

## Lot of work required to bring country's economy back to life, says Rahul Gandhi

ADONI (KCN): Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday said a lot of work was required to bring the country's economy -- crippled by the Narendra Modi regime at the

said. The Wayanad MP noted that job creation in the Indian economy has always happened on the back of small and medium businesses and a strong agriculture sector.

"Demonetisation and GST destroyed both these systems. Lakhs of small businessmen have gone out of business. India's ability to create jobs has been crippled," he said.

At the same time, there was a massive transfer of wealth

from poor and middle class to a handful of "really rich business people".

"The world's third richest man is our Prime Minister's close associate and friend. Everybody understands how he exactly has become the third richest man," he said, in an indirect reference to businessman Gautam Adani.

"What people don't clearly understand is this money transfers from farmers, small businessmen, middle class into the hands of these very rich people. The rich have access to the banking system but farmers or small businessmen cannot access it. The rich businessmen can have unlimited debt," Rahul said, adding that this phenomenon CONTINUED ON: P-7



Centre -- back to life irrespective of whether the rupee was strong or weak.

Responding to questions at an interaction with media during his ongoing Bharat Jodo Yatra in Adoni, he said BJP's policies had completely destroyed the strength of India's economy and it was not just a question of the dollar price.

"Idea of strong or weak rupee, whether it is good or bad. It is actually more nuanced than that. It doesn't actually work like that. But it is the question of how you look and think about the Indian economy," Gandhi remarked. A strong rupee has advantages and disadvantages. Both have to be taken into account, he

## Mallikarjun Kharge, a Gandhi family loyalist, becomes new Congress president

Bengaluru(KCN): Mapanna Mallikarjun Kharge, a staunch Gandhi family loyalist from Karnataka, has become the Congress' first non-Gandhi president in 24 years. The 80-year-old leader succeeds Sonia Gandhi at the grand old party's highest office. Kharge defeated Member of Parliament from Thiruvananthapuram Shashi Tharoor in the October 17 Congress' Presidential polls, which saw over 9,500 delegates across the country voting.

A leader with more than 50 years of experi-

ence in politics, he is also the second AICC

President from Karnataka after S Nijalingappa and also second Dalit leader after Jagjivan Ram to hold the post.

Kharge was elected MLA for nine times in a row, seeing a steady rise in his career graph from humble beginnings as a union leader in his home district of Gulbarga (renamed as Kalaburagi).

He joined the party in 1969 and went on to become President of the Gulbarga City Congress Committee.

That Kharge was unconquerable at the hustings was mirrored until 2014 Lok Sabha polls in which he bucked the Narendra Modi wave that swept Karnataka, particularly Hyderabad-Karnataka region, and had won from Gulbarga

with a margin of over 74,000 votes. He has won from Gurmitkal assembly constituency nine times before he plunged into the Lok Sabha poll arena in 2009 and has been a two time MP from Gulbarga parliamentary segment.

However, in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls the veteran leader was defeated by BJP's Umesh Jadhav in Gulbarga by a margin of 95,452 votes. For Kharge, popularly known as "solillada Saradara", (a leader without defeat), this was the first electoral loss in his political life spanning more than five decades.

A hard-boiled Congressman and loyal to the core to the Gandhi family, Kharge has played multiple roles in different ministries that has enriched his experience as an administrator.

He has also served as the leader of the opposition in Karnataka Assembly and President of Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee. Kharge was leader of the Congress party in Lok Sabha from 2014 to 2019 but could not become the leader of opposition, as the grand old party could not get the post as its numbers were less than the mandated 10 percent of the total number of seats in the Lower House.

He has served as Union Cabinet Minister for Labour and Employment, also Railways and Social Justice and Empowerment- in the Manmohan Singh-led UPA government.

He had also held various portfolios in successive Congress governments that governed the state.

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## PM Modi wishes Mallikarjun Kharge fruitful tenure as Congress president



NEW DELHI(KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi greeted Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge on his election as party president on Wednesday and wished him a fruitful tenure.

"My best wishes to Shri Mallikarjun Kharge Ji for his new responsibility as President of @INCIndia. May he have a fruitful tenure

ahead," Modi tweeted.

Kharge was elected Congress president, defeating Shashi Tharoor in an electoral contest, the sixth in the party's 137-year-old history. The Karnataka leader will formally take over as the party's president on October 26. He will be the first party president from outside the Gandhi family in 24 years.

## Diplomats to present Odisha

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha's Business Summit with Heads of Indian Mission to different countries was held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mahapatra in State Convention Centre last evening in which



Principal Secretary Industry Hemanta Kumar Sharma welcome heads of Indian Mission. Top Diplomats, Dinesh Kumar Patnaik, Ambassador of the Indian Mission in Spain, and Manoj Kumar Mohapatra, Ambassador of the Indian Mission in Guatemala attended the Meet.

Mr.Sharma outlining objectives of their visit and the Business Summit of Odisha with them,

expressed the hope that Indian Mission Teams would adequately present Odisha at international business forums. Senior officers from different departments along with representatives from various Industry associations joined the deliberations on the further growth of Industries in Odisha.

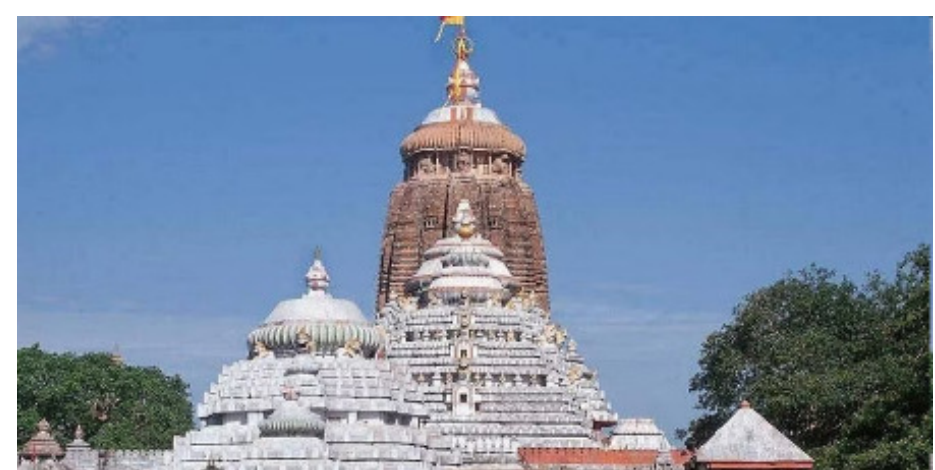
Addressing the Summit, Chief Secretary Mr.Mahapatra said, "Odisha is growing to a major industrial hub in Eastern India. We have attracted investments in the mineral, metallurgy, chemicals, petrochemicals, textiles, apparel, food processing, IT and ITeS sectors" He further said, "In the last months, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has led delegations to Dubai, New Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad for road shows and investors' meets as a part of ensuing Make in Odisha Conclave-2022. Everywhere I have seen high excitement about Odisha among the investor and CONTINUED ON: P-7

## Orissa HC seeks clarity over reopening of Ratna Bhandar

CUTTACK(KCN): The demand for reopening the Jagannath Temple Ratna Bhandar (treasury) for inspection and inventory of the jewellerys and valuables of the deities has come into focus with the Orissa High Court

festive occasion and Category III - those that are for daily use of the deities.

