

For Gehlot and Pilot, Rahul Gandhi's 'Yes or No' to returning as Congress President crucial

JAIPUR(KCN): The tug of war ahead of the crowning of the Congress president is going on in Delhi but its effect is directly visible on Rajasthan politics. With Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot at the forefront, the race for the national president will impact the political future of not just CM Gehlot but also his main rival, Sachin Pilot.

To convince him, CM Gehlot will fly to Kochi on Thursday. A 'yes' from Rahul is important for Gehlot. This is so because if the Rajasthan CM becomes the national president, then according to the 'one person one post' formula, he will have to leave his CM post.

In contrast, if Rahul Gandhi says 'no' and Gehlot becomes the national president, then the Rajasthan CM's chair may become vacant. This is something Pilot has been wanting for many years.

Pilot had even tried to topple the Gehlot government by revolting two years ago though he was then the state Congress president and deputy Chief Minister. Now he and his supporters feel that if CM Gehlot goes to Delhi, then Pilot can be made Chief Minister and his camp is putting all their strength behind achieving this outcome.

It does need to be stressed that CM Gehlot is clearly not ready for Pilot to be made his successor, although it is too early to say what changes will happen in Rajasthan if Gehlot becomes the national

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Both the leaders are now dependent on the 'yes and no' of former Congress president Rahul Gandhi.

Gehlot has announced many times from public forums that he is not keen on becoming the national president and wants to stay in Rajasthan. He wants Rahul Gandhi to occupy that post, but the latter does not wish to be crowned party president.

Ram temple sparks tourism interest; foreigners keen on developing resorts in Ayodhya

LUCKNOW(KCN): The upcoming Ram temple in Ayodhya is giving a push to tourism opportunities in Ayodhya and adjoining

Ayodhya to explore business opportunities. Accompanied by the officials of the Uttar Pradesh Tourism Department, the delegation was shown various lands in and around Ayodhya for different projects.

The 12-member delegation also visited the premises of Ram Janmabhoomi and had the darshan of Lord Ram along the Lord Hanuman at Hanuman Garhi. The delegation, led by Mali Faulkner, CEO,

Fancan Phoenix Group, USA, comprised Takita Yoshinori of Japan, Hilen-Jung-Hee from Republic of Korea, Francis Oliver and Cumber Bach of Guyana, CONTINUED ON: P-7



districts drawing investors from across the globe to the temple town.

A delegation of foreign investors representing 5-6 countries visited the temple town of

Odisha: Newly-wed couple attempts self-immolation, wife dies

BALASORE(KCN): A newly-married woman died and her husband sustained criti-

cal injuries after they set themselves on fire over a domestic dispute in Jaleswar town of Balasore district on Monday night. The deceased was identified as Liza Majhi. Her husband, Ratikanta Majhi of Guagadia village within Jaleswar police limits, is undergoing treatment at SCB Medical College and Hospital and his condition is stated to be critical.



The couple had married three months back.

Sources said Ratikanta had gone to his in-law's house three days back and returned home with his wife on Monday evening. At around 8 pm, the couple locked their bedroom from inside and started quarrelling over some dispute. On hearing the commotion, Ratikanta's father Sambhu asked his son to open the door but to no avail.

He then broke into the room and found the couple engulfed in flames. He screamed for help following which neighbours reached the spot and rushed the critically-injured couple to FM Medical College and Hospital (MCH). After their condition worsened, they were shifted to SCB MCH in Cuttack. However, Liza succumbed on way. A case has been registered in Jaleswar police station and investigation is underway.

BJP national chief Nadda to kick-start poll campaign on Odisha visit

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): BJP national president JP Nadda is set to kick-start campaign for the 2024 general elections during his two-day visit to the State beginning September 29. Though the itinerary of Nadda is not finalised, as per the discussions held by BJP national general secretary Dushyant Kumar Gautam with senior functionaries of the party here on Monday, the BJP president

tee of the party followed by separate meetings with state office bearers, MLAs and MPs. He is likely to attend some party events in Puri and Cuttack but nothing has been finalised, a party functionary said.

This will be the first visit of Nadda after taking over as national president of the BJP in 2019. Two of his proposed tours to Odisha were cancelled at the last moment due to his



other pressing engagements. Gautam, who came here on a day's visit on Monday, took stock of the preparations and discussed about the two-day schedule of Nadda in the State. A final schedule of the visit will be prepared within a couple of days, sources added.

will address a rally of party workers at Janata Maidan on the first day of his visit.

"Presidents of panchayat, mandal and booth committees will attend the meeting. It is expected that over 20,000 party workers will attend the rally to be addressed by Nadda," sources in the party said. After the meeting, Nadda will head to Puri and stay for the night in the holy town. The next day he will visit the Srimandir before returning to Bhubaneswar.

As per his tentative schedule, Nadda will have a series of meeting with party leaders. His first meeting will be with the core commit-

No criminality was found in taped conversations of Niira Radia: CBI to Supreme Court

NEW DELHI(KCN): The CBI on Wednesday told the Supreme Court that no criminality has been found in the taped conversations of former corporate lobbyist Niira Radia with a range of politicians, industrialists, and government officials. Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati, representing the Centre, contended before a bench headed by Justice D.Y.

Chandrachud that the court had directed the CBI to investigate all these conversations and 14 preliminary inquiries were registered and

the report was placed before the court in a sealed cover.

Bhati said: "No criminality was found in those. Also, now there are phone-tapping guidelines in place."

The CBI had submitted a sealed cover report in 2015 regarding the outcome of the court-ordered probe and the case wasn't taken up by the apex court in all



these years.

"The outcome of the investigation has also been forwarded to the

Volodymyr Zelensky says does not believe Putin will use nuclear arms

BERLIN(KCN): Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky told German media on Wednesday he does not believe Russia will use nuclear weapons, after President Vladimir Putin said Moscow would use all means to

protect its territory.

"I don't believe that he will use these weapons," Zelensky told the TV station of Germany's Bild newspaper, referring to nuclear arms. "I don't believe that the world will allow him to use these weapons."

The Russian president's decision to order a partial mobilisation was because of the low morale among his forces, said Zelensky. "He needs an army of millions... he sees that a large part of those (troops) who come to us, just run away," he said.

Putin "wants to drown Ukraine in blood, also the blood of his own soldiers", Zelensky said. Putin announced early Wednesday the mobilisation, as Ukraine mounts a lightning counter-offensive and seizes back swathes of territory. Annexation referendums set to be held in Russian-occupied areas of Ukraine were "sham referendums", Zelensky said, adding 90 percent of states would not recognise them. The Ukrainian leader also said his nation's forces would push on with their military campaign and "free our territory".



