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Court dismisses bail application of Manish Sisodia

New Delhi, (UNI) A Delhi Court on Friday dismissed the bail application of former Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi Manish Sisodia in Delhi Liquor policy case. CBI Special Judge MK Nagpal after hearing arguments and submission on behalf of Central Bureau of Investigation and Defence Counsel passed an order to dismiss the bail application. Counsel for Sisodia earlier submitted through before the Court that Sisodia has always cooperated with the investigating agency and nothing incriminating material found against him during the searches. He



said there is no evidence that the applicant may influence the witnesses except a vague thing that he is in a position to influence the witnesses. He further submitted that not a single penny has been traced from Sisodia.

He further submitted that no fruitful purpose would be served by keeping him behind the bar. He is ready to abide all the terms and conditions leveled by the court, if granted bail. Government Counsel for CBI after filing written submis-

sion opposed the regular bail application of Sisodia by submitting before the Court that in this matter phones were frequently changed by Manish Sisodia which is not an innocent act, it was done for the destruction of evidence. If bail is granted he may destroy the evidence. Sisodia was arrested by CBI on February 26 after about eight hours of questioning on various aspects of the excise policy for 2021-22. According to investigating agency the excise policy was suffered from irregularities in its formulation and implementation.

Odisha govt to protect the interest of people on Mahanadi water dispute

Bhubaneswar, (UNI) Odisha government has been taking all necessary steps on the Mahanadi water issue to protect the interest of people of the state, Water Resources minister Tukuni Sahu told the state Assembly on Friday. Making a statement in the house, Sahu said the government is committed to protecting the interest of the people of the state in future also. She said since the Mahanadi water dispute is at present under the consideration of the Tribunal it would not be possible to submit a detailed report on the issue now. The minister requested all members irrespective of their party affiliation, to support the government on the issue. Sahu said Mahanadi is the lifeline of Odisha. People of 23

districts depend upon Mahanadi for their livelihood. The main reason over the dispute over Mahanadi river arose after Chhattisgarh constructed several barrages on the upstream of the river unilaterally and illegally ignoring the interest of Odisha and planned to use 27.48 million acre foot of water. She said Chhattisgarh government has constructed six mega industrial based barrages and obstructed the flow of water to Hirakud reservoir during the non-monsoon period. Due to continuous reduction in flow of water to Hirakud reservoir during non-monsoon period, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik had requested the Union Water Resources Minister in 2000 to ensure flow of minimum 2 million acre foot

to Hirakud reservoir during non-monsoon period. Later in 2016 the Chief Minister demanded the Union Resources Minister at a meeting to maintain the status quo and also apprised the Prime Minister about it. Since it yielded no results the state government demanded the Union government to constitute a tribunal to resolve the issue, the minister said. She further said the state government moved the Supreme Court as the central government did not respond to the demand of the state. The Mahanadi Water Dispute Tribunal was constituted on March 12, 2018 on the direction of the Supreme Court with a term of three years which was later extended by the central government by two more years and now it has

been extended upto December 12, 2024, the minister said. The Odisha government has appointed eminent technical experts as witnesses and has been presenting its argument through eminent legal experts before the tribunal and the case is now under the consideration of the tribunal. The Tribunal has fixed dates for field visits to the basins of Mahanadi in Chhattisgarh in two phases— in the first phase from April 18, 2023 to April 22, 2023 and in the second phase from April 29 to May 3, 2023. The date for field visit of the basin of Mahanadi in Odisha would be fixed after the visit of Chhattisgarh, the Minister said and appealed to the members to cooperate with the government.

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Senate approves SC bill amid PTI opposition

Islamabad, (UNI) The Senate approved the Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) Bill, 2023 that would limit chief justice of Pakistan's discretionary powers to take suo motu notice.

The bill was moved in the Senate on Thursday after it was approved by the National Assembly a day earlier.

At least 60 senators approved the bill while 19 lawmakers voted against it, according to Geo news.

Before the final vote on the bill, a motion was presented to send the

bill to the Senate Standing Committee on Law and Justice for further debate but it was rejected.

The motion for the urgent approval of the bill was then presented which was accepted by a majority of lawmakers.

Once the bill was tabled in the Senate, Law Minister Azam Nazir Tarar explained that the proposed law is providing the right to appeal in suo motu cases and to appoint a different lawyer in the appeals.

However, Leader of the Opposition Dr Shahzad Waseem slammed the

bill saying that the government is unable to ensure a smooth distribution of wheat and planning to make rules for the Supreme Court.

"Making rules for the Supreme Court is an indirect attack (on the judiciary. You are trying to create division in the Supreme Court," claimed Dr Waseem. He added that the bill did not talk about the right of appeal before and later in the standing committee the right to appeal was also given on previous cases.

"Give the bill to the committee and let it bring its changes," said the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf

(PTI) senator and called for a vote on the matter. As the opposition leader was making his speech, the PTI senators hold a protest in the upper house.

When PTI Senator Ali Zafar was given a chance to speak, he said that he had two objections to the bill.

"Only constitutional amendment can be made in 184/3. If you pass laws this way then it will be struck down within 15 days," warned the senator. He added that the right to appeal can only be given through the Constitution. Zafar said that the

Senate's standing committee had sent a constitutional amendment for the right to appeal. He also warned that by opening past cases the Supreme Court will have to hear thousands of cases again.

"There is also a divide among the lawyers on this bill. Such amendments cannot be made without amending the Constitution," said Zafar. He added that some changes suggested by the bill are illegal.

The senator also objected to the timing of the bill as that an election suo motu was ongoing in the Supreme Court.

UAE Central Bank says revokes license of Russia's MTS Bank branch in Abu Dhabi

Abu Dhabi, (UNI) The Central Bank of the UAE announced on Friday its decision to revoke the license of Russia's MTS Bank branch to operate in Abu Dhabi.

"The Central Bank of the UAE announced that it has been decided to cancel MTS Bank's Abu Dhabi license, wind down its operations within six months from the date of the decision, under the supervision of the Central Bank, and close the branch," the regulator said in a statement. This decision was made after



"considering the available options regarding the new status of the MTS Bank, and taking into account the sanctions risks associated with the bank after the designation," the statement read.

"During the winding down, the branch will be

prohibited from opening new accounts and conducting transactions, except for clearing prior obligations and the bank's use of Central

Bank's payment systems will be restricted to this purpose only," the bank added.

17 people killed, 37 injured in landslide in Ecuador - Officials



Quito, (UNI) At least 17 people were killed and 37 others were injured in a landslide in central Ecuador, the National Secretariat for Risk Management said on Friday.

On Sunday, a massive landslide hit the city of Alausi in the province of Chimborazo.

The agency added that 72 people are considered missing, with a total of 500 local residents being affected by the landslide. In addition, the natural disaster completely destroyed 57 houses, the agency noted.

UK to join agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership - Minister

London, (UNI) The United Kingdom will join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), UK Secretary of State for International Trade Kemi Badenoch said on Friday. "It's nearly 1am UK time and my counterparts and I have only just officially concluded negotiations to join the CPTPP bloc! Fantastic news for UK business and consumers as we increase trade with the dynamic Indo-Pacific region providing the future of global GDP growth," Badenoch said on Twitter. The UK will be the first European country to join the CPTPP. The Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement was originally signed in 2016 between the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, Vietnam, Japan, Mexico, Chile, and Peru. As part of the agreement, it was planned to create a free trade zone in the Asia-Pacific region. However, in January 2017, then US President Donald Trump signed a decree withdrawing the US from the agreement, after which the remaining 11 countries formed the CPTPP.

2 dead, 5 injured in shooting outside restaurant in US Tennessee

Washington, (UNI) Two people died, and five others were wounded after a shooting outside a restaurant in Memphis, Tennessee, police said.

The shooting took place late Wednesday night. According to local authorities, one of the men was pronounced dead on the scene, while the other was transported to hospital, where he was later pronounced dead. Five additional victims -- four males and a female -- were also sent to the hospital due to gunshot wounds. There have been 131 mass shootings in the United States so far this year, according to the Gun Violence Archive, which defines a mass shooting as one in which at least four people are shot, excluding the shooter. Meanwhile, more than 10,200 people have lost their lives to gun violence in the past three months, the website's data showed.

Earlier this week, a heavily-armed shooter attacked a private elementary school in Nashville, Tennessee, killing six people, including three nine-year-old students, before being fatally shot by police.

Australians warned of looming Covid waves, encouraged to take booster dose

Canberra, (UNI) Australia's top doctor has warned the country to prepare for new waves of COVID-19 in the lead-up to winter.

Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Paul Kelly and Minister for Health and Aged Care, Mark Butler, said the government on Sunday will begin rolling out the new COVID-19 ad campaign to reinforce the importance and the value of vaccination.

It comes off the back of the advice from the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunization for an additional COVID-19 booster dose for 2023.

"If it's been more than six months since you were infected, or six months since you had your last dose of COVID vaccine,

you are now able to go out and get an additional dose whether it's your third, fourth or fifth dose to top up your protection," said Butler in a press conference on Thursday.

Kelly said that increasing coverage of booster vaccines was critical before predicted new waves of infections hit Australia through the colder months of the year.

According to Department of Health data, 1 million Australians have received their 2023 booster doses since they were made available in early February.

A new government report on Australia's fourth wave of the COVID-19 virus' variant Omicron, which ended in February, said it was less severe than previous peaks but

lasted for longer.

"This was the first wave that we've had more than one circulating virus, and that so called soup of viruses was new, and it makes it actually more difficult to predict what is going to happen in the next wave or in the timing of the next wave," Kelly told reporters.

"We will see more waves, as the Minister mentioned, we have seen a very slight increase over the last few weeks, but certainly much less than what we were seeing during summer."

In its weekly report updated on Friday, Department of Health said over the last week, 26,301 cases of COVID-19 were reported across Australia, an average of 3,757 cases per day.

Hanoi ranks as costliest city in Vietnam in 2022: report



Hanoi, (UNI) The Vietnamese capital city of Hanoi was the most expensive place to live in the Southeast Asian country in 2022, according to a recent report on living costs published by the General Statistics Office of Vietnam.

