

Fight on till Rahul becomes PM: Senior Congress leader Suresh Kumar Routray



Senior Congress leader Suresh Kumar Routray never minces his words when speaking on any issue whether inside the Assembly or outside. Recently, rumour spread about his

quitting from the post of president of the Khurda District Congress Committee for his differences with the State party leadership. But when scribes asked about his reported resignation, Routray

was quick to refute it saying that there is no question of doing so in this birth. I will be in the Congress to fight till Rahul Gandhi becomes the Prime Minister and 'my brother' Sarat Pattanayak is

annointed as the Chief Minister, he said. Another senior Congress leader, however, pointed out that Routray in fact, does not expect Congress come to power during his entire lifetime.

Not interested in Cong Prez post: Kamal Nath; steps in to defuse Rajasthan crisis

NEW DELHI(KCN): Senior Congress leader Kamal Nath on Monday ruled himself out as a probable candidate for the party's presi-



dency even as he stepped in to troubleshoot the ongoing crisis in the party's Rajasthan uni. Kamal Nath, known to have close ties with Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, met Congress chief Sonia Gandhi at her 10 Janpath residence after she held a more than an hour-long meeting with party observers for the state Mallikarjun Kharge and Ajay Maken. The Congress high command had called Kamal Nath to Delhi.

He is likely to play the role of a mediator and try to broker a truce in the state unit,

which is reeling under a factional feud after a possible leadership change move turned into a full-blown crisis for the party.

Asked if he was not interested in the post of Congress president, Kamal Nath told reporters, "I have no interest, I have come to Delhi for Navratri."

Earlier, Kharge and Maken briefed Gandhi regarding the developments in Rajasthan and will submit a written report about the crisis in the party's state unit by tonight or tomorrow. They had met the party MLAs in the state to get a sense of the ground situation.

According to Maken, MLAs loyal to Gehlot have put forth demands, including that a decision on the chief ministerial face should be taken after the party president election on October 19 and in consultation with Gehlot. Talking to reporters, AICC in-charge for Rajasthan Maken said the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) meeting was organised with the consent of Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, and termed the act of the MLAs loyal to him holding a parallel meeting as "indiscipline".

PM Modi to leave for Japan to attend Shinzo Abe's funeral



NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will leave for Tokyo later on Monday to attend the state funeral of former Japanese prime minister Shinzo Abe. The funeral will take

place on Tuesday and is expected to be attended by representatives from around hundred countries. Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra said the duration of Modi's visit from the

time of his departure from Delhi will be around 12 to 16 hours.

Kwatra said Modi will have a bilateral meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and

also meet Abe's wife. Abe was shot dead while making a campaign speech three months back. Modi's visit to Japan will be an opportunity to honour former prime minister Abe, Kwatra said.

Drone attack hits Ukraine; US vows 'consequences' over nukes

KYIV(KCN): An overnight drone strike near the Ukrainian port of Odesa sparked a massive fire and explosion, the military said Monday, hours after the United States vowed to take decisive action and promised "catastrophic consequences" if Russia uses nuclear weapons in Ukraine.

The airstrike was the latest in a series of drone attacks on the key southern city in recent days. This one hit a military installation and detonated ammunition when it struck. Firefighters were struggling to contain the blaze, the Ukrainian military's southern command said. Concerns are growing that Russia may seek to escalate the conflict once it completes what Ukraine and the West see as illegal referendums in parts of Ukraine under its control.

The voting, which ends Tuesday, happened after thousands of residents had fled and has



included images of armed Russian troops going door-to-door to pressure Ukrainians into voting. Russia is widely expected to declare the results in its favor, a step that could see Moscow annex the territory and give it the pretext to seek to defend it as its own ter-

ritory under the Russian nuclear umbrella. Jake Sullivan, the U.S. national security adviser, made clear that Russia would pay a high price if it made good on veiled threats to use nuclear weapons in the conflict.

"If Russia crosses this line there will be catastrophic consequences for Russia. The United States will respond deci-CONTINUED ON: P-7

President Murmu inaugurates Dasara festivities in Mysuru

MYSURU: President Droupadi Murmu on Monday inaugurated 10-day Mysuru Dasara festivities at Chamundi Hills in Mysuru. She

Sahodara Sahodariyarige Dhyavanadagalu" (Salutation to Goddess Chamundeshwari and salutation to dear brothers and sisters).



was accompanied by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Governor Thawar Chand Gehlot among others.

President Murmu began her speech in Kannada saying "Devi Ge Chamundeshwari Nanna Manapurva Namaskaaragalu" and "Ella

The President said that Karnataka stood first place in investment index in the country while Bengaluru has emerged as start-up hub in the country. Highlighting the achievement of the State, she said, Karnataka stands first in enrollment in primary education and road connectivity under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana.

Murmu is the first President to take part in Mysuru Dasara. She was accompanied by Karnataka Governor Thawar Chand Gehlot, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Union Ministers Pralhad CONTINUED ON: P-7

Padajatra from 2 October

Bhubaneswar(KCN): It seems that the Governing Biju Janata Dal (BJD) has started preparation for the Mission 2024. The party is going to organize a massive month-long 'Jan Sampark Padajatra' from the Gandhi Jayanti, 2 October to 2 November this year across the State to woo the voters.

Chief Minister and BJD President Naveen Patnaik on Monday wrote a letter to his party

District Presidents to ensure fruitful organization of the programs in their jurisdictions. The office bearers of various wings the BJD such as Biju Mahila Janata Dal, Minority Cell, Biju Yuva Janata Dal, Cooperation, Law, Biju Krushak Janata Dal, Biju Chhatra Janata Dal will actively participate in the padayatra and ensure participation of a large number of people in the rallies and meetings.



functionaries including MPs, MLAs, District Presidents, Observers and head of all wings of the BJD.

During the Padajatra, the party will celebrate the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Sashtri Jayanti on 2 October, birth anniversary of Utkalmani Gopabandhu Dash on 9 October and birth anniversary of Jaiprakash Narayan on 11 October.

Starting from district level, the Padajatra will be organized in every ward and panchayat throughout the State, Mr.Patnaik said in his letter. He asked party observers, MLAs and

The Padajatra will remain closed on all festival days like Dussehra. During the month-long program, the party workers and leaders will reach every household to inform them about the developmental schemes and programs of the BJD government.

Besides, social welfare programs like blood donation camp and plantation drive will be organized during the month. The Chief Minister himself will launch the program on 2 October here while on the concluding day on 2 November, all the BJD leaders and workers at district-level will take pledge that they will devote their entire life for the development and welfare of the State and its people.

