

TB Mukht Bharat; Prez

New Delhi(KCN): The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu virtually launched the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan today (September 9, 2022). Speaking on the occasion, the President said



that it is the duty of all citizens to give high priority to 'Pradhan Mantri TB-Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan' and to make this campaign a mass movement. It is because TB causes the largest number of deaths among all other infectious diseases in our country. She noted that India has a little less than 20 percent of the world's population, but has more than 25 percent of the total TB patients of the world. This is a matter of concern. She also noted that most of the people affected by TB come from the poor section of society. The President said that the thinking and methodology of 'New India' is to make India a leading nation of the world. India has set an example to the world in tackling the COVID-19 pandemic. The policy of 'New India' to

move forward with confidence is also visible in the field of TB eradication. According to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, all nations have set the goal of eradicating TB by the year 2030. But the Government of India has set the target of eradicating TB by the year 2025 and efforts are being made at every level to fulfill this resolution.

The President said that to make this campaign a mass movement, awareness about TB has to be created among the people. They have to be informed that prevention of this disease is possible. Its treatment is effective and accessible and the government provides a free of cost facility for prevention and treatment of this disease. She said that in some patients or communities, there is an inferiority complex associated with this disease, and they view the disease as a stigma. This illusion also has to be eradicated. Everyone should be aware that TB germs are often present in everyone's body. When the immunity of a person, due to some reason, decreases, then this disease expresses in the person. With treatment, one can definitely get rid of this disease. All these things should reach the people. Then the people affected by TB will be able to take advantage of the treatment facilities.

The Pradhan Mantri TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan has been envisioned to bring together all community stakeholders to support those on TB treatment and accelerate the country's progress towards TB elimination. The virtual event was attended by Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar, Governors and Lt. Governors of states and UTs, representatives from State and District Health Administration and other stakeholders.

Priya Somadutta Nayak tops Odisha in NEET UG 2022

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): Priya Somadutta Nayak, a student of city-based SAI International School, has emerged as the State topper in the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) UG - 2022, the results of which were declared by the National Testing Agency (NTA) late on Wednesday. Priya



who scored 705 out of 720 marks figured among the top-50 rank holders in the prestigious entrance test. With 99.997 percentile he secured All India Rank 39 in the exam. Priya, who had completed his Class XII from SAI International with 96.8 per cent this year, said he used to study for nearly 10 hours a day and was preparing for the NEET UG for the last two years. "It was my childhood dream to become a doctor and I want to pursue MBBS at AIIMS, New

Delhi," he said. Priya thanked his parents, teachers and faculty members of his coaching institute. "I was expecting to secure above 700 marks. I am happy with the rank I have secured," he said.

Apart from Priya, Odisha's Pritam Gochhayat and Chandan Dash are among the top 10 differently-abled boys. Gochhayat has secured 99.676 percentile, while Dash has got 99.234 percentile in the entrance test.

Tanishka from Rajasthan was the All India Topper in the exam with 715 marks, followed by Vatsa Ashish Batra from Delhi and Hrishikesh Nagbhusan Gangule from Karnataka.

Close to 45,000 candidates had registered for the exam in Odisha this year of which a total of 43,080 appeared and 26,279 qualified. The number of students who appeared and qualified for the test in 2022 is comparatively more than the previous year. As many as 33,945 candidates had appeared and 20,654 qualified for the test in 2021.

28th OMC Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra award festival concluded with award ceremony & Odissi abhinaya "Ravana"

Bhubaneswar (KCN): After two years of successfully hosting the Guru Kelucharan



Mohapatra (GKCM) Award Festival on digital platforms, leading Odissi dance institution Srjan brought the Award Festival back to the proscenium stage in style, hosting the 28th OMC GKCM Award Festival at Rabindra Mandap, Bhubaneswar from

September 5th to September 9th at 7 pm each day. After four consecutive evenings of spectacular



classical presentations, the festival culminated in the award presentation ceremony and the finale by the Srjan ensemble. The GKCM Award 2022 was presented to Shri Niranjana Rout and Shri

Odisha: KISS wins UNESCO International Literacy Prize



BHUBANESWAR(KCN): In a global recognition, the Kalinga Institute of Social Science (KISS) has been conferred the prestigious UNESCO International Literacy Prize for this year.

The prestigious prize carries an endowment of USD 20,000, a medal and a citation. It was given away at a global award ceremony

organised by UNESCO in Cote d'Ivoire on Thursday. KISS is the 5th recipient from India and the first from Odisha to receive this international honour. The prize was announced by KISS founder Dr Achyuta Samanta during the celebration of International Literacy Day at the institution's campus. KISS which provides

a holistic environment for comprehensive development, and vocational and sports empowerment for 70,000 tribal children is also the third among Indian non-profits and the first tribal-based organisation to get this award.

Founded in 1993 with just 125 students by Samanta, KISS has grown to become the first

such institution for tribal children in the world. A fully residential institution, it has collaborations with UN bodies and has been in special consultative status with ECOSOC since 2015 and is affiliated to the UN Department of Public Information besides being conferred a plethora of accolades for tribal empowerment and education.

King Charles III has an interest in yoga, ayurveda, has visited India 10 times

NEW DELHI(KCN): King Charles III will be officially proclaimed monarch on Saturday at a meeting of the Accession Council and his coronation is likely to take place after the state funeral of his mother Queen Elizabeth II, Britain's longest-reigning monarch, who passed away on Thursday aged 96. King Charles III has had an association with

special finance. King Charles III has a strong connection Yoga and Ayurveda. In April 2018, he hosted Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Science Museum in London to launch a new Ayurvedic Centre of Excellence, aimed at creating a first-of-its-kind global network for evidence-based research on Yoga and Ayurveda.



India spanning many decades. Charles has visited India ten times. He rang in his 71st birthday in India on November 14th, 2019. He also took part in celebrations of India-UK relations. During the course of his visit, he spoke about sustainable markets, climate change and so-

search on Yoga and Ayurveda. His wife Camilla, now the Queen Consort, is also believed to practice Yoga. Queen Elizabeth's death: Elderly King Charles III faces 'testing times' Interestingly, one of the most talked about visits of Charles was in 1980, when he was a 32-year-old bachelor. He visited a Bollywood studio and was greeted by Indian actor, Padmini Kolhapure, with a peck on his cheek. This incident grabbed headlines both in India and in the UK for many days. During the same visit, he

Regional disparity issue pushed to oblivion in Odisha

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): As the bandh demanding a separate Koshal State evoked

That the State government is completely oblivious to the issue is evident from the fact



mixed response from people of a few western Odisha districts on Wednesday, the issue has propelled regional disparity to a point of debate with Opposition leaders blaming the government for brushing it under the carpet.

that the report of a commission set up in 2004 for the purpose is yet to see the light of the day. The government constituted the commission, headed by Justice SK Mohanty on February 20, 2004, to study regional imbalances in the development of the State and recommend remedial measures to address the issue.

The panel submitted its report in 2008 after which the government formed a sub-committee to study its recommendations. The sub-committee is yet to submit its report. Sources said the commission had

Adulteration is on rise of fruit and vegetables in Barbil

Barbil(KCN):There is probable malpractices of artificially ripening fruits and colouring vegetables with hazardous chemicals becoming rampant in the Barbil city in the district of Keonjhar. According to some people's complaints, except for the vegetables coming from the villages, the food stored in the shops often has an abnormal effect on the taste and affects abdominal pain and digestion system. They too complain the

cium carbide which cause diseases are believed to be used . In India artificial ripening is banned under the food prevention of food adulteration act(PFA) act ,1954,and the prevention of food adulteration rules 1955 .According to rules 1955 of 44AA, no food can be ripened with the aid of chemicals . However chemicals like Calcium carbide is a known carcinogen, a cancer generating chemical,acetylene affects neurological ef-



vendors are spraying chemicals to make the fruits look fresh and green for longer period cannot be denied. Likewise, consumers complain that the application of chemicals is increasing in the fruits available in the market. There are complaints that most of the fruit traders are using chemicals for quick ripening in the hope of more profit. Especially the banana available in the market is at high risk as it gives a kind of salivation in the mouth after eating and until you don't wash or brush properly, the mouth feels some thing different. It can't be denied that deadly chemicals like ethephon, acetylene and cal-

fects and induce prolonged hypoxia and similarly ethephon found responsible like cerebral oedema and seizer . Unfortunately fruits and green vegetables taken by us for healthy life compel us to a disease prone life because of some more profit oriented fruit and vegetables vendors. These adulteration is not limited to fruit and vegetables rather available in all food items we use in our daily life Now it remains to be seen whether FSSAI, the food and health officials ,the local municipality will take action or they will be more complicit in causing people to get various diseases.