The northern province of Quang Ninh ranked second on the list of the top five most expensive cities and provinces, followed by southern Ho Chi Minh City, central Da Nang city and southern Ba Ria-Vung Tau province, local newspaper Vietnam News reported

on Friday, citing the report.

Central Quang Tri province was found to be the locality with the lowest Spatial Cost of Living Index (SCOLI) in 2022, followed by Tra Vinh, Ben Tre, Soc Trang and Nam Dinh.

The Red River Delta retained its position as the most expensive region in the country, with the Northern Midland and Mountainous region and Southeast region following closely behind, according to the report.

The Mekong Delta region has the lowest cost

of living, largely thanks to the low prices of food and catering services. These prices are low due to the region's intensive farming methods and favourable soil and climate conditions for agricultural production, said the report.

Despite swift and unpredictable developments in the global economy last year, the SCOLI index in 2022 in Vietnam did not change much compared to 2021. Consumer goods are abundant with a diverse distribution system, so the prices of goods and services in localities did not fluctuate much, the report said.

The SCOLI is a relative indicator that reflects the difference in consumer goods and services prices among localities and regions during a certain period. It can be used as a reference for socioeconomic development policies or for businesses to assess competitiveness in terms of prices, market share and product costs.

Turkish parliament ratifies Finland's NATO membership protocol - Deputy Speaker

Istanbul, (UNI) The Grand National Assembly of Turkey ratified the protocol on Finland's membership in NATO, Deputy Speaker Haydar Akar said.

"For the ratification of the protocol on Finland's accession to NATO - 276 votes, the proposal was accepted. Congratulations to Finland and its citizens," Akar said.

Later in the day, Finnish President Sauli Niinisto commented on the ratification of Helsinki's NATO bid by Turkey and expected Sweden to enter the alliance as fast as possible.

"All 30 NATO members have now ratified Finland's membership. I want to thank every one

of them for their trust and support. Finland will be a strong and capable Ally, committed to the security of the Alliance. Finland is now ready to join NATO. We look forward to welcoming Sweden to join us as soon as possible," Niinisto said on Twitter.

NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg noted that Finland's accession to the bloc will make NATO "stronger and safer."

"I welcome the vote of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey to complete the ratification of Finland's accession," Stoltenberg said on Twitter.

Finland and Sweden applied to become NATO

members in May 2022, three months after Russia started its special military operation in Ukraine. However, Sweden's bid to join NATO has not yet been ratified by Turkey and Hungary. The accession process came to a standstill in January 2023 following Quran-burning incidents in Sweden, with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan saying that Stockholm should not count on Ankara's support for its NATO bid. At the same time, Turkish officials have repeatedly stated that NATO's doors were not closed to Sweden, but the accession process and its speed were completely dependent on Stockholm's next steps.

SKorean President's rating drops to 4-month low - Poll



Seoul, (UNI) South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol's approval rating has hit a four-month low against the backdrop of his summit with Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, according to a Gallup Korea Research Institute poll released on Friday. The poll showed that 60% of respondents negatively viewed Yoon's policy, and only 30% approved of the president's job performance, down four percentage points from a week ago.

At the same time, 21% cited diplomacy as the reason for the negative assessment, while another 20% cited issues in relations with Japan and a compensation plan for forced labor victims during the Japanese colonial period.

The approval ratings of the ruling People Power Party and the main opposition Democratic Party were tied at 33%, according to the survey. The poll was conducted from March 28-30 and surveyed 1,000 adults, with the confidence interval standing at 95% and the margin of error not exceeding 3.1%.

The disapproval of Yoon's policy intensified following the leader's meeting with Kishida during his visit to Japan from March 16-17. The opposition members believe the president made unannounced concessions to Japan regarding issues that have been souring bilateral relations for decades, including Japan's wartime forced labor.

In the beginning of March, the South Korean government proposed a compensation plan for the victims of forced labor during the Japanese rule through a South Korean public foundation instead of Japanese companies, as originally prescribed by a court. While some of the victims rejected the proposal, Tokyo welcomed it.

Odisha to observe "Zero Fatality Week" to prevent road accidents

Bhubaneswar, (UNI) Odisha will observe 'Zero Fatality Week' from April 1 to April 7 as part of an intensified awareness campaign and enforcement drive to prevent road accidents and casualties. The Commerce & Transport Department has issued a standard operating procedure (SOP) to all the stakeholder Departments, Collectors and SPs/DCPs for smooth observance of the drive. In 2022, Odisha witnessed 11,663 road accidents with 5,467 fatalities. There is an increase in fatalities by 7.60 percent in fatalities as compared with 2021, official sources said. Many lives could have been saved if these



accident victims could have reached the nearest health care facility in the Golden Hour.

Calling road accidents a big challenge for the State, Commerce & Transport Department Principal Secretary Usha Padhee said Road safety is a high priority area for the Govern-

ment which is taking a lot of initiatives for reduction of road accidents in the state. The government, she said, has adopted a fourfold strategy- Education, Engineering, Enforcement and Emergency care to ensure zero death during the week. The Department has specified the

responsibilities in SOP for all the stakeholder departments and urged them to take all possible measures to achieve zero casualty during the week. The Health and Family Welfare Department has been requested to sensitize the groups about zero fatality week who would support with Blood arrangements to accident victims regularly. The Trauma Care Centres have been instructed by the to remain prepared for round the clock service.

While the H&FW Department and NHAI will ensure deployment of ambulances in accident prone areas and highways, Works Department

and road owning agencies have been requested to install adequate signages, repair potholes and roads where required. They have also been requested to ensure proper traffic calming measures, 500 mtrs before the junction points where rural/urban approach roads meet the highways. Enforcement wing of RTOs along with Police personnel will conduct stringent enforcement throughout the week. The NGOs and first responder groups (Rakshak) have been requested to stay alert and help in the zero fatality mission.

Naveen announces Deepali Das as BJD candidate for Jharsuguda Assembly by election

Bhubaneswar, (UNI) Dipali Das, the daughter of former Health and Family Welfare Minister Naba Kishore Das who was shot dead by an ASI of police, is the BJD candidate for the May 10 by-election to Jharsuguda Assembly Constituency. BJD Supremo and Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik announced the name of Dipali in a party release on Friday. Naba Kishore Das was shot dead by Gopal Das, a Police ASI at Brajrajnagar on January 29 last. His death necessitated the by-election. As per the schedule issued by the Election Commission of India, the gazette notification



for the election will be made on April 13, 2023.

While April 20, 2023 is the last date of nomination, the scrutiny of nomination papers will be made on April 21 and April 24 is the last date for withdrawal of candidature. Polling will

be held on May 10, 2023 and counting of votes will be taken up on May 13. The election process will be completed by May 15, 2023. The Opposition BJP and the Congress are yet to announce their party candidate for the by poll.

Fake admit card incident, 3 students went on hunger strike in front of the District Collector's office

Angul, (TNB): Three students were seen protesting in front of Angul District Collector's office a few days ago. The information is that these three students are second year students of Sai Shradha Nursing College in Chendipada. The reason for sitting in the Hunger strike that on 09/01/2023 there was the second year examination of nursing college. Sumati Mahar, Priyanka Naik, Ashanjali Padhan, these three students were denied the exam because the college gave them fake admit cards. These 3 students filed a complaint with Chendipada police station



about this incident. After that there was a complaint against Angul Sadar police station.

These 3 students were forced to protest in front of the District Collector's office today due to not getting any results till date. The college authority's phone does not answer as the college authorities are not contacted by phone. As a result, the real truth is not

known. Here the district administration discussed 3 students. The district administration informed that this problem will be resolved on March 27. The students has been fasting in front of the District Collector's office since 9 am because of no success till date. Sitting in the sand without eating or drinking. She/they expressed her/their opinion that they will not stop the hunger strike until this problem is resolved.

No new "On shop" license in rural areas in Odisha during 2023-24

Bhubaneswar, (UNI) No permission will be given for opening any new 'ON' shop in rural areas in Odisha during 2023-24. No new application for 'ON' shop license shall be accepted for rural areas in the financial year 2023-24, the new excise policy announced by the Odisha government on Thursday said. In urban areas, a new ON shop license can be granted only for star hotels and other hotels having the minimum number of rooms to be decided by the Excise Department. In the new policy, the application fee for new/renewal of foreign liquor 'OFF' shops has been hiked to Rs 1.2 lakh from Rs 1.1 lakh.

Similarly, the annual composite Label registration fee for FL OFF shops, FL ON shops for the sale of all brands through the shop has been fixed at Rs 50,000. The license fee could be paid in four equal installments. District Collectors are authorised to issue temporary licenses as per the fee structure. As per the excise policy, the Excise department will issue licenses for the sale of liquor at cottages on beaches, eco retreats near lakes, dams and designated water bodies. The license will be available for the sale of liquor in cottages run by the Odisha Tourism Development Corporation and agencies authorised by it in a bid to promote tourism.

MOU Signed Between Indian Bank and IIT- Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar, (TNB): The MOU has been signed between Indian Bank and IIT - Bhubaneswar at one of the IIT office in Jatni. Through this collaboration, it is planned to provide financial assistance up to 50 crores through start-ups and MSMEs and up to 2 crores through CGTMSE to graduate students of IIT-Bhubaneswar. Manoj Kumar Das, General Manager, Field General Manager Office, Indian Bank Bhubaneswar, expressed his appreciation for Indian Bank's partnership with IIT Bhubaneswar including IIT Bombay, IIT Kanpur, IIT Madras, IIT Guwahati and IIM Kozhikode, IIM Bangalore, IISc Bangalore, VIT Vellore etc. V S Raju- Zonal Manager, Indian Bank, Bhubaneswar, described the genesis of the project and said Odisha has a start up-friendly ecosystem to nurture innovations. On this occasion, Dr. Debi Prasad Dogra- Director IIT BBSR, Dr. Sujit Roy-Director IIT BBSR, Dr. Yogesh Bhumkar- Director IIT BBSR, Ms. Purabee Purnasha Mishra CEO- IIT BBSR, Naveen Pattanaik- Deputy Zonal Manager, Rupesh Agarwal- AGM, MAPC, Bhubaneswar, Manoj Mathan-Chief Manager, FGMO and Sasanka Sekhar Sahoo- Chief Manager, ZO were also presented.