E-ticket scam busted by RPF at Barbil



Barbil(KCN): The Railway Protection Force (RPF) has busted a major multi-crore e-ticketing racket and arrested over a dozen people. In this connection RPF of CKP division today searched in a private owned ticket counter CB travels and arrested one IRCTC agent for making fraud in e ticket booking. They searched the computer system and other document available in their shop. The team revealed that the scam is going since long and they are seeking expert help for further information. But the investigating agency said the accused is using several user id and password for e ticket booking though having IRCTC license for ticket booking. Iron of the fact is that this demand supply gap has led to mushrooming of many touts who use different means to corner reserved seats

and then sell them to the needy on premium. It is note that Indian Railways imposed restrictions of only 2 Tatkal tickets per user in one booking and Limit of only one Tatkal ticket per day per train to retail service providers (agents). A rule has been set for the creation of only one IRCTC User ID on a single mobile number and email ID. Indian Railways imposed the limitations of booking 6 Railway tickets by an individual user in a month. The limit is now increased to 12 railway tickets per month. In case the users have linked their IRCTC user ID with their Aadhaar number, at least one of the passengers in the list can be verified through the Aadhaar ID. However, RPF has arrested the accused MD Absar Maqusad and sealed their shop as per the source.

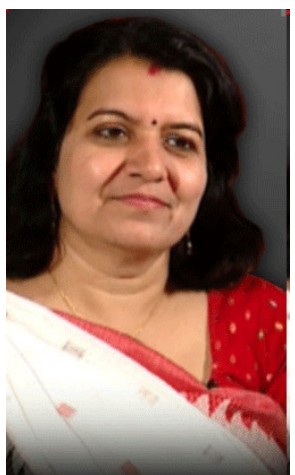
Sarangi Asks For Metro Service

Bhubaneswar(KCN): MP and BJP National Spokesperson Aparajita Sarangi on Monday urged the State Government to move a proposal to

oldest city of Odisha is having a total population of around 10 lakhs, she said. Thus, the combined population of Bhubaneswar and Cuttack will be around 22 lakhs. However, the rapid expansion of habitations and commercial complexes between both the twin cities have expanded at a rapid pace and if one includes the areas which do not come within the Municipal Corporations of Bhubaneswar and Cuttack, then the estimated population would be close to 30 lakhs, pointed out the MP. She mentioned that both Bhubaneswar and Cuttack, though important cities of Odisha, do not have Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS). As per Metro Rail Policy, 2017, she said, the cities having more than 20 lakhs population should plan for Metro Rail system. The BJP leader further said that the population of Bhubaneswar is likely to exceed 20 lakhs within 4 to 5 years. Further, as mentioned above, the current combined population of twin

cities Bhubaneswar and Cuttack is already exceeding 20 lakhs. "Therefore, in the fitness of things, an integrated Metro Rail system should be planned for both the cities by the State Government. The project can be implemented in a phased manner, first starting with the city of Bhubaneswar, thereafter expanding to the city of Cuttack," she wrote to the CM. Metro system can be planned under 50:50 equity partnership of Central and State Government as per Metro Policy 2017. The implementation of the project can be done by 50:50 joint venture of the Central Government and Government of Odisha, she suggested. The development of the metro system will not only improve mobility, but it will also enhance the commercial activities in both the twin cities, she added. For going ahead with the Metro rail system, a feasibility-cum-Detailed Project Report (DPR) needs to be prepared. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

(MoHUA), under Urban Transport Planning and Capacity Building Scheme, provides financial assistance up to 50% for conducting feasibility Study and for preparing DPR for formulating such a proposal. She requested the Chief Minister to kindly look into the matter and direct the concerned officials to send a proposal to MoHUA for sanctioning Central financial assistance for feasibility study and DPR. The BJP MP said she will take up the matter with the Union Government for positive consideration. Reacting to this letter of Mrs. Sarangi, BJD Lawmaker Rajkishore Das said the metro rail issue was earlier raised and discussed in the State Assembly. It was found not feasible during a survey. It is Chief Minister's dream that metro service should be introduced in Bhubaneswar and Cuttack cities, he said. "This issue will again be discussed in the Assembly in coming days as we also want metro service here," said Mr. Das.



Centre for introduction of metro rail service in twin cities of Bhubaneswar and Cuttack. Mrs. Sarangi has written a letter to Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on this issue. Stating there is a need for Mass Rapid Urban Transport System in the twin cities, she said both the cities along with the periphery area will qualify for rolling out of the metro service. Bhubaneswar, the Capital City of Odisha, is spread across 422 Sq km with an estimated population (2022) of more than 12 lakhs while Cuttack, the

AGM of DCDA, Sonepur held

Sonepur (KCN): The Annual General Body meeting of district chemists and druggists association (DCDA) Sonepur was held in town hall of Sonepur. On this occasion President of UCDA Sri P. Satyanarayan and General secretary Sri Prashant Mohapatra along with dignitaries from various districts joined as honourable guests. Selection to various posts

Nepak demanded more drugs testing labs in the state to mitigate the menace while the newly selected president Sri Umesh Chandra Sahoo intimated that a regional drugs testing laboratory at Sambalpur is going to be operational very soon. Shri Pabitra Narayan Nepak requested the president and general secretary of UCDA to give substantial financial security to the members and their families in case of any mishap by bringing all the members of the state protected under any group insurance scheme (GIS) where premium would be nominal. President UCDA Shri. P. Satyanarayan expressed his extreme happiness that such a noble proposal for the benefit of chemists fraternity of



of DCDA, Sonepur for 2022 -2025 was done cordially among the members. Mr. Umesh Chandra Sahoo was selected as President while the General secretary of DCDA Sri Satya Narayan Darwan was selected to continue for next term and Shri Pravas Ranjan Satpathy was selected as treasurer.

On growing fake medicines menace in the state as well as through out the country, the president UCDA Sri. P. Satyanarayan expressed deep concern and attributed it to the greed of general public for unrealistic discounts in life saving products like medicines and the unhealthy competition among traders to sustain in such a market. He intimated that stern action against such unscrupulous traders are being taken. Member Shri Pabitra Narayan

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and he assured to work it out with body and soul. On this occasion the newly selected executive Committee members for 2022-2025 and some senior founder members were felicitated.



tated. The noted artist of the soil Mr. Saswat Tripathy was felicitated by president UCDA Sri P. Satyanarayan.