Signal for Airport Wall

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Work for construction of boundary wall of the proposed international airport at Puri will start on September 20 and likely to be completed in next four months.

This decision was taken at a high-level meeting held under the chairmanship of Principal Advisor to Chief Minister Asit Tripathy

Mishra and MD of IDCO Bhupendra Singh Poonia attended the meeting.

The Puri District Administration has identified about 1500 acres of land near Giral village area located alongside the Puri-Brahmagiri road.

Recently, a team from IDCO has already inspected places marked for installation of air traffic control tower, runway, hanger, passenger waiting place, parking place and connectivity.

The government has roped in a noted company to conduct survey and soil tests, landing and take-off runways, installation of other buildings and facilities that are mandatory for an international airport and prepare a plan/map of the project.

A multi-disciplinary team from Airports Authority of India (AAI) had visited Puri in June 2021 for conducting pre-feasibility study of the site and gave green signal for construction of the greenfield airport.

On New Year's Day in 2021, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik had written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi proposing to set up an international airport at Puri in the name of Sri Jagannath International Airport.

The Chief Minister had also urged the Ministry of Civil Aviation to take up this airport as a priority project. The State has assured all support required for establishing the airport in a record time.

Odisha Hosts U-17 WWCF

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha is going to host FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup for football. The Kalinga Stadium, the Centre of Excellence in Sports will host three India pool matches on 11, 14 and 17 October of the current year. Secretary Sports, R Vineel Krishna said, "Football training centres (4 natural grass ground, 1 artificial grass ground) will allow ample training time to the visiting teams without clashes in training schedule. The main football ground that recently hosted Indian Women's League and SAFF U20 is amongst the best football venue in India, and will provide a wonderful experience to the young players". Three matches would be played in Kainga Stadium. The scheduled matches would be India vs, USA on 11 October, India vs, Morocco on 14 October, and India vs Brazil on 17 October.



here on Friday.

Reviewing the present status of the proposed airport with all concerned officials, Mr.Tripathy asked Puri District Administration to handover Government land of 940 acres to the Commerce and Transport Department by 15 September.

The Transport Department has been advised to consult with the Puri Collector for acquisition of required private land for the airport.

Mr.Tripathy also advised to appoint a senior land acquisition officer in the job for speedy acquisition of land for the airport. Further, it was decided in the meeting to hold another review meeting on the proposed airport on 17 September.

Among others, Industries Department Principal Secretary Hemant Sharma, Principal Secretary Commerce & Transport, Bishnupada Sethi, IT Secretary Manoj

Training Programme on Inland Fisheries Management for Livelihood Improvement of Rural Populace of Sunderbans

Kolkata (KCN): The ICAR-Central Inland

ing officials from SAFE, Kolkata, obtained knowledge and skill from the training programme.



The trainees were exposed to enclosure culture in open waters, ornamental fisheries, climate change and its impact on open water fisheries, water quality and disease management strategies, development of fish feed and feeding protocol, importance of small indigenous fishes, biodiversity conser-

Fisheries Research Institute (CIFRI),

vation, fish breeding, composite fish culture,

Barrackpore in collaboration with South Asian Forum for Environment (SAFE), a registered Civil Society Organization (based in Kolkata) successfully organised a training programme on Inland Fisheries Management for Livelihood Improvement of Rural Populace of Sundarban, West Bengal at ICAR-CIFRI, Barrackpore from September 5 to 8, 2022 under the guidance of Dr. B. K. Das, Director, ICAR-CIFRI.



integrated farming and marketing management. The trainees were also exposed to visit-

ing the CIFRI laboratories and facilities including ornamental fisheries unit, RAS, aquarium and fish feed unit.

Dr. Aparna Roy, Dr. Piyashi DebRoy (Co-ordinators) and Shri Santhana Kumar V., Scientist, (Co-coordinator) conducted the Valedictory Session where a Bengali Training Manual on Sundarbaner Grameen Manusher



The purpose of the training programme was to improve the livelihood of the rural population of Sundarbans through training with CIFRI technologies. While inaugurating the programme, Dr. Srikanta Samanta, Director In-Charge, addressed the forum to carry forward the knowledge gained during the Training at ICAR - CIFRI, towards more

production from the available resources. Dr. U. K. Sarkar, Dr. S. Nag and Dr. M. A. Hassan, Heads of Divisions, imparted knowledge and support to the fish farmers on various facets of inland fisheries management. Twenty four (24) trainees (16 female fish farmers and 8 male fish farmers) from Gosaba and Kultali blocks of Sundarbans in West Bengal includ-

Jibon Jibikar Unnatikalpe Antarsthaliya Matsyachash o tar Babosthapona and Certificates were distributed to the trainees. In the concluding ceremony, a cultural programme with a stage play was also enacted by the trainees depicting the livelihood scenario and societal issues of traditional female and male fishers of Sundarban.

SUMUM Opens Rehab center

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha's first inpatient Rehabilitation Unit was inaugurated at SUM Ultimate Medicare here on the occasion of the World Physiotherapy Day on Thursday. The advanced inpatient rehabilitation unit offers the highest quality care to patients requiring neurological and orthopedic rehabilitation and also post-operative and palliative care.

The unit was inaugurated by Dr. Swetapadma Dash, Chief Executive Officer. Chief of

Medical Services, Brig. (Dr.) Biraj Mohan Mishra was present to grace the occasion. Head of department of Physiotherapy Dr. P. Balakishore, the physiotherapy team, heads of departments and other employees were also a part of the ceremony.

A first of its kind, the rehabilitation unit is devised to infuse hope in people who have recovered from critical injuries or illnesses and are in need of physiotherapy and personalized care to gain fitness.



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Appealing to fans' inner writers, Anupam Kher offers autographed



NEW DELHI: Asking his fans to rejuvenate their inner writers, veteran actor Anupam Kher, offered them to send his autographed book 'Your Best Day is Today' on Tuesday. Kher hopped on to Twitter and shared a candid picture of him. Calling on his fans to give a suitable

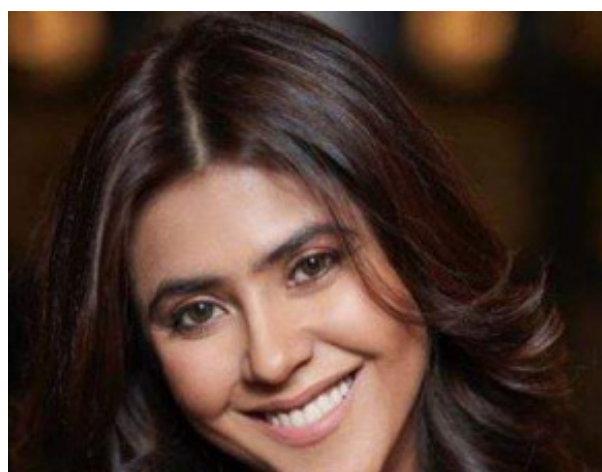
caption for the picture, he wrote "Mujhe meri ye tasveer pasand hai. (I like this picture of mine) I will send an autographed copy of my latest book #YourBestDayIsToday to the person whose caption for this pic I like the most!" Adding to the cation, he noted "Hindi or

English - apka caption kisi bhi bhasha me chalega! Chaliye! Apne andar ke lekhak ko jagaaiye!! (your caption will go in any language! Let's go! Wake up your inner writer,) with Hibiscus smiling face and heart-shaped smile emoticon. Within a few hours of being posted, fans of

the former Chairman of Film and Television Institute of India started coming up with innovative captions and showcased their creative skills. A day ago, the 65-year-old star shared a clip of his mother lauding PM Modi and scientist's efforts for the new COVID-19 vaccines.

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 al-

leged 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.

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

blown!!! #AKvsAK is a phenomenal experience - @VikramMotwane take a bow my friend," tweeted

only you could do this, you are pure gold in this film but @HarshKapoor_has outdone your entire performance in one

around the story of a movie star and a film director who get into a public spat, following which the director retaliates by kid-



Netflix based film "a phenomenal experience". Deshmukh took to Twitter to share a poster of the movie, which features Anurag Kashyap and Anil Kapoor in lead roles. "Mind has been

Deshmukh. He then went on to heap praise on Kashyap, Kapoor, and his actor son Harshvardhan Kapoor who has a cameo in the film. "@anuragkashyap72 how good are you, @AnilKapoor Sir,

scene," the 'Housefull' actor's tweet further read. While Kapoor essays the role of a yesterday actor, Kashyap plays the role of a disgraced film director in the film. 'AK vs AK,' revolves

napping 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.

