

## Excise detection up by 60%

Cuttack(KCN): Till the month of September in the financial Year 2022-23 record number of 29301 cases have been detected against

Ram Chandra Palata, Addl. Commissioner of Excise, Diby Lochan Mohanta, Sarat Chandra Mohapatra, Joint Commissioners of

tained enforcement and to counter the illicit distillation of liquor and trafficking of Narcotics in the on-going festive occasion.

of 197.14%. Further 14312 Grams of Heroin seized this year against 4076 Grams last year till September.



18237 that of last year with an increase of 60% in detection of cases, said a senior official of Directorate of Excise. Ashish Kumar Singh, Excise Commissioner, Odisha reviewed the progress of operation of enforcement.

Excise, Ram Chandra Mishra, EDC, Enforcement, Rajat Kumar Praharaj, Dandapani Behera, Dambraudhara Khanda EDCs and all Superintendents of Excise attended. The objective of holding this meeting is to monitor sus-

Up to the Month of September of the financial year (2022-23), record number of 936 cases under NDPS Act have been detected with arrest of 1080 persons against detection of 315 cases and 379 persons arrested last year, showing growth

25502 Kg of Ganja seized this year against 12692 Kg last year. EI & EB, Berhampur Unit has detected 19 cases, Sambalpur district 12 cases and Malkangiri district 11 cases in the month of September. CONTINUED ON: P-7

## With Putin, Palestinian leader Abbas rules out US role as mediator

TEL AVIV(KCN): The Palestinian president on Thursday used an audience with Vladimir Putin to denounce the United States, telling



He said the Palestinians would only consider US mediation if it were part of the "Quartet", a grouping of nations that includes Russia.

With Thursday's meeting, Abbas became one of the few world leaders to sit down with Putin since Russia launched its war on Ukraine in February.

the Russian leader that he has no faith in Washington as a Mideast peace broker. Mahmoud Abbas spoke with Putin at a regional summit in Astana, Kazakhstan. His comments about the US, traditionally the main broker between Israel and the Palestinians, came at a time when the US and Russia are at loggerheads over Putin's invasion of Ukraine. "We don't trust the US," Abbas said, speaking in Arabic, as Putin looked on. "We don't accept the US, under any condition, (as) a single party in solving the Middle East problem," he added.

Abbas' remarks reflected his frustration with the US, which has stepped back from its once-intense mediation between Israelis and Palestinians. ALSO READ: How Moscow grabs Ukrainian kids and makes them Russians Instead, it has turned its focus toward other pressing global issues like the war in Ukraine, relations with China and economic woes. The comments also follow a crisis of confidence between the Palestinians and the US after the Trump administration cut funding to the Palestinians and pursued policies that were favourable toward Israel. CONTINUED ON: P-7

## Nehru created mess in Kashmir, Modi govt cleaned it by revoking Article 370: Shah

ZANZARKA/UNAI(KCN): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday said India's first PM Jawaharlal Nehru created a "mess"



Speaking at an event to flag off the Bharatiya Janata Party's 'Gaurav Yatra' in Gujarat, where Assembly polls are due in the next two months, Shah said the Congress used to often taunt his party over construction of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya, but work on the mega project was now in progress. The senior BJP leader flagged off one yatra from Zanzarka in Ahmedabad district and two others from Unai in Navsari district. Decorated vehicles are being used in these yatras. Due to the mistake of Jawaharlal Nehru, who inserted Article 370, Kashmir was in a mess... it could not be properly integrated with the rest of the country. CONTINUED ON: P-7

## Odisha MP Aparajita Sarangi elected Asia Pacific Group's Inter-Parliamentary Union panel member

KIGALI(KCN): Lok Sabha MP from Odisha Aparajita Sarangi has been elected as a member of the executive committee of the Inter-

Parliamentary Union (IPU) from Asia Pacific Group (APG) countries. Sarangi bagged 12 out of the total 18 available votes in the election to the post. The election was held in Kigali, Rwanda. MP Sarangi took to her Twitter handle to thank Prime Minister Narendra Modi for nominating her for the post. Sarangi will represent India on the 15-member executive committee of the union. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar extended his wishes to Sarangi. "Congratulate @AprajitaSarangi for her election victory. Thank all the nations who supported her," Jaishankar said in a tweet. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla congratulated the MP on her election victory. "Congratulations Smt @AprajitaSarangi, MP, for having won the election to post of Member of Executive Committee of #IPU during #IPU145 at Kigali, Rwanda with a spectacular margin of 12 out of 18 votes. Wish you a successful term as a Member of the prestigious body. @DrSJaishankar," he tweeted.



An Indian Parliamentary delegation led by Hariवंश, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha presently attending the 145th IPU Assembly being held in Kigali Rwanda. Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Hariवंश, Dr Sasmit Patra, and Aparajita Sarangi attended the meeting of the Governing Council of IPU, the parliament official said.

The Asia Pacific Group (APG) of which India is a member, aims to promote the economic and social development of member countries to local and regional development of countries with high levels of international migration and to stopping all forms, including state-sponsored, of human trafficking and human rights abuses". CONTINUED ON: P-7

the Governing Council of IPU, the parliament official said.



## Intensive negotiations ongoing for Diwali trade pact with India, says UK

LONDON(KCN): Intensive negotiations are ongoing to meet the target to conclude the majority of the India-UK free trade agreement (FTA) talks by Diwali, UK government sources said on Thursday. Officials said that both countries continue to negotiate a "high-ambition free trade agreement" that could boost the UK economy by more than GBP 3 billion by 2035.

"The UK and India set a target to conclude most of the talks by Diwali (24th October) and intensive negotiations are ongoing," sources said. Officials familiar with the negotiations also sought to realign the issue of mobility by drawing a distinction between temporary business visas and long-term migration, saying business mobility is not the same as immigration because CONTINUED ON: P-7



## Single window relief for SC, ST victims of atrocities: Naveen

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Wednesday virtually launched Single Window Application Atrocity Compensation Assistance and Relief (SAACAR), a portal to facilitate faster investigation and payment of compensation to the victims in scheduled tribe and scheduled caste atrocity cases. Launching the portal on virtual platform, the Chief Minister said compensation will be paid to the victims in such atrocity cases within 21 days. Since the entire process starting from filing of first information report, medical report, caste certificate and submission of joint investigation report have been completely digitised, investigation will be faster. The portal will also ensure end-to-end processing of atrocity cases registered in various police stations of the state. The amount will be directly paid to the accounts of the victims. The portal will address delays caused by the existing manual system of

inquiry and payment of compensation to the victims. "My government is committed to the welfare of the SC and ST communities and this new portal will bring a huge solace to the victims of atrocity cases," he said. The Chief Minister thanked the Home, ST and SC Development and Revenue and Disaster Management departments for developing the portal which will increase efficiency in delivery mechanism of the government through the 5T initiative. Among others, Ministers Pramila Mallick, Jagannath Saraka, Tusharkanti Behera, Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mahapatra, DGP Sunil Bsansal, 5T secretary VK Pandian were present.



## Rohini Behera wins "2022 FOUNDER'S AWARD from Motivational Strips"

Balosore (KCN): "2022 FOUNDER'S AWARD" is the highest Award of Motivational Strips which is Bestowed upon Rohini Behera this year for the first time for a token of his Literary Loyalty, Dedication towards Poetry and Altruistic Literary Interactions. Sir Shiju H.Pallithazeth is the Founder of Motivational Strips, the most active Literary Forum in Facebook. Rohini Behera, being a bilingual Poet in English and Odia languages has Published



6 nos. of Pictorial Poetry Books in English language and 2 nos. of Odia Poetry Books are in the Press for Publication soon. His efficiency in modelling different Socio-economic themes into pictorial Poetries is unique and outstanding. He has a knack of projecting the most neglected and down trodden people of the society into lime-light in versatile ways. The Founder of Motivational Strips quoted about Rohini Behera - "It clearly shows your inclination towards Global Literary prosperity and enhancement of mastery in Poetry. You have been doing this for a good part of your life. I am Proud of you always and keep doing the great work Rohini Behera".

