in November 2021, Only Electriq Solutions Pvt. Ltd currently has two manufacturing plants - Hyderabad and Haryana.

Electriq CEO and Founder Anand Thakur "We have begun operations in Hyderabad and we are planning to expand our model of

## A month into Bharat Jodo, Congress sheds inertia, eyes pole position in opposition space

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which was dormant for many years.

AICC general secretary Jairam Ramesh, one of the key drivers of the exercise, sees the yatra as a psychological boost for the party.

"I think what the yatra has done is show to the Congress party that we can do it. We are on the roads, on the streets, we are fighting the BJP. We are taking the battle to their camps. We are raising fundamental issues. We are not reactive. In fact, now the BJP is reacting to us and that I think is the greatest contribution of the yatra. It is psychological rather than electoral," Ramesh said.

He expressed confidence that the gains would consolidate as 117 Bharat Yatris traverse the entire 12-state route.

Congress strategists claim that the principal aim is to connect with the masses and raise their issues, as decided at the Udaipur Chintan Shivir where both Congress president Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi acknowledged that the party was disconnected from the ground. Leaders say Rahul Gandhi has met more than 550 people individually while walking during the yatra, and interacted with several pressure groups with specific concerns.

"This is for the first time in many years that the Congress is being discussed in remote areas, villages, and people are in awe of the fact that Rahul Gandhi is walking all the way," former Madhya Pradesh chief minister Digvijay Singh, who heads the yatra organising committee, said.

In many ways, the yatra is shaping up as the former Congress president's personal image building exercise, with senior party leaders repeatedly claiming that India will see a new Rahul Gandhi after the journey.

The party's social media department has been careful to project the affectionate side of their leader -- tying his mother's shoelaces, playing with children, hugging an elderly woman, and so on. The idea is to fight the BJP's narrative of "Rahul Gandhi being a reluctant leader and a tourist politician who takes many holidays".

"This is a transformational moment for Rahul Gandhi. His endurance and clarity of thought are emerging in the yatra," said Jairam Ramesh, adding that the yatra has seen three impromptu press conferences by the Congress scion, who has taken two clear ideological lines.

One, he has said the Congress does not differentiate between minority and majority communalism and will fight both. Two, he has clarified that the Congress is against monopolies and not industrialists.

These positions bring some clarity to the party's otherwise hazy lines on secularism and economics, and could be significant in

the wake of the party aligning with radical forces in the last Assembly elections in West Bengal and Kerala.

The Congress drew a blank in Bengal, while in Kerala, the Left Democratic Front stormed to power bucking anti-incumbency trends in a record win.

Apart from clear ideological positioning, the yatra is aiding the Congress to create an electoral impact in the states it is touching.

In BJP-ruled Karnataka, the party views public response as "phenomenal".

"The response we got in Tamil Nadu and Kerala was expected but the people's support in Karnataka has been tremendous," an AICC office-bearer said.

"The party has crossed the JDS and BJP strongholds in Karnataka and has generated a buzz with hopes of similar resonance in YSRCP-ruled Andhra Pradesh and TRS-ruled Telangana," he added.

Karnataka Congress leaders, however, feel the yatra should have covered more Assembly segments rather than just the 20 constituencies it will enter and the 50 it will touch out of the 224 constituencies.

The Congress has 70 MLAs in the state after 14 left the party in the recent past.

Party general secretary in-charge of Karnataka Randeep Surjewala said three more yatras would be held across the state starting next month.

"The ongoing yatra has activated the party cadre in every assembly segment and has unified the state leadership due to the bonhomie created by it," Surjewala told PTI.

He said it has also helped highlight major issues of corruption, price rise and unemployment, and has given an opportunity to Rahul Gandhi to interact with non-political segments.

"The BJP is now on the defensive and is resorting to copycat syndrome by planning similar meetings, but they have not picked up the gauntlet of walking 511 km through the state," Surjewala added.

While the journey continues, it remains to be seen if it will impact the Congress' flailing electoral fortunes.

Interestingly, the yatra doesn't cover poll-bound Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat.

Also, the absence of opposition leaders from the yatra is a matter of debate though the Congress claims the exercise was never aimed at forging opposition unity.

The party had, however, at the start of the yatra appealed to leaders to participate. The only participation from the opposition so far has been that of DMK chief and Tamil Nadu chief minister MK Stalin, who flagged off the yatra from Kanyakumari along with Rahul Gandhi. The Congress maintains it invited only Stalin and no one else officially.

