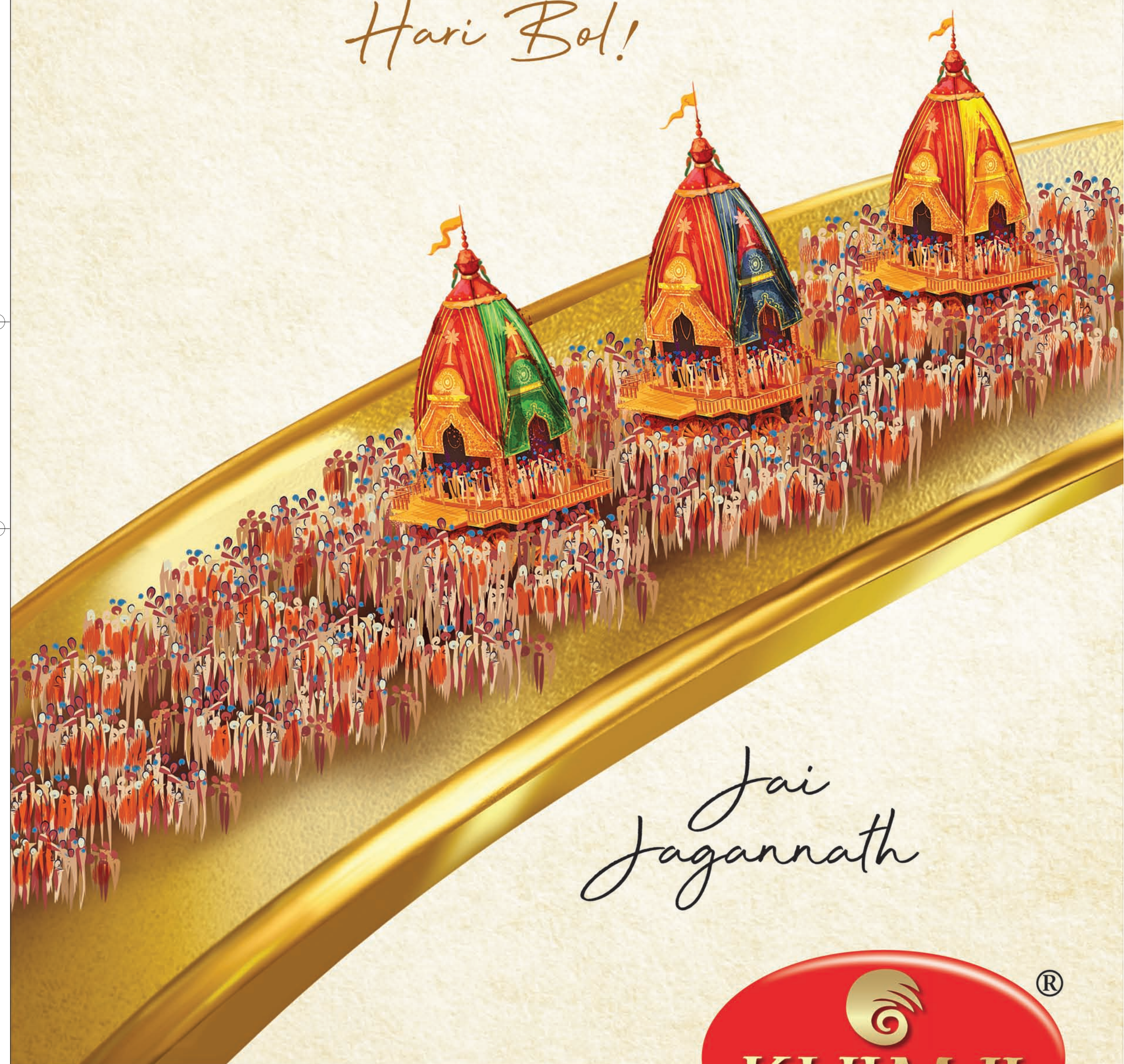




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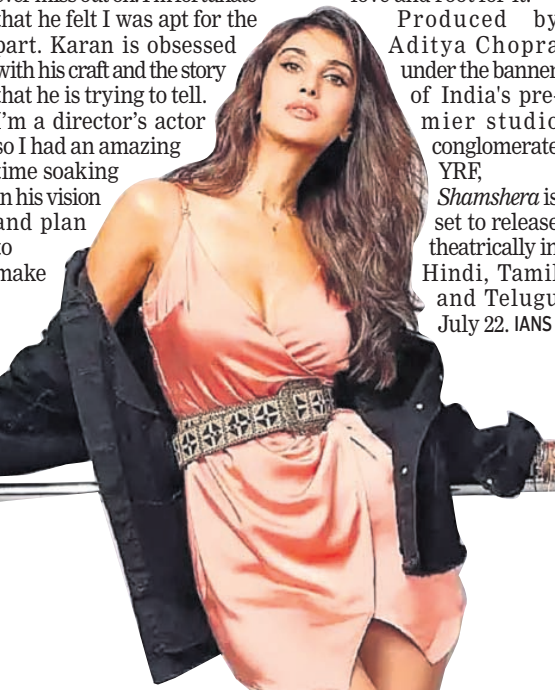


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Vaani calls herself a director's actor

Mumbai: Actress Vaani Kapoor, who is gearing up for the release of her upcoming film *Shamshera*, is extremely happy to collaborate with Ranbir, and feels that Karan Malhotra, the director of the film, is a visionary story-teller.

Elaborating the same, Vaani said, "*Shamshera* is a dream project for me. To be directed by someone like Karan Malhotra, who is a visionary story-teller, is an opportunity that no actor would ever miss out on. I'm fortunate that he felt I was apt for the part. Karan is obsessed with his craft and the story that he is trying to tell. I'm a director's actor so I had an amazing time soaking in his vision and plan to make

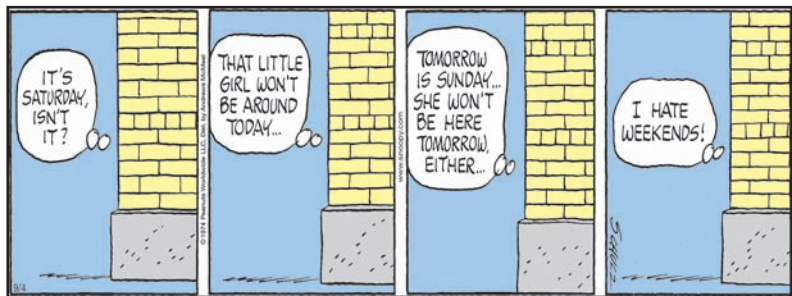


Shamshera a truly larger than life big screen spectacle."

Talking about her pairing opposite Ranbir Kapoor, the actress added, "I'm also teaming up with one of the best actors of our generation, Ranbir Kapoor in the film. This is the first time that we have been paired together on screen and I'm keeping my fingers crossed that people love our chemistry in the film. Our characters have an amazing graph and I hope people love and root for it."

Produced by Aditya Chopra under the banner of India's premier studio conglomerate YRF, *Shamshera* is set to release theatrically in Hindi, Tamil and Telugu July 22. IANS

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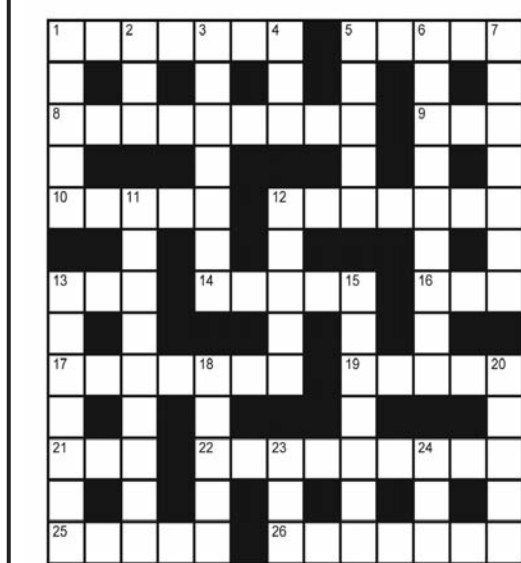


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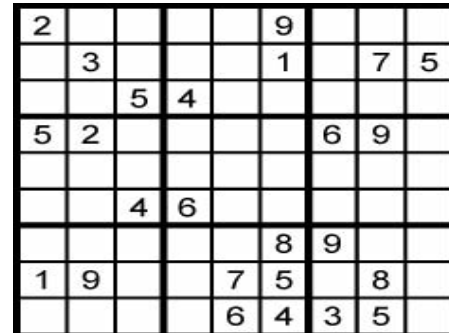


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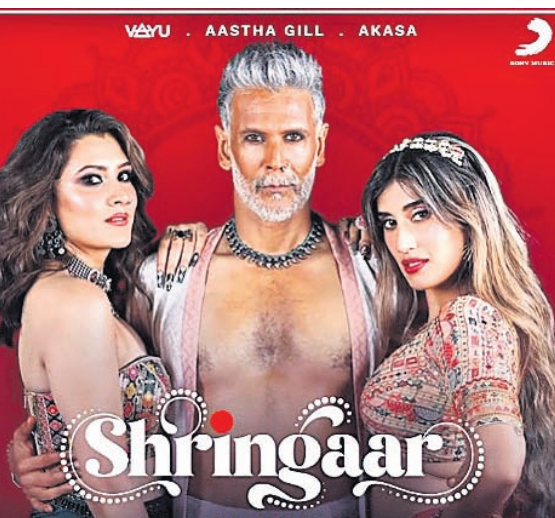
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SOLUTIONS



Milind returns to music videos after 25 years

Mumbai: Actor and model Milind Soman is returning to music videos after 25 years with a party song, *Shringaar*. Composed by Vayu with rap by Raftaar, *Shringaar* has been sung by Akasa and Aastha Gill and directed and choreographed by Punit J Pathak.

Sharing his experience, Milind says: "It was so super fun to do a music video after 25 years. When *Shringaar* came my way, I instantly loved the track, and wanted to be a part of it. The track has a great vibe and I'm super excited to work with the amazingly talented Aastha, Akasa and Raftaar, who make the song what it is. *Shringaar* is undoubtedly the party anthem of the year and not just me, my mother and my wife also loved the song."