## Income Tax officials participate in a special cleaning drive at Aayakar Bhawan



Kolkata (KCN): Income Tax officers participated in a special cleaning drive today at Aayakar Bhawan, Kolkata as a part of observing 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan-2.0'. The cleaning drive took place in presence of the Principal Commissioner, Income Tax, Sh. Gautam Mandal, Joint Commissioner, Income Tax, Range V and Building In-Charge, Aayakar Bhawan, Kolkata, Sh. Amitabha Sen and host of other Income Tax officials. The drive started at 12 pm and went on for an hour.

## IIT Kharagpur Inks a MoU with ONGC

Kolkata(KCN): Under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur signed a MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the Institute of Drilling Technology (IDT) of Oil & Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) Limited to undertake several collaborative R & D projects between the two institutions. The MoU was signed between Shri. G.A.V.S. Prasad, HOI, IDT, ONGC and Prof. Suman Chakraborty, Dean R&D, IIT Kharagpur in the presence of Shri. O. P. Singh, Director, Field and Technical Services, ONGC and the guest of honour. The collaborative Research & Development (R&D) between both the institutions will highlight industrial and interdisciplinary research

efforts undertaken at Deysarkar Centre of Excellence in Petroleum Engineering. One of the R & D projects for development of thermally stable drilling fluids has already been initiated by Prof. Sandeep D. Kulkarni, Deysarkar Centre of Excellence in Petroleum Engineering as Principal Investigator and Prof. Kiran Gore, Department of Chemistry which has been positively received by IDT, ONGC. Potentially, several such collaborative projects would be initiated between IDT, ONGC and IIT Kharagpur in the domain of drilling, drilling fluids, cementing fluids and completion fluids. Prof. Suman Chakraborty, Dean R&D, IIT Kharagpur stated, "I believe that this is a landmark MOU that will surely

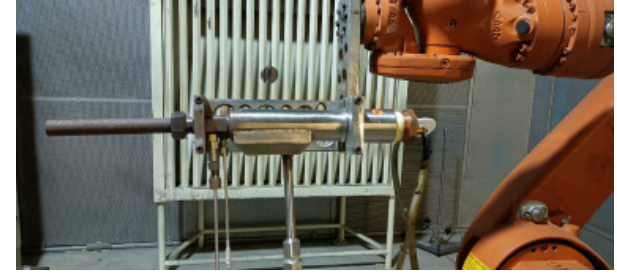
## MGM Forays Luxury Hotel

Bhubaneswar(KCN): While Odisha Government is all set to scale up Puri to an International Destination, Mining Magnate Pankaj Lochan Mohanty has decided to invest in Luxury Hospitality Sector in the Holy City. With International Airport planned in the outskirts of World Famous Puri City, and Puri Heritage Corridor is unveiled to transform the City into an International Place of heritage, Mr.Mohanty, Chairman and Managing Director of MGM Group of Companies has planned for a 5 Star Luxury Hotel & Resort in the New Marine Drive Road of Puri. MGM Group of Companies is involved in Diverse Businesses including Mining, Steel Textiles and other



## One-day Business Opportunity Workshop on "Advanced Detonation Spray Coating Technology" and "Cold Gas Dynamic Spray Technology"

Kolkata (KCN): A "One-day Business Opportunity Workshop on Advanced Detonation Spray Coating System and Cold Gas Dynamic Spray System" is going to be organised by the International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI), an autonomous R&D Centre of Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India, at ARCI, Balapur, Hyderabad on October 19, 2022. The Centre for Engineered Coatings (CEC), ARCI is involved in development of various coating technologies to achieve superior wear, corrosion, oxidation resistance and other functional properties for a wide range of applications in industries including power, aerospace, petrochemical, paper etc. Most of these coatings are designed to enhance the component life under harsh working environments. These coatings are not only applied on new components but also used for repair and refurbishment applications. In addition to providing coating solutions, CEC



is also involved in the indigenisation, prototype development and transfer of the coating technologies to Indian industries. Advanced Detonation Spray System Cold Gas Dynamic Spray System The Workshop aims to bring together leading industry personnel and potential entrepreneurs to showcase the technologies: Advanced Detonation Spray Coating (ADSC) System and Cold Gas Dynamic Spray (CS) coating system, that are ready for adaptation and transfer. Short talks and discussion on other industry relevant coating technologies are also included for the benefit of the participants. The Workshop is also relevant for the industry professionals, entrepreneurs and start-ups interested in setting-up or expanding unique coating facilities. The participation is free through prior online registration by email to [ceceventsarci@gmail.com](mailto:ceceventsarci@gmail.com) (or) [raods@arci.res.in](mailto:raods@arci.res.in) (or) through the Google form filling <https://forms.gle/FfXnaCqxqdwmtiqAt9>.

## BSF organizes weapon exhibition at international border



Kolkata(KCN): Celebrating 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', on Wednesday (October 12), a weapon exhibition was organised by the 04 Bn under BSF Meghalaya in the Bakur area of West Jaintia Hills district. The programme was organised to exhibit the latest defence weapons and equipment used by BSF to thwart anti national elements. More than 500 people including school children were

offered glimpses of modern weapons possessed by Border Security Force (BSF) through a series of interactive displays. During the event, the children were thrilled to have a close look at these weapons and to know about the capabilities of these lethal weapons. Shri Alphonous Khonglah, General Secretary of the area was the chief guest during the event who appreciated the initiative of BSF.

sectors is a respected Group in the State of Odisha, known for its aggressive business model. One of the most dynamic and daring investor, Mr.Mohanty is known for risk taking approach. "He is astute and now diversifying to Hospitality Sector as there is huge opportunity in this Industry and he wants to remain at the top.", said an Industry Expert. Developing a distinctive luxury resort in Holy City of Puri will provide the travellers who are looking out for meaningful and extraordinary experiences. The State Level Single Window Clearance Authority (SLSWCA) has cleared the Hospitality Project, which will be set up by MGM Resorts with an investment of Rs.170 Crore.

MGM Resorts will be setting up "Hyatt Regency" at Puri, which will be having 115 Rooms including Deluxe, Luxury, Executive Suites with International Standard. This Hotel & Resort will have Multi-Cuisine Specialty Restaurants having 160 Seating capacity having provision of unmatched menu that is nourishing yet delectable. Banquet Hall and Convention Center with 500 persons capacity will provide distinctive luxury experience to the guests. International Standard of SPA in a leisure destination will provide unique experience to the travellers. Known for his philanthropic pursuits, Mr.Mohanty has been in the forefront of the State in extending all out support for the needy will be engaging nearly 180 people both directly and indirectly in the project, officials say.

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## "Flag Hoisting" by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Party on the occasion of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav"

Mumbai(KCN, Sanjay Sharma Raj): On the occasion of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Party organized 'Flag Hoisting' program on 15th August, 2022 in the party office at Dattapada

of the office bearers of the party was organized and various cultural programs were organized. On this occasion, Karan Bhai Parekh, Baba Saheb Selke,

Parekh said, "Today people sit outside and only criticise the government but what will happen with it? Today's young generation



Road, Borivali (East), Mumbai in the morning, which was successfully completed, where Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Party's National President Dashrath Bhai Parekh, National Vice President

etc. and party officials graced the program and made the program a success. Everyone congratulated the public on



Narendra Bhai Darji, Chetan Bhai Sahu, Kamlesh Bhai Vyas

should join this politics and try to eliminate the evils. We will give them a chance through my party."



Kalpeshbhai Parekh, National Organization Minister Santosh Kurlmelwar and Maharashtra Spokesperson Sanjay Kohli along with the party officials and people hoisted the flag. A huge rally was also organized. After that a felicitation ceremony

Party's national president Dashrath Bhai Parekh said, "We are trying to take the country to new heights by following the footsteps of Sardar Patel ji." National Vice President of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Party, Kalpeshbhai



this occasion.

Party's Maharashtra spokesperson Sanjay Kohli said on the occasion, "We want to take the country back to that point where our country was known as a golden bird. Our country's name should be echoed in every corner of the world, so that we progress. For this we have to work unitedly."

## Malaika Arora receives first dose of COVID-19 vaccine

**MUMBAI:** Actor-host Malaika Arora on Friday received the first dose of the coronavirus vaccine. The 47-year-old ac-

tor shared the news in an Instagram post, along with a photo of hers receiving the vaccine jab at a centre in Lilavati Hospital. "I took the first dose of the COVID vaccine. Because #wereinthistogether!

