

K Richi Kumar clears Odisha Civil service Examination

Sambalpur, (KCN) K. Richi Kumar, son of Sri Suresh Kumar Kalo (retd. Bank Officer) has successfully cleared Odisha Civil Service Examination – 2020, conducted by OPSC. He is a meritorious student of the prestigious Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi. His mother Smt. Upama Kalo, OAS (SAG) is currently posted as Additional Commissioner, Settlement & Consolidation, Sambalpur-II. He passed the OCS exam without any specific coaching for the examination, and relied entirely on self-study. His optional subjects were Anthropology and Public Administration.

India, UK carrying out intensive discussions on FTA: MEA

NEW DELHI(KCN): India and the UK are carrying out intensive discussions for



a free trade agreement as both sides are keen to conclude it at the earliest, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Friday amid indication that the previously-set Diwali deadline for the ambitious deal could be difficult to meet. The MEA's com-

ments came in the backdrop of UK Home Secretary Suella Braverman expressing reservations over the proposed pact on the grounds that it could increase immigration to the UK and go against the goals of Brexit. "As we have said before, there is interest on both sides to conclude the free trade agreement at the ear

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Plea for Wildlife Care

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Friday emphasized that human civilization and wildlife are very closely associated and loss of key species due to human interference will have adverse impact on the Ecosystem. "Come forward and

environment and Climate Change Pradip Kumar Amat appreciated participation of local villagers in the management of Ecotourism in the state. He said that local villagers were able to supplement their livelihood through Ecotourism.



join hands for conservation of wildlife and restoration of their habitats for the well-being of our future generations," he appealed to the people of the State addressing a function to mark the State Level Wildlife Week. Minister Forest, En-

Some more ecotourism destinations will come up in near future in addition to the existing 47 destinations spread over 18 districts of the state, he said. As per the Forest Survey of India 2021, the total area of mangrove forest has increased by 8.34

Sq Km in the last two years, which is highest in the country, he informed. Additional Chief Secretary Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department Mona Sharma praised the people of the State for their support in conservation of wildlife in the

state. She pitched for involving local communities in all the activities for protection and conservation of wildlife. PCCF(Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden SK Popli spoke about various activities undertaken and continuing for the

protection and conservation of the Wildlife and their habitats.

On this occasion, a state level exhibition was inaugurated at Jaydev Bhawan and the winners of Quiz, Photography, Sit and Draw Competitions were awarded.

Bikiji Nag of Siskela, Balangir and Rabindranath Sahu of Purnabandh, Ganjam were honoured with "State Level Biju Patnaik Wildlife Conservation Award" for this year for their exemplary contribution on conservation of wildlife.

Three Books – 'Wildlife Odisha', 'Birds of Bhubaneswar' and 'Similipal- The Forest of Hundred Orchids' - were released on the occasion.

Five-day Durga festivities end in Cuttack

CUTTACK(KCN): The five-day Durga Puja drew to a close as braving rains, thousands of devotees bid farewell to the goddess in Cuttack city on Thursday. Around 30 idols of Goddess Durga and Hara-Parvati were immersed in three artificial ponds set up on Kathajodi river banks near Devi Gada by 7.30 pm. Crowds thronged the immersion points at Devi Gada and adjacent Purighat where it was a carnival like atmosphere despite heavy rains.



Of the 170 pandals set up in the city, Goddess Durga was worshipped at 110. The clay idols of other deities including Hara-Parvati were worshipped in the rest of the pandals. The 'sahi parikrama', a tradition as per which puja organisers move the idols in and around local sahis or

localities was delayed due to rains in the morning. The idols were wrapped in polythene sheets

before being taken out for immersion on the route from Ranihat to Devi Gada via Buxi Bazar and Choudhury Bazar. This time, owing to restrictions on sound limit, most of the puja committees opted for traditional folk dances like 'ghoda nacha', 'kela-keluni' and 'sabarasabaruni'. This apart, musical instruments like 'jhanja', 'mrudanga' and cymbals were extensively used during the ceremony. Dance troupes from different parts of the State participated in the processions. As many as 50 platoons of police were deployed and 14 police aid posts set up for smooth conduct of the immersion ceremony in the city, said DCP Pinak Mishra.

A day after abstentions, Ukraine changes mind on UN Rights Council vote on Xinjiang abuses

GENEVA(KCN): Ukraine indicated Friday it had changed its mind on a historic vote a day earlier that saw the UN Human Rights Council refuse to debate violations in China's Xinjiang region.

Western nations suffered a heavy defeat at the UN top rights body on Thursday when they failed to get enough votes to pass a first-ever attempted resolution

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Window clears 10 Projects

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Ahead of the third edition of Make in Odisha Conclave, the State Government on Friday approved 10 industrial projects worth Rs 1923.60 crores that would generate employ-

ment opportunities for over 5,170 people in the State. The State Level Single Window Clearance Authority (SLSWCA) headed by Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mahapatra approved the projects in diverse sectors like Power & Renewable Energy, Chemicals, IT&ESDM, Food Processing, Oil & Gas, Metal downstream, Technical Textiles, Tourism and Infrastructure.



The approved projects will be set up across Odisha with four of the projects being set up in Khordha, and 1 each in Puri, Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapada, Balasore, Keonjhar and Angul districts.

The SLSWCA approved the proposal of Luminous Power Technologies Private Limited to set up a manufacturing unit of new technology eco-friendly Batteries Fuel Cell, Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC batteries), and Power storage & Solar batteries in the Angul Aluminium Park with a proposed investment of Rs 481 crores generating employment for over 1,150 people in the state.

The Committee gave its nod to the proposal of Silox India Private Limited to set up a chemical manufacturing unit in the Paradeep Industrial Area. The unit is expected to produce 25000 MTPA Sodium Formaldehyde Sulphoxylate, 2000 MTPA Zinc Formaldehyde Sulphoxylate & 15000 MTP Metal

Salts of Cobalt, Nickel, Magnesium, Lithium, and Zinc. The unit is being set up with an investment of Rs 500 crore and is expected to generate employment opportunities for over 800 people in the State. Similarly, the State Government has also approved the investment of Rs 265 crore of Happiest Minds Technologies Limited in setting up a software development centre facility offering IT services at O-Hub in Info-valley SEZ, Bhubaneswar. The project is expected to create over 1500 highly skilled job opportunities

in Odisha.

In the hospitality sector, the Committee approved MGM Resorts Pvt. Ltd.'s 5-star Hotel Hyatt Regency with an investment of Rs 180 crores. The project will be coming up in the New Marine Drive Road, Puri.

Further the proposal of Oil India Limited's Oil and Gas's for exploration units with an installed capacity of 10KLPD each in Astaranga, Puri and Patkura, Kendrapada. OIL will be investing over Rs 108 crores in the State creating employment opportunities for over 115 people in these two locations.

In the agro and food processing sector, Rs 150 crore worth aqua feed manufacturing facility with an annual capacity of 1,80,000 MT proposed by IFB Agro Industries Limited was also approved by the panel. The project will be set up in the Somanathpur Industrial Estate, Balasore with an estimated employment potential of over 270.

The other approved projects include fabrication unit by Offshore Infrastructures Limited (Rs 54 crore), foam unit by Mehan Industries Pvt. Ltd. (Rs 50.05 crore), Logistics Park by SGP Trading India Pvt Ltd (Rs 90 crore) and Warehousing and Logistic Park by Sri Jaybalajee Agro Products Pvt. Ltd. (Rs 54 crore).

Notably, the Make in Odisha Conclave will be held here from November 30 to December 4.