"Tomorrow, Putin can say -- as well as Ukraine, we want part of Poland, otherwise we will use atomic weapons. We cannot make



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Top 10 most read articles on art and culture in 2021

So as part of The Review, our annual look back over the last 12 months, we're going to do just that. Having gone back over our stats, we've gathered together 10 of the most-read articles in 2021 on art and design. Among our eight million visitors this year, this is the work that really got everyone's attention. If you missed one or two of these articles the first time around, here's your chance to catch up. And even if you read them before, it's an interesting exercise to look at this work again, with fresh eyes. Does it still excite you a second time around? Maybe, with the benefit of hindsight, you'll see something in it you didn't notice before.

1. Hyperrealistic paintings by Kate Waters look like photographs of modern city life



Kate Waters' playful take on hyperrealism is like nothing we've seen before. Is it a photo? Is it a painting? Or is it something altogether different from the two? However you perceive her work, these imagined scenes plucked from our everyday lives are utterly entrancing.

2. Paintings by Ariel Dannielle offer an alternative perspective on black womanhood



When marginalised voices get a chance to tell their story, anger or sadness can be a justified theme. But African-American artist Ariel Dannielle's exuberant paintings instead focus on joy and turn it into an act of resistance towards racism. A visual journal of her everyday experiences, these pieces are staggeringly evocative and truly original.

3. Bob Dylan's lockdown paintings on show to mark his 80th birthday
To mark Bob Dylan's 80th birthday, London gallery Halcyon showcased many of the great man's paintings this year, including a selection of never-seen-before figurative works.

Whatever you think of his music, this art is well worth checking out.

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4. Why L'Arc de Triomphe, Wrapped is the most important artistic statement of the 2020s

When French artist Christo wrapped the L'Arc



de Triomphe in fabric, we called it the most important artistic statement of the 2020s, a statement we stand by today. Read our article to follow our reasoning, and decide whether or not you agree.

January 2020, New York City, Christo in his studio, with the large drawing L'Arc de Triomphe, Wrapped, (Project for Paris) Place de l'Etoile – Charles de Gaulle. Photo: ©



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January 2020, New York City, Christo in his

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5. Hundreds of life-size seagull sculptures by Patrick Murphy take over a French city hall

Anyone looking up at City Hall in Le Havre this September might have mistaken an art installation for the real thing. We explore why British artist and designer Patrick Murphy created 200 life-size sculptures and lined them up along the rooftops of the famed Normandy building.

Sense of Belonging © Patrick Murphy. Photography by Pinas Cohen

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6. Jarvis Brookfield on his psychedelic paintings, dream-like states and what it means to



be human
The pandemic has led many of us to ponder the meaning of life, and if you're among them, you should read this. Jarvis Brookfield's psychedelic, acid-trip artworks probe what it means to be human, and this exclusive interview with the artist is full of fascinating insights.

7. Colourful new artworks by Dave Towers take a closer look at the pandemic experi-



ence
Dave Towers creates eye-catching, hand-painted typographic works that reflect our times in more ways than one. Titled Free, his latest series is playful, ironic and in some cases full of humour, as the artist explores his own lockdown experience.

8. Morag Myerscough's 'endless ribbon' brings light and colour to Coventry's high street

This summer saw a new public artwork by Morag Myerscough transform Coventry's main shopping street, with its bold simplicity of light and colour. In our exclusive interview, the artist explains the thinking behind the piece and discusses how a community is

at the heart of every project she embarks on. Endless Ribbon Connecting Us © Morag Myerscough. Photography by Gareth Gardner



9. Retro-inspired digital collages by Joe Simpson that imagine a more cheerful future
Let's face it, 2021 has been a pretty depress-



ing year. But there's been plenty of light in the darkness, and for upbeat positivity, you can't beat Joe Simpson's digital collages. Giving a fresh new twist to retro pulp sci-fi, they imagine a more cheerful future, and we can all raise a glass to that.

10. Arlo Parks on her new album, the significance of its artwork and the vulnerability of writing



Mercury Prize-winner musician, songwriter, and poet Arlo Parks is one of the planet's biggest creative forces right now. Here she chats to us exclusively about her life during the pandemic, the vulnerability of her songwriting, and the significance of her album artwork.

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Maara Movie Review: A grounded remake of Charlie with quite a bit of heart

If you didn't know that Maara is the remake of the Malayalam film, Charlie, the opening shot of fireflies fluttering about is a strong hint of the magic contained within the universe of this film. Shortly, you see little Paaru in rapt attention, as a nun narrates to her the story of a soldier who's travelling across seas and jungles in a quest to find his soul. This is pretty much the story of this film as well, as Paaru (Shraddha Srinath) grows up to find herself in a similar quest for her soul, well, soulmate, in Maara (Madhavan). There's another quest for a soulmate in this film, one undertaken by Vellaiyan (a wonderful Mouli), one that is later taken over by Maara. The film is a reinforcement of the power of stories, of the stories each of our lives are. This is why there are multiple characters with their own short stories, including those of Selvi (Abhirami), the sex worker, and Kani (Sshivada), the guilt-ridden doctor. The implication is that no one story is necessarily more important than another. I got the sense that Maara doesn't think of himself as a hero or a saviour, even if those around him seem to believe that. He's merely a tool, a person who breezes through life hoping to repay the extraordinary help that Vellaiyan has done to him. I loved this touch because shorn of it, Maara, the character, could have felt idealistic

and unrelatable—which would have gone against the point of the film itself. This way, there's a reason for why Maara is the way he is, why he can't afford to stay at one place for too long. I quite enjoyed that Madhavan plays this

Maara's home, in the designer kites, in the sketchbook and its pencil illustrations, in the sculptures... hell, even in the blotches of Maara's acid-wash hoodies. There's a call through this film, through its characters, to refuse to fall

get by, winning and returning favours in his small community. Maara, the film, suggests that perhaps, just perhaps, his way of life could also come down to the courage to choose to step away from the norm. Realise the magic of life in you,

providence, or as one character, when speaking about Maara says, "destiny". Another likens him to a mythical character, Santa Claus, while commenting on Maara's habit of sudden appearances that usually result in joy to whoever he meets.

another scene with Paaru as she tells him about Meenakshi; watch his eyes grow wide in surprise, and almost well up under the weight of decades of mourning. Ghibran's background music and Thamarai's evocative lyrics add so much to such scenes as well. It's wonderful that films like Maara are able to offer elderly characters like Mouli's as much purpose and are able to see them for the individuals that they are, instead of simply as a crutch for a lead character. Of course, much of this credit must go to the original film, Charlie.

In a world that is in a tearing hurry, at a time when films and stories are designed to be rapid for fear of making audiences impatient, films like Maara come as a welcome relief. In this film, at least two important exchanges—between Vellaiya and Paaru, and later, between Maara and Kani—happen as wood slowly burns to ember, as tender faces are lit by the warm glow of a fireplace. It's for such moments that I'll remember this film, even if some inconsistent performances and some synthetic moments stop it from being truly great. Nevertheless, it's a film that has heart and that encourages empathy towards those around us, and if possible, to note that magicity doesn't need to be thought of an otherworldly trait, if only we cared to pay more attention to the beauty around us.



character without a sanctimonious flavour—and more importantly, in a way that shows that Maara isn't above vulnerability. There's no moral superiority in that ascetic laughter of his—which probably can be thought of as even the desperate attempt of an unhappy man to be happy, chained as he is to his lifelong quest.