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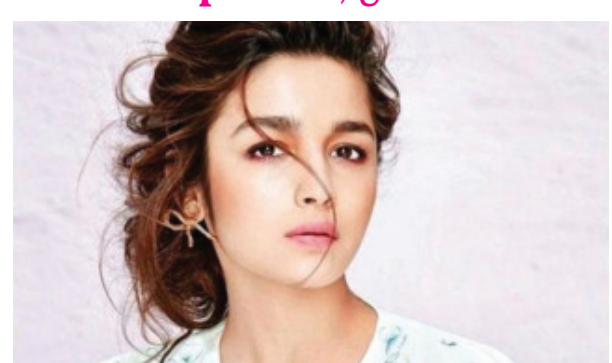
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## Covid-19: Alia Bhatt tested positive, goes under home quarantine

**Mumbai (GNS):** Bollywood actress Alia Bhatt has tested Covid-19 positive and has been under home quarantine. Alia took to Instagram stories to share her diagnosis late night. She wrote, "Hello all, I have tested positive



for Covid-19. I have immediately isolated myself and will be under home quarantine. I am following all safety protocols under the advice of my doctors. Grateful for all your love and support. Please stay safe and take care."

## Rang De review: A breezy entertainer

Nithiin and Keerthy Suresh's romantic drama Rang De is undoubtedly more entertaining than recent films of this genre. Yet this film rides on an old and predictable story. Arjun (Nithiin) and Anu (Keerthy Suresh) are childhood buddies and neighbours, who endure a love-hate relationship. He's a student with poor academic records, she's studious, thoughtful and attention-seeking. They grow up together for 20-odd years and for Arjun, Anu is one annoying friend everyone has in their life and is also someone his parents (Naresh VK & Kausalya) love more than him. Arjun bears the brunt of his father for Anu's achievements and he steadily develops a strong dislike for her. He wants to stay away from Anu so that his father stops comparing him to her. Anu, on the other hand, assumes Arjun shows real affection for her and falls for him. What happens next? The first hour of the film draws its strength from the sheer charm of its lead pair. Director Venky Atluri has succeeded in maintaining a light and breezy tone throughout and generates laughter out of most natural situations. Even the routine slang jokes are presented with a dash of freshness and in a less annoying manner. The story has potential in its premise but doesn't translate effectively on screen. The director couldn't build enough tension as we watch how Arjun-Anu's friendship turns sour. He occasionally struggles to haul up a coolness that the script doesn't possess. The real problems surface when Venky arms up the melodrama and resorts to using tired cliches to milk the emotional conflict between the lead characters. For example, Anu's mother (Rohini Molleti) encourages Arjun and his wrongdoings but doesn't support her daughter's goal to study abroad. The humour dries up and the narrative goes off the rails about ten minutes into the second hour. The sub-plot involving Vineeth and Abhirami too lacks real depth and it stretches the narrative needlessly. The climax scene in which Arjun makes the confession to Anu fails to pack an emotional wallop. Yet you are willing to overlook all these loopholes because all the characters have their own insecurities, which make them endearing and relatable. The film also attempts to be mature about sexual abuse and the concept of motherhood.

## Strategies for Improving herbal medicinal gardens in India utilizing both indigenous and modern approaches

1. Initiate selling of medicinal plants from the garden directly, it will add to some financial resources that can be used for garden maintenance. Secondly it will be useful for education and awareness of the public as they visit the garden and buy plants. This can have a good impact on popularization of Ayurvedic treatment and awareness about our medicinal plant



resources.

2. Organizing seminar or workshop or classes inside the auditorium with registration for both Ayurvedic and Non-Ayurvedic stream students (such as Biology, Life Science, Zoology, Chemis-



try, Pharmacy, Pharmacognosy, Botany, Agriculture, Forestry, Physiology, Environmental Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences). These can have further promotion and popularization about medicinal plants and Ayurveda.

3. Inviting students from institutes related to medicinal plants research and studies can further expand the opportunities. I suggest including journalism and mass communication students too for such events to help in the promotion and wider use and application of medicinal plants and Ayurvedic practices.

## How School Children are turning to Porn to explore their Ssexuality

Gone are the days of watching porn videos hideously by a few people inside a confidential room. Now, it's freely available. Some years ago, in some c graded movies, CD or VCD players render the scope of watching porn videos for the netizens. But now the situation is changed. Thanks goes to the ubiquitous mobile phones for this development. Social media and other technologically friendly apps lure people to watch porn every moment like a seduction. The most hazardous prey to this temptation is the youth of this society. Even according to a survey, it is revealed that children are no exception or prone to porn videos in recent years.

Let's see the entire matter. Accidentally, school children or teenagers catch the videos that pop up on their parent's devices. With curiosity, they develop the agility to

4. Covering some lectures in the conferences or workshops conducted in the garden by both Ayurvedic and Non-Ayurvedic practitioners, academics, scientists, research scholars, post doctoral fellows will have positive effects on the audience and general public.



5. If a newsletter or bulletin on medicinal or herbal garden is brought out every six months to one year in both hardcopy and/or electronic versions; can promote education, awareness as well as conservation of medicinal plants. This will be a good publication source for the herbal garden.

6. It is very difficult to successfully cultivate and commercially produce several species of medi-



nal herbs, shrubs and trees. It will be an outstanding project to collaborate or jointly work on commercial production of selected medicinal plants in the garden.



7. A training program for gardeners and nursery people and plant lovers and/or enthusiasts in production and maintenance of medicinal plant could

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be a great conservation service and revenue generator for the garden.

8. A detailed account of botanical and horticultural aspect of medicinal plants in the garden should be



maintained with proper photographs and documentation.



9. The documentation of individual species from germination, seedling to adult stages with flowers, fruit and seed production can be extremely helpful for collecting important information on diverse medicinal plant species will be an extremely useful database and source of publications for propagation,

management as well as conservation of important medicinal plants.

10. Government and Non-Government involvement in the future up gradation of the garden with respect to introduction of more species of expansion of the garden area as well as propagation of important, rare, endangered or critically endangered species of medicinal plants should be encouraged.

11. Some extra sponsorship from private agencies such as Emami, Himalayan Drug Company, Dabur or other such avenues can help in expansion and better maintenance in the garden if allowed by current government regulations.

12. Temporary sections of the gardens could be provided under lease for maintenance by specific and reputed Ayurvedic medicine manufacturers to build better ties and cooperation with the industry.

13. On site demonstration, organizing small fairs or gatherings or discussion platforms on site can result in deeper communication, cooperation and collaboration with the related industries.

14. Joint collaboration and research in rare medicinal plants in public private partnership (PPP) model can help both research and development for medicinal plant production, management and conservation.

15. Integrating and diversifying medicinal plant research with allied areas such as pollinator insects and local biodiversity conservation, tissue culture production of medicinal plants difficult to multiply following current available agronomic protocols, recalcitrant as well as rare and endangered medicinal plants.

16. Integrating medicinal plant education, awareness and conservation with primary, secondary and tertiary level of education.

17. Particularly including school children at various levels from both urban and rural areas to the garden could be highly rewarding and educational.

18. School kids will carry the awareness back to their parents, siblings, family, relatives, neighbours and friends very efficiently.

19. Compulsory garden visits by schools, colleges and universities to be encouraged through government and NGO programs.

20. Emphasis on the production, management and conservation of aquatic semi-submerged, submerged and free-floating medicinal plants, epiphytes and parasitic angiospermic plants with medicinal importance should be encouraged as we have little information on them. This could add to our knowledge on Indian medicinal plants.

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secretly watch these videos. Different gaming apps also discreetly provide options for watching such (xxx) videos. Automatically, they develop a habit of watching such videos that trigger their inquisitiveness towards sex.

To explore their sexuality and to unravel the hidden truths about their physicality, they gather vicious information about sex. In porn videos, they interpret a false connotation about sex where a woman is treated as an object. Unsafe sex and sex with multiple partners only impart a false sense of insecurity that breaks down the fundamental structure of our society and ultimately weakens the future of our youngsters. College students though aware of the fact that watching such videos only harms their morality, watch out for them because of peer pressure.

