

Ukraine schools battered by Russian onslaught in south

Just a handful of kilometres from the front-line, a shattered village school in the southern Mykolaiv region is a stark sign of the war damage inflicted by Russia on Ukrainian education.

Small desks are topped with a layer of rubble and dust, while the front of the building, facing enemy lines, has been gutted from repeated shelling.

At the back, a collapsed roof and wall expose the school gymnasium to the elements. Charred car wrecks squat beside the battered, abandoned playground.

The Russian army has passed through the village twice since the war began and left the school intact both times, Sergiy, head of the village municipality, told AFP.

But once Ukrainian troops took up position there "the Russians realised their mistake and bombed everything," the 51-year-old said by telephone from Mykolaiv city where he now lives.

In the heavily-shelled village most roofs have now been blown off. Only 25 residents still live there out of a population of some 1,700,

he said.

By day, the streets are deserted -- the silence



broken only by the nearby roar of artillery. Ukraine launched a counter-offensive three weeks ago, but its results are still difficult to assess in the region.

On Thursday, the village received a missile

strike that gouged a five-metre-deep crater in a vacant plot -- a "Russian gift", according

But the "quite beautiful" village school was less fortunate, he said.

According to UNESCO, citing Ukrainian Ministry of Education figures, almost 300 schools have been destroyed since the invasion began, and over 2,550 damaged.

Sergiy fondly remembers the building where 190 children studied from kindergarten to high-school. His wife ran its computer lab, while his eldest child was a graduate, and his youngest a pupil -- until Russia invaded seven months ago.

"We invested so much time and effort to make the school the best it could be. The classes were magnificent. Even our canteen was better than elsewhere," he said.

'Our children's future'

Inside what's left of the premises, letters painted beside drawings on remnants of a classroom wall look down on upturned broken furniture and books thrown across the floor.

"The Russians deliberately targeted the school. I hate them," said Sergiy.

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State leadership, polls to be focus of Nadda visit

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): As the two-day visit of BJP national president JP Nadda to Odisha next week is final, the stage is now set for a renewed

under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi so be it, the party senior said.

Announcing the itinerary of Nadda, State BJP general secretary Golak Mohapatra said the party president will reach here at 10 am on September 29 and then head to the party's State headquarters in a procession.

Nadda will next proceed to the Janata Maidan where he will address Shakti Kendra workers (panchayat level conference) at 11 am.

After the meeting he will meet party MLAs, MPs, State functionaries, district presidents and pravaris (in-charge of districts and State). In the evening, he will proceed to Puri and stay for the night. The next day, Nadda will visit Shree Jagannath Temple. From there he will leave for Mangarajpur village under Tihidi block in Bhadrak district and meet the family members of late BJP MLA Bishnu Charan Sethi on his 11th day rituals.

On his return from Bhadrak, he will address a joint conference of district level functionaries of BJP's seven frontal wings at Janata Maidan at 11 am on September 30, Mohapatra added. In the evening, Nadda will leave for Delhi. National BJP general secretary BL Santosh who was on a day's visit to the State on Friday took a review of the preparations made for Nadda's visit.



public outreach of the party in the State ahead of the simultaneous general elections to the Assembly and Lok Sabha in 2024. The first-ever visit of Nadda to the State before the end of his tenure in January 2023 assumes significance as the State unit of the BJP is grappling with the leadership issue for a long time.

"It is very much likely that the issue of leadership and other important matters like election preparation may crop up during the series of meetings lined up with Nadda during his two-day visit here," said a senior leader who did not wish to be named.

It is not that the Central leadership is not aware of the matter but this required a collective decision. In many states the party had gone to polls without projecting any leader. If the party in its collective wisdom decided to fight the next general election

Chandigarh airport to be named after Bhagat Singh, says PM Modi



NEW DELHI(KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday announced that the Chandigarh airport will now be named after Shaheed Bhagat Singh as a tribute to the great freedom fighter.

In his Mann Ki Baat radio broadcast, Modi also said that climate change is a major threat to ma-

rine ecosystems and that the litter on beaches is disturbing. "It becomes our responsibility to make serious and continuous efforts to tackle these challenges," he said.

In the broadcast, Modi paid tributes to BJP ideologue Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, saying he was a profound thinker and a

great son of the country.

Modi also said that 130 crore Indians were filled with pride over the return of cheetahs. He said a task force will monitor them and on the basis of that it will be decided when people can see them.

He said that an important day of 'Amrit Mahotsav' is coming

on September 28 when the birth anniversary of Bhagat Singh will be celebrated.

"Just before his birth anniversary, as a tribute, an important decision has been taken, it has been decided that the Chandigarh airport will now be named after Shaheed Bhagat Singh," Modi said.

Women entrinic Poll!

Bhubaneswar(KCN): It seems that Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik is back at the job much ahead of the next elections. Naveen has started meeting the members of the Mission Shakti in phases and the process is likely to be completed by 25 September. The BJD supremo had also made a similar exercise in 2018 ahead of the 2019 elections and it had paid rich dividends. The BJD fielded seven women candidates (33%) in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections and five of them came out successful.

About women empowerment and the contribution of female voters towards the BJD's successive victory since 2000, Congress veteran Suresh Kumar Routray's statement sounds prophetic. "The wives do not go by their husbands' words, but vote for Naveen's conch symbol en masse," he said. Naveen has also

paid back by empowering women since he came to power in 2000. Naveen launched Mission Shakti in 2001 and Mission Shakti is not just a women's self-help group now, but a movement by itself. There are about 70 lakh women members in the movement of the state's over 1.67 crore female voters. These



70 lakh Mission Shakti members are considered as the solid vote bank of BJD and they have stuck with Naveen through thick and thin. The womenfolk support Naveen despite the fact that crimes against women rose by 23 per cent in 2021 as Odisha saw a huge spike in cases of rape, abduction or cruelty by hus-

band and his relatives in 2021. The crime rate per one lakh of the women in the state rose to 137.8 in comparison to 2020, the third highest in the country after Assam and Delhi. The women of Odisha have supported Naveen disregarding the opposition BJP's bid to woo them with Ujjwala Gas scheme.

However, party insiders say that Naveen now aims to capture all the 1.67 crore women voters and expand MS's network. The party has already reserved 33% and 50% seats for women in rural and urban polls. This time, Naveen may not hesitate to give 50% tickets to women in the Assembly elections as they are more loyal, dedicated and dependable while their male counterparts often bring bad names for the party by indulging in business once they became MLAs.

Of the 147 assembly seats in Odisha, Naveen may prefer more than seventy women candidates in the assembly elections. Pramila Bisoyi, the MP from Aska, is a glaring example of how the village women workers can win polls for the party. What has actually panicked the existing law makers is that many of them may not have a party ticket as Naveen is now in search of successful Mission Shakti members to become candidates in the assembly elections. The women self-help group leaders, inducted into politics by the local BJD MLAs, are now on the top. One should not be surprised if Naveen picks up the highest number of women candidates in the ensuing State Legislative Assembly elections.

While receiving lifetime achievement award from a Delhi-based NGO, Naveen revealed what was his top agenda. "Our governance model, rooted in the empowerment of women, Mission Shakti, is something which we are truly proud of. Similarly, empowerment of tribal commun-CONTINUED ON: P-7

Declaration

Due to technical problem 25th September issue of **The Kalinga Chronicle** could not be published. Sorry for the inconvenience.

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Growing concern for the rivers in Keonjhar district

Barbil, 24th Sept (KCN) Concern has been expressed over the change in the water catchment and basin of rivers in Keonjhar district. The organization working for the protection of rivers in Odisha (campaign to protect and preserve river and its river resources) reached the area of Barbil and Joda in Keonjhar district today led by Prafulla Samatra, the green Nobel awardee. They looked around the different area where rivers flow. They realized that the depth of the river are decreasing as these rivers are getting narrowed unexpectedly at various

mixing of toxic chemical mixed water from factories and polluted water from urban areas. According to local residents, the state government and the pollution department are aware of the fact, but the illegal nexus between Mining and industry owners, politicians and bureaucrats gets the matter under carpeted. The water capacity of Baitrani, Suna and Karo rivers have decreased drastically, but some multinational companies have started consuming the river water for transportation of their mineral through slurry pipe lines. The issue needs to



places. The unplanned and unscientific excavation of minerals lead to water scarcity of rivers. As many small and large springs which arise from hills get disturbed due to blockade in their sources. These springs remains insufficient to let water to rivers. Not only that the soil extracted through excavation flows to river through different means buried river basin. Apart from that, they expressed concern that rivers are becoming more polluted day by day. With the narrowing of the river basins the water resources of small branches and tributaries are affected by the process of mining and there is a possibility of its extinction in many places. Water pollution in rivers is increasing due to the

come to people's attention and there is a need for a mass movement to stop it soon, Prafulla said. It will be brought to the attention of the government and if the government does not take any steps within the stipulated time frame, they will take the shelter of the Green Tribunal, said Ashok Thakkar convenor of the Suna o Karo Nadi Surakhya movement. Along with the team Bratindi Jena, the women activist of the movement, Kalyanesh Anand, the state convenor, NAPM, Manas Patnaik and Laxmidhar Murmu were accompanied. Besides Members of "Suna o Karo Nadi Surakhya" members Dilu Swami, Ganeswar Patra and Chhabirani Nag were coordinated in the program