Amar Music released " a Mo Odisha" song

Rajgangpur/Rourkela, (TNB): On the auspicious occasion of 1st April i.e. Utkal Diwas, Amar Music has released a song titled "Mau Odisha" on YouTube channel. In this song, 30 well-known singers from 30 districts of Odisha state have given their voices. The song has been recorded at Somesh Studio in Bhubaneswar and has been beautifully composed by well-known music director of Ollywood, Gudali Rath, and this beautiful song has been composed by Surya Mohapatra, helping set a unique precedent.

Famous singer Tarun Kumar, who grew up in Rourkela city among thirty



singers of Odisha state, also helped in increasing the pride of the city by giving his voice. Let us tell you. At the age of fourteen, Taran Kumar was fond of singing and at an early age, due to his hard work and ability, he presented Odia, Sambalpur and Jharkhandi language songs along with film songs in the well-known orchestral group of Rourkela city and sur-

rounding areas. By making a distinct identity in the orchestral world. Due to his recognition, he formed his own separate orchestral group and there was no looking back. At present, whether in Chhattisgarh or Maharashtra or Madhya Pradesh or Jharkhand or Bihar, Tarun Kumar does not need any introduction for his voice and art..

Odisha: DCBL to provide livelihood to one million rural woman in mushroom cultivation

Bhubaneswar, (UNI) Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Ltd (DCBL), a subsidiary of Dalmia Bharat Ltd, has planned to provide livelihood support to 1 million rural women through an enterprise development programme in mushroom cultivation in Odisha. Mushroom farming is a low investment and profitable agri-business model that can be easily adopted by impoverished women for generating sustainable income and being self-

reliant. Dalmia Cement is facilitating the training programme for Self Help Group (SHG) women in communities surrounding its plants in Cuttack, Rajgangpur and Lanjiberna Mines, enabling them to earn an additional income of Rs.5000 a month through establishment of mushroom cultivation units.

Two types of mushrooms are locally grown and available in the markets for sale - Paddy

straw and Oyster mushrooms. Preparing one bed of mushrooms costs around Rs.40 - Rs.50 and from each bed, the profits earned can be up to Rs.300. It is also eco-friendly as agricultural waste can be used as substrate for the mushroom beds. These mushrooms can be grown for 10 months in a year and aids underprivileged women to earn well for supporting their families. Dalmia Cement pro-

vides raw materials and market linkage support to all SHG women to build their own cultivation enterprises.

Deputy Executive Director, DCBL and Unit Head-KCMW Bhavesh Walasaid, "With the economy bouncing back gradually post covid, we noticed a rise in demand for mushrooms in the local markets. The company he said had identified this as a potential opportunity for sustainable income generation for

marginalized women in surrounding communities. Many participants have benefitted from this programme and have built a reliable source of income for themselves, Walasaid. Apart from mushroom farming, initiatives like Project Hastakala - handicraft production, spices and pickle making, flower and organic vegetable farming, terracotta products making have also been introduced by the company.

Ruckus in Odisha Assembly over Kotia border Fake certificate issue, House adjourned till 1600 hrs

Bhubaneswar, (UNI) Opposition BJP and Congress members on Friday stalled the business of Odisha Assembly over Kotia border issue and fake certificate case forcing Speaker BK Aruk to adjourn the house during zero hour till 1600 hours. The house witnessed ruckus by the opposition BJP and Congress members as they stormed into the well of the house and shouted slogans disrupting the proceedings. Congress member Tara Prasad Bahinipati was

seen trying to climb up to the Speaker's podium but was prevented by the watch and ward staff. Raising the issue during zero hour, Leader of Opposition J N Mishra said Andhra Pradesh is interfering in Kotia and 21 other villages in Odisha's Koraput district.

He alleged that the Deputy Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh is trying to lure the people of the area by offering them various lucrative incentives while the Parbatipuram Collector is frequently



visiting the area. Mishra wanted to know what the Odisha government is doing to resolve the border dispute with Andhra Pradesh and other neighbouring states. He said Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik had

announced a package for the people of the area and sought to know what happened to the package. The leader of Opposition said there seemed to be a link between the Vanik Coaching centre and the fake certificate scam

which was recently busted by the Balangir police with the arrest of 19 people. Mishra questioned the role of BJD leader Subrat Chhatoi who has supplied computers to 5T schools and his relations with 5T and IT Secretary. Congress Legislature Party Leader Narasingha Mishra said a photograph of the fake certificate racket accused with a Minister and a former Minister is going around. He said the accused in the fake

certificate case allegedly occupied a government quarter illegally and wanted to know what steps the government is taking on the issue.

His party colleague Santosh Singh Saluja said the BJD has turned the state into a hub of scams and crimes. He wanted to know about the GST raid on Vanik coaching centre and its connection with BJD leader Chhatoi. Arun Sahu (BJD) accused the Opposition members of enacting drama on the Kotia issue. He said the

central government is informed about the Kotia issue adding that the central government has a major role to play in the inter state dispute issue. Sahu said the BJP leaders should demand the Prime Minister and the Home Minister to resolve the issue. He also alleged that photographs of congress member Narasingha Mishra and several BJP leaders were seen in the photographs with the accused in the fake certificate case.

EAST COAST RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. 53/ET/SSP/ENGG/2022-23
Date: 27.03.2023

e-Tender No. 53-eT-DENW-SBP-22

Name of the work: SUPPLY AND STACKING OF 60,000 CUM MACHINE CRUSHED TRACK BALLAST AS PER RAILWAYS SPECIFICATION AT NAWAPARA ROAD DEPOT FROM OUTSIDE RAILWAY LAND/ QUARRY AND LOADING INTO RAILWAYS WAGONS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL ENGINEER/ KANTABANJI OF SAMBALPUR DIVISION.

Approx cost of the work: ₹7,54,43,400/-
Bid Security: ₹5,27,300/-, Completion Period of the work: 12 (Twelve) Months.

Date & time of Tender Closing: 21.04.2023 at 1500 hrs.

No manual offers sent by Post/Courier/ Fax or in person shall be accepted against such e-Tenders, even if these are submitted on firm's letter head and received in time. All such manual offers shall be considered invalid and shall be rejected summarily without any consideration.

Complete information including e-tender documents of the above e-Tenders is available in website <http://www.irgsp.gov.in>

The tenderers/bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate and must be registered or IREPS portal. Only registered tenderer/bidder can participate on e-tendering. All relevant papers must have to be uploaded at the time of participating on e-tendering as per instruction.

Note: The prospective tenderers are advised to revisit the website fifteen days before the date of closing of tender to note any changes/ corrigendum issued for this tender.

Divisional Railway Manager (Engg./ PR-1126/N/22-23) Sambalpur

EAST COAST RAILWAY

File No. DRM/Engg/KUR/22-23/ E-Tender/175, Dt. 28.03.2023

1.Tender No. etender-South-KUR-486-2022, Date: 23.03.2023

Description: PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF 12.0 MTR. WIDE FOOT OVER BRIDGE CONNECTING ALL PLATFORMS AT PALASA RAILWAY STATION OF KHURDA ROAD DIVISION IN CONNECTION WITH AMRIT BHARAT SCHEME.

Approx cost of the work: ₹903.99 lakhs, EMD: ₹6,02,000/-.

2.Tender No. etender-South-KUR-486-2022, Date: 23.03.2023

Description: PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF 12.0 MTR. WIDE FOOT OVER BRIDGE CONNECTING ALL PLATFORMS AT PALASA RAILWAY STATION OF KHURDA ROAD DIVISION IN CONNECTION WITH AMRIT BHARAT SCHEME.

Approx cost of the work: ₹928.13 lakhs, EMD: ₹6,14,100/-.

3.Tender No. etender-CENT-KUR-487-2022, Date: 24.03.2023

Description: PROPOSED UP-GRADATION OF MERAMANDALI RAILWAY STATION OF KHURDA ROAD DIVISION.

Approx cost of the work: ₹475.02 lakhs, EMD: ₹3,87,500/-.

Completion Period of the work: 08 (Eight) Months (For sl. no. 1 & 2) & 06 (Six) Months (For sl. no. 3).

Date & time of Tender Closing: 14.04.2023, 1500 hrs. (For all Tenders)

No manual offers sent by Post/Courier/Fax or in person shall be accepted against such e-Tenders, even if these are submitted on firm's letter head and received in time. All such manual offers shall be considered invalid and shall be rejected summarily without any consideration.

Complete information including e-tender documents of the above e-Tenders is available in website <http://www.irgsp.gov.in>

Note: The prospective tenderers are advised to revisit the website 10 (ten) days before the date of closing of tender to note any changes/ corrigendum issued for this tender.

Divisional Railway Manager (Engg./ PR-1126/N/22-23) Khurda Road

Who are the real culprits?

The decision of the Rajasthan High Court in the Jaipur serial blast case of May 2008 not only surprises but also raises many important questions. 71 people were killed and 200 people were injured in those horrific blasts. Of the five people arrested in the case, four were sentenced to death by a special court in December 2019, while one was acquitted for lack of evidence. Now the High Court has acquitted all these four. According to him, sufficient evidence was not presented against them. Finding the police guilty of negligence, the High Court has also directed to initiate a departmental inquiry against the officials concerned. It can be agreed with him that in any case the evidence should be examined strictly. But the question is, what should be the scale of examination of evidence? The High Court said that the police were negligent and did not gather solid irrefutable evidence. But the special court which sentenced him to death said that it is difficult to get eyewitnesses in such cases.

Therefore, a judgment can be given on the basis of circumstances and circumstantial evidence. So the question arises whether in such cases the verdict should be given on the basis of circumstantial evidence or not? Seeing so many different decisions of two different courts, it is bound to raise questions in the minds of common people as well. Is it not a common thing that the evidence which one court considered sufficient for punishment like death, the other court did not consider that evidence to be worthy of any punishment. He acquitted everyone. So did these people who were caught have nothing to do with the serial blasts? Police caught innocent people? If so, then who were the people who actually carried out the serial blasts? Are they still roaming free? In any case, the police system and the judicial system will have to face tough questions. It is worth noting that this is not an isolated case. People caught in many cases related to bomb blasts and terror attacks have been walking free from the higher courts. In such a situation, taking this matter as an example, it is necessary to see where the problem is taking place. Is the police not taking necessary precautions in arresting the culprits or is it negligent in collecting evidence against them or are such criteria being adopted in the process of examining the evidence itself, which are not practical? It is expected that not only will all these aspects be considered closely in the Supreme Court, but a practical way will also be found out.