As it appears, the grand old party views Bharat Jodo Yatra as a tool for self renewal and hopes to land at the centre of opposition space by the end of the journey early next year.

2wheeler asset management services with 5000 EVs to be deployed across cities like Bengaluru, Kolkata, Pune, Delhi and Chennai in partnership with MBSI," said Mr Anand Thakur.

The removable battery pack of the EVs by Electriq, will soon make daily travel for the delivery executives/partners easy as the exhausted batteries can be swapped with a fully charged one instead of waiting for the EV to be charged again for further travel.

We have a current recorded range of 80-100kms according to the usage of the existing delivery executives who use our EVs and this kind of range could be facilitated in one full charge, said Mr. Anand, adding that the company is looking at battery swapping proposal to the aggregators like Zepto and Swiggy, wherein a delivery partner/executive can visit a hub where a charged battery can be collected to replace the exhausted battery at a nominal charge.

"The proposed module also increases the range automatically up to 160kms without much interruption in travel," he said.

Electriq EVs are equipped with smart IOT devices that enable tracking of real-time locations of the delivery partners through an IT, web and app-based platform. This technology will help the company in understanding the movement of the delivery partners and helps it identify the locations in which their battery hubs can be opened for further smoothing of operations.

## Samajwadi Party patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav cremated in Saifai

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body was moved around 10 am Tuesday from his "kothi" to a bigger hall on the Mela Ground premises to allow people to pay their last respects.

The former chief minister's son Akhilesh Yadav, brother Shivpal Yadav and other family members were onboard a truck decked up with garlands of flowers. A large number of people marched along the vehicle.

Frequent chants of "Netaji amar rahe" by lakhs of people rent the air.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge and Nationalist Congress Party chief Sharad Pawar were among those who paid tributes to the leader.

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, his Chhattisgarh counterpart Bhupesh Baghel, Telangana CM K Chandrashekar Rao, former Madhya Pradesh CM Kamal Nath, Telugu Desam Party chief N Chandrababu Naidu, NCP leader Praful Patel, Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav, CPI(M) general secretary Prakash Karat and the Left leader Sitaram Yechury were among the other dignitaries who paid their tributes to the leader.

Businessman Anil Ambani, Yadav's brother and Pragatishheel Samajwadi Party (Lohia) founder Shivpal Yadav, senior Uttar Pradesh Congress leader Pramod Tiwari, NCP leader Supriya Sule, Rashtriya Lok Dal chief Jayant Chaudhary, farmer leader Rakesh Tikait and Aam Aadmi Party's Sanjay Singh were present as the three-time chief minister was to be consigned to flames.

Actor and Samajwadi Party MP Jaya Bachchan also marked his presence along with her actor son Abhishek Bachchan. Speaking to reporters, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh recalled his relationship with the SP patriarch and said Yadav was connected to the roots.

"If there was any leader who was connected to the public and the ground, it was Mulayam Singh Yadav," Rajnath said. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said, "As a 'samajwadi' (socialist) personality, he advocated the cause of the backwards and farmers. His death is an irreparable loss."

Former Andhra Pradesh chief minister Chandrababu Naidu termed Yadav's demise a "loss for Uttar Pradesh". BJP leader Rita Bahuguna Joshi, who was one of those leaders who arrived early, said Yadav never considered his political opponents as enemies and that he shared a personal bond with every leader.

Yoga guru Baba Ramdev was seen accompanying Akhilesh Yadav at the ceremony as a sea of people descended on Mela Ground to pay tributes to the leader.

## US ammunition supplies dwindle as Ukraine war drains stockpiles

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Stinger anti-aircraft missiles, which have not been made since 2020.

Some US-provided equipment has become emblematic of the war in Ukraine, such as Javelin anti-tank weapons that were widely used by Kyiv's forces to blunt the Russian advance on the capital, and the Himars, a precision rocket system now playing a key role in counter-offensives against Moscow's troops in the east and south.

'No alternatives'

But US stocks of ammunition for Himars -- which fires GPS-guided rockets known as GMLRS, with a range of more than 80 kilometers (50 miles) -- are dwindling.

"If the United States sent one-third of that inventory to Ukraine (as has been the case with Javelin and Stinger), Ukraine would receive 8,000 to 10,000 rockets. That inventory would likely last several months, but, when the inventory is exhausted, there are no alternatives," said Cancian, who previously worked on weapons procurement for the US government.

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"Production is about 5,000 a year. Although the United States is working to increase that amount, and money has recently been allocated for that purpose, it will take years," he said, adding that older equipment could help fill the gap.

