

More Rains for Odisha Suryakiran show in Sky



Bhubaneswar(KCN): The India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Friday said many parts of the State from September 18. An upper air cyclonic circulation is likely to form over Northwest & adjoining Westcentral Bay of Bengal around September 18, 2022. Under its influence, a low pressure area is likely to form over the same region during subsequent 48 hours, it said. Heavy rainfall (7 to 11cm) is very likely to occur at one or two places over the districts Kalahandi, Kandhamal, Bolangir, Gajapati, Ganjam, Puri and Jagatsinghpur on September 18. Rainfall of similar intensity would occur in some places of Malkangiri, Koraput,

Gajapati, Ganjam, Rayagada, Kalahandi, Kandhamal, Puri, Khordha, Cuttack, Jagatsinghpur and Kendrapada districts on September 19.

Similarly, on September 20, heavy to very heavy rainfall (7 to 20 cm) is very likely to occur at one or two places over the districts Boudh, Angul, Sonepur, Kandhamal, and Kalahandi. Rainfall of 7 to 11cm would occur at one or two places over the districts of Gajapati, Ganjam, Puri, Khordha, Nayagarh, Cuttack, Jagatsinghpur, Dhenkanal, Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj, Deogarh, Sambalpur, Bargarh, Bolangir, Nuapada and Rayagada on the same day.

No help in sight for Ukraine returnee medical students, reveals accounts from Odisha

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): Problems seem to be mounting for students from Odisha

Not only are they now worried about their transcripts which they had sub-

mitted in their respective universities in the war-torn country but also the mobility option that has been offered to them by their parent institutions.

tronic journals due to non payment of dues as a result of which they are unable to attend online classes since September 1. A majority of students from Odisha were pursuing medical education from Kharkiv while the rest were studying in Lviv and Vinnytsia. "The universities have asked us to either provide the 'power of attorney' to any agent or nominee who can collect the transcripts on our behalf or we collect

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who are pursuing medical education from different universities in Ukraine.

mitted in their respective universities in the war-torn country but also the mo-

Besides, many of the universities have blocked the students' access to their elec-

India takes over SCO rotating presidency

SAMARKAND(KCN): Uzbekistan on Friday handed over the rotating presidency of the eight-member Shanghai Cooperation

Organisation in 2023. We will do our best to assist India, our strategic partner, in the implementation of this responsible mission,"



Organisation (SCO) to India in this historic city of Samarkand.

Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev chaired the 22nd SCO summit in Samarkand which was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"As a result #SCOSamarkandSummit, India will host next SCO summit as a chairman of

Uzbek Foreign Minister Vladimir Norov tweeted.

The summit in Samarkand also saw the participation of Russian President Vladimir Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping and Iran's Ebrahim Raisi, Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif among other leaders from the Central Asian countries.

Chinese President Xi Jinping congratulated India for taking over the rotating Presidency of the Beijing-based eight-member regional grouping.

"Here I wish to express China's congratulations to India on assuming the next SCO presidency. We will, CONTINUED ON: P-7

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Suryakiran Aerobatic Team of Indian Air Force (IAF) on Friday performed the spectacular and daredevil aerobatic show in the Bhubaneswar sky over the Kuakhai river bed for about 30 minutes. Thousands of people from different parts of the State particularly from the twin cities of Cuttack and Bhubaneswar were awestruck after nine pilots of red and white Hawk 132 Aircraft manufactured by the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd divided into two groups and exhibited a series of loops, barrel rolls and manoeuvres in the air.

The pilots showed the prowess, skill and efficiency of the Indian Air Force during the show which started at 10.15 AM and continued till 10.45 AM.

Governor Prof Ganeshi Lal joined the event as Chief Guest while Chief of Eastern Air Command Air Marshal DK Patnaik was also present here.

The Air show was organised to commemorate the 75th independence of India and to inspire and encourage the youths to join the Indian Airforce.

The Governor said this airshow gives a message to the world that India's survival is most for the survival of the entire world. It also shows how the sky and earth meet each other, he said.

Expressing happiness over the fabulous show by the IAF team, the Governor said that he is going to attend the upcoming air show in Puri on Sunday.

"After witnessing the show, my heart says to join the IAF. As I cannot join, it would be bet-

ter if any of my children join the airforce," said the Governor.

Air Marshal DK Patnaik said that as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, such shows are



being organised at various places across the country. The show started with today's event in Bhubaneswar. The main aim of organising the airshow was to attract youths to join the air force, he said.

Elaborate arrangements were made on both sides of the river to help the people witness the rare event. The twin city Commissionerate of Police deployed around 15 platoons of police and 100 officers and an ODRAF team to ensure that the event passed off smoothly without any untoward incident.

According to a conservative estimate around 50,000 people gathered to witness the show. Arrangements were also made for 1200 VIPs to watch the event.

The Suryakiran team conducted rehearsal at the river bed on Thursday prior to the main event on Friday.

Eatery in Bhubaneswar flouts BMC order

BHUBANESWAR(KCN):

The Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) on Thursday drew flak from different quarters after a famous roadside hotel near Doordarshan Kendra here allegedly started business within 24 hours of cancellation of its food registration.

The civic body had cancelled the registration of Kishore Bhaina hotel, famous for its mutton and other non-veg dishes, on grounds of poor hygiene and sanitation and imposed

penalty on the eatery

official from BMC's



on Wednesday. The civic body reportedly found food colour, expired sauces and stale crabs at the hotel.

However, the civic body received complaints of the hotel running its business and faced strong criticism for 'poor enforcement.' An of-

health and food safety wing, however, said that an enforcement team went to the spot at around 3.30 pm but couldn't fine anyone. He said the civic body will also find out on what ground the hotel resumed business on the day. "The hotel only had food regis-

tration issued to street vendors with annual business of `12 lakh or less. The hotel owner on various platforms has informed about his daily business. The civic body will also look into it," the official said.

Meanwhile, a BMC led by Municipal Commissioner Vijay Amruta Kulange also raided around 20 hotels, eateries and food joints and sealed four of them over poor hygiene and sanitation and not having trade licence on Thursday.

Moved by child's complaint, Railway minister orders FOB in Puri

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): Moved by the grievance of a Class II student who sought a

the inconvenience faced by the villagers due to an underpass, demanded an FOB for the



foot over bridge (FOB) at Birapratappur village in Puri district, Union Minister for Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw on Thursday asked his officials to take immediate steps for construction of the bridge with ramp facility for the convenience of locals.

Vaishnaw, during his tour to Puri district, stopped near Birapratappur school where seven-year-old Badri Prasad Panda highlighted the plight of the locals and students. Panda, besides apprising the Minister about

villagers and a playground for the school.

Though the railways had closed the manned level crossing that had been dividing the village diagonally and constructed an underpass nearly half a km away from the village, it has been creating a lot of inconvenience to the locals and

school students. The villagers complained that they have been facing a lot of difficulties in pulling the chariot of the village temple across the railway lines while the lower and upper primary school children had to walk more to reach their schools.

Vaishnaw called railway officials and visited the spot. He advised them to construct an FOB with ramp facilities for the benefit of the villagers. Later he assured the villagers that the matter will be resolved soon.

