

New office bearers and executive committee members of Delhi Odisha Media Association elected



New Delhi (KCN): The election of new office bearers and executive committee members of Delhi Odisha Media Association (DOMA) were held at Delhi's Press Club of India today. The office bearers and executive committee members were elected for a tenure of three years.

While senior journalist Sanjeev Acharya was elected as the president of DOMA, senior journalists Soumitra Mishra and Pabhathi Nayak Mishra were elected as vice-presidents and Shakti Prasad Nayak as general secretary, Santosh Kumar Mohapatra and

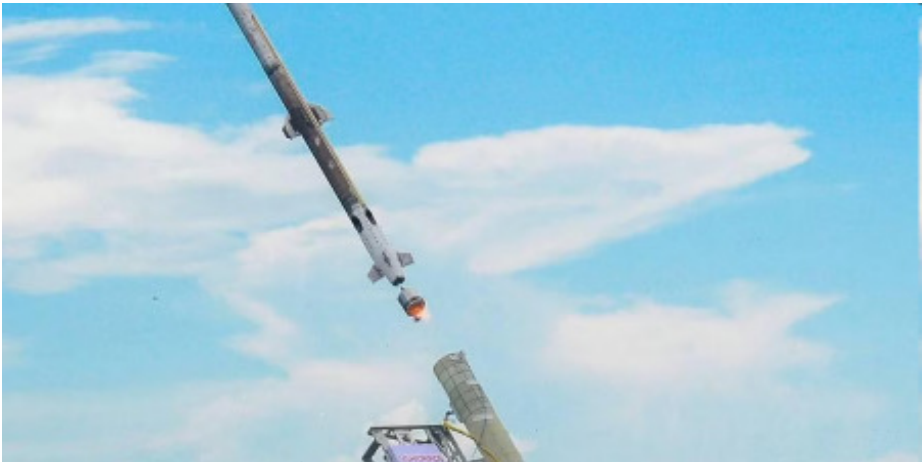
Shabnam Adeni as joint secretaries, santosh Kumar Pradhan was elected as the treasurer. Gagan Biswal, Bibhudatta Pradhan, Muktikanta Behera, Suchitra Kalyan Mohanty, Arun Das, Pratik Parija, Deepak Das, Sivanand Raut, Saswat Panigrahi, Ramesh Pal, Vidyadhar Barik, Sadashiv Satpathy, Aditya Prasad Panda and Gopal Prasad Burma were elected as executive committee members. Veteran journalists Chhyakanta Nayak and Mohan Rao were nominated as advisors of Delhi Odisha Media Association. All the executive body members and office bearers were unanimously elected.

Maiden test of Made-in-India Very Short Range Air Defence System successful

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): In a bid to add more firepower to the armed forces, India on Tuesday conducted the maiden test of the Very Short

collaboration with DRDO's other laboratories and Indian Industry partners, the missile can destroy targets at a range of around 6 km.

the flight tests have completely met the mission objectives," said a defence official associated with the mission. The missile has been



Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) from a ground based portable launcher off Odisha coast.

Defence sources said the twin tests of the Man Portable Air Defence System (MANPAD) were conducted from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) validating the technologies incorporated in the new missile.

Designed and developed indigenously by the Hyderabad-based Research Centre Imarat (RCI) in

VSHORADS missile incorporates many novel technologies including miniaturised Reaction Control System (RCS) and integrated avionics, which were successfully validated during the tests. "The missile, meant for neutralising low altitude aerial threats at short ranges, is propelled by a dual thrust solid motor. The design of the missile including launcher has been highly optimised to ensure easy portability. Both

designed for use against visible targets such as tactical aircraft, helicopters, unmanned aerial vehicle and cruise missile head-on or receding amidst natural clutter and counter-measures. The VSHORADS, which is yet to get a formal name, weighs around 15 kg and is capable of effectively engaging aerial targets with low infrared signature. The fully digital and heat-seeking missile can meet the requirements of all three

wings of the armed forces. It comes with a lightweight man-portable launcher and boasts a highly proven success rate. "The missile is a new generation integrated system with high precision and unbeatable range that uses unjammable features to deceive the enemy. It operates on fire-and-forget principle and can be easily transported and operated from the ground, vehicle, building or ship by one soldier," the official added. Secretary of Defence DR&D and DRDO Chairman Samir V Kamat congratulated the VSHORADS missile team for the excellent success. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh complimented and appreciated the efforts of DRDO and industry partners. He said that this new missile equipped with modern technologies will give further technological boost to the armed forces.

BJD plans massive show of strength during Nadda's visit to Odisha



BHUBANESWAR(KCN): The ruling BJD is planning a massive show of strength on September 29, by organising meeting of representatives of its

Odisha: BJP mounts pressure on Minister Samir Ranjan Dash over BJD member's suicide

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): The Opposition BJP has started mounting pressure on the police to bring School and Mass Education Minister Samir Ranjan Dash under the purview of investigation to mystery surrounding the alleged suicide of BJD Zilla Parishad member Dharmendra Sahoo.

Even as the post-mortem report of Sahoo says Sahoo's death was due to asphyxiation, a delegation of the BJP led by party's State vice-president Pravati Parida met Police Commissioner Saumendra Priyadarshi and submitted a memorandum demanding an impartial probe and the role of the Minister in the case.



frontal organisation will be held for two to three days. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik is also likely to address the meeting on the first day. The BJD is also going to revive its yearly Jana Sampark Yatra from October 2 this year in a full-fledged manner. The

yatra was being held during the last two years in a very truncated manner with Covid restrictions. The month-long yatra will be organised at the Assembly constituency, urban, panchayat and ward levels in the entire State.

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Parida who has been claiming that Sahoo is a victim of a well-planned murder told mediapersons after meeting the CP that the deceased was given

BJD ticket by Dash to contest Zilla Parishad election despite the fact that he was never in active politics.

After the election, the Minister had given Sahoo the responsibility of party observer and organisation in charge.

Both of them were seen on the same platform at all official and political functions in Puri district. A close confidant of the Minister, Sahoo had posted on social media that political dispute is the major reason behind his marital discord.

Naveen to Woo Investors



Bhubaneswar(KCN): Ahead of the third edition of Make in Odisha conclave to be held here from November 30 to December 4, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik is in Bangalore city to woo big IT investors from the Silicon Valley city of India.

The Chief Minister reached Bangalore on Tuesday afternoon on a three-day visit. He will hold one-to-one meetings with investors from IT sector, pharma in-

dustries and other Bangalore-based industrialists on Wednesday from 11 AM onwards, said Industries Minister Pratap Keshari Deb. He said that a mega road show for investors will be organized on Wednesday evening to showcase the investment opportunities and business environment available in Odisha. The State is looking forward to investments in information technology (IT), IT-enabled services

(ITeS), ESDM (Electronics System Design and Manufacturing), textiles & apparel, food processing, e-vehicles, auto & auto components and aerospace & defence, sources said. The Minister hoped that a large amount of investment will come to Odisha during the Make in Odisha (MiO) conclave this year in comparison to previous two editions.. Mr.Patnaik will return to Odisha Thursday. This will be the

last investors' meeting before the MiO Conclave. Earlier, the Chief Minister had participated in investors' meetings at Dubai, New Delhi and Mumbai.

