

Many tech patents for 6G available with Indian developers; India will lead in 6G: Vaishnav

NEW DELHI(KCN): A day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched 5G services, telecom minister Ashwini Vaishnav said that many of the technology required for development of 6G are available with Indian developers and the country will lead in the next generation technology space. The minister visited the IIT Hyderabad booth at the India Mobile Congress here.



The institute is showcasing 6G technology prototypes and claims to have achieved 2-3 times more spectral efficiency and in turn the network speed compared to 5G. "Now we have to take the lead in the development and deployment of 6G. IIT Hyderabad, standards and the technologies that have been developed for taking the telecom world from 5G to 6G. Many of those technology developments have already happened. Patents are available with the Indian developer community," Vaishnav said. He said that the prime minister has said in 6G India should take the lead. "We have to be leaders in 6G. That is the goal for which we

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Ukraine says Russia annexed, key eastern town 'cleared' of Moscow troops

MYKOLAIVKA(KCN): Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky said Sunday that Lyman, a key town located in one of the four Ukrainian regions that Russia annexed, was "cleared" of Moscow's troops.



The latest development -- a feature of Ukraine's weeks-long counteroffensive against Moscow's invasion -- comes as Russia pushed forward with finalising the annexation of captured Ukrainian territories despite condemnation from Kyiv and the West. The recapture of Lyman -- which Moscow's forces pummelled for weeks to control this spring -- marks the first Ukrainian military victory in territory that the Kremlin has

claimed as its own and has vowed to defend by all possible means. "As of 12:30 pm (0930 GMT) Lyman is completely cleared. Thank you to our military!" Zelensky said in a video posted on social media.

Ukraine's army said it had entered Lyman on Saturday, prompting Moscow to announce the "withdrawal" of its troops from the town towards "more favourable lines". "Now I am optimistic and very motivated. I see the activity on the front line, and how foreign weapons... help us take our lands back," a 33-year-old Ukrainian soldier, who uses the nom de guerre "Smoke", told AFP after returning from near Lyman. In a video address late on Saturday, Zelensky pledged to retake more areas in the country's eastern Donbas region within the week. ALSO READ | Putin runs out of options while Russia's feared and famous Red Army is in retreat CONTINUED ON: P-7

Five-day festivities begin in Cuttack amid tight security

CUTTACK(KCN): Festive fervour gripped Cuttack as the five-day long Dussehra festivities kicked off in a traditional way, with Sashti Puja on Saturday. After a two-year



Covid-induced break, as many as 170 Puja pandals have come alive with stunning decorations including attractive welcome gates and lights. As many as 28 Puja committees have put up chandi medha, around 15 committees have used gold ornaments to decorate Goddess Durga. The celebrations began with Sashti Puja and 'Bela Barani' rituals on Saturday evening, after people started thronging various pandals in the city. However, it is expected the footfall to rise on Saptami, Astami, Navami and Dashami days. To ease traffic congestion, Commissionerate Police has imposed one-way traffic system in the city. Apart from police deployment at Puja pandals, security has been beefed up at Cuttack railway station, Badambadi bus stand. Around 300 CCTV cameras have been installed at different crowded places and important junctions in the city to keep an eye on the troublemakers. As many as 55 platoon of police force, six police officers of ADCP rank, 40 officers of DSP rank, around 55 inspectors, nearly 300 SIs and ASIs, 84 havildars, over 600 constables and traffic constables, 700 home guards and more than 700 police volunteers have been deployed for smooth passage of the festival, Police Commissioner Saumendra Priyadarshi informed on Saturday. "Apart from the deployment of security personnel on rooftops, as many as 20 PCR vans, three special mobile vans, 40 bike PCRs and quick action teams have been deployed with setting up of 31 police aid posts during Durga Puja," he said adding 14 police aid posts would come up for the immersion ceremony on Thursday.

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Festivity rush stalls traffic on Bhubaneswar roads



BHUBANESWAR(KCN): As festivities commenced in the Capital city, traffic came to a standstill at many places, particularly the NH-16. The 12.6 km stretch between Khandagiri and Palasuni was chock-a-block with even ambulances stranded due to heavy

traffic. Usually, it takes 15 minutes to cover the stretch but on Saturday, commuters were stuck for over an hour. The flyovers between Khandagiri and Palasuni also witnessed traffic jams. The police claimed that the traffic jam on the NH occurred after three vehicles including a Hyva truck developed snags between Rasulgarih and Palasuni. Another reason was people returning to their homes from other states and districts for Puja holidays, police added.

Entered Cong president poll race to strengthen party: Mallikarjun Kharge

New Delhi(KCN): Congress presidential polls candidate Mallikarjun Kharge on Sunday said he has not entered the polls to oppose anyone but to strengthen the party. Kharge said he entered the polls after senior and young leaders alike urged him to enter the fray. He said that in line with 'one person, one post' principle of the party, he resigned as Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha on the day he filed the nomination.



There is unemployment, inflation is rising, the gap between the rich and the poor is widening, and all promises of the BJP remain unfulfilled, Kharge said at a press conference flanked by Deepender Hooda, Syed Naseer Hussain and Gourav Vallabh. Vallabh said he along with Hooda and Hussain has resigned as Congress spokespersons, and will campaign for Kharge in the AICC president polls. CONTINUED ON: P-7

18th Annual Convocation of KIIT

Knowledge is the new engine of economic growth and social development: Chief Minister of Odisha

Bhubaneswar (KCN): "Currently, we are living in a geo-economic world and knowledge



is recognised as a key resource for achieving economic growth and social development"

Shri Naveen Patnaik, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha told the Batch of 2022 at the 18th Annual Convocation of KIIT Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar on 1st October 2022. Wishing the graduates a bright future, he expressed confidence that they would make their mark in society with their ideas and innovations. "In the last 25 years, KIIT has carved a niche for itself in the realm of technical and professional education in the country. It has achieved many milestones by getting prestigious national and international accreditations and it also stands out in community outreach programmes", the Chief Minister said. He also noted its significant contributions to the field of sports. This year the institution is celebrating its Silver Jubilee. In her convocation address delivered virtually, Dr. Rigoberta Menchú Tum, Nobel Laureate urged the graduates to do something for those who are less privileged than them, even as they pursue their professional career. The Guest of Honour, Mr. John Desmond Forbes Anderson (Lord Waverley), Hon'ble Member of British Parliament, UK stated that India is an economic powerhouse and shares much in common with UK. He advocated expanding the areas of

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Gun & Shell Factory Cossipore Celebrates AWEIL Foundation Day

Kolkata(KCN): Gun and Shell Factory Cossipore (GSF), a unit of the newly formed defence public sector enterprise, namely the Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited (AWEIL), celebrated the first Foundation Day in a befitting manner on Saturday (October 1, 2022) on completion of its one year journey which started on 01-10-2021. All eight units including GSF

and its headquarter located at Kanpur (UP) celebrated this day as AWE India Ltd FOUNDATION DAY. On this occasion, the company flag was raised and messages of the CMD and Executive Director were delivered. Employees were rewarded for their outstanding contributions in various areas. The day also gives us an opportunity to reflect upon the accomplishments and

achievements of the unit in the very first year of the organisation. During the past one year, the sales of GSF have increased by 62% as compared to the same period of the previous year. The factory manufactured the entire 81mm Mortar weapon for the first time and started issuing it to the Army. The factory has launched a new variant of 0.32" pistol

(Ashani MK-III) with enhanced magazine capacity and range. This pistol has received overwhelming response from customers. The factory has completed the design of 60 mm Mortar and its ammunition. The weapon is currently under firing trial. With these achievements in a span of one year, GSF is moving in a growth trajectory under AWE India Ltd.



GANDHI AND SHASTRI JAYANTI OBSERVED AT DAV, KALINGA NAGAR

No Naming; Only Criticism

Bhubaneswar(KCN): 29 September, 2022 could be a memorable day for the politicians in Odisha as both the ruling BJD and Opposition BJP held separate congregations. There were many similarities and differences in both the events as well. The Opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) which was all along considered as a friendly opposition attempted to give a message to the people that they meant business and were really interested to fight against Naveen Patnaik's Biju Janata Dal (BJD).

BJP National President Jagat Prakash Nadda addressed the party leaders twice urging them to take the party's message to the nook and corner of the state. Though initially it was

directly hitting Naveen Patnaik. While the BJP's 2-day event at Janata Maidan was all hot and noisy, there was calmness and tranquility in the BJD camp at Baramunda Ground. The party leaders were categorically instructed not to open mouth against the BJP and the Central Government even as Nadda and BJP leaders lashed on the regional party. Take the instance of Minister Ranendra Pratap Swain who openly said that he has been instructed not to speak against the centre. Rajya Sabha MP Sasmit Patra and Sanjay Dasburma raised the issue of central negligence even as BJD Vice-President and Minister Pramila Mallick was vitriolic at some point of time.



announced that Nadda would address a gathering of about 25,000 panchayat level leaders on 29 September, the party suddenly changed its programme. Nadda addressed another meeting, second time to its seven front organization leaders. The change in the BJP's program is seen as its attempt to counter the BJD which also held meetings of its frontal organizations.