SMP, Kolkata Turns to be a Voice of Succour for Resuming Salvage Operation

Kolkata(KCN): Container Vessel M.V MarinTrust-01 plying in the Coastal Shipping



Route between India and Bangladesh listed heavily at NSD Berth No. 5 after completion of Cargo work on March 24, 2022 at about 10.40 am. The Owner of the Vessel M/s MarinTrust Ltd. engaged M/s Gill Marine as salvor for re-floating and restoring the vessel along with the salvage of the containers which had taken to waters of the dock. Considering the urgency of the matter and No.5 Berth, NSD being an important berth for container operations, the salvor was al-



lowed to commence the operation from April 2, 2022 onwards, without executing a BIMCO Agreement as per relevant rules. There were a total 165 containers on-board (77 containers on deck; 88 containers in hold). The salvage operation was terminated,

IndianOil to Contribute Rs 50.22 Core over 5 years for Trans-continental relocation of Cheetah

Kolkata (KCN): IndianOil has collaborated with the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) for the transcontinental relocation of 'Cheetah' in its historical range in India. The first Cheetahs, flown in from Namibia, will be released in the Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh in the presence of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on Saturday (September 17, 2022). IndianOil will contribute Rs.50.22 crore over five years for the project components, including Cheetah Introduction, Habitat Management & Protection, Eco Development, Staff Training and Veterinary Healthcare. The Cheetah introduction project in Kuno National Park involves creating a 500-hectare preda-

tor-proof enclosure for a soft release of the feline. Initially, the Cheetahs will be housed in specially designed quarantine enclosures in Kuno National Park for observation from the point of view of health and disease risk assessment. Subsequently, after the post-import quarantine, the animals will be released in larger enclosures for further acclimatisation. This release will mark the return of the Cheetah to Indian soil seven decades after it was declared extinct in 1952. Shri S M Vaidya, Chairman, IndianOil, said, "IndianOil's environmental leadership extends beyond the confines of business and our recent partnership with the National Tiger Conservation Authority to support the reintroduction of the

followed by abandonment of the vessel by Owners on and from April 22, 2022 after retrieving a total of 30 containers, some from the deck of the Vessel and a few from the waters. Thereafter, SMP, Kolkata explored legal options for resumption of salvage operation of M.V MarinTrust-01 including restoration and re-floatation of the vessel at Berth No.5. The law firm, Victor & Moses and officials of SMP, Kolkata



worked in tandem and finally the salvage operation was resumed from July 13, 2022 with the BIMCO Agreement and Salvor's Liability Insurance in place. The vessel has now been restored and set upright at Berth No.5, NSD with a total of all the 165 containers retrieved. On re-floatation, the Owner of the vessel has requested for permission to tow the vessel back to Bangladesh. The senior officials of SMP, Kolkata are now deliberating on the issue, since a huge amount of claim is pending on the account of the Owner of the Vessel, M/s MarinTrust Ltd. Also, the vessel needs permission from the classification society and DG Shipping India/Bangladesh for moving out from the docks of SMP, Kolkata.

Cheetah in the country after seven decades cements this resolve. IndianOil is all set to welcome the magnificent Cheetahs back to India, and we will continue to explore more avenues for strengthening our national ecological heritage". Building on its green

HAZRA Park Durgotsab celebrates 80th Year of Durga Puja with its theme as "TANDAV"

Kolkata,(KCN): Every year, Hazra Park Durgotsab surprises the audience by bringing forward new ideas. This Puja of South Kolkata has come up with an eye-catching theme 'Tandav' this time. Hazra Park Durgotsab which turns 80 this year is celebrating with a theme related to the current scenario of the world – "Tandav". It will become a tangible document of human life in the theme and presentation of Durgotsab. This puja is located at Hazra crossing (inside Jatin Das Park).

Science is described in Hindu scriptures as the scientific truth of Tandav according to cosmology which is continuously happening every day as unseen creation. The daily cycle of destruction and creation is created in the nuclear instability that occurs at different levels of the universe and helps in keeping a balance. According to the Hindu scriptures, Tandav is an integral part of our life which takes place with or without our knowledge.

The quanta of great energy waves in the sound of the drum reaches the human body in waves. The entire universe becomes a single source of energy. Again, that single energy is transformed and the universe becomes a reservoir of a single energy which is transformed into multi-dimensional ones. That is, Tandava. It's not just an event that happens at a particular moment, Tandav is actually a continuous process of the universe, which we usually know from the perspective of the divine. At Hazra Park, our theme for this year's Durga puja thus tries to showcase this force of life. This work will be a daily witness to the viewer in his artistic application. We show how it has become a tangible part of human life and the artist's impression of Tandav across different spheres of society.

Speaking to the media, Mr. Sayan Deb Chatterjee, Joint Secretary of Hazra Park Durgotsab Committee said, "This year's theme is to think of the continuous process of the universe. The theme is Tandav which is actually a physical document of human life. The main idea of the theme is Tandava, which is basically no specific moment, rather a continuous process. According to the theory of creation, violence happens every day somewhere in this universe. The reservoirs of destruction and creation are formed in the nuclear instability occurring at different levels of the universe. The puja was initially held at Bhowanipore for a few years, it moved to Hazra Park in 1945. From the very beginning this puja has spoken against untouchability."

When unbridled rains wash away vast tracts of land, rehabilitation centres emerge as the new homes for the homeless who have lost almost everything except their undying spirit against the frenzied excesses of nature. As the storm continues to wreak havoc, it destroys nature and human lives alike as thousands of trees get uprooted and laid into death bed. It degenerates an entire human civilisation, and with the power to demolish a modern society at the snap of its fingers, mother nature evokes a primitive battle between the nature and a modern civilisation.

Modern machines and technology have helped the human civilization grow leaps and bounces, leaving behind our primitive beliefs, cultures and values. Despite all great technologies and equipment's that civilised society possesses today, time and again, mother nature has showcased her supremacy. This was again portrayed by the recent event, where the entire world succumbed to a microscopic virus. With the struggle for existence looming large, the human society came to a standstill. Despite having

the best of technologies, the virus shook the very cornerstone of human existence and showcased how vulnerable we are to the whims of nature. With no time, the virus spread its wings across the globe and affected the rich and poor and the old and young alike, transcending the man-made barriers. Perpetuated by a culture of rugged individualism and capitalism's prioritization of work above everything else, the rapid spread of the pandemic led to the shattering of many dreams, and many losing their loved ones. In reality, it created a Tandav in human history.

But, being human, we continued to fight with a hope of a better tomorrow building on our experience of the past. Perhaps, the pandemic was an invitation to examine our societal dreams, and build something that can better support humans in crisis. In the process of rebuilding for a better tomorrow, we realised that it is a constant process of rethinking and reworking around our mother that would drive humanity ahead. Just like the sea waves, which are in a never-ending process of rebuilding. Many consider Tandav as a destructive force. But, traversing the pages of human history, once can see that Tandav is being referred to a special moment which initiates the change process, when something new is being conceived while something is destroyed. Change is a part of life, as nothing is static for long. Change is necessary for life, and so, change is inevitable. So, one must embrace this aspect and go along with the ups and downs of life. Instead of losing our hearts, we should learn from our past. The puja organizers want the 2022 Durgotsab to become a place of great harmony, forgetting the pain of loss of the last three years. But all-round worship of mother will be beneficial. For that purpose, Hazra Park Durgotsab Puja Committee is all geared up and preparing for Puja with great enthusiasm.

About Hazra Park Durgotsab: The Puja in Hazra Park has its own significance and pride. There was a time when Durga Puja was mainly done in palaces or houses of noble and high caste families. People of lower castes were not even allowed to enter these Pujas and give offering to Goddess. It was beyond imagination for these under-privileged people. Family Pujas slowly gave way to "Barowaari" or community ones but it still had a long way to become "Sarbojanini" or secular. The caste disposition of those days considered the Harijans / Mahtars to be unclean since they were employed by the Calcutta Municipal Corporation to clean open pit latrines and the city's sewage system and therefore were restricted to enter Puja Pandals.

