

BJP Releases Manifesto 'Sankalp Patra' For Lok Sabha Elections 2024

New Delhi(KCN): Bharatiya Janata Party on Sunday, April 14, released its manifesto or 'Sankalp Patra', with the tagline "Modi ki Guarantee", for the Lok Sabha election 2024 in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, party president JP Nadda and other senior leaders at the party headquarters in New Delhi.

The day coincides with the birth anniversary of BR Ambedkar, a towering leader from the Dalit community and an architect of the Indian Constitution. The BJP had appointed a 27-member manifesto committee headed by defence minister Rajnath Singh that met twice to deliberate on its contents after the party had

launched multiple exercises, including vans sent across the country and social media campaigns, to seek people's suggestions.

"The entire country waits for the BJP's 'Sankalp Patra'. The party has executed its promises on the ground in 10 years... This 'Sankalp Patra' empowers all the four strong pillars of developed India-youth, women, poor and farmers" PM Modi said at the event.

At the release of the BJP's manifesto, Modi met a few beneficiaries of the central government schemes and handed a copy of the manifesto. Among the beneficiaries were Raghuvir who sells snacks in Delhi's Gandhi Nagar and has benefited from a loan provided



under the PM Svanidhi Yojna. The other beneficiaries were Ramvir from Jhajjar, Haryana, who has received benefits under the PM kisan Yojna that give small and marginal farmers an annual cash

incentive of ₹6,000 and Lilawati from Bastar who has benefited from schemes such as the Ujjwala Yojna that offers subsidy in cooking gas and Har ghar Jal, that provides potable water connections.

"It is Modi's guarantee that the free ration scheme will continue for the next 5 years," PM Narendra Modi said. "In past years, MUDRA Yojana has turned crores of people into entrepreneurs... Looking

at this success, the BJP has taken one more 'sankalp' - under MUDRA Yojana loans up to ₹10 lakh were provided. Now, the BJP has decided to increase the limit to ₹20 lakh," Modi said.

"Now, we will work towards reducing the electricity bill of crores of families to zero and creating earning opportunities from electricity. We have implemented the PM Surya Ghar Free Electricity Scheme..." he said.

"The biggest concern of the elderly is that how will they afford treatment of their ailments. This concern is even more serious for the middle class. The BJP has now taken the 'sankalp' that every individual above 75 years of age will be brought within the purview of Ayushman Bharat Yojana," Modi said. Modi also said the BJP has decided to bring the transgender community

under the ambit of the Ayushman Bharat scheme.

The prime minister said the BJP is going to strengthen the foundation of India of the 21st century through three kinds of infrastructure - 1) social infrastructure, 2) digital infrastructure, 3) physical infrastructure.

"We are opening new educational institutions for social infrastructure... Under physical infrastructure, we are modernising highways, railways, airways, and waterways across the country. Under digital infrastructure, we are expanding 5G network, working on 6G and for keeping Industry 4.0 in mind we are building the digital infrastructure."

10 Places In Odisha Record Max Temp Of 39 °C Or Above; Paralakhemundi Sizzles At 40.5 °C



Bhubaneswar(KCN): As many as 10 places in Odisha recorded maximum temperature of 39 °C or above on Sunday and Paralakhemundi was the hottest place in the state with the mercury rising to 40.5 °C, the Bhubaneswar Meteorological Centre said in its evening bulletin on weather observations. As per the IMD regional centre here, the day temperature at Malkangiri was recorded at 39.9 °C, 39.6 °C at Bhubaneswar, 39.5 °C each at Jagatsinghpur & Nayagarh, 39.4 °C each at Bhawanipatna & Chandbali, 39.2 °C at Baripada and 39 °C each

at Kendrapara and Bhadrak. The mercury also soared to 38 °C or above at several other places including Angul & Jharsuguda at 38.9 °C each, Talcher at 38.8 °C, Titlagarh, Khordha & Jajpur at 38.9 °C each, Cuttack at 38.4 °C, Nuapada 38.2 °C, and Rourkela & Sundargarh at 38 °C each.

"Due to prevailing mainly Northwesterly/Westerly dry air and high solar insolation day temperature is very likely to rise by 4°C to 6°C at many places over the districts of Odisha during the next 4-5 days and the minimum temperature (night temperature) is likely to rise by 2-4°C during the next 3 days at many places over the districts of Odisha and no large change thereafter, the IMD said in the temperature forecast. The Weather agency has advised people to take precautionary measures while going outside during the time between 11 am to 3 pm.

many places over the districts of Odisha and likely to be above normal by 3 to 5°C over some districts of Odisha during next 4 to 5 days., the IMD said in a special bulletin.

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The party has fielded Niranjan Patnaik for Bhandaripokhari seat while Jaydev Jena has been named as the party candidate for the for Anandapur constituency. However, the Congress has changed three candidates announced earlier for Talasara, Baliguda and Kabiuryanagar seats list of candidates :Attabira-SC Abhishek Seth, Talsara-ST Devendra Bhitaria (In place of Prabodh Tirkey) Kuchinda -ST Kedarnath Bariha , Rengali-SC Dillip Kumar Duria, Sambalpur-Durga Prasad Padhi, Rairakhol-Assaf Ali Khan , Deogarh-Sem Hembram , Telkoi-ST Nirmal

Chandra Nayak , Ghasipura- Subrata Chakra, Anandapur-SC Jayadev Jena, Patna-ST- Hrushikesh Naik , Keonjhar-ST Smt. Pratibha Manjari Nayak, Champua -Yashwant Laghuri, Jashipur-ST Smt. Shweta Chattar, Saraskana-ST Ram Kumar Soren , Rairangpur-ST Jogendra Banra, Bangriposi-ST Murali Dhar Naik, Karanjia-ST Laxmidhar Singh, Udal-ST Durga Charan Tudu, Baripada-ST Badal Hembram, Morada- Parvash Kar Mahapatra, Bhogra - Satya Shiba Das, Basta- Bijan Nayak, Remuna- SC Sudarshan Jena, Soro-SC Subrat Dhada, Simulia- Himanshu Sekhar Behera, Bhandaripokhari -- Niranjan Patnaik, Bhadrak --Asit Patnaik, Basudevpur- Ashok Kumar Das, Prasad Bhatta, Chhendipada -SC Kumar Behera, Narottam Nayak, Athamallik Bijayananda Chaulia, Birmaharajpur- SC Pradeep Sethi, Sonepur Priyabrata Sahu, Titlagarh-ST Birendra Bag, Kharier Kamal Charan Tandi , Baliguda-ST Upendra Pradhan (In place of Surada Pradhan) , Susmita Singh Deo, Hindol-SC Gobardhan Sekhar Naik , K a m a k h y a n a g a r Biprabar Sahu, Parjanya Debasis Patnaik , Athaghar Maheboob Ahemad Khan, Choudwar-Cuttack Smt. Meera Mallick, Niali-SC Jyoti Ranjan

Man, Minor Daughter Killed After Car Overturns In Bhadrak

Bhadrak(KCN): In a tragic incident, a man and his four-year-old daughter were killed after the car they were travelling in hit the road divider and overturned on NH 16 near Jashotikiri Road under Bhandaripokhari police station in Bhadrak district on Sunday noon.

The deceased father-daughter duo has been identified as Subhash Ganguly and his minor

daughter Koel. Subhash's wife Arpita, father Nimayu Ganguly and mother Rakshi Ganguly sustained critical injuries in the mishap.

According to sources, the family was heading to their native place Kharagpur from Goa after having darshan at Puri Srimandir today. Unfortunately, the vehicle went out of control and turned turtle after hitting the road

divider near Jashotikiri. Soon, fire & rescue personnel rescued all five victims and rushed them to Bhandaripokhari CHC and later they were shifted to Bhadrak District Headquarters Hospital. Subhashish Ganguly and his daughter were declared dead at the hospital while others are undergoing treatment.

15 Injured Passenger Bus Overturns After Losing Control



Sulia village of Buden police station in Padampur of Bargarh district on Sunday morning. The bus was carrying around 55 pilgrims from Baloda Bazar area of Chhattisgarh to Puri. They met with an accident around 5:00 this morning while they were on their way to Nrusiinghanath temple in Bargarh after Darshan of Lord Jagannath in Puri. The bus lost its balance and skipped off the road and overturned.

Bhubaneswar(KCN): As many as 15 pilgrims were injured when a bus overturned carrying them

India's Stand Amid Threat Of Open War Between Iran, Israel

New Delhi(KCN): India, caught in a tight spot over the Iran-Israel escalation, has advised both nations to exercise restraint. The tension must be resolved through "dialogue & diplomacy", the foreign ministry said this morning after yesterday's drone attack by Teheran.