Global Cooperation to Protect Life on Earth



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All of us learnt about ozone in our academic books, magazines, journals that Ozone is a molecule made up of three oxygen atoms, often referenced as O₃. The ozone layer is one layer of the stratosphere, the second layer of the Earth's atmosphere. The Ozone layer is a thin part of the Earth's atmosphere that absorbs almost all of the sun's harmful ultra violet light and protects life on earth. If it was absent, millions of people would develop skin diseases and may have weakened immune systems. The main reasons for the ozone hole are chlorofluorocarbons, carbon tetrachloride, methyl bromide and hydro chlorofluorocarbons. According to NASA, each year for the past few decades during the Southern Hemisphere spring, chemical reactions involving chlorine and bromine cause ozone in the southern polar region to be destroyed rapidly and severely. This depleted region is known as the "ozone hole". The area of the ozone hole is determined from a map of total column ozone. It is calculated from the area on the Earth that is enclosed by a line with a constant value of 220 Dobson Units. The value of 220 Dobson Units is chosen

since total ozone values of less than 220 Dobson Units were not found in the historic observations over Antarctica prior to 1979. Also, from direct measurements over Antarctica, a column ozone level of less than 220 Dobson Units is a result of the ozone loss from chlorine and bromine compounds.

The human activities cause the emission of halogen source gases that contain chlorine and bromine atoms. These emissions into the atmosphere ultimately lead to stratospheric ozone depletion. The source gases that contain only carbon, chlorine, and fluorine are called "chlorofluorocarbons," usually abbreviated as CFCs. These are released by solvents, spray aerosols, refrigerators, air-conditioners, etc. The molecules of chlorofluorocarbons in the stratosphere are broken down by ultraviolet radiations and release chlorine atoms. Similarly the ozone layer has been found to be depleted by certain natural processes such as Sun-spots and stratospheric winds, volcanic eruptions etc.

So, every individual should also take steps to prevent the depletion of the ozone layer. One should avoid using pesticides and shift to natural methods to get rid of pests instead of using chemicals. The vehicles emit a large amount of greenhouse gases that lead to global warming as well as ozone depletion. Therefore, the use of vehicles should be minimized as much as possible or a vehicle shall be used more and more. Most of the cleaning products have chemicals that affect the ozone layer. We should substitute that with eco-friendly products. Maintain air conditioners, as their malfunctions cause CFC to escape into the atmo-

sphere. To control over the activities community and Government level interference is highly required.

Now, air Conditioners are hugely used in public and private transportations like; buses, cars, aero plane ad offices, homes etc. Refrigerators are available in almost all houses. Still there is no restriction on discharging such harmful gases. There is no limit of its uses, which load over on electricity as well as contaminate pure air and harms Ozone layer. Most of the people are going away from nature. They are enjoying the natural beauty but leaving in and depending on artificial materials and things. ACs are used not only in summer but also in all weather conditions. People are aware of its harmfulness. However, they ignore it or its optimum use reveals to stay in luxurious comfort. Though there are regulations to reduce ozone depleting substance, Montreal protocol, but regulations for people to reduce discharging such substances due to domestic, official, transport use of the machineries and control over such gases shall be formulated and implemented.

When the ozone layer is thinned (depleted), more ultraviolet radiation than usual is measured to reach Earth, raising Earth's temperature and increasing risk of sunburn and skin cancer. So Individual to Country and global level effort are required to protect the layer. For sustainable development in terms of agriculture, health, livelihood, reducing disaster and quality lives, Ozone protection is everyone's responsibility for which cooperation of every person is inevitable. Thus to infer, there is Ozone Layer, there are lives on earth.

Mankind & Problem



Alekh Chandra Samal, OFS-I (S.B.)

The path of Love and Service is not smooth: it abounds in struggle and disappointments. Life itself is a pendulum between sighs and smiles. But, every obstacle is an invitation to our intelligence. "Life is a challenge; meet it ! Life is a dream; realise it." Mankind is terrified by a crowd of problems at the present time - scientific, technological, economic and moral. These cannot be solved by material means alone. Mental transformation too must happen. The ideals laid down by the seers who moulded our cultural tradition have to be honoured and practised. They hold before the eyes the means to fulfil the years of life, not through the multiplication of material comforts, but through serenity and simplicity. Bigger mansions, swell cars, rare luxuries are eagerly sought after Man is no more the master; he is the slave of the habits, the pleasures and the riches he runs after He counts the number of years he has grown; he forgets that each year, his life-period is being shortened. Erudition sans humility,

expertise sans discrimination, work sans wisdom, life sans love, music sans melody can never receive honour in the community. When virtues are few and studies are huge What is the gain, what is their worth? When desert land one has acres ten, What is the gain? What their worth? A patch is a treasure if fertile it be. Character is the measure of man. Character insists on keeping vice and wickedness at a distance. It reminds man of obligations and responsibilities, of the high ideals and goal of human life. Life not sanctified by character is a home without lamps, a coin that is counterfeit.

Many a time, the game ends even before one recognises the Master. So, while life is on, one should devote it for some sacred activity - the most sacred being Seva. It ensures fellowship and kinship among all men. It discloses the unity inherent in all the divinity. In India, people have clubbed together in the name of seva or service as Lions Club, Rotary Club, Cosmopolitan Club etc. Their ideals are really sacred and the projects too are commendable. They revere all men as a single family. Many worthy persons perform devoted service as members of these Clubs. It is indeed a fortunate chance for them, for there can be no good work, higher than this.

They say, "Money makes many things" but it is more correct to say "Money makes many wrongs." Not all, of course, are ruined by affluence. They can help such organisations to do more and better service. They can supply medicines to those who render health service to the poor. They can

visit slums and offer help in various ways to the dwellers. These are all laudable. But, collecting money and paying others to do the service is not enough; we must assess what services we ourselves are offering directly. And, we must not be content - the doctors, lawyers, the rich, the educated - with spurts of service, off and on. It must be a continuous process, according to a settled time table undertaken every week Doctors must proceed to slums and villages and help the dwellers. There is urgent need for this type of seva. Lawyers must take up the cases in which wrongs are committed on the poor through their ignorance and plead on their behalf for justice. They could devote time for at least two or three such cases per week. Their pleadings on behalf of the poor should not be cursory and casual. They must be as earnest and as effective as the rest.

In the Sathya, there is no mithya; but, in the Mithya Jagath we have to search for sathya and experience it. We can do it if we rid our mind of all modifications and modulations. Let it be transformed from its present complex confusion into something like the sky, which does not bear any mark though millions of birds fly through it and thousands of planes move across it. Be unaffected, untouched, unattached. That is the spiritual discipline which will reveal the Reality, and which will ensure both physical and mental equanimity.

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Poor Public

Marriage and organizing social functions are two different things. The marriage can take place anywhere, at any religious place, but if the ceremony includes a preeti bhoj, a proper venue is essential. The dishes made in the marriage ceremony are meant to be eaten and the clothes worn are meant to be displayed. There is importance of eating and drinking and wearing special clothes of the bride and groom, close relatives and friends attending the marriage. Ordinary clothes are not worn even just for going out to eat, especially by girls and women The clothes worn on a daily basis do not get attention on that day. The difference between riches and poverty is clear In this case, the streak continues. In some families, clothes are not even given much importance. The choice of dishes in the context of marriage is almost the same in lower and middle class families. Similar dishes are also included in the weddings of rich families. Yes, there is a slight difference in level, taste and variety due to ingredients and cooking! Food served in 'buffet' style is more wasted Khan in a wedding these days It is usually served in 'buffet' style. Most of the people whose clothes tell that they

have brought if in the marriage, seeing the plate, it seems that they have come full hungry and will recover the entire money of Shagun. They fill their plate and leave when they don't like it or don't eat it. It is natural that a lot of food gets wasted and is thrown away. Everyone believes and keeps saying that take as much food as you can eat. Taste first then take more, but in this important matter of your neck The trouble of peeping is not tolerated. This is about the same land, where crores of people go to bed hungry every day. If we don't talk about the country, then in the area, city, village or locality where food is being fed, this request should be made to the guests in writing before eating food, that they must eat to their heart's content, but please do not leave the food in the plate. . This type of message should be continuously given on the social media platform. Although political and social leaders of the country have been preaching this, but the change does not really come. If the guest during the marriage If we insist among ourselves in this context, there is every possibility that it will definitely be considered bad. This apprehension can also be our guess that it will happen, but

it is very important to start about it. According to today's environment, it would be considered peeping into other's neck, but without this polite intervention, the thinking of 'what to do with us' is getting unwanted force. Everyone has become a fakir of the line. Talking about wedding invitations, the families who often speak in Hindi at the personal, family and social level throughout their life also send invitations in English only. Let's get the letters printed. They feel ashamed to send invitation letters in Hindi. The line is that Hindi is still buried under the dust in our brains. For decades, financially prosperous people draw an attractive line based on splendor in social events, especially marriages, and others go out of their capacity to be beggars in the effect and elegance of that line. In this context, it is very important that marriages and marriages should be organized according to their economic status. Marriage can also be accomplished with simplicity. If some of the society If you want to give a feast to six people (in which they also have to return the shagun given to them), then it can be organized sensibly without becoming stereotypical. It is appropriate and commendable that the focus should

be on the taste of the food at the feast. For this, an artisan confectioner is found who takes wages according to his skill and reputation and people give. Good craftsmen go to other places also. Then why it is necessary to serve food in 'buffet' style, it can also be served by sitting in comfortable rows on the ground and if the food is tasty. Applause is sure. It is also not necessary that there should be more dishes in the food. Once upon a time, food was served in Patal and Dona and only rice, puri, peas-paneer, curd-boondi and pumpkin were made. In many marriages, the taste of pumpkin was very wonderful. So much so that the pumpkin used to fall short and the guests kept asking for it. Our copycat society is always waiting for the initiative taker. Time has also started wishing that there should be some concrete changes in the common marriage food style. The one who changes makes a new beginning. If a new line is drawn, then that line will be destroyed. Many people can become rich by being poor. Vijay Garg Retired Principal Educational Columnist Malout Punjab

Vijay Garg

KKBKKJ: Salman pays ode to Telangana's flower fest with song 'Bathukamma'



New Delhi, (UNI) Bollywood superstar Salman Khan has launched the latest song, 'Bathukamma', from his upcoming most anticipated movie 'Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan'. 'Bathukamma' celebrates the annual flower festival, Bathukamma, celebrated by women in Telangana for nine days. The song features Salman in traditional Telugu attire, showcasing his love for the regional culture.