This was when this Puja started in 1942 with the support from Calcutta Municipal Corporation under the guidance of the then Mayor Sri C.R. Das and CEO Sri Subhas Chandra Bose. This Puja was open for the common masses, under-privileged, backward classes and Harijans. Earlier, this Puja was held at Bhowanipore which shifted to Hazra Park in 1945. People from backward classes could participate freely in the Puja, which still continues today. Even today, as a tradition, about 1000 Harijans are seated and personally served with Bhog and Prasad by the committee members. This is a symbol of respect for the generations who have kept the city clean since years. It is also a powerful statement that despite one's birth, every man is created equal and should be treated same.



the COP-26 Summit last year. IndianOil's decarbonisation goals encompass Scope I and II emissions, and the Company envisages an investment of over Rs 2 Lakh Crore to achieve the target. Simultaneously, IndianOil is working tirelessly to empower environmental movements through concerted and focused interventions. The Cheetah introduction project is one such example where IndianOil is leveraging its CSR programmes to usher in enduring socio-environmental changes. Under the Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives, besides environmental and sustainability, IndianOil is also fueling various education and health care projects. The Com-

pany has been at the forefront of steering the 'Skill India' revolution with landmark initiatives like the IndianOil-run Skill Development Institute, Bhubaneswar. IndianOil is also supporting the National TB elimination Programme (NTEP) in each of the 75 districts of Uttar Pradesh and 23 districts of Punjab. The programme's key objective will be to screen and test the entire population of UP and Punjab every year for the next three years to help India eradicate the disease by 2025. Moreover, in the last few years, IndianOil has contributed close to Rs.90 crore to strengthen the Cancer care infrastructure in India.

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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

leged objectionable content in her web

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.



Court on Thursday granted interim protection from arrest to TV producer Ekta Kapoor in an FIR against her for al-

series "XXX season 2". A bench headed by Chief Justice SA Bobde granted interim protection to

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's 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 mukurat 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 charged 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

May Lord Ram Give PM Modi a Long Life To Serve The Nation

Since being elected the prime minister in 2014, Narendra Modi has celebrated every birthday in a unique way. This year, BJP is planning an extensive programme for PM



Modi's birthday and for this he has given instructions to all the party workers and leaders to celebrate it as "Seva Pakhwara". "Seva Pakhwara" will be

celebrated from September 17 till the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the nation, on October 2. Eight cheetahs will also be sent to India from Namibia where they will be personally welcomed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his birthday. PM will release these cheetahs into the Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh on his birthday.

In 2015, Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Shauryanjali, a military exhibition to mark the golden jubilee of Indo-Pak War of 1965. In 2016, on his 66th birthday, he flew down to Gandhinagar to meet his mother Heeraben to seek her blessings. In 2017, he dedicated the mega Sardar Sarovar Dam project to the nation amidst chanting of Vedic hymns by students. In 2018, he spent his 68th birthday at his parliamentary constituency Varanasi with school children. In 2019, he kickstart his 69th birthday by celebrating the water level in the Sardar Sarovar Dam at Kevadiya in Narmada district reaching its highest capacity at 138.68 metres for the first time since its height was raised in 2017. In 2020, due to COVID pandemic, PM Modi's birthday remained low-key. The BJP organised a number of events, aimed at public service, across the country to celebrate the Indian Prime Minister's birthday as 'Sewa Divas'. In 2021, his 71st birthday was celebrated with 'Seva aur Samarpan Abhiyan' from September 17 to October 7, the day PM Modi was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Gujarat for the first time in 2001. 71,000 diyas (earthen lamps) were also lit up at Varanasi's Bharat Mata [Temple in Kashi](#). Last year, BJP had aimed to make the birthday historic by setting a record of the maximum number of COVID-19 vaccine inoculations on the day. With over 2.50 crore COVID-19 vaccine doses administered, India created a world record of the highest number of COVID jabs in a day on the occasion of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 71st birthday last year.

A leader, who had emerged through

Letter to Editor

Dear Editor
Modern human life has now been restricted to stiff competition, mental agony and insane materialistic gains in life. It is important for us to realize that life is short and we need to appreciate our inner peace of mind and the serenity of the nature around us for a better quality of life. Our society needs to change through proper education and awareness in understanding the underlying value of peace for our success in life and for realizing the true meaning of life and happiness in the real sense of the terms. It is therefore very important that we explore life through the lenses of our contemporary Society, Culture and Education. There is a serious need for the revival of our traditional values, morality and ethics to appreciate what we HAVE; and to avoid the negative attitude of harping what we DON'T HAVE. Mindfulness is an important approach to appreciate and cultivate these values and practices within us.

Thanking you
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among the masses. This is exactly the case with PM Modi. As a child, his life was hard and poverty-ridden. Having faced poverty in childhood, he is well aware of the difficulties faced by the poor of India and is able to effectively address their grievance as the Prime Minister. Modi, a right-wing Hindu nationalist, is counted as independent India's most powerful and popular leader, whose strongman image has won him hordes of friends and detractors in the culturally and religiously diverse country of 1.4 billion people. BJP aim to reach out to the maximum people so that the people become aware of their policies and they also know that there is a PM whose birthday is celebrated among common people. He is one of the popular world leaders, and people from other countries like the US also admire him and respect him. His ideology and the way of expressing his thoughts in public has a remarkable impact on the people. Modi, who is known for his free-speaking abilities in public, has always inspired the younger generation with his powerful and optimistic speeches. His speech easily connects with the common masses that motivates them to achieve their goals. So, on his birthday, take a look at a few of his motivational and inspiring quotes. He is a 'People's Leader' dedicated

to solve the problems of people and improve their well-being. Nothing is more satisfying to him than being amongst the people, sharing their joys and alleviating their sorrows. His powerful 'personal connect' with the people on ground is complemented by a strong online presence. Even those from the opposition praise Modi for his conduct and oratorical qualities. He has an exceptional quality to connect to the masses, especially with the poor and marginalized sections. His oratorical skills have made him so popular that his rallies are attended by thousands, sometimes even millions of his supporters. He is a different Prime Minister altogether as he is not bound by unnecessary traditional protocol. His intent is to deliver governance to the people at their doorsteps.

Modi is inspired by the motto of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas' and aims to build a development-oriented and corruption-free governance. Initiatives like Aadhaar, UPI and Digi locker, which ensure faceless, cashless and paperless Governance, are a few steps towards the digital India. Modi's popularity and his appeal among the masses are evident from the fact that almost every household in the country has a toilet today. He is himself is a role model to many citizens around the globe. He is a ray of hope for many Indians who consider him as their role model. He

has managed to sustain this faith and trust, and it points towards the assertion that Modi has delivered according to their expectations. Before Modi, no leader made an effort to introduce fitness into daily lifestyle. He is the first Prime Minister who encourages people to lead a fit and healthy life. Working hard is one of the significant qualities displayed by world leaders. That is what makes people confide in them and respect them. His approach is of improving the living standards of people by bringing them prosperity. Narendra Modi is no exception – he works late hours at night and sleeps only for a couple of hours. He never hesitates in making a decision and that is a major factor behind his popularity. It is vital for a leader to understand the pulse of the nation and instil confidence in its people. His 'Make in India' and 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' programmes will in the long run make India self-reliant and an economic powerhouse. There are very few leaders in the world who are as charismatic and as popular as Narendra Modi. It is true that a leader is made after years of struggle and hardship and a life spent in the public domain. On his 72nd Birthday, we pray God to bless Hon'ble PM Modi with a long life, strength & activeness, so that India could achieve its old glory & leadership to establish peace in world under his leadership.