Mr.Patnaik met diplomats of over 30 countries in New Delhi to discuss the business opportunities in Odisha. In Mumbai, he met big industrialists like KM Birla, Anil Agarwal and Anand Mahindra and some top leaders from financial institutions.

Odisha On 'Rethinking Tourism' Srimandir Land To Be Digitized

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha Tourism on World Tourism Day organized a super Bike Rally from Infocity Square to Dhauli Shanti Stupa.

S K Priyadarshi, Twin City Commissioner of Police along with Director Tourism Sachin R. Jadhav in the presence of Convenor Odisha Super Riders Shri Deviyoti Patnaik flagged

State's excellent road networks that enables road trippers to discover India's best kept secret.

Special videos to promote the initiative have been launched every year on the occasion since then. During today's event, Odisha by Road 3.0 was launched that showcased various tourist destinations in South Odisha.



"These projects have scope for community participation and incorporation of sustainable value-adding enterprise to promote local handloom and handicrafts, cuisine, and culture among others", it stated.

A special guidebook 'Unexplored Odisha' was launched by Tourism Minister Ashwini Kumar Patra. This guidebook along with the State's tourism map showcases the hidden tourism gems of Odisha for travelers to explore.

Odisha Tourism's initiative Odisha by Road, launched in the year 2020, promotes various road trip itineraries that makes use of the

world of gold is broken and turned into gold for the sake of self-interest, pride and desire for money.

Man plants a tree not for himself but for the shelter of many pedestrians. Just like a man living a childless life takes an orphan child to save his family. In the cycle of time, the wheels change and two twins come to the family of that childless man. The twins go on a wild road for money and love. But that orphan has changed the whole family. In the end, everyone realized their mistakes and returned to the family with laugh but lost the man.

Replica of London Museum at Baripada

BARIPADA: The architectural marvel of Natural History Museum in London will be replicated in Baripada town this year. The Tulasi Chaura Durga Puja committee will replicate the museum at its pandal spread over 25,000 sq feet. Around 60 per cent work on the 200 feet high pandal has already been completed. Around 20 workers are engaged in erecting the

pandal. The committee's cashier Laxminarayan Das said this year, around Rs 40 lakh is being spent on the festival of which Rs 25 lakh has been set aside for the pandal, Rs 7 lakh for lighting arrangements and other decorations and Rs 3 lakh for prasad and immersion ceremony. "We expect 15-20 lakh devotees to visit the pandal this year," he

said. The committee, which could not celebrate Durga Puja for the last two years due to the pandemic, has over 1,300 members. The expenses for the festival are met through donations from volunteers. The committee has been celebrating Durga Puja for the last 38 years. For the first time in the district, the committee will organise

'Mayurbhanj idol' during the festival. The auditions for the event will be held on September 29 and 30 and the final round on October 9. Over 150 shops will be set up around the pandal. This apart, eight CCTV cameras and other safety equipment will be installed as per the guidelines of the district administration.

Congress to field all its sitting MLAs in Himachal: Sources



NEW DELHI(KCN): The Congress on Tuesday approved party tickets to all the 20 sitting MLAs in Himachal Pradesh and is learnt to have finalised the names of another 15 candidates for the upcoming assembly elections in the state, sources said. The decision to field all party MLAs was taken at a meeting of the party's Central Election Committee headed by Congress president Sonia Gandhi. The meeting was held at Gandhi's 10, Janpath residence,

where senior leaders AK Antony, Ambika Soni, KC Venugopal, Girija Vyas, Mukul Wasnik, M Veerappa Moily and Mohsina Kidwai were present. AICC in-charge for Himachal Pradesh Rajeev Shukla, Himachal state unit president Pratibha Singh and Congress Legislature Party leader Mukesh Agnihotri were also present. Former prime minister Manmohan Singh and former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi were not present in the meeting. Some of the names approved at

the meeting include Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu from Nadaun, and Prakash and Mukesh Chaudhary from Balh in Mandi district. Former BJP state president Khimi Ram, who switched over to the Congress, has also been cleared for contesting from Banjar and another former BJP leader, Dyal Piyari, is likely to be fielded from Sirmaur. The election to the 68-member Himachal Pradesh Assembly is due later this year and the Congress is seeking to wrest power from the BJP in the hill state.

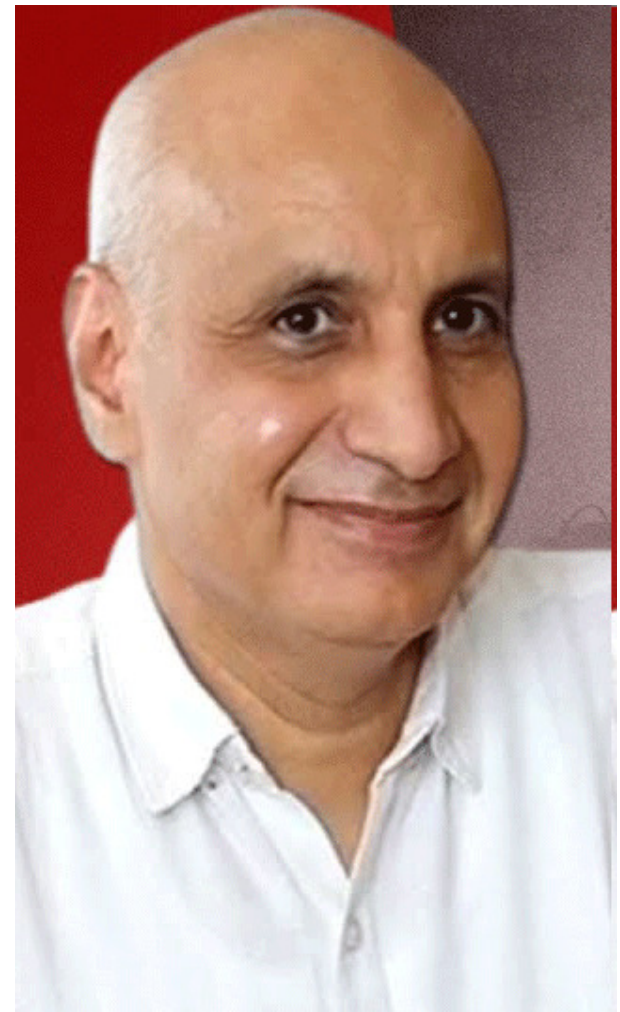
business leaders and entrepreneurs of the state for developing a very good eco-system for industrial development, especially for start-ups. She said Karnataka has played a leading role in modern industrial development, it is a leading state in many fields like biotechnology, heavy engineering,

Puri(KCN): All the land records of the Shri Jagannath Temple, Puri will be digitised and a database of the same will also be prepared soon, said Chief Administrator of the Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) Vir Vikram Yadav here on Tuesday.