OSPCB Tops In Transparency

Ekta Nagar (KCN): Odisha State Pollution Control Board (OSPCB) has taken up multipronged strategy to combat pollution



to 59 stations covering 39 cities, said he adding all the District Head Quarters are now covered under the monitoring program. Dissemination of environmental information for transparency is being implemented by OSPCB, said Dr. Murugesan. A Star Rating Program initiated for public disclosure of continuous emission data from the industries. Data dissemination through the website was maximized. In terms of Transparency Index OSPCB scored the highest amongst all the States in the country. Advanced technology for environmental monitoring is taken up by OSPCB. Continuous Emission monitoring system installed in 635 stacks of 170 industries, continuous effluent quality monitoring system installed in 102 units and using IP cameras for effective surveillance of industrial units. So far Circular Economy is concerned Fly Ash Resource Centre (FARC) set up to facilitate and enhance utilization of fly ash in different sectors. During 2021-22, 99.36% of fly ash utilization achieved. Ease of Doing Business efforts are being taken up and disposal time of Consent Applications have been reduced to 45-60 days from the mandatory 120 days. The State Pollution Control Board has expedited the timely disposal of Environment Clearance through conducting public hearing and SEAC meetings. Under the Clean Air Program several actions have been initiated to improve air quality in seven cities of the State. An innovative Low Emission Zone for Ekamra Kshetra, Bhubaneswar is being implemented. On Coastal monitoring front, coastal monitoring is carried out in 91 stations across 480 km of the coastline. Research activity, in collaboration with NIO, Vishakhapatnam and NCCR Chennai, for developing coastal water quality standards is being taken up. In the meantime Beach litter study for Paradeep completed and study for four more beaches in Odisha undergoing including Gopalpur, Puri, Chandrabhaga and Chandipur, Dr. Murugesan informed the National meet.

across the state and has been proactively implementing the Pollution Control Action Plan for the Sector. Dr. K. Murugesan, Member Secretary OSPCB has presented facts in the National Conference of Environment Ministers of the States held on 23-24 September at Ekta Nagar in Gujarat. Detailing out the programs Dr. Murugesan said rejuvenating polluted river stretches has resulted in number of polluted river stretches have come down to 7 from 19 in the year 2018, and water quality in these 7 stretches have also improved substantially. River water quality improvement is attributable to strict monitoring of Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP)s in Industries, commissioning of Sewage Treatment Plant (STP)s and SETPs in ULBs, Community Toilets and ODF. Strengthening Ambient Air Quality Monitoring has been taken up in a big way and numbers of CAAQMS increased from just 02 in 2019 to 10 in the year 2022 by leveraging funds from OMBADC, DMF, NCAP and OSPCB. Expanded the manual monitoring network from 37 stations in 17 cities in the year 2019

Concern for Calcutta to campaign for a cleaner City 38th Annual General Meeting of Concern for Calcutta held at Saturday Club on Saturday

Kolkata (KCN): Mamta Binani President 2021-22 was felicitated for the admirable and successful term of the team under her leadership. KS Adhikari was elected new President. Other office bearers for 2022-23 are Ramakant Burman, Vice President, Ashok Purohit, Secretary, Jagat Baid, Treasurer.

Gupta, Ramdeo Kakra, Bibhas Maiti, Dr Pratibha Kothari, JK Sharma, KC Tewary, Debosree Dema Kar, Prakash Parakh and Rakhi Chatterjee, elected as Corporate Nominee representing Patton Ltd. Invitees include Joeeta Basu, Sonali De and Mujibar Rahaman. Past presidents were honoured on the occa-



Advocate Narayan Jain was appointed as Chairman of Advisory Board with Samir Dutt, BG Roy, RL Auddy and Rajendra Khandelwal as Members of Advisory Board. Jain and Adhikari said that the new team will campaign for a cleaner City and for protection of environment with help of Pollution Control Board. New Governing Body include: Pawan Paharia, Sohan Raj Singhvi, Sharat Jhunjhunwala, Seema Sonthalia, Lekha Sharma, Prof Pradyot Banerjee, Annapurna Mishra, KN

Debasis Roy, Deepak Jain former Presidents also actively participated. On this occasion a fascinating Musical programme was presented by Shibopriya Chatterjee, Joeeta Basu, Mr Shri Ratan Jhavar, LN Purohit and Sumit Roy. Ayan Banerjee of Bajaj Allianz spoke on need for insurance coverage and detailed policy Options in Insurance. Swati Banerjee famous Dance Director and Ms Sonali Das TV Anchor also graced the occasion.

Padhee launches Millet Dishes

Bhubaneswar (KCN): dishes that can be



As part of its programme for the promotion of nutrition-rich millets, Agriculture and Farmers' Empowerment Department Principal Secretary Arabinda Kumar Padhee launches millet-based dishes here at a special event at BOCCA Café. Odisha Millet Mission (OMM) has collaborated with BOCCA Cafe, Bhubaneswar. This first-of-its-kind agricultural initiative to encourage the cultivation of nutrition-rich millets goes beyond bringing the traditional food of Odisha's tribes back on plates. Dr. Padhee interacted with the Restaurant Association Odisha (RAO) members present there and encouraged them to add

millet based dishes in their menu, which they readily accepted. It answers one of the enduring questions: what can be done to protect and revive the environment as well as provide better income to farmers, particularly those with small farms? BOCCA worked with OMM and has come out with an exclusive millets-based menu which was launched in the event. The menu was curated by the chefs at BOCCA and experts of Odisha Millets Mission. The idea was to create continental, Mexican, bakery dishes which will give millets a more up market identity, helping the current generation consume it and in the process help

1st Alumni Meet held at Govt UP School Bijipur of Brahmagiri Block

Bhubaneswar (KCN): On gathering of above 60 old students of Govt UPS Bijipur of Brahmagiri Block of Puri district, the 1st Alumni meet was held



within the campus of the school on 23rd September 2022. In presence of Mr. Prasant Kumar Jena ABE0, Ms Sasmita Dash, CRCC, Mr. Maheswar

Palai, Chairperson SMC, Mr Chandrasekhar Gochhayat Headmaster, Ms Jyotirmayee Nayak Asst Teacher and other staff of the School, the old students of the school were congregated and discussed on the various aspects for development school. The programme was conducted under "Mo School Abhiyan" Scheme and the alumni were contributed their support in terms of financially and physically for modernization and progress of school activities. Among the old students of the school Mr. Bijay Kumar Kar, Mr Sarbeswar Palai, Mr. Sailendra Narayan Behera, Mr. Akshaya Patra, Mr. Anath Barik and others were participated. All the people of the area were appreciated for such kind of noble initiative organized in the school.

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Ganeshotsav of 'Swapnakshay Mitra Mandal' wonderfully depicting social issues