Director: Dhilip Kumar

Cast: Madhavan, Shraddha Srinath, Mouli

The film is almost a homage to art—and the dreaminess inherent in it. This can be spotted throughout the film: In the pretty wall murals, in the art plastered across and drawn all over the walls of

into the trap of mundanity and indifference, into routine and repetition. Maara is pretty much the film equivalent of 'Follow the white rabbit'. That's perhaps why during a conversation between Maara and a thief (Alexander Babu), you can see a neon sign in the background that reads 'White Rabbit'. The usual response to such a call is to cite a lack of financial security, and while that is a reason to be empathetic about—especially given the enviably cushy work-free existence Paaru seems to be leading in this film—we could also note how Maara, who's hardly a wealthy man (as a thief realises), makes the choice to

it seems to be saying... notice the almost mystical beauty of existence. It's also likely that this is why the film's many shots are lit as they are, with many faces often aglow, as though in the presence of a halo. This is why the coincidences in this film become palatable. The central idea at the heart of this film is of two lonely souls in search of each other. Take note of that inexplicable attraction little Paaru feels as she sees a speeding train from within her bus. Or take note of that instinctive smile from Maara as he steps into his room, a room that Paaru has lived in briefly. In such a film, coincidences are to be thought of as divine

Maara himself, as he does many times in this film, underplays this notion that he's a mystical being. It's his understanding—and you will see it from his eyes when he's engaged in conversation with every single character—that each of us is magical, as are our stories. In this film with performances that range from great to over-the-top, I loved Mouli in particular, who plays Vellaiya, an old man consumed by his unrequited love. Watch him in that scene with Paaru as he brings to her an old photo of his beloved, Meenakshi, but hesitates after seeing her be so charmed by photos of Maara instead. Watch him in

Shooting for third season of 'Four More Shots Please' to begin soon: Kirti Kulhari

MUMBAI(KCN): Bollywood actor Kirti Kulhari on Thursday said shoot for her series "Four More Shots Please!" is set to commence in coming days. The Amazon Prime

Taking to Instagram, Kulhari shared her excitement to team up with her co-actors again for the new season. "And we are back #fourmoreshotsplease #season3 shoot begins

tions, the show was recently nominated in the best comedy series category at the 48th International Emmy Awards. On the film front, Kulhari is currently awaiting the release



Video series, which also features Sayani Gupta, Maanvi Gargroo and Bani J, follows a quartet of friends who deal with their relationships, work-life conflicts, ambitions and anxieties in a male-dominated society.

super soon. Lovely to be back with the crazy 3," Kulhari wrote alongside a series of candid photos with Gupta, Gargroo and Bani. Created by Rangita Pritish Nandy and produced by Pritish Nandy Communica-

of the Hindi remake of Hollywood blockbuster "The Girl on the Train", starring Parineeti Chopra. The movie, which premiere on streamer Netflix on February 26, will feature Kulhari as a British cop.

Vijay Sethupathi, Katrina Kaif in Sriram Raghavan's next?

It was recently revealed that Sriram Raghavan's upcoming film, Ekkis, has been put on hold. A big-budget military drama starring Varun

ter, directed by Santosh Sivan, is a Hindi remake of Maanagaram (2017). He is also rumoured to star in an upcoming web series di-

Shahid Kapoor. Sriram Raghavan's last film was Andhadhun (2018) with Ayushmann Khurrana and Tabu. The film is getting a Tamil and Telugu re-



Dhawan, the film was delayed due to Covid-19.

Now, rumour has it that Sriram has signed Katrina Kaif and Vijay Sethupathi for his next. If true, this is the latest Hindi project Vijay Sethupathi is attached to — the others being Laal Singh Chaddha and Mumbaikar. The lat-

rected by Raj and DK. The unrevealed series will also star

Banita Sandhu clarifies on COVID-19 diagnosis, says she 'continues to test negative'

MUMBAI(KCN): "October" actor Banita Sandhu on Thursday said she has continued to test negative for COVID-19 since her arrival to the country in January 3, contrary to what is being reported in media.

make with Prashanth and Nithiin, respectively, in the lead.

According to health department sources, Sandhu had tested positive for COVID-19 on January 4 in Kolkata after flying from United Kingdom and was admitted to a private hospital after she refused to be treated in a government facility.

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Letter to Editor

We should appreciate the great initiative of the Indian government for introducing African Cheetahs to India. The Asiatic Cheetahs restricted to small areas of Iran is almost destined to be extinct in the wild in next 3-4 decades. The genetic bottleneck of a small population is certain to cause cross breeding between close relatives further narrowing the gene pool making them vulnerable to epidemics, genetic mutations, congenital diseases and other related disorders. So it is quite doubtful how much Asiatic Cheetahs could have adopted to Indian climatic and ecological conditions in the wild.

Rewinding is a sensitive issue for sure. But doing nothing but criticizing does not help in the process of conservation. China has successfully breed Giant pabda, red pandas, Siberian tigers under captive breeding project. They have collected rhino pairs from Nepal and trying to introduce them in lost habitats in China. South China tiger a sub species of tiger has become extinct in the wild in China. But a wildlife enthusiast has been successfully building a population under captive breeding program in South Africa. So trying to find another habitat for African Cheetahs outside the continent of Africa is a commendable job. We should try and see whether we could raise a stable, dynamic and genetically viable populations of Cheetahs in India; and serve as a pioneering model to the rest of the world in the reintroduction of megafauna outside their continental range.

This will be a great classical experiment to observe and study on a long term basis to study the behaviour, ecological adaptations and the predator-prey relationship. For many raising the questions on the money wasted, we should then invest nothing in space research or never venture into giant projects like the Mangalyan. We need to explore various facets of different disciplines for better understanding of the environment around us, learn from our mistakes and lead the foundation of a better tomorrow. If by chance the government fails to successfully reintroduce Cheetahs to India; at least the nation will be appreciated by others across the globe for giving a serious try on something outside just damn politics and inflicting harm to others. We sped billions in ISRO projects many of which fail miserably! But that should not restrict us from moving forward in building the next best rocket for sending it to the space. Who knows through this international initiative India could become a global leader in the vista of biological conservation in the not so distant future!

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to achieve this. To create any look, all you need are five basic products. Read on to discover the five important eye makeup items that every lady needs in her beauty bag.

Eyebrow pencil

Making your brows is a necessary step in creating any makeup appearance. An excellent approach to defining your features is to fill in your brows. For a natural finish, always choose an eyebrow pencil that is one shade lighter than your natural brows.

A black kajal

One of the most essential eyes makeup cosmetics that a girl should have is Kajal. A single swipe of a pigmented kajal is enough to brighten up the eyes and give them definition.