SMP Kolkata to Install Net-like Screen at Howrah Bridge to Add to Heritage Value of the City: Vinit Kumar

Kolkata(KCN): A net like full size screen with an estimated cost of around Rs. 35 crore would be installed at Howrah Bridge to in-

creased cultural and heritage value of the city, stated Shri Vinit Kumar, Chairman, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (SMP) here today. Interacting with media person here Shri Kumar stated that a Paddle Steamer built in 1944 in UK's Dumbarton Shipyard, named 'P S Bhopal' of length of about 63m and breadth of 9.2m is already being used as a training vessel by SMP, Kolkata at No.22 KPD. Shri Kumar also mentioned that SMP Kolkata has been fully digitalized for import-export process and yard operation. Innovative steps such as gate appointment system for trucks for slot booking, real time container tracking solutions under implementation with OCR technology, web based land management system, pre gate facility to reduce paperwork/traffic congestion, port app storing various information like vessel berthing, rake and indent, container status, tariff, etc. have been taken. Speaking on the future plans of the port, Shri Kumar said, SMP Kolkata plans to make Kolkata a leading cruising centre of the eastern region and contemplates a Rs. 76 crore riverfront development project to develop three-four cruise terminals along with riverfront beautification and commercial development, where three jetties are supposed to be developed. One is the Outram jetty, covering one and half acres of land and the other two jetties, all having a distance of around 2 kms in between, with lounges having restaurants and other facilities for the public will be there with other vessels operating there in full-fledged way. Besides, the Armenian Ghat having a land about 8 acres has been mooted for development, with parking and riverside development with restaurant facilities. The Union Ministry of Shipping has been

approached for that. The Union Ministry of Culture has also been approached for funding especially for the incorporation of social media contents. Besides, an app has also been designed for ship-navigation. Shri Kumar added, in the phase II lighting upgradation of Howrah Bridge, incorporation of beaming lights have been conceptualised, with fixing screen like net in between to stream social messages and giving a way to light and sound effect in the bridge. Shri Kumar also highlighted the capacity addition of floating riverine barge jetty with two floating cranes at Sagar/Sandheads at HDC and setting up of OT-2 for handling of liquid bulk cargo at HDC have been successfully completed. Highlighting the significant achievements of the SMP Kolkata, Shri Kumar mentioned that transhipment carried out with floating cranes at Sandheads for the first time from Cape Vessel in 2018 and it is being continued. In 2021-22, HDC of SMP Kolkata had the dis-

tion of handling 14 Cape size vessels with 15.27 lakh tonnes of cargo compared to seven Cape size vessels in 2020-21 with 10.10 lakh tonnes registering a growth of around 51.19%. Ship to Ship (STS) operation of LPG was undertaken on October 15, 2021 at SMPK for the first time in the history of Indian Ports enabling to handle the highest ever LPG traffic of around 5.474 million tonnes surpassing the previous highest handling of 4.848 million tonnes achieved during 2020-21 13 such vessels worked at the Sandheads during 2021-22. STS operation substantially reduced the cost of trade, he added. Speaking on financial achievement of SMP, Shri Kumar stated that during the last four years, SMP Kolkata has made a turnaround from a loss incurring concern to a profit earner. From Rs. 65 crores profit in 2018-19, SMPK reached a profit of Rs. 120.51 crores in 2021-22.

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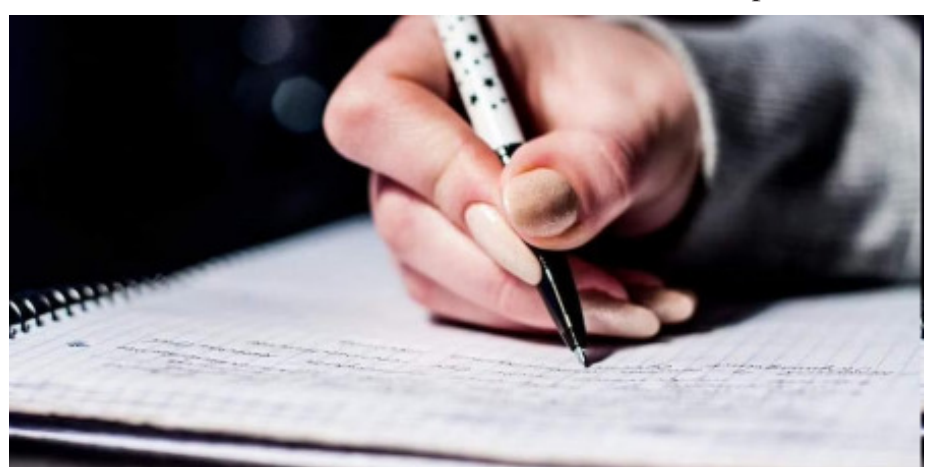


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GAA-UNICEF launch compilation on location specific research

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): The Centre of Excellence at the Gopabandhu Academy of Administration (GAA) on Thursday brought out



the first volume of a compendium on location specific research works in collaboration with UNICEF. The compendium contains around 19 community and people based impact studies on important issues including impact of Covid on women handloom weav-

ers, early detection and care of sickle cell anaemia, children with special intellectual needs, operation of Swadhar Gruha, anaemia among adolescent girls and reduction of malnutrition. Functioning of Odisha Adarsha Vidyalaya, social utility of cyclone shelters, fishermen communities in the coastal belt, paddy procurement, control of wildlife hunting, socio-economic and livelihood interventions in tribal communities are the other research areas, said Director of the Centre of Excellence (CoE) Shashank Grahacharya. "This is a unique approach of participatory research in development administration," he added.

Plan for Ultra Curb

Bhubaneswar(KCN): With significant improvement in curtailing of left wing extremism (LWE) activities in the State, Government Friday rolled out Annual Work Plan (AWP) of Rs. 85.85 cr for continuing anti-terrorism operations during the current year. The AWP was approved in State Level Com-

mittee meeting chaired by Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mahapatra here. ACS Home Sanjeev Chopra, Director General Of Police Sunil Bansal, Director Intelligence Sanjeeb Panda, Special Secretary Home, Santosh Bala and IGP Operations, Amitabh Thakur was present in the meeting. While giving nod to the AWP, the Chief Secretary directed officials to intensify community mobilization and confidence building activities in the suspected left wing infected pockets. He specifically directed to stay connected with the people and community, know their concerns and raise their confidence level. Mr.Mahapatra also directed to support better alternative livelihood activities, and children education in the communities. "People's confidence and participation would go a long way in rooting out of LWE activities from the suspected pockets," he said. Discussions in the meeting showed that the extremism activities were well under control in the State. Swabhiman Anchal in Koraput,



2022-23 was about 50% more than that of the AWP-2021-22. The AWP-2021-22 was rolled out with budget outlay of around Rs 50.56 cr. The funds for AWP 2022-23 would be shared by both the Central and State Government on 60:40 sharing basis. With increase in budget provision, the amount of ex-gratia grant for the civilians and security personnel on duty was enhanced from Rs.2 lakhs to 5 lakhs, and Rs.20 lakhs to Rs.40 lakhs respectively. Mahapatra directed to provide adequate logistic support to the armed forces engaged in anti-terrorist operations. The main activities under AWP-2022-23 included procurement of modern ammunition, adequate logistic support to armed forces, training for State police force, community policing, additional fortification of the police posts, and rehabilitation of LWE cadres. Besides, the affected civilians and security personnel would be extended ex-gratia grant and property damage grant as per the specified guidelines

once considered to be the epicenter of extremists could be made free of them with growing developmental interventions in the area. Well planned intelligence based actions were being taken to counter them as and where their ugly hands appear. The fund provision of Rs.85.85 cr for AWP-

Pact for Ayur Research

New Delhi(KCN): The All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), the apex institute of Ayurveda in India under the Ministry of AYUSH, and the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST), Japan have signed an MoU for academic establishment. AIST is a reputed and one of the largest public research organizations in Japan, focusing on technologies and on "bridging" the gap between innovative technological seeds and commercialisation. The MoU was signed by Prof. Tanuja Nesari, Director, AIIA and Dr. Tamura Tomohiro, Director General, Department of Life Science and Biotechnology, who was present online. The event was graced by Renu Wadhwa, Prime Senior Researcher, Head AIST-India DAILAB, Dept of Life Science and

Biotechnology, whose efforts have been instrumental in making this collaboration a reality. Other dignitaries who were present virtually at the occasion were Dr. Manoj Nesari, Advisor, Ministry of Institute's research activities both at a national and international stage. The MoU will enable both countries to promote research collaboration and building capacities in the field of the Indian Ayurvedic system of traditional medicines. All these activities will be executed in support of the Ministry of Ayush. The scope of activities that is intended by the participants includes research activities in the field of Ayurveda including studies in design and execution with the purpose of developing evidence-based guidelines for integrating Ayurvedic principles and practices with conventional medicine, evolving safety standards and protocols for the use of Ayurveda in Japan in conformity with medical guidelines, exchanging scientists, researchers and staff as determined by the collaborators on a project-to-project basis, students' participation in collaborative activities to achieve excellence in Ayurveda towards achieving scientific advances, tools and techniques. AIIA already has MoUs with the European Academy of Ayurveda, Bernstein, Germany; Western Sydney University, Australia; Graz Medical University, Austria; College of Medical, UK; London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, UK an Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.