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Why there is discrepancy between conduct & pronunciation ?

Pratap chandra sahu

A few months ago i noticed that my college going son had started shuttling madly between college and home. He would be at home for a few minutes, then return to college appear after some time only be gone again. In my life time i have seen all kinds of pendulums, but it was the first time i was seeing a human pendulum considering that it was my own son who was behaving in this odd manner, i decided to put a stop to it before he cycled himself to death.

So when for the twentieth time the front door squeaked open and tired and cursing son of mine entered the roost. I confronted him and said, "sonny there are easier ways of loosing weight than cycling five hundred miles a day." He did not say anything just dragged himself to the nearest sofa and collapsed on it. The expression on his face showed he had not been impressed with his remarks. I went and sat near him. I could see sweat shining on his skin and it was obvious he was in no mood for talking. But i had to find out what the matter was. So after taking for some time and telling him how worried i was about him. I asked who he was behaving like a ping pong ball i managed to get a low reply out of him. Unfortunately i could not quite make out what he meant. From what i understood seemed though he said his old behaviour had some thing to do with lightning. Now what had lightning to do with my son odd behaviour? I became serious and said, "son this is the age for you study, you should not bother if clouds want to rain or not." If the winds want to blow, let it blow and if lightning wants to strike let him to do so."

I looked at his face and could not continue any more. He wore that some expression of unbelieving be wilderment which any sensible human being would have when shown a companzee playing foolish antics is told." Now this here is our great great grand father "

After starting at me in that same manner for what seemed like eternity the finally explained that what he meant was that the teachers in his college had gone on lightning strike.

He expected this reply to clear my confusion but unfortunately it did not. You see in my halycon days I had heard of all kinds strikes indefinite and definite stikes, token strikes and pen down strikes etc. But it was the first time i was going to hear such a thing as lightning strike. What really shocked me was the fact that instead of saying the students had gone on a strike, my son was saying that it was the teachers who had done so. I sat on his sofa not knowing what to say, just shaking my head trying to clear it. Seeing me in that condition my son must have realised that he had not learned the lessons in communication skills well enough that must have worried him because the kind politicians in the name of new education policy had added a few languages to the students. Curriculum to help them communicate themselves better. So he immediately tried to rectify the wrong. From what he said I learned that the teachers had come up with a novel way of going on strike let me explain. The students go to college in morning, the college functions normally for a period or two then suddenly there is a storm and lightning and presto ! The classes are called off and the teachers are in strike. But after one hour or two the storm cleared-up, the lightning strike called-off only to be followed by another strike after two to three days, god knows. The students remained in a date of uncertainty not knowing when the lightning strike would happen. Some way wonder why the teachers go on such lightning strike? The answer is simple. By making college function for a few periods no one would dare to cut their salary. In this way the teachers would be safe and only the sufferers are students. But who bother for the students? I do not think colleges are built for students shake. After hearing all this i could understand why my son was behaving like yo-yo. But what could not understand why the teachers are taking such drastic measures? Unfortunately tried to give an explanation I said well I am sure your teachers must be having some probable reasons for this kind

of rude behaviour, may be they are trying to accustom you to the life of uncertainty which you are bound to face once you leave college.

Oh are they? was the quick response. Even though technically he was asking a question his tone was such that I could not dare to answer him. Because instead of sounding like a question it sounded more like oh really? you must be out of your mind!

As the days went by the stormy conditions of the college did not improve. Two months before the exam, my son like most of other students realised he was not going to pass unless he would go for tuition. So they consult teachers for taking extra classes. The teachers are enough kind and accepted their request to help for what he called a small fee. Every time I counted one thousand rupees within a little gap that made them a small fee. I felt to be crying but undone. It is fortunate that the teachers shows behave in this manner. It seems their long association with the younger generation is finally taking it's toll. They have started behaving in a good manner to the students. Ofcourse i have nothing against people demanding their rights but it would be nice if once in a while they thought of their duties as well.

Now the year is over. I gaze back trying to see what the students have learned. Through out the year they learned as the yankee could put it to fight for your rights, boy to hell with your duties godown those for who you are responsible. Before the exam, they learned how to bribe the right person and get question paper. During the exam, they learned how to cheat any copy? Seeing all these the sincere & talented students get disheartened. They work & labour hard throughout the year and in the end those who do not even deserve to pass, secure above 90% marks.

Of course we should look the bright side. The present day almost all the institutions are perfect places to prepare students how to cope with corrupt society. You are given eyes to see and ear to hear, but not to protest.

Nabarangapur

22 dead in UP as heavy rains cause wall collapses, damage house

UNNAO: Heavy overnight rains in Uttar Pradesh Friday led to the deaths of at least 22 people, including nine labourers who were buried alive under the debris when an under-construction wall in the state capital collapsed on their huts.

The only survivor in the Lucknow incident, where a portion of the boundary wall of an Army enclave collapsed following rains, was a man, named Golu, who made the call to police from under the rubble.

Officials said the 13 other deaths were reported from Unnao (five), Fatehpur (three), Prayagraj (two), Sitapur, Raebareli and Jhansi

stituency in the state assembly, visited the site and later the Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee (Civil) Hospital, and enquired about the wellbeing of the injured persons admitted there.

The state recorded widespread heavy rains since Thursday. According to India Meteorological Department (IMD) the state recorded 32.2 mm of average rainfall on Friday which is 428% higher than the LPA (Long Period Average) of 6.1 mm. Rains were reported from 74 out of the state's 75 districts of the state on Friday.

Districts including Barabanki (192.7 mm), Lucknow (116.9 mm), Mau (110 mm), Bahraich (108 mm), Deoria (78.5 mm), Balrampur (64 mm), Ballia (63.9 mm), Lakhimpur Kheri (58.7mm), Jhansi (51), Unnao (14.7 mm) and Prayagraj (8.4 mm) recorded high amount of rainfall.

In Unnao district, five people including two children died in wall collapse incidents in Kantha and Chandpur Jhalihai villages.

In Kantha village, three siblings -- Ankit (20), Ankush (4) and Unnati (6) -- died after a wall of their house collapsed due to overnight rains, Additional District Magistrate (Finance and Revenue) Narendra Singh said.

According to the villagers, the incident took place between 2 am and 3 am when the parents of the deceased had come out to assess the damage caused to their house due to rains.

A 66-year-old man, named Bal Govind, died in Chandpur Jhalihai village, Singh said.

Hasanganj SDM Devendra Pratap Singh said Sohan (75) died in Kasanda village under Ajgain police station area, when his thatched hut collapsed over him due to heavy rains.

The bodies have been sent for a post-mortem examination, officials said. The CMO's statement said three people died in Fatehpur (3) and one in Sitapur.

In Prayagraj, two children -- Shreya (4) and Amit Kumar (5) -- were killed after a wall of their mud house collapsed over them.

District Magistrate Sanjay Kumar Khatri said the incident occurred in a village under Mamrez police station area on Friday afternoon. In Raebareli, a three-year-old child was killed in a similar incident on Friday.

"Rajneesh was killed when a house collapsed in Mauryapur area. His two siblings and mother also sustained injuries in the incident and are hospitalised."