The HC sought the response from SJTA on a petition seeking stock taking of the properties and valuables in the Ratna Bhandar and



make public the outcome of the inventory. A High Court lawyer Dillip Kumar Mohapatra filed the petition on June 6, 2018. But the petition was since pending without any orders.

Petitioner counsel Alok Mohapatra pressed for reopening of the Bhitratna Bhandar when

the petition came up on Tuesday. He said a complete inventory of the articles in the Ratna Bhandar was last done in 1978. As no inventory has since been made of the Bhitratna Bhandar, it has become essential to know whether the jewellerys and other valuables of the deities are intact and safe, the petitioner counsel argued.

Taking note of it, the bench fixed January 5, 2023 for hearing on the matter along with the SJTA's reply.

on Tuesday seeking response on it from the State authorities.

The division bench of Chief Justice S Muralidhar and Justice Chittaranjan Dash directed the Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) to clear the air over reopening of the Bhitratna Bhandar.

Ratna Bhandar is classified under three categories. In category-I the articles are kept in Bhitratna Bhandar and never used. In Category II - those that are used only on ceremonial or

## Destitution is not His-tory

Dwit David Philip

To have is not spirituality,  
To not to have is too not spirituality,  
Misnomer I found it.  
Poverty is relative and psyche,  
Destitution is scrupulous anxiety of hu-  
manity.

Is not it, many of are scropulus and don't  
give everything.  
Because, we feel insecured, fearing to be-  
come empty,

It's trust in God and His provision, we

are lacking, and givers are giving.

Question is,  
Why some people give their everything,  
Not that, for their fame they go on  
reciving.

Faith, the young man and me is lacking.

Poverty or no poverty is not spirituality.  
Destitution is not His-tory  
Is this the Church He drempt and I am  
practicing?

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Jharkhand, India



## Quotation of the Day



The season of failure  
is the best time for  
sowing the seeds of  
success

- Paramahansa Yogananda

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# Culture of Odisha – Explore the Varied and Ancient Heritage of Utkala Region

### Culture-of-Odisha-Architecture

The Sun Temple in Konark is the crowning achievement of the Orissa style. It is the last



phase of temple construction in Orissa. It was constructed in the 13th century A.D. by Narsingha Deva of the Ganga Dynasty. It is known as the Black Pagoda and is dedicated to Surya, the Sun God. It portrays Time – the Sun God moving across the sky, shaped like a Ratha or chariot drawn by seven gorgeously caparisoned horses in motion. The temple's outer walls are adorned with magnificent sculptures of dancers in various stances, musicians, lions, horses, elephants, and other animals depicting all aspects of life.

### Architecture of Odisha Jagannath Temple Puri

A ruler of the Ganga Dynasty built the Lingaraja temple in the 11th century AD. It has all of the characteristics of an Orissa



temple. It has a vimana and a Garbha Griha and is enclosed in a quadrangular enclosure. The shikhara, a lofty ribbed curvilinear spire that curves in at the top and is crowned by an amalaka or great rounded block of stone, is built over the garbha griha. The golden vase-shaped Kalasa with a trisul stands on top of this. The sanctuary is built on a foundation of beautiful mouldings. Niche projections of Ganesh, Parvati, and Kartikeya adorn the lower half of the wall on three sides.

Puri's Jagannath temple is a grander version of Lingaraja's temple. It was constructed in the 12th century AD and includes a 65-meter-high tower.

### Religion of Odisha

Odisha is home to Hinduism, Islam, Christian-



ity, Buddhism, and Jainism, among other reli-

gions. However, Hinduism is the majority religion in Odisha. Despite the fact that all other religions have adherents, Odisha boasts the biggest concentration of Hindus among Indian states. Odisha is a nation of religious tolerance, and people of many sects and faiths coexist peacefully, often within the same hamlet, and used to share all of the festivals.

### Music and Dance of Odisha

Odisha has a long and illustrious musical cul-



ture. Odisha's rich musical legacy is reflected in the figures of dancers and musicians carved on old temple walls. Odissi music is a classical genre that combines all of the elements found in Hindustani and Karnatic music. Odissi sangita is a synthesis of four types of music, namely dhruvapada, chitrapada, chitrakala, and panchal, as detailed in two treatises produced in the early nineteenth century, namely Sangita Sarani and Sangita Narayana. Jayadev, the saint-poet, renowned composer, and illustrious maestro of classical music, is responsible for most of it.



The Odissi dance, which is choreographed to the best music of Odisha, is claimed to be an attempt to approach God and experience ultimate happiness. As a result, the devadasis, who used to dance to the recital of hymns and bols of talas, kept this dance alive. The Odissi dance emerged from the millennia-old Mahari dance form, which was once performed by devadasi dancers known as maharis at the shrine of Lord Jagannath in Puri. It was afterwards promoted as Odisha's classical dance genre. Late Kavichandra Kalicharan Patnaik and Padma bhusan recipient Kelu Charan Mahapatra are among the masters who elevated the dance form to international prominence. To name a few, there's Padmashree Pankaj Charan Das, and Deba Prasad Das.

In the world of Odisha music and dance, Chhau is a popular dance genre in addition to classical Odissi. It's a warrior dance performed to the accompaniment of indigenous instruments. Today's highly stylized Chhau dance adheres to the essential principles of Bharat

By Cscope Staff

Muni's Natya Shastra and Nandikeswara's

Abhinaya Darpana. Other dance traditions found in Odisha's rich history and culture include Jatra, Pala, Dashkathia, Gotipua, and Naga-Medha.

### Festivals of Odisha

Odisha is a melting pot of cultures, including Aryan, Dravidian, and Adivasi. The majority of the state's festivals highlight some aspect of their cultures and honour their faith throughout the year. There are several festivals that are widely celebrated, but the celebrations are unique to each place. The Rath yatra is the state's most well-known festival, during which a massive chariot or rath is driven across the state, particularly in Puri, where devotees worship Lord Jagannath. Durga Puja is celebrated all around the state, but especially in Cuttack. Kali Puja, also known as Diwali, is observed in many parts of Odisha. Cuttack's Bali Yatra, held on the full moon day of Kartika, recalls the splendor of Odishan traders in the past. At Baripada, the Chaitra Parva, a Chhou dance festival, is held.

### Cuisine of Odisha

Odiya cuisine uses a variety of locally obtained vegetables, grains, pulses, dairy products, and seafood, as well as fewer spices and oil.