A decision in this regard was taken at the Temple Management Committee meeting.

The Odisha Space Application Center (ORSAC) will be given the task for digitization of all land record of the temple. The process will be initiated after receiving the State Government's approval, said SJTA Chief Mr. Yadav.

The Management Committee also discussed about the status of formation of Shri Mandir Adarsh Gurukul Society for study of the children of servitors and the



housing project for servitors.

The application for registration of Adarsh Gurukul Society, which will be run by Birla Foundation, has been filed with the Inspector General of Registration (IGR), Odisha.

The IGR has sought some compliance and it has been met, said the Chief Administrator. He further informed that Birla Foundation will be invited to the next Management Committee meeting for

discussions on the master plan, Yadav added. The tender for the first phase construction of boundary wall of the housing project for servitor families at Harachandi Sahi will be opened on October 6 and the Committee has ordered to speed up the work, he added.

The top panel of the temple has also approved the recommendations of the Niti Sub-Committee of the temple. The rituals proposed by the Sub-Committee for the holy month Kartik has got the nod of the Management Committee, he stated. There was a wide-speculation that some decision will be taken at the meeting about re-opening of the Ratna Bhandar. However, the Chief Administrator Mr. Yadav said that no discussion was held about Ratna Bhandar during the meeting.

Karnataka would play a major role in making India a five trillion dollar economy: President Murmu

BENGALURU(KCN): President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday expressed confidence that Karnataka would play a major role in making India a five trillion dollar economy, as she lauded visionary politicians, busi-

ness leaders and entrepreneurs of the state for developing a very good eco-system for industrial development, especially for start-ups. She said Karnataka has played a leading role in modern industrial development, it is a leading state in many fields like biotechnology, heavy engineering,

aviation, research and development, space science and technology. "Karnataka is making an invaluable contribution as a leading education and research-hub of our country. For enhancing India's reputation in Information Technology, Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Acting Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court Justice Alok Aradhe, Chairman and Speaker of Karnataka Legislative Council and Assembly among others. Thanking Bommai for praising her

etc, the President said that the ruins of Hampi and places like Aihole, Pattadakal, Badami, Beluru, Halebeedu, Somanathapura and Mysuru are excellent heritage sites of Indian art and culture. She said that just as the fragrance of



a lot of credit goes to Karnataka, especially Silicon City - Bengaluru," she added. The President was addressing the civic reception hosted in her honour by the Government of Karnataka at Vidhana Soudha here, which was attended by Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, Chief Min-

and her simplicity while introducing her at the event, Murmu said, ". I don't know, but however I'm, what-ever I'm, I'm yours (people), and at your service." R e c a l l i n g Karnataka's contributions in the freedom struggle, spirituality, philosophy, literature, music, art, science, architecture,

sandalwood of Karnataka infuses the whole country and world, similarly the sweet nature of the people of Karnataka is appreciated all over the country and world.

"The Kannadiga people have set the ideal of being peace-loving, generous and affectionate," she added.

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Sharma Raj): A Kung Fu Master Cosmo Zimik will arrive in India from the USA on August 8, 2022 and release the documentary film 'Life of A Dojo Master' with Chitah Yajnes Shetty in Mumbai, which will be sent to several film festivals and will be released

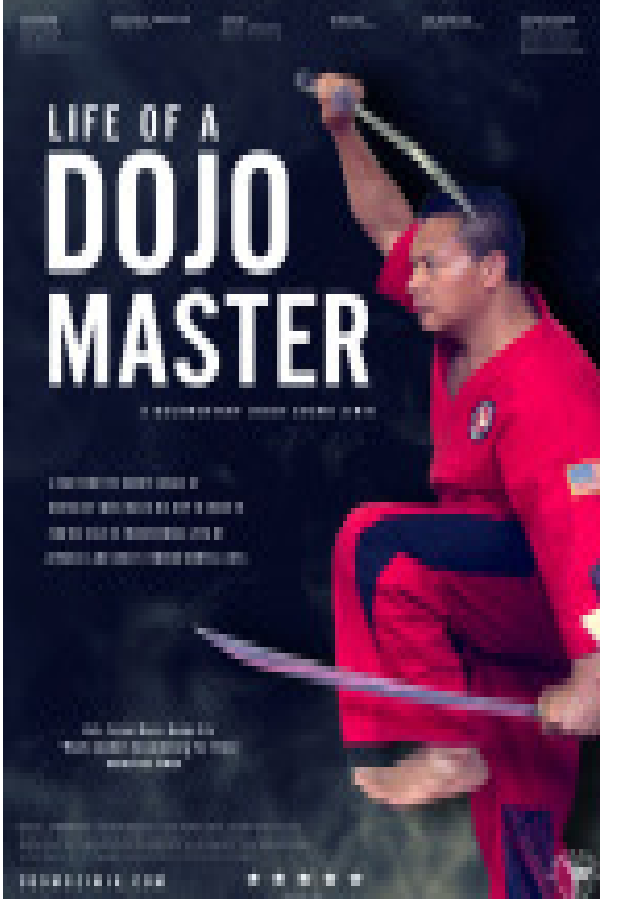
Shooting for third season of 'Four More Shots Please' to begin soon: Kirti Kulhari
MUMBAI (KCN): Bollywood actor Kirti Kulhari on Thursday said shoot for her series "Four More Shots Please!" is set to commence in coming days. The Amazon Prime Video series, which also features Sayani Gupta, Maanvi Gagroo and

the life of Master Cosmo Zimik, a man born in the remote region of Northwest India, who made his way to the USA over twenty years ago. Master Cosmo Zimik started his martial arts career in Manipur, Northeast India, and has traveled the world teaching

sides in Idaho, USA where his dojo, Empty Hand Combat, teaches Burmese Thaing Bando to at-risk youth, youth, and young adults to become martial artists. He trains them to become warriors and helps the community. Chitah Yajnes Shetty, founder of

eration, also conferred an 8th-degree black belt to Master Cosmo Zimik. Master Cosmo Zimik has trained over 5000 kids and over 2000 have been under privileged kids and 'At Risk Youth' in Nampa, Idaho USA. The youth come from various backgrounds

Vijay Sethupathi, Katrina Kaif in Sriram Raghavan's next?
It was recently revealed that Sriram Raghavan's upcoming film, Ekki, has been put on hold. A big-budget military drama starring Varun



kids are homeless, staying in a homeless shelter with their moms. Their father is gone from their lives. Some kids have parents who are drug addicts and have left them to be raised by grandparents. Some are orphans who are looking for hope in life. He trains them in martial arts and gives them Free Uniforms, Boxing Gloves, and basic needs including shoes and clothing. He also helps them overcome life's hardship and their real-life struggles (including anxiety and depression), by counseling and pointing them in the right direction through Martial Arts. Master Cosmo Zimik also received an award from the Mayor of Nampa City for 'Making a Difference', from the Elk Lodge for 'Citizen of the Year