According to psychologists, this type of video only ruins the idea of marriage in the minds of youths and forces them to indulge

**Dr Sudipta Mishra**

in bestial activities. The increase in rapes and molestation are

the results of such half-hazard notions that they collect from such vulnerable videos. Girls are no way exception to such activities. But after watching videos they become guilt-ridden by the conventional stigma of our society. With fear of losing their virginity, they become to accuse themselves. Women do watch such tapes after getting pressure from their partners. But they forget to watch it repeatedly in comparison to boys.

After discussing the entire scenario, we can conclude that parents can be a gateway to lessen the unsafe and vulnerable activities of watching such porn videos with their kids. There are some focused points. Proper sex education and training for the future.

To prepare kids mentally and emotionally to tackle themselves after confronting such videos on any gadgets.

Parents can have a vigilant eye on the electronic devices of their kids by keeping them in common places of their home instead of attaching the device to bedrooms.

The free availability of such videos without any restrictions is the sole cause of such anarchy. To curb the moral degradation of our values and violence, we have to act prudently. Without the intervention of authorities and strict regulatory norms, nothing can be repaired. So to reform the mental health and well-being of our youth, we have to act with a difference in our mindset and to behave in an ethically suited ambience. Our Supreme Court declared and asked the Government to block porn sites and especially child pornography sites. Our apex court has seen such sites as the result of violence against women and that's why asked our government to block such deviant, brutal and destructive sites.

Unless and until we accept abstinence and propagate the ancient values of our nation, we can't cover the extra miles of success that the great legends like Buddha and Vivekananda had designed for our nation.

## New Congress chief cannot be remote-controlled by Gandhi family: Rahul

TURUVEKERE: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday dismissed suggestions



that the next party chief could be remote-controlled by the Gandhi family, asserting that both leaders in the fray - Mallikarjun Kharge and Shashi Tharoor - are people of stature and understanding.

Addressing a press conference here during the Bharat Jodo Yatra, Gandhi said he is not alone in the yatra and lakhs of people have joined it as they are tired of unemployment, price rise and inequality.

Asked about criticism from certain quarters that the next Congress president could be remote-controlled by the Gandhi family, the former party chief said, "Both the people who

are standing (in the polls) have a position, have a perspective and are people of stature and people of understanding. I don't think either of them is going to be a remote control (chief) and frankly, this tone is insulting to both of them."

Gandhi also said that by nature he believes in 'tapasya' and wanted an element of suffering in this communication to people

through the Bharat Jodo Yatra which seeks to cover a distance of about 3,500 km from Kanyakumari to Kashmir on foot. He said spreading hatred and violence is an anti-national act and "we'll fight anybody who indulges in it".

"We are opposing the new education policy as it's distorting our history and traditions. We want a decentralised education system," he added.

Bharat Jodo Yatra is not for the 2024 elections and the Congress wants to unite people against the division of the country being carried out by the BJP-RSS, Gandhi said.

## Thailand's deadly mix of guns, drugs and domestic violence

BANGKOK: As Thailand reels from one of its worst mass killings, those on the frontline of family violence, drug addiction and mental illness in a country awash with guns say support systems are in crisis and need a shake-up to prevent further tragedies. Former police officer Panya Khamrab stormed a nursery in northeastern Nong Bua Lam Phu province on Thursday killing 36 people, mostly children, before murdering his wife and young son and taking his own life.

Police say the gunman was sacked from the force over drug use -- and had an addiction to yaba, a methamphetamine in pill form.

Health experts say meth use can lead to paranoia, hallucinations and violent behaviour and those withdrawing can experience psychosis.

tal Bangkok. And in 2020, a soldier gunned down 29 people in a 17-hour rampage linked to a debt dispute with a senior officer.

Even away from security forces, Thailand has a huge number of guns in circulation -- an estimated 10 million in 2017 according to Sydney University's Gun Policy database, or one for every seven people. "Contradicting this stereotype of Thailand being the land of smiles and people being kind... Thailand is a very violent country," violence expert Janjira Sombatpoonsiri of Chulalongkorn University told AFP.

Domestic violence

The day of the massacre began with the gunman arguing with his wife at 4 am according to National



Drug problem

Thailand is a major transit country for meth flooding in from Myanmar's troubled Shan state via Laos, according to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. On the street, pills sell for as little as 20 baht (around \$0.50).

Rehabilitation psychologist Shaowpicha Techo says there is an urban-rural divide in drug treatment services and harm reduction programmes.

While it can be easy for drug users to find help for addiction in Bangkok and other cities, access is much more difficult in rural areas.

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The kingdom also has a shortage of mental health professionals, Shaowpicha said, while a stigma around mental illness and drug use discourages some from seeking support.

"In Thailand, most people don't talk about psychology or mental health... if someone has a problem... (they are labelled) a crazy person," he said, adding that some turn to drugs instead of seeking treatment.

Guns galore

Thai culture prizes avoiding confrontation and overt displays of anger, said Bangkok-based security expert Anthony Davis.

"As a consequence personal grievances and perceived loss of face are often suppressed to a point when they explode in lethal violence, typically in the context of angry males," he told AFP.

"This syndrome is exacerbated within the security services given a necessarily more disciplined and hierarchical environment than in society at large where sometimes rank and privilege can be abused." This environment together with easy access to firearms makes for a dangerous mix, Davis said.

Less than a month ago an army officer shot dead two colleagues at a military training base in the capi-

Police Chief Damrongsak Kittiprapat, and ended when he shot her and their son before taking his own life.

According to the Office of the National Economic and Social Development Board, there were 2,177 domestic violence cases last financial year in a country with a population of 70 million. But this is thought to be an underestimate as cases in Thailand are widely under-reported.

Campaigner and lawyer Busayapa Srisompong who founded SHero, an organisation providing pro bono legal aid to victims, said the tragedy was a wake-up call.

"Patriarchal culture and toxic masculinity is so ingrained in certain institutions and... normalises and allows certain kinds of violent behaviour," she told AFP.

All Thai provinces are supposed to have a one-stop domestic violence crisis centre at government-run hospitals but not all of them are operational, Busayapa said.

There are also domestic violence protection divisions under the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security but many are understaffed, under-resourced and personnel are poorly trained, Busayapa added.

Priority is often given to preserving a family unit at the expense of protecting vulnerable women and children, she said.

"There's a culture within the police institution... when they see domestic violence or intimate partner violence cases they tend to think 'oh they are going to get back together... (we will) mediate'," Busayapa told AFP. She said many of the women she helped have tried to report their cases multiple times and called a special hotline but struggled to get assistance. "If the community had access to mental health services that were trauma-informed and not victim blaming it could prevent a lot of (tragedies)," she said.

## Shah's power show: BJP upbeat about growing footprint in J&K

SRINAGAR: After Union Amit Shah's power show in Baramulla, BJP seems to have extended its base in the Muslim-majority Kashmir and the party is upbeat. In 2014, Shah had visited the Valley to campaign for party candidate Hina Bhat from the Amira Kadal constituency in Srinagar.

He addressed one party meeting in Jawahar Nagar area of Srinagar, where about 100-odd party workers were present, that too with most of them hiding their faces. Fast forward on October 5, 2022, Shah addressed a public rally in Degree College Baramulla and at least 40,000 people attended the gathering, making it one of the successful rallies in north Kashmir.

It was Shah's first public rally in Kashmir after the nullification of Article 370 and the large turnout has given a clear message that things are changing for the BJP in the Valley. According to a BJP leader said, the people in the Valley support PM Narendra Modi's 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikaas'.

"It was a historic rally. People have made Amit Shah's J&K visit historic. These are pictures of changing J&K's politics," said J&K BJP president Ravinder Raina. The home minister's stopping his speech for Azaan during the rally won the hearts and minds of people

bullet-proof glass shield from the stage before his address. It indicates his confidence with security arrangements and that the militancy is on the wane. The ground situation is changing and it is evident as no strike has been taken in any part of the Valley, another

realize that the BJP's graph in the Valley has increased manifold and that it now poses a serious challenge to them. He said situation in the Valley has significantly improved in the last three years after Article 370 revocation and people no longer live in fear



both present in the rally and outside as well. He resumed the speech after the Azaan was over amid thunderous cheers from people present in the rally. According to another BJP leader, the crowd responded loudly when Shah began his rally with 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' slogan. People also cheered loudly when Shah talked about the availability of free gas cylinders for women, who have hugely benefited from the Ujjwala scheme.