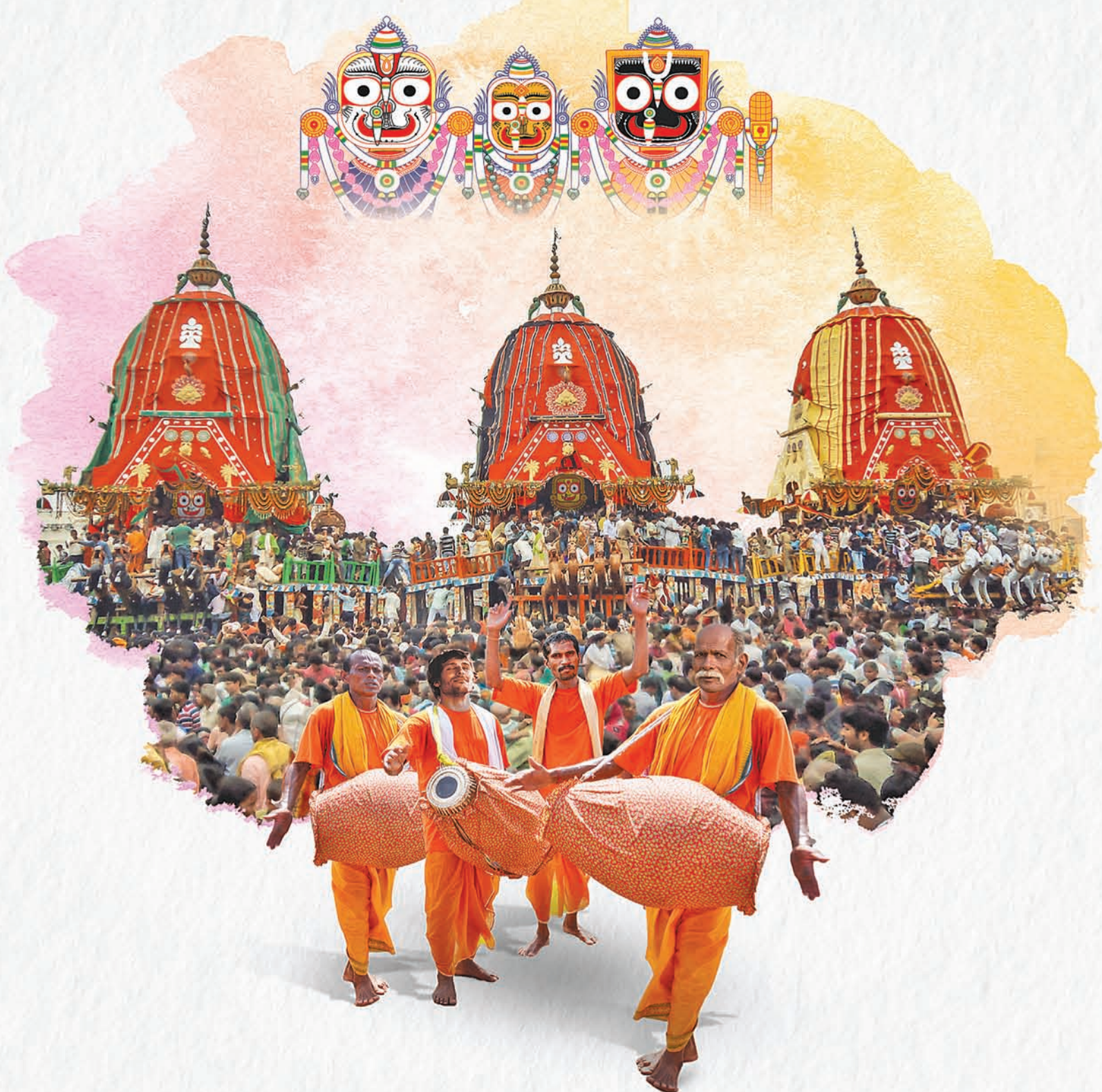
Speaking about *Shringaar*, Raftaar adds: "It has been a pleasure working with Aastha, Akasa, Vayu and Milind Soman. They are super talented artists, honest and dedicated. With the right kind of lyrics and composition, I don't doubt its potential to dominate the party scene. It's a fascinating dance number that I loved rapping for." IANS

Raashi Khanna thanks fans

Chennai: Actress Raashi Khanna, who plays the female lead in director Maruthi's *Pakka Commercial* which is scheduled to hit screens this Friday, expressed her heartfelt gratitude to fans for their unconditional support to her.

Talking to Instagram, the actress said, "The crazy schedules, the 24-hour shifts, the night shoots, the diets, the workouts, the multiple city hopping - every second feels worth it when I get to meet you and see your love and enthusiasm. Thank you for all your love and support." IANS

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Stage set for deities' 9-day sojourn

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(From L) The chariots of Lord Balabhadra, Devi Subhadra and Lord Jagannath parked in front of the Lions' Gate of Srimandir on the eve of Rath Yatra in Puri (MORE P5)

10 to 15 lakh devotees on the Grand Road during this year's Rath Yatra," said an official.

Meanwhile, the carpenters have completed chariot construction work at Rath Yard. Moreover, the three chariots have been pulled to the Lions' Gate of Srimandir after receiving Agyan Mala (consent) of the presiding deities of Srimandir, said a servitor.

As per the tradition, Nandighosa chariot of Lord Jagannath was the first to be pulled to the Lions' Gate of the shrine which was followed by Darpadalan of Devi Subhadra and Taladhwa of Lord Balabhadra. **Contd...P2**

Rath Yatra in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid-19 pandemic. "Around 8 lakh devotees used to through the Holy City during the annual festival in the pre-Covid era. However, the district administration is expecting the congregation of

In a twist, Shinde gets Maha throne

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, June 30: Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde was Thursday sworn in as the 20th chief minister of Maharashtra, while BJP stalwart Devendra Fadnavis took oath as the deputy chief minister, capping a day of surprises and hectic political activities, just 24 hours after the collapse of the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government.



Earlier, BJP president JP Nadda said Fadnavis would be part of the new Maharashtra cabinet led by Shinde, minutes after Fadnavis announced he will not be in the government.

"Development of the state is my priority. I will take all sections of society along with me," Shinde said after the ceremony. "Shinde always took care of his supporters and party workers. For the first time, a legislator from Thane district has become the chief minister. We are delighted with this decision," said a supporter.

In a surprise move, Fadnavis announced in the evening that Shinde, who led the rebellion in the Shiv Sena, will be the new chief minister, while he himself will be out of the new government, only to change his stand and become the deputy CM following prodding from his party's central leadership.

Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari administered the oath of office to Shinde and his deputy Fadnavis at the Raj Bhavan in South Mumbai shortly after 7.30 pm.

Shinde, a four-time MLA, began oath taking by paying tributes to late Shiv Sena leaders Bal Thackeray and Anand Dighe, his political mentor in Thane district.

Bhubaneswar: Amid an uptick in Covid-19 cases, the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) Thursday made it mandatory for people to wear face masks at public places. In an advisory, the civic body said apart from wearing face masks, people will also have to maintain social distancing of two metres at all times in public places. Violators will be penalised, it said. The BMC area logged 69 new cases Thursday, 10 more than the previous day.

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ARIES
You can make a difference to others' lives. Considerate and thoughtful, today, you will be treasured more than ever as a boss, colleague, parent or beloved. Utilise this exchange of energy to sort out difficult issues. Ganesh gives a thumbs up to mega projects.

TAURUS
Ganesh sees you taking a day off from your work and immersing your self in domestic activities. A lot of time will be spent blissfully with your family folk chatting away or doing this and that. The idea of getting your interiors redone and give your house a new look will surely occur to you.

GEMINI
There is a likelihood of some household disturbance cropping up today. Your family members could make a lot of demands from you. You may feel angry because of your inability to meet all their needs and wants. Unexpected expenses are also indicated.

CANCER
Watch out for winds of change and act accordingly. Ganesh warns you of drowning in a strong current. Your task will be easier if you adjust to circumstances. Fun and entertainment are today's password. In the social sector business, you will have success.

LEO
You are advised to be more attentive to your work today. You will try to do the best work possible by putting in your maximum efforts. However, the results might turn out to be lower than your expectations. You need to be wary of excessive expenses or financial loss today.

VIRGO
The thinking cap is on your head, and a passionate pulse shall run through you today. Yet, by the mid-day, expect a laid-back, cavalier attitude to grip you. Government officials and other professionals will have an inspiringly assenting day.

LIBRA
Ganesh says you will give more importance to your family and there may be concerns about the health of a family member. There may be news from abroad regarding the health of a close family member, which may disturb you today. Do maintain your mental balance today and remember that this too shall pass.

SCORPIO
A cloud of emotions surrounds you today and you would like to spend the entire day in introspection and self-analysis. You will try to raise your bar at professional level. Your far sightedness and capability to understand human psychology promises a leader in you, says Ganesh.

SAGITTARIUS
You are in a mood to spend money of home décor, paintings or artefacts. Go ahead, and decorate your home. Ganesh foresees success on your cards today. Workplace has never been such an interesting place before.

CAPRICORN
The day will be a maze of complex problems and situations, but you will find your way out in no time, says Ganesh. At work, you may love to play the leader, but that makes you accountable, for both the good as well as the poor performance of your subordinates.

AQUARIUS
You know how to examine the nuts and bolts of every assignment or project, and it consumes your resources to a great extent. But, like a stitch in time saves nine, your meticulous planning minimises the chances of a loss or a failure, feels Ganesh.

PISCES
You could find yourself re-establishing contact with long lost friends abroad, possibly on matters of business. You will also likely find yourself attending social events. There is a possibility that those who are unmarried, may find their match in these social settings.

Odisha an 'Achiever' state in ease of doing biz

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, June 30: Odisha has been categorised as an 'Achiever' state in the implementation of Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP) for the year 2020.

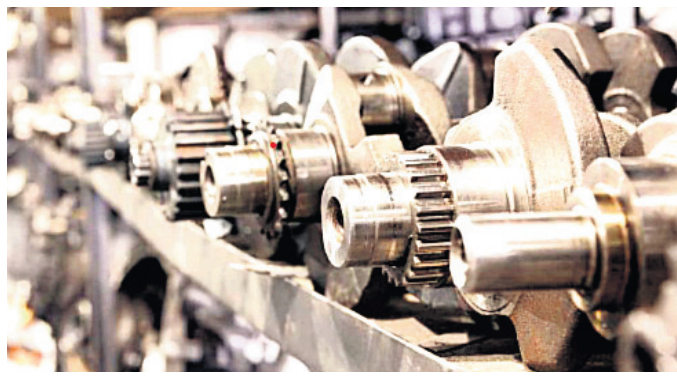
As per a report released by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) Friday, Odisha is among the six Achiever states with a score of more than 80 per cent in the user-feedback methodology adopted by the DPIIT.

Apart from Odisha, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh have been placed under the Achievers category.

Odisha has shown remarkable progress in the current cycle moving from 28th rank in the previous version of BRAP evaluation to being among the Achiever states by implementing over 90 per cent of the reforms suggested by DPIIT.

BRAP 2020 was the fifth edition of the reform exercise. It had 301 reforms spread over 15 reform themes and over 40 reform areas, which drove transformation in digitalisation, transparency, and investor confidence in the country.

Some of the major reforms carried out in the cycle by Odisha included setting up the new PAR-e-SHRAM portal, a one-stop solution for all services being provided by Labour and ES



department as well as integration of the same with GO-SWIFT portal, auto-renewal through online payment and elimination of renewal of 8 B2G services, digitization of land records, online systems for drug licenses, environmental clearances and digitization of excise services.

After failing to achieve the desired result in the BRAP 2019 cycle, the state government took several initiatives to create awareness about the services offered by the various departments, an official said.

A major reform undertaken by the state government is the Industry Care field visits by senior government officials in order to interact with MSMEs as well as large industries looking to seek resolution for their grievances.

In the last two years, seven Industry Care field visits have been taken up covering 18 districts.

During the visits, around 340 issues from over 140 major industries and at least 100 issues from around 80 MSMEs were discussed for quick resolution.

Further, District Investment Promotion Agencies (DIPA) were constituted in 10 districts to provide investment facilitation and after-care services.

IPICOL, the state's investment promotion and facilitation agency upgraded its single window system GO SWIFT with best-in-class features like unified payment system with trickle feed mechanism, single application for all G2B services, online document archival facility, grievance redressal mechanism and integration with the National Single Window System (NSWS).

The number of services provided through GO SWIFT has been increased from 34 services of 15 de-

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partments to 54 services of 18 departments, the official said.

Also, the average time taken to approve projects in the state now stands at less than 20 days. Due to these reforms, GO SWIFT has received 1,384 applications with potential investment of around Rs 5 lakh crore in the last two years.