Aakanksha Singh joins team Mayday

Ajay Devgn's Mayday has been creating a massive buzz because of its interest-

the icing on the cake is that Ajay Sir is directing the film. It's actually happening!



ing star cast, which includes Amitabh Bachchan, Ajay Devgn, Rakul Preet Singh and Angira Dhar. Talented actress, Aakanksha Singh has now joined the team.

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.

'Wanted to make a film on Indian Army with Shah Rukh Khan', says Director Kabir Khan

MUMBAI(KCN): Filmmaker Kabir Khan, who is gearing up for the release of his web series "The Forgotten Army: Azaadi Ke Liye", based on Indian National Army (INA), says he wanted to make a film on the subject starring Shah Rukh Khan. He added that Shah Rukh didn't charge a fee for the voiceover he gave for the series.

Shah Rukh didn't charge a single paisa for his voiceover assignment. "When I was making this series, I thought I should ask Shah Rukh (to be the narrator) because Shah Rukh's father had involvement with this army. His father knew General Shahnawaz Khan, who was an important part of INA. So, I knew he (Shah Rukh Khan) has sympathy and attachment with Azad Hind Fauj and I called him up. It's not an easy task to ask a superstar for a voiceover but Shah Rukh instantly agreed to do it. Usually, when you discuss a film with Shah Rukh, it's a long process, but in this case Shah Rukh literally did the voiceover for us on the second day. I don't know whether he would like me to reveal this, but he didn't take a fee from us. I think the kind of attachment he has with Azad Hind Fauj reflects in his act." Incidentally, Shah Rukh did a cameo in Kabir Khan's 2017 release "Tubelight", starring Salman Khan.

"Shah Rukh has very graciously given the voiceover. The series is based on a true story, so there is an introduction of a few minutes before every episode along with real footage, where he has lent his voice. I talked about it with Shah Rukh earlier as well, when this was a film script. Back then, I wanted Shah Rukh to do the film. We even had a few meetings but we couldn't take it forward," said Kabir while promoting the series along with its lead actors Sunny Kaushal and Sharvari Wagh. Kabir added that

Naveen Model of Development

When Naveen Patnaik took over as Chief Minister in 2000, the state was going through a severe crisis after the 1999 Super Cyclone. The finances of the state were in a mess and there was no money to pay even salaries. The development activities had come to a complete halt. In those days, Odisha used to be in news for all the wrong reasons like hunger, poverty, disasters. In the last two decades of Naveen Patnaik government in Odisha, the State has come out of the crisis situation and has been making rapid strides in development and emerged as a role model in many fields.

It was not an easy journey. Naveen Patnaik had to overcome many challenges including a strong legacy of political corruption and administrative lethargy in the state. Large parts of the state face geographical and social-economic hurdles. But with a single-minded focus to fulfil the aspirations of the 4.5 crore people of Odisha, Naveen Patnaik government have been working with grit and determination. The people of Odisha appreciate good governance and reposed their faith in BJD party for five successive terms.

When it comes to ambition and performance, there's no stopping Naveen Patnaik, adjudged the 'Best Popular Chief Minister' in the country as per several survey of INDIA TODAY poll by securing highest vote in popularity category way ahead of other states counterparts.

Naveen did what many political observers thought was unthinkable year after year. After 22 years in power and being voted no. 1 is beyond expression of words. It is the blessing of 4.5 crores Odia whose heartbeat for the man. Year after year, his popularity is on the rise.

In an era dominated by politicians of humble origins, he is something of an anomaly. Having spent most of his life outside Odisha, mingling with the high and mighty, how did he come to be accepted and loved as one of Odisha's own?

Welfare motive is there in his genes being former Odisha chief minister Biju Patnaik's son. A legendary figure in Odisha, Biju Patnaik was an Air Force pilot and freedom fighter-turned-industrialist-turned-politician. In his four-decade-long career as a politician, he played a stellar role in developing a backward state like Odisha. He was elected chief minister twice. His death at 81 because of pneumonia left a vacuum in Odisha's heart and the state's politics as well. His colleagues in the Janata Dal knew the sentiment surrounding his name and sought out his younger son to fill the vacuum.

He was not a natural at politics. Tall and suave, he was a regular in the party circuit in Delhi.

Having studied first at the Doon School in Dehradun, and later at the St Stephen's College in Delhi, he once ran a boutique called 'Psychedelhi' on the premises of The Oberoi in Delhi, the clientele of which included the Beatles themselves. Clad in jeans and T-shirt, he was far removed from the masses he had to win over. The only thing going for him was his second name.

To help his chances, he shed his jeans and T-shirt and adorned a simple white kurta and pajama. His relative anonymity served him well. The only thing the people knew about him was that he was Biju Patnaik's son. At a time when most politicians were shrouded in scandals, Naveen, clad in white, looked appealing. The rest is history.

He was first elected to Lok Sabha from Aska, which fell vacant following his father's death in 1997, and was minister for mines in the Atal Bihari Vajpayee ministry. A year later, he split the Janata Dal and launched the Biju Janata Dal party. He became chief minister in 2000 after his party won the elections along with the BJP. Nineteen years on, he is on the way to win yet another term on his own, battling the BJP and the Congress.

Naveen is known for his simplicity and austerity. This aura of austerity and self-sufficiency along with his minimal requirements has endeared him to his people. Possessing a reputation of being cold and calculative, he is famous for being decisive, for being unafraid of getting rid of people whose reputations have been tarnished by corruption or when their usefulness had come to an end. He once stripped a dozen powerful IAS officers of their powers when he felt that they were no longer required.

Above all, it is the development he brought to Odisha that endeared him to the people. Farmer Empowerment scheme called KALIA (which provides financial aid to all types of farmers in the state and Union Government launched PM Kisan Nidhi scheme getting influenced by KALIA scheme) is a case in point. The government under Naveen Patnaik has made the farmers a priority, with plenty of schemes over the years designed to benefit them. He focused on the women of Odisha, too, with Mission Shakti schemes for near 80 lakh women, which gave them financial independence to nearly 6.02 lakh self help groups, thus providing the family with a supplementary source of income. Gender empowerment model of Naveen is also reflected in the recently concluded Panchayati Raj Election of 2022. 50% of the seats reserved for women from Ward to Zilla Parishad level. As a result, 56% women are chosen as village Sarpanch, 57% as PS member, 66% as PS chairperson, 55% as Zilla Parishad Member and 70% as Zilla Parishad President.

Also, Odisha, because of its geography, is prone to

Pradeep Kumar Panda

cyclones, floods, and even tsunamis. The super cyclone of 1999 killed around 10,000 people.

Soon after coming to power, the government set up the Odisha State Disaster Management Authority. Its effectiveness has been evident over the years, with the UN felicitating Naveen Patnaik in 2013 for the state government's handling of the cyclone Phailin. When cyclone Fani devastated the state in the first week of May this year, more than a million people were evacuated in 24 hours and relocated to cyclone shelters, thus minimizing casualties. Year on Year, zero casualty mission was achieved in every natural disaster.

He made Bhubaneswar, the sports capital of the country and arranged many coveted international tournaments that were well appreciated by international and national fraternity. Odisha's patronage to hockey in terms of all round support and sponsoring of both Men and Women National Hockey Team since 2018 and state will continue the sponsorship for next ten year. Result we have witnessed in terms of Olympic Hockey Medals. World's largest hockey stadium is being built in Rourkela and will host World Cup Hockey in 2023 along with Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar.

Under his visionary leadership, Odisha is one of the fastest-growing states in the Country and is expected to grow at 10.1% in 2021-22 which is higher than National growth rate of 8.8%. Industry sector is expected to grow strongly by 14.5% largely due to the stellar performance of manufacturing and mining and quarrying sub-sectors which grew at 14.3% and 18.1% respectively. Services sector is estimated to grow by 7.9% in 2021-22. The share of Agriculture & Allied in GSA is 20.06%, Industry Sector share is 39.5% and share of service sector is 39.9%. Per capita income has grown significantly at 16.8% in 2021-22, to reach Rs 1,27,383 from 1,09,071 in 2020-21. He is also credited with bringing large-scale industrialization to the state, which was, before 1997, mostly agricultural. Odisha is awarded first prize for MSME promotion in the country by Government of India. Similarly Odisha bagged first prize in Mineral Development in the country. Recently Odisha Government has launched IT Policy 2022 which will make the state a global IT Hub.