Late last evening, Iran -- which backs Palestine -- has launched a drone attack on Israel amid the latter's war on Hamas. The Israeli military said most of the 200-plus ballistic missiles, cruise missiles and attack drones, were intercepted with the help of Israel's allies before landing. Teheran said it was an act of "self-defence" after Iran's diplomatic mission in Damascus was targeted. Calling the situation a

"humanitarian" tragedy, New Delhi said it is seriously concerned about the escalation of hostilities which threatens the peace and security in the region.

"We call for immediate de-escalation, exercise of restraint, stepping back from violence and return to the path of diplomacy. We are closely monitoring the evolving situation... It is vital that security and stability are maintained in the region," the ministry has said in a statement.

The escalation was expected since Israel started war on Hamas. Last week, India issued an advisory urging its citizens not to travel to Iran or Israel and asked Indians living in either country to observe "utmost precautions".

Now the escalation has happened, it places India between two nations with which it shares strong ties.

India's strategic ties with Israel -- with which it has cooperation in multiple fields from defence to technology for decades -- has been upscaled since the NDA government came to power. PM Modi has visited Israel in 2018 and his personal chemistry with PM Netanyahu is very good. Isarel is one of India's

biggest defence supplies along with the US, UK, France and Russia. India's positive relationship with Iran is older -- the country being one of India's prime supplier of oil.

India was Iran's second-largest importer of oil before the sanctions were imposed over its controversial nuclear programme. For four years, India has not been able to buy oil from Iran, but the two had remained close.

India and Iran concluded a defence pact in 2002. Earlier this year, foreign minister S Jaishankar went for a visit to Iran, where India is invested in building the Chabahar port.

While India does not consider Hamas a terrorist organisation, the attack on Israel which triggered retaliation, was considered a terrorist attack. Prime Minister Narendra Modi -- the first Indian Prime Minister to visit Israel -- had described it as a "terrorist act" through a tweet. Through this, India has given a clear message that it is with Israel against terrorism. At the same time, India has been raising its voice regarding the humanitarian tragedy in Gaza.



Cave Didis: Transforming poultry farming support in Odisha's villages

Bhubaneswar (KCN): In the past, Sabita Mohanti would find herself idle after completing household and field chores. Now, she eagerly responds to calls for help from fellow women poultry farmers in her community, signifying the positive change sweeping through Odisha's villages.

Once just a homemaker, Mohanti from Mayurbhanj district's Mituani village today has a new identity. She is one of the 200 Community Agro-Vet Entrepreneurs, or Cave Didis as they are popularly known, revolutionising life in villages in the state's Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj districts by providing vital assistance to women engaged in poultry farming. The 37-year-old, who

has studied till Class 12, has found not just a new identity but also a sense of purpose and empowerment.

"Poultry farming has always been a part of our community but initially awareness was limited. It was when respected individuals visited our village and suggested that I could become a 'Cave Didi', extending assistance to others, that I felt empowered to make a difference," Mohanti told Gaon Connection. She oversees a flock of more than 80 chickens, extending her care not only to her own but also to others' poultry. This transformative wave is fuelled by the Hatching Hope Global Initiative, implemented by Heifer International, which aims to uplift tribal women and

Launched in November 2018 in Mayurbhanj

farmers involved in poultry farming.

The dedicated Didis working across villages in the Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj districts are making a meaningful impact in the everyday lives of women engaged in poultry farming. Like it is for Jayanti Mahato, in Mohanti's village Mituani, who raises chickens for a living. Earlier, her poultry would often fall ill, resulting in financial losses. However, the Didis, who also rear chickens, are always available to help.

"Now, whenever the chickens fall sick, a single phone call brings Didi to our aid. They offer us valuable insights," the 32-year-old said.

Recognising the affordability and accessibility of chicken

district, the Hatching Hope initiative seeks to enhance nutrition and income levels by promoting increased backyard poultry farming and consumption of poultry products.

Since its inception, the project has contributed to a 33.31 per cent growth rate in egg production, followed by Tamil Nadu (15.58 per cent), Telangana (12.77 per cent), West Bengal (9.94 per cent), and Karnataka (6.51 per cent).

Discussing the Cave Didi project, Biswal said,



Hope facilitates the connection of poultry farmers with essential resources for the success and sustainability of their businesses.

"The project, initiated in 2018, has been ongoing for three years, benefiting nearly 30,000 Adivasi families in Odisha," Akshay Biswal, the state coordinator for Hatching

Hope in Odisha, told Gaon Connection. Andhra Pradesh leads the country in egg production, accounting for 20.13 per cent of the total production, followed by Tamil Nadu

(15.58 per cent), Telangana (12.77 per cent), West Bengal (9.94 per cent), and Karnataka (6.51 per cent).

He added, "For instance, in a case of chicken mortality in a particular area, we specifically trained Cave Didis there to prevent further losses."

Rival party leaders greet each other during election campaigning

Berhampur (KCN): Morning walkers in Odisha's Berhampur were surprised to see the leaders of ruling Biju Janata Dal (BJD) and opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) exchanging sweet words when they met during a campaign at the MKCG Medical College Ground here.

The leaders of different political parties have now adopted a strategy to start election campaigning early in the morning from parks and playgrounds where people gather for their morning walks and daily exercise.

The people in the medical college ground were amused to see BJD's Berhampur assembly constituency candidate and party's Ganjam district president Ramesh Chandra Chyapatnaik and BJP's Berhampur



Lok Sabha seat candidate Pradeep Panigrahy campaigning at the medical college ground. Both the leaders were accompanied by their supporters. When Chyapatnaik and Panigrahy came face to face, being junior in age, Panigrahy greeted Chyapatnaik with folded hands.

The supporters of both

the leaders, who were shouting slogans against each other stopped when two senior leaders greeted each other. However, when BJD supporters raised Jai Jagannath slogan the BJP supporters responded by chanting Jai Sri Ram.

Both Chyapatnaik and Panigrahy were arch-

rivals in the Ganjam district politics. However, Panigrahy respects Chyapatnaik as a senior leader as he had worked under him. Panigrahy the Gopalpur MLA was expelled from BJD in 2020. Elections to the Berhampur Lok Sabha and Berhampur Assembly segment will be held May 13.

Gopabandhu Hostel boarders protest over various problems



Keonjhar (KCN): Day after the students of Ananya ladies' hostel staged a demonstration over drinking water problems, a similar protest by boys has become a headache for Dharanidhar University administration. Inmates of Gopabandhu Hostel of the university in Keonjhar

have protested in front of the main gate for a long time for the fulfilment of their long-time demands. They said that due to non-availability of clean drinking water and unhygienic environment in the hostel, they are facing problems. The students have complained that only two toilets are

functional when there are around 2,000 students living in the hostel. During rainy days, water leaks from the roof into the room due to a lack of maintenance. "We will continue protesting until these problems are not solved immediately," they said.

Efforts will be made to solve this problem immediately," the university officials said.

Narendra Sahu, Registrar of DDU said, "Money has already been deposited with the Public Works department. But they are delaying to execute the maintenance work."

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Vidya Balan had shortest meeting for 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa': 'Said yes instantly'



Vidya Balan, renowned for her portrayal of Manjulika in the 2007 blockbuster 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa', disclosed that accepting the role was the fastest decision she ever made for a film, without even reading the script. She had watched the original Malayalam movie 'Manichitrathazhu' and when director Priyadarshan proposed her the role, she instantly accepted.

She told PTI in an interview, "I remember I went to meet Priyan sir. He was shooting an ad with Sunny Deol in Mumbai, so he said, 'Can you come to the set and meet me?' I had watched the original Malayalam film 'Manichitrathazhu' as a kid, and I loved Shobana but I was also scared of her, and I've not watched the film ever again. But when he offered the film to me, I said, 'Wow, are you offering me that film?', and I said yes instantly. There was no script or

anything because I had seen the original. It was probably the shortest meeting I had for a film and that was the shortest time I took to say yes to a film because I loved the original."

She credits Priyadarshan for his exceptional direction, particularly for a scene where her character transitions into Manjulika and lifts a heavy bed. The upcoming 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3', directed by Anees Bazmee and starring Kartik Aaryan

and Tripti Dimri, is set to release in theatres on Diwali.

The Hindi version starred Akshay Kumar as a psychiatrist and Balan as Avni, a character with dissociative identity disorder. Shiney Ahuja played Balan's husband in the film. Balan is now preparing to appear in the third part of this comedy horror series. The second film in the series was also directed by Bazmee and featured Aaryan, Kiara Advani, and Tabu. The film is produced by T-Series.

Dunki Review: Shah Rukh Khan, Rajkumar Hirani's Film Will Open Your Heart To Love And Emotions



"The Donkey Route," better known as Dunki Marna, is a colloquial term for illegal migration. This has been and is the story of many, setting off on a journey for a better future or opportunities, far away from the land they called home.