Idaho Channel 7 (NBC) Heroes for outstanding work in the community. He is the founder of Martial Arts Sports ministry, Athletes in Action (India) in 1995, Chief Instructor and Owner of Empty Hand Combat International LLC, Co-founder of Hong Kong Gospel Martial Arts 1999, 1st place in Power breaking at the 2003 Battle of LA (National Martial arts championship), Khru (Instructor) Muay Thai – Muay Thai Mission since 2009, 6th Degree Black Belt in Burmese Thaing Bando Martial Arts, 7th Degree Black Belt in Taekwondo, International Technical Advisor – Chitah Jeet Kun Do, International Advisor Board Member – World Martial Arts School Federations.



Bani J, follows a quartet of friends who deal with their relationships, work-life conflicts, ambitions and anxieties in a male-dominated society.

a series of candid photos with Gupta, Gagroo and Bani. Created by Rangita Pritish Nandy and produced by Pritish Nandy Communications, the

Parineeti Chopra. The movie, which premiere on streamer Netflix on February 26, will feature Kulhari as a British cop.



Dhawan, the film was delayed due to Covid-19. Now, rumour has it that Sriram has signed Katrina Kaif and Vijay Sethupathi

Mumbaikar. The latter, directed by Santosh Sivan, is a Hindi remake of Maanagaram (2017). He is also rumoured to star in an upcoming

web series directed by Raj and DK. The unrevealed series will also star Shahid Kapoor. Sriram Raghavan's last film was

Why haven't we wiped out world's deadliest virus (Rabies) in India

“Rabies” word is derived from the Latin word “rabere,” which means to be mad, to rage, or to rave. It is probably the oldest recorded infection affecting humans, first documented in Babylon in 2300 B.C. Rabies is a viral zoonotic disease present in more than 150 countries and poses a real threat to about

2.5 billion people worldwide. Every year more than 59,000 people in the world die of rabies. It remains an under-reported, neglected disease ranking 10th biggest cause of death due to infectious diseases globally by the World Health Organization (WHO). Rabies virus can be found worldwide in domestic animals (dogs, cats) as well as in wildlife (e.g. foxes, racoons, mongoose, skunks and bats and the humans are only accidental hosts. Humans become infected when bitten or scratched by a rabid animal.

Despite Pasteur's discovery of the rabies vaccine 131 years ago, and the post-exposure treatment available, rabies continues to cause significant human mortality in Asian, South American, African, and Eurasian countries. While dogs are the major vectors of transmission of this disease in Asian countries, transmission by bats and other animals poses a significant threat in America, Africa, and Eurasia. Only a few countries (Japan, United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand) have managed to completely eradicate the disease, mainly thanks to their geographical isolation and excellent governmental initiatives to control rabies. Unfortunately, in Africa and Asia it still poses a huge public health threat. Rabies in India is still not a notifiable disease, therefore the exact figure of rabies bites remains unknown. As per the report of some organisations working in the field of rabies control in India, out of more than 59,000 human deaths globally due to rabies, approximately 95% occur in Asia and Africa itself and almost one-half of the global burden that is 20 000 human lives, are lost annually due to rabies in India.

In India, high incidence of rabies is mainly due to bites by stray and wild animals. The predominantly agrarian rural community lives in close contact livestock. The chances of interaction of livestock with stray and wild animals is high and humans are directly or indirectly exposed to the deadly virus in that context. There is higher incidence of a dog bite in urban India also and it is mainly

due to uncontrolled stray dog population and poor waste management system. This means that the animal bite incidence is dynamic and context-related and, hence different strategies of rabies control have to be deployed in different contexts. Strategies like Animal Birth Control-Anti Rabies Vaccination (ABC-ARV) have yielded good results in well defined urban territories in metros and other urban areas but are unlikely to be very effective in rural areas where boundaries are ill-defined, animal population turnover is higher and territories of animals may be spread over wider areas. Oral vaccination may

Dr. Gyana Ranjan Mishra

in rabies elimination is rooted in low public awareness about the disease. In India rabies is a disease of low public health priority. The government and healthcare authorities seem to know where the problems lie and are gradually addressing them, but the process to improve the statistics remains slow. The Indian government needs to take the rabies situation seriously, recognise it as a real threat to its citizens and act upon it on a national level. To date, public spending on rabies control in India has been insufficient. As per the experts working in the field of rabies control in India, a considerable amount of money in India is

disseminated throughout countries and regions each year without need for recurrent monetary resources. The state of Karnataka and Sikkim in India have also introduced information about rabies in school curricula recently. Resourceful individuals and other change agents in the society can create their own educational material on and posters regarding rabies control and elimination and distribute it in their neighborhood and share it on social media to create awareness. Events can be organized in the community including schools and health centers with messages displayed prominently in important places and distribution of educational materials to the public to share and spread the message. Putting out ads and messages about prevention of rabies in the print media as well as radio and television highlighting the importance of rabies elimination. Doctors (both vets and medics) and health personnel, especially those working in endemic areas should be encouraged to educate their community about rabies and its prevention. Pet clinics can offer subsidized vaccinations for pets and urge owners to vaccinate their pets. The government and local administration should also get actively involved in the campaign to eliminate rabies from India by ensuring community participation at all level.

India accounts for nearly 50% of the global rabies mortality and it is mainly due to people's deep-rooted cultural and religious beliefs connected with dog bites and rabies, poorly functioning health and civil registration system, misplaced faith on traditional medicine systems and home remedies hinder the use of appropriate and timely medical interventions to prevent rabies and most importantly less public awareness about the disease. There is no organised national rabies control programme in India. Rabies control is generally confined to small urban pockets, with minimal intersectoral coordination. India need to implement a nationwide, multisectoral rabies control initiative. In addition to public health surveillance, animal census and implementation of dog licensing rules, other targeted interventions for control and eradication of rabies in India must include efficient waste management, animal birth control and anti-rabies vaccination and most importantly it must include wide spread public awareness about the deadly disease rabies.

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be a good strategy to be adopted in rural areas where census and tracking of stray and wild animals is difficult and accepted strategies of ABC-ARV may be logistically very difficult. Another common practice in rural as well as urban India is the practice of dumping solid waste, including animal carcasses, at common mounds on the outskirts of the villages and cities. This invites stray dogs and wild animals to the vicinity of human residence and increases the possibility of rabies transmission. Hence solid waste management, including disposal of animal carcasses, needs to be an important component of stray dog population control.