Odisha's sound fiscal management is widely appreciated by the Reserve Bank of India, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. Odisha has one of the lowest Debt to Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) ratio in the country. Since inception of Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act in 2003, Odisha has never violated FRBM norms related to Fiscal Deficit, Revenue Deficit, Primary Deficit and Debt to GSDP ratio. The size of Odisha Budget saw thousand times increase from Rs. 3282 crore in 2000-01 to Rs. 2 Lakh crore in 2022-2023. Odisha is first state in the country to release Agriculture Budget, Gender

Budget, Child Budget, Nutrition Budget, Climate Budget, SDG Budget and Mission Shakti Budget. With sustained revenue collection and better expenditure management, the state has consistently reported a revenue surplus and maintained fiscal deficit within the FRBM Act mandated level of 3.5% of GSDP. The high share of developmental expenditures at 72.7% (2021-22 BE) in total expenditure is a positive indicator and shows state's commitment towards overall socio-economic development.

Bhubaneswar, one of the two 'smart cities' in Odisha secured the fourth rank among the top ten capital cities in India, in the ease of living index, 2021, released by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. In 2021, Puri became the first city in the country, to provide 'Drink from Tap' facility under the SUJAL mission of the government. It is also targeted to provide similar facility to all other Urban Local Bodies by 2025. Under the BASUDHA, the state is also providing universal coverage of piped drinking water supply to all rural people. The state has targeted to provide safe drinking water in all villages by 2024-25.

Health expenditure as percentage of GSDP of the state has increased from 1.19% in 2019-20 to 1.59% in 2021-22. The NNMR, IMR and U5MR are continuously declining which indicates the improved health outcome in the State. As per NFHS-5 (2019-21) the prevalence of NNMR stood at 27, IMR at 36.3 and U5MR at 41.1 per 1000 live births declining from 28, 40 and 48 in NFHS-4 (2015-16) respectively. The state has taken several steps towards full immunization. As per NFHS-5 (2019-21), Odisha has notably immunized 90.5% of its children aged 12-23 months as against the national average of 76.4%.

He has communicated with his people very well in the past 25 years through a series of welfare measures for all categories of people and all-round development work. This, along with his clean image, has yet again ensured his imminent return to power for a fifth consecutive term as the chief minister. He has already made a lasting impact and will live in the heart of Odias forever.

Naveen Model of development has provided transformational governance with the aim to build a New Odisha, Empowered Odisha. The principles of Naveen Patnaik Governance are best explained in the 5Ts - Transparency, Technology, Team Work, Time and Transformation. The state has seen complete transformation in all spheres of life and the model is appreciated by international and national agencies, Government of India and by opposition leaders. This is charismatic visionary leadership of statesman who always believes 4.5 crore people of Odisha are his family and 24X7X365X25 years have worked selflessly for development of Odisha.

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Khadim set to offer "wow": factor with trinity approach- trendy, fashionable, affordable

The footwear from its stable comes with the tagline, 'It's Wow! It's Khadim'. The new brand campaign eyeing the festival market and featuring popular YouTuber Kiran Dutta (The Bong Guy) and Indrani Biswas (Wonder Munna) that the Kolkata's homegrown second largest footwear brand has recently rolled out, actually highlights the brand's trinity offerings of refreshed in-store experience, affordable pricing and fashionable range of products-together leading to that 'Wow' factor. Simultaneously Khadim has also launched its festive range under the sub-brands- British Walkers, Lazard, Turk, Sharon, Cleo, Softtouch, PRO, Bonito, Adriana, targeting the younger generation, in particular and the entire family, in general.

Speaking to Ritwik Mukherjee exclusively, Namrata Ashok Chotrani, CEO, Khadim India Ltd, delves at

ever, the male category remains dominant. Additionally, over couple of years the consumption of comfortable and casual sports shoes (Athleisure) have increased considerably for both men and women categories. The category holds a lot of potential to grow further.

RM: For Khadim, which is the fastest growing segment? At what rates these different segments are growing?

Chetrani: Khadim has witnessed growth in all segments for both its business units. The company's athleisure category has seen phenomenal growth due to rise in performance of physical activity by the consumers. Further there is a change in customer buying behaviour towards casual and fashionable footwear which we are focusing on aggressively. RM: Which of these different segments will be company's thrust, going forward?

Chetrani: Our constant market study has revealed that the demand for stylish and comfortable footwear has increased. Accordingly we have restructured our product portfolio with focus on premiumization while keeping price affordable in all the categories.

Keeping the changes in consumer preferences in mind we would focus on Athleisure and casual footwear in both retail and distribution business units.

RM: How many retail outlets do you have, at this point of time? How many of them are company owned and how many are franchisee-owned?

Chetrani: Currently, Khadim India has 796 retail stores pan India. Out of them, 207 are COO (Company Owned Outlets) and rests 589 are in association with franchisee partners.

RM: Are you looking at expanding your retail presence? Could you please elaborate on that—how many stores would you add, how many of them would be company owned and how many franchisee-owned?

Chetrani: As per our plan we are expanding our retail touch points. We would add on around 70-80 stores every year across the country through a combination of company-owned outlets as well as through franchisee partnerships.

RM: How much would you invest over the next 1-2 years for brand promotion and retail expansion? How has the re-branding helped you and what was the trigger for re-branding?

Chetrani: Our brand promotion investments are focussed on ROI driven campaigns. We would spend around 1.50 per cent-2 per cent of net sales on brand promotion.

In our effort to engage with new age consumers, we went through the rebranding exercise by incorporating a new logo in vibrant red colour along with an energetic tagline 'It's WOW It's Khadim'. Our revamped logo looks more sleek in a vibrant red and

Ritwik Mukherjee

white combination. To further strengthen our rebranding exercise we on boarded the Indian Cricketer Shardul Thakur and launched campaign along with him early this year.

In salience with our brand tagline, to offer a Wow experience to our consumers, we designed a trinity approach with a new fashionable range of products, a refreshed in-store experience while reinforcing the affordable price point.

RM: Do you currently export? If so, what would be the export volume? To which countries, do you export?

Chetrani: We are open to export business deals and when any right opportunity comes. But our focus is predominately focused on catering to domestic demand.

RM: What percentage of your total sales revenue comes from institutional sales (school shoes etc)? Would you look at this segment with increasing thrust?

Chetrani: In FY 22, we did not deal with institutional sales. Going ahead we will continue to focus on our retail and distribution businesses.

RM: The impact of GST on footwear industry? Chetrani: We have passed on the GST hike on the MRP of footwear items upto Rs.1000, like any other industry players. The GST hike has resulted in rise in products prices.

RM: How much of your sales comes from e-tailing? Going forward, by how much would you expect this percentage to go up?

Chetrani: E-commerce is a growing division for us. Currently, 5 per cent of our sales come from e-tailing and going forward, we expect this to go up by 8-10 per cent. With our vision to be an Omni-Channel



length on wide ranging issues facing the footwear industry, Khadim's growth story and how they are planning to position Khadim, going forward.

Excerpts: RM: Which segment: men's/ women's/ children/ girls' -- is growing faster?

Chetrani: The women and kids segments are growing at a faster pace. The growth in the women segment is driven by the increasing number of working women resulting in high disposable income and demand of classy & fashionable products owing to exposure to new fashion trends. And the kid's segment is boosted with rise in number of working parents resulting in higher expenditure for kids. How-

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Startup Gateway for support

New Delhi: Seventy Six (76) start-ups have been onboarded under the 'India Water Pitch-Pilot-Scale

up to ₹ 20 lakh each to work in the fields of water supply, used water management, water body rejuvena-

Joshi (Secretary MoHUA), D Thara (Additional Secretary) and other dignitaries were present during the event.

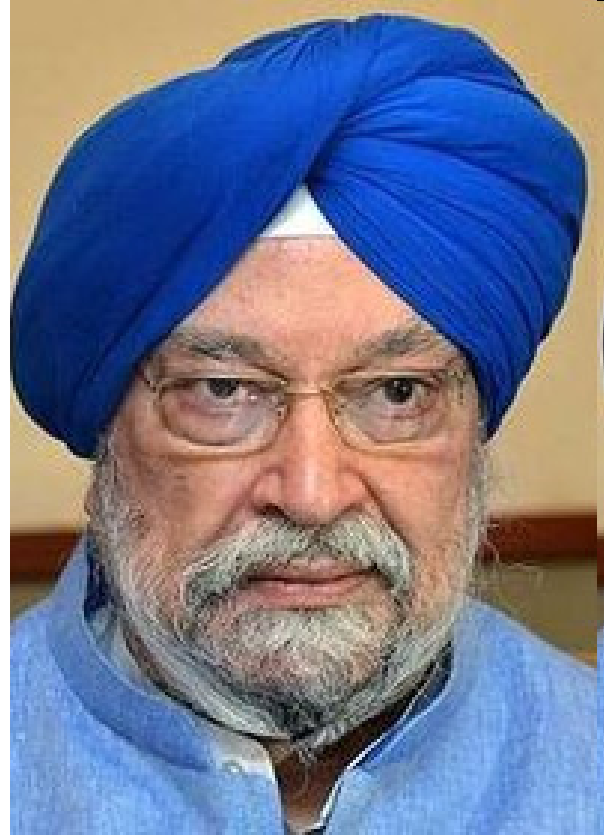
The start-ups have been shortlisted by the Ministry through a challenge process launched in March, 2022 under AMRUT 2.0 Mission. In this regard, a 'Startup Gateway' has also been launched wherein the start-ups can apply and be shortlisted by MoHUA for financial support.