The song is an epitome of cultural richness and features a mix of traditional and modern music, with Pooja Hegde executing the dance in a graceful manner. The vibrant and colorful setup, traditional Telugu costumes, and 200 background dancers add a unique touch to the song, making it a visual delight. The song was shot during the Bathukamma festival, making it an authentic representation of the event and a tribute to the beautiful Telugu culture that will be enjoyed by audiences worldwide. With the launch of

"Bathukamma," Salman and the team of "Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan" have given a beautiful gift to Telugu culture enthusiasts. The music for "Bathukamma" is composed by Ravi Basur and has delivered a delightful rendition of a mix of melodic and soothing tunes of the southern part of the country that take the listeners on a surreal musical journey.

Santhosh Venky, Airaa Udipi, Harini Ivaturi, Suchetha Basur, Vijayalaxmi Mettinahole have given their voices to the song. The lyrics for the song are by Shabbir Ahmed, Ravi Basur, Kinnal Raj & Harini Ivaturi. Source close to production says, "Venkatesh was the one who suggested about the festival and then SK loved the idea on how the festival doesn't have a song dedicated to it and told the music director to have a song dedicated to the festival and women of Telangana and it will be his gift to the state through his movie."

Tripura BJP MLA faces pressure for watching porn in assembly

Agartala, (UNI) The opposition parties piled up pressure on the ruling BJP in Tripura seeking the expulsion of saffron MLA of Bagbasa constituency in North Tripura Jadab Lal Nath from the assembly whose video went viral on social media when he was watching purported porn clips on a mobile phone during the deliberation in the house on March 28 last.

The accused MLA claimed that the video has appeared all of a sudden

mistakenly when he was watching something else and said, "I am not that mobile friendly and I don't know how this video opened suddenly. I spoke to BJP state president Rajib Bhattacharjee and he told me to wait for the decision of the party."

However, the decision of the assembly has not yet been come, but the assembly Secretary B P Karmakar said, "Speaker is the sole authority to decide about the members of the assembly, no

one has the right or jurisdiction to comment on the matter related to any legislator." Speaker Biswabandhu Sen has been incommunicado on the issue.

Meanwhile, the principal opposition of the state TIPRA Motha stood with the demands of two other opposition parties - CPI-M and Congress to remove Jadab Lal Nath from the assembly immediately to keep the sacred virtue of the house and uphold the dignity and integrity of the laws

making institution. In 2012, one BJP MLA in Karnataka was caught watching porn films and tendered his resignation.

Leader of the opposition, Animesh Debbarma demands the chair where the MLA Nath was sitting needs to be sacred by washing it with the holy water of River Ganga and then reinstated in its place and both Speaker and BJP party must ensure that Nath shouldn't sit in the assembly anymore. "We have no problem if

he wants to watch porn videos in his private space. But this is not the place to watch it that too during a session in assembly. His act not only tarnished the image of Chief Minister Dr Manik Saha and Prime Minister Narendra Modi but also defamed the lawmakers," Debbarma said.

Demanding punitive action against the accused MLA, he said, "We also demanded to the Speaker to take action against Jadab Lal Nath. Want to tell the speaker to carry

out an investigation and should be barred from attending assembly sessions for at least six years."

The senior Congress legislator and former BJP minister Sudip Roybarman stated, "If Jadab Lal Nath will not be punished for porn film watching on the assembly floor during the session, it would send a wrong message to the society and then no action can be taken against anybody in future for such an act in public."

G20 delegates embark on a journey to pluck rarest Tea Leaves at Makaibari

Kolkata, (UNI) G20 delegates are in for a once-in-a-lifetime experience as they participate in the spiritual Moonlight tea plucking event at Makaibari, one of the world's oldest and finest tea estates.

Set to welcome delegates from 23 countries on April 1, Luxmi Tea Group, the owner of Makaibari, is determined to create an unforgettable encounter for international guests.

With biodynamic farming practices and two-thirds of the property turned into a subtropical forest, Makaibari is not only a prime producer of aromatic brews but also a haven for diverse wildlife, including Bengal tigers and over 300 bird



species.

The G20 delegates will have the chance to taste numerous tea blends, breathe in the aroma of freshly cut tea leaves, and witness the exhilarating brewing process during their stay. They will also immerse themselves in local culture, music, and spirituality, enjoying activities showcasing the rich heritage of the re-

gion.

The highlight of their visit is set to be the "Moonlight Plucking" event, where they will join hundreds of women workers to pick the rare tea leaves of Silver Tips Imperial under the moonlight.

Luxmi Tea Group's Managing Director, Rudra Chatterjee said, "This

event will not only provide an opportunity for the delegates to experience the beauty and flavors of the region but also showcase the sustainable practices adopted by Makaibari. With tea being the biggest employer in India after Railways and a unique industry where over 50% of the workforce is women, the visit to Makaibari is a chance to

celebrate the backbone of the tea industry and the balance of tradition and modernity."

He further said, "During their visit to Makaibari, the G20 delegates will also have the opportunity to witness the estate's biodynamic farming practices first-hand. Biodynamic farming is an ecological and sustainable approach to agriculture that seeks to create a self-sustaining ecosystem on the farm. It involves using natural fertilizers, planting a diverse range of crops, and working in harmony with the cycles of the moon and stars."

"Makaibari has been practicing biodynamic farming since the 1970s, and the results are im-

pressive. The soil is rich and fertile, and the tea plants are healthy and full of flavor. The delegates will learn about the benefits of this approach to agriculture and its potential to create a more sustainable and resilient food system," Chatterjee said.

Through this event, Luxmi Tea Group aims to showcase the rich heritage and legacy of the Makaibari brand, as well as its commitment to sustainable health, agriculture, and environmental practices.

The Moonlight Plucking experience is sure to be a highlight of the G20 delegates' visit to India, and an unforgettable memory for all those involved.

Censorship & Internet shutdowns violate rights to free expression & affects one's occupation: IFF

Chandigarh, (UNI) Internet Freedom Foundation has criticised internet shutdown and blocking of tweets and twitter accounts of journalists during Punjab police crackdown on 'Waris Punjab De' chief Amritpal and his associates, saying that Internet shutdowns impact fundamental rights to free expression and to carry one's occupation over the medium of internet.



Tanmay Singh, senior litigation counsel at IFF, a digital liberties organisation based in New Delhi, while speaking to UNI on phone on Friday, said the Supreme Court has recognised right to free speech on the internet as well as right to carry on one's occupation over the medium of internet which are constitutionally protected fundamental rights under Article 19.

He said Internet suspension can only be ordered on the occurrence of a public emergency or when there is a threat to public safety and in Punjab's case, it seems, shutdown was to arrest

one person. He said initially, it was for one day but over three days orders kept extended and 28 million people were affected.

Mr. Singh said original order and its subsequent extensions did not specify any particular reason for issuing the suspension nor provided any details that could rise to the level of public emergency, which does not meet the legal standards.

He asserted that the Telecom Suspension Rules, 2017 are law of the land and must be followed even by governments.

Mr. Singh said that besides, numerous tweets and twitter accounts were taken down or suspended on the orders of Indian government. He said that one legal request to withhold tweets/accounts in India was on March 19 by Indian gov-

ernment, which contained a list of several accounts and tweets belonging to politicians, journalists, reporters and even poets related to Punjab.

He said the censorship, internet shutdowns were a matter of serious concern especially when done in an arbitrary, illegal and opaque manner.

Mr. Singh said the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information and Technology has noted in its report that internet shutdowns cost India nearly 2.8 billion dollars in 2020 because of losses to app-based economies, IT, tourism, hospitality etc.

'Any measures by the government that restrict the fundamental right of 28 million Indians must be lawful, proportionate and be treated with as much transparency as possible,' he added.

MVA rally will be held in peace & discipline : Khaire

Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar, (UNI) Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray (UBT) senior leader and former MP Chandrakant Khaire on Friday expressed the belief that the meeting of Mahavikas Aghadi 'Vajramuth Rally' will be held in peace and discipline on the evening of April 2 here at Marathwada Sanskrutik Mandal Ground.

Mr Khaire was speaking during the planning review meeting of administration and party office bearers at MSMG ground today.



He said that, Mahavikas Aghadi is holding a thunderous meeting on April 2. Realizing that common citizens would attend the meeting in large numbers, the ruling party finds ground shifting beneath its feet. Therefore,

an insensitive atmosphere is being created in the city. But Shiv Sainiks and citizens do not fall prey to rumours, he said. On this occasion Leader of Opposition in state legislative council Mr Ambadas Danve said

everyone should be vigilant and watch out for rumors and people who spoil the atmosphere. Inform the police and officials immediately.

Mr Danve expressed his belief that the meeting will be successful.

Liaison Chief Vinod Ghosalkar, Marathwada Secretary Ashok Patwardhan, District Chief Kishanchand Tanwani gave guidance on this occasion.

Former Mayor Nandkumar Ghodele, Deputy District Chief

Bandu Oak, Bappa Dalvi, Ganu Pandey, Anil Polkar, City Chief Balasaheb Thorat, Vishwanath Swamy, Vijay Waghchoure, Dnyaneshwar Dange, Taluka Chief Balasaheb Gaikwad, Mahila Aghadi Co-ordinator Sunita Dev, Former Mayor District Coordinator Kala Ojha among others were present in this meeting.

Meanwhile, on the backdrop of tense situation in city police department has given permission to hold public rally by following terms and conditions to organisers.