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Inauguration ceremony of Youth Association of Mohammad Ali Park Durga Puja celebrating 54th Year with it's theme as Sheesh Mahal

Kolkata(KCN): The members of Youth Association of Mohammad Ali Park have taken up the challenge to discover the theme "Sheesh Mahal" which was inaugurated today by Sri. Sudip Bandyopadhyay, Member of Parliament & was attended by: Sri. Vivek Gupta, MLA; Smt. Rehana Khatun, Councillor & Borough Chairman; Smt. Smita Bakshi, Ex MLA; Sri. Sanjay Bakshi, Ex MLA; Sri.



Rajesh Sinha, Councillor & many other eminent personalities. They will be completing 54th years of Durga Puja celebrations this year. Sheesh Mahal is also known as the "Mirror Palace". Gorgeous precious stones and glass, beautifully hand-crafted paintings make Sheesh Mahal a wonder. Mirror-work has long played a significant role in all types of decor, and Rajasthan takes the credit for introducing the world to novel ways of utilising mirrors. The need to beautify affects all aspects of life in Rajasthan and was initially employed to decorate homes. But, in truth, the mirror was first used as an adornment on the



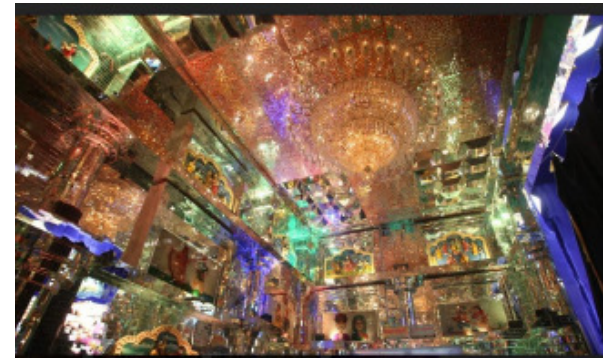
outside walls - embedded neatly on the mud walls. Small and circular in shape, these mirrors have an appealing design with white chalk surrounding them.

Speaking to the media, Mr. Surendra Kr. Sharma, General Secretary of Mohammad Ali Park Durga Puja said, "We have come up with

the Sheesh Mahal theme this year since many people had requested us as they could not visit Rajasthan but wanted to have a taste of the architecture in Kolkata itself. From the quintessential corners of the mind comes alive the wanderlust exploring the rich culture and heritage of an era gone by. To make the celebrations even more vibrant and regal, we are



designing this Mirror Palace as one of the magnificent piece of architecture built with beautiful precious stones and glass and with beautiful handmade paintings." The wall and ceiling of the Pandal is carved with beautiful paintings and flowers which is made of pure glass and precious stone. It consists of exquisite artwork. The reflection of light converts a small ray of light also into thousand of stars and it looks fantastic and by this you can get an idea of what level of architecture has been used in making this Pandal.



Jaipur's Sheesh Mahal has stood testament to the changing time and evolving cityscape. Going back to why Sheesh Mahal was built in ancient times at Rajasthan and what was the need of this. Many people have this question in their minds. This Mahal was made by glass in ancient days because the queen was not allowed to sleep in open air but she loved to see the stars while sleeping. So the king ordered his architects to make that kind of mahal which could solve the problem. And the architects built Sheesh mahal which was built with stones and glass and in night the reflection of two candles in glass looks like stars

Rowel Star- The new shining Star of the Rajasthan Music Industry

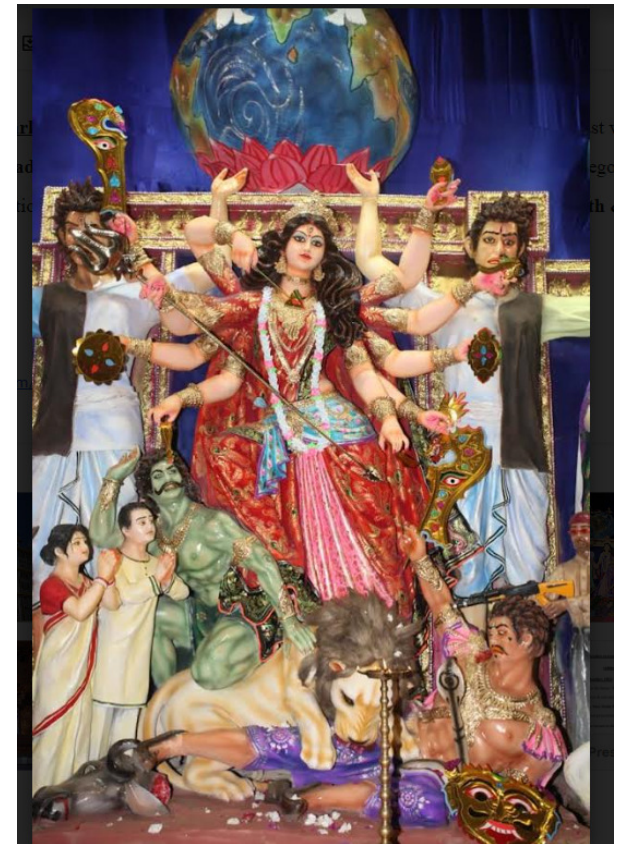
Mumbai (KCN, Sanjay Sharma Raj): The Rajasthani music industry is going leaps and bounds, celebrating the new singing star Afjor Khan aka Rowel Star. This new generation of Rajasthani singers is making headlines for his outstanding singing style and making the world shake legs with his unique Rajasthani songs.

Afjor Khan, popularly known as Rowel Star on Social Media, has created a sensation in the Rajasthani music world with his mesmerizing voice and affective tone. "I am an ardent fan of Guru Randhawa and take his inspiration for my songs. I want to create some unique mix of folk songs with blending hip-hop and wanted to give something new to the music world, says Rowel Star." He recently gave his voice to two new songs, "Tera Shoot" & "Nahiyo Jeena", making the Rajasthani cultures a step ahead in this ever-evolving music world. The shoot of these songs has recently been completed in Dubai and will be out very soon to rock the floors! About his upcoming projects, Rowel Star

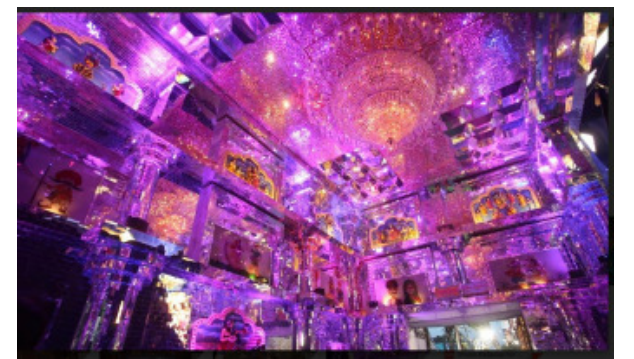


will be seen sharing the floors with renowned Rajasthani Singer Sumsa Supari. They together have shot the song recently in Dubai in various amazing locations. The song will be out soon and published on the YouTube channel Sumsa Supari Films. Rowel Star's songs, Maro Sajaniyo, Bannasa ke Mijaj, and Jai Jasol Maa album

in whole room. And second reason was that for palace built. The King used to shift from Sukh Niwas to Sheesh Mahal in winter season. The ceiling mirror glass reflection of the candles keep the room warm. On this occasion, Mr. Ashok Ojha, Joint Sec-



retary of Mohammad Ali Park Durga Puja said, "With thousands of flickering reflections, the Sheesh Mahal Pandal will illuminate its surroundings, bringing it to life. One can relive the beautiful history of the palace



at this Pandal. It will be a reflection of the beauty and grandeur of the royals of Rajasthan. There are various paintings and artworks inside the Puja Mandap that will both interest and astound you. The craftsmanship of this pandal is breath-taking. The paintings of hunting murals on the walls and the distinctive mirror and glass work contribute to the venue's splendour."

are the most popular and trending, creating a sensation on his YouTube channel and blessing him with millions of views and subscribers. Born and raised in a small village in the Panawara district of Barmer, Rajasthan, Afjor has been fascinated by the music culture since he was five. He was sent to his maternal house at Sindhari for schooling. During his school days, he sang songs and attracted many ears listening to his soulful voice. His teacher once gave him a chance to sing a song on Republic Day, which grabbed praise from the entire school.