During the event, the Ministry also launched a Toolkit for 'Pey Jal Survekshan' in 485 cities. Pey Jal Survekshan, under the Jal Jeevan Mission, will assess cities with respect to the quality of water and the quality of water delivery to the citizens, along with sewerage, septage management, grievance redressal, water body

conservation, ground water management etc.

The event also witnessed the awarding of 25 best photographs from the photography competition of the MoHUA, with an award of ₹ 10,000 each. The competition was conducted for students by the Ministry under 'Mission Amrit Sarovar' to spread awareness among masses about conservation of water bodies.

Later during the event, a portal Urban Waterbody Information System (UWaIS) was also launched with help from National Remote Sensing Centre, Hyderabad. The portal will provide satellite images of water bodies to various cities to plan their rejuvenation. 219 cities have been handed over UWaIS dossiers of water bodies during the event.



Start-Up Challenge' by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) at an event in New Delhi today. The shortlisted start-ups will be provided financial support of

tion and ground water management, said Hardeep Singh Puri, Union Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA). Kaushal Kishore, Minister of State for MoHUA, Manoj

King Charles III, in first address, vows 'lifelong service'



LONDON: King Charles III says he feels "profound sorrow" over the death of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, and is vowing to carry on her "lifelong service" to the nation.

Charles is making his first address to the nation as monarch Friday. He became king on Thursday after the queen's death. "That promise of lifelong service I renew to all today," he said.

He delivered the address with a framed photo on the queen on a desk. His speech was broadcast on television and streamed at St. Paul's Cathedral, where some 2,000

people were attending a service of remembrance for the queen. Mourners at the service included Prime Minister Liz Truss and members of her government.

'Without an apology, Queen's visit to Jallianwala massacre site meaningless': Victim's kin

AMRITSAR: Sukumar Mukherjee, secretary of the trust that takes care of Jallianwala Bagh Memorial here, remembers when Queen Elizabeth II visited the scene of the 1919 massacre, paying tribute to the dead but stopping short of offering an apology. The British monarch, who died Thursday after a 70-year reign, visited Jallianwala Bagh in 1997 to pay homage to those killed in the firing ordered by a British Army officer. Many expected her to offer an apology then on behalf of her country. That didn't happen. Instead, an insensitive remark reportedly made by Prince Philip, who accompanied her to the memorial, upset many Indians. But Mukherjee said the visit itself was significant. "I think when she came to the Jallianwala Bagh here she paid respect to the martyrs and she also observed a minute of silence. It is not a minor thing that the Queen of a country does that and I think it was more than an apology," he told PTI on Friday. But for Mahesh Behal, whose grandfather Lala Hari Ram Behal was killed at Jallianwala Bagh, the gesture amounted to nothing.

"The visit of the Queen in 1997 to Jallianwala Bagh was meaningless without her expression of apology. During her visit to the place of martyrs, she should have directly offered an apology but she never did



so," he said. "When she arrived in India in 1997, a large group from the families of freedom fighters from Amritsar went to Rajghat in Delhi, where we all sat on a hunger strike and said that without an apology her visit to Amritsar

After 119 yrs, sand evacuation from Sun Temple to begin in Odisha

BHUBANESWAR: Hundred and nineteen years after it was sealed by the British, sand from the towering Jagamohan of 13th century Sun Temple at Konark will finally be evacuated. The process began on Thursday with the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) beginning construction of a mechanical working platform on the western side of the structure to facilitate sand removal.

The massive and sturdy working platform will come up over the 'Antarala,' which is a vestibule in the form of an intermediate chamber connecting the 'garbhagruha' to 'mandapa' of the temple. It's going to be a long drawn-out process. ASI sources say the whole project of sand evacuation could take at least three years. The British took three years - from 1901 to 1903 - to fill Jagamohan with sand, the volume of which is still unknown. Construction of the mechanical working platform would take two to three months to complete. Thereafter the process to remove stones over the 'Antarala' from the western side of the temple will begin in January next year. The stones will be removed for the creation of a 6 ft X 5 ft hole/tunnel manually at the location where the British had originally put sand inside the monument, Superintendent Engineer of Bhubaneswar Circle, ASI, Arun Malik told the New Indian Express.

"Before that, we will put up a structural health monitoring system in the monument to check the vibrations and tilt. Subsequently, two core drilling will be done at the point which was used by the British to fill in sand and another at the bottom of the 'Antarala.' This will help us understand the internal masonry and make a tunnel in the structure," he said. Earlier in the day, groundbreaking ceremony for the work was conducted by ASI officials on the premises of the temple - Odisha's only World Heritage Site. Malik informed that the extent of sand inside the Jagamohan at present

is up to 19.8 mtr (64.9 ft) from the bottom of the 39.6 mtr (130 ft) high monument and the sand has settled by 5.8 mtr (19 ft) from the top.

The window will be created 5 to 7 ft below



the point where the sand from the top has settled. In the first phase, sand will be removed from this point to create an internal concrete platform which will be supported by props from the inner cavity. "This will be retro-fitted and then using traditional conservation methods, we will remove the platform and slowly go down," he added.

Regarding the structural safety of the ancient monument, Malik informed that the Roorkee-based Central Building Research Institute (CBRI) has conducted studies which assured that the structure is safe enough for this work. The decision has been hailed by several heritage conservationists. Earlier while speaking to Express, Anil Dey, author of 'The Sun Temple of Konark' and ardent observer of the temple, had said that the huge pile of sand inside Jagamohan is settling, creating enormous horizontal pressure and other complications.

INTACH State Convenor AB Tripathy said the heritage watchdog has been demanding the removal of sand from the Jagamohan for over a decade now. "This is the best news in Indian archaeology in general and Odisha in particular. In the last three decades, many international experts have suggested removal of the sand," he said. As per CBRI's estimation, the mass of the Jagamohan at top of the plinth level would be a humongous 46,000 tonnes.

'Made my decision, will answer if I don't stand for polls': Rahul on being Congress chief again

KANYAKUMARI: Keeping cards close to his chest, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday said he has made the decision whether he wants to become the next party president or not and asserted he will give his reasons if he does not contest the upcoming elections.

Gandhi was asked a slew of questions at a press conference on whether he would assume the mantle of the party president and he repeatedly said he would give an answer if he does not enter the fray, indicating that the likelihood of him sticking to his stance of not taking up party chief's post is more. He also said the Bharat Jodo Yatra will help in forg-

ing Opposition unity even though that is a separate exercise.

It is the responsibility of the entire Opposition to come together and discussions are in progress, he added.



ALSO READ | On day 2 of 'Bharat Jodo Yatra', Rahul hoists national flag, meets Anitha's kin. The Kanyakumari-Kashmir Bharat Jodo Yatra of the Congress began on Wednesday. Gandhi said he is not leading the yatra but is

only participating in it. Asked if he would become the Congress president, he said, "Whether I become president or not, this will become very clear when the presidential elections of the Congress CONTINUED ON: P-7

Her first trip to India was in 1961 and the second in 1983, when India hosted the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) and she presented Mother Teresa the Order of Merit.

RIP Queen: Revisiting Elizabeth II's India tours, observations on country's richness, diversity

Her final visit in 1997 was to mark the 50th anniversary celebrations of India's Independence and for the first time she made the reference to 'difficult episodes' of colonial history.

Queen Elizabeth II, the UK's longest-serving monarch, died Thursday at Balmoral Castle in Scotland. She was 96.

In his tribute, Prime Minister Narendra Modi recalled his "memorable" meetings with the Queen in 2015 and 2018.