OHPC Records Peak Generation

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Ace Mandarin, Bishnupada Sethi, Chairman Odisha Hydro Power Corporation (OHPC) is happy with the performance of the State's Premier PSU. OHPC has achieved a

behemoth, officials say. This is the highest peak power generation ever achieved by OHPC since its inception on 21 April 1995. Catering power demand of the Grid dur-

fluctuating power demand by peaking up its generation through its generating units at variously located power stations in the State. Needless to say generating units are in readiness for meet-

unit at CHEP, Chiplima, two units at HHEP, Burla and two units at BHEP, Balimela has been Renovated & Modernized. Capacity of HHEP, Burla has also been updated by 12.3 MW.



milestone of record high Peak Power Generation to the extent of 1841 MW, recently for meeting the Grid requirement. This was achieved on 8 September, which is a 'Red Letter day' for this Green Energy

ing Peak Hours is a crucial operating requirement of Hydro Power Stations which helps in maintaining Power Stability of the Grid. On this parameter OHPC is consistently supplying the

ing grid requirement. OHPC also from time to time Renovating & Uprating its old units as and when required for better performance and maintaining higher availability. Recently one

After commercial operation, the Renovated & Modernized units are running successfully with its full capacity and along with other well maintained units, OHPC has been able to achieve the above milestone which is truly an Optimum-Capacity-Utilization. Top Mandarin Mr. Sethi has congratulated Team OHPC for their robust performance and advised them to maintain the sincere efforts to scale up the production of green power by the Hydro Power Major. In fact performance of OHPC is registering high growth since Mr. Sethi took charge of the State Hydro Power Major and it is continuing to script success, officials say.

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

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

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

nowned Rajasthan Singer Sumsa Supari.



They together have shot the song recently in Dubai in various amazing locations. The song will be out soon and published on the YouTube channel Sumsa Supari Films.

Rowel Star's songs, Maro Sajaniyo, Bannasa ke Mijaj, and Jai Jasol Maa album are the most popular and trending, creating a sensation on his YouTube channel and blessing him with millions of views and subscribers.

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

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

Neeraj Bharadwaj is shooting for web series 'Saazish' in Bhopal



Mumbai (KCN, Sanjay Sharma Raj): Film and TV veteran and famous actor Neeraj Bharadwaj is

About which Neeraj Bharadwaj says, "I am playing the role of city's famous lawyer Abhay Pratap

hatched and then what happens is still a secret. My role in this is different, I hope people will like it,



shooting for the web series 'Saazish' in Kalua Khurd, Bhopal, which will soon be airing on Disney Hotstar. It is produced by Col. S S Pattnaik and the director is Hiralal Khatri.

Singh, who gets the brother of villain Shahbaz Khan punished. After that Shahbaz Khan commits a lot of oppression on my family and me. I am not able to do anything. After that conspiracy is

and just like before, I will definitely be able to make a place in the heart of the audience with my performance." By the way, Neeraj Bharadwaj will soon have a webseries named

Madgaon ...A Murder Case. Its shooting has been completed.

The main cast of the web series 'Saazish' are Mugdha Godse, Shahbaz Khan, Raza Murad, Mustakh Khan and

Dev Manaria with Neeraj Bharadwaj. Its screenplay and dialogues are by Vinod Vats, Vikas Vashisht and Ajay. Its cameramen are Manish Vyas and Amar Vyas, music is by Manish Bhanushali. It is

produced by Col.S S Pattnaik, co-producer Dev Manaria and executive producer is Anu Madrasi. It will be coming soon on Disney Hotstar. Its shooting is going on in Bhopal followed by Vadodara.

Hate drives TRPs and profit

On September 21, 2022, amid growing incidents of hate speech, the Supreme Court expressed serious concern over the absence of an effective institutional mechanism to regulate the media and questioned the role of TV anchors in giving airtime to hate mongers.



“Where is our nation headed”, asked the Supreme Court orally. A bench comprising Justices KM Joseph and Hrishikesh Roy was hearing a batch of eleven writ petitions which seek directions to regulate hate speech and pointed out that the role of the anchor is very important in controlling hate speech in channel debates.

Wondering why the government stood as a “mute spectator” to hate speech, the court asked it to spell out its stand on the recommendations made in the Law Commission’s 267th report (2017) to deal with the menace. The law commission in its 267th report made recommendations for provisions for prohibiting incitement of hate speech and prohibiting causing fear, alarm, or provocation of violence through such speech.

Justices K M Joseph and Hrishikesh Roy minced a few words: “Hate drives TRPs, drives profit.” And when politics fuels and legitimises that hate, judicial interventions are unlikely to work. A new law on hate speech, as the court has suggested, runs the risk of being challenged — and violated — every second given the ceaseless cycle of news and social media.

The court advised enforcing guidelines on what is hate speech or what is not on Twitter or YouTube. Indeed, the court feels that there is a formidable record of evidence to show how several IPC provisions meant to check hate speech — including Section 153 (A) or 295 (A) — end up being weaponised by the state and its agencies to curb dissent.

Recently, highlighting the need for having more sensible debates and content-rich debates on television instead of mere shouting matches, Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur said to redefine the media as a trusted source of news, and information. He said the biggest threat to mainstream media is not from new age digital platforms, but rather the mainstream media channel itself. If you decide to invite guests who are

polarising, who spread false narratives, and who shout at the top of their lungs - the credibility of your channel goes down, he said.

But neither the Supreme Court nor Anurag Thakur talks about the proximate cause of such aberration of media. They point out only symptoms but not root causes. Who is creating the atmosphere of hatred and why? Again, such hate speech was unheard of in the previous government, why is it now? All media try to make a profit and it is natural to do so. They resort to sensational news but not news that will trigger hatred. No one wants to create hatred nor invite someone as a guest who will incite violence and hatred. Again, people don’t like to see such a detestable debate, so it does not fetch advertisement too.

This means that media houses and anchors are browbeaten to create hatred. They are pressurized on the issue of guests. They are asked to invite guests as dictated by the ruling class. Hence, there is a need to ascertain who is putting pressure on the media to create hatred and invite such hatemongers. Certainly not opposition parties as they neither can pressurize nor allure by providing the advertisement. Definitely, who is in power and who can give veiled threats or can provide enormous advertisements? So, Anurag Thakur himself can see the speech and discussion of his own party spokesperson and the role of the party’s media cell and the IT cell.

A lot of hate is being created through social media. By various parties especially the IT cells. Anyone who criticizes the government or points out mistakes is taunted by BJP spokespersons or supporters such as Communists, Congressmen, Maoists, and negative people. Now independent thinking, critical thinking, dissent, and constructive criticism are discouraged. If Prime Ministers can dub environmentalists as urban Naxal indirectly, then what can you expect from media today?

If the ministers will write in favour of their government, leaders, and parties, and kill space meant for writers, critics, or columnists, then the media that survives on government advertisement cannot maintain independence and will dance to the tune of the ruling dispensation.

Now, channels are showing many programmes which are extraneous and

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meant to kill time so as to

camouflage the failures of the government. They are deliberately showing emotional issues to divert the attention of people from real problems plaguing nations. The media is not deliberately discussing extensively problems like pervasive poverty, gruelling hunger, staggering unemployment, extreme inequality, hyperinflation and unfettered price rise, and regressive taxation plaguing the masses.

What is distressing is that journalists are not asking questions to rule classes. Probably they are not allowed. There is competition among journalists and intellectuals to support blindly the government’s wrong policies. As a result of which, the voices of the voiceless are decimated. What is reprehensible is that PM Modi is not holding a press conference.