Meanwhile, in Jhansi a two-story building collapsed in Sipri Bazar area following heavy rains Thursday night.

District Magistrate Ravindra Kumar said, "Three people were present in the house which collapsed in Sipri Bazar. All three were rescued and rushed to the hospital. One of the injured Suresh (40) later succumbed to his injuries at the hospital during wee hours of Friday."

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath directed officials across districts to monitor relief work and ensure

that financial help is provided to the affected swiftly.

Financial assistance should also be provided to those whose houses have been damaged or animals have died, he said.

The CM also asked officials to conduct surveys

G Srinivas gets Parliamentary Affairs

New Delhi: Ace Mandarin G Srinivas has been appointed as the Union Secretary Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.

Mr.Srinivas, an IAS Officer of 1990 Batch of Odisha Cadre is serving as Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor of Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and holding charge of Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas.



Mr.Srinivas, a B.Tech, ME and Management Program Holder in Public Policy from Indian School Of Business has rich experience in both Union Government and State Governments of Odisha and Andhra Pradesh during his long service of over 32 long years.

In the Central Government Mr.Srinivas served as Additional Secretary, Joint Secretary, Director in various Ministries and also served as Private Secretary to Union Minister.

During his tenure as Joint Secretary in Ministry of Mines, Mr.Srinivas has been instrumental in drafting the New Mines and Mineral (Development & Regulation) MMDR Act and helped in obtaining approvals of the Union Cabinet and Standing Committee for the proposed legislation, officials say.

In the Odisha Government he has served as Principal Secretary of Department of Steel & Mines, Labor, Employment & ESI and Commerce & Transport.

As Principal Secretary Commerce & Transport enabled expansion of the port expansion

to assess the damage caused to crops due to rains, the statement said.

Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav hit out at the BJP government over the loss of lives and property after heavy rains, saying a bout of rainfall "washed away" all its development schemes

at Dhamra and Gopalpur, which were executed through PPP Mode by the State Government.

In Port Sector Mr.Srinivas contributed a lot as the case of Riverine Port on River Mahanadi and Subarnarekha Port in the activities like allotment of land and other regulatory issues.

In the Field Assignments like Revenue divisional Commissioner (RDC), District Magistrate, Sub Divisional Magistrate, Mr.Srinivas was hyperactive in handling pro-people issues.

Mr.Srinivas served as Project Director in IFAD Supported Mega Project in Kashipur of Rayagada District and successfully negotiated several challenges and ensured successful implementation of the Project and thereby IFAD Mission extended the funding of the Project for two more years beyond initial period of closure, which helped the tribal people at large in the Tribal Zone, officials admit.

On an Inter Cadre Assignment, Mr.Srinivas has served as Managing Director MARKFED, Project Director ICDS in the Undivided Andhra Pradesh Government.

Mr.Srinivas has served on the Board of Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL), Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL), Bharat Aluminium Company (BALCO) and odisha rail Infrastructure Development Limited (ORIDL).

Presently serving in the Board of Food Corporation of India (FCI), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Oil & Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC).

In the role of Financial Advisor, Mr.Srinivas, known for his pro-active approach has been instrumental in clearance of pending NSSF Loans of about Rs.3.39 Lakh Crore of FCI by the Government of India, said sources.

So PMGKAY is concerned out of the total financial outlay of Rs.3.49 Lakh Crore, an expenditure of Rs.2.64 Lakh Crore already has been incurred by Department of Food & Public Distribution, said sources adding this is due to Mr.Srinivas' positive approach.

During the COVID-19 Pandemic Period, from April, 2020 onwards DFPD has released Food Subsidy to FCI and DCP States, which was all time high.



(one each).

On the Lucknow collapse, Joint Commissioner of Police (Law and Order) Piyush Mordia told PTI, "Some labourers were living in huts outside the Army enclave in the Dilkusha area. Owing to heavy overnight rains, the boundary wall of the Army enclave collapsed."

"We reached the spot around 3 am. Nine bodies were pulled out from the debris. One person was rescued alive," he said. All the nine deceased are from Jhansi district.

District Magistrate Suryopal Gangwar said the injured person has been admitted to Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee (Civil) Hospital.

"As we reached the spot 15 minutes after the message was passed on to the police station, our first priority and effort were to locate the person who had made the call to the control room, and pull him out from the debris," ACP Cantonment Anup Kumar Singh, who was also present at the spot of the incident, told PTI.

"It was Golu, who had made the call to the police control room. After pulling him from the debris, he was sent to the Dr Syama Prasad Mukherjee (Civil) Hospital," he said.

President Droupadi Murmu, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and his deputies Keshav Prasad Maurya and Brajesh Pathak expressed grief over the loss of lives in the incident.

"I am deeply saddened by the news of the death of people due to a wall collapse in Lucknow. My condolences to the bereaved families. I wish the injured a speedy recovery," Murmu tweeted in Hindi.

The Chief Minister's Office said in a release the state government announced financial assistance of Rs 4 lakh each to the family of the deceased. Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak, who represents the Lucknow Cantonment assembly con-

'Will do our best to end Ukraine conflict soon': Russian President Putin on Modi's concerns

SAMARKAND: Russian President Vladimir Putin told Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday that he wanted to end the conflict in Ukraine as soon as possible and understood that India had concerns about the fighting.

"I know your position on the conflict in Ukraine, your concerns... We will do our best to end this as soon as possible," Putin told Modi on the sidelines of the annual summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation

on the battlefield," Putin said.

The SCO summit comes as Russian forces face major battlefield setbacks in Ukraine, and represented an opportunity for Putin to show his country had not been fully isolated despite Western efforts.

Prime Minister Modi told Russian President Putin that now was "not a time for war" on Friday.

New Delhi and Moscow have longstanding

today's time is not a time for war."

India has shied away from explicitly condemning Russia for the invasion, which sent the price of oil and other commodities soaring.

We want to transform India into a manufacturing hub, says PM Modi at SCO Summit

But Prime Minister Modi stressed the importance of "democracy and diplomacy and dialogue" in the meeting on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation



(SCO).

"Unfortunately, just the opposing side, the leadership of Ukraine, announced its rejection of the negotiating process, and stated that it wants to achieve its goals by military means,

ties dating back to the Cold War, and Russia remains by far India's biggest arms supplier. But in their first face-to-face meeting since Moscow's forces invaded Ukraine in February, Modi told Putin: "Excellency, I know

SCO presidency, says Xi Jinping at summit A balancing act

New Delhi has long walked a tightrope in its relations with the West and Moscow -- and the Russian invasion of Ukraine has high-

lighted the difficulty of that balancing act.

It has urged a cessation of hostilities but repeatedly brushed off calls from Washington to condemn Russia, despite India pursuing greater security ties with the United States.

Unusually, India is a member of both the SCO and the so-called Quad, a strategic bloc grouping it, the United States, Japan and Australia, and aimed at providing a more substantive counterweight to China's rising military and economic power.

SCO Summit: Vladimir Putin, Xi Jinping hail 'great power' ties at talks defying West

Former Indian ambassador to Russia Pankaj Saran described Modi's comments as "quite frank" in saying that the Ukraine crisis "had caught the attention of the whole world and created problems for the developing world".

"This was a fairly strong message to Russia," he told Doordashan. "As a friend, his recommendation and India's position is that this needs to be resolved only through dialogue and diplomacy."

Putin visited New Delhi late last year, baringhugging Modi and hailing India as a "great power" as the two men bolstered military and energy ties.