While the entire state was waiting to listen to Nadda, he on the first day was comparatively polite, but made a U-turn on the second day. He called for a "BJD Mukh" Odisha on the second occasion catching the BJD and its strategy makers unawares. The BJP President, during his two-day visit, has given a clear message that the saffron brigade would fight against its former ally ahead of the 2024 elections for the Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assembly.

However, Mr.Nadda, in his speeches never took the name of Naveen Patnaik though he targeted the BJD Government and held his dispensation responsible for all the odds in Odisha. At the same time, Nadda was also cautious in using his words while raising corruption issues and avoided to denounce the mining irregularities which the BJP has often reviled in the Assembly. BJP MP Aparajita Sarangi also raised the issue recently. Nadda refraining reference to Mining irregularities, obviously gave a different signal to the state. He did not mention names of Ministers who were allegedly accused in murder cases.

Nevertheless, there should be no doubt that the BJP has changed its strategy. Strong words like "Ukhaad ke phenk do", "BJD Mukh Odisha", "Duplicate Government" and "Thappa" in central schemes were used by Mr.Nadda, but not a single word against Naveen Patnaik. It was "No Naming, Only Sham Criticism", pointed out a veteran political observer.

Everybody including JP Nadda is aware that Naveen Patnaik is the USP of BJD and he is the lone source of energy for the highly successful regional party. BJP leaders also know that the BJD will continue to remain in power as long as Naveen Patnaik's image remains pristine. As an opposition, particularly since 2009, the BJP has failed to make a scratch on Naveen's image which is considered as the "political inefficiency" of the saffron party. In a nutshell, both the opposition parties like BJP and Congress, came to nothing by di-

rectly hitting Naveen Patnaik. While the BJP's 2-day event at Janata Maidan was all hot and noisy, there was calmness and tranquility in the BJD camp at Baramunda Ground. The party leaders were categorically instructed not to open mouth against the BJP and the Central Government even as Nadda and BJP leaders lashed on the regional party. Take the instance of Minister Ranendra Pratap Swain who openly said that he has been instructed not to speak against the centre. Rajya Sabha MP Sasmit Patra and Sanjay Dasburma raised the issue of central negligence even as BJD Vice-President and Minister Pramila Mallick was vitriolic at some point of time.

Modi government at the Centre. If the BJD chose not to raise the core issues like price rise, unemployment and central negligence, what is left for it to vilify the BJP with? Interestingly, Naveen has also stopped attributing the "communal" tag to BJP for many years ever since Modi's landslide victory in the country.

The BJD insiders are in a fix as to what is left to speak against the BJP and the central government? Can only the state government's achievements be sufficient for the BJD to win polls? The BJP on the other hand shouts at the top of its voice on issues like corruption, lawlessness, ministers' involvement in murder cases, rise in crime against women and many others.

The BJD senior leaders now seriously consider that the regional party chief needs to think of a new strategy before the elections. If the BJD leaders raise the core issues like price rise and central negligence during the election time, it may give a different message and people may think what forced the BJD not to raise the issue as and when it was relevant. "Raising issues against BJP only during the election campaign may not be accepted by the people as the regional party continued to remain silent all along," pointed out a senior leader.

The political analysts opine that the parties clamour over issues continuously and finally blow them up during the election campaign. But, in the case of BJD, the general impression is that the regional party does not care for the suffering and plight when it matters and only takes shelter under them in election campaigns.

It is, however, a fact that BJD has a well-oiled election machinery with money, media and men at the grass root level. This apart, the regional party goes to elections while in power. Still, the party's stand must be clear ahead of elections. Keeping in view the past activities like sending a BJP candidate to Rajya Sabha, supporting all the bills and initiatives of the Modi government, a general impression was created across the state that Naveen was no longer maintaining "equal distance" to both the BJP and Congress, but was right leaning.

This doubt among the people should be cleared ahead of the polls, feel BJD insiders. And if anyone may clear the doubt in the minds of voters about Naveen's true intentions, it is none other than Naveen himself.

Aqua Assess of Similipal

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The State Government has decided to assess the water yield capacity of various ecosystems in the Similipal area and its impact on cropping patterns and livelihoods of the people living in the vicinity.

The Agriculture and Farmers' Empowerment Department through Institute on Management of Agricultural Extension

(IMAGE) is going to conduct a study of the Similipal biosphere comprising around 17 blocks and around 1650 villages. The Department is all set to rope a private agency for the job, sources said here on Friday.

The objective of the study includes mapping of various ecosystem services within the Similipal bio reserve impacting water yields both at surface and subsurface level; influence of various meteorological factors, topography, soil and aquifer type, human inter-

ference and hydrologic factors on water yield capacity of various ecosystems; effects of climate change on catchment water yield including surface, lateral and groundwater and impact of spatially distributed hydrological status on cropping pattern and farm livelihoods of the farming communities inhabited in the landscape.

The study would also identify key adaptation strategies to restore, manage and protect the water yield of the ecosystems.

This study will help in mapping of various water yield ecosystems and related information for the Similipal landscape. It would also find the impact of water yield ecosystems on agriculture, environment, and livelihoods of the people.

It would identify and suggest agronomic, vegetative, management and other mechanical measures for water conservation and analysis of Spatio-temporal availability of surface and sub-surface water in the study area during monsoon and non-monsoon periods.

Further, the study would also help mapping of different farm-based livelihoods undertaken by communities depending on water availability, the sources said.

Railways move more Freight

New Delhi(KCN): Indian railways has recorded best ever September Monthly freight loading of 115.80 MT in Sep'22. The incremental loading in the month of September has been 9.7 MT i.e. a growth of 9.15% over the previous best September figures achieved in 2021. With this, Indian Railways has had 25 straight months of best ever monthly freight loading. The Railways has achieved an incremental loading of 6.8 MT in Coal, followed by 1.2 in Iron Ore and 1.22 MT in Balance other goods, 0.4 MT in Cement & Clinker and 0.3 MT in Fertilizers. Increase in automobile loading has been another highlight of Freight Business in FY 2022-23 and 2712 rakes have been loaded in FY 2022-23 till September as compared to 1575 rakes during the same period of last year i.e. a growth of 72.2%.

The cumulative freight loading from 1st April'2022 to 30th September'2022 has been 736.68 MT as

against 668.86 MT achieved in 2021-22 i.e. an incremental loading of 67.83 MT, with a growth of 10.14 % over same period last year. The freight NTKMs (Net tonne kilometers) have increased from 63.43 Billion in September '21 to 69.97 Billion in September '22 registering a growth of 10.3 %. The cumulative NTKMs in the first Half of the year have also grown by 17.1 %.

The sustained efforts of Indian Railways to increase supply of Coal to Power houses, in close coordination with Ministries of Power and Coal, has again been one of the key features of the freight performance in the month of September. The loading of Coal (both domestic and imported) to Power Houses has increased by 6.2 MT in September, with 42.00 MT Coal being moved to Power houses as against 35.8 MT last year, i.e. a growth of 17.3%. Cumulatively, in the first Half of the year, IR has loaded more than 64.53 MT extra coal to Power Houses as compared to same period of last year, with a growth of more than 29.3%.

Free Rice for 3 Months

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Following extension of



the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana (PMGKAY), State Government has extended distribution of rice on free of cost to the beneficiaries covered under its own State Food Security Scheme (SFSS) for a period of another three month.

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Saturday directed concerned officials to extend distribution of additional 5 kg of rice per month free of cost to beneficiaries of the SFSS from October 2022.

The benefit of 5 kg free rice was earlier extended for the beneficiaries of the State Food Security Scheme from December, 2021 to March, 2022 and again for another six months (April to September, 2022).

About 9.05 lakh beneficiaries of 2.92 lakh families covered under the scheme will be benefited from this move. For this purpose, the state government will distribute 13,575 tonnes of rice from the state pool with an expenditure of Rs.49 crore from its own fund, it said.

This will facilitate beneficiaries enrolled in the State Food Security Scheme to remain at par with beneficiaries under National Food Security Act (NFSA), source said.

Notably, the Union cabinet on September 28 had approved the proposal to extend the free food grains distribution scheme under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana (PMGKAY) for three more months i.e. October to December 2022.

Under the PMGKAY, the Centre also provides an additional five kilograms of rice or wheat per month to beneficiaries of the NFSA over and above their usual monthly quota for free.