"I will never forget her warmth and kindness. During one of the meetings, she showed me the handkerchief Mahatma Gandhi gifted her at her wedding. I will always cherish that gesture," the prime minister said.

will remain meaningless," recalled Behal. Queen Elizabeth II death: India declares one-day mourning on September 11

On Baisakhi Day 1919, soldiers under the command of Colonel Reginald Dyer opened fire on a gathering calling for independence.

Hundreds died, but estimates of the actual number vary.

During the royal couple's 1997 visit to Jallianwala Bagh, Prince Philip is reported to have tactlessly questioned the extent of the casualties.

At a banquet earlier during that India trip, the Queen acknowledged the Jallianwala killings.

"It is no secret that there have been some difficult episodes in our past. Jallianwala Bagh is a distressing example," she said.

Three phase covid vaccination camp organised at DAV Kalinga Nagar

Bhubaneswar(KCN): With life returning to normalcy after being in the grind of COVID-



19 for more than two years, a three-phase vaccination camp was organised at DAV Public School, Kalinga Nagar as a proactive step to ensure a safe environment to the students who constitute the worst affected section of the pandemic. As a part of the programme-

'Vaccination for all' of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', in the first phase, the school organised vaccination of 1st dose to students between the age group of 12-14 years while in the second phase the staff including their family members were given the booster dose. In the third phase of vaccination the students were given the second dose. As a joint initiative of TCI Foundation and CHC, Ghatikia the programme was organised under the aegis of national health mission as per the direction



of Department of Health and Family Welfare of both central as well as state government. Mr Pradip ku Nayak, Ms Smrutilipi Panda and Ms Tejasmita Nayak conducted the the vaccination camp under the direct su-



pervision of Dr Ms Subhalaxmi Bal and Dr Arman Namis. Principal Mr Bipin Kumar

Sahoo thanked everybody associated with the programme for their noble work. The entire camp was smoothly conducted by the members of the COVID-19 Monitoring Committee of the school.

BJP is a divided house without official stand on Koshal issue in Odisha

BHUBANESWAR: The Opposition BJP appears to be a divided house on the issue of a separate Koshal State. While the party is yet to take an official stand,

BJP Krushak Morcha president and former MLA from Padampur in Bargarh district went a step further. He not only supported the demand for a separate Koshal

parched despite abundant river water. While BJP MP from Bargarh Suresh Pujari did not wish to comment on such a sensitive issue saying he is not

regional imbalance. Dubbing the demand for a separate State as opportunistic politics by some leaders to stay in limelight, senior BJP leader



statements by some of its western Odisha leaders are fuelling the demand of some fringe outfits for a separate statehood by carving out nine districts. Leader of Opposition in the Assembly Jaynarayan Mishra who hails from Sambalpur was very unambiguous in his stand as he blamed the BJD government for the visible regional imbalance between coastal and western districts. "People living far away from the State capital feel neglected and their sentiment is genuine as the BJD government has done nothing in the last 22 years for the western region to make them happy," he said. Pradip Purohit, State

but justified it by saying that the BJP is always for smaller states and their development. "I will welcome if a separate state is carved out of Odisha as small states are better administered. If the State government passes a resolution in the Assembly and sends it to the Centre for grant of separate statehood to Koshal, it is most welcome," he said. Purohit, however, put the onus on Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik alleging his government's continuous neglect of western Odisha by depriving it of a separate High Court bench, fixing the office of the Western Odisha Development Council and keeping vast agricultural land

authorised by his party, on the other hand, he stated that 'problems give rise to the demand.' "If there is a problem, there will naturally be demand for its redressal. If successive governments failed to address the problems of the people, then they become desperate and their demands become more critical. The government must address the problems before the volcano erupts," he said. Both Pujari and Purohit hit out at the BJD government for not implementing the recommendations of the Ghadai Committee report submitted on September 20, 1994, and Justice SK Mohanty's commission report submitted in August 2008 on

and former MP Kharabela Swain wondered if people have so many problems, why are they even electing a large number of BJD MLAs. Cook held for creating minor girl's fake ID in Bhubaneswar BHUBANESWAR: Former cook of a religious institution was arrested for allegedly creating fake Facebook and Instagram IDs of a minor girl using her morphed photographs. "The accused, Parikshit Nayak (35) of Balimi in Dhenkanal district earlier worked as a cook at the institution along with a few other school hostels in the city," said Bhubaneswar DCP Prateek Singh. The cyber police station here registered a case under sections 419, 469, 323 and 509 of the IPC, sections 66E, 67A, 67B of the IT Act and section 12 of the POCSO Act.

Remembering Harihara Das

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Lost untimely the retd. official of Dept. of post, a sitting

Gadadhar Prasad Rath, Niranjana Sahoo, Secretary of the residence association



Debendra Kumar Patra, Senior member Mihir Mishra, Arun Kumar Dey, Jyoti Ranjan Das and Bira Kishore Mishra were paid a deep tribute to the departed soul. To note even after retirement late Das engaged himself in

member of Niladrivihar Residents Association, Social worker late Harihara Das was given an emotional tribute on his 11th day of rituals. In a tribute ceremony organised for the purpose in the premises of Niladrivihar Durgapuja Mandop under the chairmanship of senior Advocate & advisor of the Association

different social related activities and was the karta in Durga Puja for more than 4 years. His untimely death has created a blank space in the society and an irreparable loss



opined the guests and urged to form a smriti committee, to publish a souvenir while throwing a light on his life and deeds. Among others the members of the family and the near dear ones were present and coordinated the function. The family members of late das expressed their heartfelt thanks for the graceful presence of everyone.

Manmohan Pattnaik the president of Niladrivihar Youth & Cultural Association Dr. Prakash Chandra Panigrahi, Secretary Biswajit Pattnaik, Cultural Secretary Bata Krushna Panda, Senior member



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Rupee rises 12 paise to close at 79.57 against US dollar

MUMBAI: The rupee appreciated 12 paise to close at 79.57 (provisional) against the US dollar on Friday, tracking positive domestic equities and foreign fund inflows. At the interbank forex market, the local unit opened at

The dollar index, which measures the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, fell 0.98 per cent to 108.63. Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, advanced 1.72 per cent to USD 90.68 per barrel.

1.25 per cent, said Anuj Choudhary - Research Analyst at Sharekhan by BNP Paribas. "Global inflationary pressures may also put pressure on riskier assets. However, weakness in dollar and positive cues from global

uity market front, the BSE Sensex ended 104.92 points or 0.18 per cent higher at 59,793.14, while the broader NSE Nifty gained 34.60 points or 0.19 per cent to 17,833.35. FII inflows also supported the rupee.



79.66 against the greenback. It witnessed an intra-day high of 79.47 and a low of 79.66 during the session. It finally ended at 79.57, up 12 paise from its previous close of 79.69.

The rupee appreciated on positive domestic equities and a weak US dollar. The dollar declined by more than 1 per cent on a sharp bounce amid an unprecedented 75 bps rate hike by ECB to

markets may support Rupee at lower levels," Choudhary said, adding, "USD-INR spot price is expected to trade in a range of Rs 79 to Rs 80.30 in the next couple of sessions." On the domestic eq-

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) were net buyers in the capital markets, as they purchased shares worth Rs 2,913.09 crore on Thursday, according to provisional data.

'Made my decision, will answer if I don't stand for polls': Rahul on being Congress chief again

Continued from page-5 party take place."

"Wait till that time when that time happens you will see and if I don't stand, you can ask me 'why didn't you stand' and I will answer the question for you," Gandhi told reporters.

He, however, asserted that he has "very clearly" decided what he is going to do.

"There is no confusion in my mind about what I am going to do," he asserted.

On being pressed on the issue by reporters, Gandhi reiterated that the election of the Congress president is going to happen and when that takes place, there will be clarity.

The president's election will take place and your questions will be answered, he told reporters.

Gandhi had resigned as the Congress president in 2019 taking moral responsibility for the party's poll drubbing in the Lok Sabha elections.

Bharat Jodo Yatra launch HIGHLIGHTS | Millions feel need to take action that brings India together: Rahul

Sonia Gandhi was appointed as the interim Congress president after Rahul Gandhi refused to withdraw his resignation.

Nominations for the Congress president's election will begin on September 24 and will end on September 30, and in case of a contest the election will be held on October 17 and the counting on October 19.

The former Congress president also responded to the BJP over its 'Pariwar Bachao' remark, saying the yatra is being undertaken to undo the damage done by the BJP-RSS of spreading hatred in the country.

He said everybody has an opinion, the BJP has one and so does the RSS.

"They are free to have. For us in the Congress, this is a journey and an attempt at understanding what is going on in India and an attempt at undoing the damages that have been done by BJP and RSS," he said.