Further, along with the reforms being carried out under the EODB BRAP exercise, the state government has also undertaken major reforms to minimise burdensome regulatory compliances and it has also brought in over 400 services under the Odisha Right to Public Services Act 2012 so as to ensure time-bound delivery of G2B and G2C services.

Bhubaneswar-Dubai direct flights soon: CM

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, June 30: Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has said that direct flights will be operated between Bhubaneswar and Dubai very soon.

Patnaik made this announcement while addressing the Odia diaspora in Dubai Wednesday.

Nearly one lakh people of Odisha live in the United Arab Emirates. Direct air connectivity between Dubai and Bhubaneswar has been their long-pending demand.

Chief Minister's private secretary VK Pandian, who is accompanying Patnaik in the foreign tour, said that the Odisha government has already proceeded with a viability gap funding (VGF) plan for direct flight services between Dubai and Bhubaneswar.

VGF is a grant provided to support infrastructure projects that are economically justified but fall short of financial viability.

While attending the programme, Chief Secretary SC Mohapatra said that the Odisha government will give subsidies to airlines willing to operate direct flights from Dubai to Bhubaneswar under the VGF scheme.

In that arrangement, the government provides subsidies to flight operators for a period of



three to six months for new destinations expecting that the operations would be financially viable within that period.

Once the air route becomes economically viable, the government need not give subsidies to the airlines, Mohapatra said.

The scheme was introduced for international flights from Bhubaneswar to Malaysia and Thailand two years ago. Later, it was extended to domestic flights, official sources said.

Prasanna Pradhan takes charge as BPIA director

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, June 30: Prasanna Pradhan Thursday took charge as the director of Biju Patnaik International Airport (BPIA) here, succeeding former director PR Beuria.

An engineering graduate, Pradhan has vast experience in the field of Air Traffic Management, Aviation Economics, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) standards and recommended practices. Prior to his appointment as BPIA director, Pradhan was part of the corporate headquarters team

in Delhi as General Manger (Admin).

As per sources, Pradhan has conceptualised and contributed to the development of Airport Information Management System at Indian airports and airspace. He has been part of various committees of the Ministry of Civil Aviation. Pradhan has also successfully completed the International Airport Professional programme, which is recognised by the Airport Council International and ICAO.

Pradhan will be responsible for the management, upgradation and development of the BPIA.

Khimji Jewellers launches Lord Jagannath silver coins

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, June 30: Khimji Jewellers, the oldest and most trusted jewellery chain of Odisha has launched an exclusive 'Limited Edition Lord Jagannath Pure Silver Coins' to commemorate the auspicious Rath Yatra celebrations this year.

These coins which bear the depiction of Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra and Debi Subhadra on one side, and Shree Mandir on the other side, weigh 20 grams each. The coins will be available



across all stores of Khimji Jewellers.

Speaking on the exclusivity of this Limited Edition collection, Mitesh Khimji, director of Khimji Jewellers said, "Rath Yatra is not just a festival but an inseparable emotion to every devotee. With our exclusive Lord Jagannath Pure Silver Coins, we want the fervour

of Rath Yatra and obeisance to the deities remains as a piece of remembrance and devotion."

"Khimji Jewellers also has 'The Vaikuntha Collection', an exclusive range of pure gold pendants depicting Lord Jagannath's 12 eternal forms, for the Lord's devotees to keep the divine form close to their heart." It should be noted that Khimji Jewellers has been serving the almighty for years. Last year, Khimji Jewellers was assigned to refurbish the age-old jewellery of Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra and Debi Subhadra.

Tight security for Rath Yatra



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"The deities would be taken to their respective chariots through traditional Pahandi procession amid beating of cymbals and blowing of horns," said the servitor.

SJTA sources, meanwhile, revealed that Mangala Alati ritual of the presiding deities is scheduled to be completed at 6 am Friday while Mailam ritual would be conducted at 6:10am. Pahandi procession of deities would begin at 9:30am. The three deities would be placed on their respective chariots by 12:30pm.

Gajapati king Dibyasingha Deb will perform Chhera Panhara ritual on the chariots at 2:30pm. The chariots would be pulled towards Srigundicha temple at 4pm, said an official of the temple administration.

As many as 180 platoons of police force along with 1,000 police officials have been deployed in the Holy City to maintain law and order during the mega event. Besides, special tactical units and bomb disposal squads have been kept ready to meet any eventuality, sources said.

POLITICKLE by MANJUL



Global recognition for MUKTA scheme

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, June 30: Odisha's Mukhyamantri Karma Tatpara Abhiyan (MUKTA), an urban wage employment scheme, has been selected as one of the top five finalists for the 2021-22 WRI Ross Centre Prize for cities at the 11th World Urban Forum in Katowice, Poland.

The selection recognises MUKTA's swift action to create mass employment and infrastructure during the Covid-19 pandemic. It is a proud moment for the state's Housing & Urban Development Department (H&UDD) as yet another flagship program of the state is acknowledged as a model that serves as a lighthouse for the global urban community to strive for excellence in cities worldwide. MUKTA has been selected from 260 submissions from 155 cities across 65 Countries.

WRI Award for cities is the pre-



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mier global award constituted for celebrating and spotlighting transformative urban change. The Prize for cities seeks to inspire urban change-makers across the globe by elevating trailblazing initiatives and telling impactful stories of sustainable urban transformation. The criteria of selection included the extent to which submissions demonstrated big, innovative ideas and novel approaches; life-changing impact on people's lives, mindsets and be-

haviors; and ripple effects across and beyond the city. The grand prize winner will be announced in November 2022.

MUKTA—the state funded flagship scheme of government coming under 5T Initiative with its community-driven, participatory, and bottom-up approach has emerged as a highly impactful urban livelihood intervention across urban pockets of Odisha. The scheme focuses on ensuring livelihood opportunities to the vulner-

able urban workforce and migrant labourers residing in urban area of the state.

COVID-19 pandemic pushed vast majority of informal sector workers in Odisha towards deeper into poverty affecting jobs and livelihood. About one-fourth of urban population faced severe consequences especially with reduction of working hours, decrease in wages and abrupt layoffs. In addition, around 10 lakh migrants returned to the state due to close down of economic activities. At this critical juncture, H&UDD responded by announcing the urban wage employment initiative April 18, 2020 aimed to create rapid, immediate and mass employment opportunities for urban poor and vulnerable in the face of Covid-19 infused crisis.

Engagement of Mission Shakti Groups (MSG) and Slum Dweller Association (SDA) in MUKTA scheme has been accorded highest priority by the

government. Community Based Organisations (CBO) has been empowered to identify and create ward wise cost-effective, sustainable and replicable community-based projects in a saturation mode in all the 2053 urban wards across 115 Urban Local Bodies (ULB) of the state.

The government of India has also appreciated and applauded the efforts of Odisha Government and recommended Odisha model of MUKTA to other States for replication. Based on the success and milestones achieved coupled with popular responses from the ground, MUKTA has now been made a permanent scheme with enhanced budgetary allocations from this current year. The government has earmarked Rs.1,000 crore for providing meaningful employment to the urban poor and creation of climate resilient and sustainable community assets across ULBs of the State.

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HOMAGE TO THE HEALERS

The last two years have illustrated the exceptional strength, nobility and selflessness of medical professionals exhibit in the trying times, as they go on risking their lives to fight the pathogen while taking care of people with ailments other than Covid-19. In the second most populous country, where harassment of healthcare workers makes headlines more often than not, these professionals are countering the pandemic, running the world's largest vaccination drive, working beyond their shifts and even sacrificing their comfort zone with family doctors joining force. On the National Doctors' Day, Orissa POST pays tribute to the 'superheroes wearing lab coats, scrubs and gloves' for their relentless contribution towards a healthier India.



Interestingly, the day is observed on different dates in different countries. Since 1991, the Indian Medical Association (IMA) commemorates the healthcare professionals July 1, which also marks the birth and death anniversary of Bharat Ratna Bidhan Chandra Roy, the second Chief Minister of West Bengal and a physician.

The highest civilian award in the country was conferred on Roy February 4, 1961. He is known for setting up medical institutions like Jadavpur TB Hospital, Victoria Institution, and Chittaranjan Cancer Hospital. Roy was also a key figure in the establishment of the erstwhile Medical Council of India and the IMA in 1928.

This year's National Doctors' Day, on the theme "Family Doctors on the Front Line", is dedicated to all the doctors and healthcare workers who have unquestion-

ingly and selflessly treated and assisted us with unrivaled compassion and integrity.

Family physicians have been at the forefront and consistently offering care. They are primary care specialists who are available whenever and wherever required. They share the ideals of the communities in which they operate, becoming a trusted member of those communities. To achieve the aim of universal health coverage, family physicians offer comprehensive, compassionate, and people-centered care, a visionary choice made by the Indian government in the form of the "Ayushman Bharat Programme".

The day is also dedicated to the healthcare workers who lost their lives during the war against Covid.



Sreejoy Patnaik: A patron of medical excellence

He isn't someone with a rags to riches story, rather a fanatic who had it easy and yet chose to follow the dream of building a hospital with a difference, a dream ingrained in him by his mother Late Shantilata Patnaik. She came from a family of doctors and always wanted to see her youngest child become one, serving the poor and underprivileged.

Sreejoy worked with all his might to become a doctor and serve the society by building a healthcare unit in Cuttack. To fulfill his passion project, he got help and unhindered support from his wife Rekha Das.

His initial move in this herculean journey was renting a small

building with asbestos sheds to start a 10-bedded modest hospital setup. Instead of simply inheriting the required capital, he took a loan of ₹50,000 from his father to buy the first anesthesia machine. With time, he upgraded the setup to a 16-bedded nursing home in February 1992. In 2006, a new building housing 70 to 80 beds was inaugurated, followed by the inception of the Shanti Gopal Memorial Trust in 2010. In 2017, the new OPD building was inaugurated, and the bed strength was increased to 100.

Sreejoy's recent introduction of Odisha's first ever Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Robotic Surgeries in Shanti Memorial



Hospital is a result of his vision to ensure health care in Odisha is

at par with western standards in terms of surgical skills. Apart from pioneering the Laparoscopic procedures and Bariatric surgeries within and outside the state, he also procured a latest generation cath lab in the hospital for ease of people of Cuttack.

Today, the hospital possesses all modern facilities and sophisticated medical equipment needed to provide comprehensive healthcare under one roof, and is manned by a highly qualified, dynamic, and accomplished team of medical and para-medical professionals across departments. "Patient First" is the mantra Team Shanti believes in spirit and follows in practice.

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India's first lady doctor



Anandibai Gopalrao Joshi was the first Indian female doctor of western medicine. She was the first woman from the erstwhile Bombay presidency of India to study and graduate with a two-year degree in western medicine in the United States. She was also referred to as Anandibai Joshi and Anandi Gopal Joshi, where Gopal came from Gopalrao, her husband's first name.

Gopalrao, a postal clerk and a widower almost twenty years older than her, was a strong supporter of women's education. Since this was considered unusual at that time, he was considered a progressive thinker. Gopalrao acted as the facilitator for Anandi's interest to do something about healthcare in India, which was ignited by the demise of her 10-day old son.

Anandibai graduated from Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania (WMCP) in 1886. The topic of her thesis was "Obstetrics among the Aryan Hindoos", and her thesis utilised references from both American medical textbooks and Ayurvedic texts. On her graduation, Queen Victoria sent her a congratulatory message.