Shah also sent a message by removing the

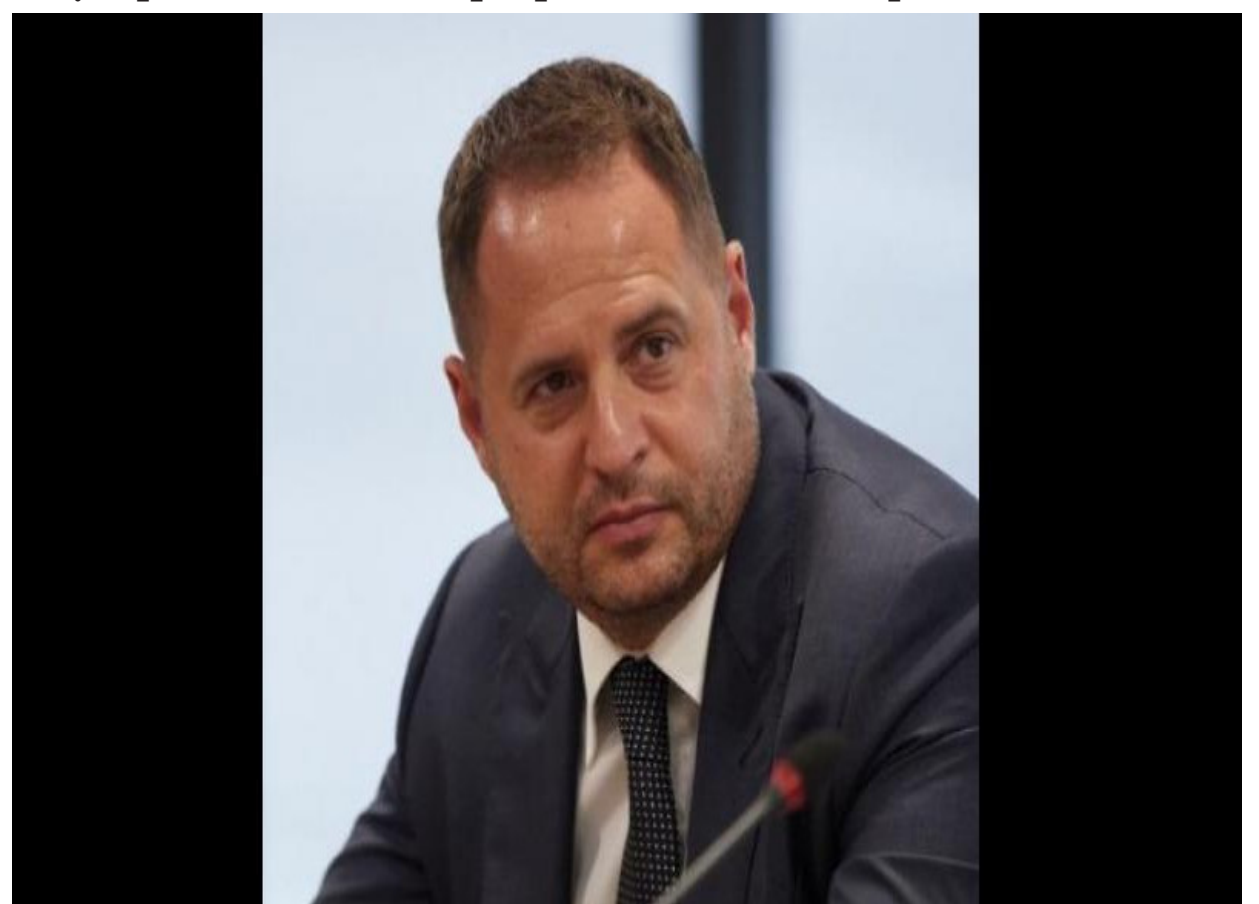
senior BJP leader said, adding that stone-pelting is talk of the past. The peace is prevailing in the Valley and the home minister said from terrorist hotspot Kashmir has changed to tourist hotspot.

He said about 1.62 crore tourists have visited J&K this year against 6 lakh visiting Kashmir every year, over 2 million tourists visited the Valley so far. Senior Kashmir-based BJP leader and former MLC Sofi Yousuf said after Shah's historic rally, rival parties would

and benefits of Central and UT-sponsored schemes are reaching to people. Shah has also raised the morale of the police force by visiting the residence of slain policeman Mudasir in Uri in north Kashmir.

His visit to Chatti Patshahi Gurdwara in Rainawari area of downtown Srinagar was also significant. BJP spokesman Altaf Thakur, who hails from Tral area of south Kashmir's Pulwama district, said Shah's rally would have a positive impact on the ground.

## Kyiv praises Ukrainian people as 'architects of peace' after Nobel



KYIV: The Ukrainian presidency said Friday that the people of Ukraine, under Russian attack since February, were "architects of peace," after a Ukrainian NGO became the co-recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize.

"The Ukrainian people are the main architects of peace, in which we must be able to exist without aggression," presidential chief of staff Andriy Yermak said on social media.

A senior aide to President Volodymyr Zelensky voiced irritation however that the prize was shared with organisations from countries allied against Ukraine: Russia and Belarus.

The "Nobel Committee has an interesting understanding of word 'peace' if representatives of two countries that attacked a third one receive the Nobel Prize together," presidential advisor Mykhaylo Podolyak said on Twitter.

"Neither Russian nor Belarusian organizations were able to organise resistance to the war," Podolyak said. Russian rights group Memorial and Belarusian human rights activist Ales Bialiatski were victims of the repression in their own countries. Belarus has lent its territory to Russian troops, allowing them to enter Ukraine through the Belarusian border.

# AAP's Gujarat chief Gopal Italia, summoned by NCW for 'derogatory' language on PM, detained

NEW DELHI: AAP Gujarat unit chief Gopal Italia was on Thursday detained for more than 2.5 hours by the Delhi Police after he appeared before the National Commission for Women (NCW) in connection with his alleged comments against Prime Minister Narendra Modi amid protests by party members outside the women's panel's office here. According to senior police officials, a complaint was received claiming Italia's supporters were creating ruckus outside the NCW building following which a team of police reached the spot and detained him.

Italia was later released by police and is scheduled to address a press conference late evening.

Reacting to police action against the AAP leader, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said Italia's detention had triggered massive anger in the Patel community across Gujarat. Taking to Twitter, the AAP national convenor also asked why "entire BJP" was after Italia. AAP's Gujarat chief Gopal Italia. (Photo | Gopal Italia Facebook)

Kejriwal's deputy Manish Sisodia termed

Italia's detention as "BJP politics" and alleged that he had been "detained because he belonged to a party that knew how to transform schools".

NCW Chairperson Rekha Sharma had summoned Italia for using "abusive and indecent language" against PM Modi and said his comment was "gender biased, misogynist and condemnable".

She told reporters after the hearing that Italia, in his verbal statement, had claimed that he was not the person in the video.

However, in his written response, he said he did not mean it.

An NCW official said the commission had to rush to arrange a translator to record Italia's statement as he started speaking in Gujarati in the middle of the hearing.

After the hearing, the police detained Italia, drawing flak from the AAP.

"With the arrest of Gopal Italia, there is massive anger in the Patel community across Gujarat," Kejriwal said in a tweet in Hindi.

"Why is the entire BJP after Gopal Italia?" he asked in another post on the micro-blogging

site.

While NCW officials said the AAP's Gujarat chief was detained for "creating a situation that disrupted law and order in the area", a

from a party that knows reforming schools, rest is nothing but politics," he charged.

The BJP's IT cell in-charge Amit Malviya had on Sunday shared a video on Twitter

where Italia could be heard calling PM Modi a "neech aadmi" (lowly person) following which the NCW took cognisance.

"An indecent word for the prime minister is also an insult to the women of our country. The abusive language used by you is gender biased, misogynistic and extremely shameful, condemnable and unbecoming of you," the NCW had said in its summons issued on October 9.

The AAP on Monday defended its Gujarat unit chief over his alleged remarks and hit back at the BJP, saying it was using an old video to target Italia now as he hailed

from a poor family and belonged to the Patidar community.