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You can also use the 'Herbal Eye Liner', made with neem. It includes herbal substances, including neem, camphor, almond oil, castor oil, and amla, designed to shield the area around the eyes and eyelashes. The form of the eyes is improved and re-defined with this ayurvedic eyeliner. It includes natural oils that stop the skin around the eyes from drying out and peeling.

Mascara

You surely need this revolutionary eye product. The easiest solution to make eyes appear bigger is to apply a few coats of your favourite mascara. If you are not a lover of wearing eyeliner and Kajal on a regular

basis, a nice voluminous mascara will instantly make your look stunning.

. It's the one product every woman should have in her makeup bag at all times. Mascara makes your eyelashes look amazing by darkening, lengthening, volumizing, and curling your lashes

You can use the water-based Mascara. It is specifically created to enhance the appearance of the eyelashes and is blended with natural components. Using this mascara gives the lashes the appearance of being longer and thicker.

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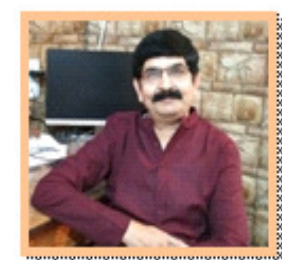
So, lovely ladies, ensure that you have the aforementioned eye makeup items in your cosmetics bag so you may flaunt your gorgeous eye looks. The author is an international fame beauty expert and is called the herbal queen of India

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Peace is a journey of a thousand miles and it must be taken one step at a time

Vinod Chandrashekhar Dixit

21st September is observed as the International Day of Peace around the



world. The 'Peace' God means for us is not 'world peace' but it means completeness, soundness, prosperity at all levels of our lives. World peace is defined as an ideal of freedom, peace, and happiness among and within all nations and/or people.

When we wake up in the morning and listen to the radio or read the newspaper, we are confronted with the same sad news: violence, crime, wars, and disasters. Today, peace has predominantly become political work towards settlement of issues between the nations through military involvement, cessation of arms and weapons and dialogue on less-violent, civilian matters. Peace has also included some humanitarian efforts that stretch its helping hands to the calamity-hit regions in the world. Mahatma Gandhi – the father of nation is not seen in this platform of world peace. His ideologies remain neglected at the global forum and are considered as a tonic for social and cultural development only. As he is known as the Father of the nation politically, economically his dictum stands as a medicine merely for building local economy. He said, "If we have no charity, and no

tolerance, we shall never settle our differences amicably and must therefore always submit to the arbitration of a third party." His perception of bringing peace and resolving conflict had such a diversified point of interest every time when he insisted on taking fast to bring hostile situation under control.

Today we that all the over the world people crave for peace. The leaders and politicians of the world are trying to achieve world peace. But many difficulties come in the way. There is fear and suspicion among nations. Russia suspects the motives of American. America likewise does not trust Russia. Pakistan says that it is afraid of India.

It is said that voice of the people is the voice of God. Nowhere in the world people want war. They are fed up with it. The desire for peace is supreme in their hearts. Powerful countries should give up the race of arming themselves and their friendly countries to the teeth. Peace and prosperity can be attained through the realization of five basic fundamental freedoms, for all people, everywhere in the world. They are: freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom from want, freedom for the environment, and freedom from fear.

Modern challenges of poverty,

hunger, diminishing natural resources, water scarcity, social inequality, environmental degradation, diseases, corruption, racism and xenophobia, among others, pose challenges for peace and create fertile grounds for conflict.

Peace is the mother of progress. Without peace a nation cannot make any progress. So peace is ever desirable. World-peace is absolutely necessary. The public opinion of the world is in favour of lasting peace.

It is said "Peace begins with a smile." A smile can light up a room, so imagine what a world of smiles can do. If every day, someone does something kind for someone, it will create a ripple effect.

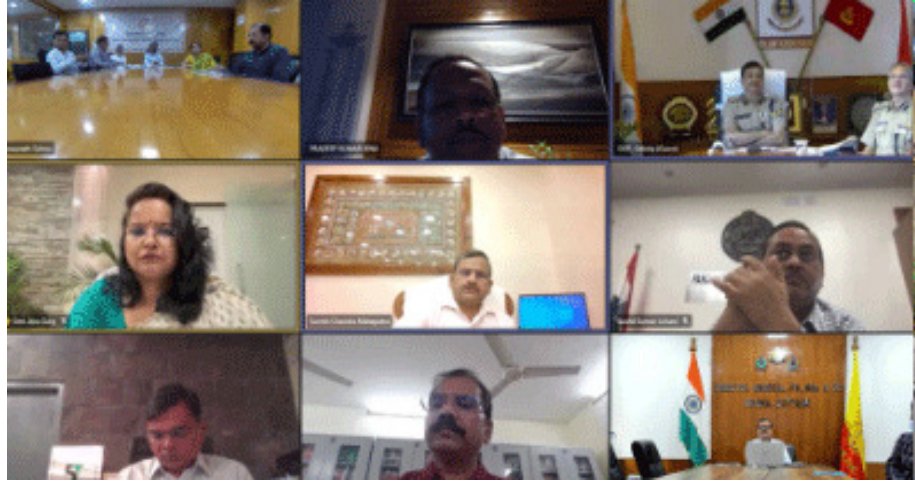
Focusing on peace is imperative for our future. There is power when people unite in the heart for the betterment of all people and the planet. Peace is certainly something we must seek. History is a record of wars. Peace is still a dream. People talk of peace but prepare for war. Almost all the countries have been raising their defense budgets. There are a few people who have come to learn that the solutions to the challenges of life are not necessarily found on the outside, but need to come from within. Increasing our love and connection in day-to-day interactions can be the missing piece in the peace equation.

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Empowering disaster management capacity

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Considering the changing climatic scenario, Odisha Government has decided to further strengthen the disaster management capacity of the State with latest modern equipment and intensive training to the front line organizations like ODRAF and Fire Service Units. Pradeep Jena, Development Commissioner and SRC spelt out the planning and discussions in the meeting showed that around Rs. 400 crore would be invested for sharpening the teeth of the disaster management system, and empowering the front line organs engaged in mitigating impact of the disasters. Development Commissioner Mr. Jena asked the departments to submit utilization certificates against the SRC grants already released to them for relief, repair, restoration, and distribution of various assistances to the people.

The proposal for Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) was discussed in the meeting. It was decided that a quick PDNA against the last heavy rain and



flood would be conducted. After proper assessment of the needs, additional support would be mobilized for long term recovery, reconstruction, recovery and future damage reduction. DC & SRC Mr. Jena appraised that the PDNA would be conducted in collaboration with National Disaster Management Authority and National Institute of Disaster Management. The sectors like housing and resettlement, protection of civic amenities including the

health and educational infra, drinking water, local critical infrastructure needs like roads, bridges etc. would be the principal themes for PDNA

Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mahapatra chaired the Meet and directed officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development to remove the encroachments on drains and keep those properly widened and linked for smooth passage of rain/storm water. He also directed to enhance the in-house capacity for instant urban flood management. It was decided to have more modern relief and rescue equipment including the support for drinking

water supply and water evacuation during the disasters. Further, Mr. Mahapatra directed to build more flood shelters in flood prone areas.