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India is the world's second largest importer of arms after Saudi Arabia and according to the Business Standard, between 2016-20, 49.4 percent of its purchases were from Russia. India which has a population of 1.4 billion people is also a major consumer of Russian oil, ramping up discounted purchases in the wake of a Western embargo.

Mines Secretary visits HCL Corporate Office

Kolkata: Dr Alok Man and Managing the Unit Heads of



Tandon, Secretary, Union Ministry of Mines, visited the Corporate Office of Hindustan Copper Limited in Kolkata to convene a review meeting on the performance of the Company.

He was warmly welcomed by Shri Arun Kumar Shukla, Chair-

Director, HCL, along with Shri Sanjay Panjiyar, Director (Operations), Shri Ghanshyam Sharma, Director (Finance), Shri Sanjiv Kumar Singh, Director (Mining), Shri Subrata Sarkar, Chief Vigilance Officer and senior officials of the Company. All

HCL were also connected through video-conferencing. Dr Tandon was also welcomed by Mr Apurba Roy Chowdhury, General Secretary, Hindustan Copper Office Staff Union, Kolkata. Shri Arun Kumar Shukla, CMD, HCL, presented the high-

lights of the performance of the Company and recollecting various occasions in which Dr Tandon's mentoring has helped HCL to successfully surmount many hurdles and roadblocks in fund-raising exercises from Equity Market and production performance of the Company. The presentation was followed by an elaborate interactive session.

In his address, Dr Tandon discussed the ongoing expansion projects of the Company and threw light on the measures to expedite growth. He stressed on the potentialities of the Company and emphasized on augmenting production on a war footing.

Hydrogen Train from I Day

Bhubaneswar: India will roll out its first hydrogen-powered train, designed, developed

and manufactured indigenously, on the next Independence day, Union minister for Railways, Communication, Electronics and IT, Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Thursday.

India has been able to build trains which are among the best in the world and the next big thing will be when the hydrogen-powered train is rolled out on August 15, 2023, he said while speaking at a program 'Modi@20- Dreams meet Delivery' organised at SOA here to mark 20 years of leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

A train, built at the Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai, recently is among the best five trains in the world, he said adding it moved at a speed of 180 km per hour which has amazed the world, he said.

"This train is better than all other trains on multiple parameters and a glass of water kept in the driver's cabin stays undisturbed even when the train moves at maximum speed indicating its stability," the union minister said.

Elaborating about the train, Mr. Vaishnaw said it starts generating power the moment the brakes are applied. Referring to the Vande Bharat Express train, he said it took only 52 seconds to move from zero speed to 100 km per hour while the famed Bullet train in Japan took 55 seconds for the same.

Prime Minister Mr. Modi had asked the engineers to build world class trains which should be safe, stable, consume less energy and run at good speed. "Initially, the engineers thought they would import the same from developed countries, but the Prime Minister insisted that the same should be built in India," he said.

Two trains which were introduced in 2019 had performed exceedingly well and the distance they had covered so far would equal 18 journeys round the earth without any major breakdown, he said. Replying to a question, Mr. Vaishnaw said IIT-Madras was developing the Hyperloop which he described as the most promising transport. "The biggest factor in transport is friction between the vehicle and air. If you create a vacuum and move the vehicle in that vacuum the energy required for movement would be less and the vehicle can reach a speed of 700 km per hour," he said.

Attention was also being provided to cleanliness of railway stations and a complete satellite map of the country had been prepared to identify 132 district headquarter towns which needed railway connectivity. The Detailed Project Report for the same was being prepared, he said.

Repeating to a question, the railway minister said that the punctuality of trains in India was around 89 per cent at present which needed to reach 100 per cent.

Prof. Basanta Kumar Pati, Professor of Gynaecology in SOA's faculty of medical sciences, welcomed the minister while Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof. Pradipta Kumar Nanda provided an outline of the university. Dean (Students' Welfare) Prof. Jyoti Ranjan Das conducted the proceedings.

PM Modi meets Uzbek President Mirziyoyev in Samarkand

SAMARKAND: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday met Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Summit here and the two leaders discussed ways to deepen connectivity, trade and cultural cooperation between their countries.

Prime Minister Modi earlier attended the 22nd SCO summit, which was hosted by President Mirziyoyev in this historic Uzbek city of Samarkand. "Had a great meeting with President Shavkat Mirziyoyev. Thanked him for hosting the SCO Summit. Discussed ways to deepen connectivity, trade and cultural cooperation between India and Uzbekistan," Modi tweeted.

This is a special year for the two countries as it marks the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations. Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said that their discussions focused on economic cooperation and connectivity between the two countries.

The two leaders appreciated the overall progress in bilateral relations, including the implementation of decisions of the Virtual Summit in December 2020.

They touched upon priority areas of bilateral cooperation, particularly trade, economic cooperation and connectivity.

"They also stressed the need to make concerted efforts to diversify the trade basket and enter into long-term arrangements to promote trade and investment. Connectivity was considered key to unlocking the potential in this regard, including greater usage of the Chabahar port and the International North-South Transport Corridor," the MEA said in a release.

The two leaders emphasised cooperation in fields like Information Technology, healthcare, higher education etc., based upon India's developmental experience and expertise.

The opening of Indian educational institutions and the partnership between Uzbek and Indian universities was welcomed.

The regional issues, including Afghanistan, were also discussed in the meeting and the two leaders were unanimous in their view that the territory of the war-torn country should not be used for terrorist activities, the MEA said.

The leaders attached great importance to the outcomes of the First India-Central Asia Summit held in January this year. They acknowledged the

progress being made in the implementation of the Summit decisions, it said. Prime Minister Modi also congratulated President Mirziyoyev for the excellent organization of the SCO Summit and Uzbekistan's successful chairmanship. The SCO was founded at a summit in Shanghai in 2001 by the presidents of Russia, China, the Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. Over the years, it has emerged as one of the largest trans-regional international organisations. India and Pakistan became its permanent members in 2017.

General Manager administers Swachhata pledge to SER employees

Kolkata (KCN): South Eastern Railway (SER) is observing Swachhata Pakhwara as a part of Swachh Rail Swachh Bharat Mission from September 16, 2022 to October 2, 2022. Ms. Archana Joshi, General Manager, SER, initiated the Swachhata Pakhwara by administering Swachhata Pledge to officers and staff at SER Headquarters, Garden Reach today.

SER employees took oath to maintain cleanliness at the workplace and keep India as a neat and clean country. SER officers and staff took pledge to remain committed towards cleanliness and devote time for this.

Sri Atulya Sinha, Additional General Manager, Sri P. K. Mandal, Principal Chief Mechanical Engineer and other Principal Head of the Departments, senior officers and staff of SER Headquarters were present at the pledge taking ceremony. A Nukkad Natak was also performed at SER headquarters by members of S E Railway Bharat Scouts and Guides to create awareness about cleanliness.

Several programmes o-n Swachhata Pakhwara were also organised at four divisions of SER viz. Kharagpur, Adra, Chakradharpur and Ranchi with active participation of railway officers and staff. Cleanliness Drive was conducted at all the divisions of SER.