MUMBAI: The 42nd year of 'Sarvajanic Ganeshotsav Model Town' has been orga-

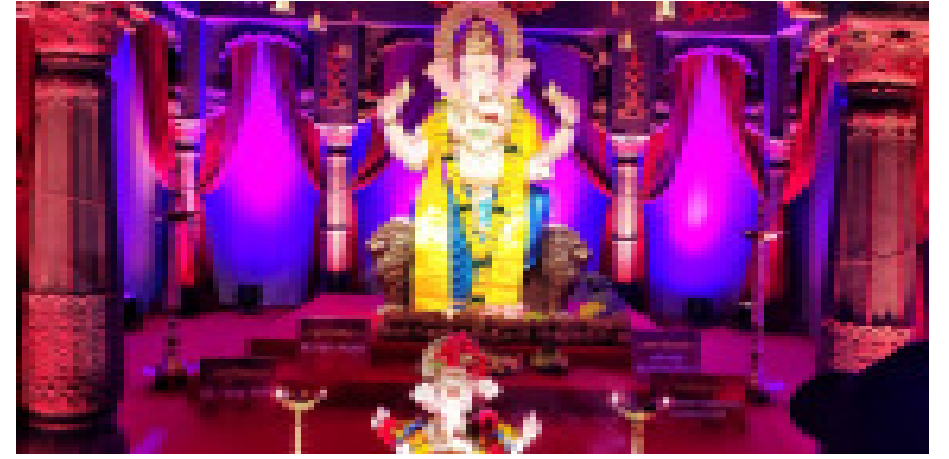
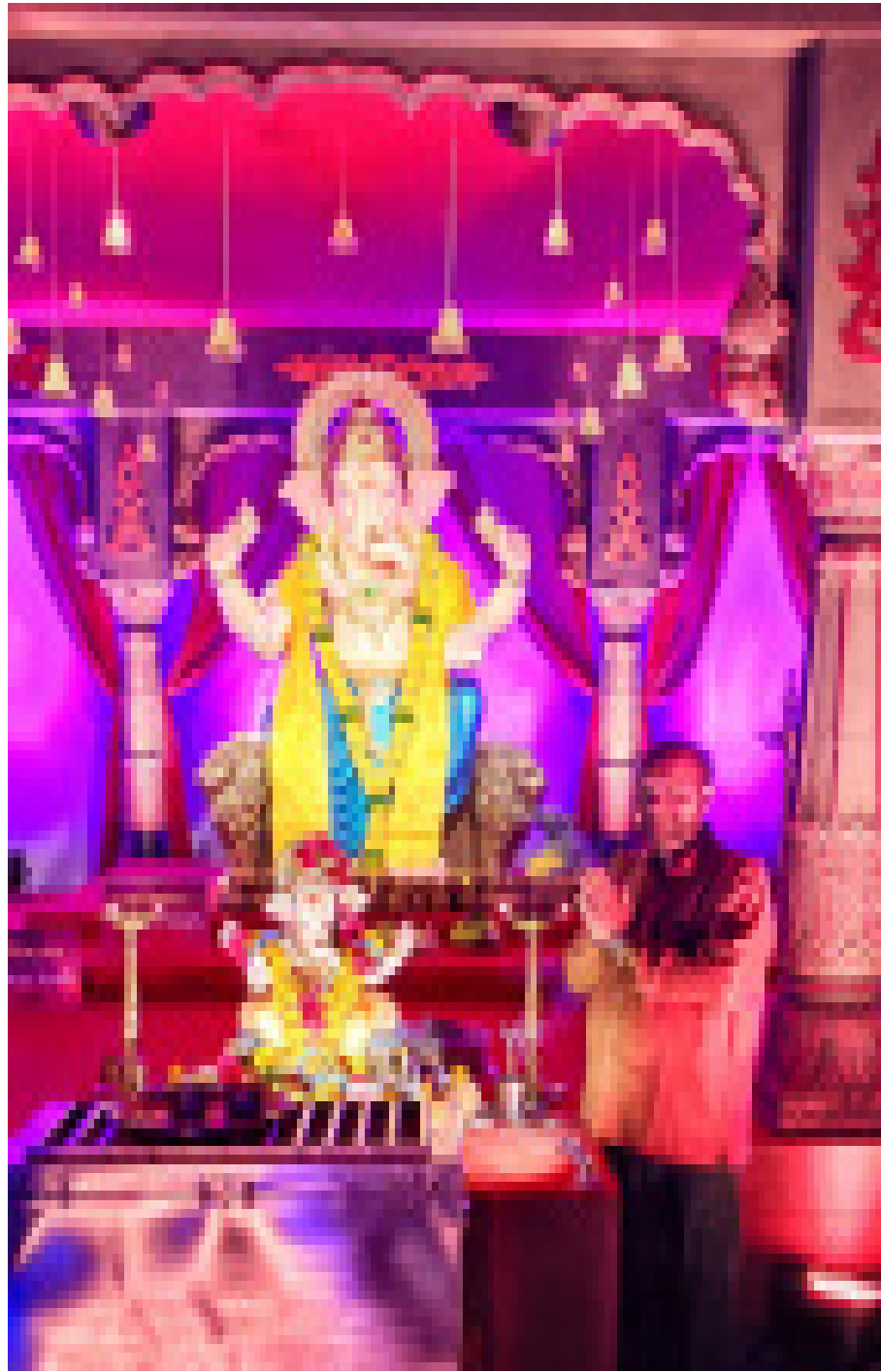
Ambarker, President Rajesh Dhare, advisors Sanjeev Kalle (Billu), Prashant

Dhere said, "We always organize programs on social topics. This time we

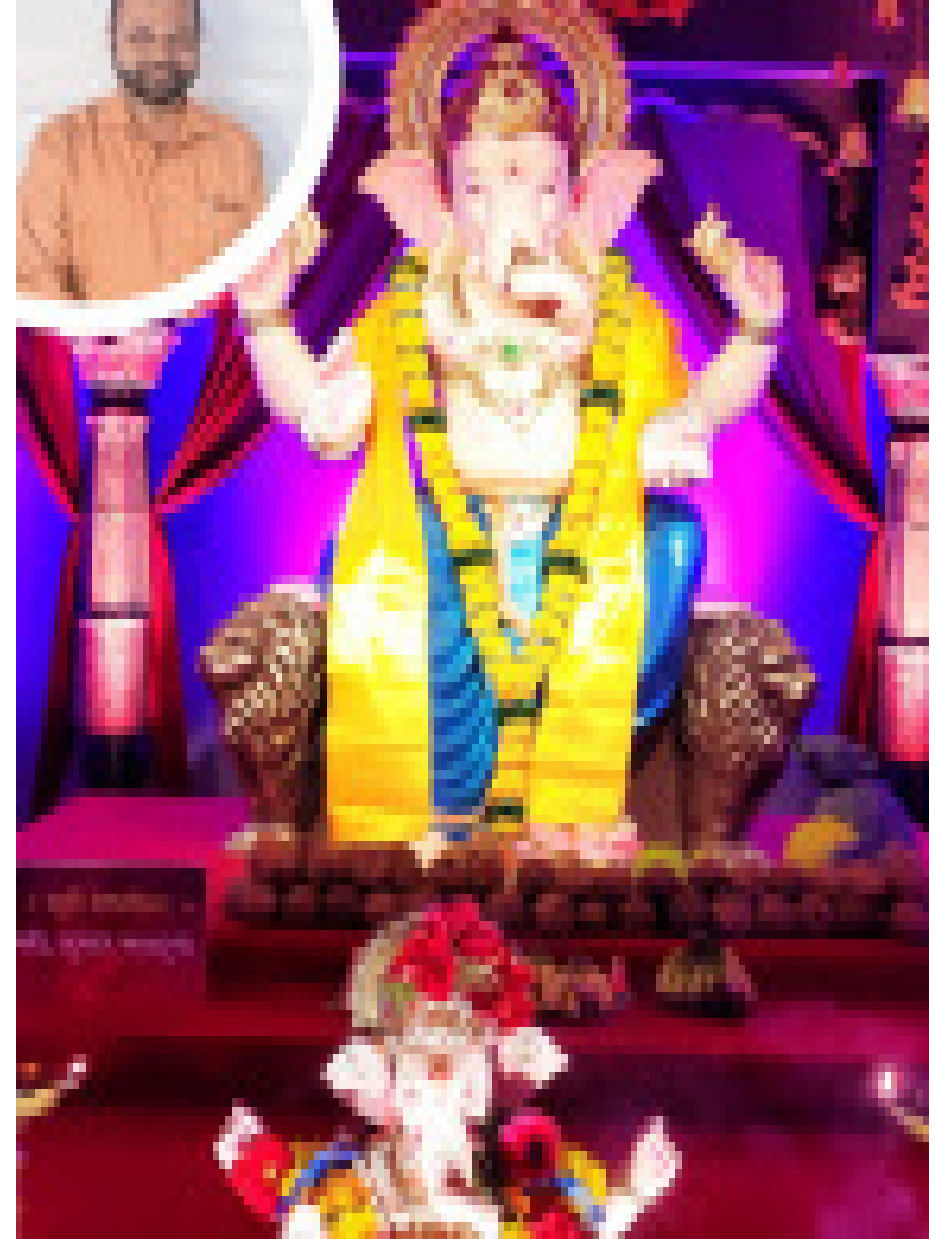
fought and sacrificed their lives for free-

Mandal advisor Prashant Kashid said,

Gadge Maharaj's cleanliness



dom, has also been "We try to bring campaign, Aadhar



nized by Swapnakshay Mitra Mandal at Seven Bungalow, Model Town Road, Andheri (W), Mumbai which is of ten days. Its main guide and coordinator of the Versova Assembly of Shiv Sena are Devendra (Bala)

Kashid and General Secretary Ashok More. This time it was organized on the theme of Veer Savarkar's heroism and Amrit Mahotsav of Independence which is attracting a lot of people. Devendra (Bala) Amberkar and Rajesh

have organized it keeping in mind Vinayak Damodar Savarkar (Veer Savarkar) and Amrit Mahotsav of Independence. Apart from this, information about Mahatma Gandhi, Babasaheb Amberkar, Bhagat Singh etc., who

tried to be conveyed to the people through paper models and workmanship made of paper."

awareness among the public by running campaigns on social issues like Women's Empowerment, Saint

card, Voter card, Blood donation etc., through the Mandal throughout the year."

The Legend Movie Review: Saravanan's vanity project is more a vibe than a film

At one point in The Legend, which is essentially about a world-renowned scientist discovering a cure for diabetes, a newspaper headline reads, "Yes Cure Diabetes Possible." Now, this could just be brushed away as plain ignorance, but in a film that revels in its own absurdity, it leaves us with a big question — Is Team The Legend aware of the kind of responses the film will elicit? While the jury might still be divided on this front, this gaffe was one of the many humorous sequences in The Legend, which is both a rehash of multiple plot points from blockbuster films and an extremely unique one-of-a-kind project.

Cast: Legend Saravanan, Prabhu, Urvashi Rautela, Suman, Vivek

Director: JD-Jerry

The first time we see Saravanan on screen, he is sending goons flying into the air, even as his well-gelled hair remains intact, and he is dressed straight out of a Khader Nawaz Khan Road Fashion Week. While not much can be said of his perennial poker face, his costumes are exemplary. This keenness on Saravanan's looks, styling, and wardrobe is the most focus the makers have in the film, which otherwise exists to just fill in the gaps between elaborate action set-pieces and colourful song sequences. To give credit where it's due, the makers do get the basic plot right. The 'Medical Mafia' is afraid that Saravanan's discovery would put them out of business, and they use their entire might to put a stop to it. In between all the paraphernalia, including grating intentional comedy, and hilarious unintended ones, The Legend offers us a 160-minute joyride like no other.