Launching a counterattack, the AAP also shared a purported video of BJP MP Parvesh Verma in which he could be heard using certain derogatory words against Kejriwal and demanded that the saffron party either clarify its stand on the remarks or take action against him.



senior Delhi Police officer, while confirming his detention, did not divulge further details.

During the hearing, the AAP supporters protesting outside tried to enter the NCW building and police had to be called to restrain them, an official of the women's rights body said.

"Those who are detaining Gopal Italia have only that much understanding of politics. They don't know how to improve (standards of) schools, teach students. They couldn't make even one amazing school while being in government for the last 27 years," Sisodia said at a press conference when asked for comment on Italia's detention.

"They arrested Gopal Italia because he comes



## Ayurveda @ \$18 Billion

Panaji (KCN): Sarbananda Sonowal, Minister of Ayush, said, "The message of 'Har Din Har Ghar Ayurveda' should be part of every Indian's life. He emphasized that, only if nature is persevered, we humans can survive. We need to take this seriously; this should be the biggest duty of human society towards nature. Traditional medicine is science in itself. Let us understand the power, wealth and possibilities inherent in nature and move forward." He further added that Ministry of Ayush will provide full support to the Government of Goa in building infrastructure for medical tourism.

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Mineral Revenue

On this occasion, Chief Minister of Goa Pramod Sawant announced that Medical and Wellness Tourism will be ramped up in the state by involving



all Ayurvedic doctors and practitioners. We are planning to set up two 50 bedded Ayush hospitals under the National Ayush Mission (NAM) scheme and an Ayush hospital will be inaugurated in December 2022 at Dhargal in Pernem taluk. Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, Minister of Ayush, Crore from Non Ferrous Mining and Metallurgical Sector, it has been successful in collecting Rs.19,458.93 Crore as on 30 September, 2022. Latest Report on Revenue Collection reveals that fact that in Mineral Revenue

continues to outsmart all other revenue collections in the State and it is expected that the State Government will generate more revenue from this sector during this Fiscal as collection up to September 2022 is much better as compared to last year's corresponding period. While up to September, 2021 State Government was able to collect Rs.18, 875

Collection there is a comparative growth of 3.9 Percent as compared to the corresponding period of Last Fiscal, however during last six months, Budget Estimate of 44.79 Percent is achieved. While for 2022-23 Budget Estimate for collection of Revenue from Mineral Sector was set at Rs.43,444 Crore, collection is much better during last six

said," In year 2014, the Ayush manufacturing industry was only worth \$3 billion. It has grown by 6 times in the last seven years, from \$3 billion to \$18 bil-

lion. We have committed that by 2047, Ayush sector should grow by 50 times and we are confident this can be achieved."

Vaidya Tanuja Nesari, Director, AIA gave a presentation on Ayurveda Day 2022 plan and said, "The Har Din Har Ghar Ayurveda campaign has been months.

While Revenue Collection from Mineral Sector in 2021-22 was Rs.48, 642 Crore and it was a record of sort, financial experts opine that that this year also it will surpass earlier collection amount as the trend is positive. As on 30 September 2020, revenue collection from Mineral Sector was only Rs.5870.74 Crore. However during 2021 and 2022 growth in this sector has shown a huge jump.

In fact Mineral Revenue collection has boosted the Non Tax Revenue Collection of Odisha. During 2021-22, Non Tax Revenue Collection was Rs.54, 256.81 Crore and by 30 September, 2021-22 collection was Rs.20,219 Crore. However by 30 September, 2022, Non Tax Revenue Collec-

tion has touched Rs.21,712 Crore, nearly Rs.1500 Crore extra. And financial experts feel that there will be better growth in Non Tax Revenue collection during this Fiscal, given the trend of collections. Non Tax Revenue Collection has shown 7.39 Percent growth as compared to corresponding period of last Fiscal. And Budget Estimate of Non Tax Revenue Collection has achieved 45.05 Percent during last six months, which is a positive trend, financial experts opine.

The Ninth World Ayurveda Congress and Arogya Expo, scheduled to be held from 8-11 December 2022, will bring together Ayurveda practitioners, pharmaceutical companies, researchers, and academicians from across the globe. Since its inception in 2002, the event has been receiving a highly welcoming response, and the Goa edition is expected to be one of the largest thus far.

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Thanks to the overdrive of the officials engaged in revenue collection and systematic improvement in the framework of Revenue Collection Machineries there is marked improvement in Revenue collection.




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Nehru created mess in Kashmir, Modi govt cleaned it by revoking Article 370: Shah

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Everybody wanted the removal of Article 370. Prime Minister Narendra Modi removed it in one stroke and completed integration of Kashmir with the country," Shah said.

Earlier this week, Modi, during his visit to Gujarat, had also blamed Nehru for the issues plaguing Jammu and Kashmir for decades.

In August 2019, the BJP-led government at the Centre revoked the special status of Jammu and Kashmir and bifurcated the border state into two Union territories.

Raking up the issue of construction of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya, Shah asked the gathering if they had thought that dream of building a grand mandir in the Uttar Pradesh town will be realised?

The Congress used to taunt us with slogans like 'mandir wahi banayenge, lekin tithi nahi batayenge (the temple will be built but can't say when),' Shah said.

"But the dates were declared, the groundbreaking ceremony was completed and a grand temple is coming up at the promised place," the Union minister pointed out.

The Modi government has developed important places of worship, Shah said.

Visit Somnath, Dwarka, Kashi, Kedarnath or Ujjain. The Narendra Modi government has developed all places of worship, which during the Congress government were left to fend for themselves," Shah said.

The Home Minister raised the issues of the 2016 surgical strikes and the 2019 airstrikes inside Pakistan and said the Modi government adopted a tough stance on terrorism emanating from across the border.

During the Congress-led UPA rule, Pakistan used to behead our soldiers and take away their heads. When our government came (in 2014) they tried to do the same thing. They forget this was not the government of 'Mouni Baba' (a reference to former PM Manmohan Singh). In a few days after terror incidents the Narendra Modi government responded with surgical strikes and airstrikes," Shah said. The BJP leader maintained the country's oldest political party is neither capable of providing security nor of ensuring development of India and these tasks can only be accomplished by the saffron outfit.

The Congress is neither capable of ensuring security of the country nor able to develop the country. Only the BJP can do them," he said.

Further targeting the opposition party, Shah said curfews were a routine occurrence when the Congress ruled Gujarat, but things improved vastly after the BJP came to power in the state.

"Out of 365 days, curfew would be in force in 200 days in parts of Gujarat when the Congress was ruling the state. They (Congress) thought they would benefit if people fought each other. Those days are gone now," he said.

"After Narendra Modi came to power in Gujarat (he was CM from 2001 and became PM in 2014), curfew has not been imposed in the state for the last 20 years," Shah claimed.

Speaking about development of tribal communities in Unai, Shah said it is the Modi government which has worked hard for welfare of marginalised social groups.

On Wednesday, BJP president J P Nadda had flagged off two yatras.

The yatra which started from Zanzarka in Ahmedabad district on Thursday morning will conclude at the temple town of Somnath.

From Unai, one yatra will go to Ambaji Temple in Banaskantha district, covering the tribal belt of the state, while the other one will head to Fagvel temple town in Kheda district.

BJP's Gujarat as well as central leaders will join the yatras at different points, a party release said.

In all, five yatras have been planned by the BJP, each lasting eight to nine days, and the ruling party aims to cover 144 Assembly constituencies, out of the total 182, as part of its voter outreach campaign ahead of the elections.

## India's deployment of cash transfer scheme is a logistical marvel: IMF

Washington: India's deployment of a direct cash transfer scheme and other similar social welfare programmes is a 'logistical marvel', the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said on Wednesday.

"From India, there is a lot to learn. There is a lot to



learn from some other examples around the world. We have examples from pretty much every continent and every level of income. If I look at the case of India, it is actually quite impressive," Paolo Mauro, Deputy Director of the Fiscal Affairs Department at the IMF, told reporters at a news conference here.

"In fact, just because of the sheer size of the country, it is a logistical marvel how these programmes that seek to help people who are at low-income levels reach literally hundreds of millions of people," he said in response to a question on the impressive direct cash transfer programme being successfully implemented by the Indian government.