There was an allegation in court against BJP leaders Anurag Thakur, Kapil Mishra, Parvesh Dharmendra, Abhay Verma, and others for inciting communal conflagration in North East Delhi in February 2020 between supporters and opponents of the 2020 Citizenship Amendment Act. The petitioners claimed that during a rally on January 27, 2020, Anurag raised a slogan, “Kill the traitors”. However, the court dismissed the case.

Surprisingly, the Election Commission has not taken any action against not only the media but also the parties and leaders who are creating an atmosphere of hatred and violence during the elections. The commission said, “They have no law to revoke the recognition of the parties concerned for this.” In Indian law, those who promote hate speech are prosecuted under section 153(a) of the Indian Penal Code. 153(a) of the Indian Penal Code deals with wantonly giving provocation with intent to cause a riot.

As the media propagates these hatreds affecting billions of people, Indian democracy is impaired and enfeebled in the environment of polarizing politics. The grave danger for Indian democracy and the biasness of media stems from the findings that “Attitudes toward political leaders are strongly correlated with levels of trust in news,”. Modi supporters are more ‘trusting’ of news coverage in India. In other words, in India, the report found that those who evaluated prime minister Narendra Modi

“favourably” were “much more likely to be generally trusting towards news than untrusting”.

The grim reality of Indian media is reflected in successive World Press Freedom Indexes published by the global media watchdog, Reporters Without Borders (RSF). India has fallen eight places from 142nd to its lowest ever 150th in 2022 among the 180 countries. India’s position has been consistently falling in the index since 2016 when it was ranked 133. In last year’s report, India was ranked 142. The top three positions for countries with the highest press freedom were taken by the Nordic trio of Norway (a score of 92.65), Denmark (90.27), and Sweden (88.84).

The ranking is based on a country’s performance in five broad categories: political context, legal framework, economic context, sociocultural context, and safety of journalists. Of the five, India’s ranking was lowest in the safety of journalists’ category (163) and best in the legal framework category (120).

It means the reasons behind the fall in the ranking are the increased “violence against journalists” and a “politically partisan media”. Another reason behind the fall in the ranking of India is pressure from Government. According to the index the media in India, among nations reputed to be more democratic, faces pressure from “increasingly authoritarian and/or nationalist governments”.

Although the policy framework is protective in theory, it resorts to using defamation, sedition, contempt of court, and endangering national security against journalists critical of the government, branding them as “anti-national”.

India is the world’s most dangerous country for media persons. Journalists are exposed to all kinds of physical violence including police violence, ambushes by political activists, and deadly reprisals by criminal groups or corrupt local officials. The situation in Kashmir remains “worrisome” and reporters are often harassed by police and paramilitaries.

The success and survival of democracy depend upon the transparency and impartiality of media. This seems to be elusive in India under the present regime. People are going to be deprived of getting the correct information and are likely to be misled.

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My daughter is my biggest achievement

Daughters Day is, as the name clearly says, a day to celebrate our daughters. National Daughters Day is celebrated on September 25 to cherish our daughters who bring so much love and into our lives. If there is one person in this world I love more than myself is my daughter Mansi. Creating a special day such as Daughters Day creates a sense of belonging and worthiness for girls. A daughter is the happy memories of the past, the joyful moments of the present, and the hope and promise of the future. Daughters bring a certain kind of joy into our world. Like all children, they have their own personalities and strengths. As parents, we



look forward to discovering the world through their eyes. The day provides us an opportunity to show our daughter genuine support, encouragement, and love. A daughter fills the heart with pleasure, a joy to always treasure. D- is for Darling, that is what you are A- is for Always loving from your heart U- is for Understanding caring every day G- is the Gorgeous way you are made H- is for How you’re so very dear T- is for very Thankful that you’re here E- is the Everlasting heart that you bear R- is for Roses you should always wear My daughter Mansi being born has changed my life and my whole outlook on life. My daughter is one of the biggest gifts in my life. She is always caring, helping and courteous.

Vinod Chandrashekhar Dixit

To a father growing old, nothing is dearer than a daughter. This is true in its whole. No one appreciates kindness, peace and beauty like the aged and it is because they tend to see life, the world and people for who and what they truly are, and that is why they see daughters for what they truly are. My daughter is my best friend, supporter, and well-wisher. You have bonded with her right from the time she was born. Even after she has grown up, your love for her has not changed. She is still your little girl who requires your love, attention, and support.

My daughter Mansi is a blessing to my family. She is not just a daughter, or a woman but she is a light to the paths of many. Raising a daughter and molding her into a highly

successful being it is not as easy as it appears. The joy of raising a daughter into a fully-grown woman means a lot to parents, thereby, showing that a girl child needs special treatment as the flower of the house. A daughter puts on herself, responsibilities that are not even given to her. The state of her heart is reflected in all she does for her loved ones. As a daughter, the woman is the greatest support for her parents, as she is always ready to sacrifice for the benefit of the family. There is no doubt that a daughter is an asset to the family as very often do we see her sharing the responsibilities equally with the mother and father. My daughter is the reason behind all of my happiness. I am a proud father of an amazing daughter like you.

B-15 Jyoti-Kalash Society, Jodhpur Tekra, Satellite, Ahmedabad

23rd Foot ball knock out tournament valedictory ceremony held at Barbil



Barbil: Odisha Sports Minister Tushar kanti Behera attended regional Football Tournament at Damuhattung under Barbil Municipality of Keonjhar district in August presence of MLA Champua Minakshi Mahanta & Chairman ,Barbil Municipality Lakshman Mahanta. Youth Club, Damuhattung has kicked-off the regional Football K n o c k - o u t

Tournament at D a m u h a t t u n g playground . With a view to promote sports in the region, football teams from different area of Odisha and Jharkhand were participated in the tournament. The v a l e d i c t o r y ceremony was graced by all invited guests along with several sports lover of the locality. Minister Tushar Kanti Behera encouraged the

participating teams to play their best game and uphold the spirit of sportsmanship. MLA Minakshi Mahanta said that sports not only help in maintaining health and fitness but also build character and discipline among i n d i v i d u a l s . Lakshman Mahanta added that the tournament has truly displayed local people's love towards football. Wining

team was awarded a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh along with trophy where 1 st runners up and 2nd runners up were awarded Rs 51 thousand and 31 t h o u s a n d respectively .It is to mention that the said club has been organising the football tournament since last 23years where many foreign footballer too have participated in the past.