This is neither a spoof nor a parody, and the earnestness of the established names in the film, especially Prabhu, Latha, Thambi Ramaiah, Vijayakumar, Yogi Babu, Robo Shankar, Devadarshini, and Suman lends a layer of seriousness and much-needed gravitas to The Legend. The same holds good for the brilliant technical team of the film. Harris Jayaraj is the soul of the film, and his electrifying background score reminds us of how music plays a paramount role in our acceptance of any scene. Full points to cinematographer Velraj

for the finery we see unfold on screen. In some projects, it is important that the audience understands that money hasn't been a limiting factor; The Legend is one such film.

The Rajinikanth template is a tried-and-tested one for any new actor trying to break into superstardom, and Saravanan is no different. The love for Rajinikanth is so much that the vital plot points, song sequences, and action set-pieces of The Legend are more like watching a watered-down version of the Superstar's highlights reel. While the Sivaji hangover is most prevalent, we also get slight doses of Ejjamaan and Muthu. But make no mistake, there is just one star in The Legend, and it is Saravanan. The Legend exists for the sole reason



of Saravanan living his dream and being the star of a mass masala entertainer. He is a brilliant assembler and gets together the best possible team to make this dream into a reality. His role in The Legend is actually a relic of the past. While there are scenes where Saravanan sounds a clarion call for feminism, it is interspersed with overwhelming inanity and saccharine goodness that one of my eyes rolled so much to the back of my head, and seems to have lost its way. Who calls diabetes "A sweet suicide?" Also, if you are a person in power in a college, what would you do a bunch of hooligan students who sexually harass a woman, burn her house down, stomp her father to the ground, and constantly say a sing-song 'Ooh laa' at every opportune moment of depravity? Rusticate them? File

a police complaint? At the very least, suspend them? But our Saravanan, who randomly appears with a whip (why does he carry one in the first place), and pulls off an Ungal Veettu Pillai MGR, lets them go scot-free because... and wait for it... "thirundharathukku oru vaipu". Come on!!! They aren't kids caught trying to copy in an exam. In fact, every dialogue uttered by Saravanan is either punchy or preachy. Even in the romantic portions involving two heroines — Urvashi Rautela and Geethika Mantri who make assured debuts with their lipsyncing game mostly on point — the dialogues are so outdated and cliched. In fact, there is hardly a scene where he just has a conversation with someone. His lines are always addressed to the gallery, who might not really buy into the concept of Saravanan as a messiah, but wouldn't really mind seeing him as a wannabe whose earnestness is infectious. Also, he gives off the vibe of being a rather nice man. In fact, in The Legend, there is a nice touch in the way they have employed sync sound to bring to life the role of the legendary Vivekh, who passed away before the film could be completed. Although his comic scenes don't really have the punch, it was nice to see him onscreen one last time. The Legend is mounted on a concept that expects the audience to root for the protagonist. However, here there is a sense of rooting, not for the character but for the textile giant Saravanan himself. It is evident that he didn't do all the stunts, especially some of the jumps because the VFX is as clear as the green screen used. But still, we clap. The lack of histrionic ability is just overwhelming. But still, we whistle. The audaciousness of the plot is laughable. But still, we hoot. The song and dance routines feel so out of place in The Legend. But still, we groove along. We have done it for innumerable star vehicles before. We have let our better senses be sidelined to allow our basest feelings to come to the fore and enjoy a film. For the uninitiated, the film might be just one big joke, but honestly, Saravanan and team clearly know what they wanted to do with The Legend. They are all in on the joke, and so are we.

Compulsory tax audit in which cases

The basic purpose of tax audit under section 44AB is to minimise the burden of Assessing Officers (A.O.) because the auditors are required to point



out the violations made by the assessee in respect of various and stamp duty valuation, expenses, loans taken or refunded, statutory & other payments, sale of immovable property, payment to relatives etc. In Column 44 of Form 3CD Break up of total expenditure of entities registered or not registered

under GST is also to be provided w.e.f. asst year 2022-23. Revised guidance Note has been issued on 20th August 2022 by the ICAI.

1. Compulsory tax audit is required in which cases: The requirement as to compulsory audit of accounts arises in the following cases –

- (i) W.e.f. asst. year 2013-14 if the total sales, turnover or gross receipts in business exceeds Rs. 1 crore in any previous year, tax audit is required. W.e.f. **asst. year 2021-22**, if aggregate of all amounts received including amount received for sales, turnover or gross receipts during the previous year, in cash, does not exceed 5% of the said amount; and aggregate of all payments made including amount incurred for expenditure, in cash, during the previous year does not exceed 5% of the said payment, then no tax audit is required if sales, turnover or gross receipt does not exceed **Rs. 10 crore**. For **asst. year 2020-21**, the limit was Rs 5 crore if cash sales, turnover or gross receipts or cash payments of the business does not exceed 5%.
- (ii) W.e.f. **asst. year 2017-18**, if gross receipts of a **profession** exceeds **Rs. 50 lakhs** in any previous year.
- (iii) Where a person is carrying on such business, profits and gains of which are deemed u/s 44AD, 44AE, 44BB or 44BBB, but he claims his income to be lower than the deemed amount. (That means those engaged in business, transport operators, non-residents engaged in the business of providing services or facilities in connection with or supplying plant and machinery on hire used, or to be used in prospecting for or extraction or production of mineral oils and foreign company engaged in the business of civil construction or the business of erection of

plant or machinery or testing or commissioning

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thereof in connection with a turnkey power project approved by the Central Government, declaring income less than deemed amount are required to get tax audit of the accounts u/s 44AB.

- (iv) However assessee declaring presumptive income u/s 44AD, 44ADA, 44AE, 44AF, 44BB or 44BBB as the case may be, are exempted from tax audit **provided they declare income as prescribed under said sections**. An assessee engaged in any business having turnover or gross receipt not exceeding **specified amount, which is raised w.e.f. asst. year 2017-18, to Rs. 2 Crore**, and declaring income as per presumptive income scheme u/s 44AD shall also be exempted from tax audit. However if such assessee claims that his income from such business is less than specified amount of 8% or 6%, as the case may be, of such gross receipt or turnover and his income is more than exemption limit, then accounts are required to be maintained and also to be audited u/s 44AB.
- (v) Further, provisions of compulsory tax audit are not applicable in the case of persons deriving income from certain activities, such as shipping business, aircraft operation in the case of non-residents, etc. as referred to in section 44B and 44BBA.

2. Form for Tax Audit: In all cases the audit report must be in the prescribed proforma as per Rule 6G. Tax Audit Report u/s 44AB is required to be submitted in Form No. 3CD electronically, w.e.f. asst. year 2020-21, one month before the due date of furnishing the return of income. In transfer pricing cases the report is to be furnished in Form 3CEB under sec. 92E.

3. Date for furnishing Tax Audit Report: For the FY 2021-22 relevant to **asst. year 2022-23**, the due date of furnishing the return is 31st October, 2022 and for furnishing of Tax audit report is 30th September, 2022. In transfer pricing cases the due date of furnishing the return is 30th November, 2022 and for furnishing of audit report in Form 3CEB under sec. 92E is 31st October, 2022.

4. Whether Tax Audit Report can be revised: As provided in Rule 6G(3), w.e.f. 1st April, 2021, the report of tax audit may be revised by the person by getting revised

report of audit from Chartered Accountant, and furnish it before the

end of the relevant assessment year for which the report pertains, if there is payment by such person after furnishing of report under sub-rule (1) and (2) which necessitates recalculation of disallowance under section 40 or section 43B. For example tax audit report for the year ended 31 March 2022 can be revised by 31 March 2023.

5. Meaning of the terms “business” and “profession” for the purpose of tax audit: Whether a particular activity can be classified as business or profession will depend on the facts and circumstances of each case. Section 2(13) defines “business” as any trade, commerce or manufacture or any adventure or concern in the nature of trade, commerce or manufacture. The following activities have been held to be business - (i) Advertising agent; (ii) Clearing forwarding and shipping agents - CIT v. Jeevanlal Lallubhai and Co. [1994] 206 ITR 548 (Bom.); CIT v. International Clearing & Shipping Agency [2000] 158 CTR (Mad) 672 (iii) Couriers; (iv) Insurance agent; (v) Nursing home; (vi) Stock and share broking and dealing in shares and securities - CIT v. Lallubhai Nagardas & Sons [1993] 204 ITR 93 (Bom.); (vii) Travel agent.

6. Meaning of Business: The word “business” is one of wide import and it means activity carried on continuously and systematically by a person by the application of his labour or skill with a view to earning an income. The expression “business” does not necessarily mean trade or manufacture only - Barendra Prasad Roy v. ITO [1981] 129 ITR 295 (SC). Thus an activity of imparting computer training or educational coaching by employing faculty members and by providing other facilities is a business activity whereas an activity of providing computer training or other educational coaching by a professor, teacher or computer expert himself shall be treated as profession. Section 2(36) defines profession to include vocation.