There are programmes that target specifically women. There are programmes that target the

## Sitharaman flags energy and food security risks for India

NEW DELHI/WASHINGTON: Flagging concern over the current high inflation in India, Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that energy and food security risks are the main problems in the country and that they need to be watched out for. She said the twin challenges of a slowing growth rate and high inflation will be "carefully structured" in the upcoming Budget for the next financial year in order to help the economy sustain growth momentum and rein in prices. Sitharaman was addressing a gathering at an event in Washington on Tuesday.

The finance minister is on a weeklong visit to the US and is scheduled to hold several meetings with leaders and heads of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the European Commission as well as the United Nations Development Programme, among other meetings. In a meeting with the US treasury secretary Janet Yellen on Tuesday, Ms Sitharaman discussed a range of issues, including bilateral relationships, the global situation, as well as India's upcoming G-20 Presidency.

Addressing a gathering in Washington DC, the finance minister claimed that India's growth rate will be around seven per cent this financial year. "I am very much aware of growth forecasts being lowered around the world, but I am confident of India's relative and absolute growth performance in the rest of the decade," Sitharaman responded to a query on the sidelines of an annual meeting of the IMF and World Bank.

Sitharaman identified high energy prices as one of the biggest problems that poses a challenge for the Indian economy. She said that the energy price and availability are not long-term or medium-term but are India's biggest short-term challenges.

Responding to a question, the minister said the global stress that hits India -- the energy, fertiliser or food -- is being carefully monitored and the government is making sure that stress doesn't get passed on to the people.

She added, "The excise duty on fuel was brought down so that the common citizen doesn't bear the brunt of increasing fuel prices. That is one way in which we're making sure that those in the vulnerable sections don't get hurt."

When asked about any specifics on the upcoming Budget for next financial year, she said, "Specifics (of the next Budget) may be difficult at this stage because it's a bit too early. But broadly, the growth priorities will be kept absolutely on the top. Even as I speak about the concerns that inflation brings before me... so inflation concerns will have to be addressed. But then how would you manage growth would be the natural question."

The finance minister's reactions come at a time when almost all institutional and private forecasters have cut their projections for India's GDP growth in the current fiscal (2022-23) on tighter monetary policy by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), denting demand even as the economy is facing headwinds from a global slowdown. Besides, the growth momentum in the Indian economy seems to be waning, as seen in a slowdown in industrial production and exports. Inflation has hovered above the Central bank's tolerance limit of 6 per cent for most of the year.

"But that's the point of being sure how you're going to be able to balance the two and be sure that the momentum that the Indian economy has got coming out of the pandemic and the momentum with which it will grow even next year, even as per the many multilateral institutions which are observing India, cannot be weakened," the finance minister said, adding, "So, it will have to again be a carefully structured Budget in which growth momentum will have to be sustained."

The RBI in its last monetary policy also cut its projection of India's GDP growth in the current fiscal to 7 per cent from 7.2 per cent previously estimated. Other rating agencies too have lowered the economic growth projection for India, citing the impact of geopolitical tensions, tightening global financial conditions and slowing external demand.

elderly and farmers. Perhaps the interesting part is that in these examples, there is a lot of technological innovation, he said.

"In the case of India, one thing that is striking is the use of the unique identification system, the Aadhaar," Mauro said.

"But in other countries, also, there is greater use of sending money through mobile banking to people who actually do not have a whole lot of money, but they have a cell phone," Mauro said. "So being somewhat innovative in identifying people, in processing their applications for transfers through digital means, deploying funds through, again, mobile banking. This is something that countries can learn from each other. We try also here to be a little bit of a convening place where people can compare these types of experiences," he said.

Observing that the IMF is collaborating with India on the application of new technologies, Vitor Gaspar, Director of the Fiscal Affairs Department, said that India is "one of the most inspiring examples of the application of technology to solve very complicated issues of targeting support to the

## Intensive negotiations ongoing for Diwali trade pact with India, says UK

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business mobility covers the temporary entry for talent to work for a specific time period in a trade partner country.

"Any commitments we seek on temporary entry will aim to encourage the best and brightest talent in India to temporarily work in the UK," official sources said.

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It follows UK Home Secretary Suella Braverman's very vocal concerns over what she dubbed an "open borders" approach with India as part of an FTA, which many feared may have pushed the FTA negotiations off course from an October-end timeline because the issue of mobility lies at the heart of what India would consider a win-win trade deal.

According to the UK government, any agreement with India on visas and migration would fall within the country's wider points-based immigration system and be subject to Cabinet approval.

While the UK's Department for International Trade (DIT) refused to comment on "live negotiations", it did not rule out the prospect of the Diwali deadline being met and said the deadline was "focusing efforts and driving progress".

"The UK has a close, positive working relationship with India and a thriving trade partnership worth over GBP 24 billion in 2021. We continue to seek improvements to our current trading relationship, and this is why we are negotiating a high-ambition Free Trade Agreement," a DIT spokesperson said.

"We remain clear that we won't sacrifice quality for speed, and will only sign when we have a deal that meets both countries' interests," the spokesperson said.

There has been intense speculation in recent days over the Diwali timeline for the FTA, which was announced by former Prime Minister Boris Johnson during his India visit in April.

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However, since then the UK has undergone much political upheaval with Johnson being replaced by Liz Truss and a new Cabinet team in place.

A trade deal with India, expected to more than double bilateral trade by 2030, is considered a major victory for the new Prime Minister in an otherwise tumultuous few weeks overshadowed by financial markets turmoil.

Strategic experts on both sides are of the view that if the Diwali deadline for the FTA is still met, the result may be a much less comprehensive deal than was expected, leaving key sectors open for future negotiations.

UK Trade Secretary Kemi Badenoch seemed to lay the groundwork for this last week, when she said that an FTA with India would not mean that "we can't do even more later".

On the UK side, some of the key asks are around the opening up of India's legal services sector and slashing of high tariffs on Scotch whisky. For India, the issue of talent mobility and digital data are among some key factors.

people who need it most?.

The IMF has also been working with many African countries in the area of government technology.

"And also in Africa, there are very many examples of innovation, which is relevant and inspiring as well. So, the exchange of experiences that Paolo was talking about is something that we are trying to organise, and the amount of learning that can take place is actually quite surprising. There is a lot going on in India, in Africa, and in other parts of the world," Gaspar said.

## With Putin, Palestinian leader Abbas rules out US role as mediator

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That included moving the US Embassy to Israel to the contested city of Jerusalem. President Joe Biden has restored the funding, but kept the embassy in Jerusalem.

He also has not attempted to restart peace talks, focusing instead on more modest goals such as boosting the Palestinian economy.

Israel and the Palestinians have not held substantive peace talks in more than a decade, and Israel's military occupation over captured lands sought by the Palestinians is now in its 55th year.

The US has been central to previous negotiations, brokering interim peace deals in the 1990s that created the Palestinian Authority, which Abbas leads.

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Abbas' words, however, come in what could be the waning years of his leadership. The 87-year-old heads a weak Palestinian leadership with no real succession plans for the day the long-serving leader is gone.

The internationally recognised Palestinian Authority is committed to nonviolence and a negotiated peace agreement creating an independent Palestinian state alongside Israel. At home, however, the authority administers a series of autonomous areas in the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

It has become increasingly unpopular and is viewed as weak, corrupt and despotic. Israel captured the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem in the 1967 Mideast war. The Palestinians seek those territories for their hoped-for, independent state.

## Odisha MP Aparajita Sarangi elected Asia Pacific Group's Inter-Parliamentary Union panel member

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"Kartikya Sharma, MP, Dr. Sasmit Patra, MP and participated in the meeting of "Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU", he added. Vishnu Dayal Ram, MP participated in the debate of the Standing Committee of the Sustainable Development on the theme "Parliamentary efforts in achieving negative carbon balances of forests". The Indian Parliamentary Delegation also participated in the voting to decide the emergency item for inclusion in the agenda of the Assembly.

## Excise detection Up By 60%

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Koraput district has seized 917 KGs, EI & EB, Berhampur 720 KGs and Kalahandi 393.2 KGs of Ganja in the month of September.

EI & EB, Cuttack Unit has seized 784 Grams, State Flying Squad 692 Grams and Jagatsinghpur 679 Grams of Heroin in the month of September.