Japan bans export of chemical weapons goods to Russia

Tokyo: Japan expressed grave concern about Russia's possible use of nuclear weapons against Ukraine as the top government spokesman on Monday announced an additional ban on ex-

ferred nuclear attacks, we strongly demand that the threat or use of nuclear weapons by Russia should never happen,? Chief Cabinet Secretary Hirokazu Matsuno told a regular news conference.

comments Sunday on CBS news that the United States will act ?decisively? in case of a Russian nuclear attack on Ukraine. Asked if Japan approves of the possible use of nuclear weapons by the

question. Japan's government on Monday banned the export of materials that may be used for chemical weapons to 21 Russian organisations, including science laboratories. The measure



ports of chemical weapons-related goods to Russia. ?As the world's only country to have suf-

Matsuno was responding to a question about US national security adviser Jake Sullivan's

United States against Russia, Matsuno refused to comment on the grounds that it was a hypothetical

was approved by the Cabinet following a decision by Group of Seven foreign ministers last week.

Russia backs India, Brazil for permanent membership in UN Security Council

United Nations: Russia has voiced its support for India and Brazil as ?worthy candidates? for permanent membership in the UN Security Council, calling them ?key international actors.? During the 77th Session of the UN General Assembly, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov on Saturday expressed his support for India, becoming a permanent member of the Security Council.

In his address to the General Assembly just an hour before External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's speech, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said that the UN and Security Council have to be aligned to contemporary realities. He said Moscow sees the prospect of making the Security Council more democratic, exclusively, through broadening the representation of countries from Africa, Asia and Latin America.

?We note India and Brazil in particular as key international actors and worthy candidates for permanent membership within the Council whilst simultaneously unilaterally and mandatorily raising the profile of Africa,? Lavrov said.

India has been at the forefront of efforts at the UN to push for urgent long-pending reform of the Security Council, emphasising that it rightly deserves a place at the UN high table as a permanent member.

At present, the UNSC comprises five permanent members and 10 non-permanent member countries which are elected for a two-year term by the General Assembly of the United Nations.

The five permanent members are Russia, the UK, China, France and the United States and these countries can veto any substantive resolution. There has been growing demand to increase the number of permanent members to reflect the contemporary global reality.

Later, addressing a press conference at UN headquarters Saturday, he was asked why he mentioned only India and Brazil for permanent membership and not South Africa. ?I said that we view India and Brazil as strong

candidates given they are leading international players, as strong candidates for permanent membership at the Security Council with the condition that at the same time, in the same way, the profile of Africa will be raised,? Lavrov said.

?I mentioned India and Brazil for a single reason. They have long officially advanced their candidatures. As for South Africa, the Republic of South Africa, this step has not been put forward,? he said, adding that Members of the African Union are committed to the Ezulwini Consensus.

He added that addressing the question of expansion of the Security Council without reflecting the interests of Africans is not possible. ?Again, I emphasize that we're talking exclusively about expansion of the Security Council membership with the representatives of Asia, Africa and Latin America.

?Because if we had to talk about an additional inclusion in the Security Council of Western countries, well, that would be humorous for a number of reasons. I will set aside the fact that they are all hostile to the Russian Federation and the People's Republic of China.?

He said if political assessments were to be set aside, what new would any additional western country bring to the Security Council He said western countries can provide absolutely nothing to the Council and "they are all following the orders of the United States.?"

He said next year, with the addition of Japan to the Council as a non-permanent member, there will be seven countries representing the western group in the 15-nation Council. He said there is not an iota of difference between the policy of Japan and that of the United States.

India is currently halfway through the second year of its two-year term as an elected non-permanent member of the UN Security Council.

India's tenure at the Council will end in December when the country will also preside as President of the powerful UN organ for the month.



Naveen Opens Tribal Encyclopedia

Bhubaneswar: Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik today released 5 Edited Volumes of "Ency-



search and Training Institute and Odisha State Tribal Museum in the Museum complex.

Odisha is the only State till now to publish an Encyclopaedia of all Tribes. All the five edited volumes contain 3800 pages and 418 research articles covering all the 62 Scheduled Tribe Communities and 13 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups.

Expressing happiness over such a rare and impressive publication, the Chief Minister said that this book will certainly be a great treasure and repository for all the academicians, researchers, policy makers and those interested to know about the tribal communities of the State, and also commended the work of the Institute.

The 418 articles in the Encyclopaedia had been published in Adivasi journal and other publications over last six decades. This mammoth painstaking & commendable job of editing, compilation and republication has been carried out over a period of last 4 years by Prof. A.B. Ota, Director, SCSTRTI and his Consultant Shri S.C.Mohanty.

The Chief Minister also visited the galleries of the museum and appreciated the newly added Projection Mapping Unit in the PVTG Museum.

It may be mentioned here that the tribal museum has very rare type of collections of exquisite arts and crafts of tribal communities and is regarded as one of the best interactive ethnographic museums of the world. The interactive technologies used in this museum are outstanding. The Chief Minister had inaugurated the Tribal Museum in 2001, and the second Museum in 2009, which is exclusively devoted to the PVTGs. The Museum was accorded Odisha State Tribal Museum status in 2018 by the Chief Minister.

lopedia of Tribes in Odisha" published by Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Re-

Plea for more flights

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Ahead of FIH Hockey Men's World Cup-2023, Chief Secretary

Rajiv Bansal, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, on this issue on Monday.

taken at Central Government level to make the Rourkela Airport operational at the earliest.

As an alternative to Rourkela Airport, the VSS Airport at Jharsuguda is the nearest domestic Airport having connectivity with cities like Kolkata, Raipur Delhi, Hyderabad, Mumbai and Bhubaneswar.

Further, the Jharsuguda city is well connected with Rourkela via road as well as railway. Thus, the access to Rourkela city will be made easier if the air connectivity to Jharsuguda is enhanced, he said.

"Now it is a matter of concern too that Spice Jet is cancel-

ling scheduled flights from different Metro Cities like Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Mumbai and Kolkata, which badly affects the connectivity to the State and to the utmost dissatisfaction of the general public at large, the CS wrote.

Therefore, he urged the Union Civil Aviation Secretary to look into the matter in order to increase the flight frequency/connectivity from important cities to Jharsuguda especially during the month of January, 2023 in view of the upcoming Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 so as to cater the passenger demand.



Suresh Chandra Mohapatra on Monday urged Government of India for enhancing flight connectivity to VSS Airport, Jharsuguda and operationalization of Rourkela Airport. The Chief Secretary has written a letter to

The upcoming FIH Hockey Men's World Cup-2023 is scheduled to be held at Bhubaneswar and Rourkela from January 13 to January 29, 2023.

Mr. Mahapatra thanked Mr. Bansal for the steps being

Toycathon Boosts Toy Sector

New Delhi: Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

to transform waste into toys. This competition is be-

Swachhata Diwas. Secretary, MoHUA, Manoj Joshi launched

of toys. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Joshi urged the creative minds to come up with innovative solutions that meet the growing demand for toys on one hand and address the impacts of solid-waste on the other.

Roopa Mishra, Mission Director & Joint Secretary MoHUA gave out details on the Swachh Toycathon, which will boost Toy Sector.