7. Meaning of profession: The following activities have been listed as professions u/s 44AA: - Legal; Medical; Engineering; Architectural; Accountancy; Technical Consultancy; Interior Decoration; The profession of Authorised Representative; Company Secretary; Film Artist/Actor,

Cameraman, Director, Music Director, Art Director, Dance Director, Editor, Lyricist, Singer, Story Writer, Screen Play Writer, Dialogue Writer, Dress Designer etc.; Information Technology, Supreme Court in **CIT v. Manmohan Das (Deceased) [1966] 59 ITR 699 (SC)** observed that the expression “profession” involves the idea of an occupation requiring purely intellectual skill or manual skill controlled by the intellectual skill of the operator as distinguished from an operation which is substantially the production or sale or arrangement for the production or sale of commodities. Where a doctor was running a multi facility Nursing home, where number of other doctors also visit, in such circumstances it was held that the doctor is carrying on business and not profession - Dr. Deepak Assudani v. ITO [2009] 26 DTR (Trib.) 454.

8. Meaning of ‘sales’ or ‘turnover’ for the purpose of tax audit: The expression “Sales or Turnover” means - The aggregate amount for which sales are effected or services rendered by an enterprise. The term ‘gross turnover’ and ‘net turnover’ (or gross sales and net sales) are sometimes used to distinguish the sales aggregate before and after deduction of returns and trade discounts.

The term ‘turnover’ may be interpreted to mean the aggregate amount for which sales are effected or services rendered by an enterprise. If sales tax and excise duty are included in the sale price no adjustment in respect thereof should be made for considering the quantum of turnover. Trade discount can be deducted from sales but not the commission allowed to third parties. If however, the Excise duty and/or Sales Tax Account (being separate accounts) and payments to the authority are debited in the same account, they would not be included in the turnover. However, sales of scrap shown separately under the heading ‘miscellaneous income’ will have to be included in turnover. (Contd.)

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Illusion of “Nari Tu Narayani”

Violence against women in India and the world is devastatingly pervasive and was further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic triggering harm to



millions of women and their families, especially younger women among those most at risk. According to WHO, one in three women globally experiences violence.

Despite the such, deplorable state of

women, there is a lot of talk about women empowerment, Nari Shakti or Nari Tu Narayani, “Amrit Kal” in India to divert the attention of people from a real problems plaguing the nation and women. In his 76th Independence Day speech, Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed ‘Nari Shakti’, emphasized gender equality, urged to respect women, advised not to lower the dignity of women, and treat daughters and sons equally. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has talked about ‘Nari Tu Narayani’ in her 2019 budget speech. But just a few hours after the PM’s independence speech, 11 rapists in the Bilkis Bano gang-rape case were prematurely released from jail by Prime Minister’s own state Gujarat through outdated remission law when new law prevents such remission. What is reprehensible is that rapists walked out of prison to a hero’s welcome, while relatives gave them sweets and touched their feet to show respect.

The disconcerting news is that over a 15 percent rise in crime against women in 2021 portends how Nari Shakti was annihilated, and the “Nari Tu Narayani” concept was smothered. According to National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), in 2021, cases of crime against women rose to 4,28,278 in 2021 showing an increase of 56,775 cases or 15.3 percent from 3,71,503 cases in 2020.

While Assam tops states in terms of the rate of crime against

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women, Uttar Pradesh recorded the highest number of such cases in the year 2021. Similarly, the rate of crime against women, or the number of incidents per 1 lakh population, also went up from 56.5 in 2020 to 64.5 in 2021. With 56,083 cases, Uttar Pradesh- where the success of the double engine is talked about- topped the list of crimes against women, followed by Rajasthan (40,738) and Maharashtra (39,526), West Bengal (33,247) and Maharashtra (33,182), Odisha (27792).

Delhi is the capital of India where all Members of Parliament, ministers including the Prime Minister and President, and top bureaucrats stay. Police are run by the Central government. But NCRB data reveals Delhi is the most unsafe for women. Two minor girls were raped every day in 2021.

In India, a total of 31,677 rape cases were registered in 2021, or around 87 rape cases every day on average – as compared to 28,046 cases in 2020, a 19.34 percent increase in rape cases last year when compared 2020. With 6,337 rape cases, Rajasthan reported the highest number of rape cases followed by 2,947 in Madhya Pradesh and 2,845 in Uttar Pradesh. Nagaland registered the least cases of rape (4) in 2021, followed by Sikkim. The data also reveals that across India, in 96.5 percent of rape cases, the offender was known to the woman. Of the total 31,677 rape cases, 28,147 or nearly 89 percent of the rapes were committed either by friends (including online friends), live-in partners (on the pretext of marriage), separated husbands or family friends, employers, or other known persons. The conviction rate in rape cases across India remained abysmally low at 24.8 percent in 2021 with only 156 cases convicted and around 22,313 cases currently under trial. Crimes against women include cases of rape, molestation, acid attack, cruelty by husband/his

relatives, and domestic violence, among others. Violence against women

– particularly intimate partner violence and sexual violence – is a major public health problem and a violation of women’s human rights. The grim reality of “Amrit Kal” is faced by women when they are found unsafe in the family and raped by known people.

The NCRB report also noted, “Majority of cases under crime against women under IPC were registered under ‘Cruelty by Husband or His Relatives’ (31.8 percent) followed by ‘Assault on Women with Intent to Outrage her Modesty’ (20.8 percent), ‘Kidnapping & Abduction of Women’ (17.6 percent) and ‘Rape’ (7.4 percent). The NCRB report also corroborates the National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-5 report. According to (NFHS), nearly one-third of women in India have experienced physical or sexual violence. Nothing captures the enormity of India’s rape crisis better than the string of accusations against leaders of its ruling BJP party which prides itself on being a party with a difference. It’s so many leaders have been accused of ghastly crimes or often trying to shield alleged rapists – say the Unnao rape case in 2017, the Kahua rape case in 2018, or Yogi Adityanath government’s withdrawal of the case against Chinmayananda in 2017, accused of raping a 7-year-old girl. Those are tantamount to license to rape.

The truth of “Nari Tu Narayani” is belied when legislators are found entwined in criminal cases. According to the ADR report, of the 539 winning candidates, as many as 233 MPs, or 43 percent have criminal charges in the new Lok Sabha a 26 percent increase as compared to 2014. The BJP has 116 MPs with criminal cases, followed by 29 MPs from Congress, 13 from the JDU, 10 from the DMK, and nine from the TMC. The tragedy is that women are viciously tortured

but fail to protest for fear of being further humiliated by police or in court or through social ostracization. Recently, the wife of a retired IAS officer and BJP leader, the state convener of the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao campaign In Jharkhand has been arrested for brutally torturing and inhumanely treating her 29-year-old domestic help named Sunita for six years.

The gruesome nature of cruelty is manifested as Sunita was beaten up with a hot Tawa and rods, and was made to lick urine off the floor even made to drink urine. She was in a state of mental trauma when she was rescued. Even after six years of torture, the woman said that she was still unaware of why she was being punished daily.

When PM Modi’s, “Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao has become a joke on social media: “BJP se beti bachao”. People ask questions: Why does the BJP say ‘Beti Bachao’ and then do ‘Balatkari Bachao’, over and over again?

According to WHO, violence-in all its forms can have an impact on a woman’s health and well-being throughout the rest of her life – even long after the violence may have ended. It is associated with an increased risk of injuries, depression, anxiety disorders, unplanned pregnancies, sexually-transmitted infections including HIV, and many other health problems. It has impacts on society as a whole and comes with enormous costs, impacting national budgets and overall development.

Hence, preventing violence requires addressing systemic economic and social inequalities, ensuring access to education and safe work, and changing discriminatory gender norms and institutions. Successful interventions also include strategies that ensure essential services are available and accessible to survivors; support women’s organizations, challenge inequitable social norms, reform discriminatory laws and strengthen legal responses, among others.

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Kurmis lift rail blockade in Bengal after five-day agitation for Scheduled Tribe status

KOLKATA: A rail blockade by Kurmis, demanding scheduled caste status, at two stations in Adra and Kharagpur divisions was withdrawn after five days, an official here said. The agitation since Tuesday led to the cancellation of more than 250 express and pas-

ing thousands of passengers every day," the SER official explained.

Kurmis had first taken to rail and road blockades in Bengal and neighbouring states on September 20, demanding Scheduled Tribe (ST) status and inclusion of Kurmali language



senger trains, the railway official stated. With the blockade now lifted, normal train services under South Eastern Railway (SER) jurisdiction will be restored soon, the official said.

"The 123-hour-long blockade at Kustaur and Khemasuli stations since 4 am on September 20 was withdrawn at 7 am on Sunday. The blockade severely affected train services in Kharagpur and Adra divisions, inconvenienc-

in the eighth schedule of the Constitution. In Jharkhand and Odisha, however, the blockade of railway tracks was lifted that very day itself, but the protest at the two stations of Bengal continued.

Apart from cancellation of over 250 express and passenger trains due to the agitation, many trains were short-terminated or short-originated, and several others had to diverted via alternative routes, the official added.