Rourkela district has seized 979.06 LPL, EI & EB, Berhampur 381.402 LPL and Keonjhar 110.97 LPL of Duplicate IMFL in the month of September.

Mayurbhanj district has detected 36.75 LPL, Gajapati 25.35 LPL and Khordha 17.1 LPL of Non-Duty Paid Foreign Liquor.

The Excise Commissioner appreciated the performance/ achievement of Excise officers up to September of 2022-23.

He, instructed all Superintendents of Excise & EI EB Units to strengthen & enhance the enforcement measures in this year 2022-23 and to conduct frequent raids against the illegal manufacturing, distributing and sale of ID Liquor/ duplicate IMFL / Non-duty paid IMFL / NDPS items in the state in the coming festive occasion.

Further, the Superintendents were instructed to keep intelligence on Hemp plant cultivation and to chalk out plan for destruction and registration of cases.

## India beat Thailand by 74 runs to enter women's Asia Cup final

SYLHET: A dominant India crushed minnows Thailand by 74 runs to storm into the final and remain on course for a record-extending seventh women's Asia Cup title here on Thursday.

ets. In that match, the Indians bundled out Thailand for just 37 runs in 15.1 overs and then chased down the target with consummate ease. On Thursday, the Thai

register double digit scores. Once the duo departed, the Indian bowlers just ran through Thailand lower-order batting line-up. Rajeshwari Gayakwad

midwicket. Most of the dismissals were gifts to Thai bowlers as the Indian batters were guilty of giving away their wickets after getting starts. Jemimah Rodrigues (27) was the next to loft one straight to Rosenan Kanoh at long-on off Thipatcha Putthawong. Tippoch then had two wickets in successive overs to reduce India to 132 for 5 in the 18th over.

First, she caught wicketkeeper Richa Ghosh plumb in front of the wicket and an over later, got the big wicket of skipper Harmanpreet Kaur as the batter tried to clear the cover boundary.

Harmanpreet, who returned to lead the side after missing out two matches due to a niggle, looked in good nick and laced her 30-ball 36 with four hits to the fence.

Towards the end, Pooja Vastrakar hit a quick 13-ball 17 with the help of a six to take India close to the 150-run mark. Sornnarin Tippoch was the best bowler for Thailand with figures of 3/24.

India had made three changes from their last match playing eleven with Harmanpreet, Renuka Thakur and Radha Yadav coming in for S Meghana, Meghna Singh and Kiran Navgire.

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women gave a better account of themselves with the bat despite being reduced to 21 for 4 in the eighth over.

Deepthi Sharma (3/7) did most of the damage with her off-spin, picking up the first three Thai wickets -- Nannapat Koncharoenkai, Natthakan Chantham and Sornnarin Tippoch -- in consecutive overs. Medium pacer Renuka Singh (1/6) then cleaned Chanida Sutthiruang as Thailand's chase fell apart.

Captain Naruemol Chaiwai (21) and Nattaya Boochatham (21) showed some resistance with the bat with a 42-run stand for the fifth wicket but the asking rate was too tall. In fact, they were the only two Thai batters to

(2/10), Shafali Verma (1/10) and Sneha Rana (1/16) were the other wicket takers for India.

Earlier, invited to bat, Shafali Verma was at her destructive best, top-scoring for India with a 28-ball 42 with the help of five boundaries and one hit over the fence.

Together with vice-captain Smriti Mandhana, Verma shared 38 runs in 4.3 overs before the former hit a low full toss from Phannita Maya straight to Onnicha Kamchomphu at mid on.

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The win over Thailand took India to their eighth straight Asia Cup final - four each in ODI and T20 formats.

Before 2012, the tournament was a 50-over-a-side affair. The semi-final contest against Thailand was always expected to be a cakewalk for India and it turned out to be so. India posted 148 for six after being sent in to bat and then restricted Thailand to 74 for 9 in the lop-sided contest.

Chasing the target, Thailand were never in the hunt as they lost wickets at regular intervals. The Thai women, however, fared much better than their previous outing against India in the league stage, where they were crushed by nine wick-

## Former cricketer Clea Smith joins Cricket Australia Board as Independent Director

MELBOURNE: Cricket Australia (CA) on Thursday announced the appointment of Clea Smith as an Independent Director. She brings a wealth of knowledge acquired in business management, player welfare and as an international cricketer to the CA Board.

A former Australian and Victorian opening bowler, she featured in two ICC World Cup victories and five national championship-winning teams and is a life member of the Essendon Maribyrnong Park Ladies Cricket Club. Overall, she played a Test, 48 ODIs and 13 T20Is for Australia.

"I'm really looking forward to joining the CA Board and working with my fellow Directors



to continue the work being done to nurture and grow the game. This is an exciting and challenging time for cricket, and I hope my experience as a player, with the ACA and in business will complement the skills of my fellow Directors as we look to the future," said Clea.

Clea worked in several roles for the Australian Cricketers' Association (ACA) including General Manager of Member Programs, General Manager, Past Players and Strategic Projects and National Manager of Past Player Program.

She holds an MBA and BA App. Science: Sports Coaching and Administration and is currently chief executive of The Mind Room, a mental health and wellbeing company.

"Clea brings absolutely impeccable credentials to the CA Board with her playing and management experience and also the perspective gained during her time with the ACA. At a time when Australian cricket is focusing on the mental health challenges faced by players and all our people, Clea's experience in this field will also prove invaluable," said Lachlan Henderson, CA Chairman.

Apart from Clea's appointment to the CA Board, the Annual General Meeting voted in favour of the re-election of John Harnden as a Director and the election of David Maddocks as a Director.

In the annual report released for the 2021-22 financial year, CA reported a net deficit of \$5.1 million with significant factors including the costs of staging cricket throughout the pandemic and a challenging UK media rights market impacting this result.

A year-on-year reduction in total revenue of \$14.3 million to \$391 million was driven by a reduction in international media

rights, partly offset by increased match revenues due to the popularity of the Ashes and improved Covid conditions.

The overall result was also boosted by a reduction in expenses, driven mainly by lower biosecurity costs than last year, the operation of the player revenue share model and strong cost controls.

Also, in the CA annual report, despite Covid-19, participation and retention rates in community cricket remained robust with total registered participation increasing by 11% to 598,931.

The growth of women and girls cricket continued with registered female participation increasing by 12,000 to 71,300. CA added that funding to States and Territory Associations increased by \$9.5 million to \$112.7 million.

## Chennaiyin FC looks to end winless run against Bengaluru FC

CHENNAI(KCN): The Indian Super League is finally returning to the southeast coast after two years with a rip-roaring game between Chennaiyin FC and Bengaluru FC expected here on Friday.

Both sides are coming into this game after winning their respective opening fixtures and will be aiming for full points to keep the momentum steady.

After securing a win against ATK Mohun Bagan, which was their first against the club in the ISL, Chennaiyin FC became the third team to reach 50 wins in the league.

They also became the third team to reach the 200-goals milestone.

In a game of contrasting halves against ATKMB, The Marina Machans were conservative in the first half.

In the second half, they tried to stamp their authority and probed further into the final third.

Head coach Thomas Brdaric's substitutions played a vital role in his side's triumph. Brdaric decided to introduce Kwame Karikari into the game just before the hour mark.

It took the Ghanaian just three minutes to win a penalty.

Karikari himself netted the equalizer from the spot before setting up Rahim Ali with a delightful low cross for the winner in the 83rd

minute. The Chennaiyin FC head coach said fitness played a key role.

Bengaluru FC is one win away from reaching the 50-wins milestone themselves. The Blues are unbeaten in their last six games against



the Marina Machans.

However, the visitors have won just one out of five games at the Marina Arena.

Last season, Bengaluru FC scored 32 goals in the league. Nineteen of the 32 goals were scored via set pieces.

The Blues kicked off the new season in a similar fashion as they scored the winning goal against NEUFC from a corner.

Alan Costa scored his third goal when he nodded in the winner against NEUFC. All three of his goals have come from corners.

The Marina Machans and the Blues have faced each other on 11 occasions in the Hero ISL. Bengaluru FC has won six games while Chennaiyin FC has won three. Two games have ended in a draw.



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