Responding to a question on leading the yatra, Gandhi said to put it in perspective, the Congress has decided to do the padyatra across the country and as a member of the party and a person who agrees with its ideology, he is participating in it.

"I don't see any contradiction in my participation in this yatra," Gandhi said.

On whether the yatra will strengthen the Congress and lead to its revival, Gandhi said the goal of the march is to connect with the people, counter the "damage that the RSS-BJP has done to the country and the hatred they have spread".

"Now, if the Congress party benefits from the yatra, that is good," he added.

Asked if the battle of ideologies he often talks about has entered a decisive phase, Gandhi said this battle has been going on for a couple of thousand years now between two different visions.

"There have always been two different visions of India. One vision, which is rigid, controlling and

another vision, which is plural, open minded and I think, this battle will continue. We are playing our role in this fight," he said.

Gandhi also alleged that the BJP has taken control of all the institutions of this country and have inserted their people in most of the institutions and they pressurize through these institutions.

"You know the role of the CBI, of the ED, of the Income tax department. So, we are not fighting anymore a political party, we used to fight a political party. Now, the fight is not between one political party and another political party.

Now the fight is between the structure of the Indian state and the opposition and everybody understands this," he said.

"This is not an easy fight. This is a difficult fight. Media is not with the opposition. Not because you don't want to be, but, because you are under pressure, your owners have particular relationships, so this is not an easy fight and a lot of people don't want to fight, lot of people feel, why get caught up. It is easier, to let go, make peace with the BJP, fold hands in front of them, and your life will be easier," he said.

Gandhi asserted this was neither his training nor his character.

"My character is to fight for a certain idea of India, certain notion of this country and there are many people in the Congress Party and in the opposition, who are convinced of this fact," he said.

He also said India is not living in harmony and the country is divided along lines of religion and states. "People do not have employment; people do not have work, that is very clear. 2 or 3 big businesses are controlling everything; the third richest men is now in India, who is probably going to become the richest very soon, close confidante of the leader of the country, that is not harmonious. You have massive price rise, that is not harmonious. So, for me, India is a conversation between its people and that conversation has broken down," Gandhi said.

Asked about the names of cities, roads railway stations being changed, he said there is "total bankruptcy" in vision for what is to be done in future, so to divert attention, names are changed.

His remark came a day after Prime Minister inaugurated the newly-christened Kartavya Path, the stretch of road from Rashtrapati Bhavan to India Gate earlier known as Rajpath.

Gandhi said it is not just the government but deeper than that - India is lacking now a vision for itself. He also said that the Congress is not against corporate India but against powerful monopolies and unfairness.

Gandhi said he agreed to join this yatra because he believes in the ideals of the Congress and partially because he thought personally it will be a very good experience for him.

"I thought it would be worthwhile to do that from a personal journey perspective. For me it is both these things. Of course these days in politics that is not fashionable. It is a different way if thinking about things, it is a different way of looking at things," he said.

"Hopefully I will get some understanding about myself and get some understanding about this beautiful country from this yatra and I think three-four months later, I will be wiser," he added.

'India's rice production may fall by 10-12 million tonne in Kharif season this year': Food Secretary

NEW DELHI: India's rice production could fall by 10-12 million tonnes during the Kharif season of this year, due to a fall in paddy sowing area, the government said on Friday.

However, Food Secretary Sudhanshu Pandey asserted that the country will have surplus production in rice. He pointed out that the paddy acreage is lower by 38 lakh hectare so far this kharif season, because of less rains in many states.

The Kharif season contributes about 80 per cent

28th OMC Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra award festival concluded with award ceremony & Odissi abhinaya "Ravana"

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Ramhari Das for their immense contribution and lifetime achievement in the fields of Odissi dance and music respectively. The coveted award carries a respectable allocation of Rs. 1,00,000/- each and a citation. This was followed by the presentation of the GKCM Yuva Prativa Samman, which focuses on reviving the all-important role of the solo artiste in the classical idiom. The award carries a cash prize of Rs 25,000/- and a citation. This year, Smt. Geetanjali Acharya and Shri Matru Prasad Das received the GKCM Yuva Prativa Samman for Odissi dance and Odissi music (*Vocal*) respectively, in recognition of their inspiring performances and commitment to their Art.

Esteemed dignitaries Shri Sidhanta Mohapatra, Noted Cine Actor and Former Member of Parliament; Shri Ashok Kumar Tripathy, Former Member, Board of Revenue, Odisha; and Shri Balwant Singh, Managing Director, OMC addressed the audience on this concluding evening. The much-awaited finale was a presentation by the Srjan ensemble, who, under the direction of Shri Ratikant Mohapatra perform extensively within India and overseas, presenting compositions with fast-paced movements, innovations in dance and music, and depicting popular themes, within the Odissi idiom. Srjan presented the Odissi dance ballet "Ravana," choreographed by Guru Ratikant Mohapatra, the driving force behind Srjan's success.

Defying the popular notion of Ravana, this Odissi production presented a novel understanding of the epic Ramayana. Donning the central role of Ravana, Guru Ratikant Mohapatra portrayed the character with spell-binding effect. Portraying Ravana as the *raison d'être* of the Ramayana, the recital began with a powerful and striking invocation to Dashanana, a departure from the customary invocation to gods and goddesses. Ravana, the "Mahanayaka," who strove to attain moksha through strife, struggle, and warfare, is the all-powerful king who displayed rare courage, integrity, and perseverance, in spite of a variety of negative and evil traits. Striking costumes, memorable music, and excellent dancing characterised this presentation by Srjan.

The dancers, Smt. Rajashri Praharaj, Ritu Sengupta, Aishwariya Singhdev, Sipra Swain, Preetisha Mohapatra, Madhabi Rout, Daina Ghose, Alisha Dhal, Sanjay Kumar Behera, and G Sanjay delivered power-packed performances, while playing each character with poise and maturity. This finale was a befitting testament to the richness, memorability, and attractiveness of Shri Ratikant Mohapatra's choreography, performed with precision and perfection by his well-rounded ensemble. They were aided by the skilful and distinctive light designing of Shri Debiprasad Mishra and the seamless sound engineering of Shri C. Anand Krishna.

The festival was streamed live on Srjan's Facebook page and YouTube channel, and was attended by several dignitaries, influential citizens, luminaries from the world of Art, and audiences from across India and abroad. The entire festival was curated, conceptualized, and designed by Guru Ratikant Mohapatra, with the programme execution by Shri Debiprasad Mishra. Smt. Anuja Mishra and Shri Mrutyunjaya Rath ably and effortlessly conducted the proceedings of the entire festival.

This year, Srjan was fortunate to receive the institutional support of Sri Sri University, Cuttack, leading educational institution of India. The title sponsor of the festival was Odisha Mining Corporation Limited (OMC). The 28th OMC GKCM Award Festival was supported by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, and the Department of Odia Literature Language and Culture, Government of Odisha. While MGM Minerals and Odisha Tourism were the gold sponsors, NALCO, IMFA, Priyadarshini Silks, and Paradeep Phosphates Limited were the festival sponsors. The hospitality sponsors were Mayfair Hotels and Resorts, Swosti Group of Hotels and Resorts, and The Royale Midtown Hotel. Dharitri and Orissa Post, and Narthaki.com were the media partners and web partner respectively.

of India's total rice production.



"Loss of production of rice may be 10 million tonnes and in the worst case it can be 12 million tonnes this year," he told reporters here. However, the secretary said that this is an initial estimate based on drop in acreage and average yield. Pandey said the fall in production could be less as yield might improve in states where rains have been good.

Total production of Rice during the 2021-22 crop year (July-June) is estimated at a record 130.29 million tonnes.

It is higher by 13.85 million tonnes than the last five years' average production of 116.44 million tonnes. The secretary did not reply to a question on whether the government would extend the free foodgrains programme Prime Minister Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana.

King Charles III has an interest in yoga, ayurveda, has visited India 10 times

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also toured Orissa as the state guest and stayed at the Raj Bhawan, Bhubaneswar, for a few days.

During a visit to Mumbai in 2003, Prince Charles met the dabbawalas as he was intrigued by their method of functioning. They were later invited as guests to the wedding of Charles and Camila in 2005.

Some of the dabbawalas also had breakfast with the Queen in Windsor Castle. The Queen inquired after them when Mumbai came under attack in 2008.

Meanwhile, with his accession to the British throne, Charles has also become Head of the Commonwealth, an association of 56 independent countries including India and 2.4 billion people. For 14 of these countries, as well as the UK, the King is the Head of State. People in the UK are divided on the issue of continuation of the monarchy with a slight bias towards the royal head of State remaining. Since the past few centuries, the monarch is only a titular head in the UK which means they reign but do not rule.