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A.K. Vidyamandir Taekwondo Academy, Runner Up in Cuttack District Taekwondo Championship



Cuttack Sadar, (KCN) : A district level taekwondo competition of Cuttack District Taekwondo Association was held for three days from September 2 to 4 at Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Cuttack. More than 500 competitors from 10 teams participated under the supervision of Grand Master Gopal Chandra Rai on behalf of the association. 30 students from A.K. Vidya Mandir, 42 Mauza CTC participated in the competition. Almost all of them students have won bronze, silver and gold medals, Runner-up

in the district championship and won trophies. Coach Aryan Chowdhury informed that the children who have won gold medals in this tournament have qualified to participate in the upcoming state level tournament. District Management Committee Chairman Shri Manmohan Bhanj congratulated all the players. The guide of A.K. Vidya Mandir Prof. Anirudh Kumar Khilar, Dr. Chandna Behera and Administrator Mr. Khetra Mohan Senapati congratulated all the children for their achievements.

ED seizes Rs 46 crore in HPZ app-based token fraud; EaseBuzz, Razorpay, Paytm under scanner

BENGALURU: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) conducted search operations on September

vest in cryptocurrencies such as bitcoin. The fraudsters at first lure the victims to invest

Chinese controlled companies. The agency said that Mad-Elephant Network Technology in

the day of enquiry," Cashfree said.

A spokesperson from EaseBuzz clarified that none of the parties mentioned in the ED's statement belonged to its merchant base.

"The mentioned entities by authorities were only the counterparties of the merchant, who was using our payment gateway and this merchant had been proactively identified and blocked by us much before the investigation had started, as per our internal risk and compliance process," the spokesperson said.



14 at various premises of banks and payment gateways across multiple locations in connection with an investigation related to the app-based token named HPZ and related entities.

It seized around Rs 46 crore and various documents in connection with this. The ED on Friday said the search was conducted under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 at six business and residential premises in Delhi, Ghaziabad, Mumbai, Lucknow, Gaya and 16 other premises of banks and payment gateways branches and offices across locations. This investigation was conducted based on an FIR filed under various sections of IPC by Cyber Crime Police Station, Kohima, Nagaland.

The app-based token -- The HPZ -- had promised users of large gains if they in-

in the company by saying their investments will double. Payments were received through UPIs and other various payment gateways, nodal accounts and individuals.

While a part-amount was paid to the investors, the remaining amount was diverted to various individual and company accounts through various payment gateways/banks from where partly it was siphoned off in digital/virtual currencies. After that, the fraudsters stopped the payments and the website became inaccessible, the probe agency said.

Pan-India raids: ED searches 40 locations as part of Delhi liquor policy case It was found during investigation that the HPZ token was operated by Lillion Technocab and Shigoo Technology Private Limited. The agency has found that Shigoo Technology was linked to various

agreement with X10 Financial Services Limited was operating various loan apps (Yo-Yo cash, Tufan Rupees, Coco cash etc.).

Also, Su Hui Technology Private Limited in agreement with Nimisha Finance India Private Limited had operated loan apps.

The ED found huge balances in the virtual accounts of the involved entities with payment aggregators. About Rs 33.36 crore was found with EaseBuzz, Pune, Rs. 8.21 crore with Razorpay Software Private Limited, Bengaluru, Rs 1.28 crore with Cashfree Payments India Bengaluru, and Rs 1.11 crore with Paytm Payments Services, New Delhi.

Cashfree in a statement said that it continues to extend its cooperation to the ED operations. "We were able to provide the required and necessary information within a few hours on

World Bank warns threat to global recession growing amid higher interest rates across world

WASHINGTON: The threat of a global recession is growing as central banks focus on bringing down soaring inflation rates, the World Bank has warned in its latest report, calling on governments to help boost supply to ease the constraints behind rising prices.

Inflation worldwide has been rising at the fastest pace seen in decades, due to supply constraints amid high demand as countries emerged from the pandemic. It has been exacerbated this year by the Russian invasion of Ukraine and Covid lockdowns in China. Major central banks have responded forcefully, raising borrowing costs to cool demand and douse red-hot inflation.

But in a new paper, World Bank economists warned that the actions may not be enough to bring high prices under control, leading to a need for more interest rate hikes, which in turn will put the brakes on growth.

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would slow to 0.5 percent in 2023 -- a 0.4 percent contraction in per capita growth, meeting the technical definition of a global recession.

"Global growth is slowing sharply, with further slowing likely as more countries fall into recession," World Bank President David Malpass said in a statement.

"My deep concern is that these trends will persist, with long-lasting consequences that are devastating for people in emerging market and developing economies."

He urged policymakers to "shift their focus from reducing consumption to boosting production."

The World Bank in early June slashed its forecast for global growth to 2.9 percent, more than a full point lower than the estimate in January. 'Not all doom and gloom' Indermit Gill, the newly installed chief economist at the

cern is that because of the slowdown and pandemic crisis, "poverty reduction has stopped."

But he expressed some optimism as well.

"It's not an all doom and gloom story," he told reporters, noting that because of work done to improve economic policies and management before the pandemic, countries are better able to protect the poor.

"I have the feeling that we will come out on the right side of this because the world has changed now and you know, there's a lot more capability around," he

No help in sight for Ukraine returnee medical students, reveals accounts from Odisha

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the transcripts ourselves from the university after clearing all the dues. Who would be willing to go back to the country under the current circumstances," wondered Pratik Dhal, a medical student of Kharkiv Medical University.

Students further alleged that the academic mobility programme being offered by the Ukraine government to Indian students is not feasible. Students from Odisha enrolled in Kharkiv University have been offered an academic mobility option - which refers to temporary relocation (for the period of conflict) - to universities in Georgia. The final degree, though, will be provided by the parent university. "Georgia does not have an Indian embassy. None of us will go there to study putting our lives at risk," said Dhal.

Another student of the university, Pankaj Kumar Mohanta said the National Medical Commission recently allowed mobility programme for Ukraine-returnee students to universities in 29 other countries including Europe. "However, admissions in Europe are already over and education standards in other countries like Israel, Iran, Azerbaijan are below the standards of Ukraine universities," he said.

India takes over SCO rotating presidency

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together with other member states, support India during its presidency," he said at the summit.

Launched in Shanghai in June 2001, the SCO has eight full members, including its six founding members, China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

India and Pakistan joined as full members in 2017. Over the years, it has emerged as one of the largest trans-regional international organisations. Iran has been admitted as a permanent member of the SCO at the Samarkand summit.

Windfall tax on domestic crude oil cut

NEW DELHI: The government on Friday cut the windfall profit tax on locally-produced crude oil in line with a fall in international rates, and reduced the levy on the export of diesel and jet fuel (ATF) with effect from September 17.



At the fifth fortnightly review, the government reduced tax on domestically-produced crude oil to Rs 10,500 per tonne from Rs 13,300 per tonne.

The levy on the export of diesel was reduced to Rs 10 per litre from Rs 13.5.

Also, the tax on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) exports was cut to Rs 5 a litre from Rs 9 with effect from September 17, according to a finance ministry notification issued late Friday night. International oil prices have fallen to six-month lows this month, leading to a reduction in the windfall profit tax.

The basket of crude oil that In-

dia buys has averaged USD 92.67 per barrel in September as against USD 97.40 in the previous month. While private refiners Reliance Industries Ltd and Rosneft-based Nayara Energy are the principal exporters of fuels like diesel and ATF, the windfall levy on domestic crude targets producers like state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Vedanta Ltd.

India first imposed windfall profit taxes on July 1, joining a growing number of nations that tax super normal profits of energy companies. But international oil prices have cooled since then, eroding the profit margins of both oil producers and refiners.

Export duties of Rs 6 per litre (USD 12 per barrel) were levied on petrol and aviation turbine fuel and Rs 13 a litre (USD 26 a barrel) on diesel.