Russia vows to fix mistakes after older adults, ailing people mobilised

Russian authorities on Sunday promised to fix the mistakes in their troop call-up for Ukraine, after some public outrage over students, older or sick people being mistakenly ordered to report for duty. When Russian Presi-

tary experience. His daughter posted a video on social media that became viral. He was allowed home after his documents were reviewed, according to RIA. A rare admission Upper house speaker Valentina Matviyenko

the residents' appeals under your personal control and deal with each single case," according to a statement on his administration's website Sunday. The Vladimir region governor Vladimir Avdeev already said Saturday that "anyone

dence of the people." He mentioned several aberrations including the recruitments of 70 fathers of large families in the far eastern region of Buryatia, and of nurses and midwives without any military skills. Fadeev said these recruits were called up



dent Vladimir Putin announced a partial mobilisation on Wednesday, he said only people with "relevant" skills or military experience would be concerned. But many expressed outrage after seeing -- sometimes absurd -- cases of authorities summoning people unfit for service. Authorities in the southwestern Russian region of Volgograd sent a 63-year-old diabetic ex-military staffer to training camp, despite poor health and cerebral issues. The 63-year-old came back home Friday night, according to Russian state agency RIA Novosti. In the same region, 58-year-old school director Alexander Faltn received a call-up order despite having no mili-

called on all governors -- who oversee the mobilisation campaigns -- to avoid mistakes, in a rare admission on Sunday. "Incorrect cases of mobilisation... are provoking fierce reactions in society, and rightly so," Matviyenko said in a statement on Telegram. "Some are assuming that handing in their report (to their superiors) quickly is more important than correctly fulfilling this important mission," she added. "This is unacceptable... Make sure that partial mobilisation is carried out in full and complete compliance with the criteria. And without a single mistake!" she ordered. The governor of the northwestern Leningrad region, Alexander Drozdenko told local districts heads to "take

mobilised by mistake will return home." The errors are painted as isolated cases. But the very fact that Russian authorities are talking about them point to concerns about the level of indignation coming from some of the population. "Undermining confidence" This new example is Russia's latest logistical issue revealed since the beginning of the Ukraine offensive in February. Russia announced on Saturday the replacement of its highest ranking general in charge of logistics amid this mobilisation drive. On Saturday Valeriy Fadeev, chairman of the human rights council to the Kremlin, had urged defence minister Sergei Shoigu to "urgently resolve issues" to avoid "undermining the confi-

under threat of criminal prosecution." Fadeev also criticised those "handing out summons at 2 am as if they all thought we were draft evaders." Several students told AFP they were given call-up papers, despite Russian authorities promising they would be left out of the recruitment drive. On Saturday, Putin signed a decree confirming students in secondary vocational and higher education institutions would be exempted from mobilisation. Detained anti-mobilisation protesters said police gave them call-up papers in custody -- ordering them to enlist in the very effort they were denouncing. But the Kremlin defended the procedure on Thursday, saying "it isn't against the law".

Lalu, Nitish meet Sonia; say focus on uniting opposition parties to defeat BJP

NEW DELHI: Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and RJD supremo Lalu Prasad Yadav met

government in Bihar in August. This was also Lalu Prasad's first active political engagement

happen later after the election for the post of Congress president," he told reporters after the meeting.

organised by the Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) in Haryana to mark former deputy prime



Congress president Sonia Gandhi here on Sunday and pitched for bringing all opposition parties together to defeat the BJP in 2024.

The meeting at Gandhi's 10 Janpath residence is considered very crucial in forging an opposition unity as efforts are on to reconcile differences between the Congress and some regional parties that have been at loggerheads traditionally.

This was Kumar's first meeting with Gandhi since he severed ties with the BJP and joined hands with the RJD and the Congress to form the

in a long time. He has been ailing for some time now.

After the meeting, Lalu Prasad told reporters, "We have to bring all opposition parties together to defeat the BJP. The Congress is in the process of electing its new president and Sonia Gandhi told us we will meet again after the election." Kumar said there is a need for all opposition parties to join hands and work together to take the country forward. "All opposition parties on the same page in the fight against the BJP and discussion on a concrete plan of action will

The nomination process for the election to the Congress president's post is underway and the polling, if needed, is scheduled for October 17.

Earlier in the day, Kumar called for uniting all opposition parties, including the Congress and the Left, to take on the BJP and said this "main front of opposition" will ensure that the saffron party loses badly in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

If all non-BJP parties unite, then they can get rid of those who are working to destroy the country, Kumar said at a rally

minister Devi Lal's birth anniversary. INLD leader Om Prakash Chautala, and Shiromani Akali Dal's Sukhbir Singh Badal, both with a long history of fighting the Congress, were on the stage with other senior leaders such as NCP's Sharad Pawar, CPM's Sitaram Yechury and Arvind Sawant of the Shiv Sena. Bihar Deputy Chief Minister and RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav was also on the stage in what was seen as a step towards unity among non-BJP parties. However, no one from Congress attended the rally.

Landslides block key road connecting Tawang, 3 vehicles washed away

ITANAGAR: Landslides trig-

including an oil tanker, were

Point near Lumum water-

ing Bhalukpong in West Kameng district to Tawang district near the China border, has been affected by landslides at several places, West Kameng's deputy commissioner Karma Leki said. Leki advised commuters to use the Orang-Kalaktang-Shergaon-Rupa-Tawang Road instead. The deputy commissioner said that the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) is working to clear the road.



gered by incessant rains snapped road connectivity between Bhalukpong and Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh on Sunday, officials said. Three vehicles,

washed away by mud slips on Saturday evening, Bhalukpong police station officer-in-charge D Bagra said. The vehicles were swept away when they were crossing block point at 46 km

fall, he said, adding that the drivers of the vehicles escaped unhurt. The Bhalukpong-Charduar-Tawang Road, which is the lifeline for civilians as well as defence forces, connect-

ATS Policy soon Clean air survey in Cities

Bhubaneswar: Odisha Government will formulate Automated Testing Station (ATS) Policy soon.



Bishnupada Sethi, Principal Secretary Commerce & Transport has directed officials to ask the Transport Commissioner to draft the policy as soon possible, sources said here on Saturday.

Accordingly the Department of Commerce & Transport has directed TC to prepare a Draft ATS Policy. In the meantime the Government of India has made fitness testing of vehicles through Automated Testing Stations (ATS) mandatory in a phased manner starting April, 2023. Accordingly, Automated Testing Stations will also be set up in Odisha to check fitness of old vehicles in the State. Before finalizing the tender for selection of operators for the proposed ATS to be set up in the state, the Transport Department is going to frame an ATS Policy for the State.

The Government is planning to set up such stations at five locations in various parts of

the State. The Inspection & Certification Centre at Arilo, Cuttack is also likely to be converted to an ATS Centre, the source said. Notably, the Road Transport and Highways Ministry (MoRTH) is going to make fitness testing for heavy goods vehicles and heavy passenger motor vehicles through an ATS mandatory from April 1, 2023.

In the case of medium goods vehicles, medium passenger motor vehicles, and light motor vehicles (transport) the requirement will be made compulsory from June 1, 2024. An Automated Testing Station (ATS) uses mechanical equipment to automate the various tests required to check the fitness of a vehicle.

Fitness testing for personal vehicles (non-transport) is done at the time of renewal of registration (after 15 years).

The Ministry has also asked the State Government to announce State-level policy for Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facility (RVSF). The Government of India has already launched a similar policy at national level.

The Transport Department has also initiated the process to draft the policy, under which incentives will be provided to both the vehicle owners to scrap their vehicles and the investors to set up RVSFs.

a cleanliness and public awareness program organized in the premises of Shri Jagannath Temple, Tyagraj Nagar, New Delhi today.

The said program was organised under nationwide program "Seva Pakhwada" to celebrate the 72nd birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The celebration of "Seva Pakhwada" began with the birthday of Prime Minister 17 September to 2 October.

The programme aimed to sensitize the public about environmental cleanliness, water conservation, tree plantation, blood donation, etc. In the said event, Union Minister of State for Jal Shakti and Tribal Affairs Shri Tudu apprised the audience about the importance of cleanliness for a conscious society and a progressive nation and ended his words with the famous Odia quote "Manab Seva hin Madhav Seva" (service to mankind is service to God) by virtue of which one day India will become the Vishwa Guru.

Tudu on temple Cleaning

New Delhi: Union Minister of State for Jal Shakti and Tribal Affairs Bishweswar Tudu led



GPL on Health Care

Gopalpur: Gopalpur Ports Limited (GPL) under its Corporate Social Responsibility conducted a mobile health care service at K. Aryapalli village of Aryapally Panchayat today. After successfully organising two mega mobile health care service Programs at Haripur-Bandar Village, Kalipalli Higher Pri-



mary School under its "Concern for Community Health" drive, this Health Care service was conducted at Kalyan Mandap located at K Aryapally Village.

The health care camp was attended by Mrs. Sharmistha Pradhan, Chairman, Chhatrapur NAC, Mr. Ajay Kumar Mishra, Vice President (HR & IR), Mr. Vikash Kumar, CFO, Gopalpur Port, Dr. Subash Chandra Sahu, Mr. Prashant Kumar Kar, many local intellectu-

als and others.