Prof. Uday Athvankar, Prof. Manish Jain from IIT Gandhinagar, and Ms Vidyun Goel from Toy Bank spoke about toy-games design, cognitive science, and their views on the effect of the initiative on toy industry during the occasion.



(MoHUA) is taking a step towards achieving circularity in toy sector. Under the National Action Plan for Toys, MoHUA has launched Swachh Toycathon, a competition for new ideas

ing launched under the 'Swachh Amrit Mahotsav', a fortnight of activities to galvanize action around Swachhata from 17 September, Seva Diwas, till 2 October,

the Swachh Toycathon by unveiling the online platform on MyGov portal and releasing the toolkit. The competition seeks to explore solutions for use of waste in creation or manufacturing

Relief from HSRP Fine

Bhubaneswar: In a major relief for old vehicle owners, the State Transport Authority (STA) has relaxed the

deadline for the vehicles carrying Odisha registration mark and registration number ending with

with 5&6 and 7&8, respectively. Similarly, the vehicle owners carrying Odisha registration mark and registration number ending with 9 and 0 will have to affix the HSRP by December 31, 2022.

So, the law enforcing agencies will start enforcement activities on the fitment of the HSRP from October 1, said an official of the STA. However, a fine will not be imposed on the vehicle owner, who has applied for HSRP before the applicable deadline.

It is observed that due to the sudden rise in online booking for fitment of HSRP, some of the vehicle owners are facing difficulties for getting a slot for fitment of HSRP within the timeline.

"It is, therefore, ordered that in case any vehicle owner has applied for HSRP online before the timeline applicable to his

vehicle, he shall be exempted from enforcement checking provided he produces an online booking slip during the checking," the STA said in an order issued on Monday.

As per norms, the offending vehicle will attract a fine of Rs 5000 or Rs.10,000 under Section 192 of MV Act, 1988.

In accordance Central Government amended Rule 50 of CMVR and Notifications/Statutory Orders from Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), State Transport Department has made affixation of HSRP mandatory since June 1, 2022 for all class of old vehicles which were registered prior to April 1, 2019. Earlier, the HSRP has already been made mandatory for all new vehicles registered on or after April 1, 2019

Funds for startups

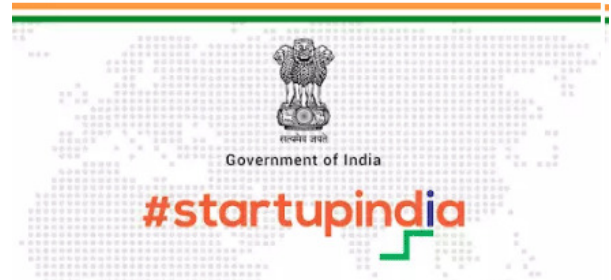
New Delhi: Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS), launched under Startup India initiative in 2016 by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi

and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India. Under FFS, support is extended to SEBI registered

ported under FFS are Chiratae Ventures, India Quotient, Blume Ventures, IvyCap, Waterbridge, Omnivore, Aavishkaar, JM Financial, Fireside Ventures, and more. The amount committed under FFS has seen a notable growth over the years recording a CAGR of over 21% in since the launch of the Scheme. Furthermore, Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) which is responsible for operationalising the Scheme has undertaken a series of reforms recently to expedite the drawdowns to enable AIFs assisted under FFS to avail accelerated drawdowns. This has created a positive impact and have resulted in year on year (Q1 FY 2021-22 vis-à-vis Q1 FY 2022-23) surge of 100% in the amount of drawdowns. FFS has helped anchor 67 AIFs out of 88 AIFs supported and 38 of these are

first time fund managers which is line with FFS's core objective of anchoring venture capital investments for Indian startups.

Investments into eligible startups is approximately 3.7 times of FFS disbursements which is well above the minimum stipulated 2 times under the Scheme. Performing startups supported through FFS are showing valuation increase by more than 10 times with number of them even achieving unicorn status (valuation of over USD 1 billion). Dunzo, CureFit, FreshToHome, Jumbootail, Unacademy, Uniphore, Vogo, Zostel, Zetwerk etc., are some of the notable startups funded through FFS. The returns generated from the success of these startups and innovation created will remain within the country and facilitate generation of employment and creation of wealth.



has committed Rs. 7,385 crore to 88 Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) as of 24th September 2022. These AIFs in turn have invested Rs. 11,206 crore in 720 startups. FFS has been playing a monumental role in mobilizing domestic capital in Indian startup ecosystem. FFS was announced with a corpus of Rs. 10,000 crore. The corpus is to be built up over 14th and 15th Finance Commission Cycles (FY 2016-2020 and FY 2021-2025) through budgetary support by Department for Promotion of Industry

Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs), which in turn invest in startups.

FFS has not only made capital available for startups at early stage, seed stage and growth stage but also played a catalytic role in terms of facilitating raising of domestic capital, reducing dependence on foreign capital and encouraging home grown and new venture capital funds. Collectively, the AIFs supported by FFS have a target corpus of over Rs. 48,000 crore. Among the prominent AIFs of leading startup investment firms sup-



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norms for imposition of fine on the vehicle without High Security Registration Plates (HSRP). As per the notification, September 30, 2022 is

1,2,3&4, while October 31 and November 30 is the deadline for the Odisha registration vehicles with registration number ending

Rupee plunges 58 paise to close at all-time low of 81.67 against US dollar

MUMBAI: The rupee plunged 58 paise to close at an all-time low of 81.67 (provisional) against the US dollar on Monday as the strengthening of the American

currency, registering a decline of 58 paise over its previous close. On Friday, the rupee slumped 30 paise to close at 81.09, its previous record low.

head towards 82 as strength in the dollar index continues with surging bond yields, Parmar said, adding that in the near-term, spot USD-INR is having resistance at

Global oil benchmark Brent crude futures fell 0.70 per cent to USD 85.55 per barrel. On the domestic equity market front, the 30-share BSE



currency overseas and risk-averse sentiment among investors weighed on the local unit. Moreover, escalation of geopolitical risks due to conflict in Ukraine, a negative trend in domestic equities and significant foreign fund outflows sapped investor appetite, forex traders said.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local currency opened at 81.47, then fell further to close at an all-time low of 81.67 against the American

This is the fourth consecutive session of loss for the domestic unit, during which it has lost 193 paise against the American currency. "Another day of large gains for the dollar versus the rupee as it fell for the fourth day in a trot amid risk-averse sentiments and unprecedented strength in the greenback following Fed tightening and recession worries," said Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, HDFC Securities. Spot USD-INR may

around 82 and support at 81.05.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, advanced 0.46 per cent to 113.71.

According to experts, focus will now shift to RBI's meeting this week, with its decision due on Friday. The 38th meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee, constituted under the Reserve Bank of India Act, will be held during September 28 - 30.