It was the year 2007 when Afjor Khan won the hearts of millions for singing the famous Rajasthani song of those days, "Maharana Pratap", which rolled out tears from listeners' eyes. His soulful voice created a huge impact on people's minds. Afjor won the gift price of Rs.1500/- for his singing. After the impressive response to his performance, there was no looking back for Afjor Khan, and his journey of becoming Rowel Star has kick-started!

Viswaguru Bharat: A beacon of ancient wisdom for modern corporate

Vishwa Guru or viswaguru is a Sanskrit phrase and idea which translates to world or global teacher, world guru, tutors of the world, world leader, or teacher to the world or universe. Guru is always said to be worshiped like Brahma, Vishnu, and Mahesh but very few people know who the first guru of this universe was. It is said that Mahadev was the first to propagate civilization and religion and he was called the first guru of the universe. Due to the same

reason, he was also called Adidev and Adiguru. Not only this but Mahadev is also called as Adinath and Adiguru. The original name of India is *Bharata* (*Bha* means light and *rata* means absorbed) which means the country where people have opportunity and privilege to be absorbed into the Light of Truth. The Indian Civilization is one of the oldest civilizations and it was enjoying its youth when many civilizations were just in their cradles. The role of India, from the very beginning had been that of the 'Viswaguru' and the world has been learning spirituality, the philosophy of life and finding the way to liberation with the help of the knowledge that liberates. This is not just a patriotic emotion but it has been proved by the great travellers of the world, the literature produced in India, the influence of Indian Culture on the countries around the world, the ancient Universities, the ancient and most perfect language- Sanskrit, the deep knowledge of the subjects like astrology and mathematics, and the capability to face fatal attacks and to survive and develop even in adverse conditions unlike many other civilizations that have become past.

The strength of India, as a Vishwaguru, has been its metaphysical, spiritual and anti-materialistic approach to life. India shows the way to knowledge instead of information, the eternal truth, the Aatmajyan, the Moksha. Materialism that actually leads us far from peace, happiness and eternal joy, had never been the centre of life in India. The world, which is shadowed by this materialistic fervour, will again need help of India to find the real way to eternity and liberation, and India will again help the world as she has been doing so from the beginning.

As mentioned before this may appear to be just a patriotic thought to claim India to be the Vishwaguru but it is not really so. If the facts from the history are explored, we can find many evidences that prove that the role of India, in the history of world, has always been that of a teacher, a path shower, a torch bearer. This paper makes a fragile attempt to uncover some of these facts that may wash out these doubts.

It would be appropriate to begin with what is said in the twentieth verse of second chapter of Manusmriti. One of the statements of Manusmriti is very famous which says, "All the men from the world may receive the knowledge of their own duties (charitram) or conduct or what they should do from the people born in this country." This very verse signifies the self-evident greatness of India. Why should man be called great or a Guru? Man becomes great not by the possession of wealth nor by holding degrees or diplomas nor by being the owner neither of big firms and factories nor by owning mansions or palaces nor by possession of physical beauty or charm. Not by eloquence or even by becoming the President or the Prime Minister of a country. But a man becomes great by making others great. He who has power to see greatness even in the lowest man and he who has power to raise the lowest to the highest, is the 'Guru' in its truest sense.

From the very beginning of civilisation India has been the World Teacher. It's a land where Vedas and Upanishads were scripted. When the whole world was groping in darkness India was teaching about the identity of man with the Supreme. The man who declares himself great and his own country great really cannot be either great or a teacher. You will find many leaders who claim themselves to be great and their country great. In contrast, Vishva Guru Bharata (India the spiritual Teacher), proclaims the greatness of all within.

From the beginning of human history there were many golden eras in India. During such eras Mother India never tried to dominate other men or nations nor did she try to create any form of imperialism or colonialism. The evidence of Indian Culture is still evident in the western world. The greatness of Sanskrit language is accepted all over the world. The similarity of (Bratar) and Brother, (Matar) and Mother, (Pitar) and Father, (Shatam) and Cent, and cow, and door, etc. are not just accidental. It is an accepted fact that Knowledge of Mathematics and particularly that of "Zero" has its roots in India. Many more disciplines of knowledge related to life be it is Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Medical Science, geography, oceanic science or many more life centric sciences are born in India and then speeded all around the world.

The first law maker, Lord Manu, wrote about his country several centuries ago: "The Vishva Guru Bharata. People from all over the world come here to educate themselves in economics, science, art, mathematics, psychology, philosophy, culture and civilisation".

Back in the 17th century, India, a key player in the world economy, was a leading exporter of spices, sugar, textiles, handicrafts, and much more. It was also one of the first countries to adopt a money-based trade. For those surprised at the reassuring dominance India once had, it's worth noting that there was a time when India's share in world trade was about 24.5% - at par with the share of the entire European continent. Imagine the power India was! No wonder why many invaded us with the desire to rule the Vishwaguru.

According to economic historian Angus Maddison in *Contours of the world economy, 1-2030 AD*: an essay in macro-economic history, the Indian subcontinent was the world's most productive region, from 1 CE to 1600.

Year	GDP(PPP) (1990 dollars)	GDP per capita (1990 dollars)	Average % GDP growth	% of world GDP(PPP)	Period
1	33,750,000,000	450	-	32.0	Classical era
1000	33,750,000,000	450	0.0	28.0	Early medieval era
1500	60,500,000,000	550	0.117	24.35	Late medieval era

India is fortunate to have an unimpeachable and exemplary legacy of mutual relationships with the East Asian region. What has sustained this mutuality for ages?

It cannot just be trade and commerce alone; though they remain a very strong cementing factor. We have

to only delineate the essence of mutually constructive partnerships both in the past and the present. Initiatives like the 'Act East' policy deserve appreciation and strengthening for keeping our country ahead towards the workings of peace and harmony.

Present international relationships require a very sensitive recall of the past and a realisation that these are the times of "equality of partnerships", which must be dexterously harmonised and sustained. There are unique features in every culture, region, religion and civilisation. When dealing with Asian countries, one is often tempted to recall how Indian influence has reached far and beyond the sea shores, without any bloodshed and coercion. It was not part of any conquest or converting people to one preferred religion or "salvaging the souls of the savages" but an organised, respectful and mutually beneficial interaction and exchange of ideas and knowledge among equals. Trade and commerce featured prominently and strengthened bonds with the international community. Knowledge exchange brought people together in rather close bonds that went beyond the mundane requirements of human existence.

This makes one understand how scholarship, knowledge and wisdom can be exchanged to benefit both the interacting parties, lead to better and higher comprehension of humanity, happiness and harnessing respectfully the bounties of nature. In knowledge exchange, one can benefit only when both sides are respectful to each other, none is obsessed with being the giver, but are ready to accept knowledge and wisdom from the other side as well. The wisdom of the East does not belong just to one country of the region i.e., India. One would be uncomfortable if in any reference to the glorious past of ours and its vast spread beyond the Indian borders, it is presented as everything flowing from "us" and being received by "them."

Our country has done astonishingly well in creating global goodwill during the last five years as was evident from the support we got for the genuine and effective response to the Pulwama massacre, which was a massive and unprecedented act in the history of post-independent India. The strategy of renewing and refreshing past relationships has proved its worth beyond doubt. There are several areas of cooperation like trade and commerce, investment and production, collaborations in technology, transfer and the like but there are also long-term strategic imperatives that remain unmatched in giving soft-power dividends.

For ages, India has gone through the experience from its Asian neighbours, particularly the Southeast Asian segment. Indeed, we are proud of our past glory and its acceptance beyond sea shores. To cultivate new international relationships even with old friendly nations, one must realise the importance of acquaintance with history, culture and heritage on both sides. These play a significant role in furthering mutual understanding and refreshing cultural and emotional bonds. This familiarity is an essential support to comprehend the current situation and visualise its import in the emerging context. Strategic readiness in current times requires comprehension of 'the pace of change' in pragmatic terms. Common wisdom will be to learn from history, draw inspiration from it, know the present, and reshape it for a better future for the generations to come.