Though there are several reasons for continued human rabies deaths in India like uncontrolled canine population, the insufficient vaccination programme, inefficient or nil waste management system but it has been demonstrated in multiple research studies that the major cause for India's poor position

being spent on raising awareness of diseases like tuberculosis, malaria, and HIV but India's deaths caused by rabies would be radically reduced, if only a tenth of that sum was spent on raising awareness about rabies

Community leaders and veterinary doctors can play a great role in raising education and awareness of the community as many individuals rely on their advice and visit them regularly in case of dog bite and other such incidence. Introducing syllabi regarding rabies and appropriate wound management in school may be a cost-effective way of raising awareness against this deadly disease. Countries like Sri Lanka, Malawi, Indonesia and the Philippines have incorporated rabies awareness in their school curricula to boost their rabies control efforts and have found good results. The incorporation of rabies education into school curricula is not simply a one-time educational event, but rather a sustained effort as information becomes

Sacred Navaratri

This 'Navaratri' means nine nights which bringing newness to the ratri or night darkness in our lives. In other words, this



festivals seeks to inspire a spiritual awakening. Three reasons why the celebrations are spread nine nights in all over India. In this first 3 days we invoke 'Saraswati' goddess of learning and the first three days we pay tribute to Laxmi, goddess of wealth and the last three days are devoted to Durga or Parvati goddess of strength. In order to eradicate the darkness in our lives, we need the blessings of Saraswati, Laxmi & Durga respectively. Books are not enough to learning but from the experiences of life we can learn many things. So we should open our eyes with devotion for learning. We generally operate from like and dislike. We are filled with likes and dislikes and hence our perceptions are polluted by the perceiver. Our listening is backed by likes and dislikes and our thinking is grounded on likes and dislikes.

So there is no freedom in perceptions in listening and even in thinking to be free to learn involves not operating from likes

and dislikes. So we need to learn to transform so likes in to love and love in to devotion. When our ground of being comes from 'devotion' the very attempt becomes a prayer and si it is a festival; a celebration. As per Durga Saptasati, there is a narration of a demon called Dhoomra Lochana which means 'Foggy perception; Dhoomra means 'Foggy and Lochana means perception' our perception can be foggy when we are imprisoned by likes and dislikes. Our ego is nothing but darkness and to dispel such darkness a new light of understanding. The Navaratri meaning really the ending the

Uma Sankar Prasad

darkness of nights by bringing in new light of understanding.

How can our perception come from devotion? One has put aside likes and dislikes. In our daily lives, in the simple act of looking at a flower or listening to someone, can we put aside like and dislike and learn to look or listen from totality. Then a new learning or new light emerges. Then we involving Goddess Saraswati. In other word, can we look at life without the frame from being our likes, dislikes, ego and expectations? Goddess Laxmi denotes wealth. Wealth is



not just money or material well being. There is richness or wealth in life, the richness one sees in a flower, the richness one perceives through the sun, stars, in the every experiences of life. Experiencing the richness of 'what is' as 'what is' is the essence of praying to Goddess Laxmi. One can perceive a great wealth through one's eyes, ears or brain. They are indeed a reservoir of wealth in each one of us. Rejoicing thankfully for what we are blessed with is truly respecting Laxmi. Goddess Durga or Parvati represents strength. Even a blade of grass or a fragile flower or thin leaf is a store house of vast strength if one were to observe them closely. Plants are a source of many herbal medicines. So there is strength. There is shakti a form of Parvati, in them, is it not? Similarly in one's commitment, in expression of Purity, in doing good to others there is shakti and thus there the presence of Durga. We need the power or blessing of Saraswati, Laxmi and Parvati learning wealth and strength respectively what represents night or darkness in our lives? It is the ego. When understanding of the three goddess dawn in one's life, it is indeed victory over oneself. Hence, it is celebration in the form of Vijayadashami on the tenth day of Navaratri.

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Vote in Ukraine's Russia-held regions for annexation stokes tension with West

KYIV: Kremlin-orchestrated referendums that are expected to serve as a pretext for Moscow to annex Russian-held regions of

NATO will steer clear from direct meddling in the conflict in that case." The United States has dismissed the

the country, fueled protests in many regions across Russia and sparked occasional acts of violence. On Monday, a gunman opened fire in an enlistment office in a Siberian city and gravely wounded the local chief military recruitment officer. The shooting came after scattered arson attacks on enlistment offices. With Putin's back against the wall amid Ukraine's recent battlefield successes, Russian media speculated he might follow up on last week's partial mobilization order by declaring martial law and shutting the nation's borders for all men of fighting age. Russian officials announced plans to set up a military recruitment office right on the border with Georgia, one of the main routes of the exodus. As Moscow works to build up its troops in Ukraine, Russian shelling continued to claim

abuses committed by Russia and Ukraine between Feb. 1 and July 31, a period that covers the first five months of Russia's invasion. Matilda Bogner, the mission's chief, said Ukrainian prisoners of war appeared to have faced "systematic" mistreatment, "not only upon their capture, but also following their transfer to places of internment" in Russian-controlled areas of Ukraine and Russia itself. The Ukraine war is still gripping world attention, as it causes widespread shortages and rising prices not only for food but for energy, inflation hitting the cost of living everywhere, and growing global inequality. The talk of nuclear war has only deepened the concern.

Misery and hardship are often the legacy of Russia's occupation of Ukrainian areas now recaptured by Kyiv's forces. Some people have had no gas, electricity, running water or internet since March.

The war has brought an energy crunch for much of Western Europe, with German officials seeing the disruption of Russian supplies as a power play by the Kremlin to pressure Europe over its support for Ukraine.

Communal workers clean the debris from the street in front of a heavily damaged building after a Russian attack in Sloviansk, Ukraine. (Photo | AP)

The German economy ministry said Tuesday



Ukraine concluded Tuesday as the preordained outcome of the votes heightened tension between Russia and the West. Moscow-backed officials in the four occupied regions in southern and eastern Ukraine said polls closed Tuesday afternoon after five days of voting and the counting of ballots had started.

The annexation of the regions which could happen as soon as Friday sets the stage for a dangerous new phase in the seven-month war in Ukraine. Russia warned it could resort to deploying nuclear weapons to defend its own territory, including newly acquired lands.

After the five days of balloting, "the situation will radically change from the legal viewpoint, from the point of view of international law, with all the corresponding consequences for protection of those areas and ensuring their security," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Tuesday.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has talked up Moscow's nuclear option since last week following a Ukrainian counteroffensive that led to recent battlefield setbacks and has the Kremlin's forces increasingly cornered.

The balloting that started Friday in the Kherson, Zaporizhzhia, Luhansk and Donetsk regions and a call-up of Russian military reservists ordered by Putin are other strategies aimed at buttressing Moscow's exposed position.

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Dmitry Medvedev, the deputy head of the Russian Security Council chaired by Putin, spelled out the threat in the bluntest terms yet Tuesday.