Mr. VJ Rao, Chief Executive Officer of Gopalpur Port said that We are consistently trying to provide better living standard and reliable health care services to the communities and in the coming days this service will be extended to more and more people by the GPL. We are always committed to provide good healthcare services to the people residing in the peripheral of Gopalpur Port.

Mr. Ajay Kumar Mishra, Vice President (HR & IR) said that this mobile healthcare service is a unique initiative to make our health services accessible to the people of GPL peripheral. The cooperation and involvement of the local villagers has greatly inspired Gopalpur Port.

On the request of Aryapalli village people, a tree plantation program was organized in which the people of Aryapalli village and the port staff jointly planted trees. Mr. Mishra expressed that in the coming days, more and more tree plantation program will be taken up near Aryapalli village to protect the coast. In this health care camp, free diagnostic, tests, counseling and medicines were provided to the villagers by skilled doctors of Obstetricians, Paediatricians and General Medicine Departments. About 200 people discussed their various health problems with the doctors.

On this occasion, a clean-up drive was organized where many officials of the port, volunteers participated in activities to clean the surrounding area and create awareness towards continuous cleanliness. Other leaders and intellectuals appreciated the CSR program of Gopalpur Port and requested to speed up the program more and more.

Ekta Nagar: A two day National Conference of Ministers of Environment, Forest and Climate Change was held in Ekta Nagar, Gujarat on 23-24 September, 2022. The conference was inaugurated by the Prime Minister virtually.

ing of 131 cities in the country for implementing City Action Plans prepared as part of National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) for reducing air pollution upto 40% by 2025-26.

131 cities are categorized into three

tation of activities and measures taken in respect of solid waste management, road dust management, management of construction and demolition waste, control of vehicular emissions and industrial pollution.

It was informed that

air quality parameters to rank the cities. It is based on the actions taken by the cities to improve the air quality in different domains. The actions taken by the cities would result in the improvement of air quality. It thus, provides a planning implementation tool to improve the air quality and the assessment of the cities regarding how better they have aligned their actions to improve the air quality.

The Ministers of Environment, Forest and Climate Change from across the country participated in the National conference organised by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. State Forest and Environment Ministers, the concerned State Secretaries as well as Chairmen of State PCBs / PCCs along with PCCFs also participated in the two-day National Conference along with senior officials of the Ministry.



During a parallel session on Control and Prevention of Pollution, the States were informed regarding guidelines on 'Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan- Ranking of Cities' released under National Clean Air Programme (NCAP).

Under the guidance of the Minister for Environment, Forest and climate Change, the Ministry is going to launch Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan that promotes rank-

groups based on population. 47 cities are in the first group having population more than 10 lakh. 44 cities are in the second group having population between 3 to 10 lakh. Third group consists of 40 cities having population less than 3 lakh. Cities are required to do the self-assessment as per the framework provided on PRANA online portal. This assessment is carried out annually. Cities have to report implemen-

based on the self-assessment and third party assessment, 3 best performing cities in each group will be given cash award in the spirit of competitive federalism. This promotes constructive competition in the spirit of competitive federalism to take measures to improve air quality. This Survekshan provides a tool to cities to plan their actions in order to improve the air quality. It is not based on the measurement of the



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Amazon India customer base from tier 2, 3 cities jumps 2-fold during festive sale

NEW DELHI: E-commerce firm Amazon India on Saturday said it has recorded a two-fold jump in its customer base from tier 2 and 3 cities during the first 36 hours of its festive

next month. The company gave 24 hours early access to Prime members. Amazon claims to have recorded sale of 10 lakh unique products offered by small and medium

selection of products to our customer across India," said Manish Tiwary, Vice President & Country Manager, India Consumer Business, Amazon. According to Ama-

rate gifting needs. The number of sellers getting at least one business order grew by 23 per cent over last year," the statement said. Amazon India has ex-

NEW DELHI: A grouping of pilots has sought changes in the norms regarding fatigue management

for flight crew and formulate new norms. In a letter, dated September 12, written to

lations regarding fatigue should be formulated in line with ICAO SARPs based on scientific prin-

ICPA represents around 900 pilots of narrow-body aircraft at Air India.

As per the letter, the purpose of the representation is to highlight that Indian provisions related to fatigue management for flight crew are in deviation from ICAO SARPs.

Meanwhile, among other findings, the survey by the NGO showed that 54.2 per cent of the pilots suffer from severe excessive daytime sleepiness.



for flight crew, saying the regulations should be based on scientific principles, operational knowledge and experience. Fatigue among pilots is a concern and there have been reports of pilots falling asleep while operating flights.

A recent survey of 542 pilots by NGO Safety Matters Foundation showed that 66 per cent of the respondents admitted that they have fallen asleep without planning/consent of the other crew or experienced microsleep. The Indian Commercial Pilots' Association (ICPA), which represents pilots of narrow-body aircraft at Air India, has urged civil aviation regulator DGCA to do away with all the current regulations related to fatigue management

the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), the association also said that professionals, organisations and associations like ICPA should be involved while formulating regulations on fatigue.

"Scrap all the current regulations, circulars, et cetera regarding Fatigue Management for flight crew as they violate all the Scientific Principles and various Operational Knowledge and Experience promulgated in various ICAO SARPs," it said.

ICAO is the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) and SARPs refer to Standards and Recommended Practices. The pilots' grouping has also suggested that regu-

principles and operational knowledge and experience.

Women entric Poll!

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ities has always been close to my heart and Odisha leads the country in providing land rights under the Forest Dwellers Act and more than half a million tribal girls study in our hostels. Farmers have always been the backbone of our State and their hard work has fetched the State the Krishi Karman Award four times. Odisha is the only State to have doubled farmers' incomes," he said.

It was the former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, who realised the strength of women and started Mission Shakti programme. However, he failed to implement the programme fully. And Naveen, being a clean and intelligent politician, picked up Naidu's theory and made it a huge success in Odisha. "Mission Shakti" is the self-help mission for empowering women through promotion of Women Self-Help Groups (WSHGs) to take up various socio-economic activities which were launched in the state on 8th March 2001 on the eve of International Women's Day. Since then, Naveen has never looked back and went on winning elections after elections.

Odisha has carved out a separate Department of Mission Shakti with an efficient and honest bureaucrat Sujata R Karthikeyan, who is spearheading the Mission Shakti across the State in a big way. Now bankers are providing Mission Shakti loans to WSHGs to promote sustainable livelihood of members. Loans up to Rs 3 lakh are provided to enhance credit access to invest more capital in livelihood activities. With support from the State Government, each member of the WSHG now earns at least Rs 5,000 a month and sometimes it is seen that they run the family.

As the Governing BJD is promoting women and getting success, the opposition parties like BJP and Congress may also adopt the same strategy in the next elections thus making Odisha politics women-centric. The BJP, which aims to capture power by hook or by crook in 2024, may also take similar measures and field more women in the elections.

Congress, which has now set a target to take its MLAs number from 9 to 90 in the Assembly, will also not hesitate to take help of women to reach the goal. The coming elections in Odisha are likely to be very crucial as the state will witness parties focusing on both women and tribal people. As there is no scope of religion, caste and creed based politics in Odisha, it could be gender based and community based affair in the land of Lord Jagannath.

The BJP which has made Droupadi Murmu, a tribal woman, the President of India, may this time claim a share from BJD's women vote bank. The saffron party may get some support from the tribal women this time due to 'Droupadi Factor' even as Naveen and his party wholeheartedly support the 'Daughter of the Soil.' A visit of the President of India to her native Mayurbhanj district, may also impact voters, political observers opine.



season sale. Tier 2 and 3 cities accounted for 75 per cent of the total customer base of the e-commerce major during its 'Great Indian Festival' sale, an Amazon India spokesperson.

"75 per cent of the customers came from tier 2 and tier 3 cities. We saw 2 times more customers from Tier 2 and 3 cities compared to last year," the spokesperson said. The festive season sale of the company started from September 23 and will end before Diwali

business and startups from its platform during the first 36 hours of its festive season sale.

The company said its Prime member sign ups grew 1.9 times than last year and 68 per cent of the total new sign ups were from tier 2 and 3 cities. Amazon charges a fee from Prime users for special services but sign-ups comprises both paid and non-paid users.

"It is encouraging to witness small and medium businesses, startups, artisans, women entrepreneurs offer a wide

zon, customers showed preference for television brands like Samsung, OnePlus, Mi, LG and Sony.

The company's Amazon Business segment recorded 50 per cent growth in customers during the present sale.

"Amazon Business saw around 50 per cent growth in customers, over 100 per cent jump in orders and more than 200 per cent jump in sales over last year along with a 2 times growth in customers placing bulk orders for their business or corpo-

panded its same-day delivery service to more than 50 major cities and towns in India for Prime members.

"Same-Day Delivery within hours is now available in 2.5 times more pin codes compared to last year, growing from 14 cities to 50 cities and towns this year, including Surat, Mysuru, Mangalore, Bhopal, Nashik, Nellore, Anantapur, Warangal, Ghaziabad, Faridabad and Patna among others," the company said.