Over 2.5 cr smart prepaid meters across UP: Govt

Lucknow, (UNI) The Uttar Pradesh Government led by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has installed smart prepaid meters on the premises of a total of 2.69 crore consumers so far under the Union government's Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS).

Notably, the RDSS notification was issued by the central government in 2021 to provide quality and uninterrupted power supply to the consumers of the state through an efficient and strong dis-

tribution system. The government seeks to bring down distribution losses from 12 to 15 percent by 2024-25 through the scheme.

UP Power Corporation Ltd (UPPCL) Chairman M Devaraj on Friday said a total of Rs 18,885.48 crore has been approved by the central government for the installation of smart meters, of which 15 percent of the sanctioned amount Rs 2832.82 crore is provided as a grant and the remaining amount Rs

16,052.66 crore, will be funded by the state government and the distribution corporations.

He said Rs 16,498.61 crore has been sanctioned by the central government for strengthening the power system and reducing distribution losses, of which 60 percent (Rs 9,899.17 crore) will be provided as a grant by the central government and the remaining 40 percent (Rs 6,599.44 crore) by the state government and the distribution corporations.

For loss reductions, 2.71 lakh km of armored cabling was used for providing connections, construction of 15,000 km of low tension (LT) line with armored cable, replacement of 1.18 lakh km of open wire LT line with AB cable, extension of 35,000 km 11 KV lines and 16,000 km 11 KV feeder separation works were carried out.

Devaraj said proposals worth Rs 18,916.20 crore have been sent to the Government of India for modernisation of the



electricity distribution system and the approval is expected in the next financial year. "Of this proposed amount, 60 percent (Rs 11,349 crore) will be funded by the central government and the remaining 40 percent (Rs 7,566.4 crore) will be funded by the state government and the distribution corporations.

Rich Tribute Paid to Shri O.P. Jindal on His 18th Punyatithi at Barbil, Tensa & Kasia Units of JSP

Joda/Barbil, (TNB): The 18th Punyatithi of Visionary and Founder Chairman of O.P. Jindal Group, Shri Om Prakash Jindal ji was observed at Barbil Pellet Plant, Kasia and Tensa Mines of Jindal Steel & Power on 31st March, 2023. A series of philanthropic and spiritual activities have been organised across the units on this occasion. The day began with special puja and prayers at the temples of respective townships. All the employees and their family members, led by the Unit Heads, Shri Purushotham M D, Barbil Pellet Plant, Shri Pramod Kumar Patra, Kasia Mines and Shri Kamalakanta Nanda, Tensa Mines along with other senior executives participated in the rituals and paid their homage to the divine soul.

A Blood Donation Camp was held at the Barbil Pellet Plant by the JSP Foundation, the social arm of JSP in association with Red Cross Society, where about 150 people volun-

teered to donate blood. The Camp was inaugurated by Shri Prashant Kumar Hota, President & Group Head CSR along with Shri Purushotham and Shri Patra in presence of Shri Sarat Kishore Panda, HR Head and Shri Ashish Ranjan Mohanty, IR Head. Remembering Shri O.P. Jindal ji on his Punyatithi, Shri Hota said, "Our beloved Bauji was a visionary who is remembered for his business excellence and social responsibilities alike, he believed that without the upliftment of weaker sections of the society, a nation can never prosper. Thus, he spent a lot of time in alleviating poverty and boost the socio-economic condition of the weaker sections of the society. With his everlasting persona, he will be guiding us for ever."

The employees, business associates and their family members of the units led by the Units Heads and senior executives of JSP Parivaar paid floral tribute to the be-



loved Bauji in different programs organized at these three locations. In his message on this occasion, Shri Ashish Pandey, Head Raw Materials & Slurry said, "Shri Om Prakash Jindal Ji was a multidimensional personality, a great entrepreneur, visionary leader and nationalist, who always stressed on advanced technology and

skill development to compete with rest of the world. His vision of 'Skilled India, a Strong India' is the guiding force in JSP's sustainable Social Initiatives." Along with blood donation camp, JSP Foundation undertook various other philanthropic initiatives in the memory of beloved Bauji. On this occasion, fruits were distributed

among the poor patients at the nearby Community Health Centres of Basudevpur and Joda. Also mosquito-nets were distributed among underprivileged people of the adjacent villages of Tensa mines.

Shri Om Prakash Jindal, (7 August 1930 – 31 March 2005), also revered as Bauji in Jindal Parivaar, was born in Hisar, Haryana. He established a successful business enterprise the Jindal Group of Companies under the flagship of the O.P. Jindal Group, of which he was the Founder Chairman. In November 2004, Jindal was awarded the "Life Time Achievement Award" for his outstanding contribution to the Indian Steel Industry by the Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Jindal was appointed as Minister of Power in the Government of Haryana. He was a member of Haryana Legislative Assembly and the Parliament.

Dhoni-Gayle star in Skipper Pipes new TVC

New Delhi, (UNI) Skipper Ltd, the manufacturer of polymer pipes and fittings have launched their new campaign, with brand ambassadors Mahendra Singh Dhoni and Chris Gayle. "Curated in association with the creative agency Lowe Lintas, the collaboration with MS Dhoni shows Skipper's commitment to safe piping solutions. By promoting the use of 100 percent lead-free pipes, Skipper Ltd aims to provide a safe and reliable solution to the growing concern of lead contamination in water supply systems," the brand said in a statement on Friday. "The company has been promoting the use of lead-free pipes and fittings for several years, and this partnership with Dhoni and Gayle is a natural extension to help spread awareness about using best in class lead free pipes for potable water solutions," it said.

The advertisement uses humor to communicate its message, with Gayle suffer-



ing from stomach infection. Dhoni enters the room with an X-Ray device and scans the wall to reveal a faulty pipe that is affecting Gayle's health. He then goes on to introduce the benefits of Skipper Pipes that are 100 percent lead-free and certified by highest grading standard NSF 14. The video displays a comparison between ordinary pipes and Skipper Pipes, highlighting the crystal-clear water that flows through the 100 percent lead-free pipes ensuring pure water supply to homes.

Speaking about the collaboration, Siddharth Bansal, Director, Skipper Ltd, said, "We are thrilled to have not one but two renowned cricketers – M S Dhoni and Chris Gayle on board as our brand ambassadors to help us raise awareness about safe water supply. For Indians, Dhoni is not just a cricketer

icon but also an embodiment of values such as trust, reliability, and resilience, which perfectly align with the values of Skipper Limited." "The well thought out brand strategy was to position ourselves as a leading player in the industry by associating with the skipper (or captain) of Indian cricket himself. On the other hand, Chris Gayle adds much needed humor to the campaign making it memorable for our audience in India. We are confident that this TVC will increase the brand's remembrance among the key target audience, while raising awareness about the use of safe piping solutions," added Bansal.

In a statement, Dhoni said, "I am thrilled to be associated with Skipper Pipes as their brand ambassador for promoting the use of lead-free pipes and fittings. I am glad to be the captain for a new cause like safe water supply, which in turn, translates to reducing water borne diseases in India.

COUGH SYRUP RACKET BUSTED IN SUBARNAPUR



Sonepur, (TNB): A day before a gang involved in illegal cough syrup business was busted in Tarbha, police seized huge amount of NDPS substances while being smuggled in Subarnapur district. According to sources, the seizure was made by a team formed by IIC Subrat Panigrahi to check illegal trade of NDPS substances in the Tarbha police station area. On receiving reliable information about the transportation of the NDPS substances, the team conducted a blockade on Baladi-Narayanpur road. On suspicion, they intercepted a pickup van loaded with school notebooks.

On checking the vehicle, 1290 bottles of cough syrup, One Pick up Bolero and a Hyundai EON Car were found by the police team. During questioning of the occupants of the vehicle including Debendra Patra of Balidi village, Prasanta Nayak of Begunia village of puri district and Sushanta Sethi of Komanda village of Nayagarh district said they were transporting the goods from Cuttack to Subarnapur district.

Besides 1290 bottles of cough syrup containing 100 ml each, 5 Mobile phones and one Bolero Pick up and a Car were seized. Tarbha IIC Subrat Panigrahi Said that based on information, we had formed a team to bust the racket operating in Tarbha area and other bordering districts. He said the officers had to work 24*7 as the modus operandi of the racket was to collect and distributr cough syrup in the early hours of the day.

Ram Navami procession was successful in city with Jai Shri Ram slogan

Rajgangpur, (TNB): On behalf of Sri Sri Hanuman Jhanda Utsav Samiti On Thursday at three o'clock in the afternoon, after ritual worship, the grand procession of Ram Navami festival from Baba Talab started with Maharaj Akhara, Madhusudan Colony Akhara, Bhatta Pada Akhara, Mahabir Akhara, Swadhin Colony Akhara and Chhatrapati Shivaji Akhara Committee and workers via Talkipada on the main road Located near the maternity home. Meanwhile, after joining the procession at Talkipada, Liploi Kisan Pada, Banthupada, Jhopdi Pada, Singhapada, Station Pada and Baranga Khol Akhara, the procession reached near the Satyanarayan Temple via the bus stand. Where, like every year, this year too, the aarti of Hanuman ji's idol was performed on behalf of the Satyanarayan temple and bhog was offered. On this occasion Temple priests Hiralal Dadhichi, Anand Dadhichi, Sarat Dadhichi and other dignitaries were present. Statue of Hanuman ji carrying Ram Lakshman on

his shoulders and killing Mahishasura in his feet and Devotees thronged both sides of the road to have a glimpse of the wonderful glimpse of Shri Ram ji's tableau. The idol of Hanuman ji and the tableau of Shri Ram ji became the main attraction of the procession.

Akhara committees of Kumar Kela, Bagicha Pada and Lakhua Pada joined the procession when it reached Shaheed Chowk. Barupada, Mission Hata, Ekta Akhara and Sangam Akhara joined the procession at Subhash Chowk. On the other hand, when the procession reached near Lala Baba Mazar, IT Colony Akhara joined. The procession with a total of 23 akhada committees was reaching Liploi by way of Bhatta Para OCL market till about 11 pm till the writing of the news. A beautiful game of sticks and mace was displayed by the workers of various akhadas in the procession. On the other hand, the performance of bands and card parties from Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra also became the center of attraction of the Ram Navami festival procession.