India has been described as land of wisdom by Hensang. Al-Baruni recounted India as 'land of knowledge and prosperity'. India's great knowledge centres like Nalanda, Takshashila, Vikramshila, Vallabhi, Vidisha, Kashi and Vatapitrained the scholars round the globe in different disciplines such as Yoga, Ayurveda, mathematics, economy, agriculture, politics astrophysics, surgery, military, music dance, art and literature. The magnanimous scholars like Adi-Shankaracharya, Aryabhata, Abhinavagupta, Apala, Bhaskaracharya, Brahmagupta, Chanakya, Charak, Gargi, Kanad, Kalidas, Lilawati, Lopamudra, Maitreyi, Madalsa, Patanjali, Panini, Sankardev, Thiruvalluvar, Ubhaybharti, Varahmihir and Yagyavalk were the leading figures of this great intellectual legacy. The ideas and practices sprawling from Indian culture and philosophy had defining influence on the world that is why India was the one and only "Viswa Guru" to ever exist.

Wisdom and knowledge in the form of written text first appeared as Vedas which cover subjects like astronomy, philosophy, metaphysics, mathematics, art of warfare, medicine, archaeology, architecture, physiology and many others. Our ancestors even calculated the diameter of Sun and earth including the distance between the two. This knowledge then spread to Europe through Arabs. Mathematics in Arabic is known as "Ilm e Hinda" which means knowledge gained from India. Above facts have been acknowledged by many famous western scholars like Max Muller.

India wasn't like any other nation. We never invaded anyone. In fact, despite of so many invasions and blows to our country, our glory didn't die. Our great nation strictly followed the spiritual doctrine of "Ahimsa". It means non-injury and non-killing implying total avoidance of harming of any kind of living creatures not only by deeds, but also by words and thoughts. India had a well-developed education system, centuries before the westerners arrived. In ancient times, the country was known to have been home to the oldest higher education and formal universities in the world. As early as 700 BC, there existed a giant university at Takshashila, located in the northwest region of Bharat. The panel of masters in the university included legendary scholars like Kautilya, Panini and Vishnu Sharama. Thus, the concept of a full-fledged university was developed in India.

Ayurveda which was a medical concept and lifestyle originated in Bharat has contributed to the healthy bodies and minds of many in the world. Charaka was one of the principal contributors to Ayurveda who is also known as an editor of the medical treatise entitle Charaka Samhita, one of the foundational texts of classical Indian Medicine and Ayurveda.

The word "Yoga" was first mentioned in the ancient sacred texts called the Rigveda. Yoga's origin can be traced to India over 5000 years ago. Though Yoga was being practised in the pre-vedic period the great Sage Maharshi Patanjali systemized and codified the then existing practices of Yoga, its meaning and its related knowledge through its Yoga Sutras. The earliest documented records that mentioned meditation involved Vedantism which is a tradition in India since as early as

Pradeep Kumar Panda

1500 BC.

Sushruta Samhita one of the oldest texts in the world on plastic surgery which even now forms the base for modern plastic surgery techniques was the work of Sushruta an ancient Indian physician and world's first surgeon who is known as "Father of Surgery".

The basis of modern mathematical science ZERO and Calculus is a gift of India to the world. Modern Computer Scientists are of the opinion that most suitable language for future computer programming is Sanskrit which originated and developed in India.

In the field of literature Sanskrit has no equal. The grammar of Sanskrit as propounded by Panini is most compact yet most comprehensive even today. Mahabharat, the great Sanskrit epic of more than 100,000 slokas is the biggest literary work containing numerous topics bewilders the literary scholars who venture to the depth and ambit of this great work.

India has many sources of ancient knowledge such as Vedas a collection of ancient scriptures (Rig, Yajur, Sama, & Atharva), the Upanishads, Puranas and Itihās, Bhagavad Gita, the epic Mahabharat and Ramayana, Kautilya's Arthashastra, Manusmriti and Buddhism; they contain all ideas and facts of management principles and practices. Wisdom found in this bank can be applied and extended to Indian management problems. Ancient Indian ethics can help Modern Management to create more sustainable model of management. Our traditional Indian knowledge and wisdom can help us in addressing the problems of modern management. One cannot deny the fact that India had a glorious past with its wisdom literature. It is a way of life or a philosophy to motivate us on to the direction of enrichment.

Modern corporate management system involves three aspects such as maximum utilization of resources, achieving organizational goals with efficiency and effectiveness, value addition to the world suggesting social responsibility. All these aspects of management can be achieved in a healthy environment consist of ethics and ethical behaviour. Essence of Indian management is about society, it requires that people should develop with purity, ethics and morale, karma-yoga (Work action), knowledge, evenness of mind, objectivity of work, faith and that each and every person need to work efficiently without expecting any result in order to keep moving the wheels of universe. Ancient knowledge give prime importance to certain values and qualities like humanity, pride less, non-violence, tolerance, simplicity, self-control, absence of ego, non-attachment etc.

Indian wisdom can be applied effectively in any managerial area and is able to answer many of the management relates issues. Integration with the Ancient Indian wisdom with modern corporate system will be helpful in achieving effective result. Indian wisdom is full of some great works by great leaders such as Swami Vivekananda's thoughts on "Work and its Secret", "Karma Yoga" teach us the importance of work and the purification of mind and soul that can be achieved by selfless work and devotion.

Good Governance in corporate management is a buzz in today's corporate scenario; it is a combination of two aspects such as effective functioning and high values. For good governance two views can be adopted by corporate i.e. Business and Spiritual view, the spiritual view which is backed by authoritative statements of the ancient Indian texts. Dharma (Righteousness), Lok Sangraha (Public good), Vividhta (Innovation), Kausalam (Efficiency) and Jigyasa (Learning) were some ancient Indian wisdom that can be applied for effective corporate governance Vedas consist of ancient value systems that emphasize on 1) Satayam or truth, 2) Tapah or Austery, 3) Damah or Sense control, 4) Samah or Peace of mind, 5) Dharma or Righteousness, 6) Danamor Charity, 7) Daya or Mercy and 8) Nyasah or Renunciation all virtues that need to be judiciously followed in the corporate system. Upanishad suggests that by using the business knowledge (Jnana), the organization will be able to get success through leadership (Karma) with devotion (Bhakti) towards the organization. Ancient Indian scriptures revealed ideas and thoughts of Indian ethos in management (Himadri Barman) such as:

- " Atmano Mokshartham, Jagat hitya cha: Each and every works is an opportunity for doing everything good in the world and thus gaining materiality and spirituality in our lives.
- " Archet Dana Manabhyam: Worship people not only with material things but also by showing respect to their enterprising divinity within.
- " Atmana vindyate viryam: Strength, motivation and inspiration for doing work in an excellent and effective way comes from the divine. God within, through prayer, spiritual readings and unselfish work.
- " Yogah Karmashu Kaushalam, Samatvam Yoga Uchyate: He who works with calm and even mind achieve the most.
- " Yadishi Bhavana Yasya Siddhi Bhavati Tadrishi: What we think, we become, and accordingly we succeed. Attention to mean ensures the end.
- " Paraspasaram bhavayantha shreyah param bhavapsyathah: Through mutual cooperation, respect and feelings for others, everyone can enjoy the highest good on both ends i.e. material and spiritual.
- " Tesham Sukham Tesham Shanti Shaswati: Infinite peace and happiness come to them who see divine in everyone.
- " Paraspas Devo Bhav: Every person has divine power, we should regard all person as a divine being.

All of us have same consciousness with different packages and containers. Indian thoughts and ideas can help in developing an effective and holistic pattern of management which will ensure overall growth in productivity, marketing and profitability. Basic principles of Indian ethos (which are based on upanishad, vedas, bhagvad gita, mahabharat, ramayana and arthashastra) for management is Karma yoga i.e. selfless work, it offers dual benefits, personal benefit in the form of self-purification and public benefit in the form of Co-Operation, it is a powerful instrument for team work and success in an organization involving collective work.

The wisdom of Kautilya's Arthashastra teaches us how to promote more ethical and responsible leadership in an individual and organizational level but also help in achieving harmony in organizations to set up a sustainable business environment through spiritual

congruence. Mahabharata teaches us how we can transform our weakness into strength. Lord Rama followed the path of ethics and set an example for Kings that duty comes before his personal comfort. The Bhagavad-Gita teaches us the importance of work without expecting results and self-management.