Rupee falls 19 paise to close at lifetime low of 80.98 against US dollar

MUMBAI: The rupee slumped 19 paise to close at a fresh lifetime low of 80.98 against the US dollar on Friday, weighed down by the strong American currency overseas and risk-off sentiment among investors.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the

US dollar after the Fed raised rates earlier this week. Most of the currencies are under pressure as the dollar continues to strengthen," said Gaurang Somaiya, Forex & Bullion Analyst, Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

Somaiya further noted that volatility in Yen remained elevated after the Bank of Japan intervened to curb sharp depreciation. The Bank of England raised rates by 50 bps.

"We expect the USD-INR (Spot) to trade sideways and quote in the range of 80.40 and 81.20," Somaiya said.

On the domestic equity market front, the 30-share BSE Sensex dropped 1,020.80 points or 1.73 per cent to end at 58,098.92, while the broader NSE Nifty fell 302.45 points or 1.72 per cent to 17,327.35.

Foreign institutional investors were net sellers in the capital market on Thursday as they offloaded shares worth Rs 2,509.55 crore, as per exchange data.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, advanced 0.72 per cent to 112.15. Global oil benchmark Brent crude futures fell 1.98 per cent to USD 88.67 per barrel. Meanwhile, voting began on Friday in Moscow-held regions of Ukraine on referendums to become part of Russia.

The referendums follow Russian President Vladimir Putin's order of a partial mobilisation, which could add about 300,000 Russian troops to the fight. The balloting will continue for five days through Tuesday.

The referendums, which have been widely denounced by Ukraine and the West as sham without any legal force, are seen as a step toward annexing the territories by Russia.

Ukraine schools battered by Russian onslaught in south

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Audrey Azoulay has regularly called for "the cessation of attacks against places of education, teachers and students".

But on the ground, schools often cannot provide enough shelter, or are in disputed territory, or parents are too afraid to send their children there.

Amid all the fighting, Ukraine authorities say that some 40 percent of Ukrainian pupils have

According to UNESCO, citing Ukrainian Ministry of Education figures, almost 300 schools have been destroyed since the invasion began, and over 2,550 damaged.

only started back for their school year online. In a nearby village also visited by AFP on Saturday, a mortar shell exploded in front of a pretty brick schoolhouse, blowing out most of the windows.

"My soul is wrenched from my body when I see this destruction," said Alla Kovalenko, parent of a former pupil.

A photo on Kovalenko's phone shows her son waltzing his girlfriend at a school-leaving ceremony last year. Now the staircase where it took place is covered in scars from bomb shrapnel.

"If I could, I would take the Russian soldiers and I would cut them millimetre by millimetre," she said bitterly.

"They not only deprive us of our schools but also of our children's future."



local currency breached the 81-mark for the first time ever and slumped to 81.23 against the American currency.

It finally ended at 80.98, down 19 paise over its previous close.

On Thursday, the rupee plunged by 83 paise -- its biggest single-day loss in nearly seven months -- to close at 80.79, its previous record low.

This is the third straight session of loss for the American currency during which it has lost 124 paise against the American currency. Forex traders said escalation of geopolitical risk in Ukraine and rate hikes by the US Fed and Bank of England in a bid to contain inflation sapped risk appetite.

Further, the strength of the American currency in the overseas market, a negative trend in domestic equities, and risk-off mood amid escalation of geopolitical risk in Ukraine weighed on the local unit.

"Rupee fell to fresh all-time lows against the

India - Australia decider in lucky stadium

Hyderabad: India and Australia head into the T20 series final 1-1 with the trophy at stake here on Sunday at the lucky Uppal stadium, where India has won most matches, in the shadow of the World Cup that starts on October 16.

The fans are hungry for real action, the last international — a T20 against the West Indies



— having been played in 2019.

In their cheers for every Virat Kohli six or Jasprit Bumrah wicket will be sadness at the events of last Thursday when eight of their comrades were injured in a botch-up by the HCA that attracted national infamy.

All or nothing

India and Australia have everything to play for in their bid to shine after the sun sets on Sunday. The series-deciding third T20 at the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium here promises to provide the sparks as heavyweights clash in the all-important game.

Laying hands on the coveted trophy will be on top of team heads Rohit Sharma and Aaron Finch, moreso with the T20 World Cup to be played in Australia next month. Brownie points do matter before the cake.

Having shown resilience to claw back into the series with a dominant win in Nagpur after being mauled in the opener at Mohali, the hosts would be geared up to step on the accelerator and pull ahead in the final stretch. Given this series and the one coming up against South Africa at home are the final rounds of preparation for the World Cup, the Blues would be keen to tune the team up for

Fans to watch today's T20 match on big screen in pubs and bars

Hyderabad: The disappointment of not getting tickets for Sunday's T20 showdown between India and Australia at the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium notwithstanding, many fans are gearing up for the next best thing — watching the match on big screens in some hotel or pub. Catering to this demand, rather seizing the godsent opportunity that has presented itself most pubs, bars and pre-

miers hotels have installed big screens. Not surprisingly tables in most of them have been reserved in advance by fans keen on catching action live in the

the big one.

The machine does not look very well-oiled though, with key players firing in fits and starts and missing a beat or two once too often.

Lack of consistency in the batting department is a concern. The top three — K. L. Rahul, Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli — haven't really taken off together. India would be off to a flier if that happens. Suryakumar Yadav and Hardik Pandya could then provide stability in the middle before revving it up with Dinesh Karthik towards the end. The bowling blues continue. Barring left-arm spinner Axar Patel, no one has

taken more than two wickets in the series so far. The death bowlers are gasping. Pacer Harshal Patel has conceded a whopping 81 in the six overs he bowled in two games and hasn't taken a wicket. Bhuvneshwar Kumar has been expensive as well at Mohali, the only match he has played. He couldn't swing a wicket either.

Against this background, yorker specialist Jasprit Bumrah's return raises hopes for the bowling brigade. 'Boom' did send down his thunderbolts to telling effect in the curtailed contest in Nagpur and would be eager to go the whole hog in Hyderabad. There are batting botch-ups in the Australian camp too. The biggest is the one they call The Big Show. Glenn Maxwell has lasted only four balls in the two matches so far and has scored just a run. He would be keen to get out of the rut and contribute to the team's cause. Finch and Steve Smith are the others who need to buck up even as the aggressive Matthew Wade has been striking the ball with authority. The Australian bowlers also do not look in top gear, having leaked quite a few runs in both games. They would be eager to plug the gaps and tap wickets to curtail run flow in the final bow.

Iruganti, a resident of Sagar Society in Banjara Hills. A. Jaya Prakash, general manager of Broadway, the Brewery, said, "The demand has been more

Amarnath Yadav from Savera bar and family restaurant in Kompally said, "usually, whenever India is playing a match, the bar is filled with fans. Now that there



has been too much publicity for Sunday's match, we expect a larger turnout. Whenever there are big matches, customers go to good places for better experiences. The ambience at our place suits their expectations."

because an international fixture is happening in Hyderabad after three years. Moreover, it is on a Sunday. This is the reason why many families, youngsters and cricket enthusiasts are coming to us. We have the biggest screens in the twin cities,"

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Nadal says an important part of his life ends with Federer's retirement

LONDON: Spanish stalwart Rafael Nadal has revealed why he became super emotional during Roger Federer's last match in the Laver Cup, saying it was because an important part of his life was leaving with the retirement of the Swiss ace. Nadal, the winner of a record 22 Grand Slam singles titles, and Federer became emotional following their doubles loss to the American pair of Jack Sock and Frances Tiafoe in a Laver Cup match on September 23 with both seemingly finding it hard to hold back tears after the defeat.

Nadal and Federer share a rivalry dating back to 2004, and while they were the fiercest of rivals on the tennis court, they remain the best of friends off it. Federer first faced Nadal in 2004 at the ATP Masters 1000 event in Miami. They clashed a further 39 times over the

years, competing against each other in 24 finals.

Reflecting on his friend and rival's last match, Nadal said, "At the end everything became su-

amazing moment," Nadal was quoted as saying by atptour.com. Nadal called their association a "super long and positive journey".

ennis legend Roger



per emotional. For me, (it has) been (a) huge honour to be a part of this amazing moment of the history of our sport, and at the same time a lot of years sharing a lot of things together.

"When Roger leaves the Tour, an important part of my life is leaving too because (of) all the moments that he (has) been next (to) or in front me in important moments of my life. (It) has been emotional see the family, see all the people. Difficult to describe. But, yeah, (it was an

Federer bids farewell in last match before retirement

"When I started to be (a) better player, then Roger was always there in front of me. For me (he) was always the guy to beat. So at some point we were probably the biggest rivals -- I think always in a very good way. We respect a lot each other, (our) families, (our) teams. I mean, we never had big issues," Nadal said. "But it's true that the personal relationship... when we were getting

older, I think every year the personal relationship gets better and better (on) a daily basis. I think in some way we understand at the end we have a lot of things similar. We approach life probably similarly.

"In the family life, personal life, probably we approach life not in a very different way. So that's why we can trust each other, we can speak very often, and we're able to speak feeling very free, feeling confident," Nadal said. "Having somebody like Roger that I feel confident to talk about any personal thing, it's something that it's very beautiful after all the things that we shared together and all the important things that we fought for such a long time. (I am) very proud to be part of his career in some way. But even for me happier to finish our career like friends after everything we shared on court like rivals," added Nadal.



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