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On the other hand, more than fifty stalls of free food and drink were set up by various charitable organizations on the route of the Ram Navami festival procession. Somewhere watermelon, somewhere spicy tea, somewhere sherbet, somewhere ice cream were distributed. Smooth arrangements were made for free food and drink by the residents of Marwari Yuva Manch, Rashtriya Sevak Sangh, Bus Owner Association, BJP, Truck Owner Association, Lal Baba Mazar Committee, Shri

Ram Gali, Sheetal Mandir Gali, Daily Market, OCL Market. Hanuman Chalisa book in Odia and Hindi was distributed by Narayan Soni family, owner of Jayanti Jewellers, during the Ram Navami procession which also became the center point of attraction of this Ram Navami festival procession. Masjid Gali, Indra Chowk, Azad Gali, Triveni Talkies Road were closed by the police administration for peaceful completion of the procession and the entry of vehicles into the city from Biju Patnaik Chowk was

banned.

Inspector General of Police Niti Shekhar, Sundergarh SP Pratyush Diwakar, District Magistrate Dr. Parag Harshad Gawli, Additional SP Surendra Majhi, Additional District Magistrate Abhimanyu Behera, Deputy District Magistrate Dasharathi Sarabu were present on the occasion. On the other hand, 15 platoons of police force, 7 DSPs, 12 inspectors and 70 sub-inspectors and additional inspectors were keeping a close watch on the procession to get the procession out of a peaceful atmosphere. On the other hand, 150 home guards and 10 traffic police were also deployed during the procession. On the other hand, Rajgangpur SDPO Abhishek Panigrahi, station in-charge Bibats Kumar Pradhan, Kansbahal police station in-charge Khageshwar Viswal were seen keeping their sharp eyes on the route of the procession.

Chairman Madhuri Lugun, Municipality EO Govind Dandasena, Vice Chairman MD Irfan, BDO Piyush Lohar, Sri Sri Hanuman

Jhanda Utsav Committee President Sandeep Das, Chief Patron Shekhar Dadhichi, Shankar Singh, Dilip Sahu, Deepak Dubey, Vinod Das, Rajan Sanyasi, Suresh Purohit, Jitendra Sharma, Municipal Councilor Kaushal Singh, Sweta Agarwal, Govardhan Tanti, Congress Town President Dev Ranjan Vinod, Benedick Tirkey, Rajni Kullu, BJD youth leader Ravindra Pradhan, Ashok Das, Gudda Bhai, other councilors of the municipality were present. Helped in making the grand Ram Navami procession a success. On the other hand, Iftek Ahmed alias Paka Babu, BJD's State Secretary for Minority Community of Odisha State Shoaib Alam, former Vice President of Muslim Panchayat Qutub Rabbani, media in-charge Masood Aman, Shahzad Bhai, Khalid Bhai, Abid Bhai, Rahim Bhai were present on the occasion. Other dignitaries being present cooperated in making the grand Ram Navami procession successful in a peaceful atmosphere.

6 Projects worth INR 854.17 Cr with an employment potential of 2,167 got approval from SLSWCA

Bhubaneswar, (TNB): State Level Single Window Clearance Authority (SLSWCA) of the Govt of Odisha today held its 116th meeting under the chairpersonship of the Chief Secretary, Government of Odisha, Shri PK Jena. The committee approves 6 industrial projects from diverse sectors worth INR 854.17 crores that would generate over 2,167 employment opportunities for the people of Odisha. Investment Intensions

from four of these projects were received during Make in Odisha Conclave 2022.

The state government is working hard towards converting the investment intents into ground reality. Projects spread across diverse sectors like Metal downstream, IT & ESDM, Infrastructure and Food Processing received approvals. The approved projects will be set up across various parts of the state namely, Bolangir, Jagatsinghpur, Jajpur, and

Khurda Districts. The committee has given a go-ahead to 3 projects in the Infrastructure Sector, 1 project in Steel Sector, 1 project in the IT & ESDM sector, and 1 project in the Food Processing sector. The SLSWCA approved the proposal of Transtek Coal Minerals Private Limited, entailing an investment of INR 380.25 crores. It proposes to set up a Multi Modal Logistics Park in Khurda District. It is expected to provide employ-



ment opportunities to about 360 people in the state.

The committee also ap-

proved the proposal of Nirmal Wires Private Limited at Jajpur district, which promises an investment of

INR 200 crores and is expected to provide employment opportunities to about 400 people in the state. Alongside these two projects, SLSWCA approved 2 other projects in the infrastructure sector namely Aegis Logistics Limited and Bhubaneswar Logixpress Warehousing Llp which aim to provide employment to more than 350 people of Odisha in total. While Aegis Logistics Limited intends to setup a Greenfield Tank

Storage Facility for liquid and gas products of 50,000 TPA capacity, Bhubaneswar Logixpress Warehousing Llp proposal includes warehousing cum Logistics Park including assembling.

In the IT & ESDM sector, the committee gave a nod to 1 project, by Secureyes Techno Services Private Limited. With an investment of INR 75 crores, company proposes to set up a Global Cyber Security Delivery Center, which

will provide employment opportunities to over 1,000 people of Odisha. In terms of the Food Processing sector, the authority approved 1 project that is expected to provide employment to more than 50 people of Odisha. The proposal of OVO Farm Private Ltd includes the setting up Manufacturing Unit for whole egg powder in Food Park at Sadeipali in Bolangir District with an investment of INR 50.5 crore.

Ukraine to ban athletes from participating in competitions with Russians - Minister

Moscow, (UNI) The government of Ukraine has decided to ban Ukrainian athletes from participating in those qualifying competitions for the 2024 Olympics, in which Russian athletes will take part, Ukrainian Minister and member of the National Olympic Committee Oleh Nemchinov said on Thursday.

On Tuesday, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) executive board recommended international sports federations to allow Russian and Belarusian athletes to compete under a neutral flag but not if they

support the ongoing military operation in Ukraine or are contracted to the Russian or Belarusian military or national security agencies.

"Today, at a government meeting, a protocol decision was approved at the suggestion of a colleague, [Minister of Youth and Sports of Ukraine and National Olympic Committee President Vadym] Huttsait, that we take part only in those qualifying competitions where there are no Russians," Nemchinov said.

In February 2022, the IOC recommended that



international sports federations ban Russian and Belarusian athletes from participating in competitions after Rus-

sia launched its special military operation in Ukraine. Most international federations initially followed the recommendation, but some have since allowed athletes from Russia and Belarus to compete under a neutral flag.

Hindustan Zinc signs MoU with RCA to set up Cricket Stadium in Jaipur

Jaipur, (UNI) Vedanta's Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL) signed an MoU with the Rajasthan Cricket Association for the development of the world's third-largest cricket stadium in the village of Chonp in Jaipur. Vedanta's HZL will spend Rs 300 crore on the stadium, one of the largest corporate investments in India's sports infrastructure. The stadium would be named as "Anil Agarwal International Cricket Stadium, Jaipur.

The MoU was signed by Bhawani Shankar Samota, Honorary Secretary, Rajasthan Cricket Association and Arun Misra, CEO Hindustan Zinc in the presence of Dr. C.P. Joshi, Hon'ble Speaker, Rajasthan Vidhan Sabha and Chief Patron, RCA, Priya Agarwal Hebbar, Chairperson, Hindustan Zinc and Non-Executive Director, Vedanta Ltd. and Vaibhav Gehlot, President, Rajasthan Cricket Association.

The stadium facilities will be spread across 100 acres and have a seating capacity of over 75,000. Only Ahmedabad's Narendra Modi Stadium and Melbourne Cricket Ground have been seating capacity them this stadium. In terms of the size of playing field area this stadium would be largest in the world.

On this occasion, Dr. C.P. Joshi, Hon'ble Speaker, Rajasthan Vidhan Sabha and Chief Patron expressed happiness at the generous offer from HZL and signing of the MOU. He said that this would accomplish the long felt dream of construction of a modern International Cricket Stadium at Jaipur. He thanked Anil Agarwal



and Priya Agarwal Hebbar for their support and MOU for 1st Phase of Stadium. He hoped 2nd Phase of stadium would also be supported by Vedanta. The new stadium would develop talent of new players. He also hoped that Vedanta would help young entrepreneur to come up in Rajasthan.

On the occasion, Vaibhav Gehlot, President, Rajasthan Cricket Association said, highlighted the history and achievement of RCA. He warmly welcomed Ms. Priya Agarwal Hebbar for joining the important function. He profusely thanked Sh. Anil Agarwal, Chairman Vedanta, Group for extending their support towards the construction of the stadium. He hoped that similar support would be forthcoming for the construction work of the second phase and also thanked the State Government for allotting 100 acres of land for the stadium at concessional rates. He expressed his gratitude to Dr. C.P. Joshi, Chief Patron, RCA for the continuous support extended by him in this journey.

Kumar Sangakkara, Head Coach of Rajasthan Royals expressed happiness at the Construction of the proposed stadium. He hoped that this venture would give encour-

agement to the new talent.

Vedanta Chairman, Anil Agarwal shared his vision for this contribution, "Sport gives us the best life lessons in leadership, teamwork, competition and hunger to succeed. If India's youth participates wholeheartedly with energy and passion, nurtured by world class infrastructure, they will become an unbeatable talent pool. Vedanta dedicates this stadium and its facilities to new India. Let's play."

Speaking at the occasion, Priya Agarwal Hebbar, Chairperson, Hindustan Zinc Limited and Non-Executive Director, Vedanta Ltd. said, "Cricket is a national passion. We are proud and privileged to have the opportunity to set up this world-class facility which will benefit players and spectators. India has huge potential as a sporting nation. Vedanta and HZL are committed to creating a best-in-class enabling environment for the flourishing of our country's talent and interest in sports."

The stadium will be completed in phases. A 40,000 capacity is set to be completed by October, 2023. The overall project of first phase will cost Rs. 400 crores, out of which Rs. 300 crores will be borne by Hindustan Zinc Lim-

ited and the remaining amount of Rs. 100 crores will be taken care by RCA. The stadium will have an indoor games' facility, training centers for other sports, a clubhouse, and parking for three and a half thousand vehicles. She also assured of support from HZL towards contraction of second phase of the stadium with 35000 capacity.