Khechidi (rice, lentils, and ghee), Palau (vegetables, dry fruits, and spices), Kanika (sweet rice dish made with dried fruits and ghee), Ghee rice, and Pakhala (watered rice served with curd and stir-fried vegetables) are some of the famous rice dishes in Odisha. The vegetable and spice-laden Dalma, the plain and uncomplicated Dali, and the delectable and flavorful Besara are just a few of the mouthwatering lentil meals. Santula is a vegetable stew made with onion, garlic, and green chilies in a skillet. Khajuri khata, Amba khata, Ouu khata, dhania-patra, and pudina-patra chutneys are some of the state's well-known chutneys used as condiments in Odishan cuisine. Dahi baigana, a curd and brinjal dish, is a delicious side dish with a tangy, flavorful, and sweet-sour flavour.

### Cuisine of Odisha

When it comes to sweets, Odisha has a wide variety of desserts, including cheese-based Chhena Poda, Chhena Jhili, Rasamalai, and Chhena Gaja, as well as flour-based Pheni, Jilapi, Malpua, and Kheera Gaja. Pitha, or indigenous cakes, are popular in Odisha.

The kitchen of Puri's famous Jagannath Temple is said to be the world's largest, with a thousand chefs working around 752 wood-burning clay hearths known as chulas to feed over 10,000 people every day. Offerings are



made to the presiding deities in temples around the region. The Jagannath Temple's prasad is well-known, and it is known as Maha Prasad, which means "largest of all prasads." It is known as chhappan bhog since it has 56 recipes.

### Tourism of Odisha

With a 485-kilometre-long coastline, mountains, lakes, natural biodiversity, and rivers,



tourism in Odisha is one of the most important contributors to the state's economy. Odisha is one of India's most important tourism destinations, offering a diverse range of tourist attractions including wildlife reserves, beaches, temples, monuments, the arts, and festivals.

### Occupation of Odisha

In Orissa, agriculture is the most common occupation. Agriculture and agriculture-related businesses employ over 76% of the entire



working population. In addition, the state is a big producer of fish. Because of the favourable industrial climate in the state, the state has seen an increase in industrial activity.

Odisha with its diverse and intriguing cultural traditions exemplified by the iconic Sun Temple at Konark and the respected Jagannath Temple in Puri. Odisha, which is home to 62 tribes, has long been a favourite of visitors and scholars alike. Odissi dance, handlooms, and fine handicrafts give this land a distinct cultural character that has enthralled people from all over the world in the past and will continue to do so in the future. (Concluded)



## Development of Mines and Minerals regulated under the Act and Rules

The Mines and Minerals are the relative terms if there are mines, there are minerals. What is a mine? Mine means a passage dug in the earth for extracting minerals and the in-organic substance naturally occurred are minerals. As per the Chamber Dictionary, mine means "a place from which minerals are dug". Minerals means "a substance produced by the process of in-organic nature". As per Halsbury (4<sup>th</sup> Edition) Vol.20, para 407, page 189 mine means an excavation or system of excavations made for the purpose of, or in connection with, the getting, wholly or substantially by means involving the employment of persons below ground, of minerals (whether in their natural state or in solution or suspension) or products of minerals.

As per Bohavier Law Dict., mine means an excavation made for obtaining minerals from the bowels of the earth. Under the Government of India Act, 1935 the regulation of mines and development of minerals was divided between the Central Legislature and the provincial legislature. In the VIIIth Schedule of the Constitution of India, Entry 54 of the Union List deals with the regulation of mines and minerals development to the extent to which such regulation and development under the control of union is declared by the parliament by law to be expedient in the public interest. Entry 23 of the State List i.e. List II of the said schedule (Provincial Legislative List) that deals with the regulation of mines and minerals development subject to the provisions of List I with respect to regulation and development under the control of Union of India. The term "regulation" has to be read in this context in which it has been used. As per Advanced Law Lexicon, "regulation" shall mean a regulation made by President under Article 240 of the Constitution and shall include a regulation made by President under Article 243 thereof and a regulation made by the Central Government under the Government of India Act, 1870 or the Government of India Act, 1915 or the Government of India Act, 1935. The section regulation means any regulation of the Bengal, Bombay or Madras code or regulation as defined in the General Clauses Act, 1897 or in the General Clauses Act of a State. It is pertinent to mention here that the word "regulation" as used in Entry 54 of the Union List stated supra cannot but the said to have broad impact encompassing all facts not only specifically mentioned in the Entry itself but it is inclusive of its inherent implications thereto as well. In this context, the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of Saurashtra Cement & Chemical Industries Limited & Anr. Versus Union of India & Ors., (2001) 1 SCC 91, has been categorically dealt the term "regulation" in para 30 of the said judgment. In the said paragraph it has been stated that in Corpus Juris Secundem (Vol.76, Page 615) the word

"regulation" has been defined as a rule or an order prescribed for management or governance. In the said judgment, the Appellants-Petitioners had challenged the constitutional validity of Section 9(3) of the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957. The provision under Sub-Section 3 of Section 9 (3) of the said Act contemplates that the Central Government may by notification in the Official Gazette amend the second schedule so as to enhance or reduced the rate at which the royalty shall be payable in respect of any mineral with effect from such date as may be specified in the notification. Provided that the Central Government shall not enhance the rate of royalty in respect of any mineral more than once during any period of three years. The Supreme Court after hearing a batch of appeals and writ petitions was please to uphold the validity and dismissed all these appeals and writ petitions modifying the rate of interest from 18% yearly, rest to 9% simple interest. The necessity of Central Legislation of Mines and Oilfields and Mineral Development was increased and was highlighted during the Second World War with the result the important minerals had to be controlled under the Defence of India Act, 1939 and it was also felt a uniform policy of mineral development was essential to economic and industrial progress. Therefore, after independence the Government of India set out a policy that is called Industrial Policy Resolution of April 1948. The said policy was proposed to pursue the industrial field. The industrial resolution included minerals amongst the industries whose location had to be governed in the light of economic factors of All India importance which required a genuine and considerable investment or a high degree of technical scheme, consequently the same had to be subject of central regulation and control. Resultantly the legislature of the dominion of India enacted on September 8, 1948, the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1948 and the Act was brought into force on October 25, 1949. The substantial object of the said Act was to regulate mines and oilfields and mineral development on the lines contemplated in the Industrial Policy Resolution of April 6, 1948. Subsequently the Central Government by exercising the powers conferred under Section 5 of the 1948 Act made the Mineral Concession Rules, 1949 for regulating the grant of prospecting licenses and mining leases for minerals and other mineral oil and natural gas. The said rules came into force on October 25, 1949. After the commencement of the Constitution No.M-II-155(92) dated October 29, 1951, the word "provincial" was substituted by the word "State". In the year 1957 for developing the mines and minerals, the parliament decided that the regulations and development of mines and minerals should feature by themselves in a separate Act. Accordingly the parliament on 28<sup>th</sup>