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Producer, Director and Actress Yamini Swami's film 'Badhai Ho Beti Huee Hai' will be released on October 28th

Poster and Trailer of 'Badhai Ho Beti Huee Hai' launched by Rajasthan Governor Kalraj Mishra

Mumbai (KCN, Sanjay Sharma Raj): Nowadays the government is doing many

politician Amar Singh. This film is releasing on 28th October 2022.

fighters against corrupt politicians and people."



Producer, director and actress Yamini Swami said about this film, "Only a woman or a girl can understand the feelings of a woman very well. That's why I have tried to create awareness among today's women by making it myself. The whole story revolves around Uttar Pradesh and

commendable works like 'Beti Padhao,

Beti Bachao' and is trying to uplift women. On this subject, producer, director and actress Yamini Swami has made the film 'Badhai Ho Beti Huee Hai' to support the government. It is also getting the support of the government. The poster and trailer of the film was launched by the Governor of Rajasthan Kalraj Mishra at Raj Bhavan, Rajasthan on Friday 30 September 2022. Apart from Yamini

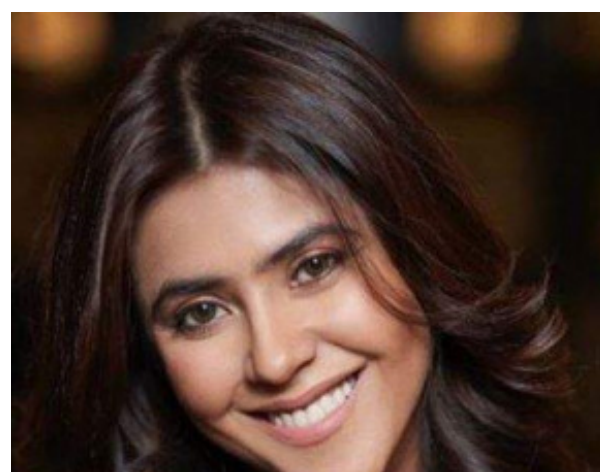


Swami, the film also stars Jaya Pradha, Aryamann Seth, Peeyush Suhaney and late

Jharkhand, in which a girl from a middle class family becomes IAS and how she

SC grants Ekta Kapoor interim protection from arrest in FIR over web series

NEW DELHI (KCN): The Supreme Court on Thursday granted interim protection from arrest to TV producer Ekta Kapoor in an FIR against her for alleged objectionable content in her web series "XXX season 2".

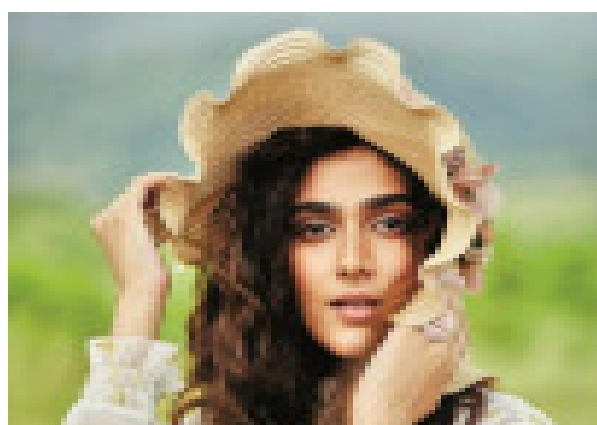


A bench headed by Chief Justice SA Bobde granted interim protection to

Kapoor. She had moved the apex court after the Indore bench of the Madhya Pradesh High Court, in November this year, dismissed her petition seeking that a case filed against her for alleged objectionable content in web series "XXX season 2" be quashed. The High Court had dismissed a petition of Kapoor seeking quashing of a case registered against her for alleged obscenity in a web series produced by her. The complainant had alleged an episode of the series 'XXX uncensored' was obscene and caused annoyance to him, hurt his religious feelings and dishonored the Army. The case was registered at the Annapurna police station, Indore, under Sections 294 (Obscene acts and songs), 298 and 34 (Acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention) of the India Penal Code and various relevant sections of the IT Act and the State Emblem Act.

Aakanksha Singh joins team Mayday

Ajay Devgn's Mayday has been creating a massive



buzz because of its interesting star cast, which includes Amitabh Bachchan, Ajay Devgn, Rakul Preet

Singh and Angira Dhar. Talented actress, Aakanksha Singh has now joined the team. Aakanksha will essaying the role of Ajay Devgn's wife in the film. She joined the shoot yesterday. Aakanksha says, "It's like a dream come true to be a part of such a big and much-awaited film. I am so excited to share the screen with Ajay Sir and Amitabh Sir; and the icing on the cake is that Ajay Sir is directing the film. It's actually happening! It's an important role and I am lucky that the first muhurat shot of the film had me in it." Ajay Devgn took to social media to announce that the shoot had begun yesterday. "Happy to officially begin Mayday in a start-to-finish shooting schedule. Seek blessings from the Almighty and my parents. Nothing is complete without the support of all my fans, family and well-wishers. Releases on 29th April 2022 (sic)" he posted.



The Governor of Rajasthan, Hon'ble Kalraj Mishra praised Yamini Swami. Yamini Swami has done amazing work. In the form of daughter, it is shown as a celebration of the daughters of the country. One who feels a breath of fresh air, who plays a new role in the society and will provide a new direction to the daughters. It tries to explain that a daughter is not less than a son. 'Badhai Ho Beti Huee Hai' is produced under the banner of A Sanatan World Projects Pvt Ltd Production. It is presented by Pradeep Sarkar. Its DOP is B Satish, music is by Dilip Tahir and Amit S Trivedi.

Phenomenal experience: Riteish Deshmukh praises Anil Kapoor, Anurag Kashyap's 'AK vs AK'

NEW DELHI (KCN): Actor Riteish Deshmukh lauded Vikramaditya Motwane's 'AK vs AK' and termed the



only you could do this, you are pure gold in this film but @HarshKapoor_has outdone your entire performance in one scene," the 'Housefull' actor's tweet further read. While Kapoor essays the role of a yesteryear actor, Kashyap plays the role of a disgraced film director in the film. 'AK vs AK,' revolves around the story of a movie star and a film director who get into a public spat, following which the director retaliates by kidnapping the actor's daughter and films the search for her in real-time. The Netflix India Original film was released on the platform on December 24, which also happens to be Anil Kapoor's birthday.

Compulsory Tax Audit Penalty can't be imposed in which cases Part 2

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9. Consequences for failure to get the accounts audited or not furnishing audit report in time:



The failure to get accounts audited within specified date u/s 44AB or failure to furnish audit report one month before the due date of filing return of income u/s 139(1) or 142(1)(i) may attract penalty u/s 271B, which shall be lower of the following -

- (i) half per cent of total sales, turnover or gross receipts, or
- (ii) Rs. 1,50,000/- w.e.f. asst year 2011-12.

10. What happens when assessee gets his accounts audited u/s 44AB within prescribed time, but files belated return enclosing the report of Tax Audit: W.e.f. asst. year 2020-21, the due date of furnishing tax audit report is one month before due date of furnishing return of income. Even when tax audit report was to be furnished within due date of furnishing return of income or even with return of income, furnishing audit report with belated return was subject to penalty under sec. 271B.

11. In case auditor's report u/s 44AB is prejudicial to assessee: It has been held in Rajkot Engineering Association and others v. Union of India 162 ITR 28 (Guj.) that in view of clarification made by Union Government in Reply affidavit of Under Secretary in Finance Ministry that opinions given by CA are not binding either on assessee or on A.O., it cannot be said that assessee will be prejudiced by qualified opinion given by tax auditor in a given case. Assessee may be required to persuade AO that there was no justification for qualified opinion or that there were valid and compelling reasons for assessee for his failure or omission to satisfy an auditor. We hope that concerned tax authorities will not approach the matter in a strictly technical manner so as to make a best judgment assessment and/or to levy penalty merely because there is a qualified report of an auditor. The authorities should adopt judicial approach and consider all attendant circumstances.

12. In what circumstances penalty u/s 271B may not be imposed: In response

to show cause notice issued by A.O. if the assessee proves that there was reasonable cause for said failure, penalty u/s 271B shall not be imposed. Penalty u/s 271B is not automatic - CIT v. Ramkrishna Stores 253 ITR 175 (Cal.); CIT v. Haryana Agro Services [2005] 279 ITR 113 (P&H). Therefore, it is advisable to submit written explanation before concerned officer giving cogent reasons for delay and relevant evidences like doctor's certificate or proof of strike, lock out etc. should also be submitted.