In late 1886, Anandibai returned to India and received a grand welcome. The princely state of Kolhapur appointed her as the physician-in-charge of the female ward of the local Albert Edward Hospital. She died of tuberculosis early the following year i.e. February 26, 1887, in Pune before turning 22.

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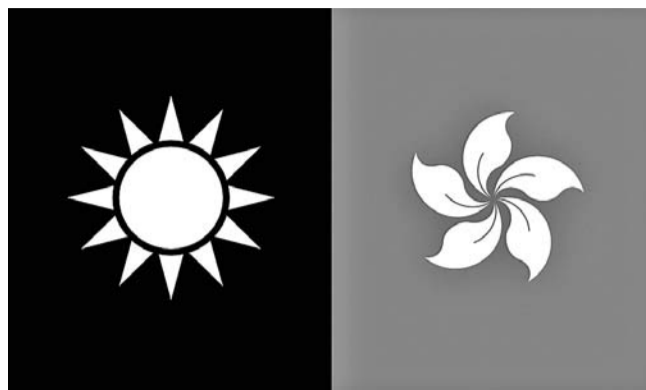
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TALE OF TWO SIBLINGS



While democracy had stunted growth in Hong Kong, it is well entrenched in Taiwan in a very hard way and has indeed struck deep roots. Democracy in Taiwan is home-grown and has a bottom-up approach. The values and milieus of democracy have been internalised by the people and in the national political psyche of Taiwan

of its dynamic people. Hong Kong, from its very inception, had been primarily an economic entity. Its political identity had been incidental and secondary. The British never thought of seriously introducing democratic reforms in Hong Kong except once during the Second World War and later in 1992 when Chris Patten, its last governor, introduced democratic reforms in Hong Kong in 1992 after the 1989 Tiananmen Squire incident. Although there had been sporadic democratic movements in Hong Kong, in Taiwan there had been a sustained campaign for democracy which was demonstrated in the Kaohsiung incident of 1979 leading to the formation and development of the Democratic Progressive Party later in 1986. The termination of the Martial Law which was in force since 1949 provided an impetus to democratisation in Taiwan and there has been no looking back. In Taiwan, the democratic aspirations of the people have now been institutionalised which enjoys support cutting across party lines.

Political development in Hong Kong has always resonated in Taiwan. For example, the pro-democracy movement in Hong Kong towards the end of 2019 greatly impacted the electoral victory of the Democratic Progressive Party in January 2020. The empathy that Taiwan shares with Hong Kong thus is yet another aspect of the democratic narrative of the fledgling democracy in Hong Kong. Taiwan has always extended moral and material support to the democratic yearnings of the people of Hong Kong.

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Palmerston was transformed as an economic tiger. The reversion of Hong Kong to China was under treaty obligations and was only a fate accomplice. Taiwan, on the other hand, was proclaimed as a sovereign nation when Chiang Kai-shek fled from the mainland in 1949 after the establishment of the Communist regime. Following the 1951 San Francisco Treaty with Japan signed by 48 Allied nations on behalf of the United Nations, the treaty of peace was signed between the Republic of China and Japan which ended the war. It was recognised that under Article 2 of the San Francisco Treaty Japan renounced all rights, titles, and claims to Taiwan (Formosa) and Penghu as well as the Spratly Islands and the Paracel Islands. All treaties, conventions, and agreements concluded before 1941 between China and Japan became null and void as a consequence of the war.

While democracy had stunted growth in Hong Kong, it is well entrenched in Taiwan in a very hard way and has indeed struck deep roots. Democracy in Taiwan is home-grown and has a bottom-up approach. The values and milieus of democracy have been internalised by the people and in the national political psyche of Taiwan and are irreversible. The way Taiwan has transformed from despotism to democracy with all its attendant attributes such as an independent judiciary, vibrant media, a professional and apolitical civil service, and military is awe-inspiring. Taiwan is not only an economic miracle but also a political miracle. The Taiwan model of democracy has acquired a distinctive flavour of its own in terms of its soft power like the grace and elegance of its soft-spoken people. Hong Kong has been a story of rags to riches. Productivity and profit had been the guiding gospel



Rup Narayan Das

HONG KONG, FROM ITS VERY INCEPTION, HAD BEEN PRIMARILY AN ECONOMIC ENTITY

On July 1 not only Hong Kong completes 25 years of its reversion to China, marking the halfway mark of its 'one country, two systems', but also the assumption of the position of the Chief Executive by John Lee and relinquishing of power by Carrie Lam. It is indeed a sombre moment to reflect on how the two Asian icons and their two leaders - Carrie Lam, the outgoing Chief Executive of Hong Kong, and President Tsai Ing-wen of Taiwan hailed as very exceptional leaders have responded to the challenges emanating from Beijing in recent times in their own ways. Both have the rare distinction of being the first woman leader of their respective territories.

Comparisons are, of course, always an oddity like comparing an apple with an orange. The fundamental difference between Hong Kong and Taiwan is that while the former is a Special Administrative Region of China, Taiwan is a sovereign self-governing democracy in the comity of nations. Carrie Lam, however, had to work under the watchful eyes of the Communist regime in Beijing under the discredited 'one country, two systems' and had to acquiesce to the dictates of the Communist regime. President Tsai on the contrary continues with her steely resolve to protect and promote democracy in Taiwan notwithstanding the intimidation, coercion, and economic pressure exerted by China.

Hong Kong remained under British rule under the Treaty of Nanking (1842) and the subsequent treaties that ceded Hong Kong territories to Great Britain and were reverted back to China on July 1, 1997. Under the tutelage of benign British rule, Hong Kong which was condemned as a 'barren island' by no less than the then British foreign secretary Lord



Brahma Chellaney

The global dam frenzy amounts to a kind of a Faustian bargain, in which we trade our planet's long-term health for a fleeting sense of energy security

A Bad Bargain

The era of cheap oil and gas is over. Russia's war in Ukraine - or, more specifically, Europe's ambitious effort to wean itself off Russian fossil fuels at a time when international supplies are already tight - is driving up global energy prices and raising the spectre of a global energy crisis. Alternative sources of energy are looking more appealing by the day, as they should. But the embrace of hydropower, in particular, carries its own risks.

Hydropower is currently the most widely used renewable, accounting for almost half of all low-carbon electricity generation worldwide. Its appeal is rooted in several factors. For decades, it was the most cost-competitive renewable, and many hydropower plants can increase or decrease their electricity generation much faster than nuclear, coal, and natural-gas plants. And whereas wind and solar output can fluctuate significantly, hydropower can be dependably produced using reservoirs, making it a good complement to these more variable sources.

But there is a hitch. The most common type of hydropower plant entails the damming of rivers and streams. And hydroelectric dams have a large and lasting ecological footprint.

For starters, while hydroelectric generation itself emits no greenhouse gases, dams and reservoirs emit significant amounts of methane, carbon dioxide, and nitrous oxide. Under some circumstances - such as in tropical zones - they can generate more greenhouse gases than fossil-fuel power plants. One study found that methane - a greenhouse gas that is at least 34 times more potent than carbon dioxide - can make up some 80 per cent of emissions from artificial reservoirs, though a wide variety of geographical, climatic, seasonal, and vegetational factors affect reservoir emissions.

Moreover, while hydroelectric dams are often touted for delivering clean drinking water, controlling floods, and supporting irrigation, they also change river temperatures and water quality and impede the flow of nutrient-rich sediment. Such sediment is essential to help re-fertilize degraded soils in downstream plains, prevent the erosion of the river channel, and preserve biodiversity.

When dams trap the sediment flowing in from the mountains, deltas shrink and sink. This allows salt water to intrude inland, thereby disturbing the delicate balance between fresh water and salt water that is essential for the survival of critical species in coastal estuaries and lagoons. It also exposes deltas to the full force of storms and hurricanes. In Asia, heavily populated deltas - home to megacities like Tianjin, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Bangkok, and Dhaka - are already retreating fast.

Dams also carry high social costs. In 2007, then-Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao revealed that China had relocated 22.9 million people to make way for water projects - a figure larger than the populations of more than 100 countries. The Three Gorges Dam, the world's largest hydropower station, which became fully operational in 2012, displaced more than 1.4 million people.

To top it all off, there is good reason to doubt hydropower's reliability. If mitigation measures prove unable to slow global warming adequately - an increasingly likely scenario - the frequency and intensity of droughts will continue to rise. As water levels in rivers and reservoirs drop - exacerbated by evaporation from open reservoirs - so will the water pressure needed to spin turbines, resulting in less electricity. And this is to say nothing of giant dams' ability to compound downstream droughts, as has been seen in the Mekong River Basin.

Given that dams are expensive, years-long undertakings, the wisdom of investing in building more of them is questionable, to say the least. But the world's love affair with dams continues. Almost two-thirds of the Earth's long rivers have already been modified by humans, with most of the world's almost 60,000 large dams having been built over the last seven decades. And, global dam construction continues at a breakneck pace. In 2014, at least 3,700 significant dams were under construction or planned. Since then, the dam boom has become more apparent, with the developing world now a global hotspot of such construction.

While dam-building activity can be seen from the Balkans to South America, China leads the way as both the world's most-dammed country and its largest exporter of dams. From 2001 to 2020, China lent over \$44 billion for the Chinese construction of hydropower projects totaling over 27 gigawatts in 38 countries.

China is not hesitating to build dams even in seismically active areas, despite the risk of triggering a devastating earthquake. And China really should know better: its own scientists linked the 2008 Wenchuan earthquake, which killed more than 87,000 people in the Tibetan Plateau's eastern rim, to the new Zipingpu Dam, located near the quake's epicenter.

There is no question that the world must cut its reliance on fossil fuels. But building more hydroelectric dams - especially in the Earth's most biodiverse river basins, such as the Amazon, the Brahmaputra, the Congo, and the Mekong - is not the way to do it. On the contrary, the global dam frenzy amounts to a kind of a Faustian bargain, in which we trade our planet's long-term health for a fleeting sense of energy security.

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WORDSWORTH

Triacle

Americans prefer to call it molasses but treacle, our current form of the old word triacle, is the usual British name for the sticky, sweet stuff. Many British children encounter the name first in the treacle well in Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. The older form of the word is remembered in the apothecaries' term triacle, but it was originally used for something very different - an antidote to the venom of a snake or insect. This word came through French and Latin from Greek theriacle, meaning an antidote against a poisonous bite, which has its origin in therion, a wild beast. Herbal remedies against such bites often contained alkaloids and so tasted bitter - it was common to sweeten them with honey to make them easier to swallow. English apothecaries changed over to black treacle as the sweetener when it began to be available in the Middle Ages. The word was often used in a sense not so very different to that of balm or salve, some fragrant ointment or preparation used to heal or soothe the skin. In fact, the question in the book of Jeremiah in the Bible: "Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there?" was translated by Miles Coverdale in 1535 using triacle instead of balm.

SPECTRUM DIPLOMACY

India at G-7: Seizing the opportunity



DK Giri

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND EQUATIONS HAVE BECOME MORE IMPORTANT IN RELATION TO THE ONGOING WAR IN UKRAINE

Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the two-day G-7 meeting from 26-28 June in picturesque Schloss Elmau in the Bavarian region of Germany. The summit was held under the slogan, "Progress towards an equitable world". It deliberated five priority areas set by the current German presidency of the Group. But what is noteworthy is declaration of its determination to counter China as well as Russia, the latter in the wake of the war in Ukraine. India's participation in the meeting as an observer perhaps helps in promoting its foreign and security interests. Indeed, a matter of speculation and debate.