The Anil Agarwal International Cricket Stadium will host national and international matches, including games of the IPL. The stadium and its facilities will help the development of Rajasthan as a major hub for cricket and other sports.

Some highlights of the new stadium are as follows :-

- Biggest Cricket playing field in the world.
- One of the world's biggest Cricket stadiums with a seating capacity of 75,000. (2nd largest in India and 3rd largest in the world)
- Spread over 100 acres (4,04,685 sqm) biggest playing area.
- Well connected via Delhi-Jaipur Express Highway.
- Offers ample activity space.
- 11 match-level pitches

Israel take historic win in ice hockey Women's World Championship Division 3



Jerusalem, (UNI) Israel defeated Bosnia and Herzegovina 4-1 in ice hockey's Women's World Championship in Division III Group B on Thursday evening.

It was the first-ever World Championship win for Israel's women's team, who joined the international arena last year.

Israel thus completed

their games in the three-team group with a 1-3 win-loss record, while Bosnia are currently 1-2 in the tournament.

Serbia, who hold a 3-0 record and will face Bosnia on Friday in the tournament's closing game, have secured first place and promotion to Group A.

Pnina Basov put Israel

in front after just 49 seconds, and the result remained until the end of the second period.

Ori Zioni doubled the score in the 44th minute, but Emina Sopovic made it 1-2 after less than a minute.

Lotem Armoza and Shani Kotler scored in the 46th and 51st minutes respectively to secure the win for Israel.

New look Media Centre, Corporate Box at Eden

Kolkata, (UNI) Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) will sport a new look when the IPL gets underway as a completely renovated press box and media centre of international standards will be available, along with the aesthetically upgraded corporate boxes.

The swanky-looking, fully equipped, state-of-the-art media centre and press box will be open for the media from this IPL onwards.

Rebuilt to match the best in the world, the 3000 plus sqft media centre is a thing of beauty, fitted with

modern gadgets, vitrified marble tiles and textured walls to please the eye while being ready for work.

The Press Box has also got a liberal facelift. With crystal clear tempered glass making the front view, ergonomic fully revolving chairs, a panelled desk, a carpeted floor, and decorated pillars with channel lights give it a luxurious look. While seven led TV sets, inbuilt wifi and a fully working media station below make it a joy to work.

A total of 15 corporate boxes, seven on L Block

and 8 on B Block, have been redone with cozy sitting arrangements and other facilities. The look and feel of the boxes give that classy vibe of being pampered that one wants when one buys a hospitality box.

This apart from the Boxes in the club house are also being upgraded.

Other upgrades and reconstruction would be done to make the Club House look really international, classy and posh. This includes a complete overhauling of the lobby area and players' dressing room among other things.

Bumble reveals how cricket impacts dating

Bangalore, (UNI) Cricket still is the most popular sport in most parts of India, as the cricket season approaches, there is massive excitement for the game among Gen Z and Millennials.

Bumble's new study revealed that the majority (90 pc) of Bangaloreans surveyed claim they are excited to watch Indian women's cricket in 2023. As Per Bumble's internal data, 'Cricket' is one of the top 5 displayed Sports Interest Badges on Bumble Date profiles in India in the month of February. The study shows that cricket dates are popular in Bangalore, Sports, cricket in particular, play an important role in dating journeys for Indians.

72 pc of Bangaloreans surveyed think cricket matches make for great dates, while a majority (72 pc) of Bangaloreans surveyed say they actively look for a romantic partner with an interest in sports before deciding whether to explore a connection with them. 45 pc of Bangaloreans surveyed claim it's a deal breaker if someone they are romantically interested in didn't like cricket.

75 pc of Bangaloreans surveyed believe cricket match dates helps them learn about someone's interest and passion in cricket and 66 pc believe they get to know someone's personality (how someone reacts to a win or a loss, etc.)

For 51 pc of Bangaloreans surveyed who've been in a dating situation where one liked cricket and the other didn't, the one who didn't like cricket compromised and they watched it together, while 43 pc of Bangaloreans surveyed say they spent lots of time apart.

25 pc of Bangaloreans surveyed said they grew to love it and for nearly (17pc) who've been in a dating situation where one liked cricket and the other didn't, it ended their relationship.

"Cricket dates are super popular in India and shared love for sports seems crucial in choosing a partner per our new study. We want to empower people on Bumble to showcase and discuss things that are important to them. Bumble's Interest Badges are a quick way to let people know what's most important to you. By adding the 'Cricket' Interest Badge you can highlight your preferences including sports that you enjoy watching, music that you listen to or how you like to spend your time when going out. As you gear up to support your favourite teams and watch cricket, we hope our Bumble community finds meaningful connections through the game!" shared Samarпита Samaddar, India Communications Director, Bumble.

besides practice pitches.

- Two separate practice grounds with small pavilion areas.

- Four Dressing Rooms for players so that back-to-back games can be played on the same day.

- Two podium concourses at different levels at the stadium periphery for smooth movement of the spectators and services.

- Grand pedestrian entry – ramps and stairs, for smooth entry and exist.

- Ample Parking.

- 38 VIP Corporate Suites.
- 36 VVIP Corporate Suites.

- One Presidential Suite.

- 4 RCA Suites.

- 2000 Premium Corporate seats.

- VIP Function/Banquet and dining space of 1900 sqm.

- 415 seats capacity for broadcasters and commentators.

- 340 seating capacity for media.

- 280 wheelchair seats as per green guide for disability.

B. World Class Cricket Training Academy with residential facilities. It will have two practice ground with 5 pitches each. In addition there will be 20 indoor pitches for outdoor net practice. A small pavilion and gym for players will also be set up.

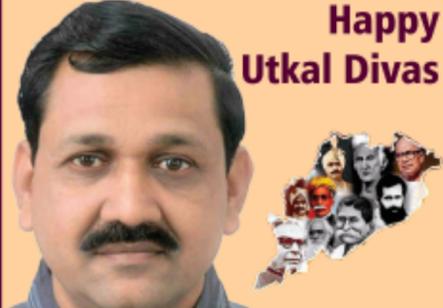
C. Five-Star Hotel and Convention Centre.

D. Club House with Indoor Sports facilities and Sports Outlets.



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KEDAR MOHANTY
CIVIL CONTRACTOR
Powerhouse Road, Rourkela-1, Near Akhandalamani Temple



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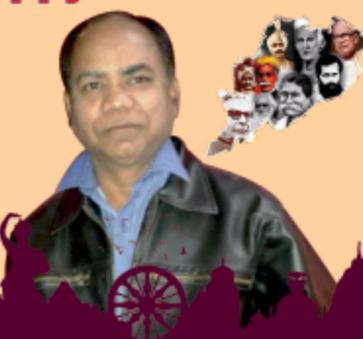
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Self Employed Business
Birisadhar Road, Rourkela

Man sentenced to three years RI for raping a married woman

Kendrapara, (UNI) Adhoc Additional Session Judge (Fast Track court) of Kendrapada Tribikram Keshari Chinnar on Friday sentenced a man to 3 years of Rigorous Imprisonment (RI) and a fine amount of Rs 5000 for outraging the modesty of a fellow village woman.

The judge ordered in default of the fine amount, the convict would further undergo another six months Rigorous imprisonment.

The convict identified as Gulia alias Gurucharan Sethy had outraged the modesty of the woman at Resho village under Pattamundai police station in August 2014. The victim woman had lodged an FIR with Pattamundai police station alleging that on the night of August 26, 2014 Gulia forcibly entered her house while she was sleeping with her one year old son and raped her.



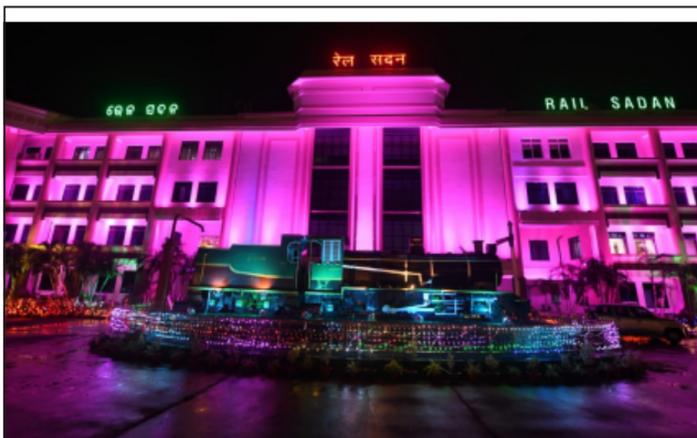
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HOTEL SOLACE PROPITER SAILENDRA KUMAR MOHANTY
Advocate, Rourkela Bar Association, Panposh Road, Rourkela-4



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HOTEL GARDEN
Family Resturant & Bar
Jail Road, Rourkela-4
Proprietor:
SATYAJEET KUMAR PANDA



East Coast Railway headquarters building illuminated with LED lights on the eve of Utkal Diwas.

OMC Contributes Rs. 100 Crore to CMRF for Harishchandra Sahayata & Mahaprayan Yojana

Bhubaneswar, (TNB): Odisha Mining Corporation (OMC) contributed Rs. 100 crore to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) today for the state's noble initiatives "Harishchandra Sahayata" and "Mahaprayan" Yojana. Minister, Steel & Mines, Works Shri Prafulla

Kumar Mallik handed over cheque of this amount today to Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik today at Naveen Niwas in presence of Additional Chief Secretary, Steel & Mines Department and Chairman, OMC Shri Deoranjana Kumar Singh, Under the Harishchandra Sahayata

Yojana, the poor and destitute get financial assistance to perform last rites of their family member while Mahaprayan Yojana has been implemented in order to help the people to carry the dead body of their near and dear from the place of death to residence.

Also present on the occasion were Shri V. K. Pandian, IAS, Secretary to CM-Transformational Initiatives (ST); Shri Balwant Singh, IAS, Managing Director, OMC and senior officials of the Corporation. OMC has been contributing to the CMRF for the noble initiatives of the

Govt. of Odisha intending for the welfare of the people of the State. It has also been contributing substantially towards the socio-economic development of the people especially residing in its mining periphery through its various CSR initiatives.

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