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December, 1957 enacted the Mines and Minerals (Regulation & Development) Act, 1957. The title of 1948 Act was amended accordingly which was brought into force on June 1, 1958 by notification dated May 29, 1958. The validity of the said Act has been taken into account in the first judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court i.e. D.K. Trivedi & Sons Versus State of Gujarat 1986 (1) SCR 479. After 1957 the legislative competency of the State Legislature to enact law on the regulation and development of mines and minerals was challenged in The Hinger-Rampur Coal Co. Ltd. & Ors. Versus The State of Orissa & Ors. 1960 (2) SCR 537, the validity was taken into account. While dealing with the contention the Supreme Court held "the jurisdiction of the State Legislature under Entry 23 is subject to the limitation imposed by the latter part of the said entry. If the parliament by its law has declared that the regulation and development of mines should in public interest, be under the control of the union, to the extent of such declaration, the jurisdiction of the State Legislature is excluded. In other words, if a Central Act has been passed which contains a declaration by parliament required by Entry 54, and if the said declaration covers the field occupied by the impugned Act, the impugned Act would be ultra vires, not because of any repugnance between the two statutes but because the State Legislature had no jurisdiction to pass the law. The limitation imposed by the latter part of Entry 23 is a limitation on the legislative competence of the State Legislature itself." The interpretation of the regulation has been categorically dealt by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the judgment State of Tamil Nadu Versus Hind Stone Etc., (1981) 2 SCR 742. The two judge bench has interpreted the word "regulation" whether it includes prohibition. The Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957 was enacted in the public interest to take under the control the regulation of mines and development of minerals. The provisions under the Act particularly under Sections 4A, 17 & 18 of the Act, 1957 that the rule making authority under Section 15 has not exceeded its powers in banning leases to view such a rule made by the subordinate legislating body as a rule made to benefit itself merely because the State Government happens to be a subordinative legislative body but to take too narrow a view of the functions of that body. The Supreme Court has also taken a view referring to the above said judgment in D.K. Trivedi and sons & Ors. etc. etc. Versus State of Gujarat & Ors. etc. etc. (1986) 1 SCR 479 held that sub-section (1) of Section 15 of the Mines and Minerals Development Act, 1957, is constitutional and valid and the rule making power conferred thereunder upon the State Government does not amount to excessive delegation of legislative powers to the executive. To take into account the legislative history and practice when considering the validity of a statutory provision or while interpreting a legislative entry is

well established "Principle of construction of statute". The Section 13A and Section 15 of the Act empowers the Central Government and the State Government respectively to frame the rules. Section 13A of the Act contemplates that the Central Government may by notification in official gazette make rules for the grant of prospecting licenses or mining leases in respect of any materials underlying the ocean within the territorial waters or continental shelf of India. Similarly, Section 15 of the Act empowers the State Government to make rules by notification in the official gazette for regulating the grant of quarry leases, mining leases or other mineral concessions in respect of minor minerals and for purposes connected therewith. On September 12, 1972, Mines and Minerals (Regulation & Development) Act, 1957 was amended by Act No.56 of 1972. By the said Act, Section 4-A was introduced in the Act which reads as follows: "4-A. (1) Where the Central Government, after consultation with the State Government is of opinion that it is expedient in the interest of regulation of mines and mineral development so to do it may request the State Government to make a premature termination of a mining lease in respect of any mineral, other than a minor mineral, and, on receipt of such request, the State Government shall make an order making a premature termination of such mining lease and granting a fresh mining lease in favour of such government company or corporation owned or controlled by government as it may think fit. (2) Where the State Government, after consultation with the Central Government, is of opinion that it is expedient in the interest of regulation of mines and mineral development so to do, it may, by an order, make premature termination of a mining lease in respect of any minor mineral and grant a fresh lease in respect of such mineral in favour of such government company or corporation owned or controlled by government as it may think fit." Further in the year 2015, some provisions of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 were amended. As per the said amendment, there were substantial changes made in Section 10 in regard to the application for prospecting licenses for mining leases, rights of existing concession-holders and applicants and grant of mining lease in respect of notified minerals through auction. In addition to the amendment in the 1957 Act, there are many rules have been amended in the year 2015 and thereafter also for regulating the extraction of minerals in the interest of the economy of the nation and in future the provisions of the said Act may be amended if the situation so arises for the economic prosperity of the nation. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in various judgments relating to the Mines and Minerals dealing with various issues has passed many historic judgments since 1951.

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# Health Action Plan for Cyclone

Bhubaneswar: With the IMD's prediction on formation of a cyclone over Bay of Bengal during Diwali, the Health & Family Welfare Department has prepared an Action Plan and asked all Collectors and concerned officials to implement it.

Secretary Health and Family Welfare Shalini Pandit has written to all Municipal Commissioners, Collector, Director of Capital Hospital, Director RGH Rourkela, CDM & PHOs and Superintendents of all Government Medical Colleges & Hospital in this regard.

During the post-monsoon season, there is the possibility of flood/cyclone due to sudden low pressure. This warrants possible mass causality, disease outbreak and other emergency situations, Pandit said.

She asked the officials to ensure sufficient stock of essential medicines for flood related diseases, water purifying tablets, anti-snake venom, bleaching powder, chlorine tablets, lime powders etc in hospitals at different levels.

Necessary steps need to be taken for shifting of the pregnant women in vulnerable areas to Maa

Gruha. Pregnant women having an expected date of delivery (EDD) within the next 10 days should be shifted to the nearest Government hospital having a safe delivery facility, the



Secretary said. The hospital authorities were asked to ensure power backup arrangement in all PHCs, CHCs, DHH and other hospitals.

In the action plan, the Department has asked the officials to ensure functioning of control room 24X7 at district and block level and readiness of district and block rapid reaction team (RRT).

The health officials will have to coordinate with emergency departments and other emergency rescue and response teams.

In case of cyclone, the hospital windows

will be sealed while indoor patients will be shifted if necessary.

Arrangements already made to provide casualty services 24X7 at all health institutions. Medical

the districts are kept in readiness for management of emergency situations. The healthcare authorities will have to submit a situation every day by 6 pm to State headquarters.

Notably, the IMD said that the cyclonic circulation lies over north Andaman Sea and neighbourhood since yesterday. Under its influence, a low pressure area is likely to form over southeast and adjoining east central Bay of Bengal during next 24 hours.

It is likely to move west-northwestwards and concentrate into a depression by October 22 morning over Central Bay of Bengal. It is very likely to intensify further into a cyclonic storm over west central Bay of Bengal during subsequent 48 hours, it said.

However, the Met department neither predicted the possible path or intensity of the cyclone nor issued any warning for Odisha. It has advised fishermen not to venture into deep areas of west central adjoining northwest Bay of Bengal from October 22 morning. If the cyclone forms, it will be named as Sitrang, a name given by Thailand.

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The Washington Times reported citing local media of New Jersey, News 12 New Jersey, that the passengers flying in business class spotted the snake while the plane was taxiing after landing. Passengers started shrieking and pulling up their feet, according to the TV station.