Rajkumar Hirani, the master storyteller, who has a knack for picking stories from the hyper-competitive educational system in "Three Idiots" or blind faith in "PK," now addresses the plight of the many migrants, the hopefuls who find themselves in hopeless situations, way worse than the one they left behind. The director, back on screens after five years, collaborates with Shah Rukh Khan, giving us a thought-provoking narrative.

Meet Hardy Singh Dhillon, aka Hardy (Shah Rukh Khan), who helps the Laltu threesome of Mannu (Taapsee Pannu), Buggu (Vikram Kochhar), and Balli (Anil Grover) fulfill their

lifelong dream of going to England. But getting a visa and going through the so-called legal route is far more arduous than they imagined. They decide to go "dunki" and are willing to put themselves through the most dangerous situations just to set foot on the land of promise, England. But is it really what it seems? Driven by the images and tales of the picture-perfect postcard life of the many who had preceded them, they push their way halfway around the globe. From Pakistan to Afghanistan, Iran to Turkey, Portugal, and finally England. This is where reality bites! "God has created the world for all," says

Taapsee's Mannu. "Why can't we share a bit of the same? Why don't you give us a chance to work and help you," says Hardy. As Hardy tells a judge that he has no fear in his own country, all he wants is for people to get a chance to fulfill their dreams wherever. Open your hearts, don't judge people for where they come from, is the message loud and clear! A world that has divided humanity based on ethnicity and religion, where many are willing to forsake their identities for a few dollars more. Dunki comes packed with Hirani's signature style, blending a strong message with humor and moving images. There are no chest-

'LSD 2' director Dibakar Banerjee has 'no idea' why Ekta Kapoor backs him

Director Dibakar Banerjee doesn't really know why producer Ekta Kapoor chooses to back his projects. Ekta and Dibakar are currently awaiting the release of their film, 'Love Sex Aur Dhokha 2'.

Speaking to Film Companion, Dibakar said, "I have no idea why Ekta Kapoor backs me. She knows it (LSD 2) is going to be a very hard sell, like last time."

Elaborating upon their relationship, Banerjee stated, "We have to market it in a way so that the project remains the way it is, and the fact that Ekta knows subversion. You don't look a gift horse too much in the mouth. I have made films like 'Khosla Ka Ghosla', 'Shanghai' and I am still alive and working, that in itself is a miracle. I am grateful there are people like this (Ekta Kapoor) who are deeply in the commercial world. I am



audience that 'Love Sex Aur Dhokha 2' would have shocking content. Balaji Motion Pictures, a division of Balaji Telefilms, and Cult Movies present 'Love Sex aur Dhokha 2', a Dibakar Banerjee Production produced by Ekta R Kapoor and Shobha Kapoor. The film will be released on April 19, 2024.

'Article 370' box office Day 4: Yami Gautam's film targets Rs 50 crore globally

Yami Gautam and Priyamani's 'Article 370' had an eventful Monday (February 26) at the box office. Though the film saw a slump in terms of numbers, it still made over Rs 3 crore net in India. The movie is now inching towards Rs 50-crore mark globally. The makers of 'Article 370' announced that the film raked in Rs 34 crore worldwide in just three days. On Monday (February 26), the film is estimated to have



earned Rs 3.25 crore net at the domestic box office. The four-day total collection now stands at Rs 26.15 crore in India.

'Article 370' recorded an overall occupancy of 13.10 per cent on Monday in India. Yami Gautam was over the moon as she shared the three-day worldwide collection of her film, 'Article 370'. Going by her post, her film earned Rs 34.71 crore gross worldwide. 'Article 370' graced the theatres across the globe on February 23. The film is about the anti-terrorism operations in Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370. 'Article 370' has been directed by Aditya Suhas Jambhale, a two-time recipient of the National Award.

The film's cast includes Arun Govil, Vaibhav Tatwawadi, Skand Thakur, Ashwini Koul, Kiran Karmarkar, Divya Seth Shah, Raj Zutshi, Sumit Kaul, Raj Arjun, Asit Gopinath Redij, Ashwani Kumar and Irawati Harshe Mayadev. The story is penned by Aditya Dhar and Monal Thakkar, with screenplay and dialogues by Aditya Suhas Jambhale and Arjun Dhawan, and additional screenplay by Aarsh Vora.

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Makers of the upcoming thriller film 'Jaane Jaan' on Sunday unveiled a new poster. Taking to Instagram, the OTT platform Netflix shared the poster which they captioned, "Every story has 2 sides, but this one has 3. Unravel the mystery of #JaaneJaan on 21 September, only on Netflix!" The new poster features the lead cast of the film Kareena Kapoor Khan, Vijay Varma and Jaideep Ahlawat. Helmed by Sujoy Ghosh, 'Jaane Jaan' is all set to stream on the OTT platform Netflix from September 21. Recently the makers unveiled the film's official trailer which received massive responses from the fans. 'Jaane Jaan's trailer gives a glimpse into all the mysterious happenings in the chilly and pine-tree-covered Kalimpong, as it delves into the complex intertwined relationships and secrets. Maya (Kareena Kapoor Khan), Naren (Jaideep Ahlawat) and Karan (Vijay Varma) navigate through a web of emotions and unforeseen circumstances as they cover up and uncover clues in a bid to outwit each other. Brace yourself for a journey that will evoke both love and thrill and keep you on the edge of

your seat as you witness power house performances, all through the lens of Sujoy Ghosh. Talking about the trailer launch of the film, Director and Writer, Sujoy Ghosh earlier said, "I am so excited that the audiences finally get to see a glimpse of 'Jaane Jaan', a film extremely close to my heart. Set in Kalimpong the film sees a love story, a criminal investigation, a budding attraction, mastermind plotting and the will to do anything for love. Essayed by my dream cast of Kareena, Jaideep and Vijay, all in roles so different from what they have been seen in before. On 21st September, this film will be yours, across the world you'll get to see this thriller come to life and I cannot wait to see what you think!"

Kareena Kapoor earlier said, "I am so excited the trailer is finally yours to see! This is the first time audiences will see me in a thriller, playing something gritty like this. 'Jaane Jaan' was a script that I had to say YES to the first time I heard of it. I have always told Sujoy the USP of this film is its cast and I had a superb time working with Jaideep and Vijay. I can't wait for Netflix audiences to enjoy 'Jaane Jaan'."

Income Tax Appeals before CIT(A)/ JCIT (A) PART 3



Adv. Narayan Jain & CA Dilip Loyalka

(Contd. From 8th April, 2024)

14. Whether tax on buyback of share is appealable: Computation of the total taxable income, includes the demands raised under all heads and it also includes the demand of tax on buyback of shares u/s 115QA on the ground that the liability u/s 115QA is also a liability of tax under the Income Tax Act as there is no reason why the scope of expression 'where the assessee denies his liability to be assessed under this Act' be restricted and confined to issues arising out of or touching upon assessment proceedings either u/s 143 or section 144. As such the same is appealable u/s 246A - Genpact India Pvt Ltd. v. DCIT [2019] 111 taxmann.com 402 (SC).

15. Whether an appeal can be filed on declaring a return as invalid u/s 139(9) and thereby denying refund to assessee: Where Assessing Officer treated return as invalid u/s 139(9) because of

mismatch between figure of income shown in return and that in Form 26AS, order passed by him was akin to an order refusing refund u/s 237 making it appealable u/s 246A(1)(i) - Deere & Company v. DCIT (International Transaction) [2022] 138 taxmann.com 46 (Pune - Trib.).

16. Whether Appeal can be filed against an order passed by A.O. giving effect to the appellate order: An order giving effect to the appellate order bears the same characteristic as the original order against which appeal was filed. An appeal is nothing but continuation of the original proceedings and hence, an order passed to give effect to the findings of the appellate authority cannot be different in nature. Hence, Appeal can be filed against such order - CIT v. Industrial Machinery Manufacturing P. Ltd. [2006] 282 ITR 595 (Guj.).

17. If Status of assessee is changed while passing order u/s 143(1), can the assessee file an appeal: The Status of an assessee cannot be changed u/s 143(1). As such the said order shall be treated as order u/s 143(3) and assessee is entitled to file an appeal against such order u/s 246A - CIT v. Kay Kay Family Trust 278 ITR 620 (All.); CIT v. Asha Family Trust 148 Taxman 578 (All.).

18. If any appeal which is supposed to be filed before a particular CIT(A), but by mistake it is filed with another CIT(A), what should be done: An application should be made before CIT(A), where appeal has been wrongly filed, requesting for transfer of the same to concerned C.I.T.(A), who is having proper jurisdiction. In such cases even the CIT(A) himself can transfer the appeal without any application from the appellant. It may be noted that now a days most of the appeals are filed under Faceless Scheme.