The United States has provided some 8,500 Javelin missiles to Kyiv, but production of a weapon that has become a symbol of Ukrainian resistance is only about 1,000 per year.

'As long as it takes'

The US government ordered \$350 million worth of the missiles in May, but it will again take several years before stockpiles are replenished.

The United States has also supplied more than 800,000 NATO standard 155 mm artillery shells to Kyiv -- three-quarters of the total amount delivered by all Western countries, according to official Pentagon statistics.

The amount of shells Washington has provided "is probably close to the limit that the United States is willing to give without risk to its own warfighting capabilities," Cancian said.

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And the US defense industry production is speeding up, Laura Cooper, a senior defense department official responsible for Russia and Ukraine, said Tuesday.

"The United States will continue to stand with the Ukrainian people and provide them with the security assistance they need to defend themselves for as long as it takes," she said.

## Congress MLA Mohammed Moquim's jail term in loan fraud stayed

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of fine. Justice Routray also granted bail at Rs 1 lakh along with two sureties of like amount.

When the HC took up the plea for stay on the conviction order, the State Vigilance sought time. But Acharya pressed for urgent hearing on the matter taking into consideration the seriousness of the consequences of the conviction.

Justice Routray fixed October 13 for further consideration of the matter. On September 29, Moquim, a first-time MLA, had got instant relief and was not sent to jail after being sentenced for three years. As per law, a trial court that sentences a person to three years imprisonment can give him/her instant bail.

According to case records Moquim representing the Metro Group as the MD, had applied for a Rs 1.5 crore term loan from the ORHDC in June 2000 for an apartment project in Nayapalli area. Kumar was then the MD of ORHDC. Kumar neither placed the loan application before the board of directors nor the loan committee for approval.

Kumar allegedly showed undue favours to the real estate company and illegally disbursed the loan between July and August 2000. The Vigilance department registered a case on March 30, 2005. During investigation, the Vigilance purportedly found that the real estate company did not repay the entire loan amount. As on July 31, 2007, the company's outstanding loan amount reached Rs 6.2 crore.

The Vigilance also came to know that the firm had availed loans from the ORHDC before and turned a defaulter once. But Moquim has claimed that he had repaid a substantial amount of the loan.

## Agel Open: Rare loss in final for Iga Swiatek as Krejckikova wins in Ostrava



first time in three years as Barbora Krejckikova claimed her second title in successive weeks at the Agel Open on Sunday.

Home favourite Krejckikova rallied from a set down to win the final 5-7, 7-6 (4), 6-3.

Krejckikova hit her seventh ace to convert her sixth match point. The Czech prevailed in 3 hours, 16 minutes on an indoor hard-court in the eastern Czech city of Ostrava. It was her first victory over top-ranked Swiatek after two defeats.

French and U.S. Open champion Swiatek brought a 10-win streak into the final while Krejckikova came in with an eight-win streak from taking Tallinn last weekend.

The Czech got the decisive break in the eighth game of the final set before serving the match

“It feels great,” said Krejckikova, the 2021 French Open champion. She thanked Swiatek “for bringing the best out of me today.”

It was only the second loss for Swiatek in her 12 career finals. She was previously beaten by Polona Hercog in her debut final in Lugano in 2019.

After her semifinal victory over Ekaterina Alexandrova on Saturday, Swiatek became the first WTA Tour player since 2017 to achieve 60 wins in a calendar year.

In the first set, Swiatek saved three break points in the third game before building a 5-1 lead. Krejckikova came back with two breaks but Swiatek converted her third set point.

She came back from 4-2 down in the second set before losing the tiebreaker.

## Naveen launches ‘Football For All’ programme

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## Title contenders Brazil begin campaign with 1-0 win over Morocco in FIFA Women's U-17 WC



**BHUBANESWAR:** Title contenders Brazil began their FIFA Women’s U-17 World Cup campaign on a winning note with a 1-0 victory over debutants Morocco in a Group A match here on Tuesday.

Striker Jhonson scored the all-important goal in the fifth minute of the match as the South American champions collected all three points to put themselves in a strong position to make it to the quarterfinals.

Morocco, one of the three representatives

from Africa, had a good chance to score very early in the match but after that it was Brazil who dominated the match with 65 per cent ball possession.

Brazil had 17 shots at Morocco goal as against four of the African side.

Brazil could have won by a big margin but their forwards missed a lot of easy chances while Morocco also defended well.

In a Group B match in Margao, Chile beat New Zealand 3-1.

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