After the snake was removed, passengers deplaned with their baggage, and the plane was searched for any other reptiles

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A passenger's video posted on Twitter shows the creature hanging from the ceiling of the plane, which received priority landing clearance when it reached Mexico City.

# Snake on US flight sends passengers into panic



New Jersey: The unexpected appearance of a snake on a plane sent passengers into a panic on Monday at the end of a flight from Florida's Tampa city to New Jersey and called the workers at Newark Liberty International Airport to catch the reptile.

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey said in a statement that the airport's wildlife operations staff and Port Authority Police Department officers met United Flight 2038 at the gate and removed the "garter snake" and later on released it into the wild, according to The Washington Post.

The statement further added that no

one was injured and operations were not affected. In a statement, United said passengers alerted the crew to the snake, and the airline "called the appropriate authorities to take care of the situation."

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# Xi Jinping swears by Marxism to make China first modern socialist country

BEIJING: Poised for record third five-year term and perhaps for life, Chinese President Xi Jinping's high-voltage Marxist rhetoric on Sunday with a vow to make China a modern socialist country has raised hackles at home and abroad that the Communist giant, which for decades relegated the ideology to the background, could be taking the turn to the extreme left.

"From this day forward, the central task of the Communist Party of China (CPC) will be to lead the Chinese people of all ethnic groups in a concerted effort to realise the Second Centenary Goal of building China into a great modern socialist country in all respects and to advance the rejuvenation of the Chinese nation on all fronts through a Chinese path to modernisation," Xi said in his marathon speech at the key Congress of the party on Sunday.

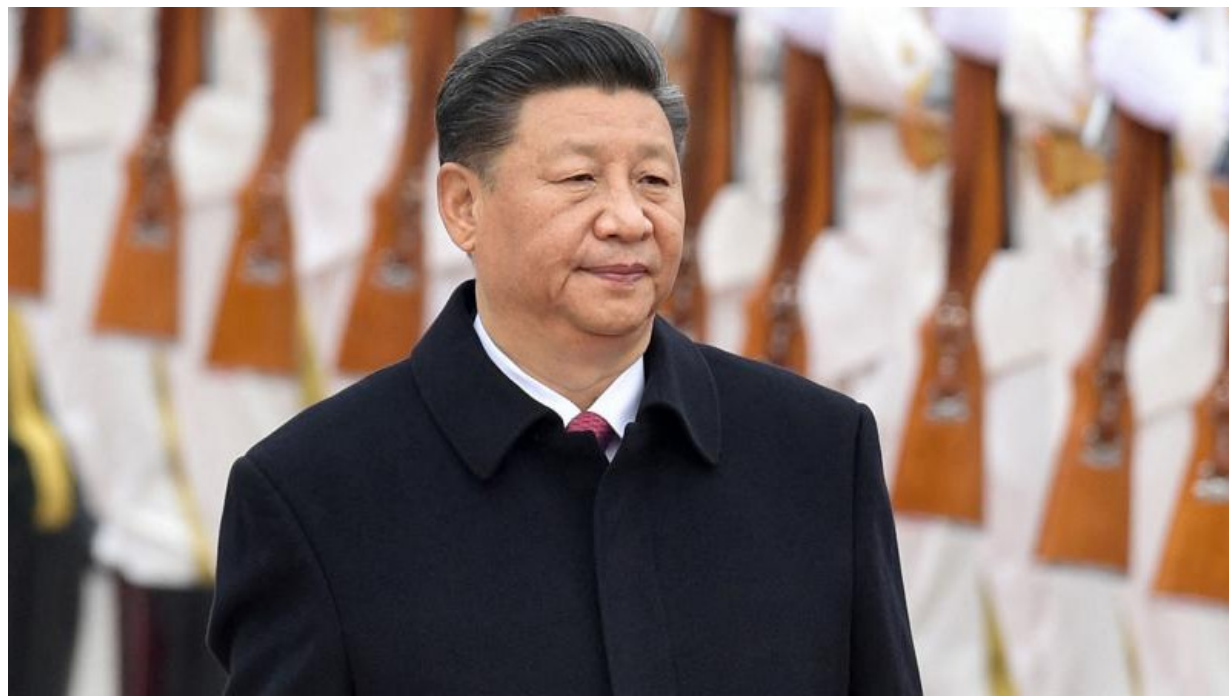
"Only by taking root in the rich historical and cultural soil of the country and the nation the truth of Marxism flourish here," he told the over 2,300 delegates of the week-long 20th Congress, which is due to confirm his unprecedented 3rd five-year term to make him the only leader after the party founder Mao Zedong to continue in power after 10-year term.

Xi, 69, who came to power in 2012, has raised the ideological bar of the CPC, which earlier relegated the ideology to the backseat for the last three decades.

China emerged as the second largest economy after the US during this period riding on the success of opening up and eco-

nomics reforms initiated by Deng Xiaoping, ending Mao's disastrous tryst with extreme Marxist-Leninist communist ideology.

Deng, who succeeded Mao after his death in 1976, ended the founder's ideological obsession and advocated a new theory of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics under which CPC remained all but a Communist party by



name. In the following years, it practised a policy of reform and opening up advocated by Deng attracting massive foreign investments to revive the country, which went bankrupt under Mao.

Deng, who is widely regarded as the father of China's economic rise, dismissed the im-

portance of Marxist ideology bluntly at a CPC conference in 1981 with a cryptic remark "let's dispense with the theory", which became a buzzword for the party leaders.

His successors Jiang Zemin and Hu Jintao followed his lead, rapidly expanding the role of the market in the Chinese domestic economy and embracing a foreign policy that

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"In its place, he has developed a new form of Marxist nationalism that now shapes the presentation and substance of China's politics, economy, and foreign policy," he said.

"Xi has pushed politics to the Leninist left, economics to the Marxist left, and foreign policy to the nationalist right," Rudd said.

Xi has "reasserted the influence and control the CPC exerts over all domains of public policy and private life, reinvigorated state-owned enterprises, and placed new restrictions on the private sector", Rudd said in his write-up ahead of the CPC Congress.

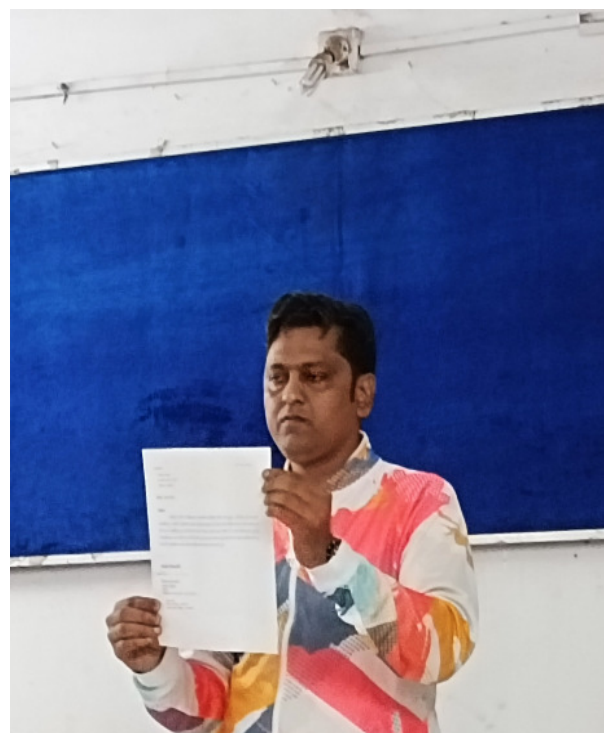
Meanwhile, Xi has "stoked nationalism by pursuing an increasingly assertive foreign policy, turbocharged by a Marxist-inspired belief that history is irreversibly on China's side. In short, Xi's rise has meant nothing less than the return of Ideological Man?", he said. Cai Xia, who worked as a professor for 15 years at CCP's Central Party School in Beijing, said Xi, a devoted student of Mao, is eager to leave his mark on history.