"Let's imagine that Russia is forced to use the most powerful weapon against the Ukrainian regime that has committed a large-scale act of aggression, which is dangerous for the very existence of our state," Medvedev wrote on his messaging app channel. "I believe that

Kremlin's nuclear talk as scare tactics.

Jake Sullivan, the U.S. national security adviser, responded to Putin's nuclear threats from last week. Sullivan told NBC on Sunday that Russia would pay a high, unspecified, price if Moscow made good on threats to use nuclear weapons in the war in Ukraine.

The referendums ask residents whether they want the areas to become part of Russia. But the voting has been anything but free or fair. Tens of thousands of residents had already fled the regions amid the war, and images shared by those who remained showed armed Russian troops going door-to-door to pressure Ukrainians into voting.

Mariupol Mayor Vadym Boychenko, who left the port city after the Russians finally seized it following a months-long siege, said only about 20% of the 100,000 estimated remaining residents cast ballots in the Donetsk referendum. Mariupol had a pre-war population of 541,000.

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"A man toting an assault rifle comes to your home and asks you to vote, so what can people do?" Boychenko said during a news conference, explaining how people were coerced into voting.

Western allies sided firmly with Ukraine, dismissing the referendum votes as a sham.

French Foreign Minister Catherine Colonna said while visiting Kyiv on Tuesday that France was determined "to support Ukraine and its sovereignty and territorial integrity." She described the ballots as "mock referendums." Ukrainian officials said Paris and Kyiv had moved closer to an agreement that would Ukrainian forces with French Caesar artillery systems.

Meanwhile, the mass call-up of Russians to active military duty has to some degree backfired on Putin.

It has triggered a massive exodus of men from

lives. At least 11 civilians were killed and 18 others wounded by Russian barrages in 24 hours, Ukraine's presidential office said Tuesday.

Among the casualties were eight people, including a 15-year-old boy, who were killed by a Russian strike on the town of Pervomaikyi in the northeastern Kharkiv region. Pavlo Kyrylenko, governor of the eastern Donetsk region where shells killed three people, said that "every day of the referendum we count more dead in the Donbas, and those sad numbers show Russia's real goals."

Donetsk and Luhansk, which Moscow-backed separatists have partly controlled for eight years, together make up Ukraine's industrial Donbas region.

A monitoring mission set up by the U.N. human rights office on Tuesday issued its first comprehensive look at rights violations and



that the Nord Stream 1 pipeline leading from Russia to Europe has reported a drop in pressure, only hours after a leak was reported in the Nord Stream 2 pipeline in the Baltic Sea off Denmark. Both pipelines were built to carry natural gas from Russia to Europe.

The extent of the damage means that the pipelines are unlikely to be able to carry any gas to Europe this winter even if there was the political will to bring them online, analysts at the Eurasia Group said.

Peskov, the Kremlin spokesman, said the problems were "very alarming" and would be investigated.

Meta, which owns Facebook and Instagram, revealed another prong of Russia's offensive: a sprawling disinformation network.

The network originating in Russia aimed to use hundreds of fake social media accounts and dozens of sham news websites to spread biased Kremlin talking points about the invasion of Ukraine, Meta said Tuesday.

Chinese President Xi Jinping appears in public for first time after returning from SCO summit

BEIJING: Chinese President Xi Jinping on Tuesday visited an exhibition of the Communist Party, appearing in public for the first time after his return from the SCO summit on September 16, which sparked rumours about his absence from the limelight ahead of next month's key Congress of the ruling party.

Xi on Tuesday visited an exhibition on the great achievements of the Communist Party of China and the country over the past decade, the state-run Xinhua news agency reported.

Speaking at the exhibition, he called for concerted efforts to forge ahead determinedly toward a new victory of socialism with Chinese

characteristics, the report said.

This is the first time official media reported on his public appearance after his return home from the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Samarkand, Uzbekistan on September 16.

Observers say that Xi not being seen in public may have been due to seven days mandatory quarantine in a designated place followed by a three-day home stay as per the official guidelines for those returning from abroad under the Dynamic Zero COVID policy, firmly advocated by Xi himself. His absence sparked

rumours of tensions within the CPC which is all set to hold its once-in-a-five-year Congress on October 16 in which 69-year-old Xi is widely expected to get endorsement for a record third-term.

Scotching rumours and speculation over tensions within the CPC over Xi's continuation, the party on Sunday announced that all delegates totalling nearly 2,300 were "elected" for the Congress under the guidelines set by Xi. A total of 2,296 delegates were "elected" to attend the upcoming 20th National Congress of the CPC to be held on October 16, the party said in a statement. The delegates were

elector under the guidance of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era and in accordance with the Party's Constitution, adopting methods required by the CPC Central Committee, it said. The Congress, in which Xi is expected to get endorsed for an unprecedented third term, is being held amid a big purge of top security officials, stated to be part of a political clique opposed to the Chinese President.

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Three security officials were sentenced to death with a two-year reprieve for indulging in corruption, raising eyebrows about the sudden surge of punishments ahead of the Congress. Sun Lijun, former vice minister of public security who was accused of heading a political clique opposed to Xi, was sentenced to death on Friday with a two-year reprieve for taking bribes, manipulating the stock market and illegally possessing firearms by the Intermediate People's Court of Changchun in northeast China's Jilin Province.

A day before that the same court sentenced Fu Zhenghua, former Justice Minister and one of China's most powerful

police chiefs, to death with a two-year reprieve for indulging in corruption amounting to USD 17.3 million and abuse of power.

Hours later, the same court gave a similar sentence to former Jiangsu official Wang Like.

He was also sentenced to death with a two-year reprieve for bribery, conniving with criminal gangs and faking identity cards, official media here reported.

Since he came to power in 2012, Xi has carried out a shock and awe anti-corruption campaign in which over a million officials, including dozens of top military officers, were punished.

The CPC holds a Con-

gress every five years. But this year's Congress is regarded as significant, as it is a leadership change year for the century-old party.

Xi, heading the party, the military and Presidency, is due to complete his 10-year tenure. As per the norm widely followed since the death of party founder Mao Zedong in 1976, all Xi's predecessors strictly followed a 10-year tenure keeping up with the directive of Mao's successor Deng Xiaoping. Deng, regarded as Paramount Leader for his pragmatic social and economic policies introducing market reforms diluting socialist ideology, directed the leaders to strictly confine to

a 10-year tenure to ensure the emergence of new and collective leadership to avert some of the excesses like the Cultural Revolution pursued by Mao in which millions of people were killed in the name of ideological experimentation. Indications are that Xi, who is conferred with the title of "core leader" like Mao, is expected to continue in power for a third term and perhaps for life, which reportedly caused consternation among some of the 96-million-member strong party.