- 13. Decisions about penalty u/s 271B:** Following decisions will be relevant:
- a) Delhi Bench of ITAT has held in Chandra Sudhir Kumar v. I.T.O. (Delhi-Trib.) [1996] 86 Taxman 272, that the question of obligatory audit u/s 44AB would arise only when books of account were maintained. In a case when income was returned and assessed on estimated profit rate basis in absence of books of account being maintained by assessee, penalty could not be levied u/s 271B.
 - b) Jaipur Bench of ITAT has held in case of Prabhulal Sahu v. I.T.O. [1995] 83 Taxman (ITAT) 177: [1995] 52 TJJ (JR) 137, that if there was delay in finalisation and audit of accounts of immediately preceding year, which led to delay in finalising accounts for the year under consideration and getting them audited, no penalty was leviable u/s 271B as there was no deliberate or malafide attempt on the part of assessee to commit default. Similar views were expressed in Arun Kumar Bhuwalka [1992] 44 TJJ (Cal.) 84: 40 ITD 373.
 - c) Ahmedabad Bench of ITAT has held in ACIT v. Roop Textiles [1996] 86 Taxman (ITAT) 123 that penalty could not be levied u/s 271B if delay in getting accounts audited and filing audit report was caused because of search and seizure operation carried out by department and disturbed situation in city.
 - d) Work of filing return and complying with other statutory requirements entrusted to auditors. Failure on part of auditors to actually comply with said requirement. Partners of assessee-firm not much educated and hence not supposed to be acquainted with intricate provisions of Income-tax Act, has been held to be reasonable cause for delay-Bangalore Steel Distributors v. ITO [1994] 50 TJJ

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(Bang) 1 : 49 ITD 668.

- e) Late submission of earlier year's return, unfamiliarity with prescribed procedure, doubt about validity of provisions of section 44AB, low income resulting in refund of tax all together constituted reasonable cause for delay in getting accounts audited-Asst. CIT v. Mandavilli Venkateswara Rao [1992] 44 TJJ (Hyd) 400.
- f) Audit report u/s 44AB ready with auditors by due date, but could not be obtained and filed due to communal riots and illness of assessee's father. Certificates of police inspector and doctor produced, is reasonable cause for delay- G.S. Kasat v. ITO [1995] 53 TJJ (Bang) 103.
- g) Difference in trial balance and illness of managing partner along with assessee's conduct in keeping department informed of the reasons of delay would constitute sufficient cause for not filing audit report in time- K. Ravikumar & Co. v. ITO [1989] 33 TJJ (Mad) 509 : 29 ITD 537.
- h) In case of delay in appointing statutory auditors by Registrar of Co-operative Societies, assessee cannot be said to have failed in complying with Section 44AB without reasonable cause- ITO v. Jaipur Zila Dugdha Utpadak Sahkari Sangh Ltd. [1993] 46 TJJ (JP) 84.
- i) Assessee sustaining heavy losses and short delay by CA in completing audit constituted reasonable cause and penalty not sustainable- H. Ajitbhai & Co. v. Asst. CIT [1993] 47 TJJ (Ahd) 22 : 45 ITD 262.
- j) Where two opinions are possible for determining turnover, for example- whether gross interest or net interest is to be considered and if belief of assessee is bonafide, no penalty should be levied - Mohan Lal Ashok Kumar v. ITO [2010] 1 ITR (Trib.) 103 (Trib.).
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considered entire receipts for determining turnover, penalty has been set aside - Manoj S Gugale v. ITO 80 taxmann.com 193 (Pune Trib).

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- r) Delay in finalisation of accounts due to reconciliation of accounts with customers and others - H. Ajitbhai & Co. v. Asst. CIT [1993] 47 TJJ (Ahd.) 22.
- s) Genuine difficulty in closing the accounts on account of difference in trial balance and accountant could not take up audit work at once and complete it owing to other professional commitments. Report is filed with least practicable delay - Asst. CIT v. Gayatri Traders [1996] 56 TJJ (Hyd.) (SM) 303; [1996] 58 ITD 121 (Hyd.) (SB).
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- v) Delay in finalisation of accounts of earlier year on account of negligence of accountant who left service - Prabhulal Sahu v. ITO [1995] 52 TJJ (Jp) 137.

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Gandhian outlook : A brief synopsis

IF PHILOSOPHY IS WISDOM, MAHATMA GANDHI WAS AMONG OUR foremost philosophers. He had the wisdom of Socrates, the humility of St. Francis of Assisi, the mass appeal of Lenin, the saintliness of the ancient Indian rishis and the profound love of humanity of the Buddha. He was a revolutionary who was committed to the overthrow of all forms of tyranny and social injustice



but who never bore ill-will towards anyone, who led a mighty movement against British imperialism but never allowed the movement to be accompanied by hatred, rancour or resentment against Englishmen. He was not an intellectual in the

conventional sense of the term. He was not an academic philosopher propounding his philosophy in a precise, dry and formal manner. It would not be difficult to find inconsistencies and contradiction in some of his statements. He was supremely consistent in his devotion to truth. He was like the ancient sages, an earnest seeker after truth, a spiritual explorer or a scientist experimenting all his life to discover truth and apply it to the practical problems facing man. His sources of inspiration were not confined to his country or to his religion. His respective mind was open to various influences. From his very childhood he was brought into contact with religious and moral ideas. He studied the Ramayan, the Bhagabata, the Vaishnava poets of Gujarat and the popular writings of the Jains. During his stay in England he studied Buddhism and the Gita, met Quakers and Missionaries, read the Upanishads in translation, 'Ruskin's unto this last,

theosophist literature and books on Islam. He was also profoundly impressed by Thoreau and Tolstoy. Thoreau taught him that it was more honorable to be right than to be law-abiding-a revolutionary concept, which inspired his philosophy of passive resistance. Tolstoy's The Kingdom of God Within You taught him how man could liberate himself and control ill through suffering.

Gandhiji was thought his life a God-conscious, God-fearing man. He never passed thought the valley of doubt and darkness. Nothing could shake his confidence and faith in God and His Scheme of life. God with him was not an abstraction or a mere metaphysical concept, but an intensely felt reality. Belief in God was with him a question of faith and conviction. He needed no arguments to establish God's existence. His whole being was permeated with God-consciousness; his heart vibrated with it. Gandhiji was no mystic who communicates with God in his trances or in moments of ecstasy but a man of action not living, in forests and meditating on eternal verities, but living amidst men, engaged in an epic struggle against alien rule. He had, however, the ability to withdraw himself from the life of excitement and meditate even amidst action. The Mahatma described God in various ways. God to him was kind, just and loving, who always responded to pra & love.

He was truth and love. A logical corollary to give belief is that the Universe is organised on moral principles and that it presents a harmonious design, there being no contradiction for inconsistency in the laws of nature and moral and spiritual principles. Gandhiji's faith in God was not shaken when he beheld nature read in truth and claw, when he saw

Uma Sankar Prasad

earthquake, floods and other natural calamities overwhelming man and causing infinite suffering. If God was truth, love, benevolent and justice Ghandhiji asserted, man who was fundamentally moral and spiritual an image of God. Not a naked ape, not one with a divided nature, but a fraternity of spiritual beings.

Mahatma Gandhi's bold affirmation of faith in God, in the moral nature of the universe, in human society as an association of kindred souls and in free will may be criticized by the modern cynics on the ground that no valid intellectual grounds have been offered, but none can dispute the fact that his faith leads to a way of life which is in complete harmony with the needs of the times. If God is love or truth, there can be no bar to the realization of God through diverse ways. Religion does not divide people, unless it is understood in the sense that it is a matter of dogma, a church, a holy book; it emphasizes the fundamental unity of the human race. The Gandhian way is the way of universal love and tolerance, of profound reverence for all great religious which are so many ways of apprehending the reality and identifying ourselves with its purposes. Distinctions of race, nationality and sect have no room in Gandhian ethics. Patriotism is not enough. A truly religious man does not restrict his allegiance to any country or nation. His loyalty is to the whole of humanity. He acknowledges all great religious as embodying the truth and therefore, worthy of deep reverence. Mahatma Gandhi was an admirer of all religious- Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism, Islam, Christianity and others. This does not mean that he accepted everything they preached. "He does not mouth the name of the Founder of Christianity", "writes Will Durant in his

appreciation of the Mahatma, but he acts as if the Sermon on the Mount were his perpetual guide". If God is truth and if truth is God, then there is nothing which stands in the way of persons of various religious affiliations coming together on the same platform as seekers after truth. Even an earnest atheist trying to explore the reality is a truly religious man. What is repugnant to the Gandhian way of life dogmatism, fanaticism, intolerance, selfishness? Mahatma Gandhi was a secularist in the sense that he was against any discrimination between citizen and citizen on grounds of religion, sect or caste. But he firmly believed that a State or Society would be stable only to the extent to which it was based on ethical and spiritual ideals.

The Mahatma was the greatest exponent of Satyagraha-soul force, non-violence, non-cooperation. He condemned the use of force; he hoped to win even his enemies by love, suffering and sacrifice. Underling his faith in Satyagraha was his conviction that no man, however tyrannical, can long withstand the pressure of the soul force. Gandhiji's followers, however, were not all confirmed pacifists, Non-Violence with many of them was more a matter of expediency.