The Central Party School which was headed by Xi himself when he was the Vice President taught ideological subjects to the CCP cadre at various levels.

"And because previous reforms failed to place real checks and balances on the party leader, Xi has succeeded. Now, as under Mao, China is a one-man show," Cai, who migrated to the US after her retirement and turned adissident, wrote in the Foreign Affairs journal.

"One part of Xi's plot to consolidate power was to solve what he CONTINUED ON: P-8

## Vikas resigns from the BJP party. Will party suffer ?



Barbil(KCN): One Senior BJP leader of Bharatiya Janata Party, Vikas Sarawagi on Wednesday announced his decision to resign as a member of the party. He is an active leader of the party since last 22 years. Sarawagi said he will tender his resignation to district president Ansumaan Sabuj Mahant day after tomorrow. It is to note that Vikas has been pivotal role for the

party in Champua constituency in Keonjhar district. Announcing his decision to resign from the membership of party Sarawagi said he took the step following his failure to provide justice and time to the people. Stating that he decided to resign as a member by taking moral responsibility. While asking he said, he will not join any party and will remain with people always.

## Youths with autism onboard, Koraput Coffee breaks new ground

BHUBANESWAR: Launched recently at Adisha, a TDCCOL outlet and e-commerce platform, these coffee bean shaped soaps are being prepared by the youths from the residue of the coffee that is brewed in Koraput Coffee outlets in Bhubaneswar. All of them are in their 30s. "Coffee has been

sale of these soaps, except the tax, go into the accounts of the 20 youths. "This way, not only is the coffee recycled but it is also contributing to a noble cause," added Nimbhal. Chumki Dutta, who founded Vriddhi in 2017 as a training-cum-production centre for manufacturing

soap is among the 14 varieties of soaps that youths of Vriddhi make besides nine types of agarbattis, scented candles and Odisha handloom notebooks. "Since these youths have communication challenges and are only receptive to instructions, they are assisted by

their mothers in the process. A majority of the sales proceeds from this unit goes to them and some to their mothers for helping them," said Dutta who was awarded the 'Best Employee/Self Employed with Disabilities in Locomotor Disability' by the then President of India Ram Nath Kovind in 2017. The award has been instituted by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.



tism and Down Syndrome in Bhubaneswar is economically empowered. The Tribal Development Co-operative Corporation of Odisha Ltd. (TDCCOL) under the ST & SC Development, Minorities & Backward Classes Welfare Department has roped in a city-based organisation Vriddhi to make soaps using Koraput Coffee through 20 youths.

used as a good body scrub since ages. Instead of throwing the coffee residue into dustbins, we decided to recycle it to be used as body scrub soaps. We send it to Vriddhi's production centre where the soaps are made by the youths," said Managing Director of TDCCOL Mansi Nimbhal. The soaps are being marketed under the brand Koraput Coffee. And all the proceeds from

of FMCG products by differently-abled persons, said the detoxifying coffee bathing soap bars are organic and chemical free. The centre operates from the premises of National Career Service Centre for the Differently-abled under Ministry of Labour and Employment in Bhubaneswar. The Ministry provided the equipment required for the unit. In fact, the coffee

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## Mandatory Cancer Reporting Ordered

Bhubaneswar: Estimation of Cancer burden and its distribution with respect to time place person is important to mobilize resources for prevention and control and reducing mortalities attributed



to it. Prevalence of particular types of cancer in some geographical areas needs proper attention. The Government of Odisha, after due consideration of the matter has also found it imperative that all diagnosed cancer incidences should be reported to the appropriate authority for early detection and treatment of disease. The Government of

Odisha hereby order all persons concerned in Hospitals (Private or Public), Pathological, Clinical and Radiological Labs, Institutions imparting Medical Education and providing diagnostic treatment, Palliative Care and any other healthcare related facilities to mandatorily report diagnosed cases of cancer. Odisha Government hereby declare with effect from 19 October, 2022 that "Can-

cer" is a "Reportable Disease" in the State of Odisha for the purpose and will be duly followed as per Govt Notification. In addition to that Population Based Cancer Registry (PBCR) has started in Khordha district of Odisha since 15 October, 2022 from NISER Bhubaneswar campus with support from Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai, Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India.

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## Diwali special Train

# Between Secunderabad and Santragachi

Kolkata (KCN): With a view to clear the extra rush of passengers during Diwali Festival, the South Eastern Railway (SER) authority has decided to run a pair of Special Train between Secunderabad - Santragachi - Secunderabad leaving

Secunderabad o-n October 21, 2022 and leaving Santragachi o-n October 22, 2022. The 07645 Secunderabad - Santragachi Special will leave Secunderabad o-n October 21, 2022 at 08.40 am and will reach Santragachi at

10.25 am o-n October 22, 2022. In the return direction, the 07646 Santragachi - Secunderabad Special will depart Santragachi o-n October 22, 2022 at 6.00 pm in the evening and will reach Secunderabad at 9.00 pm at night o-n Octo-

ber 23, 2022. The train with o-ne composite coach (First AC & AC 2 Tier), four AC 2 Tier, 10 AC 3 Tier, three Sleeper Class and two General Second Class coaches will have stoppages at Kharagpur and Balasore in SER jurisdiction.

# BJD Axe On Raju Das

Bhubaneswar: As former Dhamnagar MLA and BJD leader Rajendra Kumar Das has remained adamant to his stand, the Governing Biju Janata Dal (BJD) on Wednesday expelled him from the party stating he is indulged in 'anti-party' activities. BJD Supremo and Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has expelled Mr. Das from the party.



"Sri Rajendra Kumar Das, EX-MLA of Biju Janata Dal, Dhamnagar Assembly Constituency, District- Bhadrak has been expelled from the Party for his anti-party activities by Naveen Patnaik, President, Biju Janata Dal," BJD General Secretary (Media Affairs), Manas Mangaraj said in a statement.

Resented over not getting a BJD ticket for the upcoming Dhamnagar by-poll, Rajendra had filed nomination to contest the election as an independent candidate. Despite repeated requests from several senior leaders of the BJD, he did not step down and remained in the battle field for the MLA

seat, which he lost in last election with a minimal margin of votes.