About 20 Congress MLAs meet CM Gehlot at his residence in Jaipur

JAIPUR: About 20 Rajasthan Congress MLAs met Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot's at his residence here on Tues-

Meena Kumari, Rafiq Khan, Khushveer Jojawa, Amit Chachan, Madan Prajapat and Jagdish Jangid.

ister Ashok Gehlot resigned over a possible move to appoint Pilot as Gehlot's successor, their rebellion

Monday as the chances of Gehlot becoming the party chief receded and other names cropped up for the post.



day evening, indicating solidarity with the leader amid turmoil in the party's state unit.

Sources said the MLAs included ministers Bhanwar Singh Bhati, Saleh Mohammad, Ashok Chandna, Sukhram Vishnoi, and MLAs

The sources said Gehlot told them to go back to their areas and work strongly. The MLAs had sought time to meet the CM. The Congress in Rajasthan plunged into a crisis on Sunday as several MLAs loyal to Chief Min-

istering just ahead of a Congress Legislature Party (CLP) meeting.

Upset over the open rebellion, Congress president Sonia Gandhi sought a written report on it from party observers Mallikarjun Kharge and Ajay Maken on

The Congress observers on Tuesday recommended disciplinary action against Gehlot loyalists Cabinet Minister Shanti Dhariwal, Congress Chief Whip in the Assembly Mahesh Joshi and MLA Dharmendra Rathore.

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



all Odisha has come from DCDA, Sonepur 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 felici-

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

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 resig-

nation, 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 appointed 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.

Bhubaneswar Corporation to develop software for real time information on parking in City soon

BHUBANESWAR: After deciding to introduce electronic ticketing machines (ETMs) in all parking lots of the City within a fortnight, the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) is now planning to develop a software for parking management and integrate it with Bhubaneswar.me portal to provide real time information on availability of parking

space to citizens. BMC Commissioner Vijay Amruta Kulange said the civic body will soon develop a software for the purpose and integrate it with existing portal. The digital service will help people know which parking area is public and which private. The service will help track real time information on occupancy of parking lots.




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Myanmar-Thailand border point where 150 Indian techies are trapped in control of rebel group

NEW DELHI: The Karen National Liberation Army (KNLA), a heavily-armed Myanmar rebel group fighting the military junta in that country, is suspected to be providing "protection" to an

neers, mostly from Tamil Nadu and Kerala, were entrapped in a job racket that four companies, primarily managed by some Dubai-based Chinese nationals, ran to force these Indians

tarily-disturbed district has also prevented Indian officials from reaching anywhere near the Thailand-Myanmar border. In a joint operation on September 20, the KNLA and its political wing,

the KNLA, firing rockets and using the air force to bomb the area.

In one of the biggest operations against the KNLA in June 2020, the Thai army intercepted a large weapons consign-



organised Malaysian-Chinese gang which continues to hold at least 150 Indian IT professionals trapped at a location on the Myanmar-Thailand border.

Sources in Indian security agencies revealed that Myanmar's Myawaddy district in Karen State, which is in the control of the KNLA and has seen frequent gun battles between armed cadres of the insurgent group and the Myanmar army in the recent past, has also been a centre of gun-running for some years. The KNLA and even the Arakan Army, another insurgent group, have traditionally "favoured" using Myawaddy as an important part of the route used by the outfits to bring in heavy weapons from China.

The software engi-

professionals to launch cyber fraud, including those related to crypto-currency and other related crimes. While 32 such Indians were rescued since the fraud came to light in July, others are said to have paid a hefty ransom to free themselves.

The Ministry of External Affairs has been trying to use available resources in Myanmar and Thailand to help rescue the techies, but the lack of precise on-the-ground information is delaying officials' efforts to secure the release of the software engineers still stuck in and around Myawaddy.

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The KNLA's large presence in the mili-

the Karen National Union (KNU), along with another armed outfit, seized a military base at Kyeik village in Kawkanek district adjoining Myawaddy. In a second attack in August, a KNLA raid killed 13 policemen.

In April, the United States Drug Enforcement Agency arrested four representatives of the KNLA, the Myanmar Shan State Army (South) and United Wa State Army for allegedly trying to procure surface-to-air missiles. On March 13, the KNLA captured four Myanmar soldiers at Waw Lay near Dooplaya near the Thailand-Myanmar border. Nine days later, the outfit "overran" a Myanmar army base at Mawkee village before seizing a large cache of weapons. But on May 30, the junta's ground and air forces hit back at

ment at Mae Sot (in Thailand) across Myawaddy, seizing Chinese M16, M79, AK-47 and M5.56 rifles, grenade launchers and thousands of rounds of ammunition besides arresting six persons, including four ethnic Karen and Rakhine persons.

At that time, Suchitra Durai, the Indian envoy in Thailand, suspecting that part of the weapons were intended for use by northeast insurgent groups, had visited Tak province in that country to urge Thai investigators to share more details on the consignment's source and destination.

For several years in the past, weapons would be smuggled to northeast insurgent groups operating out of Myanmar's Sagaing Division that border Nagaland and Mizoram.

Zero brokerage biz model faces threat

Mumbai: In a move that could change the revenue model of brokers and exchanges, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch on Wednesday said that the markets regulator is working on an Asba-like facility for secondary market transactions. Experts pointed out that the primary revenue for brokers and exchanges has been the float money lying with them and implementing any Asba-like structure could force them to start charging brokerage again. In the Application Supported by Blocked Amount (Asba) system, money from a primary market applicant's account is deducted on allocation of shares in an IPO.

Speaking at the Global Fintech Fest here, Buch said in an initial public offering (IPO), the Asba system helps ensure that money from an investor gets moved only when an allotment happens.

"We are now actively engaged in looking at Asba-like (facility) for the secondary market. So if that can be done for the primary market, why can't it be done for the secondary market?" Buch wondered.

Such an instrument for the secondary market will remove structural vulnerabilities, said Buch.

"If your business model is such that it is going to increase concentration risk or structural vulnerability, chances are that sooner or later the regulator will move to eliminate," she said.

Dhirendra Kumar, founder and CEO of Value Research, a mutual fund and other investment research

firm, said, "Many brokers have run away with investors' money in the recent past. If investors do not have to pay money till they get the shares, then buying shares will become safer. This has the potential to change the brokerage industry completely. Maybe brokers will have to start charging brokerage again."

Calls and text messages to discount brokerages Zerodha and ICICI Direct remained unanswered. J.N. Gupta, former executive director, Sebi, said, "Any measure for protecting investors is always a good move. However we will have to wait till the contours are known."

Referring to algo trading, Buch said that any business model that relies on a black box not open to sunlight, where its offering or claims cannot be audited or validated, will not be permitted. "Sebi is not against algo trading, but certain principles must be followed to make the process transparent," she said. "If algos claim they can deliver 350 per cent return, they must be able to simulate it in an independent arrangement so that Sebi can validate. It cannot be a black box not open to sunlight to sanitise it."