The Mahatma was a kind of philosophic anarchist who believed in voluntary organization on co-operative lines. He was opposed to highly centralized states. He stood for village autonomy with a federation of village republics. He hated everything that degraded man-untouchability, inferior status for women, child marriage.

The Mahatma was neither a capitalist nor a Socialist. He propounded the theory of the rich classes being the trustees of the national wealth. He preferred the method of Satyagraha and moral persuasion as a mean of achieving a truly classless society of kindred souls to State action.

The Author is Columnist, Khordha

A new concept and design of art from waste materials

Solid waste management is a serious problem for all major

Saikat Kumar Basu



towns and cities, municipalities and corporations around the globe. Particularly the plastic pollution pressure has been an acute problem plugging up sewage and drainage system; and due to their long non-biodegradable nature they stay in our ecosystem for a long period of time disturbing the natural biogeochemical cycles. Unfortunately we have become accustomed to use of plastics, synthetic rubbers, aluminium foils and other non-biodegradable solid waste so intimately that they have become a part of our life process. The packaging industry uses these raw materials to produce numerous packets that we need as well as containers and other daily use materials that have occupied essential needs of our modern human life



across the globe. Hence, the amount of daily global solid waste generated is alarming and severely polluting our sensitive natural ecosystems, biomes and environment.

But can anyone think about producing wealth from waste; like using discarded thrown away plastics and aluminium foil to produce serious art objects. The accompanying are a demonstration of this impossible achievement by acclaimed science communicator and artist,

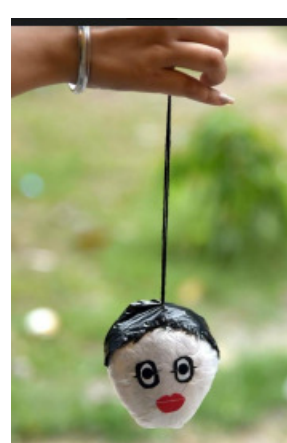
Pope appeals to Putin to end 'spiral of violence' in Ukraine



VATICAN CITY: Pope Francis on Sunday deplored Russia's annexation of Ukrainian territory and called on the Russian leader to stop the war and on Ukraine's president to be open to talks.

"I deeply deplore the grave situation that has arisen in recent days, with further actions contrary to the principles of international law. It increases the risk of

Dr. Sima Mukhopadhyay from Kolkata (West Bengal, India). Her meticulous craftsmanship integrated with a great passion for nature has shown us all for the first time how to convert single use plastics, aluminum foils and other solid waste products into intricate art pieces to reduce the plastic use in our society and how to recycle them efficiently. She has nicely demonstrated that such waste plastic materi-



als can be used and reused about 2-3 times; and then finally dumped at any designated recycling centres. A simple yet highly innovative and superbly eco-friendly concept. It will teach little children to be innovative as well as being sensitive and responsible towards our environment. Thanks to Dr.



Mukhopadhyay for her outstanding contribution to both arts and crafts as well to our society with her incredible ideas, sincere hard work and immense passion for the protection of our environment.

nuclear escalation, giving rise to fears of uncontrollable and catastrophic consequences worldwide," he said during the Sunday Angelus prayer.

He implored Russian President Vladimir Putin "to stop this spiral of violence and death" and on Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky "to be open to serious proposals for peace".

INTERVIEW

'Good content traverses across languages, geographies'

Radha Shyam Jena

As it steps into the 6th year of its journey, "hoichoi", which claims to be the India's biggest vernacular OTT Platform, seems well set to roll out 25 more originals (3 titles from Bangladesh + 22 titles from India), A-Lister talents and creators and a plethora of never seen before business activities and initiatives. With the single motive of entertaining its customers (250 million Bengalis across the globe) in their native lan-



guage-creating and curating 100+ originals, hosting a bank of 650+ movies comprising classics, blockbusters and recent theatrical releases. With a 50 per cent growth in direct subscriptions with a 20 per cent increase in streams, a 31 per cent rise in watch time, 40 per cent rise in monthly active users, 30 per cent rise in international subscriber base, "hoichoi" amply explains why and how overall Indian OTT business is set to reach \$7 billion by 2027. Speaking to Ritwik Mukherjee exclusively, Vishnu Mohta, Founder, "hoichoi", shares the success story of 'hoichoi' and also delves at length on the future of OTT business in India.

Excerpts:
RM: Going by some studies, India's overall OTT business is expected to reach \$7 billion by 2027. Are we on the right track to reach there?

Mohta: The OTT industry is definitely on the right track, while we can't really comment on the number, as we are a singular OTT, but the ecosystem is definitely progressing. Ever since the lockdown there have been gigantic leaps in terms of rise in user base, with more and more people discovering the true potential of the platform, OTT industry is definitely on the rise. Taking our case into consideration, hoichoi really started flourishing during the lockdown, but our highest direct subscription month has been August 2022.

RM: How are vernacular OTT platforms growing in India?

Mohta: I think the term vernacular OTT or regional OTT is redundant at this point. We're all Indian OTT platforms, and as for 'hoichoi', we call ourselves a global OTT platform as there are over 250 million

audiences entertained.

Also bringing in top creators and artists to ensure best quality content also contributes to growing and retaining our user base and hence our success.

RM: How many original and other shows did you produce over the last 5 years?

Mohta: Over the past 5 years, hoichoi has created over 130+ originals and has a bank of over 650+ acquired films including classics and new films.

RM: How many more do you propose to produce in the next 2-3 years?

Mohta: We intend to produce a lot more in the coming years, while we do not have an exact number in mind, it will definitely be a substantial rise.

RM: What kind of contents do viewers prefer most? What has been your experience so far in this regard?

Mohta: Our viewers are spread across demographics and socio economic backgrounds, hence the preference is varied, however family dramas and detective thrillers seem to work well on the platform.

RM: Do you see any significant change in the pattern or viewers' preferences?

Mohta: Viewers are more open to newer genres and contents, than they were before. Female forward content is surely gaining more popularity as well.

RM: What is more important- name and fame of the directors/artists or story & presentation?

Mohta: It's a combination of both, we believe in having a strong creators ecosystem on the platform. We do take pride in having top creators on the platform, as the name they have earned is well deserved and reflective of their merit. As far as talents are concerned, hoichoi has always been a platform that has given chances to newer faces as well as let the older faces flourish. So it's a combination of both, we are



at the end of the day storytellers, and whoever helps us tell a quality story in the best way, we go with them.

RM: Is there any initiative on your part to help and promote new, upcoming directors/filmmakers, artists?

Mohta: Hoichoi always promotes new faces and talents across its platform. From foraying into experimental genres and formats, hoichoi doesn't shy away from giving new directors and filmmakers a chance. For instance, one of top titles at present Karagar, is by a new and super talented director - Syed Ahmed Shawki. So yes, it's a platform for talent and storytelling and endless entertainment.

RM: OTT platforms should thrive on subscription based fees or ad revenues or both- what is your take on this?

Mohta: This depends on the platform and their target audience primarily. While SVOD works for some, hybrid revenue earning works better for the other. There's no set formula that works for all OTT platforms.

RM: Do you see any threats in the wake of large global players and large Indian corporations coming into the field?

Mohta: Not really, our vision and TG is very different. We are a global OTT platform that aims to entertain audiences in their native language. hoichoi chooses to create content in Bengali only and while the titles are available in other languages as well, our primary audience is Bengalis across the globe. So, while there are other players in the market, our market is very different and we are doing our best to be the best in that space.

RM: Do you think even in the news segment, OTT is the future?

Mohta: OTT is the future for all forms of audio visual content, doesn't mean that other platforms are obsolete, but just that the overlap is inevitable and audiences these days want choices, so the more options they have, the better. They might want to consume news on the television, in print format, as an online article or even on OTT. Hence, OTT might not be THE future, but it definitely is a part of it.

RM: Any plans to go national, going forward?

Mohta: We already are a national OTT platform. Regional is a tag that we do not associate with, as there are over 250 million Bengalis across the globe, that makes us global and not just national. So yes, we've always been a national/global OTT platform. Also, hoichoi has its bases in both India and Bangladesh making it a global OTT platform.



Bengalis across the globe, whom we provide with quality entertainment in their own language. However, having said that, languages other than Hindi and English are gaining more recognition and acceptance at present. During the lockdown, audiences were exposed to content across genres and languages, which led to a discovery that should have happened way before. But, better late than never. Good content traverses across language and geographical barriers and that I think is the primary reason behind the growth of vernacular OTT platforms.

RM: At what rate hoichoi is growing- both in terms of subscription and in terms of revenue? How many years did you take to break even?