The G-7 members vowed to crush Russia's income from oil sales that is financing the war. They declared to support Ukraine "as long as it takes" as Russia's aggression continues. They would explore all possible and far-reaching avenues to curb Kremlin's manoeuvres to sell oil and gas in face of the sanctions. The Ukraine war dominated the mood in the meeting of G-7 countries. They invited Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to update them on the situation. That was a clear reiteration of G-7 and NATO's position on the war. It should be noted that NATO has become more belligerent towards Russia. NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg has made it clear

that Russia was an immediate threat to NATO security. He has announced a whopping increase of its military strength from 40,000 to 300,000 forces.

As the NATO's summit follows the G-7 meet, the contours of conversation on strategy in regard to Ukraine war were outlined in Elmau. Evidently, NATO is hardening its stand on Russia as well as China. It is not surprising. The war in Ukraine is unlikely to end in the near future. China's threat looms large. The G-7 final communiqué sends a tough message to China as well. It exerts Beijing to persuade Russia to withdraw from Ukraine. More important, it sounds grave concern on China's human rights record in Tibet and Xinjiang. It calls on Beijing to respect universal human rights and fundamental freedoms.

On the economic front, the G-7 has committed to invest 600 billion USD by 2027 in many countries, including India with the motto, "in critical infrastructure that improves lives and delivers real gains for all of our people." This commitment follows the initiative called Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment announced by President Biden. Apparently, PGII aims to act as an alternative to China's BRI, which imposes heavy debt on economies of countries like Sri

Lanka and Pakistan.

India was signatory to two statements issued by the G-7. One is, "Resilient Democracies" statement. This talks of democracies as partners in promoting a rule-based international order while supporting establishment and consolidation of democracies worldwide. The second statement is, "Joining Forces to Accelerate Clean and Just Transition towards Climate Neutrality." On preparation of this statement, Modi made a powerful intervention on climate injustice. He said that India is doing everything on its part without being responsible for the problem of the climate change. At the same time, he made a forceful plea to the Western countries to invest heavily in India's renewable market.

Admittedly G-7 summit provides good opportunity to interact with members and observers in and around the meetings. Modi's meetings on the sidelines with President Biden, French President Emmanuel Macron, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau were widely reported in the media. The warmth and bonhomie shown by Biden has caught the cameras' reporting to India.

So far so good. The moot point, however, is the changing equations between big powers and all other countries with them. The strategic partnerships and equations have become more important in relation

to the ongoing war in Ukraine. New Delhi still seems to be at crossroads. It has not candidly and emphatically expressed its stand, either for Russia or for Ukraine.

India's foreign policy has held that there must be an immediate cessation of hostilities in Ukraine, and dialogue and diplomacy are the way forward. New Delhi should be taking visible steps in promoting the principle of diplomacy against a bloody and destructive war. The situation in Ukraine is anybody's guess. The West may tire Russia out, whereas Russia has vowed not to stop until Ukraine surrenders.

Under the prevailing circumstances, New Delhi has a great opportunity to show its diplomatic mettle to find a face-saving solution for Russia to end this crisis. It can continue its trade, economic and strategic relations with the West. At the same time, it should, through its participation in important plurilateral forums like G-7, bring about a détente between Russia and the US. Both should be made to see China as the villain of the piece and a bigger threat to the world order. To be sure, Modi with his growing international stature could do this unique feat for India.

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Ode to walking

Sir, 'Save money: Consider other options for travel' (Orissa POST, June 29) by Melvin Durai was a highly enjoyable read and rightly reminded us of other inexpensive modes of transport. Interestingly, some of the greatest writers and poets have been indefatigable walkers. Novelists and poets have long held that walking and writing are strongly interwoven. Several literary luminaries - Charles Dickens, William Wordsworth and RK Narayan were avid walkers. Unbelievable as it may sound, Dickens was a regular 20 or 30-miler. His fetish for walking literally bordered on pathology. For Wordsworth, walking and writing poetry were simply inseparable as both were rhythmic and employed meter. During his lifetime, this renowned poet is believed to have covered a phenomenal distance of 1,75,000-1,80,000 miles on foot. For Narayan, walking was not a mere routine exercise - it was the main life spring of his literary creations. Parks were not his favourite spots for perambulating - the throbbing market places and the mélange of people in the bazaars fascinated him no end. Undoubtedly, traversing the roads opened up new vistas of creativity and unleashed their bottled-up literary imagination.

Amit Banerjee, NEW DELHI

Judging dress code

Sir, Sometimes, judges can be quite acerbic in their comments on men and matters. Some judges are particularly harsh on civil servants. Officers are asked to attend courts in person to explain policy delays or other issues that the courts are seized of. Several judgements of the Supreme Court have directed the High Courts not to summon officers for trivial reasons. But the High Court judges are in no mood to relent. Even when IAS and IPS officers obey the court orders, and present themselves to the judges, the latter tend to search for loopholes in the behaviour or attire of the officials. Last month, a judge of the Patna High Court took a senior IAS officer to task for attending his court without adhering to the dress code. The judge was quite caustic in his remarks, and the officer who had come in an informal white shirt and trouser had nothing much to offer by way of his defence. However, what the judge's outburst did was to rekindle the dress code question in High Courts and the Supreme Court. According to the Patna High Court judge, the officer should have come with closed collar and a blazer. Whether wearing a tie, without a coat, would satisfy the judges is another issue though not all judges may be as "strict" as the judge in question.

Ganapathi Bhat, AKOLA

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LORD JAGANNATH AS 'BIRATA PURUSA'

LORD JAGANNATH, THE MASTER OF THE WHOLE UNIVERSE, HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS THE 'BIRATA PURUSA' (COLOSSAL ENTITY) IN VEDA. NO OTHER GOD OR GODDESS HAS BEEN CONFERRED THIS TITLE



Several religious texts suggest that Lord Jagannath is the 'Birata Purusha'. Priests offer flowers to Lord Jagannath, the main attraction of Srimandir, by reciting 'Purushasukta' of Bajasaneya Samhita. Religious scholars consider Purushasukta as the most precious Sukta, described in Veda.

(supreme soul) and 'Jagatkarta' (master of the whole universe). The 'Purushatwa' of Veda has been converted into 'Purushottamatwa' in Upanishads.

Lord Jagannath has been described as 'Sripurushottam' (supreme entity) in several religious texts including the Gita.

Jagannath as 'Sarvasaktimaan' (omnipotent) and 'Sarvabidyaamaan' (omnipresent).

According to religious scholars, the supreme soul had descended on the earth during Ashwamedha Yajna, organised by King Indradyumna.

The supreme soul had taken the shape of Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra, Goddess Subhadra and Lord Sudarshan according to his own will. Similarly, the supreme soul also descends to the 'Daru' (holy logs) amid yajna and offerings during the Nabakalebara festival.

According to Srimandir tradition, Brahmin priest recite Purushasukta before carrying out the deities from Ratna Mandap (sanctum sanctorum) during Snana Purnima and Rath Yatra rituals. They also recite Purushasukta while taking the deities on 'Pahandi' procession during Srigundicha Yatra and Bahuda Yatra. Similarly, Purushasukta is recited before the presiding deities of Srimandir during all special pujas and 'besas' (incarnations).

The Purushasukta has remained the part and parcel of Jagannath culture since its beginning. Even, Brahmin priests recite Purushasukta during the Banajaga Yatra ritual of Nabakalebara, says Mishra.



Purushatwa also finds a mention in the 15th chapter of Srimad Bhagwat Gita. Lord Jagannath has been described as 'Sripurushottam' (supreme entity) in several religious texts including the Gita. A number of Sanskrit scriptures call Jagannath as 'Sahasrashisha sa sakhyat adishesha sanatanam'. That means, Jagannath is the origin and end of the universe. He is considered as the 'Sanatana' or 'Chirantana' (eternal entity).

According to Srijagannath Sanskrit University research officer Dr. Surendra Kumar Mishra, Purushasukta finds a vividly description in Veda and it is very difficult to understand the philosophy of Jagannath culture without knowing the Purushasukta.

The Purushasukta has clearly stated Lord Jagannath as the 'Parambrahma' (supreme soul) or the creator of the universe. Other religious texts have described

LORD'S BLACKSMITHS

There are numerous rituals attached to Puri Srimandir. To perform these rituals and festivals of Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra and Devi Subhadra, 119 types of servitors are working at the 12th century shrine.

Kamara/Ojha servitors play a significant role in construction of chariots for world-famous annual Rath Yatra. The service of these servitors has been enlisted as 'Ojha-Maharana seva' at slot-101 in Srimandir Record of Rights (RoR).

A variety of iron fittings, nails, wheel rings and axles are required for construction of three chariots at Rath yard which are prepared by Ojha servitors.

When all the chariots get ready and move from Rath yard to the Lions' Gate, these servitors fix appliances on the chariots.

As per tradition, Ojha servitors start chariot construction with 'saree bandhana' and offering mahaprasad and coconut (given by the administration) at Dolabedi on the auspicious occasion of Akshaya Tritiya.

The servitors provide three axes on this day to start processing of holy logs for chariot construction. All rituals for the chariot construction are solemnised on the premises of Dolabedi. As many as 17 Maharana servitors keep toiling day and night for construction of chariots. The temple administration



provides them with iron rods, plates and coal. They make 75 types of iron fittings, clamps, nails and rings for different parts of chariots. Over 1 tonne iron is required to make these fittings.

The Three Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) pays a certain amount to Ojha servitors for their remunerations.

During Rath Yatra, if certain chariot requires any repair, these servitors do the needful in time. During this service, Maharana

servitors observe austerity in diet and work under a scorching sun, sitting near the fire pot.

During Anasara rituals, these servitors clean Akhandadweepa and other brass items in Srimandira.



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Hands that give chariots their divine lustre

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Rath Yatra is probably the most important among the festivals of the Trinity out of the scores held in Srimandir every year. The construction of the three chariots of the Trinity starts from the holy festival of Akshaya Tritiya, the day which is considered auspicious for new beginnings or fresh ventures.

The carpenter servitors known as Vishwakarma Sevaks, Bhoi Sevaks and several other servitors are involved in the chariot-making process of the deities.

According to the RoR of Srimandir, over 119 servitors are involved in the service of the Trinity and other deities. There are several services of the Trinity which are performed outside the boundaries of the Srimandir also.

Sagar and his family members feel blessed by getting the opportunity to serve the deities for a fortnight. The designer brass articles are used on the coloured cloth coverings of the three chariots which enhances their beauty



Sagar Sahu refurbishing the brassware used for decorating the chariots

of Sagar Sahu of Siddha Mahavir area in the holy city.

Sagar is not a regular servitor of the Srimandir but the temple administration remembers him for his service during the world famous Rath Yatra every year. Sagar and his family members clean the designer brass articles and images used in the three chariots. They have been rendering this service since 1990 while his father used to do it earlier.

Sagar and his family members have dedicated themselves in the service of the Lord during the Rath

Yatra. They feel blessed by getting the opportunity to serve the deities for a fortnight during the annual festival. The designer brass articles are used on the coloured cloth coverings of the three chariots which enhances their beauty.

Sagar is helped by his son in this work. During the Rath Yatra, when the three chariots roll on the 'Badadanda' what immediately catches the eyes of the devotees is the designer brass articles and images on the chariots.

The cloth coverings are decorated with images of 'Sakhis, plan-

tain trees, the decapitated head of planet Rahu, muggers and kalash' that greatly enhances the beauty of the chariots. However, to make the chariots look more attractive, the brass images are cleaned annually to present them in an attractive manner during the Rath Yatra.