The department was asked to identify the flood prone villages having insufficient flood/cyclone shelters so that people could be housed there during natural calamities. More number of flood shelters would also be helpful in providing emergent relief to the people of the marooned villages. It was also decided to strengthen and heighten the flood embankments in the vulnerable areas like Bari, Dhamnagar, Gop and other river side villages as a permanent measure.

Sagarmala care for community

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha, being a major coastal state it has been benefitted by Sagarmala Program for Coastal Community Development, which is being implemented by Central Ministries, Paradip Port and State Government.

For comprehensive development in Coastal States, several programs are implemented and monitored by Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways. While Sagarmala is the Flagship Program of MoSPW, several Central Ministries are involved in the program.

In Odisha under this program, up-gradation and modernization of Fishing Harbour at Paradip in Jagatsinghpur District is being taken up with a cost of nearly Rs.100 Crore, which will immensely benefit the Coastal Community at large, officials admit.

Similarly Fishing Harbour at Chandipur, in Balasore District is taken up by the Department of Fisheries & ARD with Central Support, meant to benefit for Coastal Community, they say.

In order to impart skill training for the Coastal Community, Coastal Districts Skill Development program was taken up in Bhadrakh, Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapada and Puri.

Apart from these projects in the state of Odisha, a total of additional 9 projects with an estimated cost of Rs. 157 crore have also been identified for implementation under the holistic development of coastal Districts, he said.



A senior official said, there are 5 projects worth Rs. 318 crore partially funded through Sagarmala Programme.

Paradip Port is a Major Port in the State of Odisha. Paradip Port has completed 2 projects under the

Sagarmala Programme. These projects have been funded through private investment and through port's internal resources, About 77 Projects worth more than Rs. 10,000 Crore have been identified under Sagarmala Programme for Coastal Community Development in the country.

These projects are implemented by Central Ministries, State Governments and Major Ports etc. There are 41 Projects worth Rs 4,003 Crore related to Coastal Community Development which are partially funded through Sagarmala Program.

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has sanctioned around Rs. 1400 Crore for these projects. Out of which Rs.583 Crore has already been released.

Assam examines prospects of regulating private madrasas

GUWAHATI(KCN): Assam minister for education Ranaj Pegu said on Wednesday that his government was examining the possibility of regulating private madrasas under Assam Non-Government Educational Institutions

crete step has been taken in this direction of now, he said "The government is gradually taking steps to bring all the non-governmental educational institutions under this existing Act for their regulation and monitoring."

It is significant that Director General of Police Bhaskar Jyoti Mahanta had earlier this month stated that there are about 3,000 registered and unregistered private madrasas across Assam that are run by four main Muslim organisations.

March this year for their alleged links with terror outfits Al-Qaeda in Indian Subcontinent (AQIS) and Ansarullah Bangla Team (ABT). The DGP also had a meeting with the Muslim leaders and the madrasa boards re-

Odisha seeks Bihar support

Bhubaneswar(KCN): In an aim to root out the duplicate Telma 40 tablets selling racket, the Odisha Government has sought help of Bihar Government, where the duplicate medicines are allegedly being produced.

Huge quantities of fake Telma-40 and Telma-AM tablets, used to treat high blood pressure, were seized during raids by offi-

Telma AM Tablet has also claimed to be manufactured by Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Samlik Marchak, Industrial Growth centre, East Sikkim-737135 have been found to be spurious as per Drugs & Cosmetics Act based on report received from original manufacturer.

The said drug was supplied to Odisha by a firm named Balaji Drug Point, Jail Press Road, Gaya, Bihar, the letter pointed out.

In this connection, the drugs controller, Government of Bihar has been requested vide letter No. 5371 dated 07.09.2022 as well as letter No. 5391 dated 09.07.2022 to provide the details of supply made to the State of Odisha. But, no feedback has been received from the Directorate of Drugs Control, Bihar till date, the State Government said.

State Government has urged his Bihar counterpart to ask the Drugs Controller, Bihar to submit the reply to the above letter to expedite the investigation.

"You will appreciate that matters related to spurious drugs must be attended to with utmost urgency in larger public interest as the above mentioned drugs are used in blood pressure," said the letter.

Hence, a team consisting of two officers accompanied by police officers will be deputed to Bihar to carry forward further investigation in this matter.

In this context, a team consisting of Assistant Drugs Controllers Tushar Ranjan Panigrahi and Dharmadev Puhan will proceed to Bihar to obtain details of a firm from Drugs Control Ammonisation, Bihar, which is involved in supply of Spurious drugs.

Hence, it is requested that necessary instructions may kindly be issued to the concerned authorities to extend their cooperation to the team deputed for the purpose so as to take things to a logical conclusion, the State Government pointed out.



(Regulation and Management) Act, 2006.

Speaking to reporters, Mr Pegu said, "There is a law brought out in 2006 which has provisions for the regulation of non-government institutions. We will examine if private madrasas can be brought under this Act. Presently, all non-government schools are not covered under this Act." Clarifying that no con-

The minister said, "Whether these private madrasas will fall under that category or not, we will examine in consultation with the law department. So far, nothing has been done, but we are looking into it."

The proposal has come under the consideration of then government after the arrests of several madrasa teachers for their alleged links with terror outfits.

From April 1, 2021, all the 610 state-run madrasas in Assam were converted into upper primary, high and higher secondary schools with no change of status, pay, allowances and service conditions of the teaching and non-teaching staff. Altogether at least 42 people, many of them teachers of madrasas, have been arrested across Assam since

cently. He asked them to verify the person's identity and submit the information to the police. He had also announced that a portal would be opened soon where groups would provide details of the madrasas and the teachers engaged by them. The DGP had also suggested that maths, science and English should be taught in addition to religious education.

Rahul Gandhi likely to take break from yatra on Sept. 23 to visit Delhi

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM(KCN): Rahul Gandhi is likely to visit Delhi on September 23 to meet his mother Sonia Gandhi who is recuperating after medical treatment, said Jairam Ramesh on the side-lines of Bharat jodo yatra in Kochi.

Replying to a question on Rahul's visit to Delhi, Mr Jairam Ramesh said; "if he goes to Delhi, if he does it will be on the rest day on September 23 and to see his mother whom he has not seen for the last three weeks. If your mother is ill and she has gone for medical treatment, will you not go and see her? See its personal situation. He is also a hu-

man being," he said. The Congress leader, however, ruled out the possibility of Rahul Gandhi filing nomination papers during his visit to Delhi. "If he goes to Delhi it will not be for filing nomination papers. Nomination papers cannot be filed via zoom. There is no plan for Mr Gandhi to go to Delhi between September 24 and October 1 as per the information that I have as of now," he said. The yatra which will break at Chalakudy in Thrissur district on Thursday evening, will resume on September 24. As per the plan the rest day falls after every seven days of walking. The next rest day will be on October 31.



cial of the state Drug Controller in Cuttack and Bhubaneswar recently.