What it takes to be a guru was described by Swami Vivekananda, the man who first gave India this aspiration. In his 1901 essay My Master he wrote: "If you wish to be a true reformer, three things are necessary. The first is to feel. Do you really feel for your brothers? Are you full of that idea of sympathy? You must think next if you have found any remedy. The old ideas may be all superstition, but in and around these masses of superstition are nuggets of gold and truth. Have you discovered means by which to keep that gold alone, without any of the dross? If you have done that one more thing is necessary. What is your motive? Are you sure that you are not actuated by greed of gold, by thirst for fame or power? Then you are a real reformer, you are a teacher, a Master, a blessing to mankind."

Rabindranath Tagore had mentioned in one of his lectures that "it was often alleged that Asia will never progress as it has turned its face backward." This acquisition has been proved wrong by Japan, China and India. Equally, if not more effectively, the South-East Asia region has proved it wrong. All nations have moved ahead without either disregard for their past or ignoring new knowledge. People of this region are not perpetually lost in the sweet slumber of the glory of the past; oblivious to the need to move ahead in times and with times. India's claim to world guru status is based upon noble idea: Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, the world is one family. We argue that since we were the first to say so, and the only people who follow the precepts, we are uniquely qualified to be the world's guru.

Shri Janak wrote that India is the land of spiritual fruits and the Land of Gold. And if people of India do not remain in their spirituality then this Gold will be stolen by foreign rulers. Further, he writes that the power of spiritual teachers is such that they can bring dead persons back to life and living persons into enlightenment. Naturally the question arises that if such was the glory of India then why should present India have to suffer more privation than most other parts of the world. The answer is that Indians are Indian only in colour and flesh and that they are not Indian in spirit. In spirit they are dependent on foreign culture, foreign civilisations, philosophy, science and psychology.

The world today is materialistic. The downfall of human values and ethics is being increased with desire for material gains. The stormy winds of the rush for physical gains keep blowing the values away from us. The youth of India today appear to be eagerly waiting for an opportunity to go abroad. Ideals and idols are gradually changing. Role models are being altered nowadays. It reminds us of the words of Lord Krishna told to Arjuna when he presented with rational arguments from him - "Arjuna, you are creating Pragyaavada in your mind and so you are not able to think what you ought to, and keep thinking what you ought not to." Such 'Pragyaavada' i.e. pseudo rationalism is being established in today's world. A strife-torn world today must be looking towards India, conscious of its unique historical standing as a nation that had learnt to live together with every aspect of conceivable diversity, like that of ethnicity, language, religion and culture. The West is now facing problems arising out of a necessity to learn to live together with diversities. These have reached their doorsteps because of globalisation, ease of mobility in seeking greener pastures and have also forced migrations in search of security and livelihood. If India was still high on its record of social cohesion and religious amity, on adherence to joint family systems and social security, on basing its democracy on values defined by Gandhi and the spirit of freedom struggle, these nations would have flocked to India to learn more.

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced us to look back into our past health practices and learn from them in order to adapt to our modern lifestyle challenges. In fact, the world overlooked Indian knowledge of antiquity as a source of ideas for maintenance of health equilibrium for the individuals as well as society at large.

Deeply satisfied, they declare India as their guru without the latter itself making a claim. If we were a learning hub and had ancient higher learning institutions like Nalanda, Taxila and Vikramshila among others, the continuity of our gurudom would have been unchallenged. Swami Vivekananda presented India's past glory to the world, the values it had adhered to in the past and the concern it had shown towards the welfare of all without any discrimination. Vivekananda received global acclaim and admiration. He knew that this alone was not sufficient. He established the Ramakrishna Mission worldwide. One has to create institutions that prepare the people and give them true education. Let them comprehend that "education is the perfection already in man."

Ancient Indian Scriptures provides an opportunity to integrate the wisdom with current management practices like TQM, Sustainable development, Environment protection, CSR, etc. for achieving a higher purpose, and for creation of an ethical environment and can help us to live in peace, co-operation, and harmony. It also gives ethical direction to the modern managers and helps them to become extra ordinary leaders who can guide us towards a new horizon.

It is time that corporate system and management look into the Ancient Indian scriptures and practises and incorporates its teachings to make the modern management more effective and restoring peace in the world. Vedic integration of modern management, new age management and transcendental management in the form Vedic management is essential to improve the material and spiritual conditions of humanity. In addition it also ensures proper balance between prosperity, equity and spirituality which was conceived in the Vedas given by Vedic intellectuals.

The land of India is spiritually energized over ages in such a way that it has the potential to produce Sages and Saints even today and in future too, who can guide the world with the right path to live a life which is total not only in the material manner but in a spiritual manner. The Bharatiya civilization offers everything humanity needs in terms of sustainable progress in the most inclusive and peaceful manner and if every citizen is conscious of this, he or she will place Bharat on the high throne as Vishwaguru. The world will be a much better place once the Bharatiya citizens incorporate the wisdom from their civilization in the modern corporate system.

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US asks citizens to be cautious on travelling to northern Telangana

HYDERABAD: The United States state department has issued an advisory to its citizens against travel to northern

their contacts in Hyderabad and other parts of the country. Police claimed that though a major attack was averted, the vigil

government officials, added the advisory. The US government has limited ability to provide emergency

travel to Jammu and Kashmir due to terrorism and civil unrest and to within 10 km of the India-Pakistan border due to the



Telangana and several other states in the country. While it mentions Maoist activities, the 'Do Not Travel' advisory for central and east India, gains importance in view of the recent bust of a terror module linked to the Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Tayyaba by the Hyderabad city police. The state department, however, reduced the India Travel Advisory level to 2 on a scale of one to 4 with the latter being the highest.

on the arrested trio's contacts and associates would continue to prevent any trouble. Senior police officials said that it was a routine advisory of caution and there is nothing to panic about at the moment. The US advisory said that Maoist extremist groups, or "Naxalites" were active in a large swathe of India from eastern Maharashtra and northern Telangana through western West Bengal, particularly in rural parts of Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand and on the borders of

services to US citizens in rural areas from eastern Maharashtra and northern Telangana through western West Bengal. Due to the fluid nature of the threat, all US government travellers to states with Naxalite activity must receive special authorization from the US consulate responsible for the area to be visited, the advisory said. US officials travelling only to the capital cities in these states do not need prior authorisation, it said. It advised against

potential for armed conflict. According to the travel advisory, "Indian authorities report rape is one of the fastest growing crimes in India. Violent crime, such as sexual assault, has occurred at tourist sites and in other locations." The advisory said, "Terrorists may attack with little or no warning, targeting tourist locations, transportation hubs, markets/shopping malls, and government facilities."

The terror module involved three Hyderabad natives, who were allegedly in touch with their ISI handlers based in Pakistan. As they were planning to execute 'lone wolf' attacks on large groups, public places and vital installations using explosives. A high alert had been sounded to track

of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, and Odisha. The Naxalites have conducted frequent terrorist attacks on local police, para-military forces and

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 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".

BENGALURU: The Karnataka government has directed the app-based cab aggregators to stop their 'illegal' autorickshaw hailing services in the city

charging by the autorickshaws operating under apps like Ola and Uber. The companies, however, have been given three days time to share details if any



with immediate effect, citing violation of norms. The action comes after many passengers complained of over-

with the transport department on the autorickshaw services being offered by them. The Karnataka State Road

File reply on plea for 'shivling' carbon-dating: Court to Gyanvami mosque management

VARANASI: A court here asked the Gyanvami mosque management on Friday to file its reply to a petitioners' plea for carbon-dating of a structure, claimed to be a "Shivling", inside the complex on the next date of hearing on October 11.