According to party sources, when the BJD leadership had decided to nominate a woman face for the by-poll, Mr. Das had proposed the name of his daughter. However, the BJD leadership remained stuck to their decision to nominate a woman with SHG background.

This has provoked the father-daughter duo, which resulted now in battleground, the sources said.

Then, the BJD fielded Tihidi Block chairperson Abanti Das as its nominee for the by-poll.

The BJD apparently had adopted the 'wait and watch' formula till the last date of withdrawal of nomination. However, Mr. Das did not opt out of the race even as top leaders had made all out efforts to appease the former legislator.

Mr. Das welcomed the decision of the BJD and said, "I was expecting this. I had earlier said that suspension or removal would be a blessing for me." "I am fighting the election on the basis of their blessings and advice and I will continue to do so in the coming days as well," he said.

Meanwhile, three major political party candidates and Rajendra Das have started campaigning for the by-poll. The BJP and Congress fielded Suryabansi Suraj and Baba Harekrushna Sethi respectively.



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## Model N opens Innovation Centre in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD: Model N President & CEO, Mr. Jason Blessing, said the company's presence in Hyderabad reaffirms the city's growth, and its ability to attract start-ups, venture capital firms, OEMs, policymakers, think tanks, and global technology companies. "Our state-of-the-art facility in India is a key driver of our business strategy and is highly valued within Model N's



leader in revenue optimisation and compliance, has opened its new product innovation facility in Hyderabad. The company has announced plans for expansion of its software engineering talent by increasing its focus on diversity and inclusion. The 70,000 sqft Model N facility, housing 500 employees, was inaugurated by Principal Secretary, IT, Jayesh Ranjan and

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keep investing in India, and our target is to keep increasing our engineering talent pool in Hyderabad." The Model N Centre in Hyderabad is instrumental in bringing new product innovations to market, such as State Price Transparency Management (SPTM) and 340B solutions that help pharmaceutical manufacturers manage the fluid drug

Through its innovative and market-led approach, Model N enables life sciences and high-tech innovators to streamline operations, scale strategically, and mitigate risks—currently working with 28 out of the top 30 global life sciences brands and 14 out of the top 20 global semiconductor brands.

## Rupee plunges 61 paise to dip below 83-mark for first time against dollar



MUMBAI: The rupee plunged 61 paise to decline below the 83-mark for the first time against the US dollar on Wednesday amid unabated foreign capital outflows and a strong dollar in the overseas markets. Besides, rising crude prices in the international markets and risk-averse sentiment among investors weighed on the local currency, traders said. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local currency opened strong at 82.32 but later pared gains to settle at an all-time low of 83.01(provisional) against the American currency, down 61 paise over

its previous close. In the previous session on Tuesday, the rupee slipped 10 paise to end at 82.40 against the dollar. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, advanced 0.31 per cent to 112.48. Global oil benchmark Brent crude futures rose 0.82 per cent to USD 90.77 per barrel. On the domestic equity market front, the 30-share BSE Sensex gained 146.59 points or 0.25 per cent to end at 59,107.19, while the broader NSE Nifty advanced 25.30 points or 0.14 per cent to 17,512.25.

## Lot of work required to bring country's economy back to life, says Rahul Gandhi

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has left the entire economy crippled. Recalling his yatra through Ballari in neighbouring Karnataka, the Congress leader said it was known as the 'jeans capital of India'. "This is a huge asset for India. If we open the doors of the banks to the jeans industry in Ballari, we will have many entrepreneurs who will give lakhs and lakhs of jobs," he said. The MP added that focus has to shift from two or three big business persons to people who actually create jobs. "That is basically the issue," he observed. Talking about the Goods and Services Tax, the Congress -- if voted to power-- would bring in a new GST that would be "one simple tax", he said. "We can give India a GST that actually simplifies the people's lives. We will do it after conversation with the stakeholders," he promised. He said the Congress was opposed to the basic design of (existing) GST that the BJP has "imposed" without any conversation with the states. "They have forced five different levels of GST. It exists nowhere else in the world, except in India. We will bring a GST that is one simple tax," he said.

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## Mallikarjun Kharge, a Gandhi family loyalist, becomes new Congress president

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of Karnataka in one of the most trying times, under S M Krishna as the Chief Minister, as the tenure saw kidnapping of Kannada thespian Rajkumar by the notorious poacher Veerappan and the Cauvery river water conflict, both of which had created a law and order situation in the state.

Kharge was elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha from Karnataka in June 2020 and was the 17th Leader of the Opposition in Upper House until recently, ahead of his resignation from the post to contest the Congress' Presidential election. He had succeeded Ghulam Nabi Azad as LoP in February last year. He was several times seen as a top contender to become the Chief Minister in Karnataka, but could never occupy the post.

"Why do you keep saying Dalit again and again? Don't say that. I'm a Congressman," Kharge has said several times in the past, whenever the Dalit CM topic cropped up with him as the contender. Sober by temperament and nature, Kharge has never landed in any major political trouble spot or controversy. Born in a poor family at Varavatti in Bidar district on July 21, 1942, he did his schooling and BA as well as Law in Kalaburagi. He was into legal practice for some time before plunging into politics.

He is a follower of Buddhism and is the founder-chairman of Siddharth Vihar Trust that has built the Buddha Vihar complex in Kalaburagi.

Married to Radhabai on May 13, 1968, they have two daughters and three sons. One son, Priyank Kharge is a MLA and a former Minister in Karnataka.

A vocal critic of the Narendra Modi-led government, Kharge's elevation to head the Congress is expected to give a boost to the cadre amid hopes that it would unify the party leadership in the state that goes to Assembly polls by April next year.

## Diplomats to present Odisha

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business community". Mr. Mahapatra expressed the hope that with "involvement of the Heads of Indian Mission in different countries we can increase our presence in the global market".

Reghu G, Director, Technical Education and Training presented the industrial ecosystem in Odisha. He outlined 10 reasons for Odisha becoming a "Destination of Choice" for the Investors. Principal Secretary Sri Sharma elaborating State's industrial infra highlighted the need for enhanced export-link and sourcing technology-import."

In the open discussion session, the representatives of various industry associations also mentioned that State could enhance export in textile design, pharmaceutical, vegetable, seafood, cashew, auto and steel sectors.

Concluding the interactive session, Ambassador Mr. Patnaik said, "During last two days we have taken exhaustive tours to different developmental clusters in Odisha. The field tour shows that Odisha is growing very fast. He suggested that we would be more aggressive in popularizing the resources of Odisha along with its business facilitating ecosystem. "Our field visits during last two days," said Ambassador Sri Mohapatra "showed that Odisha is on a futuristic trajectory". Heads of Indian Mission would extend all its engagements for enhancing exports from Odisha.