19. Whether CIT(A) can pass an order in case the proceedings before settlement commission abates u/s 245HA: In an appeal against the order of assessment in respect of which the proceedings before the Settlement Commission

abates u/s 245HA, the Commissioner (Appeals) can w.e.f. 1.4. 2008 confirm, reduce, enhance or annul the assessment after taking into consideration the following -

(a) The material and other information produced by the assessee before the Settlement Commission.

(b) The results of the enquiry held by the Settlement Commission.

(c) The evidence recorded by the Settlement Commission in the course of proceedings before it.

(d) Such other material as may be brought on his record.

20. Time limit for disposal of appeal by CIT(A) or Joint Commissioner (Appeals): W.e.f. 1.6.1999, the CIT(A) and w.e.f. 1.4.2023 Joint Commissioner (Appeals), where it is possible, may hear and decide such appeal within a period of one year from the end of the financial year in which such appeal has been filed. Prior to this there was no time limit. However, one could have made a petition for early disposal, specifying the reasons for hearing on priority.

Further CBDT vide its

Instruction No. 20/2003

dated 29/12/2013 has

suggested to pass

appellate orders within

15 days from the date

of last hearing. It has

reiterated the same in its instruction No. F No.279/Misc 53/2003, dated 19.06.2015.

21. Under what circumstances CIT(A) can admit additional evidence or a fresh evidence: As per section 250 read with Rule 46A, the CIT(A) or Joint Commissioner (Appeals) may admit additional or fresh evidence stated above. Failure to do so will amount to violation of Rule 46A - Refer Enzen Global Solutions (P.) Ltd. v. ITO [2022] 144 taxmann.com 2 (Bangalore - Trib.).

22. Where the A.O. has refused to admit evidence which ought to have been admitted or b. where the appellant was prevented by sufficient cause from producing the evidence which was called upon to produce by the A.O. or

c. where the appellant was prevented by sufficient cause from producing before the A.O. any evidence which is relevant to any ground of appeal, or

d. where the A.O. has made the order appealed against without giving sufficient opportunity to the appellant to adduce evidence relevant to any ground of appeal.

Before admitting any additional evidence

CIT(A) has to -

1. record reasons,

for its admission in writing.

2. allow a reasonable opportunity

for the CIT(A) to verify

to the A.O. to examine the evidence or document or to cross-examine the witness produced by the appellant or to produce any evidence or document or any witness in rebuttal of the additional evidence produced by the appellant before admitting any fresh evidence stated above.

Failure to do so will amount to violation of Rule 46A - Refer Enzen Global Solutions (P.) Ltd. v. ITO [2022] 144 taxmann.com 2 (Bangalore - Trib.).

23. Whether CIT(A) can set aside the order of the A.O.:

A. The Finance Act, 2001, w.e.f. 1.6.2001 has amended section 251 and omitted the express power of setting aside of an assessment order, as such CIT(A) has no express power of setting aside an assessment order. But recently in the case of

Union of India v. Umesh Dhamode [2002] 176 CTR (SC) 97:[1998] 98 ELT 584 (SC), the Supreme Court has held that the power to annul

includes the power to remand the case. Though this is a case under Customs Act, but the then language of section 128(2) of Customs Act is identical with the language of section 251(1)(a) of the Income-tax Act, as such the view

may be taken that the CIT(A) still has the power to set aside assessment

However, prior to

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express power to set aside

assessment u/s 251(1)(a).

refuse to admit such evidences for want of an appropriate application under rule 46A - Padam Lal Dua v. ITO [2016] 76 taxmann.com 354 (Delhi - Trib.)/[2017] 162 ITD 524 (Delhi - Trib.).

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"Ya Devi Sarvabhuteshu is an institution in the form of creation.."



Creation itself is feminine and creation must have originated due to some love. Affection is a feeling which is directly related to compassion. It is compassion that has transformed one into many and has become multidimensional. Love and compassion are also feminine in themselves, that is why this form of creation came before us. The same maternal power reflected in its various forms is the proof that it is pouring out its love everywhere. Only the mother has the highest feeling of giving selflessly and that is why we search for the mother only in the earth, cow and nature. No matter what a mother's child is, she accepts him as he is and never rejects him. This universe also accepts us as we are, whether you are bad or good. The mother is actually self-made whereas the paternal authority has been created out of necessity. The most important things to run the creation are power, meaning and knowledge. For this, only

Goddesses are present to take power in the form of Durga, Lakshmi and Saraswati. What could be a greater proof than the fact that only women were chosen as the primary medium of creation? Actually, the basic feeling behind every Teej-festival is to express gratitude towards that primal power. Navratri, which comes mainly twice a year, is also a part of the same process. In most of the worship, worship and prayers, the qualities of the divine power are narrated and it is said that when we praise someone's qualities from our heart, the same qualities become a part of our existence as well. Overall, the journey of life is to move from humanity to divinity. There is science behind the nine of Navratri. There are seven chakras inside us. There are basically 7 chakras in the body, these are considered to be the center of all the powers of the universe. Upanishads say, Yat pinde tat brahmande, that is, whatever is in the body is in the universe. These seven chakras symbolize seven days of seven different powers, the eighth power Mahagauri is considered to be the chakra present above the head above the body and on the ninth day the power is accomplished in the form of Siddhidatri. Each chakra is known for its positive and negative

aspects. Both Navratri falls at a time of the year when there is a change in seasons, which indicates that the best of human beings should be expressed by accepting this sacred change through knowledge, meditation, spiritual practice, fasting etc. and by making physical and mental adjustments. Could. Basically the Goddess is one but she appears in nine important forms for the salvation of her children. Just as a mother plays all the roles for her children, sometimes angry like a father, affectionate like a sister, cooperative like a brother, along with being in countless forms of affection, similarly Adi Shakti also assumed nine main forms. Has happened. During the nine days of Vatsalya, the Mother Goddess is pleased by offering various offerings.

Devi Shailputri

Worship of Mata Shailputri, the first form of Mother, on the first day of Navratri "Vande Vaishchitlambhay, Chanadraradhrakrit Shekham". It is done with the mantra Vrisharudhaan Shuldharaan, Shailputri Yashasvinim (I worship Maa Shailputri, who wears the crescent moon on her forehead and rides on a bull, for the desired benefits). On this day, offering pure cow's ghee at the feet of Mother Goddess brings blessings

Dr Lokendrasingh Kot

of health.

Devi Brahmacharini

On the day of Dwitiya Tithi, worship of Mother Brahmacharini, the second form of Shri Durga, "Dadhana Karpadamabhyam, Akshamalakamandu". Devi Prasidati Mayi, Brahmacharinyanuttama." (That is, the one who has Akshamala in one hand and Kamandal in the other hand, may such an excellent Brahmacharinirupa Maa Durga bless me.) This is done with the mantra. To please the Mother Goddess, sugar is offered to her. Offering sugar to the Mother Goddess on this day increases the lifespan of all the members of the family.

Devi Chandraghanta

The third form of worship of Chandraghanta is "Pindjapraravarudha, Chandakopastrakairiuta. Prasadam Tanute Mahyam, Chandraghanteti Vishrutha." (i.e. May Mother Chandraghanta, riding on the best lion and equipped with Chandrakuti weapon, shower her blessings on me.) is done with the mantra. While worshiping Mother Goddess, she is offered milk or sweets made from milk or kheer. By offering bhog one gets relief from sorrows and attains ultimate happiness.

Devi Kushmunda

Fourth day: Worship of

Mata Kushmunda "Surasampurnakalash, Rudhraplumey Ch.

is, riding on a lion and destroyer of demons, be auspicious for all of us)" is recited with the mantra.

On this day, honey is given as offering to the Mother Goddess. Offering honey increases the power of attraction.

Devi Kalaratri

On Saptami Tithi, worship of the Kalaratri form of Mother "Ekveni Japakarna, complete naked Kharasthita. Lamboshthi Karnikamani, Tailabhyaktsharirini Vampadol 110h, Latakantakabhuhsana. Vardhanamurdhavaja Krichna, Kaalratribhayankari.."

(The complexion of Maa Kaalratri is black like night but she is the destroyer of darkness.

This form of Maa Durga, the destroyer of evils and demons, looks very terrible but gives auspicious results, hence Maa

"She is also called "Shubhankari". Maa Kaalratri has round eyes like the universe. Flames of fire keep coming out from Maa's nostrils with every breath. Maa carries a sword, an iron

weapon, Abhayamudra and Varamudra in her four hands. The vehicle is riding on Gardabha) is

chanted with the mantra.