Sensex dropped 953.70 points or 1.64 per cent to end at 57,145.22, while the broader NSE Nifty fell 311.05 points or 1.8 per cent to 17,016.30.

Foreign institutional investors were net sellers in the capital market on Friday as they offloaded shares worth Rs 2,899.68 crore, as per exchange data. Meanwhile, the country's forex reserves declined USD 5.219 billion to USD 545.652 billion for the week ended September 16.

Salaries in India likely to rise by 10.4 per cent in 2023: Aon Survey

NEW DELHI: Corporate India is bullish about its strong business performance and expected to dole out a double-digit salary hike of as much as 10.4 per cent in 2023, a survey said on Monday.

According to leading global professional services firm Aon Plc's latest Salary Increase Survey in India, remunerations in India are expected to increase by 10.4 per cent in 2023, compared to an actual

increase.

"Business leaders, however, must make decisions that ensure their workforce remains resilient today as well as into the future. They need to review their total rewards strategies and balance the impact of rising costs and salary pressures with a relatively high rate of attrition and the ongoing demand for critical talent," Chaudhary added.



increase of 10.6 per cent to date in 2022, which is slightly higher than the 9.9 per cent increase projected in February.

The study that analysed data across 1,300 companies from more than 40 industries in India noted that the attrition rate for the first half of 2022 continued to be high at 20.3 per cent, marginally lower than the 21 per cent recorded in 2021, thus retaining the pressure on salaries.

This trend is expected to continue for the next few months, the survey noted.

"Despite the global recessionary headwinds and volatile domestic inflation, salary increases projected in India for 2023 are in the double digits," Roopank Chaudhary, partner, Human Capital Solutions at Aon in India, said.

This increase is a reflection of the confidence that corporate India has in its strong business perfor-

The survey also found that four out of the five sectors that are expected to have the highest projected salary increase are technology related and experience the highest volatility and impact of current global economic uncertainty. "With an expected salary increase of 12.8 per cent, e-commerce leads sectors with the highest

projected increase, followed by start-ups at 12.7 per cent, hi-tech/ information technology and information technology-enabled services at 11.3 per cent, and financial institutions at 10.7 per cent," Chaudhary added.

According to Jang Bahadur Singh, director, Human Capital Solutions at Aon in India, volatility is a key determinant of salary increases by industries "the top salary increases are in the most volatile industries."

As the broader economic circumstances impact the talent landscape, businesses must create holistic rewards strategies unique to their situation and sector to retain and attract the talent they need.

"Data-driven insights give employers the clarity and confidence needed to make better decisions and build a resilient workforce across sectors," Singh noted.

PVR Cinemas to invest Rs 350 crore for 100 new screens in FY23

MUMBAI: Film exhibition company PVR Cinemas will invest up to Rs 350 crore to open 100 new screens in FY23, a top official said on Monday.

It also expects its mega-merger with Inox Leisure to close by February 2023, after which it will start to run as a combined business, PVR's chief executive Gautam Dutta told PTI over the phone.

Pointing to the company's performance in the April-June quarter, he said patrons are coming back to halls to enjoy the cinema experience and the food and beverage sales are also up, which makes it more optimistic about expansion.

"We will invest up to Rs 350 crore to open 100 screens in FY23. I see the same trend continuing in the next 2-3 years as well," Dutta said, stressing that the expansion will be a balanced one across geographies. About 60 per cent of the new screens will be in cities where the company already has a presence, while the rest will be in newer ones, he added. Locations, where it intends to expand, include Rourkela, Dehradun, Vapi, Chennai, Coimbatore, Thiruvananthapuram and Ahmedabad, he said.

The investments will be funded by cash balances from internal accruals and also some debt, he said, pointing out that it had a manageable debt position at Rs 1,450 crore at the end of June. Before the pandemic set in, shuttering cinema

halls across the country and leading to stress for exhibitors, PVR used to open up to 90 screens

after films like Rakshabandhan and Lal Singh Chadha flopped, but Brahmastra has

pany is scouting for more locations in the Pune market, which delivers 16 per cent of its



per year for which it used to invest around Rs 3 crore per screen, Dutta said, adding that inflation has taken the cost up to Rs 3.5 crore per screen now.

The company is not looking at any inorganic growth opportunities right now and will be focusing on getting the merger with Inox through, he noted.

ALSO READ | PVR discontinues operations of 23 screens after expiry of lease with Celine India

When asked about the threat from Over The Top (OTT) players like Netflix or Amazon Prime, the chief executive of the country's largest film exhibition company said the debate is settled as seen in the recent performance. In Q1, PVR had 2.5 lakh patrons visiting cinema halls for the movie experience, and record revenues and profits, he said. Replying to queries on investor anxieties lately, he said the same has settled now with the stock gaining.

Dutta explained that investors were in doubt

helped recover.

ALSO READ | Multiplex operators Inox Leisure and PVR merge operations, become largest chain in country. The company on Monday inaugurated a new six-screen presence in Pune's Hinjewadi area, the sixth property in the city. Dutta said the com-

western India revenues and has decent occupancy rates.

The property -- opened on Monday in the Global Mall -- has a 390-seater screen with a large screen, he said, adding that the company typically invests up to 40-45 per cent extra for such 'PXL' halls.

President Murmu inaugurates Dasara festivities in Mysuru

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Joshi and Shobha Karandlaje and several Ministers in the state cabinet among others at the inaugural.

Celebrated as "Nada Habba" (state festival), the festivities will be a grand affair this year depicting Karnataka's rich culture and traditions, coupled with reminiscence of royal pomp and glory, after muted celebrations for the last two years in view of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The high power organising committee headed by the chief minister has decided to resume major crowd puller jumbo savari (elephant march) wherein tamed elephants take a march from Mysuru Palace premises to Bannimantap and a designated elephant carries 750-kg golden howdah.

As many as 13 tamed elephants from various elephant camps have been brought to Mysuru Palace to participate in the festivities. As part of the Dasara festivities, Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Company (CESC) has illuminated city roads and circles. Illumination of roads and circles is a major crowd puller making city roads busier in the evening hours.

Drone attack hits Ukraine; US vows 'consequences' over nukes

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sively," he told NBC's Meet the Press on Sunday.

Washington's message has been more detailed in private conversations with their Russian counterparts, he said, without elaborating.

"So, the Russians understand where we are. We understand where we are. We are planning for every contingency" he said in separate comments to ABC's This Week. "And we will do what is necessary to deter Russia from taking this step."

Elsewhere, a Russian rocket attack targeted a village in southeastern Ukraine. The attack struck an unnamed village and the regional center of Zaporizhzhia, regional military official Oleksandr Starukh said online.

He posted pictures of damaged buildings and said unspecified infrastructure also had been damaged and fires were sparked by the attack. Meanwhile, the first batches of Russian troops mobilized by Moscow have begun to arrive at military bases, the British military said Monday.