It may be pertinent here to mention that the Mission visited the Maniabandh Textile Cluster in Cuttack and discussed with members of various weavers' cooperative societies. They went to Dhenkanal to see the programs being implemented under "aspirational district program". They visited the BB High School, Dhenkanal and looked into functioning of the new smart classrooms and e-learning facilities etc installed under high school transformation programme of the State.

The team also visited the cashew cluster in Mahisapat, and Dokra artisans in Sadeibareni of Dhenkanal district. On second day of the visit, the Team went to Sea Food Park at Deras, World Skill Centre at Mancheswar and Kala-Bhoomi at Pokhariput.. They appreciated the "best-in-class infrastructure" being developed in Odisha. In the evening, they held elaborate discussion with the senior officers and industrial associations of Odisha in the business summit.

# European football model 'unsustainable', says new CEO of Super League promoter

PARIS: The new CEO of the company promoting the Super League, German businessman Bernd Reichart, says European football must hold talks to reshape its future and warns it is "becoming unsustainable" under the current system. Reichart, the 48-year-old former boss of the RTL media group in Germany, was on Wednesday appointed head of A22

pared to shape their own future and to consider what the new landscape could look like," he said.

"Football can do better, clubs should be able to lead such a dialogue and be entitled to propose new alternatives, free from threats, sanctions or exclusion (from) competition as happened in the past."

"The football ecosystem is becoming unsustainable, the pandemic has accelerated this trend, the system is broken," he added.

Closed shop 'off the table'

Launched by some of Europe's top

clubs in April 2021, the Super League's plan to shake up European football fizzled out amid the fury of many supporters and the threat of political action.

The prospect of a closed competition for Europe's elite angered fans in particular, but Reichart said a new approach meant that would no longer be the case. "One of our key messages is permanent membership is off the table, and we want to discuss on the basis of an open competition based on sporting merit."

Three of the clubs -- Real Madrid, Barcelona and Juventus -- continue to campaign for the Super League. A dispute over an alleged abuse of a dominant position by UEFA is to be settled in early 2023 by the European Court of Justice.

UEFA president Aleksander Ceferin defiantly claimed in May the Super League project was "over once and for all or at least for 20 years", but Reichart remains

rapid self-development and maintain sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity, he said.

In his speech on Sunday, Xi underscored the unique features of Chinese modernisation, which, he said, is the socialist modernisation pursued under the leadership of the CPC.

It contains elements that are common to the modernisation processes of all countries, but it is more characterised by features that are unique to the Chinese context, Shen said.

In his speech, Xi said that the next five years will be crucial for ensuring that the efforts to build a modern socialist country in all respects get off to a good start.

"Building a modern socialist country in all respects is a great and arduous endeavour. Our future is bright, but we still have a long way to go. We must therefore be more mindful of potential dangers, be prepared to deal with the worst-case scenario, and be ready to withstand high winds, choppy waters and even dangerous storms," Xi said.

Zhang Xixian, a professor at the Party School of the CPC Central Committee in Beijing, said "the potential risks that could bring 'dangerous storms' would come from the risk of war? over Taiwan in the backdrop of increasing US support for Taiwanese independence forces.

China claims Taiwan is part of it and opposes any country supporting the Taiwanese government.

Chinese modernisation will be successful together with other nations' modernisation, and it will create chances for other countries to realize their modernisation and development, Zhang said.

confident.

"You might get suspicious if somebody tells you again and again something is dead," said Reichart, a specialist in media and sports rights who also previously worked for the Spanish media group Atresmedia.

"Today we prove that the initiative is not dead, it's evolving, it's reshaping, it has reassessed, and it's reaching out to stakeholders and the football family."

In response to the Super League threat, UEFA launched a major reform of the Champions League for 2024, with 36 teams instead of 32, and an eight-day mini-league instead of the traditional group stage.

"That is not going in the right direction," said Reichart. "I'm pretty convinced fans will not like the 2024-2027 format, which has clear weaknesses, a huge number of additional matches, and the same old last 16 where the Champions League is getting really interesting and exciting, when we are in spring."

## Top-ranked Iga Swiatek beats Vekic to win San Diego title

SAN DIEGO : Top-ranked Iga Swiatek overcame a challenge from qualifier Donna Vekic on October 16 to win the San Diego Open title with a 6-3, 3-6, 6-0 victory.

Swiatek earned her tour-leading 64th victory of the season heading into the WTA Finals that begin Friday in Fort Worth, Texas. The event features the tour's top eight singles and doubles teams.

The 21-year-old won the French Open and US Open earlier this year.

"I've worked hard with my coach and my psychologist to keep focused on those moments that make it easier to close the match," Swiatek said. "I just wanted to be proactive in making my shots."

Speaking in her native Polish, Swiatek thanked the vocal Polish contingent that exhorted her with chants of "Iga! Iga!"

"I wanted to be the one who hit the last ball in, uses my patience more and not think too much," said Swiatek, who ascended to world No. 1 some seven months ago following the surprise retirement of Australia's Ash Barty.

Swiatek was awarded a winner's check of USD 116,340 along with a yellow surfboard.

After Vekic won the second set, Swiatek left no doubt about her dominance in the final set with her array of topspin cross-court forehands and looping shots that flustered her tiring opponent. Donna Vekic, of Croatia, speaks to her coach after losing a point to Iga Swiatek, of Poland, during the final match at the San Diego Open tennis tournament on October 16, 2022, in San Diego.



Sports Management.

"European football needs an open and honest dialogue about its future," Reichart told AFP, 18 months on from the botched attempt at a breakaway 12-team Super League designed to supplant the UEFA Champions League.

"Football is facing problems which won't resolve on their own," he said.

"European football is losing its undisputed leadership in global sports. European club football is not living up to its potential by not offering week after week the best sport on a global stage.

"Young audiences have turned more and more to other entertainment alternatives."

Reichart plans to reach out to an extensive range of football stakeholders including clubs, players, coaches, fans, media and policy makers.

"I think dialogue can take place, it's good there is consciousness that the (status quo) can change and clubs should be pre-

## Xi Jinping swears by Marxism to make China first modern socialist country

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characterised as an ideological crisis. The Internet, he said, was an existential threat to the CCP, having caused the party to lose control of people's minds" and cracked down on bloggers and online activists, censored dissent and strengthened China's "great firewall" to restrict access to foreign websites, she said.

"The effect was to strangle a nascent civil society and eliminate public opinion as a check on Xi," she said.

Chinese political experts on the other hand said Xi's "theoretical innovation" of the CPC has global significance as it offers countries around the world a new growth model.

Shen Yi, a professor at the School of International Relations and Public Affairs of Fudan University, told China's state-run Global Times that "the concept of Chinese modernisation was raised for the first time as one of the most important conclusions the CPC made from its past experiences."

Shen said that as there is no ready-made development path or mode for China to directly copy or imitate, China has finally concluded a Chinese path to modernisation after more than a hundred years of exploration and construction since the Revolution of 1911, providing a completely new alternative.

It also provides a third choice for all developing countries in the world which are searching for or struggling with their development modes with the wish to both realise



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