On this day, jaggery is offered to the Mother Goddess. In this way, by

worshiping the Mother Goddess, one gets relief

from the grief that comes to her and the troubles

that come suddenly are also reduced.

Devi Mahagauri

On

the day of Ashtami, worship of Mahagauri, the eighth form of Mother Goddess, "Shwete Vrushe Samarudha, Shwetambardhara Shuchih. Mahagauri shubham daday, Mahadevpramoddad.."

(Mother Mahagauri, who

rides on a white bull, wears white clothes, is

extremely pious and

pleases Mahadev with

her devotion, may Mother

Mahagauri bless us all) is

recited with the mantra.

On this day, coconut is

offered to the Mother Goddess. By worshiping the Mother in this way, the

wishes of those who are

childless are fulfilled.

Devi Siddhidatri

Worship of Mata

Siddhidatri on the ninth

day a

"Siddhagandharvayakshayad,

Asurairamarairapi.

Sevyamana Sada

Bhuyat, Siddhida

Siddhidayini."

(May Mother Siddhidatri, who is

worshiped by Siddhas,

Gandharvas, Yakshas,

Asuras and immortal

gods and has the power

to bestow siddhis, grant

us all the eight siddhis)

THE BIGGEST EID CELEBRATION OF EASTERN INDIA BY IMRAN ZAKI & MD. AZHAR



New Delhi: 'Dilon ki Eid', the much talked about gala Eid celebration of Eastern India, gracefully hosted by Social Entrepreneur cum Educationist Mr. Imran Zaki and Mr. Mohammed Azhar, The Chairman cum Director of Aminia

chain of restaurants, took place in the banquet hall of The Park Hotel on 13th April 2024. Like every year we saw the people of power and importance from all walks of life in Kolkata, gathering in faith, peace and unity, on the gracious

invitation of Mr. Zaki and Mr. Azhar, to celebrate Eid-Ul-Fitr.

We saw actor/activist/teacher of method acting Bobby Chakraborty, who is a bosom friend of Mr. Zaki and Mr. Azhar, present in the event, along with other

celebrities like Actress Pallavi Chatterjee, Actor Saheb Bhattacharya, Cricketer Ranadeb Bose, Principal of Calcutta Public School, Kalikapur Proma Das, Director/Principal of B. D. Memorial Junior School Suman Sood,

Mariam Zaki Mehta and Kushal Mehta, the daughter and son-in-law of Mr. Zaki, Dancer Sudarshan Chakravorty and The General Manager of The Lalit Great Eastern Hotel Kolkata Mr. Kamal Raza among many others, in a sea of celebrities.

The delectable spread of Mughlai food was carefully curated by Aminia chain of restaurants and The Park Hotel.

Grand events like this, which bring together people from all faith and profession, promoting brotherhood, peace and harmony, in a world filled with hatred and animosity, is the need of the hour.

We sincerely appreciate this warm initiative of Mr. Imran Zaki and Mr. Mohammed Azhar, from the bottom of our heart.

"World Quantum Day" observed on 14th April 2024



research leading to our ability to exploit the principles of superposition, entanglement, and measurement. It promises to lead to applications with immense potential for the global economy in areas ranging from medicine to the discovery of advanced materials, and from safe communication to extremely sensitive sensors."

Elaborating on quantum technology's global reach and the need to eliminate potential threats by quantum computers, Prof. Sood said, "Governments and private players in almost all scientifically advanced nations are investing heavily in its development and exploitation to tap its

immense potential for enhancing computing, communication, and sensing capabilities with significant implications for national prosperity and security. The threat emerging from quantum computers that breaches the encryption algorithms used by conventional computing systems needs to be addressed by PQC and QKD to make the world quantum-safe. Ensuring ethical development and deployment of quantum technology will also become important as newer applications get developed, and for this, engagement with a wide range of stakeholders - scientists, policymakers, industry leaders, civil society organizations, and the public - must continue."

On India's plans to

excel in quantum technology, Prof. Sood expressed optimism and mentioned that India's National Quantum Mission (NQM) will bolster India's competitiveness by leveraging the national strengths built through previous R&D initiatives and strengthening them further in a focused and directed manner.

National Quantum Mission (NQM), conceptualized by the Prime Minister Science Technology Advisory Council (PM-STIAC) received Cabinet approval on April 19, 2023 with a total outlay of Rs 6003.65 Crore for a period of eight years. The Mission aims to seed, nurture, and scale up scientific and industrial R&D and

create a vibrant & innovative ecosystem in Quantum Technology (QT). This will accelerate QT-led economic growth, nurture the ecosystem in the country, and make India one of the leading nations in the development of QT and applications.

Highlighting importance of quantum technology in the digital economy and geopolitics for India

Dr. Ajai Chowdhry, Chairman, MGB

mentioned : "On this World Quantum Day, the nation's decision to embark on the National Quantum Mission and seize the opportunities presented by the quantum revolution is a source of immeasurable hope and delight. The imminent economic potential and consequential effects of quantum computing on worldwide digital economies are critical considerations for geopolitical strategies.

The substantial financial investment of 26,000 crore in the National Quantum Mission will undoubtedly facilitate the advancement of research and innovation across numerous sectors, benefiting scientists, researchers, and startups throughout the country."

AAP MP Sanjay Singh met Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge



New Delhi(KCN): AAP MP Sanjay Singh met Congress President

Mallikarjun Kharge on

Sunday. Regarding his

meeting, Sanjay Singh

the said, after coming out of

jail, I had to take the

blessings of Congress

President Mallikarjun

Kharge because he also

announced which will be

encourages us in the

House. I met him. During this, we also

talked about the action of

the investigation agency

against the opposition

leaders across the

country.

He said, soon in the

coming days, a common

minimum program will be

announced which will be

encourages us in the

Alliance after the formation of the government. Sanjay Singh said, on the occasion of Baba Saheb's birth anniversary, there was a discussion about how we will work together to save democracy in India. Soon the common minimum program will be announced.

How Poll Body Is Trying To Increase Voter Turnout In Politically Crucial UP

Lucknow(KCN): The

Election Commission of

India has set up more

than 200 polling stations

within housing societies in

the urban areas of Uttar

Pradesh to increase voter

turnout in the politically

crucial state.

In an interview with the

news agency PTI, state's

Chief Electoral Officer

Navdeep Rinwa said the

poll body is targeting

urban areas that have

registered a low voter

turnout in the past and

expressed that Uttar

Pradesh will secure the

first position as far as

voting percentage is

concerned.

In the 2019 Lok Sabha

elections, the voting

percentage in Uttar

Pradesh was a tepid

59.11 per cent.

"We have taken a number

of important steps to

ensure that all kinds of

barriers that prevent

voters from casting votes

are removed. We have

ensured that the polling

station is located within a

two-kilometre radius of

every voter.

"Also in urban areas, we

have undertaken a new

initiative of setting up

polling stations within

gated communities and

multi-storeyed housing

societies where there has

been a low voter turnout in the past," Rinwa told PTI.

The senior official said 200-plus polling booths have been set up across the state, with Noida taking the lead.

"Uttar Pradesh has the maximum number of such polling stations and Noida has taken the lead in this regard. Ghaziabad, Lucknow, Kanpur, Bareilly and even Mathura will have such polling stations," Rinwa said.

Asked if the polling percentage in Uttar Pradesh will exceed 60 per cent this time, the CEO said, "I am confident that UP voters will score the first division and pass with flying colours." Rinwa

highlighted that SVEEP (Systematic Voter's Education and Electoral Participation) activities are also ongoing in the state.

SVEEP is a flagship programme of the Election Commission for voter education, spreading voter awareness and promoting voter literacy.

On the tepid voter turnout in 2019, Rinwa said, "To find out the reasons, we have taken

a bottoms-up approach for each assembly constituency.

"We have asked the EROs (electoral registration officers) and DMs (district magistrates) to prepare a Turnout Implementation Plan (TIP) -- an initiative of the ECI -- to identify the reasons for the low turnout in each assembly constituency and polling station. This is happening for the first time in the country," Rinwa said.

Rinwa said, this time, more than 15.30 crore people across Uttar Pradesh would be exercising their franchise and the voting will be held from 7 am to 6 pm -- except in two assembly constituencies of Sonbhadra district, as it was earlier affected by Left Wing Extremism. Sonbhadra shares its boundaries with Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh.

"Keeping this in mind, the polling timing of 7 am to 4 pm has been proposed to the ECI. The ECI is yet to approve the timing, as it is done phase-wise," he said.

Robertsganj (SC) Lok Sabha seat in Sonbhadra will go to polls in the seventh phase on June 1.