Sagar said he is a brassware maker by profession and makes various articles utensils and images to earn his living. He informed that the SJTA issues him a letter a day after the 'Snana Yatra' informing him about his assignment. As per the letter, he is provided with 96

brass images that he has to clean.

Among the 96 are 24 images of fish and plantain trees, 12 of twin swans and Rahu's head and others. He cleans these images manually as well as with the help of a machine. He also repairs these if required. He uses various chemicals and a paste prepared from tamarind pulp to clean these articles.

His son Debashis is assisting in this work for the last few years. He completes the cleaning and repairing within the scheduled time and hands over the images to the temple administration a day before the 'Netrotsav'. Debashis said he is happy in serving the Lord and has learnt the nuances of the work from his father. He wished that his family would continue getting this opportunity to serve the Lord year after year.

ZILLA SWASTHYA SAMITI, NAYAGARH OFFICE OF THE CDMO-cum-DISTRICT MISSION DIRECTOR, NAYAGARH TENDER CALL NOTICE Adv. No.-07/21-22 Date: 30.06.2022 No.E-269:- Request for Proposal is invited from eligible Firm/ Agency interested to provide Different Man Power Services to different health institutions of Nayagarh District on outsourcing basis details regarding the eligibility criteria, terms & condition and formats of submission of tender may be downloaded from the website www.nayagarh.nic.in. Your tender should reach the office of the undersigned by 20.07.2022 (till 5 PM) by Speed Post/ Regd. Post/Courier only. The Tender (Technical Bid) will be opened at 11.30 AM on 21.07.2022. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof. Sd./- CDMO-cum-District Mission Director, Nayagarh OIPR-10050/11/0006/2223

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Rairangpur SDJM dies in road mishap

AGENCIES

Baripada, June 30: The sub-divisional judicial magistrate (SDJM) of Rairangpur in Mayurbhanj district, Smaranika Pradhan, died Thursday as her car hit a roadside electric pole near Chainebeda in the district, a senior police officer said.

Smaranika, who suffered head injuries, was taken to a local hospital, where she was declared brought dead

Pradhan, 32, along with husband Biswajit Jena, was on their way to Puri to witness Rath Yatra, when they met with the accident in Jashipur police station area on National Highway-49.

Jena, a software engineer, was driving the car, the officer said. He escaped unhurt in the incident, according to the officer.

Pradhan, who suffered head injuries, was taken to a local hospital, where she was declared "brought dead", the senior officer said, adding that a case of unnatural has been registered.

Champua range to plant 1.81L saplings

Champua: The Forest department will carry out plantation of 1.81 lakh saplings in Champua, Ukhunda, Bamebari and Balibandh sections under Chmpua range in Keonjhar district this year. Range officer in-charge Sanjib Rout said that saplings of asan, sal, piasal, arjun, gambhari, mahalimba, sisu, fasi, harida, bahada, jamun, kusum and osta will be planted in Kaliapal, Joda, Naibuga, Kalikaprasad, Mukundapur, Chamakpur, Kabanta, Baitarani east, Kemundia, Rengalbeda Sahi, Bankia and Basudevpur areas.



4 killed in jumbo attacks in Mayurbhanj district

POST NEWS NETWORK

Baripada, June 30: Four persons including a five-year-old girl were killed in jumbo attacks in various parts Mayurbhanj district in the last 24 hours, reports said.

In the first incident, a tusker stormed into Samaidihi village under Rasgobindpur forest range of Morada block and went on a destruction spree Wednesday night while most of the villagers were asleep. The animal ransacked the house of Pitambhar Paramanik. While Pitambhar and the rest of his family members managed to escape, his five-year-old daughter was trampled to death by the pachyderm.

In another incident, an elderly man identified as Dev Dehury was killed due to an elephant attack in Tadiki village under Bhaliadiha gram panchayat. The jumbo had strayed into the village and damaged the house of Dehury. A portion of the wall collapsed on him, leading to his death on the spot.

Similarly, another villager identified



Calf found dead in Satkosia; second in 3 days

ANGUL: Just two days after a five-year-old tusker lost its battle for life due to delay in treatment, another elephant calf was found dead near Nuapada village in Pampasar forest range under Satkosia wildlife sanctuary in Angul district early Thursday morning.

Sources said the tusker aged about seven years was ill for the last few days. Locals had spotted the animal roaming in the forest. They alleged that in spite of getting information, Forest department officials did not take any measures to ensure treatment of the calf, for which it died.

While the Forest department is yet to ascertain the exact cause behind the death of two elephant calves in just three days, the incident has raised concern among the environmentalists.

Worth mentioning, a five-year-old tusker calf was found dead at Satkosia

as Bhawani Shankar Mahant of Panishol village under Saraskana block was trampled to death by a tusker, informed Ranger Laxmidhar Behera.

"A herd of 30 tuskers had strayed into the village late Wednesday night. Behera who was outside his house, came face-to-face with a tusker which lifted him using its trunk and dashed him to the ground. He was rescued in a critical condition and admitted to

Kusakhali forest in Angul district Tuesday. Despite treatment, it succumbed to the herpes infection it was suffering from.

Similarly, the skeletal remains of a jumbo were recovered from Mandap reserve forest in Gopapur section Badamba a few days back. This was the fifth elephant carcass recovered from Athagarh area this month.

Reacting on the issue, the Forest department Tuesday assured a thorough probe by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) into this matter.

"All elephant skeletons recovered so far were found in one forest section. Action has been initiated against two foresters who are absconding. Foresters were involved in hiding elephant carcasses," said PCCF Shashi Paul. If required, the DFO will be brought under the purview of investigation, he added.

Baripada-based PRM Medical College and Hospital where he succumbed while undergoing treatment," the ranger said. Forest department officials reached the village and provided a compensation of ₹10,000 to the bereaved family.

In the fourth incident, a youth, identified as Nilakantha Sankhial, was killed while he had gone to drive away an elephant herd from a cashew orchard under Karanjia forest division.

Doc assaulted by patient's kin

POST NEWS NETWORK

Basudevpur, June 30: A doctor was brutally assaulted at Basudevpur CHC in Bhadrak district late Wednesday night for allegedly failing to provide treatment to a patient. The relative of the patient attacked Dr Amarendra Jena of the Obstetrics and Gynecology department causing injuries near the ear.

The doctor has filed a complaint at the local police station in this regard.


According to the police, Dr Jena was on night duty. A youth






identified as Dhruvacharan of Brahmngiaon village had brought a woman to the hospital. At that time, Dr Jena was measuring the blood pressure of another patient. Suddenly Dhruvacharan and another person started abusing the doctor.


Then they suddenly attacked causing injuries from which the doctor bled profusely, the complaint states.

Police have arrested Dhruvacharan. However, Dhruvacharan alleged that he had brought his sister to the hospital for treatment at 2.00am and found Dr Jena asleep in his duty room. He urged the doctor to examine the patient. However, instead of doing so, the doctor asked too many questions thereby neglecting treatment that his sister needed. The accused however, admitted that he argued with the doctor and in a fit of anger had attacked the latter.



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Tardy road work hits mineral transport

POST NEWS NETWORK

Keonjhar, June 30: Several places in this district have been witnessing heavy traffic snarls owing to large number of trucks carrying minerals. Hundreds of mineral-laden trucks could be seen lined up for hours on Barbil-Badajamda (Jharkhand) road every day.

What makes the situation worse is the slow pace of an ongoing railway overbridge project. Mineral transportation on this route to different destinations also gets delayed due to the tardy pace of the project work. Though overbridge work has been completed by the railways, the approach roads on both sides have not yet been completed, locals said, adding that traffic jams have become a routine affair on this route.



Locals said school buses and ambulances on this route get stuck for hours due to heavy congestion. Local commuters are at the receiving end of the traffic stalemate.

Reports said, tenders have been awarded for the road construction, but the work is yet to start. As per information plaque, the road work began November 2, 2018 and completed November 1, 2020.

PWD engineer Ashok Mohapatra, who is charge of road construction, said that as land has not been acquired for the road projects, work is getting delayed.

₹3cr makeover plan for Kapilash zoo

CURRENTLY, THE ZOO IS HOME TO AROUND 160 DEER. HOWEVER, TO CLEAR THE CONGESTION ONLY 30 DEER WILL BE KEPT IN THE ZOO

POST NEWS NETWORK

Dhenkanal, June 30: A master plan is being drawn up for transformation of Kapilash zoo in Dhenkanal district for which an estimated ₹3 crore will be spent.

Reports said construction of three enclosures inside the zoo is in progress. The Forest department is currently making provision of keeping various species of wildlife such as mouse deer, antler deer, other deer species and black bucks in the zoo.

Currently, the zoo is home to around 160 deer of different species. However, to clear the congestion only 30 deer will be kept in the zoo. The remaining deer will be released into the wild for which the department has sought permission



of the higher authorities.


There is also a proposal to keep a full-grown leopard in the zoo and a spacious cage will be made for it. Besides, some king cobras will be kept inside glass-shielded cages.

It may be noted here that 26.64 hectare land on the foothill of Kapilash was accorded deer park status. Later, the state authorities granted it the status of a mini zoo April 1, 1986.

On April 1, 1995, the Central Zoo Authority of India accorded the zoo status to it.


In the zoo, 19 species of wild animals like king cobra, python, elephant, crocodile, bear, sambar and deer are kept.

There is an elephant rescue centre inside the zoo where eight elephants have been accommodated. An elephant named Rakesh has been kept in a special enclosure. The zoo has been a huge draw for tourists visiting Kapilash hill. "The zoo will be made more attractive with various facilities at an estimated cost of ₹3 crore," said DFO Dr Prakash Chand Gogineni.



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of the day quote

The news of a tragic landslide near Tupul Yard railway construction camp in Noney District, Manipur is extremely distressing

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My country is changing. It is happening for the first time that a government has fallen in the name of Hindutva. The collapse of the MVA government in Maharashtra is an effect of the Hanuman Chalisa. In 40 days 40 MLAs left the party (Shiv Sena)

NAROTTAM MISHRA | MP HOME MINISTER

We need to have a strong maritime system and the time has come to achieve it

AJIT DOVAL | NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR

SHORT TAKES

PM to unveil Alluri statue in AP July 4

Amaravati: Special Chief Secretary Rajat Bhargava (Tourism and Culture) Thursday inspected the arrangements for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Bhimavaram town in Andhra Pradesh July 4, to unveil the statue of legendary freedom fighter Alluri Sitarama Raju as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. Andhra Pradesh Governor Biswa Bhusan Harichandan, Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy, Union Tourism and Culture Minister G Kishan Reddy and others will attend the event.

Naxal killed in encounter

Dantewada: A Naxal carrying a reward of ₹5 lakh on his head was killed in an encounter with the police in Chhattisgarh's Dantewada district Thursday, an official said. The skirmish took place around 2.30 pm in a forest near Nedar village, where a team of the District Reserve Guard (DRG) was out on an anti-Naxal operation. Inspector General of Police (Bastar range) Sundarraj P said.

Sikkim govt bans use of glue traps

Gangtok: The Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services (AH & VS) Department of the Sikkim government asked the District Collector (DC) of Gangtok to ensure strict enforcement of the state's 2016 notification prohibiting the manufacture, sale, and use of glue traps for rodent control, officials said.