Elaborating on how the Sebi is working to narrow down the regulatory gap, Buch shared principles that could help fintech entities get the regulatory go-ahead. First of all, she said, financial technology companies (fintech) must not play on anonymity nor they build barriers for investors or customers.

Rupee rises 9 paise to close at 81.58 against US dollar

MUMBAI: The rupee consolidated in a narrow range and settled 9 paise higher at 81.58 (provisional) against the US dollar on Tuesday as the American currency retreated from its elevated levels.

"Expectation is that the central bank could raise rates by 50 bps and maintain a hawkish stance. The pound plunged further after the Finance Minister sent the currency and its government bonds into freefall," Somaiya



At the interbank forex market, the local unit opened at 81.45 against the greenback. It witnessed an intra-day high of 81.30 and a low of 81.64 during the session.

It finally ended at 81.58, up 9 paise from its previous close.

This is the first gain after four consequent sessions of losses for the rupee, during which it lost 193 paise against the American dollar. On Monday, the rupee plunged 58 paise to close at an all-time low of 81.67 against the dollar.

"Rupee consolidated in a narrow range after falling to fresh lows in Monday's session. There are some reports suggesting that India's inclusion into the key government bond index could get pushed back to next year," Gaurang Somaiya, Forex & Bullion Analyst, Motilal Oswal Financial Services, said.

On the domestic front, the focus will be on the RBI policy statement due on Friday.

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

NEW DELHI: Corporate India is bullish about its strong business performance and expected to dole out a double-

and volatile domestic inflation, salary increases projected in India for 2023 are in the double digits," Roopank

projected increase, followed by start-ups at 12.7 per cent, hi-tech/information technology and information technol-

cial 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.



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 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

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 performance.

"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. 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

ogy-enabled services at 11.3 per cent, and finan-

BJD plans massive show of strength during Nadda's visit to Odisha

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The revival of the yatra has been announced at a time when the Congress is planning a three-month long Bharat Jodo Yatra in Odisha from October 31, to be attended by senior party leaders from across the country.

In a letter to all senior leaders, observers, senior and block functionaries, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik said on the closing day on November 2, all elected representatives, functionaries and office-bearers will have to take pledge to rededicate themselves for the betterment and development of the State and its people.

The CM said that during the yatra, Gandhi and Shastri Jayanti, Utkalmani Gopabandhu Jayanti and Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan Jayanti on October 2, 9 and 11 will be celebrated by party leaders and workers at their respective level. Party workers will try to reach every family during the padayatra to make aware about the welfare measures launched by the State government for the benefit of different sections of people, he added.

Warning to the non-striker is right spirit of game, says Muttiah Muralitharan

Indian all-rounder Deepti Sharma is in the news for being the first woman cricketer to run out

the ball. At Lord's on Saturday, she was knocked off the stumps at non-striker's end when

thus the first instance of the woman ODI ended abruptly. Indian spinner R. Ashwin, who had also

similar fashion in the IPL has praised Deepti Sharma's "presence of mind" and stated that the

wicket and be given the bravery award. He may have said this in jest as the bowler is never credited for the

Muralitharan. Speaking exclusively over the telephone from Cuttack, where he is playing the Leg-

would play international matches if he or she has no presence of mind. I would have appreciated Deepti (Sharma) if she had given the warning to the non-striker first. It would have been in the right spirit of the game then".

"Yes, lawfully, she (Deepti Sharma) was right in running out the non-striker but that's in the law and not in the spirit of the game. The white ball game is a pressure game and in a tight situation the non-striker may have left the crease early and if this act by the non-striker is repeated, the run out is justified. Not otherwise in my opinion".

India's former wicket-keeper Syed Kirmani also echoed the same views. "Where is the Bravery & presence of mind" and a "BRAVERY AWARD" Haha!!! Sorry Ashwin, you have been a party to

such Bravery in the past. Come on guys, bring back the gentleman spirit into the game".

"If the Bowler feels that the non-striker is taking advantage of backing, the right spirit is to warn him/her (like Courtney Walsh/Viv Richards). If a non-striker continues after warning then the bowler is legitimate to run him out", Kirmani added. Rita Dey, who was a selector when Deepti Sharma started playing cricket sees no point in warning. "Law is a law! The ICC made the rule then why there are irrelevant questions? It's (running out) fair. The batter was completely out of crease by miles before the ball gets delivered and the rule is under ICC legitimate rules. No point in questioning if it's fair or not", she said



the England batsman Charlie Dean was out without delivering of the crease and

ran out England batsman Jos Buttler in a

bowler should be credited with the

run out wicket but his comments have not gone well with the world's highest wicket taker Muttiah

ends League in India, legendary off-spinner Murali says, "what presence of mind? No cricketer

England, India cricketers bicker over 'Mankad' controversy

LONDON: The fallout from the controversial ending to the women's one-day international series between England and India shows no sign of ending.

India secured victory in the third ODI at Lord's on Saturday — and thereby clinched the series 3-0 — when spinner Deepti Sharma stopped in her delivery stride to run out England's Charlie Dean as she backed up at the non-striker's end in readiness to run.

This rare form of dismissal — known as a "Mankad" after Indian cricketer Vinoo

pires as well, but she was there (outside the crease). We couldn't do much."

It's a version of events contradicted by England captain Heather Knight.

"The game is over, Charlie was dismissed legitimately. India were deserved winners of the match and the series," Knight wrote on Twitter on Monday. "But no warnings were given. They don't need to be given, so it hasn't made the dismissal any less legitimate."

"But if they're comfortable with the decision to (effect) the run-out, India shouldn't feel



Mankad, who first enacted it — is legitimate but is widely considered to be unsporting. The law covering it states that non-strikers are "liable to be run out" if they have left their ground before the bowler "would normally have been expected to release the ball."

However, many believe it to be contrary to what is often referred to as the spirit of cricket, the preamble to the laws of the game that advocates a notion of fair play but is open to interpretation.

There has traditionally been an unwritten convention that a bowler should warn a batter with a tendency to back up too far that they could run them out.

And Deepti has said the team had "repeatedly" warned Dean for leaving the crease too early.

"We did things as per the rules and guidelines," she said after India returned home, according to cricinfo.com. "We told the un-

the need to justify it by lying about warnings." The Marylebone Cricket Club, the Lord-based club regarded as the guardian of the laws of cricket, got involved to say the game was "properly officiated."

"MCC's message to non-strikers continues to be to remain in their ground until they have seen the ball leave the bowler's hand," it said in a statement.

The MCC announced this year that the regulation concerning this form of dismissal would be moved from the unfair play section of the laws to the run-out section.

England seamer Kate Cross described the regulation as "wishy-washy" and said it needed to be clarified.

"I think there needs to be the warning moving forward and they need to clear up the rules on where the front foot lands, or where the bowler is bowling from. Just make it really clear," Cross said.

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