After his coronation, King Charles will have some unusual rights, which include travelling without a passport, driving without a licence and owning all the mute swans in England.

Regional disparity issue pushed to oblivion in Odisha

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identified 156 backward and very backward blocks.

This apart, 64 blocks in the areas bordering neighbouring states were also identified by the panel as 'very backward'. It had recommended restructuring of the State Planning Board and the formation of a backward area development council and bordering area developing board.

Prior to this, the State government had set up a committee in 1991 led by Prafulla Chandra Ghadai, who was then a minister in the Biju Patnaik cabinet, to study the issue and submit a report. The Ghadei committee had identified 34 very backwards, 25 backward, 25 developing and five developed blocks in the western Odisha districts.

However, the government never acted on the two reports through a Western Odisha Development Council (WODC) set up in November 1998. Even as the budget of the State has reached Rs 2 lakh crore, the government's allocation for the Council was Rs 250 crore in 2022-23.

There was no meeting on the issue of regional imbalance during the tenure of former Planning and Convergence Minister Padmanabha Behera. He, however, said there has been all-around development of the State during the last 20 years. Planning and Convergence Minister Rajendra Dholakia did not comment saying he is busy with a function in his constituency.

Swiatek, Jabeur will meet in 1st US Open final for both

NEW YORK: Getting to a Grand Slam final is no longer new to Ons Jabeur. She figures it's time to add a major trophy to her list of groundbreaking accomplishments.

And she's sure she is more ready to do it at the U.S. Open than she was at Wimbledon two months ago. Jabeur reached a second consecutive Slam title match without needing to produce her best tennis Thursday night, taking full advantage of a shaky showing by Caroline Garcia to win their semifinal at Flushing Meadows 6-1, 6-3.

"Feels more real, to be honest with you, just to be in the final again. At Wimbledon, I was kind of just living the dream, and I couldn't believe it," Jabeur said after ending No. 17 Garcia's 13-match winning streak, which included a victory over Coco Gauff. "Now maybe I know what to do."

On Saturday, with a championship on the line, Jabeur will go up against No. 1-ranked Iga Swiatek, who grabbed the last four games, and 16 of the last 20 points, to come back and beat No. 6 Aryna Sabalenka 3-6, 6-1, 6-4.

The first step for Swiatek to turn things around came when she headed to the locker room after the first set — to use the bathroom and think about what to adjust on court.

"I needed to get it together," said Swiatek, a 21-year-old from Poland who already owns two trophies

from the French Open's red clay, including one this June, but never had been past the fourth round on New York's hard courts.

Sabalenka, meanwhile, dropped to 0-3 in Slam semifinals for her career and 12-11 in three-setters this



year. She broke for a 4-2 lead in the third set — and 17 minutes later, it was over, as Swiatek surged to the finish.

"She was just going for it," said Sabalenka, who wore large blue mirrored sunglasses and a black cap pulled low to her news conference. "She was hitting every

ball and putting me under pressure and playing really aggressively."

Swiatek has emerged as a dominant figure in women's tennis, with a 37-match winning streak that brought her six titles in one stretch. If she can defeat Jabeur, Swiatek will become the first woman since Angelique Kerber in 2016 to win two majors in one season.

The No. 5-seeded Jabeur, a 28-year-old from Tunisia, was the runner-up at the All England Club in July and now will be the first African woman to participate in a final at the U.S. Open in the professional era, which dates to 1968.

"After Wimbledon, (there was) a lot of pressure on

me," Jabeur said following a win that took barely more than an hour. "and I'm really relieved that I can back up my results."

The men's semifinals are Friday: No. 3 Carlos Alcaraz of Spain vs. No. 22 Frances Tiafoe of the United States, and No. 5 Casper Ruud of Norway vs. No. 27 Karen Khachanov of Russia.

Iga Swiatek on unfair 'ball' game in US Open With four-time major champion Arantxa Sánchez Vicario in her guest box — they traded thumbs-up signals at match's end — Jabeur improved to 6-0 in semifinals this season and earned her tour-leading 92nd victory in all since the start of 2021.

Asia Cup 2022: Sri Lanka beat Pakistan by five wickets

DUBAI: Sri Lanka produced a clinical all-round performance to beat Pakistan by five wickets in a Super Four match of the ongoing Asia Cup 2022 at Dubai International Cricket Stadium, here on Friday.

Spinners Wanindu Hasaranga (3/21) and Maheesh Theekshana's (2/21) impressive bowling performance helped Sri Lanka bowl out Pakistan for 121 in 19.1 overs. Apart from Hasaranga and

Theekshana, Pramod Madushan (2/21), Chamika Karunaratne (1/4) and Dhananjaya de Silva (1/18) also bowled with discipline and did a decent job for Sri Lanka.

On the other hand, Babar Azam (30 off 29) and Mohammad Nawaz (26 off 18) were the top-scorers for Pakistan.

Chasing a small target, opener Pathum Nissanka slammed a fine unbeaten half-century (55 not out off 48) to lead Sri Lanka to a convincing victory. Apart from Nissanka,

Bhanuka Rajapaksa (24 off 19) and Dasun Shanaka (21 off 16) also played vital knocks as Sri Lanka chased down the target in 17



overs, with five wickets in hand. Haris Rauf (2/19), Mohammad Hasnain (2/21), Usman Qadir (1/34) were the wicket-takers for Pakistan.

Brief scores: Pakistan 121 all out in 19.1 overs (Babar Azam 30, Mohammad Nawaz 26; Wanindu Hasaranga 3/21, Maheesh Theekshana 2/21) lost to Sri Lanka 124-5 in 17 overs (Pathum Nissanka 55 not out, Bhanuka Rajapaksa 24; Haris Rauf 2/19) by five wickets.

Chelsea FC hires Graham Potter as manager, replacing Thomas Tuchel

Chelsea's new American owners took a gamble with the first managerial appointment of their tenure, hiring Graham Potter from Pre-

remote Swedish club Ostersund (2011-18), which he led from the country's fourth tier to the first division and then into the Europa League

in an undistinguished career from 1992-2005 before retiring at the age of 30 and going into higher education, is widely admired as one of

phies," said former Chelsea player and assistant coach Jody Morris. "It's totally different to being in a club where you are expected to be



mier League rival Brighton on Thursday despite his lack of experience coaching at soccer's highest level.

The 47-year-old Potter agreed to a five-year deal as the replacement for Thomas Tuchel, who was fired on Wednesday after an apparent breakdown in his relationship with Chelsea's recently installed ownership team fronted by Los Angeles Dodgers part-owner Todd Boehly.

While Tuchel won the Champions League with Chelsea last year and previously ran a locker room of soccer superstars — such as Kylian Mbappé and Neymar — at Paris Saint-Germain, Potter has a more obscure coaching past and has won only one trophy, the Swedish Cup in 2017.

That came during a seven-year stint at

for the first time. Since then, he has coached Swansea for one season in English soccer's second division, guiding the team to the FA Cup quarterfinals, before taking over at Brighton in 2019. Brighton is currently in fourth place in the Premier League, having finished last season in ninth — the highest in the club's history.

Chelsea said Potter would bring "progressive football and innovative coaching" to the club, while Boehly said the new coach "fits our vision."

"Not only is he extremely talented on the pitch," Boehly said of Potter, "he has skills and capabilities that extend beyond the pitch which will make Chelsea a more successful club."

Potter, who played mostly for lower-league English teams

the country's best tacticians and has a brave, entertaining style of play that has won plaudits if not trophies. Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola has said he is a "big fan" of Potter because of the way his "players move with freedom and ... have the courage to play everywhere."

And Boehly, the face of Chelsea's ownership, has been convinced that Potter is the man to instill a long-term soccer ethos and identity throughout the club at the start of the new era.

The demands Potter will face at Chelsea will contrast sharply with those at his previous clubs, however, unlikely giving him as much time to cultivate a team as he has had so far in his career.

"He'll be expected to win every week, to challenge for tro-

midtable and can go a couple of months without winning a game. You go a couple of games without winning at Chelsea and it'll be totally different."

Potter's time in Sweden offers an interesting insight into why he is lauded as a good man-manager and a thinker of the game.

Under Potter, Ostersund, which prides itself on developing its players as people before sportsmen, started what it called a "Culture Academy" where squad members and coaches were faced with challenges to their mental process and decision-making under pressure.

After achieving promotion one year, Potter and his players put on a modern-dance production in the city's theater, set to music from Swan Lake.



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