Those Against Nukes...: PM Tears Into INDIA Bloc Over CPIM Manifesto

Hoshangabad, Madhya Pradesh(KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi hit out at the Opposition INDIA bloc today over one of its constituents being in favour of nuclear disarmament and said they cannot protect the country.

Addressing a rally in Madhya Pradesh's Pipariya in the Hoshangabad Lok Sabha constituency, PM Modi taunted Rahul Gandhi over his "will eradicate poverty with a single

stroke" remark, saying the country doesn't take him seriously.

He also said the Congress always insulted Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar, but the BJP government honoured him. Without naming a party, the PM said a constituent of the INDIA bloc called for nuclear disarmament - referring to the CPI(M) manifesto.

He asked people whether, in today's world, the country needs nuclear weapons, especially when its enemies have so much

power with them. "In the manifestoes of INDIA alliance partners, several dangerous promises were made. One of its partner's manifesto said it will denuclearise the country," he said.

"We should have nuclear weapons to protect our country. Those saying otherwise, how will they protect India?" he said. Without naming Rahul Gandhi, PM Modi taunted him over his "will eradicate poverty with a single stroke" remark. He said the Congress



"shehzada" made an announcement that people would laugh at, and added that the country does not take him seriously.

His grandmother (former PM Indira Gandhi), too, once gave the slogan "Garibi Hatao" and people know about it, he said.

"The Congress always insulted Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar, we honoured him," PM Modi said on the birth anniversary of the chief architect of India's Constitution.

Because of the Constitution given by Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar, a

tribal woman became the President of India, he said, referring to Droupadi Murmu's election to the country's top constitutional post.

"Today is a big day in history as today is the birth anniversary of Ambedkar Ji. It was because of Babasaheb's Constitution that a tribal family's daughter has become the country's President and a poor woman's son is seeking votes from you to serve you for the third time," PM Modi said.

He said the BJP government got an opportunity to develop 'Panch Teerth' associated with Babasaheb Ambedkar, who was born in Madhya Pradesh's Mhow.

"The Congress is saying that if I become Prime Minister for the third time, the country will be in flames," he said.

"The INDIA alliance is unable to decide which direction the country should move in," he said, adding, that the slogan "Phir ek baar, Modi sarkar" is resonating across the country.

'Is this development?' Neglected Odisha village threatens poll boycott

CUTTACK (KCN): Development has been a mirage for the villagers of Bondal under the Tangi-Choudwar block of Cuttack district. Only 20 kilometres away from a town, Bondal village is inhabited by some 80 families. For the villagers, basic amenities are a distant dream, let alone the government schemes that seem to have made a detour to the village. With no motorable road, an ambulance can't come to the village. Shifting a patient or a woman in labour to the hospital is always a herculean task for the villagers. There are instances when serious patients were shifted on

motorcycles. About the drinking water facility, the least said the better. There is only one tube well in the village to meet the requirements of 80 families, forcing villagers to use water from a pond. The wait for a pucca house seems unending. Hema Mallick and Sanatan Mallick are two eligible beneficiaries for a pucca house but they are yet to receive them. For a house, they have requested administrative officials to the local MLA, but to no avail. In 2020, Sanatan Mallick received the work order for his house. Meanwhile, four years have passed, and nothing has progressed.



The villagers' pent-up anger may find an outlet this election as they are determined to boycott polls. "Six to seven years have passed since Cyclone Fani pulled down my house. I am still living in a dilapidated house. Is this the real picture of development?" rued Sanatan.

"In the absence of a road, neither ambulance nor fire tenders can reach our village. We experience a lot of difficulties when we have to shift a patient to hospital or when a house catches fire," said Abhisekh Mallick, a villager.

"When the election comes, leaders make a beeline with a list of promises. But after the election, they forget us. This time, we won't cast votes," said Mitu Mallick, a villager.

When contacted, Tangi-Choudwar BDO Hemanta Kumar Mohanta said, "After an enquiry, we will take appropriate steps."

SRC On Contingency Plan

Bhubaneswar (KCN): As the General Elections 2024 is going to be held in sunny May, Special Relief Commissioner (SRC) ACS Satyabrata Sahu has asked all Collectors to prepare a contingency plan for smooth conduct of the twin elections.

Writing a letter to all Collectors, the SRC Shri Sahu said General Elections, 2024 has been declared by the Election Commission of India. During this period, there may be extreme heat wave conditions which challenge health and conduct of elections.

The IMD has issued seasonal outlook on temperature and rainfall for hot weather season during March to May, 2024. The maximum temperature is most likely to prevail over most of the parts of the State, ACS Shri Sahu said. Similarly, the IMD has been issuing daily



bulletins during the Summer Season. He asked the Collectors to follow these bulletins daily for appropriate actions. They have been requested to take mitigation, preparedness and response measures. "Heat wave mitigation measures involve multi-sectoral and multi-

dimensional administrative approach such as provisioning of drinking water, temporary shelter, rescheduling of working hours, rescheduling of timing of schools/public educational institutions and providing better medical emergency services and public

health, etc. to reduce the negative impact of extreme heat wave conditions," the SRC noted.

As it is an election year, several rallies are going to be held. So, the collectors were instructed to take proactive measures with the help of concerned line Departments.

SRC Shri Sahu directed the Collectors to follow the detailed instructions that had been communicated in February on preparedness and precautionary measures to be taken in view of the Heat wave conditions, 2024. "Your personal attention is highly required for effective heat wave management in your district. Any untoward situation shall be brought before the undersigned for immediate intervention," he wrote to the Collectors.

BJD Holds Poll Talk



Bhubaneswar (KCN): Amid speculations over its pre-poll alliance with BJP, the Governing BJD today formally started holding meetings for the upcoming Lok Sabha and Assembly elections in the State. BJD President and Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik held two different meetings with the MLAs and senior leaders of Puri and Kendrapara Lok Sabha constituencies at Naveen Niwas on Monday.

Senior BJD leaders including Arun Sahoo, Rudra Maharathy, Sanjay Das Burma, Uma Samantaray, and Satyanarayana

Pradhan attended the Puri Lok Sabha segment which was held in the morning. However, Puri MP Pinaki Misra has remained absent in the meeting, which raises many questions.

Speaking to media persons, Sahoo said the schedule for simultaneous election in Odisha was announced and Model Code of Conduct has been enforced.

The Chief Minister called a meeting and discussed the organizational situation of Puri parliamentary constituency today. The Chief Minister has asked to strengthen

the BJD in all Assembly constituencies under Puri MP seat, he said. The BJD boss has also asked to expedite the work to enhance interaction with the public. A detailed road map has been prepared to become closer to the voters, the BJD general secretary said.

In the afternoon, BJD top leadership held a meeting with the MLAs and leaders of Kendrapara parliamentary constituency. BJD leaders including Pratap Deb, Sashibhusan Behera, Dhruba Sahu, Pratap Jena, Arabinda

the final list of candidates will be prepared once the candidates are shortlisted from the existing list. Moreover, the BJP Parliamentary Board will take a final call on who will be BJP's candidate from where.



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Empowering Resilience: Parna Mehta's Journey from Career Break to AWS, Inspiring Inclusion and Transformation

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Women are the embodiment of remarkable strength, juggling responsibilities at home, and thriving in their professional endeavours. They navigate the complexities of modern life with grace, carving their own unique paths to success. Their remarkable journeys serve as evidence of their adeptness at overcoming the obstacles of contemporary life and carving out distinctive paths towards success. To commemorate International Women's Day, the 'She Is Amazon' drive by Amazon under the theme of 'Inspire Inclusion' celebrates women who demonstrate resilience by forging their own unique identities while balancing

home and personal responsibilities. One such example is Parna Mehta, born and raised in Mumbai, who embarked on her career in the IT industry after graduating as a computer engineer in 2002. For over six years, she honed her skills in various software development roles across India, the UK, and Australia, then Parna opted for a career break that spanned almost 12 years as she chose to prioritize family and dedicated herself to raising her two sons. With an arising need to be financially independent, Parna decided to re-join the workforce. Returning to the workforce after such a long hiatus presented significant challenges. Her once-advanced skills had

become outdated, and the lack of readily available flexible work options seemed insurmountable. Yet, Parna refused to be discouraged. She started working part-time, teaching coding, and designing curriculum for kids, a testament to her ability to adapt and pivot. Never one to shy away from learning, Parna actively sought opportunities to upskill. She participated in the Amazon Web Services(AWS) re/Start,a 12-weeks full-time skill workforce development training program that prepares individuals for careers in the cloud and connects them to potential employers. This was a crucial step in her journey towards cloud computing. This decision not only rekindled her passion for technology but also opened doors to

the world of cloud expertise. With unwavering determination, she earned multiple AWS certifications, including the highly sought-after AWS Certified Solution Architect Associate supported by the SheBuilds program designed to create an inclusive and supportive environment for technical skills development.