In an online intelligence briefing, the British Defense Ministry said "many tens of thousands" had been called up. However, the Russians face challenges ahead.

"Unlike most Western armies, the Russian military provides low-level, initial training to soldiers within their designated operational units, rather than in dedicated training establishments," the British said.

Under normal circumstances, two battalions deploy while a third remains behind to train. But in the Ukraine war, even the third battalion is deploying, weakening that training, the British said.

Higher taxes, poor infrastructure makes rich Indians to migrate

NEW DELHI: Why are rich and wealthy leaving India? This is a question that has been baffling many. Nikhil Kamath, co-founder of portfolio management services company TrueBeacon, feels apart from high taxation in India, wealthy and rich are also leaving India for countries with better infrastructure and security.



"If you look at where the Indian people are migrating to -- they are going to Dubai and Singapore, which have significantly lower taxation. Apart from that, usual reasons like better infrastructure and security are making people want to immigrate to some of these countries," Kamath told TNIE.

Several reports have claimed that between 5,000-8,000 rich Indians are leaving India for other countries. A recent Global Wealth Migration Review report claimed that 5,000 rich Indians left the country in 2020 alone. According to Henley and Partners, 8,000 wealthy Indians would likely migrate to other countries in 2022. In one of its reports, it said most of the wealthy from emerging markets are migrating to UAE, Australia and Singapore.

Kamath said though it is difficult to pinpoint the exact reasons, taxation, better infrastructure, safety and security could be the reason why rich Indians are migrating from the country. Kamath, however, says India as an investment destination remains very attractive for foreign investors. He says that the government has been successful in selling the India story outside as foreign investors seem to be more optimistic about India growth story than the Indian investors.

Spanish women's soccer in turmoil after player revolt

BARCELONA: More than half of the Spain women's team no longer want to play in protest at their coach, though they don't want him removed. Fifteen players have told the Spanish federation that being on the team has significantly affected their "emotional state and health." The players, however, insisted on Friday they have not asked for coach Jorge Vilda to be axed, but instead, want from him and the federation "a clear commitment to a professional project with at-

the players were not happy with the results of the team that made it to the quarterfinals of the European Championship in July before losing to eventual champion England 2-1. "It is a complicated moment," Paredes said. "We are an ambitious team and we want to get better and win. We believe that various internal aspects (of the team) must improve." Guijarro then said "there is a generalized discontent among the team for what we went through at the end of the Eurocup.



tention paid to all the aspects needed to get the best performance of this group of players."

"We understand that it is not our job in any case to choose a coach, but it is our job to express in a constructive and honest way what we consider can improve the performance of the group," the players said in a statement on their social media accounts.

The federation has interpreted the players' move as an attempt to "pressure" its leadership into firing Vilda, who the players have publicly questioned in recent weeks.

In a statement issued late Thursday, the federation said it "won't permit its players to question the continuance of the national team coach" and that it "wouldn't tolerate any type of pressure by any player."

The rift between players and the federation exploded on Thursday when the 15 players sent identical emails to the federation asking not to be called up again because of the emotional pain it meant to play for the team.

The email sent by the players was published by local media on Friday. The federation confirmed to The Associated Press that the email was genuine, and the names of the 15 players.

The email said, "the general situation on the Spanish national team generated by recent events, events which (the federation) is aware of, is greatly affecting my emotional state and therefore my health."

"Due to this, I presently do not consider myself to be available for our national team and therefore ask to not be called up until this situation changes."

The email also adds the player's "full commitment to the team in the past, present and future." The list of 15 players that sent emails included the team's third captain, Patri Guijarro, goalkeeper Sandra Paños and attacking midfielder Aitana Bonmatí.

Ballon d'Or winner Alexia Putellas did not send the email. But she did join the players in revolt in posting the public statement that reiterated their position on Friday.

This month, Guijarro appeared at a news conference alongside the team's first captain, Irene Paredes, and striker Jennifer Hermoso to explain their troubles with Vilda. Neither Paredes nor Hermoso are among the 15 who sent emails.

At that news conference, Paredes said

We thought that we had a group that could win titles. We think that and feel that way. After the Eurocup, the group sent that message to our coach."

Vilda also spoke about the fracture among the team during the European Championship in England. "The atmosphere on the team has always been good," Vilda said. "In the first 15 days of the Eurocup (camp) the atmosphere was positive. Then the games started and something changed. We were in a soccer paradise, and I hope that we can get back there in the future. We have a team of good players, and we are just one step away from being a great team."

At that news conference, none of the players mentioned their emotional health. That has led to speculation in Spanish media that there may be something more behind the decision than just disappointing results.

Ana Álvarez, the head of women's soccer at the Spanish soccer federation, defended her professionalism of Vilda.

While saying she does not question the claims of emotional distress of the players, Álvarez said there had been no reports of verbal or sexist abuse similar to the ones that have been levelled by former players against Vilda's predecessor, Ignacio Quereda, whom Vilda replaced in 2015.

Quereda resigned after his players publicly demanded the federation get rid of him because of what they called his poor preparation for the 2015 Women's World Cup. Former players later accused him of using sexist and homophobic language to abuse them psychologically during his nearly three decades in charge.

"Nothing like that has ever occurred (under Vilda)," Álvarez told Cadena SER radio late Thursday. "All of us are professionals and there has never been anything to taint that. Nothing of what you could be thinking has happened. That would be very serious."

The Spanish federation has said the players will not be allowed to return until they "ask for forgiveness." Spain is scheduled to host friendlies against Sweden on October 7 and the United States on October 11. Vilda is expected to announce his squad for those games next week.

The Women's World Cup is just around the corner, next July in Australia and New Zealand. Álvarez said the federation will call up younger and less experienced players to complete its squad if needed. "The federation comes first," she said.

India beat Australia by six wickets in 3rd T20I, clinch series 2-1



Hyderabad: India beat Australia by six wickets in the third and final T20I to clinch the three-match series 2-1 here on Sunday. Cameron Green (52 off 21 balls) and Tim David (54) scored the bulk of runs as Australia put 186 for

7 after being invited to bat. India chased down the target with one ball to spare, riding on Suryakumar Yadav's 69 off 36 balls and Virat Kohli's 63 off 48 balls. Daniel Sams (2/33) claimed two wickets,

while Josh Hazlewood (1/40) and Pat Cummins (1/40) accounted for one wicket each. For India, Axar Patel (3/33) scalped three wickets, while Bhuvneshwar Kumar (1/39), Yuzvendra Chahal (1/22) and Harshal Patel (1/18) also claimed one wicket each. Brief Score: Australia: 186 for 7 in 20 overs (Tim David 54, Cameron Green 52; Axar Patel 3/33). India: 187 for 4 in 19.5 overs (Suryakumar Yadav 69, Virat Kohli 63; Daniel Sams 2/33)




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