Mohta: Over the past year, hoichoi has seen a 50 per cent growth in direct subscriptions with a 20 per cent increase in streams in the post lockdown period. There has been a 31 per cent rise in watch time, 40 per cent rise in monthly active users, 30 per cent rise in international subscriber base and hoichoi continues to have one of the highest refresh rates in India for a single language.

Besides experiencing the aforementioned growth, hoichoi, is now a PnL profitable business as of August 2022. This month has been momentous in another regard as well, as it is the highest direct subscription revenue month for the platform across all three of its user base regions, namely - India, Bangladesh and International markets, all of which contributing over 100 per cent increase in growth.

RM: What would you attribute hoichoi's success story to?

Mohta: Undoubtedly our viewers. As a platform we've always made our audiences the crux of everything. From having a very strong and effective customer service and feedback cycle in place, to incorporating the changes that were asked for. We act promptly when it comes to addressing feedback. We also ensure that our audiences have enough and more options, which is why we schedule at least one original release every alternate week and one or more acquired content each week, to keep our

Duty Cut On Edible Oil Food Stock Comfortable; Center

New Delhi: The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has extended existing concessional import duties on specified edible oils up to 31 March, 2023. The move is aimed at increasing domestic supply and keeping prices under control. The concessional customs duty on edible oil import has been extended by another 6 months, which means that the new deadline will now be March 2023. Prices of edible oil have been on declining trend driven by fall in global prices. With falling global rates and lower import duties, retail prices of edible oils have

fallen considerably in India.

The current duty structure on crude palm oil, RBD Palmolein, RBD palm oil, crude soybean oil, refined soybean oil, crude sunflower oil and refined sunflower oil remains unchanged till March 31, 2023. The import duty on crude varieties of palm oil, soybean oil and sunflower oil is currently zero. However, after taking into account 5 per cent agrices and 10 per cent social welfare cess, the effective duty on crude varieties of these three edible oils touches 5.5 per cent.

The basic customs duty on refined varieties of palmolein and refined palm oil is 12.5 per cent, while social welfare cess is 10 per cent. So, the effective duty is 13.75 per cent. For refined soybean and sunflower oil, the basic customs duty is 17.5 per cent and taking into account 10 per cent social welfare cess, the effective duty comes to 19.25 per cent.

New Delhi: The retail and wholesale prices of wheat and rice reported a decrease and prices of wheat atta remained stable during last week. During last two years prices of

the open market through OMSS to contain the prices. Government of India is regularly monitoring the price scenario of essential commodities including wheat and rice and taking cor-

far. However, Govt. of India is well aware of the prices scenario and monitoring it regularly on weekly basis. Govt. has taken proactive steps to avoid any further price rise and export regu-

the prices and to avoid any hardships to the vulnerable sections of the society, Govt of India has extended Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana (PMGKAY) for another three months (Phase VII) from Oct 2022 to Dec 2022 to ensure that poor and needy of the country do not face any hardship during the forthcoming festival season and to keep them immune from the adverse forces of the market.

Government of India has ensured that sufficient stock of food grains to meet the requirement of National Food Security Act (NFSA), other welfare schemes and additional requirements of PMGKAY are available in the central pool and prices remains under control.

5G Services Begins

New Delhi: Ushering in a new technological era, the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi launched 5G services in Pragati Maidan, New Delhi today. The Prime Minister also inaugurated the sixth edition of the India Mobile Congress and also witnessed the IMC Exhibition that was put on the occasion.

ongoing pandemic and for the path-breaking telecom reforms in the industry. Shri Birla said that the launch of 5G marks the beginning of an exciting journey for India. "We will see limitless potential for 5G development and use cases in the years to come", he added.



Industry leaders expressed their views on this historic occasion.

Mukesh Ambani, Chairman, Reliance, thanked the Prime Minister for inspiring the vision of a developed nation by 2047. "Every action and policy of the government is skillfully crafted to propel India, towards that goal. Steps taken to fast-track India's march into the 5G era provide compelling proof of our Prime Minister's determination", he said. He narrated the possibilities of 5G in key areas like education, education and climate etc. "Your leadership has raised India's prestige, profile and power globally like never before. In today's fast-changing world there will be no stopping a resurgent India from soaring to the top", Shri Ambani concluded.

Sunil Bharti Mittal, Chairman, Bharti Enterprise remarked that the launch of 5G is the beginning of a new era and since it is happening during Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, it makes it even more special. "With the efforts of the Prime Minister, this will usher new energy in the country. We are fortunate to have a leader in the Prime Minister who understands technology very minutely and deployed that to the development of the country in an unmatched manner", he added. Shri Mittal further said that it will open up a sea of opportunities for people, especially in our rural areas. He recalled the Prime Minister's initiatives in the field of infrastructure and technology from his Gujarat CM days. He said that during the pandemic, traffic shifted to villages and homes and the country's heartbeat did not stop even for a second. Credit for that goes to the digital vision. He also praised the audacity and achievement of the vision of Make in India. "Along with Digital India, the Prime Minister also took forward the Start-up India campaign and soon enough, India started producing unicorns", Shri Mittal added, "With the advent of 5G, I'm sure that the country will add many more unicorns in the world." Kumar Mangalam Birla, Chairman, Aditya Birla Group called the advent of 5G a transformational event that proves India's prowess on the global stage and reiterates the role of telecom technology as the bedrock of India's growth. He thanked the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for his vision and leadership for a generational leap in technology that has resulted in India making a mark on the global stage. He also thanked the Prime Minister for his inspirational role in supporting the telecom industry during the

The three major telecom operators of the country demonstrated one use case each in front of the Prime Minister to show the potential of 5G technology in India.

Reliance Jio connected a teacher from a school in Mumbai, with students in three different locations in Maharashtra, Gujarat and Odisha. This demonstrated how 5G will facilitate education by bringing teachers closer to students, obviating the physical distance between them. It also demonstrated the power of Augmented Reality (AR) on screen and how that is being used to teach children across the country, remotely, without the need for an AR device. The Prime Minister interacted with students from Dnyanjyoti Savitribai Phule School, Raigad, Maharashtra in presence of Maharashtra Chief Minister, Eknath Shinde. Students from Ropda Primary School, Gandhinagar, Gujarat connected in presence of Gujarat Chief Minister, Bhupendra Patel. The Prime Minister also interacted with students from SLS Memorial School, Myurbhanj, Odisha in presence of Odisha Chief Minister, Naveen Patnaik. The Vodafone Idea test case demonstrated the safety of workers in an under-construction tunnel of Delhi Metro through the creation of a Digital Twin of the tunnel on the dias. Digital Twin will help give safety alerts to workers in real time from a remote location. PM took a live demo from the dias to monitor the work in real-time through utilising VR and Artificial Intelligence. The Prime Minister interacted with Shri Rinku Kumar, a worker in Delhi Metro Tunnel Dwarka, New Delhi in presence of Delhi Lieutenant Governor, Shri Vinai Saxena. The Prime Minister inquired about the user experience and learning curve needed to adopt the technology. He said that workers' confidence in safety is the biggest contribution of new tech. He complimented the workers of India for their contribution to the nation's growth.

In the Airtel demo, students from Dankaur, Uttar Pradesh witnessed a lively and immersive education experience to learn about the solar system with the help of Virtual reality and Augmented reality. A student Khushi, shared her experience of learning with the PM by appearing on the dias through a hologram. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister, Yogi Adityanath connected from Rudraksh Convention Centre, Varanasi. The Prime Minister inquired if the VR education experience helped them understand the concepts in a comprehensive way. The student said that after this experience she is much more inclined toward learning new things.



wheat and rice has gone up more or less corresponding to the MSP increase during the relevant years. During 2021-22 the prices were comparatively on lower side because approximately 80 LMT of food grains were offloaded in

rective measures, wherein required. Because of the unprecedented geopolitical situation, procurement remained bit on a lower side therefore, Govt of India had not intervened in the market through OMSS so

lations were imposed in case of wheat w.e.f 13.05.2022 and w.e.f 08.05.2022 in case of rice. Thereafter, there was an immediate containment in the prices of wheat and in case of rice. In order to contain




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Puri water supply scripts success

Puri: D Thara, Additional Secretary & Mission Director, AMRUT, MoHUA mentioned that "Puri is the living laboratory of 24x7 water supply system where Drink From Tap quality water is provided to its all 33,300 households covering more than 2.5 lakh population along with 20 million plus pilgrims annually and the 1st ever city in the entire country till date to do so. We all should learn from this unprecedented process to replicate in other cities". She was addressing first Regional workshop on 24x7 Water Supply Systems here recently.



The Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India has organized the first Regional Workshop on 24x7 Water Supply Systems in Puri in the state for two days recently.