Following hue and cry, the Twin City Police Commissionerate has arrested Sanjay Jalal, owner of Puja Enterprises, and Rahul Syal, proprietor of VR Agencies, over their alleged involvement in the supply and sale of the fake medicines.

Now, the Health and Family Welfare (F&FW) Department has sought the support of Bihar Government to expedite further investigation in this case.

State Government has said the fact is that two drugs i.e. Telma 40 Tablet, claimed to be manufactured by- Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Ltd., At- Village- Kishanapura, Baddi, Dist- Solan (HP), East Sikkim-737135 and

Victory over Maoists

New Delhi(KCN): With Union Home Minister Amit Shah's zero tolerance policy against extremism, the Ministry of Home Affairs has reached the final stage of decisive battle against Left Wing Extremism across the country. The security forces today achieved a decisive victory in the ongoing fight against Left Wing Extremism. As a result of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's zero tolerance policy against Left Wing Extremism, for the first time by entering the 'Budhapahad' situated at the border of Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand and the extremely inaccessible areas of Chakrabandha and Bhimabandh of Bihar and successfully ousting the Maoists from their strongholds, permanent security forces camps have been set up. All these areas were strongholds of top Maoists and a huge quantity of arms, ammunition, foreign grenades, Aero Bombs and IEDs were recovered by the security

forces at these places. A special strategy is being adopted against



Left Wing Extremism from the year 2019. The coordinated efforts and campaigns of Central and State Security Forces and related agencies have led to unprecedented

success in the fight against Left Wing Extremism.

On this decisive success, the Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah congratulated the CRPF and the State Security Forces and said that the Ministry of Home Affairs under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will continue the zero tolerance policy against Left Wing Extremism and Terrorism and this fight will be further intensified. In 2022, the security forces have achieved unprecedented success in Operation Octopus, Operation Double Bull, Operation Chakrabandha in the fight against Left Wing Extremists. 7 Maoists were killed and 436 arrested/surrendered in Chhattisgarh/ 4 Maoists killed in Jharkhand and 120 arrested/surrendered. 36 Maoists arrested/surrendered in Bihar. Similarly, in Madhya Pradesh, 3 Maoists have been killed by security forces. This success becomes even more important because many of these Maoists killed had bounties of lakhs and crores of Rupees on their heads like Mithilesh Mahto had a reward of Rs. 1 crore.

As a result of the efforts of the Union Home Ministry to expedite these operations, success has been achieved in eliminating the security vacuum from Bihar. In Jharkhand and Odisha, to a great extent success has been achieved in eliminating the security vacuum and in these states the

security vacuum will be filled completely by destroying the strongholds of the Left Wing Extremists. Following this strategy, there is an action plan to fill the security vacuum in other states. There has been a steady decline in both the incidence of violence and its geographical spread. This campaign/fight reaching its final stage is proven by the fact that in 2022 in comparison to 2018, there has been a 39% reduction in the incidents of Left Wing Extremism related violence, 26% reduction in the number of sacrifices made by the security forces, the civilian casualties has reduced by 44%, the number of districts reporting violence has decreased by 24% and the number of these districts has been reduced to just 39 in 2022.

Compared to before 2014, incidents of Left Wing Extremism violence have come down by 77 percent. Incidents of violence have come down from the highest level of 2258 in 2009 to 509 in 2021. The death rate due to violence has also come down by 85 percent. In the year 2010, death toll was at highest level of 1005 which has come down to 147 in the year 2021 and their sphere of influence has decreased significantly. Simultaneously, the area of influence of Maoists has also reduced significantly and the influence of Maoists has reduced from 96 districts in the year 2010 to only 39 districts in 2022.

OMC to set up a model school and multi facilities hospital at Barbil

Barbil.(KCN): Odisha Mining Corporation, the state officials, forest official and people's representative of the area,. The hearing maintenance worth 1 30 crores for the institutions. The Corporation has institution has been a premiere demand of the area , this initiative would



organisation is going to set up a Model Schools along with one hundred bedded hospital at Barbil would require 150acre and 10acre of land respectively for school and medical set up in the area. One public hearing was organised at Damu hutting of ward no 15 under Barbil municipality on dt 21 St September under the chairmanship of Abhisekh Panda , executive officer of Barbil municipality in presence of OMC

was aimed at acquiring forest land bearing plot 436 and 4 3 6 / 5 5 4 respectively under unit 12 of Sundura mauza .The meeting held successfully with amicable support of people of the area. As per information the Odisha Mining Corporation has decided to establish five schools and a new skill academy in its operation area for a cost of 1 208 crores. Additionally, the OMC would undertake annual

inked the agreement for setting up 'Mining Adarsha Vidyalayas' with the Odisha Adarsha Vidyalayas Sangathan and signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department of Technical Education and Training to set up the Skill Academy at ITI, Koirra. Similarly a multi facilities 100 bed hospital would set up with multi crore expenditure in the area. Being health care facilities and good academic

bring positive changes and improved the overall quality of life for the people of Barbil and other adjacent area, intellectual comment.OMC had reached the production capacity of 30 million tonnes of ore production and a turnover worth 1 17,000 crores for the fiscal year 2021-2022 and has planned to spend 5 percentage of it's profit in it's operational area under CSR.




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Tatas evaluating options to consolidate AirAsia India, Vistara under Air India: Sources

MUMBAI: The Tata Group has started an exercise to evaluate options to consolidate AirAsia India and Vistara under Air India to bring operational synergies among the three airlines under its umbrella,

sources said. Air India, which the group had taken control of in January after winning the bid to acquire the national carrier for Rs 18,000 crore in October last year, has set up a team under its Director of Opera-

tions, R S Sandhu, sources familiar with the development said. The team will evaluate synergies in operations between Air India Express and AirAsia India as well as between Air India and Vistara, they said.



Wipro fires 300 employees for moonlighting

NEW DELHI: Wipro Ltd has sacked some 300 employees for 'moonlighting' as the IT services firm toughens its stand against staffers taking a second job after work hours.

vocal critic of it and has in the recent past equated it to "cheating". Last month he took to Twitter to say, "There is a lot of chatter about people moonlighting in the tech

tion of employment," Infosys' mail had said. IBM India too joined the chorus on moonlighting, terming it an unethical practice. IBM's managing director for India and

found to be working simultaneously for Wipro and its competitors.

Asked about the action taken against employees who were working simultaneously for the company as well as for rivals, Premji, on the sidelines of the event later, said that their employment had been terminated for "act of integrity violation".

The definition of moonlighting itself is about having another job secretly. As part of transparency, individuals can have candid and open conversations around, say, playing in a band or working "on a project over the weekend," he explained.