The petitioners also told the court that the mosque management has said on an affidavit that the structure is a fountain and it wants it to be ascertained whether it is a fountain or a "Shivling", Jain said. "The best method is that it should be exam-



The petitioners contended that the "Shivling" found in the "wazookhana" reservoir of the mosque during survey work on May 16 was part of the case property. The petitioners in the case involving the Gyanvami-Shringar Gauri dispute put forward their arguments in favour of carbon-dating of the structure, according to district government advocate Mahendra Pandey. The petitioners' lawyer, Vishnu Shankar Jain, told reporters that the court wanted to know if the "Shivling" was a part of the case property and whether it could appoint a commission for the purpose of carbon-dating and a scientific investigation of the structure. "We had raised two points. Firstly we had demanded the right to worship 'pratyaksh' (visible) and 'apratyaksh' (invisible) god. The Shivling, which was under the water in the wazookhana, became 'pratyaksh devta' from 'apratyaksh devta' after the water was removed. Hence, that is a part of the suit. "Secondly, we sought the attention of the court towards Order 26 Rule 10 of the Civil Procedure Code (CPC) under which the court can appoint a commission for scientific investigation," he said.

ined by the Archaeological Survey of India, for which the court can appoint a commission," he added. The court fixed October 11 as the next date of hearing in the matter and asked the Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee to file its reply. Another lawyer representing the petitioners, Hari Shankar Jain, said some people are trying to spread rumours that carbon-dating will damage the "Shivling". "On this, we told the court that a scientific examination should be carried out at places where carbon-dating cannot be done," he said. Joint secretary of the Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee, Mohammad Yasin, said, "We were hopeful that the court would give its judgment on carbon-dating on Friday. But it has fixed October 11 as the next date of hearing." The Gyanvami mosque is located next to the iconic Kashi Vishwanath temple and the case in the Varanasi court has revived claims that the mosque was built on a portion of the Hindu structure demolished on the orders of Mughal emperor Aurangzeb

Karnataka govt directs Ola, Uber to stop auto-rickshaw services

Transport Authority issued a notice to the companies on Thursday, in which it stated that the cab aggregators have been allowed to run the internet-based

As per the rules, only taxi services can be provided and taxi means a motor-cab having a seating capacity not exceeding six passengers excluding the driver



the department that some aggregators are providing autorickshaw services in violation of the above-mentioned rules. It has also come to the

informed that autorickshaw services have been stopped with immediate effect...? the KSRTA said in its notice. Meanwhile, Tanveer Pasha, President of Ola-Uber Drivers and Owners' Association said the aggregator license was only meant for motor-cabs and not autorickshaws. He alleged that the cab aggregators had been charging more fare from passengers. Pasha also said the association has lodged a complaint in this connection with the transport department a year ago, but to no avail. He blamed the department for the delayed action. ANI Technologies Private Limited, which operates Ola declined to comment on the issue. The transport department authorities were also not available for a comment.

application taxi aggregator services under the Karnataka On-Demand Transportation Technology Aggregators Rule-2016.

with public service permit on contract, the order said. The department further said, "It has come to the notice of

department's knowledge that the customers are charged more than the rate fixed by the government.? Therefore, you are

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.



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

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.

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.

Duty Cut On Edible Oil

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 agriceess 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.



Food Stock Comfortable; Center

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.



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 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.

Gandhi Jayanti Observed at DVC Towers, Kolkata
Kolkata(KCN):Gandhi Jayanti, also the International Day of Non-Violence, was observed with utmost grace and respect at the DVC Towers, Kolkata on October 2, 2022 (Monday). The Member-Secretary, Dr John



Mathai, Executive Director (HR), Shri Rakesh Ranjan and other officials paid homage to Father of Our Nation on his 153rd birth anniversary. There were similar events also at various field formations of DVC.

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.

A day after abstentions, Ukraine changes mind on UN Rights Council vote on Xinjiang abuses

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targeting China.

The draft text, presented by the United States



and a number of other Western countries, had merely asked the council to debate a UN report, citing possible crimes against humanity against Uyghurs and other Muslim minorities in the far-western Xinjiang region.

But in a moment of knife-edge drama, countries on the 47-member council in Geneva voted 19-17 against holding a debate on human rights in Xinjiang, with 11 nations abstaining.

Following an intense lobbying campaign by Beijing, many of the votes against and abstentions (choosing not to vote) did not come as a huge surprise.

However, the decision by conflict-torn Ukraine, which relies heavily on Western backing as it battles Russia's invasion, to abstain in the vote caught some off guard. And Ukraine itself appears to have had second thoughts.

In an unusual move, Ukrainian ambassador Yevheniia Filipenko took the floor on Friday asking that the "record of the proceedings reflect our position in favour of the adoption of the mentioned decision."

The president of the council, Federico Villegas of Argentina, said the council would "take note of your statement", but stressed that "in accordance with the rules and practices the result of the vote ... will remain as it was announced yesterday."

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

Gas price hike: CNG prices may go up by at least Rs 8-12 per kg

NEW DELHI: CNG prices are likely to be hiked by Rs 8-12 per kg and that of gas piped to household kitchens by over Rs 6 per unit after the government raised the prices of input natural gas to a record, analysts said on Monday.

The government last week raised the prices of gas produced from old fields, called APM gas, to USD 8.57 per million British thermal unit from USD 6.1. The rates for gas produced from difficult fields were hiked to USD 12.46 from USD 9.92 per mmmBtu. APM gas makes up for two-thirds of all gas produced in the country. This gas is converted into CNG for automobiles and piped to household kitchens for cooking.

Kotak Institutional Equities said APM gas prices are up nearly 5x in just a year - from USD 1.79 per mmmBtu till September 2021 to USD 8.57.

Even if the result had shifted to reflect the changed vote, the resolution on China would still have failed, by one vote.

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At the 47-member state Human Rights Coun-

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 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.

"We expect CGDs to raise prices, but only in tranches, impacting near-term earnings," it said. For each USD per mmmBtu gas price rise, city gas distribution (CGD) entities need to raise the CNG price by Rs 4.7-4.9 per kg.

"For USD 2.5 per mmmBtu price rise, and also for recent currency weakness, CGDs will need an immediate CNG price increase of Rs 12-14 per kg," it said adding CGDs cannot absorb gas price increases.

India, UK carrying out intensive discussions on FTA: MEA

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liest. I think Diwali was set as a goal, but that's only a goal," MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said at a media briefing.

"I understand that intensive discussions are underway towards this and it's continuing," he said.

The Diwali deadline for the FTA was set by the then British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and Prime Minister Narendra Modi in April when the former visited India.

Asked about the current status of the negotiations or specific deadline for the deal, he referred to negotiators from the commerce ministry.

There have been indications that the deadline for concluding the FTA may be pushed to November and that the two sides could aim for an early harvest deal to be followed by a comprehensive one.

Bagchi also chose not to comment on Braverman's remarks.

"I wouldn't like to get into the comments by the UK home secretary. but just to perhaps mention that all negotiations are a part of give and take and it needs to be a win-win for both sides," he said.

In her interview to The Spectator, Braverman said, "I have concerns about having an open borders migration policy with India because I don't think that's what people voted for with Brexit."

Bagchi said India always strongly encourages legal migration, and if they need to come back, they will come back. He said there is a process for that.

Bagchi said migration and mobility is an important element and there was an understanding between the two sides on it, adding India expects that both sides would honour it.

The MEA spokesperson said India is certainly taking action on its part and it expects the UK side to also show "demonstrable actions" on that as mentioned by the Indian High Commission in London in a statement.

The High Commission countered Braverman's claim that the Migration and Mobility Partnership (MMP) had not "worked very well".

It said India awaits "demonstrable progress" on certain commitments undertaken by the UK government under the MMP that was signed last year.

"As part of our wider discussions under Migration and Mobility, the government of India is committed to working with the government of the UK to facilitate the return of Indian citizens who have overstayed their visa period here in the UK," the High Commission of India said.

National Games: Injured wrist not a dead weight for supreme Mirabai

GANDHINAGAR(KCN): Given the fact that weightlifting competitions start within a day or two post the opening ceremony, weightlifter, S Mirabai Chanu, never gets an opportunity to be a part of the special occasion, be it the Olympics or the Commonwealth Games. The 2020 Tokyo Olympics silver medallist, however, on Thursday got a

chance to make her debut at the opening gala and she didn't miss it. Given her progress since the last National Games in 2015, the lifter not only witnessed the glittering ceremony in person but also became the flagbearer for her state, Manipur. "It's true I attended the opening ceremony for the first time and it really felt nice. Becoming flagbearer of Manipur and winning

the first gold for my state was the icing on the cake," Mirabai told media persons here in Gandhinagar after finishing on top of the podium in 49kg on Friday. The 28-year-old former world champion has been head and shoulders above her competitors on the national circuit for some time and the same was on the display once again as she won the compe-

dition comfortably with only two attempts each in snatch and clean and jerk sections. Two-time CWG champion. K Sanjita Chanu, also from Manipur, finished second with Odisha's Sneha Soren bagging bronze. **READ HERE |** Weightlifting at National Games: Mirabai Chanu pips Sanjita for 49kg gold Mirabai had finished behind Sanjita twice

before eventually overpowering her at the Gujarat Games.

over Sanjita after the snatch section by lifting 84kg in her

"I have been feeling the pain in my left wrist for the past

and doing all the exercises advised by him. I hope it will get alright in a week."