Senior officials from the Ministry and Housing & Urban Development Departments of 9 states along with the Central Public Health & Environmental Engineering Organization (CPHEEO) and members of the National Task Force on 24x7 Water Supply Systems, MoHUA participated in the workshop.

Addressing the gathering She also said that "Prime Minister launched AMRUT 2.0 on 15 October 2021 with a vision to make all cities water secure and provide universal coverage of water supply services in all the urban areas of the country. One of the outcomes of AMRUT 2.0 is to provide 24x7 water supply with drink from tap facility in at least one ward or one DMA in all 500 AMRUT cities".

G Mathi Vathanan, Principal Secretary, Housing & Urban Development opined that "24x7 is not a rocket science and it is the need of the hour to improve the service delivery and steer the economy by improving the livelihoods of the urban population.

Odisha became a pioneer with its transformative 'Drink from Tap Mission', as the Department was determined to provide quality water supply to the doorstep of its

Bajaj Electronics announces opening of its IPO on October 4

HYDERABAD: Hyderabad-based Bajaj Electronics aka Electronic Mart India Limited (EMIL) said on Saturday that its Initial Public Offering (IPO) would open on October 4 and close on October 7. The shares on offer have been priced at Rs. 56-59 apiece, it said. EMIL said its operating margins were the second highest, and that it had the highest turnover in the southern region compared to its peers in FY 21. Its revenue from operations grew at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 17.90 per cent between FY 16 and FY 20. In FY 22 it crossed a milestone with its revenue from operations crossing Rs.



40,000 million, EMIL Said.

Bajaj Electronics was established by Pavan Kumar Bajaj way back in 1980 and its first retail store was at Lakdikapul in Hyderabad. Today it is being spearheaded by his son, Karan Bajaj, who has more than a decade's experience in the retail business and continues to augment the brand's growth as one of the fastest-growing consumer durables and electronics retailers in the country.

Bajaj Electronics currently has 112 stores (79 in Telangana and 25 in Andhra Pradesh) across 36 cities and has grown from a regional player to now having a retail presence of eight stores under the name of Electronics Mart in Delhi NCR. Despite the pandemic since April 1, 2022, it had opened nine new

entire urban population. Chief Minister was also very much supportive towards the cause and the successful implementation of the project".

'Drink from Tap Mission' called 'Sujal' was first launched on 13th October 2020 by Chief Minister to provide quality drinking water, fit for direct consumption from the tap to all households in urban areas. The Mission is a flagship initiative by the Water Corporation of Odisha (WATCO) under the state's Housing & Urban Development Department. Later, on 26 July 2021, Chief Minister

dedicated the Mission to entire Puri city as the First Indian city to get round the clock pure piped water supply to its habitants.

The two-day workshop was aimed at a meaningful interaction between the members of National Task Force and State Task Forces from the participating states like Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Karnataka, Kerala, Odisha, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and to disseminate knowledge and extend handholding support to states and cities for converting from intermittent water supply to 24x7 water supply systems. This is coupled with field visits in Puri to see and practically understand the operation & maintenance process of 24x7 water supply system, smart water management and importance of community partnership in shape of 'Jalsathi' for sustainable urban water supply management. Among other dignitaries M Dhinadhayalan, Chairman, National Task Force, CPHEEO, MoHUA; Vinay Pratap Singh, Director, AMRUT, MoHUA, PK Swain, CEO, WATCO, Ernst Doering, Cluster Coordinator, GIZ India were present.

The conference was also attended by about 100 participants including the Chairmen and members of the State-level Task Forces (STF) comprising of Technical Heads, Chief Engineers, City Engineers & Senior Engineers.

Entered Cong president poll race to strengthen party: Mallikarjun Kharge

stores. One hundred of the outlets are multi-brand stores and 12 are exclusive brand outlets. It houses two specialised stores under the name of Kitchen Stories, that have modular kitchen and premium kitchen appliances, and 'Audio & Beyond,' that focuses on high end home cinema and home automation solutions. EMIL has over 6,000 stock keeping units (SKUs) across more than 70 brands and offers a diversified range of products with a focus on large appliances.

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Asked about Shashi Tharoor's remarks that he is a candidate for change while Kharge is a candidate of continuity and status quo, Kharge said after polls any decision for reform will be taken jointly and not by one person.

He also rejected suggestions that the Gandhi family was backing him, saying he was urged by other leaders to contest.

Kharge and Tharoor were left in the fray in the Congress presidential poll after former Jharkhand minister K N Tripathi's nomination was rejected on Saturday.

According to a notification issued by the Congress on Thursday, the process for filing nominations for the election was from September 24 to 30.

The date for scrutiny of the nomination papers was on October 1, while the last date for withdrawal of nominations is October 8.

The final list of candidates will be published at 5 pm on October 8.

The polling, if needed, will be held on October 17. The counting of votes will be taken up on October 19 and the results will be declared the same day. More than 9,000 Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) delegates will vote in the poll.

Just top 20 per cent of consumers driving demand as majority yet to recover from pandemic hit: Report

MUMBAI: That the rich got richer during the pandemic has become more evident with research data showing just 20 per cent of the population are leading the discretionary consumption wagon as the rest are still recovering.

The pandemic has not impacted affluent consumers' income levels in the country is clear from the fact that the top 20 per cent of the population account for the bulk of discretionary consumption -- 59 per cent in rural areas and 66 per cent in urban areas, Tanvee Gupta-Jain, chief economist at UBS Securities India, said in a report.

Citing an in-house UBS survey (conducted in August among 1,500 higher-income consumers) results, she says more than half of the respondents have bought gold/jewellery as planned or more in the past three months and more than half of them planning to invest in properties and buying cars/two-wheelers over the next two years.

That the rich will continue to drive consumption demand is clear from the UBS survey findings, with more than 70 per cent of respondents anticipating

their income will increase in 2023.

Similarly, nearly 70 per cent of the respondents expect festive spending to rise, while 20 per cent expect stable spending on online shopping, healthcare, online entertainment, household consumables like groceries, food, etc. Spending on durables and education is likely to remain largely the same.

Many tech patents for 6G available with Indian developers; India will lead in 6G: Vaishnaw

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will work and achieve," Vaishnaw said.

According to the Department of Telecommunication (DoT), 5G technology is expected to deliver ten times better download speed than that of 4G and up to three times greater spectrum efficiency.

IIT Hyderabad professor Kiran Kuchi, who is heading the 6G development project, said that the institute has been granted some of the patents that will help create 6G standards and the process is on to apply for new patents as the technology advances.

"A normal cell site (mobile station) is divided into 3 sectors or zones. In 6G we are seeing there will be a single large cell with no sectors. It will be connected to a super cell. There will be multiple radios on a single cell which will enhance spectral efficiency as well as network speed," Kuchi said.

He said that it takes 10 years for a technology to mature and IIT Hyderabad has already started patenting technologies that are expected to play an important role in forming standards for 6G.

IIT Hyderabad was among the institutes that created the Indian 5G technology standard, 5Gi.

Kuchi said that some versions of the 5Gi are already part of new mobile phones and the final version of 5Gi will be available soon.

Knowledge is the new engine of economic growth and social development: Chief Minister of Odisha

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cooperation between the two countries, including the Free Trade Agreement.

On the occasion, KIIT-DU conferred Honoris Causa D.Litt. Degrees upon six eminent persons from across the world: Mr. Himanshu Gulati, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Norway; Mr. Bishow Parajuli, Representative & Country Director, WFP India; Mr. Andreas Jahn, Senior Foreign Policy Advisor, Germany; Dr. Deepa Malik, Padma Shri, Khel Ratna & Arjuna Awardee, and President, Paralympic Committee of India; Mr. K. Subramanian, Executive Vice Chairman, AFCONS Infrastructure; and Mr. Prabhodh Mohanty, Managing Director, S.N. Mohanty Group.

As many as 8123 students received degrees at the convocation ceremony. These include 6330 Bachelors, 1627 Masters, 163 Ph.D., and 3 MPhil degrees. Prof. Achyuta Samanta congratulated the batch of 2022 for their outstanding performance despite the challenges posed by the pandemic. "The University stood all along with the students in these difficult times, supporting them all the way in their quest for academic excellence", mentioned Prof. Samanta in his message.

In his presidential address, Shri Ashok Kumar Parija, Chancellor, KIIT-DU said, "KIIT-DU is contributing to the development of India by empowering its students, creating alumni that are building the nation, and supporting the growth trajectory of millions of indigent students. But what stands tall, is its mentoring and supporting gesture, quite unmatched in the annals of philanthropy in India".

Prof. (Dr.) S. K. Acharya, Pro-Chancellor and Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Vice Chancellor also addressed the students.