"That is an open conversation which the organisation and the individual can make a concerted choice about, whether that works for them or doesn't work for them as an organisation," he said.

Premji sought to differentiate such cases from those where employees secretly also worked for competitors, and said: "there is no space for someone to work for Wipro and competitor XYZ and they would feel exactly the same way if they were to discover the same situation."

"That is what I meant. So, I do stand by what I said. I do think it is a violation of integrity if you are moonlighting in that shape and form," Premji said.

With the vexed issue now in the spotlight, some industry watchers have been cautioning that employers may consider extra safeguards to protect proprietary information and operating models, especially where employees are working remotely.

Companies, analysts have said, could also turn tougher on exclusivity clauses in employment contracts.

"Air India CEO and MD Campbell Wilson has set up this team, which will look into synergy between Air India Express and AirAsia India and also between Air India and Vistara and how to achieve the merger," a source said. The team has been asked to submit its plan within one year, the source added.

It is understood that the plan is to achieve consolidation of AirAsia India into Air India Express over a one year period, while also targeting to bring all of the group's airlines businesses under the Air India umbrella by 2024. An e-mailed query to Tata Sons seeking comments remained un-

answered.

Tata Group took back control of Air India and its low-cost international arm, Air India Express from the government in January this year.

Besides, it holds a majority 83.67 per cent stake in domestic budget carrier AirAsia India, which started flying in June 2014, while the remaining 16.33 per cent is with the Malaysian airlines group AirAsia.

The group is looking to acquire the remaining stake in AirAsia India from AirAsia Group. In Vistara, Tata Sons' holding stands at 51 per cent and the rest 49 per cent is with Singapore Airlines. The full-service carrier had started services from January 2015.

No criminality was found in taped conversations of Niira Radia: CBI to Supreme Court

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departments concerned," Bhati submitted before the bench, also comprising Justices P.S. Narasimha and Hima Kohli.

NGO Centre for Public Interest Litigation pressed for a probe into the tapes and demanded that they all be made public.

The CBI is likely to file a fresh status report, when the matter is scheduled to be taken up by the apex court in October.

The apex court in October 2013 directed the CBI to examine 14 issues that were identified by the agency after examining the transcripts of over 5,800 taped conversations of Radia.

Over a decade ago, Radia's phone conversations with industrialists, journalists, government officers, and other people holding key posts were tapped as part of a tax investigation.

Ratan Tata, Chairman emeritus Tata Sons, had moved the apex court seeking protection of his right to privacy against the backdrop of leaked private conversations involving Radia. Tata filed the petition in 2011.

He had contended that the release of the tapes amounted to infringement on his right to privacy.

The case was last heard in April 2014, and the top court crystallised the issues -- right to privacy vis-a-vis the government, right to privacy vis-a-vis the media, and the right to information.

Tata had sought a probe into who had leaked the excerpts from the intercepts and also a mechanism in place to guard against such indiscriminate invasion into a citizen's privacy. In August 2017, the apex court, in a landmark verdict, had said that privacy is a constitutional right.

Nine judges were unanimous in their findings, however, they cited different reasons for their conclusion.

Ram temple sparks tourism interest; foreigners keen on developing resorts in Ayodhya

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Alex Andre of Vietnam, Shandal Patrick from California, Jessica Vulcan of Peru, Maria Angel Ladora of Ecuador.

The delegation was shown various lands along the Lucknow Gorakhpur Highway which crosses Ayodhya. They were shown the land in adjoining areas as well. UP Tourism Department, Deputy Director, Rajendra Prasad said that there was a possibility of signing an MoU on different projects in the Investors Summit proposed to be organised in Lucknow in January next year.

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Rajendra Prasad claimed that there was a potential for investment to the tune of US\$ 2 billion in this sector. For this, foreign investors were being made to visit Ayodhya and other cities of the state, he stated.

As per the tourism department officials, many members of the foreign delegation showed interest in projects related to theme parks, light shows, bringing out resorts, wellness centres, renewable energy, skill development centres, film media besides FMCG, etc.

The delegation was given an overview of 30-acre land acquired by the state tourism department near Korean monument located on the banks of river Saryu. The delegation also visited 80-acre land acquired earlier for the installation of world's tallest 252-ft statue of Lord Rama at Manjha Barhatha area. In the same series, the green field township proposed by the Housing Development Council in Shahnawazpur was also shown to the foreign investors.

For Gehlot and Pilot, Rahul Gandhi's 'Yes or No' to returning as Congress President crucial

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president.

The Congress Rahul walks away from Since the political future of Sachin Pilot also depends on the upcoming decision of Rahul Gandhi, Pilot and his supporters are staying completely silent, even on Gehlot's plans to hold two posts -- that of Rajasthan CM and national Congress President.

Transport Minister Pratap Singh Khachariyawas said on Wednesday that "Ashok Gehlot will hold both the posts of CM and National President. Gehlot is still the CM, he has not become the national president yet. All these situations will come after that but till now it is certain that even if he becomes the national president, CM Ashok Gehlot will remain the CM also. Everyone's wish is that Ashok Gehlot should remain in the Chief Minister's post."

State Congress president Govind Singh Dotasara said, "Making Rahul Gandhi the president is a priority, but if Gehlot becomes the president, it is a matter of pride for Rajasthan. The order of the high command will always be accepted and the decision on two posts will also be taken by the high command".

It will be Gehlot versus Tharoor for Congress top post

In addition, the deputy chief whip Mahendra Choudhary said, "This kind of situation has happened many times earlier also. The president of many political parties has also been the CM. Arvind Kejriwal is the President of Aam Aadmi Party and also the CM of Delhi. Mayawati was the national president of BSP and also held the post of CM in Uttar Pradesh. So, this has happened in many political parties. Why not in our own party."

Meanwhile, on Wednesday evening, Gehlot left for Mumbai after meeting with Sonia Gandhi. CM Gehlot along with Congress general secretary KC Venugopal will reach Kochi on Thursday where he will once again be seen marching with Rahul Gandhi in the Bharat Jodo Yatra. During this visit, CM Gehlot will make one last attempt to convince Rahul Gandhi to become the national president.

Given the political script that is being written, it seems that the future of both Rajasthan leaders now hinges on Rahul Gandhi's 'yes or no'.



Its chairman Rishad Premji, who has been a vocal critic of moonlighting, said the company has no place for any employee who chooses to work directly with rivals while being on Wipro payrolls.

Moonlighting is a "complete violation of integrity in its deepest form," he said speaking at an AIMA event.

"The reality is that there are people today working for Wipro and working directly for one of our competitors and we have actually discovered 300 people in the last few months who are doing exactly that," Premji said.

Later when quizzed about action taken against the 300 employees, he said services have been terminated in those specific instances of violation.

IT firms are worried that employees taking up secondary job after regular work hours will affect productivity, lead to conflicts of interest and possible data breaches.