Speaking about her experience, Parna shares, "The flexibility and support offered by AWS have been instrumental in my professional growth. Programs like AWS re/Start and SheBuilds played a vital role in equipping me with the necessary skills and confidence to re-enter the workforce." Parna's ambition transcended acquiring

technical expertise. She wanted to empower others, especially women who, like her, sought to re-enter the workforce. Becoming a mentor, Parna actively involved herself in AWS programs like CloudUp for Her, Tech4Her, and BeSA, guiding and supporting aspiring women re-starters, "I appreciate the opportunity to inspire and empower other

women through mentorship and share my knowledge through training." In late 2022, Parna's dedication and perseverance paid off. She landed her dream role as an Authorized Instructor at AWS. Today, she trains customers, sharing her knowledge and passion for cloud technology. This success not only marks a personal

triumph but also embodies the transformative power of Amazon's initiatives like re/Start and SheBuilds, which have been instrumental in empowering individuals like Parna to redefine their careers. Her story, a remarkable example of resilience and reinvention, was featured in the book "Cloud Career Journeys," further inspiring countless individuals.

TPSODL Bags Best Innovation Project Award for 'Press Fit Fuse'

Berhampur, March: TPSODL (TP Southern Odisha Distribution Limited) received the "Best Innovation Project" in Innovation Council-2023 in Mumbai for Designing and implementing of 'Press Fit Fuse'. This Patented Safety Innovation Project, "Press Fit Fuse," was implemented at various DSS (Distribution Substations) at TPSODL to eliminate electrical accidents and ensure utmost safety. The award was received by Mr. Sushil Panigrahi, Head, Safety, TPSODL from Mr. Himal Tewari, CHRO, Chief Sustainability, and CSR, TATA Power during the Annual Award Ceremony.

Earlier, in the case of a burnt fuse, linemen replaced it by climbing up to the HG fuse structure physically. Despite safety zones created surrounding the electrical structure, accident cases



kept occurring from time to time. Also, a longer time was required while replacing a faulty fuse. To tackle this traditional fuse and method of replacing the fuse, TPSODL developed the Press Fit Fuse. It works on press-fit principles,

which can be replaced in a comparatively easier way standing from ground level without taking any risk. No ladder and additional electrical tools are required to replace the newly developed fuse. This innovation ensures

quick fuse replacement and outage restoration in a safe manner. Additionally, it is cost-effective and safe. One skilled person can replace the faulty fuse in minimal time and effort without climbing to the heights. It is noteworthy

that this Press Fit Fuse was developed along with Govt. ITI College, Berhampur, with required technical and resource support from the TPSODL Safety and Operation team. It is jointly patented by TPSODL and Govt. ITI Berhampur.

EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCES AWAITS SINGAPORE AIRLINES CUSTOMERS

Singapore: Airlines (SIA) today unveiled its all-new flagship SilverKris and KrisFlyer Gold lounges at Singapore Changi Airport Terminal 3, following a \$50 million re-design, upgrade, and expansion project. This will further enhance the on-ground customer experience at the airline's main hub, and comes as the demand for international air travel from and through Singapore takes off once again.

The Private Room, the First Class section of the SilverKris Lounge, the Business Class section of the SilverKris Lounge, and the KrisFlyer Gold Lounge can collectively accommodate around 1,150 customers within

their 6,100 square-metres, translating to 30% more seats and space. This also doubles the capacity that was available during the pandemic while the upgrading works were going on. The airline has created a sanctuary that has been thoughtfully designed to enhance the comfort and convenience of diverse groups of travellers, and meet their evolving needs in the coming years. Customers will be

engagement and research have gone into the design of the new SilverKris and KrisFlyer Gold lounges. Customers will enjoy the thoughtful curated product offerings and experience the signature Singapore Airlines hospitality, all within a comfortable and restful environment, ensuring that they are refreshed and ready for their journey.

"Opening these lounges at this time signals our commitment to SIA's premium brand and growth strategy. It reinforces our position as Changi Airport's anchor airline, and reflects our confidence in Singapore's future as a pre-eminent global air hub."

Airtel Xstream Fiber unlocks its NEW All-in-One plans

Bhubaneswar: To serve the needs of premium households who want the next generational connectivity and entertainment experience, Bharti Airtel ("Airtel"), India's premier communications solutions provider, has once again raised the bar in the home broadband segment with the launch of three new all-in-one plans built for the evolving entertainment needs of today's connected homes.

Vir Inder Nath, CEO - Homes, Bharti Airtel had this to say: "Our new plans are built for India's emerging entertainment needs. Through these bundle offers we plan to offer our discerning customers great value, convenience and unlock a multi-faceted digital experience."

Increased broadband consumption in Indian homes has given rise to the phenomena of hybrid viewing, where families are looking to consume OTT content on the TV screen along with linear TV without the hassle of managing multiple subscriptions and devices. Airtel's plans are the first of their kind in terms of catering to the evolving entertainment needs of the whole family and come with: Subscription to 17 premium OTTs to go with unlimited data. This includes Netflix, Amazon Prime, Disney+ Hotstar and Airtel Xstream Premium ((SonyLiv, Lionsgate, Hoichoi and 11 more OTTs). 350+ TV channels covering the best of linear TV. Airtel 4K Xstream TV Box* that allows you to enjoy OTT and linear TV content with a single device and single remote.

Shri Pankaj Lochan Mohanty, CMD, MGM Minerals Ltd. expressed his confidence and believes that this collaboration will augur well for the future of Odisha cricket and go on to become one of the most coveted cricket training centres in the world.

The WHEC aims to reshape ideas and practices in higher education to ensure sustainable development for the planet and humanity, as well as to define and prepare a roadmap for a new era of higher education. As the world comes out of COVID-19, the WHEC's goals and strategic scope remain, and the new timeframe represents an opportunity to deepen and expand common efforts of knowledge production,

making a difference in terms of gender equality and which policies have been put into place at the university level. Gender equality is number five in the United Nations' list of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). He explained how the culture of gender equality is not implemented only in terms of policies within Amrita, but also expressed how Amrita is

The round table included Dr. Gloria Bonder, UNESCO Chair on Women, Science and Technology; Dr. Ricardo Vilanueva Lomeli, Rector General, University of Guadalajara; Ms. Elizabeth Shepherd, Leader of the Consultancy team, Times Higher Education; and Dr. Victoria Galan-Muros, Chief of Research and Analysis,

MGM School of Sports Signs MoU with Ravi Shastri's Coaching Beyond Cricket Academy



Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha is a state rich in sporting heritage across various disciplines. To enhance the sporting culture in Odisha and produce more outstanding cricketers, MGM Group has established a state-of-the-art High Performance Cricket Academy at Kapurisingh, Gurudijhatia near Cuttack city, 30 kms from Bhubaneswar, named MGM School of Sports. It will promote the ideal objectives of high performance & quality-driven cricket culture in the state. This residential academy is a fully owned subsidiary of MGM Minerals Ltd., the flagship company of MGM Group, Odisha. With the support of the present administrative machinery namely, the Govt. of Odisha & the Odisha Cricket Association we are confident that the MGM School of Sports, will enhance the cricket ecosystem in Odisha and strive to produce outstanding cricketers. MGM School of Sports will work as a feeder organization in the model

of National Cricket Academy & other coaching centres of high reputation. With state-of-the-art infrastructure which includes residential facilities, international-standard cricket grounds, Turf, AstroTurf and Matting pitches, a six lane indoor arena, well-equipped gymnasium, swimming pool, physiotherapy & recovery centre, motivation hall, rehabilitation centre, beach volleyball court, basketball court etc. This sports academy will serve as a training hub for aspiring cricketers to undergo intensive training to achieve their goals. The MGM School of Sports has signed an MoU with Coaching Beyond, one of India's premier cricket coaching institutions, founded by Shri Ravi Shastri, Shri B Arun and Shri R. Sridhar, former Team India coaches. Coaching Beyond will be the knowledge & technical partner for this venture of MGM School of Sports to facilitate and execute high quality

Jindal Stainless partners with JBM Auto to roll out over 500 energy-efficient electric buses

Bhubaneswar (KCN): Pioneering eco-mobility revolution in India, Jindal Stainless, India's largest stainless steel manufacturer, is partnering with JBM Auto Ltd., the country's largest electric bus manufacturer, for fabrication of over 500 energy-efficient and lightweight stainless steel

buses. Jindal Stainless will provide JT Tubes, made up of low-carbon, chromium-manganese austenitic stainless steel to JBM Auto. The material, also denoted as N7 in Bureau of Indian Standards specification, 6911, has three times the strength of the carbon steel currently used to fabricate the buses.