Varavara Rao moves SC for bail

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Thursday agreed to hear July 11, a plea filed by Telugu poet and Bhima Koregaon-Elgar Parishad accused P Varavara Rao challenging the Bombay High Court order rejecting his prayer for permanent medical bail in the case. A vacation bench of Justices Surya Kant and JB Pardiwala was told by senior advocate Anand Grover that he is an 83-year-old man suffering from various comorbidities.

Monsoon hits Delhi

New Delhi: As Delhi received its first monsoon showers Thursday morning, many areas, including newly inaugurated Pragati Maidan tunnel, ITO, Ring Road, Barapullah Corridor, Delhi-Meerut expressway, Sarai Kale Khan, were waterlogged, causing traffic snarls for hours. Due to the waterlogging, the traffic police had to shut Pul Prahladpur underpass for vehicular movement on Mehrauli-Badarpur Road leading to commuter woes.



Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has indirectly declared war against those people who voted for BJP in the 2021 West Bengal Assembly elections. We went to the Governor to seek protection for these people

SUVENDU ADHIKARI | LEADER OF THE OPPN IN THE WB LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

BOOSTING CYBERSECURITY

India and Japan discussed cybersecurity cooperation during the fourth India-Japan Cyber Dialogue Thursday. The two sides discussed the important areas of bilateral cyber cooperation and reviewed the progress made thusfar in the areas of cybersecurity and Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs), including 5G



BAD WEATHER AND FRESH LANDSLIDES ARE AFFECTING THE RESCUE OPERATIONS

Dozens buried alive in Manipur landslide

AGENCIES

Imphal, June 30: At least eight people were killed and over 70 others went missing after a massive landslide occurred at a railway construction site in Manipur's Noney district, officials said Thursday.

The incident took place at Tupul yard railway construction camp Wednesday night. Eight bodies have been retrieved so far, including those of seven Territorial Army personnel, they said, adding, rescue operations are underway. Around 72 people are feared trapped under the debris, which includes 43 from the Territorial Army.

The massive debris has blocked the Ijei River, creating a reservoir that may inundate low-lying areas. An advisory issued by Noney deputy commissioner said, "Due to the unfortunate landslide where casualties are being reported and dozens buried alive, the flow of the Ijei River has also been obstructed by the debris, creating a dam-like storage condition, which if breached will wreak havoc to the low-lying areas of Noney district headquarters."

"As the condition is still developing and the future is unknown, the general public is hereby advised to take their own precautions, and especially ensure children do not come out near the river. Whoever can evacuate are also advised to evacuate," it added.

The advisory also advised travellers to avoid National Highway-37 due to multiple road blockages. Union Home Minister Amit Shah has spoken to Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh and Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw over the incident. Shah said a team of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) has reached the landslide site while two more teams are on their way. "Spoke to CM Shri @NBirenSingh and Shri



Rescue operations underway PTI PHOTO

@AshwiniVaishnaw in the wake of a landslide near the Tupul railway station in Manipur: Rescue operations are in full swing. A team of NDRF has already reached the spot and joined the rescue operations. 2 more teams are on their way to Tupul," Shah tweeted.

The Chief Minister has called an emergency meeting to assess the situation. "Called an emergency meeting to assess the situation of the landslide in Tupul today." "The search and rescue operation is already underway. Let's keep them in our prayers today. Ambulances along with doctors have also been dispatched to assist in the operation," Singh tweeted. He has also announced an ex-gratia of ₹5 lakh each for the next of kin of the deceased and ₹50,000 each for those injured. Governor La Ganesan condoled the deaths and prayed for the speedy recovery of the injured.

Protest rally in Udaipur

AGENCIES

TAILOR MURDER

Udaipur/Jaipur, June 30: Thousands of people took out a march in Udaipur and shopkeepers downed shutters in Jaipur Thursday, protesting over the recent murder of a tailor by men who said they were avenging an insult to Islam.

The two accused, Riaz Akhtari and Ghouse Mohammad, were sent to judicial custody for 14 days and will be asked to take part in an identification parade, a lawyer said. Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot visited the tailor's family and told reporters that he wanted the National Investigation Agency (NIA) to file the charge sheet in a fast-track court as soon as possible, so that the culprits are brought to justice.

Kanhaiya Lal was killed Tuesday afternoon by two cleaver-wielding men, who posted a grisly video of the crime online claiming responsibility for the "beheading". The tailor had earlier told local police that he had received threats over a social media post shared

2 accused sent to judicial custody

A local court Thursday sent the two men accused of killing a tailor here to judicial custody for an identification parade, an official said. The two accused - Riaz Akhtari and Ghouse Mohammad -- were brought in a police van with their faces covered and were produced in the court while several advocates started shouting slogans on the premises. The lawyers gathered on the court premises in large numbers in the evening and started shouting slogans demanding death penalty to the accused.

sought judicial remand for the two accused for enabling an identification parade. It will seek police custody later. At a test identification parade, witnesses pick suspects from a line-up. Earlier, CM Gehlot spoke to the family members and relatives of Kanhaiya Lal at their home in Udaipur's sector 14.

Parl's Monsoon Session to begin from July 18

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, June 30: The Parliament's Monsoon Session will start July 18 and go on till August 12, the Lok Sabha Secretariat announced Thursday

"The ninth session of the 17th Lok Sabha will commence Monday, July 18, 2022. Subject to exigencies of government business, the session is likely to conclude Friday, August 12, 2022," a notification from the Lok Sabha Secretariat said.

The session will encompass the elections for the posts of President and Vice President. The election for the top constitutional post of President will be held July 18, the first day of the session, while the polling for the Vice President's election will be held August 6. The Monsoon session usually commences in the third week of July and concludes ahead of Independence Day.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT



ISRO's PSLV-C53 carrying DS-EO satellite along with two other co-passenger satellites successfully launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, in Sriharikota PTI PHOTO

Only Murmu, Sinha in fray

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, June 30: NDA nominee Droupadi Murmu and her challenger Yashwant Sinha were the only two candidates left in the fray for the July 18 presidential election after scrutiny of nomination papers, Rajya Sabha Secretary General P C Mody said Thursday.

Mody, the returning officer for the presidential election, said 115 nomination papers of 94 persons were received till Wednesday, of which 107 were rejected for not meeting the required criteria.

The nomination papers of Murmu and Sinha - four sets each - were found to fulfil all the requirements of a valid nomination and were accepted, he said. Mody said the list of contesting candidates will be published in the gazette July 2 after 3 pm, which is the last date for withdrawal of nomination. According to the Presidential

PREZ POLLS



and Vice Presidential Election Act, a nomination for the presidential poll is rejected if it is not backed by 50 proposers and 50 seconders from the electoral college made up of members of Parliament and legislative assemblies. The nomination will also be rejected if an aspirant does not pay ₹15,000 in cash or present a receipt showing such an amount deposited in the Reserve Bank of India or a government treasury. Cheques and demand drafts are not acceptable means of paying security deposit.

Punjab Assembly passes resolution against Centre's Agnipath scheme

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Chandigarh, June 30: The Punjab Assembly Thursday passed a resolution by voice vote against the Agnipath military recruitment scheme, urging the Centre to immediately roll back it in the larger interest of the country.

However, in the 117-member assembly, two BJP MLAs Ashwani Sharma and Jangi Lal Mahajan opposed the resolution. Punjab has become the first state which passed a resolution against the Agnipath scheme. Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann moved the resolution against the Agnipath scheme in the House on the concluding day of the budget session here. Participating in the discussion on the resolu-



tion, Mann said he will soon raise the issue of Agnipath scheme with the prime minister and the Union home minister and will demand its roll back or refer it to a defence committee. Vehemently opposing the scheme, Mann said this initiative was against the country's youth. Lambasting the BJP-led Centre for this "whimsical" move,

the CM dared the BJP leaders to enroll their own sons as Agniveers before supporting this "anti-youth" move. Calling it as an "illogical" move that will "jeopardize" the national security, besides damaging the basic spirit of the Indian Army, Mann advised the BJP leaders to stop building castles in air to support this move which is detrimental to the interests of the country. Leader of Opposition and Congress legislator Partap Singh Bajwa demanded that the Agnipath scheme should be withdrawn.

According to the resolution, the House recommends to the state government to take up the matter with the Union government in order to roll back the Agnipath scheme immediately.

Zubair moves Delhi HC against police remand

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, June 30: The Delhi High Court will hear Friday a plea by Alt News co-founder Mohammed Zubair challenging his police remand in a case related to an alleged objectionable tweet he had posted in 2018 against a Hindu deity.

The petition, which challenges the trial court's June 28 order granting four days of custody of Zubair to the Delhi Police, is listed for



hearing before Justice Sanjeev Narula. Zubair's advocate Vrinda Grover Thursday mentioned the petition before Justice Narula who agreed to list it Friday. The Alt News co-founder was arrested by the Delhi Police on June 27 for allegedly hurting religious sentiments through one of his tweets and was sent to one-day police custody by the trial court on the same day. After being produced on the expiry of his one-day custodial interrogation, his custody was extended by another four days by Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Snigdha Sarvaria. As per the trial court's order, Zubair would be next produced before it on July 2 upon the expiry of the four-day police remand. Earlier this month, a case against Zubair was registered under sections 153A (promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, language, etc.) and 295A (deliberate and malicious act intended to outrage religious feelings) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

'Improving road safety could save 30K lives a year'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, June 30: Improving road safety measures could save nearly 30,000 lives in India every year, says a study published in The Lancet journal that underlines proven interventions targeting four key risk factors - speeding, drunk driving, lack of helmet, and seatbelt use.

The estimate for drunk driving was not available for India. This is the first study that gives country-specific estimates of the effect of addressing the four main road safety risk factors through interventions for 185 countries.

Globally, road traffic crashes kill more than 13.5 lakh people each year, with over 90 per cent of those fatalities occurring in low-and middle-income countries (LMICs), the researchers said. The Lancet Series on road safety calls for in-

The researchers found that interventions to check speeding could save 20,554 lives while promotion of crash helmets could save 5,683 lives in India



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creased political and financial commitments and for road safety to be included in mainstream development policies.

Encouraging the use of seatbelts can also save 3,204 lives in the country

The series argues that it is essential to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including the target to

halve road traffic crash fatalities and injuries by 2030.

"Most road traffic deaths are preventable, but sadly the number of fatalities continues to rise in low-income countries while progress in high-income countries has slowed over the past decade," said series co-ordinator Professor Adnan Hyder from The George Washington University, US.

"With the second United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety (2021-2030) underway, our work for this series clearly shows that proven road safety measures can save lives in all countries, rich and poor alike," Hyder said.

Globally, the analysis of 74 studies in 185 countries suggests that routinely wearing helmets and seat-belts, obeying speed limits and avoiding drunk-driving could save between 347,000 (3.47 lakh) and 540,000 (5.4 lakh) lives world-

wide every year.

The study estimates that targeting four key risk factors for road injuries and deaths - speeding, drunk driving, and non-use of crash helmets and seatbelts - could prevent between 25 per cent and 40 per cent of all fatal road injuries worldwide every year. All countries would benefit from increased road safety measures to varying degrees, the researchers said.

For example, improving seatbelt use would have a particularly large effect on reducing road deaths in the US, saving an estimated 14,121 lives every year, and China (13,228).

The benefits of increasing motorcycle helmet wearing would be largest in China, saving 13,703 lives a year, Brazil (5,802), and India (5,683), that have a high incidence of motorcyclist injuries, according to the researchers.