A Rs 23,250 per tonne (USD 40 per barrel) windfall profit tax on domestic crude production was also levied. The duties were partially adjusted in the previous four rounds on July 20, August 2, August 19 and September 1, and were removed for petrol.

Ronaldo nets 1st Europa League goal as United beats Sheriff

MANCHESTER: Cristiano Ronaldo scored the first Europa League goal of his career to help Manchester United rebound from an opening loss in the second-tier competition with a 2-0 victory over Sheriff Tiraspol. The Champions League record scorer converted from the spot after Jadon Sancho gave United a 1-0 lead in Moldova. It was the 37-year-old Ronaldo's first goal of the season and 699th in club competition. "Happy to score and help the team win! 3 important points!" Ronaldo tweeted. After failing to secure a transfer to a club in the Champions League -- where he's scored 141 goals



-- the Portugal striker had to settle for playing in the Europa League for the first time since 2002 with Sporting Lisbon. Ronaldo was given a second straight start, including last week's 1-0 loss to Real Sociedad at Old Trafford, after he was used as a substitute in four straight wins by United in the Premier League. Last weekend's Premier League games were postponed following the death of Queen Elizabeth II. Arsenal, another favorite of the competition, had its game against PSV Eindhoven postponed from Thursday to Oct. 20 because of limited police resources in London during preparations for the queen's state funeral. Though Chelsea's Champions League game against Salzburg went ahead Wednesday, the visit of a large group of PSV fans traveling from the Netherlands proved more challenging. Real Betis beat Bulgarian team Ludogorets 3-2 for its second straight win while Jose Mourinho's Roma bounced back from a surprising loss to Ludogorets last week by cruising 3-0 past 10-man HJK Helsinki. Feyenoord recorded its first win by routing Sturm Graz 6-0, Freiburg won 3-0 at Olympiacos for its second victory, and Monaco was upset 1-0 at home by Hungary's Ferencvaros. Braga and Union Saint-Gilloise recorded their second wins also. West Ham is struggling in the Premier League but shining in the Europa Conference League. The London club beat Denmark's Silkeborg 3-2 for its second victory from two in Europe's third-tier competition. Villarreal followed suit with a 2-1 win at Hapoel Be'er Sheva and Istanbul Basaksehir kept a perfect record after a 3-0 victory over Fiorentina. Ukrainian club Dnipro-1 registered a 3-1 victory at Apollon Limassol, and Alkmaar beat Vaduz 4-1. EUROPA LEAGUE: Ronaldo shot his spot-kick straight, sending Sheriff goalkeeper Maxym Koval to his right six minutes from halftime. It was awarded after Patrick Kpozozo brought down

Simona Halep undergoes nose surgery, won't play again in 2022

LONDON: Two-time Grand Slam champion Simona Halep has undergone nose surgery to improve her breathing and will not play again until next year.



In a post on Twitter on Thursday, the ninth-ranked Romanian wrote that she felt "completely exhausted" after her first-round loss to qualifier Daria Snigur at the U.S. Open last month. She then decided to follow medical advice and have an operation to help her breathing issues that have affected her "for many years" and were getting worse. Halep posted a picture in her tweet, showing her nose bandaged.

Diogo Dalot. Sancho put United 1-0 ahead in the 17th after collecting a pass from Christian Eriksen at the edge of the area. The game was moved from the tiny Sheriff Stadium in its breakaway home region of Transnistria that borders Ukraine after UEFA blocked Sheriff from playing there this season following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. It took place in the Moldovan capital, Chisinau, in the center of the country, at the Zimbru Stadium. In the same Group E, Real Sociedad needed substitute Alexander Sorloth's 80th-minute goal to beat Omonoia 2-1.

Alireza Jahanbakhsh scored twice for Feyenoord in Group F to jump to a 4-0 after the first half. The Iranian forward had his third disallowed after a video review. David Hancko, Danilo Pereira, Santiago Gimenez and Oussama Idrissi also scored for the Dutch club to recover from a 4-2 defeat at Lazio in the previous

round. Also in Group F, Denmark's Midtjylland routed Lazio 5-1. Michael Gregoritsch scored twice for Freiburg to move to six points in Group G where Qarabag blanked Nantes 3-0 in Baku. Luiz Henrique, Joaquín and Sergio Canales netted one apiece for Real Betis to lead Group C with six points. At 41 years and 56 days, Joaquín becomes the oldest goalscorer in the competition history. Substitute Paolo Dybala and Lorenzo Pellegrini score a goal each in the span of two minutes early in the second half before Andrea Belotti added the third for Roma's first win in the same group. Helsinki captain Miro Tenho was sent off 13 minutes into the game at Stadio Olimpico after a foul on Belotti. Braga secured a 1-0 victory over Union Berlin, and Saint-Gilloise defeated Malmö 3-2 in Group D. EUROPA CONFERENCE LEAGUE: West Ham rallied after Silkeborg took an early 1-0 lead through Kasper Kusk. Manuel Lanzini equalized from the penalty spot before Gianluca Scamacca and Craig Dawson established a comfortable 3-1 advantage still in the first half. Søren Tengstedt scored in the second half but it wasn't enough and West Ham is in control of Group B with six points. Serdar Gürler had two goals and substitute Bertrand Traoré added one for Basaksehir to lead Group A with six points. Hearts won 2-0 at Latvian champion RFS to place second with three. Fiorentina and RFS have a point each. Slavia Prague, whose stadium will host the final in May, twice came back from a goal down before Luká Masopust scored the winner in a 3-2 victory over Ballkani, the first team from Kosovo to reach a UEFA competition group stage. Slavia is tied atop Group G with Sivasspor after the Turkish team won 1-0 at Cluj.

"I felt it's the right time to do it and also to do something for myself as a person," she wrote. "That is why I did also the (a)esthetic part." In the long Twitter post, Halep said she was close

to ending her tennis career in February because she didn't believe she could get back into the top 10. She said she rediscovered her passion for the sport after choosing to work with a new coach, Patrick Mouratoglou. "2022, you have been an interesting year full of everything!" wrote Halep, who won the French Open in 2018 and Wimbledon in 2019. "See you on court, 2023! I feel I still have a lot to do on a tennis court and still have some goals."

Mark Boucher named head coach of Mumbai Indians

MUMBAI: Former South Africa wicketkeeper batter Mark Boucher has been appointed Mumbai Indians' head coach for the upcoming IPL season, the franchise announced on Friday. The 45-year-old replaces former Sri Lanka skipper Mahela Jayawardene, who

spect the need for results. It's a strong unit with great leadership and players. I look forward to adding value to this dynamic unit," he added. Boucher has had a long and illustrious career and holds the record for the most Test dismissals by a wicketkeeper.



has been elevated to the role of global head of performance by the franchise. Boucher, who is currently the head coach of the South Africa men's national team, had earlier this week announced he will be stepping down from the role after the upcoming T20 World Cup. "It is an honor and privilege to be appointed as Head Coach of MI. Their history and achievements as a franchise clearly put them up there as one of the most successful sporting franchises in all of world sport," Boucher said in a media release. "I look forward to the challenge and re-

Post-retirement he took over as coach for Titans, a top-level cricket franchise in South Africa, and led them to five domestic titles. In 2019, he was appointed as the head coach of South Africa where he crafted 11 Test wins, 12 in ODIs and 23 T20I victories. "It's a pleasure to welcome Mark Boucher to Mumbai Indians. With his proven expertise on the field and off it as a coach guiding his team to numerous victories, Mark will add immense value to MI and take forward its legacy," Chairman of Reliance Jio Infocomm Akash Ambani said.




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