Travis Head eyes good preparation in IPL for T20 World Cup 2024

NEWDELHI: Travis Head raised his career graph a few notches up to 2023 but the Australian batter understands that staying at that level is a challenging task, and the first stop for him on that journey is the upcoming T20 World Cup. Head's hundreds in two of the biggest cricketing occasions last year – the WTC final and the 50-over World Cup summit clash – were Australia's guiding force against India. But the 30-year-old now wants to be at his best-prepared self for the World Cup through the Indian Premier League experience.

"I've come a long way as a player. I guess owning a little bit of the style I want to play and the way I have played overseas too, I've been able to tick a few boxes. Now, the pressure is to continue to play the way I am playing," Head told PTI in an interview. "I think in all formats, I need to make sure that I go back to what simplifies everything, which is my technique and my blueprint," he added. Head demonstrated his adaptability during his stint with Sunrisers Hyderabad in the ongoing IPL. Opening the innings, he amassed 133 runs from five

matches at a strike rate of 177, providing SRH with early momentum and showcasing his readiness for a demanding T20 role with his national team.

"With the World Cup coming around the corner and, hopefully, being involved in that squad and batting at the top of the order, it gives me good preparation here in the IPL to try and get some runs and have a little bit of form going into the World Cup," noted Head. However, participating in a complete IPL season may risk burnout before the ICC's premier event in June.

Head was aware of it. "I



think it is important for me to make sure that I'm mentally fresh throughout the IPL and continuing to work on my game, and making sure that I am ready for the World Cup when that time comes. But I am feeling like I am prepared and ready at the moment," he added.

Head's confidence was clear when he scored 62 off 24 balls in his first IPL match in seven years. The South Australian stated that his greater game understanding helped him make an immediate effect.

"It was nice to get some runs in the first game, and honestly, I didn't really have too many expectations. It's been a long time between IPLs for me, seven years, but I've learned a lot over that time and am a lot more mature now.

"I feel like I understand my game a lot more. So, a lot of different feelings coming back and not trying to be too nervous or worried about results.

I am just making sure that the things that I've done over the last few years are going to work and I best prepare myself to play well for the franchise," he said.

However, Head noted

that the presence of Pat Cummins (captain) and Daniel Vettori (head coach) in the SRH dressing room helped him adjust to the new atmosphere.

"Definitely having Pat and Dan, who I've worked closely with for Australia in the last few years, has helped me. It's a very relaxed environment.

"Soon as I got my contract, I knew that I had the backing from those guys and they've confidence in my game," he said.

A chat with Head will not be completed with his exploits against India last year with him terming the

World Cup final at Ahmedabad the biggest moment in his career.

The left-hander made 120-ball 137, propelling the Aussies to a six-wicket victory and their sixth ODI World title.

"I think the World Cup final was probably the biggest match of my career, regardless of whether I got runs or not. It was a huge moment. Obviously, I have not played in a World Cup before.

"So, to have all the stuff that happened, making it to a final and then being able to contribute in the final makes it all so much better," he explained.

Former Canada captain Nitish Kumar sizzles on USA debut



NEWDELHI: In a fairytale debut, turning out for arch-rivals USA, former Canada captain Nitish Kumar slayed his former team with a sparkling innings of 64 off 38 deliveries in a four-wicket win for his side. Kumar might have had his emotions running high as he made an international comeback against a team he represented as a 17-year-old in the 2011 World Cup. The innings was sensational under the mental space he would've found himself in. With his World Cup spot on the line, he not only braved that mental baggage which would've been duly amplified by some chirpy former teammates but rescued a reeling USA from 9 for 3.

Kumar found support from senior pro Corey Anderson as the pair stitched a 104-run stand to dig USA out of the early shambles in their chase of 169. Anderson came into his own with a timely knock of 55 in 48 deliveries after a cagey innings of 28 in the previous game. However, there was work to do after the fall of this valiant stand. With 27 needed of the final 17 it was down Nisarg Patel and Harmeet Singh to provide USA the knockout punch, which the pair wrapped up without breaking a sweat.

Aaron Johnson got Canada to a rollicking start with a no look six over mid-wicket followed by an imperious off drive off Saurabh Netravalkar in the 1st over. Canada raced to 23 in 2 overs but were thwarted by a peach off the 18th over to get Canada motoring along at the death.

Dhawan could be on the sidelines for 'at least 7 to 10 days'



Indians on coming Thursday (April 18) and the reverse fixture against Royal Challengers Bangalore next Sunday (April 21) will wrap up their quota of five home games at the newly inaugurated facility at Mullanpur in New Chandigarh. As of now, Dhawan is expected to return in time for the team's next away match, in Kolkata on April 26.

In Dhawan's absence, England allrounder Sam Curran led PBKS in the low-scoring thriller against RR which the hosts lost by three wickets off the

penultimate ball. Curran, not Jitesh, PBKS vice-captain

Confusion arose when Curran walked out for the toss against RR, whereas last month at the pre-season captains' briefing in Chennai, on the eve of the IPL 2024 tournament opener, Jitesh Sharma had filled in on Curran since the last edition to step in should such a need arise. In a similar situation in IPL 2023, when Dhawan was ruled out briefly after an on-field injury, Curran had led PBKS in three games with a win-loss record of 2-1. Bangar clarified, adding that the management had zeroed in on Curran since the last edition to step in should such a need arise.

"The thought was always to have Curran [stand-in] because he had led the team in the previous year as well. He was late to arrive from the UK and because he wanted to have few sessions, that's the reason we couldn't send him to Chennai for [briefing] and hence Jitesh was sent since the directive from the IPL [committee] was that a player has to attend... We were very clear in our minds that if at all there had to be an opening, Sam Curran would be taking over and will [fill in] as the team's captain."

Despite failing to make any significant contribution with the bat, Curran delivered a twin-wicket 19th over in PBKS' defence of 147 when RR needed 20 off 12 balls. Curran finished the game with figures of 4-0-25-2.

The Kings are currently placed eighth in the ten-team table, with four wins in six matches.

"Unfortunately we missed out on having Shikhar [tonight] because he has a shoulder injury. So, he's likely to be out for a couple of days [games] I would say," Bangar said before adding, "We'll have to wait and see how he responds to the treatment, but at the moment it seems that he could be out of action for at least seven to 10 days."

In that time-frame Punjab are due to play two more home fixtures.

They take on Mumbai

England Women's tour of New Zealand 2024 - Series digest



New Delhi: A swashbuckling half-century from Heather Knight was instrumental in England taking a 1-0 lead in the T20I series against New Zealand. While Tammy Beaumont fell early for 15, Sophia Dunkley set herself up for a long haul at the crease after smashing six boundaries. However, she fell for 32 by the end of the eighth over, forcing England to rebuild. In reply, New Zealand

were handed a blow very early in the game as 19-year-old Isabella Gaze fell in the first over for a duck. Georgia Plimmer and Suzie Bates then added 60 for the second wicket but they allowed the required rate to climb up. Maddy Green's 14-ball 8 added to their woes as the onus was now on Bates to help the hosts get closer to the target. While she did hit a fifty, needing 71 from the final five overs proved to be too much for New Zealand as they fell well short of the target by 27 runs.

Brief scores: England Women 160/4 in 20 overs (Heather Knight 63, Maia Bouchier 43*; Jess Kerr 1/26) beat New Zealand Women 133/5 in 20 overs (Suzie Bates 65; Lauren Bell 2/29) by 27 runs

New Delhi: Simona Halep will make her competitive return this week after winning an appeal over a doping suspension when she takes the court at the Miami Open where Indian Wells champion Iga Swiatek will look to pull off the Sunshine Double. Halep, who accepted a wild card into the Miami Open after her four-year ban was cut to nine months by the top court for global sport, will face Paula Badosa on Tuesday with the winner getting world number two Aryna Sabalenka in the second round.

For Halep, the clash against world number 80 Badosa of Spain will mark her first match since the 2022 U.S. Open where she was upset in the first

round by Ukrainian qualifier Daria Snigur. Halep, a former Wimbledon and French Open champion, was suspended in October 2022 after testing positive for roxadustat - a banned drug that stimulates the production of red blood cells - at that year's U.S. Open. Halep vigorously denied the charges against her.

The Romanian former world number one owns a 2-0 record in head-to-head meetings with Badosa, having never lost more than three games in a set. Top seed Swiatek missed her Miami Open title defence last year due to injury but returns in stellar form and fresh off a dominant 6-4 6-0 win over ninth seed Maria Sakkari in the Indian Wells final. Now Swiatek will set her sights on capturing the Indian Wells and Miami Open titles back-to-back, a feat known as the Sunshine Double given the tournaments' respective locations in California and Florida, for a second time. Should Swiatek, who will

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