Mumbai: Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) announced Thursday a franchise partnership with Pret A Manger to launch and build the British sandwich and coffee chain in India, marking the company's foray into the booming food and beverage industry. RIL will open the first Pret store in Mumbai before March 2023, a source said. RIL will open the first Pret store in Mumbai before March 2023, a source said.

Cryptos clear danger: RBI Guv

Mumbai, June 30: Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das Thursday described cryptocurrencies as "clear danger" and said that anything that derives value based on make believe, without any underlying, is just speculation under a sophisticated name. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been flagging concerns about cryptocurrencies, which are seen as a highly speculative asset. In the foreword to the 25th issue of the Financial Stability Report (FSR) released Thursday, Das also said that as

the financial system gets increasingly digitalised, cyber risks are growing and need special attention. "We must be mindful of the emerging risks on the horizon. Cryptocurrencies are a clear danger. Anything that derives value based on make believe, without any underlying, is just speculation under a sophisticated name," Das said. RBI first came out with a circular regarding cryptocurrencies in 2018 and had barred entities regulated by it from dealing in such instruments. However, in early 2020, Supreme Court struck down the circular. While regulatory clarity is yet to



emerge with respect to the cryptocurrency space in the country, the government is working to finalise a consultation paper on cryptocurrencies with inputs from various stakeholders and institutions, including the World Bank and the IMF.

EU sets anti-money laundering rules

London: The European Union has agreed on new rules subjecting cryptocurrency transfers to the same money-laundering rules as traditional banking transfers. EU negotiators signed a provisional agreement late Wednesday for the 27-nation bloc's first rules on tracing transfers of crypto assets like bitcoin, which is aimed at clamping down on illicit transfers and blocking suspicious transactions. When a crypto asset changes hands, information on both the source and the beneficiary would have to be stored on both sides of the transfer, according to the new rules.

May core output expands by 18.1%

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New Delhi, June 30: Led by healthy growth in coal, crude oil, fertilisers, cement and electricity production, output of eight core industries grew to a 13-month high of 18.1 per cent in May this year, according to official data released Thursday.

The growth of core infrastructure sectors expanded by 16.4 per cent in the year-ago period and 9.3 per cent in April this year. The last high growth was recorded in April 2021 when it was 62.6 per cent. In May, the output of coal, crude oil, refinery products, fertiliser, cement and electricity rose by 25.1 per cent, 46 per cent, 16.7 per cent, 22.8 per cent, 26.3 per cent and 22 per cent, respectively.

Growth rate in the production of natural gas and steel slowed down by 7 per cent and 15 per cent in the month under review as compared to 20.1 per cent



and 55.2 per cent, respectively in May 2021.

Cumulatively, during April-May 2022-23, the output of these eight sectors fell to 13.6 per cent as compared to 36.3 per cent during the same period of FY22.

Icra chief economist Aditi Nayar said that the core sector growth for May printed at a robust, but "optically misleading" 18 per cent, boosted by the low base of the second wave of Covid-19. The disaggregated data showed a broad-based improvement in the year-on-year growth, benefitting from the low base, with the exception of coal, which nevertheless continued to record a high growth, she said.

Sale of electoral bonds from July 1



AGENCIES

New Delhi, June 30: The government Wednesday approved issuance of the 21st tranche of electoral bonds that will open for sale from July 1.

Electoral bonds have been pitched as an alternative to cash donations made to political parties as part of efforts to bring transparency in political funding.

State Bank of India (SBI), in the 21st phase of sale, has been authorised to issue and encash electoral bonds through its 29 authorised branches with effect from July 1 to July 10, the finance ministry said in a statement.

The authorised SBI branches include those in Lucknow, Shimla, Dehradun, Kolkata, Guwahati, Chennai, Patna, New Delhi, Chandigarh, Srinagar, Gandhinagar, Bhopal, Raipur, and Mumbai.

Assembly elections are due in Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh later this year. Polls for five states - Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Goa - concluded in March this year.

The 20th tranche of bond sales took place from April 1 to April 10, 2022. The sale of the first batch of electoral bonds happened from March 1-10, 2018. SBI is the only authorised bank to issue electoral bonds.

An electoral bond will be valid for 15 days from the date of issue. No payment would be made to any political party, if the bond is deposited after expiry of the validity period, the statement said.

Electoral bonds can be purchased by Indian citizens or entities incorporated or established in the country. Registered political parties that have secured not less than 1 per cent of the votes polled in the last Lok Sabha or legislative assembly election are eligible to receive funding through electoral bonds.

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COVID CASES RISING: WHO

The number of new coronavirus cases rose by 18 per cent in the last week, with more than 4.1 million cases reported globally, according to the World Health Organisation



ASSAULT TO CONTINUE

Russia abandons Snake Island

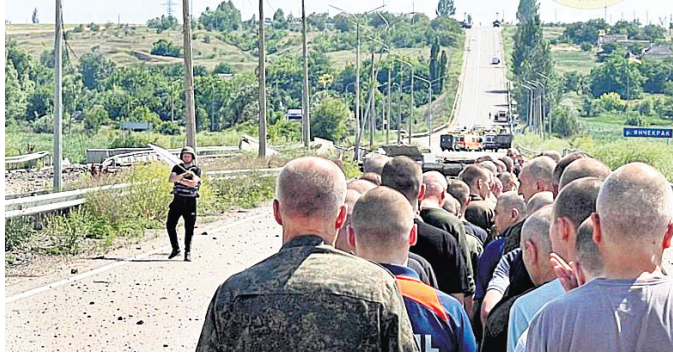
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Kyiv, June 30: Russia Thursday pulled back its forces from a strategically placed Black Sea island where they have faced relentless Ukrainian attacks, but kept up its push to encircle the last bulwark of Ukraine's resistance in the eastern province of Luhansk.

Russia's Defence Ministry said it withdrew its forces from the Zmiyinyy (Snake) Island off Ukraine's Black Sea port of Odesa in what it described as a "goodwill gesture." Ukraine's military said the Russians fled the island in two speedboats following a barrage of Ukrainian artillery and missile strikes.

Russia's Defence Ministry spokesman Lt. Gen. Igor Konashenkov insisted that the withdrawal was intended to demonstrate that "the Russian Federation wasn't hampering the United Nations' efforts to establish a humanitarian corridor for taking agricultural products from the territory of Ukraine."

Ukraine and the West have ac-



A man with a white flag walks along the road during an exchange of prisoners, as Russia's attack on Ukraine continues

cused Russia of blockading Ukrainian ports to prevent exports of grain, contributing to the global food crisis. Russia has denied the accusations and charged that Ukraine needs to remove sea mines from the Black Sea to allow safe navigation.

Turkey has sought to broker a deal on unblocking grain exports from Ukraine, but the talks have dragged on without any sign of quick progress, with Kyiv voicing concern that Russia could use the

deal to launch an attack on Odesa. Russia took control of the island that sits along a busy shipping lane in the opening days of the war in apparent hope to use it as a staging ground for an attack on Odesa. The island came to epitomise the Ukrainian resistance to the Russian invasion, when Ukrainian troops there received a demand from a Russian warship to surrender or face bombardment. "Russian warship," the answer came back, "go

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Washington will announce \$800 million of additional weapons aid to Ukraine in the coming days JOE BIDEN | US PRESIDENT

(expletive) yourself." The Ukrainian defenders of the island were captured by the Russians but later freed as part of a prisoner exchange. After the island was taken, the Ukrainian military relentlessly bombarded a small Russian garrison and air defense assets stationed there. In the east of Ukraine on Thursday, Moscow kept up its push to take control of the entire Donbas region.

NEW ERA

Marcos takes helm in Philippines

In his inaugural speech, Marcos Jr. defended the legacy of his late father, who he said accomplished many things that had not been done since the country's independence

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Manila (Philippines), June 30: Ferdinand Marcos Jr., the namesake son of an ousted dictator, praised his father's legacy and glossed over its violent past as he was sworn in as Philippine President Thursday after a stunning election victory that opponents say was pulled off by whitewashing his family's image.

His rise to power, 36 years after an army-backed "People Power" revolt booted his father from office and into global infamy, upends politics in the Asian democracy, where a public holiday, monuments and the Philippine Constitution stand as reminders of the end of Ferdinand Marcos Sr.'s tyrannical rule.



Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr., the son and namesake of the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos, waves to the audience after being sworn in as the 17th President of the Philippines beside his wife Louise Araneta-Marcos during the inauguration ceremony at the National Museum in Manila

But in his inaugural speech, Marcos Jr. defended the legacy of his late father, who he said accomplished many things that had not been done since the country's independence. "He got it done, sometimes with the needed support, sometimes without. So will it be with his son," he said to applause from his supporters in the crowd. "You will get no excuses from me."

"My father built more and better roads, produced more rice than all administrations before his," Marcos Jr. said. He praised the infrastructure projects by his predecessor, Rodrigo Duterte, who ended his six-year term also with a legacy of violence, strong-man rule and contempt for those who stood in his path.

Israel's Parliament dissolves

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Jerusalem, June 30: Israel's experiment with the most diverse political alliance ranging from the Left, Centre and Right to even an Islamist Arab party finally came to an end Thursday with the Knesset voting to disperse itself in an overwhelming 92-0 vote, clearing the way for fresh polls — the fifth in less than four years.

The "anti-Netanyahu" glue (the resolve to keep former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

away from power) that kept the diverse partners with sharp ideological differences together for a little more than a year finally gave in under the weight of its incompatibility.

Uncomfortable members kept the government on its toes all through its stint and chose to go with "their conscience" finally making it untenable while the Netanyahu bloc remained loyal to him, blocking the government even on issues which otherwise gelled along with their ideology.

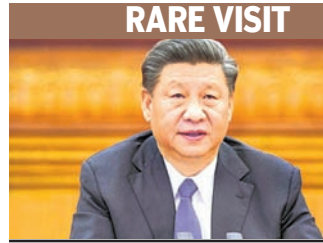
DECKS CLEARED FOR POLLS

HK has risen from the ashes: Xi

REUTERS

Hong Kong, June 30: Hong Kong has overcome its challenges and "risen from the ashes", China's President Xi Jinping said Thursday as he arrived in the former British colony to celebrate 25 years since its return to Chinese rule.

Xi will swear in the global financial hub's new leader, John Lee, Friday during his first visit to the city since 2017, which is also his first known trip outside the mainland in more than two years, amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Wearing



RARE VISIT

- China's Xi arrives in Hong Kong via high-speed rail
- Will swear in city's new leader and mark anniversary
- Police warn against violence, disorder
- Tight security around train station

masks, Xi and his wife, Peng Liyuan, stepped off a high-speed train to be greeted by children waving flowers and Chinese and Hong Kong flags and chanting "Welcome, welcome, warmly welcome" in Mandarin.

"Hong Kong has withstood severe tests again and again, overcoming challenges one by one," Xi said during a brief speech. "After the wind and rain, Hong Kong has risen from the ashes."

Jackson sworn in as Supreme Court justice

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Washington, June 30: Ketanji Brown Jackson has been sworn in to the Supreme Court, shattering a glass ceiling as the first Black woman on the nation's highest court.

The 51-year-old Jackson is the court's 116th justice and she took the place Thursday of the justice she once worked for. Justice Stephen Breyer's retirement took

effect at noon. Moments later, joined by her family, Jackson recited the two oaths required of Supreme Court justices, one administered by Breyer and the other by Chief Justice John Roberts.

"With a full heart, I accept the solemn responsibility of supporting and defending the Constitution of the United States and administering justice without fear or favor, so help me God," Jackson said in a statement issued by the court.



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