The World Championships scheduled in December this year is her next target and she doesn't want to leave any stone unturned for the event. "Worlds is my priority as it will also serve as a qualifying event for the 2024 Olympics. The 2022 Asian Games rescheduled for next year will be my next target. I couldn't compete at the 2018 Asiad due to a back injury and next year, if I compete, I will make my debut at the event. I hope to win a medal for my country there as well," she signed off. Meanwhile, Charu Pesi of Arunachal won gold in men's 61kg while Muna Nayak of Services Sports Control Board and Zakhuma of Mizoram bagged silver and bronze respectively in the same weight category.



Chahar sustains twisted ankle; Mukesh, Sakariya join WT20 squad as net bowlers

NEW DELHI: Indian ODI team has been dealt a blow as senior seamer Deepak Chahar is likely to miss the remaining two games due to a twisted ankle sustained during a train-

ing session before the first match against South Africa in Lucknow. Chahar wasn't a part of the Indian playing XI as Shikhar Dhawan's side lost by nine runs in the opening match with the visitors scoring 250 in just 40 overs. "Deepak has sus-

tained a twisted ankle but it's not too serious. However a few days of rest might be advisable," a source privy to selection issues, told PTI on conditions of anonymity.

Mohammed Shami, who is slowly and surely getting match-fit and is expected to fly to Australia within the next three to four days. "Mohammed Shami, if fit, was always going to be the first replacement as that's the closest Indian team can get in terms of sheer quality. He will be joining some time next week," the source added.

Mukesh Choudhary, Chetan Sakariya join T20 squad as net bowlers

Last year's find of Chennai Super Kings, left-arm seamer Mukesh Choudhary of Maharashtra and Saurashtra's Chetan Sakariya has already joined the squad as net bowlers for the T20 World Cup.

It is understood that since most teams have a left-arm seamer in its ranks and India's Arshdeep Singh will need rest between the games, Mukesh and Chetan have accompanied the team for the Perth leg of the tour. "Mukesh and Chetan flew in with the team yesterday. As of now, they will be with the team for the Perth leg where India are supposed to play a couple of practice games." As per India's training schedule in Perth, they will have three days of rigorous training for five hours between 11 am to 4 pm on October 8, 9 and 12, while on October 10 and 13, two T20 warm-up games will be held.

She lost gold to Sanjita at the 2014 Glasgow CWG and finished second at the 35th National Games in 2015. Even Mirabai, who has bagged umpteen medals in the international events so far, looked overwhelmed with her first gold at the event. "The Games are being held after seven years so I was very excited. What's more important is that I have also won my first gold in the event for Manipur." She took a lead of 2kg

second attempt and then lifted 107kg in her second clean and jerk attempt to pocket the gold with an overall lift of 191kg. Sanjita lifted an overall weight of 187kg (82kg + 105kg). Sneha lifted 169kg (73kg+96kg). Well aware that she had already done enough to finish first, Mirabai didn't take third attempts in both sections. The reason? She didn't want to put pressure on her left wrist, which had been injured a month back.

month. I think the injury happened because of lifting heavy loads. It was detected during an MRI scan. Because of the injury, I didn't train properly and just to ensure that it does not aggravate further, I attempted only two lifts in both sections," the lifter said. Speaking further on the nature of the injury, Mirabai said the pain had increased a bit in the last one week. "The pain has increased but I am in regular touch with my physiotherapist



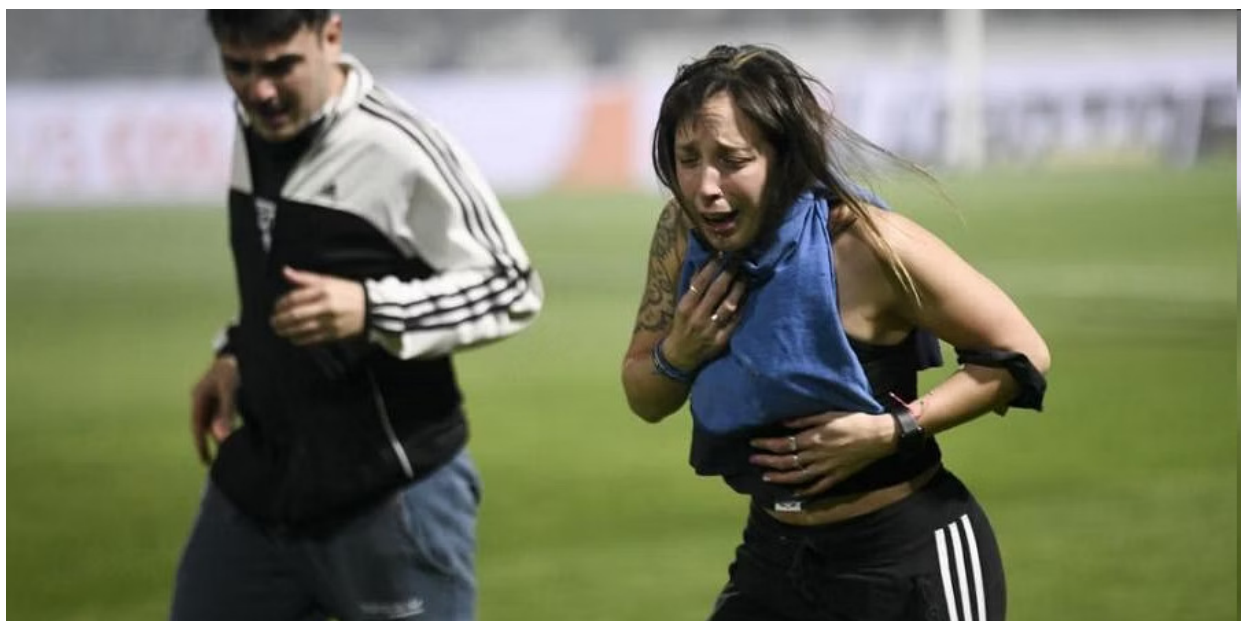
ing session before the first match against South Africa in Lucknow. Chahar wasn't a part of the Indian playing XI as Shikhar Dhawan's side lost by nine runs in the opening match with the visitors scoring 250 in just 40 overs. "Deepak has sus-

"So it will be team management's call if they would like to risk Deepak as he is in T20 World Cup stand-by list. In any case, if there is requirement there, it would be a priority." As of now, Jasprit Bumrah's replacement in the T20 World Cup squad is

1 dead as police, fans clash outside Argentine soccer match

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina: At least one person died while police clashed with soccer fans trying to push into an Argentine league match

Noticias. Berni gave no details about the circumstances in which that person died.



Thursday night, and the referee stopped the game as clouds of tear gas spread inside the stadium.

Authorities and witnesses said fans of the home team, Gimnasia y Esgrima, struggled to enter an already full stadium, and police fired rubber bullets and tear gas trying to get the crowd to retreat.

The incident came less than a week after the use of tear gas outside a soccer match in Indonesia set off a crush that left 131 people dead.

Nine minutes into Thursday night's match between Gimnasia and Boca Juniors, referee Hernán Mastrángelo suspended play. The league said on Twitter that he acted because of the lack of security.

Players retreated to their changing rooms, and many spectators flooded onto the field trying to escape the tear gas.

"Unfortunately there is one person dead. He died of a heart problem," Sergio Berni, security minister of the province, told Todo

Only Gimnasia fans were in Juan Carmelo Zerillo stadium in La Plata, since Buenos Aires province banned supporters of visiting teams from games in 2013 amid frequent outbreaks of violence.

The Argentine Football Association said in a tweet that it "expresses its commitment to continue working to eradicate this kind of episode that tarnish the football party."

No new date was announced for resuming the game.

Some fans claimed there had been overselling of tickets amid excitement over the match between two teams fighting for the league title, saying people likely became anger when they could not get into the stadium.

In its security protocols, FIFA advises against the use of tear gas in or around stadiums in order to avoid risky situations such as in La Plata or in the Indonesian city of Malanga last Saturday, when many of the dead were crushed to death during the stampede of fans.




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