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industry. This is cheating - plain and simple."

His tweet evoked a strong response within the industry, with many IT companies raising their guard against such practices.

Infosys, last week, shot off a missive to its employees, emphasising that dual employment is not permitted, and warned that any violation of contract clauses will trigger disciplinary action "which could even lead to termination of employment".

"No two-timing -- no moonlighting!" Infosys, India's second-largest IT services company, had said in a strong and firm message to employees last week.

Infosys' internal communication titled "no double lives" had made it clear that "dual employment is not permitted as per "Employee Handbook and Code of Conduct".

It also cited the relevant clause in the offer letter to drive home the point.

"Any violation of these clauses will lead to disciplinary action which could even lead to termina-

South Asia Sandip Patel had reasoned that at the time of joining, the company's employees sign an agreement saying they will be working only for IBM.

"Notwithstanding what people can do in the rest of their time, it is not ethically right to do that (moonlighting)," Patel had said. Not everyone agreed, though.

Tech Mahindra CEO CP Gurnani tweeted recently that it is necessary to keep changing with the times and added, "I welcome disruption in the ways we work".

On Wednesday, Premji while speaking at AIMA's (All India Management Association) National Management Convention, sought to clear the air around why he took a strong position on the moonlighting issue saying his opinion was "meant more sincerely that people interpreted it to be". Premji said that he stands by his recent comments on moonlighting being a complete violation of integrity "in its deepest form", and cited instances where 300 employees were

Federer eyes dream farewell alongside Nadal at Laver Cup

LONDON - Roger Federer wants to bring the curtain down on his glittering career by teaming up with long-time rival Rafael Nadal at the Laver Cup in London on Friday. The 20-time Grand

Slam winner announced last week that he intended to retire after the three-day tournament at London's O2 arena, which starts on Friday. Federer, whose most recent competitive match was a loss to Hubert Hurkacz in last

year's Wimbledon quarter-finals, has been struggling with a knee problem. The Swiss great confirmed on Wednesday that the final match of his long and illustrious career will be in the doubles on Friday

evening. Italian Matteo Berrettini, the first alternate for the tournament that pits Team Europe against Team World, will then take Federer's place over the weekend. The Swiss great does

not yet know whether he will be able to link up with Nadal but said it would be the dream scenario.

"Of course, no doubt," he told a packed press conference at the O2. "I mean, I think it could be quite a unique situation, you know, that if it were to happen."

Federer said he and Nadal, 36, had always maintained a respect for each other even as they vied for the biggest trophies in the sport.

"For us as well to go through a career that we both have had and to come out on the other side and being able to have a nice relationship I think is maybe a great message as well to not just tennis but sports and maybe even beyond," he said.

"For that reason I think it would be great. I don't know if it's going to happen, but I think it could be obviously a special moment."

Nadal, who holds the record for Grand Slam titles in men's tennis with 22, Novak Djokovic, who has won 21, and three-time major winner Andy Murray are all part of the six-man Team Europe, captained by Bjorn

Borg. Their opponents, Team World, skipped by John McEnroe, include Taylor Fritz, Felix Auger-Aliassime and Di-

though his tally of Grand Slam titles has been eclipsed by Nadal and Djokovic.

"I'm definitely very proud and very happy

well (in the ATP Finals), I just thought it was very fitting."

He said he had no intention of disappearing off the radar

Cristiano Ronaldo wants to play till Euro 2024

LISBON: Cristiano Ronaldo has set his sights on reaching Euro 2024 and the Portugal and Manchester United forward says he has no plans to retire any time soon.

"My journey is not over yet, you're going to

Ronaldo has scored 117 goals in 189 Portugal appearances and is expecting to play in his 10th major international tournament for his country at Qatar 2022.

The forward's brace against the Republic of



have to put up with 'Cris' for a while longer," said Ronaldo on Tuesday, after receiving a trophy at the Portuguese football federation's (FPF) Quinas de Ouro awards in Lisbon for being the top national team goalscorer of all time.

"I want to be part of the World Cup and the Euros ... I feel very motivated. My ambition is great," the 37-year-old said.

Atlético Madrid denounces racist chants against Vinícius

MADRID: Atlético Madrid condemned the racist chants made by some of its fans against Real Madrid forward Vinícius Júnior and pledged to work with authorities to identify those who were responsible.

A group of Atlético fans outside the Metropolitano stadium chanted "Vinícius, you are a monkey" before Madrid's 2-1 win in the city derby on Sunday.

Ireland in September 2021 allowed him to overtake Iranian great Ali Daei's haul of 109 goals as the record international scorer.

Ronaldo eventually stayed at Manchester United this summer despite speculation he would switch clubs, and despite being benched for Premier League matches he scored in the team's last outing at Moldovan minnows FC Sheriff in the Europa League.

has no place in La Liga" and vowed to "work with the clubs and the authorities to identify and bring to justice any such case."

It plans to file its official report to the Spanish federation, which will weigh disciplinary action against Atlético.

The derby had been surrounded by controversy after Vinícius' dances during recent goal celebrations were criticized by a guest in a



popular sports talk show who used racist language.

That prompted the 22-year-old forward, who is Black, to make a strong statement against racism, saying he believed his actions on the field were being criminalised and that his success as a Black Brazilian man in Europe was annoying to some.

After fellow Brazilian Rodrygo scored Madrid's first goal on Sunday, he and Vinícius did their samba-like moves by one of the corner flags, fulfilling their promise to keep dancing despite the criticism.

Some Atlético fans threw objects at them. This wasn't the first time Vinícius was subjected to racist taunts.

It happened last year during a clásico against Barcelona at the Camp Nou. There were also cases against other players, including Athletic Bilbao's Iñaki Williams.



ego Schwartzman.

'Bittersweet' Federer said he was happy to step away from tennis at the age of 41 but admitted it was a "bittersweet decision".

"You always want to play forever," he said. "I love being out on court, I love playing against the guys, I love travelling."

"I never really felt like it was that hard for me to do, of winning, learn from losing, it was all perfect. I love my career from every angle."

The Swiss said he was happy with his place in the debate over who is the greatest of all time in the men's game even

where I sit," he said.

"One of my big moments of course was winning my 15th slam at Wimbledon, you know, when Pete (Sampras, who had won a then-record 14) was sitting there. Anything after that was a bonus."

Federer said it was fitting that he would finish his career in London, where he has enjoyed so much success.

"This city has been special to me, maybe the most special place with Wimbledon down the road and here at the O2. Having played here and qualified for so many years and won here as

despite his looming retirement.

"I just wanted to let the fans know I won't be a ghost, you know. It's funny, you know, I talked about Bjorn Borg just before."

"I don't think he returned to Wimbledon for 25 years. That, in a way, hurts every tennis fan. Totally acceptable, his life, his reasons."

"But I don't think I'll be that guy and I feel tennis has given me too much. I have been around the game for too long, have fallen in love with too many things."

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