Medals were awarded to 71 students for their outstanding academic performances. Three students were awarded Founder's Gold Medals for their outstanding all round and academic performances, while 34 students were awarded Chancellor's Gold Medals, and 30 students got Vice Chancellor's Silver Medals. Nanibala Memorial Gold Medal, Shri Krushna Chandra Panda Memorial Gold Medal, P. K. Bal Memorial Gold Medal and PPL Gold Medal were also given away on the occasion. Prof. J. R. Mohanty, Registrar proposed the word of thanks.

174 dead after fans stampede to exit Indonesian soccer match

Malang (Indonesia): The death toll from panic at an Indonesian soccer match climbed to 174, most of whom trampled to death after police fired tear gas to dispel riots Saturday, making it one of the deadliest sports events in the world. Riots broke out after the game ended Satur-



day evening with host Arema FC of East Java's Malang city losing to Persebaya of Surabaya 3-2.

Disappointed after their team's loss, thousands of supporters of Arema, known as 'Aremania,' reacted by throwing bottles and other objects at players and soccer officials. Fans flooded the Kanjuruhan Stadium pitch in protest and demanded that Arema management explain why, after 23 years of undefeated home games, this match ended in a loss, witnesses said.

The rioting spread outside the stadium where at least five police vehicles were toppled and set ablaze amid the chaos. Riot police responded by firing tear gas, including toward the stadium's stands, causing panic among the crowd. Tear gas is banned at soccer stadiums by FIFA.

Some suffocated and others were trampled as hundreds of people ran to the exit in an effort to avoid the tear gas. In the chaos, 34 died at the stadium, including two officers, and some reports include children among the casualties.

'We have already done a preventive action before finally firing the tear gas as (fans) began to attack the police, acting anarchically and burning vehicles,' said East Java Police chief Nico Afinta in a news conference early Sunday.

More than 300 were rushed to nearby hospitals to treat injuries but many died on the way and during a treatment, Afinta said.

East Java's Vice Gov. Emil Dardak told Kompas TV in an interview Sunday the death toll has climbed to 174, while more than 100 injured people are receiving intensive treatment in eight hospitals without any charge, 11 of them in critical condition.

Indonesia's soccer association, known as PSSI, has suspended the premier soccer league Liga 1 indefinitely in light of the tragedy and banned Arema from hosting soccer matches for the remainder of the season.

Television reports showed police and rescuers evacuating the injured and carrying the dead to ambulances.

India U-17 women's football team to take on WSS Barcelona in final prep game ahead of World Cup

NEW DELHI: The India U-17 Women's National team are all set to take on the WSS Barcelona club in a friendly match on Sunday, October 2 in Spain. It will be their final preparatory game ahead of the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup which kicks off in Bhubaneswar. The match against WSS Barcelona will be played at the Soccerland stadium and starts at IST 7.30 pm.

'We are getting closer to the World Cup and we know we need to play our best. Everyone knows what she must do. There will be no room for mistakes,' Head Coach Thomas Dennerby said.

'The attitude of the girls has changed a lot in terms of confidence level, and they are getting sharper with each passing day, which is surely a positive sign,' he further added.

India's last match against Andorra U-17 was called off owing to bad weather and they will be back in action after a three-day gap. Coach Dennerby feels that not playing a match did not impact a lot as he utilized the time in training.

'We could not play our last game due to bad weather against Andorra but it did not affect a

Grieving relatives waited for information about their loved ones at Malang's Saiful Anwar General Hospital. Others tried to identify the bodies laid at a morgue.

Indonesia's president Joko Widodo expressed his deep condolences for the dead in televised remarks Sunday.

'I deeply regret this tragedy and I hope this is the last soccer tragedy in this country, don't let another human tragedy like this happen in the future,' Widodo said. 'We must continue to maintain sportsmanship, humanity and a sense of brotherhood of the Indonesian nation.'

He ordered the Youth and Sports minister, the National Police chief and the PSSI chair to conduct a thorough evaluation of the country's soccer match and its security procedure.

He also ordered PSSI to temporarily suspend Liga 1 until it could be evaluated and security procedures improved.

Youth and Sports Minister Zainudin Amali also expressed his regret that 'this tragedy happened when we were preparing for soccer game activities, both national and international level.'

Indonesia is due to host the 2023 FIFA U-20 World Cup from May 20 to June 11, with 24 participating teams. As the host, the country automatically qualifies for the cup.

'Unfortunately, this incident has certainly injured our soccer image,' Amali said.

Ferli Hidayat, local police chief of Malang, said there were some 42,000 spectators at the game Saturday, all of whom were Aremanias because the organizer had banned Persebaya fans from entering the stadium in an effort to avoid brawls.

The restriction was imposed after clashes between supporters of the two rival soccer teams in East Java's Blitar stadium in February 2020 caused a total of 250 million rupiah (\$18,000) in material losses. Brawls were reported outside the stadium during and after the semifinal round match of the East Java Governor's Cup, which ended with Persebaya beating Arema 4-2.

Despite Indonesia's lack of international accolades in the sport, hooliganism is rife in the soccer-obsessed country where fanaticism often ends in violence, as in the 2018 death of a Persija Jakarta supporter who was killed by a mob of hardcore fans of rival club Persib Bandung in 2018.

Saturday's game is already among the world's worst crowd disasters, including the 1996 World Cup qualifier between Guatemala and Costa Rica in Guatemala City where over 80 died and over 100 more were injured. In April 2001, more than 40 people are crushed to death during a soccer match at Ellis Park in Johannesburg, South Africa.

lot. We got time for intense training in between. Now we are looking forward to the game today which will be our last match of the tour,' said Dennerby.

Currently, the team which is together for about six months now, is in Spain having played one match against Sweden where they lost 1-3 and will be facing WSS Barcelona Club today before returning to India on October 4, 2022.

Dennerby is delighted to have the camp in Spain and said, 'I am happy for this long camp in Spain which was much needed for the players. Our six months preparations went on with our plan, which included strength and conditioning training along with technical and tactical training.'

'We have just one more game before we enter the field in India and begin our World Cup campaign against the USA. The girls are ready and motivated to give their all today,' he concluded. These friendlies have been planned as part of the team's preparation for the upcoming FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup, which is scheduled to take place in India from October 11 to October 30.

CCI Inmates observed Gandhi Jayanti 2022

Puri (KCN): With participation of 60 participants of 6 Children's Home of Puri district at Utkal Balashram, Puri and in presence of 320 inmates & employees through virtually, Gandhi Jayanti 2022 was observed. District Child Protection Unit, Puri in association with Happiness Foundation, Puri organised the events like drawing, speech, storytelling on Gandhi Ideology and



philosophy. Mr. Manoj Kumar Tripathy Welcomed to the participants, views, Guests on dice. Eminent Gandhian Philosopher Mr. Gauranga Charan Parida was joined in the programme as Chief Guest and among the Hon'ble Guests Mr. Santosh Kumar Sethi, DIPRO, Mr. Mahabir Rudra Narayan Sahoo, Chairperson-CWC, Mr. Saktipad Mishra, Member-CWC, Mr. Sangram Kishore Samal, Programme Officer -OSCPs, Mr. Sukant Panda, Editor, Sishu Samachar, Mr. Pradipta Kumar Pradhan- Founder of Happiness Foundation were participated and deliberated their speech on Gandhiji's life and his childhood. 1st, 2nd, 3rd positioned winners of each Competition were felicitated with "Sishu Prativa Samman" by providing certificates,

prizes in the programme. In speech Competition junior category Ms Snehalata Bej of NSP-1st, Mr. Chinu Rana of UB-2nd, Ms Saraswati Nayak of DMS-3rd, in speech senior category Mr. Ashutosh Das of UB-1st, Ms Subhashree Mallick of DMS-2nd, Ms Chumuki Pradhan of NSP-3rd, in Story telling junior category Ms. Rupali Sahoo, UB 1st,

Mr. Babula Swain of UB 2nd, Ms Jamuna Behera of NSP 3rd, in senior Storytelling category Ms Chumuki Pradhan of NSP 1st, Ms Swapnarani Sethi of NSP 2nd, Mr. Silu Pradhan of NSP 3rd, in Drawing junior category Mr. Abhimanyu Behera of

NSP 1st, Mr. Kaustubh Pal of UB 2nd, D. Amar of UB 3rd, in Drawing senior category Mr. Tuku Das of NSP 1st, Mr. R Ajay of UB 2nd, Mr. Ashutosh Sahoo of NSP positioned 3rd. Consolation certificates to the CCIs conferred for group dance. position in Speech Senior category Mr Subhanarayan Satapathy, Protection Officer of DCPU was facilitated the programme and DCPU staff Ms Snigdharani Sahoo PONIC, Ms. Kamala Moharana Social Worker, Ms. Rojalini Patra Counselor of DCPU and Mr Saumya Ranjan Sahoo, Secretary, Mr. Rakesh Kumar Parida, Treasurer and other members of Happiness foundation were extended their cooperation and support to make the programme successful.

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