

# BJP Names 112 MLA Candidates

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** With the approaching dates for filing nominations for twin elections in Odisha, the BJP today announced candidates for 112 out of 147 MLA segments of the State.

The party has re-nominated 21 out of 22 sitting MLAs and given tickets to five leaders who recently joined the party after leaving BJD. The lone legislator who has been denied the BJP ticket was Lalitendu Bidyadhar Mohapatra from Brahmagiri in Puri district. Shri Mohapatra's niece Upasana Mohapatra has got the ticket from the Brahmagiri Assembly seat.

There are eight women candidates in the list. They are Sundergarh MLA Kusum Tete, Sebati Nayak (Bonai), Babita Mallick (Bijnjharpur), Smritirekha Pahi (Dharmasala), Kalpana Kumar Khara (Baliguda), Pravati Parida (Nimapara), Upasana Mohapatra (Brahmagiri) and Pratushya Rajeswari Singh (Nayagarh).

BJP State President Manmohan Samal will again contest from Chandbali Assembly segment in Bhadrak district while senior party leader and sitting MP from Bargarh Suresh



Pujari will contest from Brajrajnagar Assembly seat. Shri Pujari was denied the party ticket for contesting the Lok Sabha polls this time. The BJP has fielded Sisir Mishra against Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik from Hinjili Assembly constituency. Speaking to the media, Sisir said that the saffron party has been gaining strength in the constituency. The BJD had given BJD a tough fight in municipality elections, having won 5200 votes against the ruling party's 6400, and also Zilla Parishad elections," he said.

Former BJD MP Pratyusha Rajeswari Singh will contest against former minister and sitting MLA Arun Kumar Sahoo in Nayagarh Assembly seat. Leader of Opposition in the Odisha Assembly Jaynarayan Mishra will again fight from his

traditional Sambalpur MLA seat. Similarly, former Minister and ex-BJP State President KV Singhdeo has been re-nominated from Patnagarh assembly seat in Bolangir district. His wife Sangeeta Kumari Singh Deo is BJP candidate for the Bolangir Lok Sabha seat. Five turncoats from BJD, Arabinda Dhali, Akash Das Nayak, Siddhant Mohapatra, Purna Chandra Sethi and Priyadarshi Mishra were given BJP tickets. Arabinda Dhali will fight from the Jayadev Assembly segment in Khurda district.

While actor-turned-politician Akash Das Nayak has been given the ticket for his own Korei Assembly segment in Jajpur district, former BJD MLA Priyadarshi

Mishra will fight the polls from Bhubaneswar North seat. Former MLA Purna Chandra Sethi, who quit BJD and joined the BJP on March 26, will contest from Khallikote assembly seat. He had won two consecutive elections from the constituency in 2009 and 2014 but was denied a ticket in 2019. While the saffron party's youth leader Tankadhar Tripathy will fight the Assembly polls from Jharsuguda, MLA Kusum Tete will contest from Sundargarh Assembly seat and Biswaranjan Badajena from Jatni.

Jagannath Pradhan has been fielded from Bhubaneswar Central, Babu Singh from Bhubaneswar Eakmra and Prithiviraj Harichandan from Chilika Assembly seat.

The party also selected sitting MLA Suryabansi Suraj from Dhamnagar Assembly seat, Padmalochan Panda from Simulia, Rajendra Das from Soro, Gobinda Chandra Das from Remuna, Manas Kumar Dutta from Balasore, Braja Pradhan from Jaleswar, Iraisis Acharya from Bhatli.

Senior BJP leader Mohan Majhi ridiculed the ruling BJD over its recent statement that the saffron party was unable to find candidates for all the 147 assembly seats. "Now, the BJP has announced the names of 112 candidates, which is 40 more than the BJD's announced candidates of 72. We have strong candidates in all the Assembly and Lok Sabha seats," Shri Majhi told reporters.

The Election Commission recently announced that the elections in Odisha will be held simultaneously with the Lok Sabha elections and will be completed in four phases starting from May 13, with the final phase on June 1. The counting of votes will be done on June 4.

In the 2019 polls, the ruling BJD had secured a significant victory with 112 seats, while BJP won 23 seats in 2019 and the Congress went from 16 to 9 seats in 2019.

# Congress Announces Candidates



**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** The Congress party today announced the first list of candidates for eight Lok Sabha and 47 Assembly seats in Odisha. It has left two MLA seats for CPI (M) and JMM.

The party has given tickets to more than one person of one family. It has nominated Campaign Committee Chairman of the party, Bhakta Charan Das from the Narla MLA seat while his son Sagar Charan Das has been fielded for the Bhawanipatna assembly segment.

Similarly, former MLA Tara Prasad Bhujabal Majhi has been nominated from the Nabarangapur parliamentary constituency. Bhujabal's daughter Lipika has been given ticket to contest for Dabugam MLA segment.

The party has fielded Samarendra Mishra, son of veteran Congress leader Narasingha Mishra from Balangir. The list also includes former Indian hockey player Prabodh Tirkey who will contest assembly polls from Talsara while Balabhadra Mahi who had resigned from BJD and joined the party recently has been given ticket for Lanjigarh assembly seat.

Former MLA

Pattanayak who contested from Nuapada Assembly seat and former chief secretary and chairman of the election coordination committee Bijay Patnaik has been fielded from the Paralakhemundi seat. Sitting MLAs of the party, Taraprasad Bhujabal Majhi has been nominated from the Nabarangapur parliamentary constituency. Bhujabal's daughter Lipika has been given ticket to contest for Dabugam MLA segment. However, the party has not nominated any one from the Gamang family or former MP from Koraput Jayaram Pangi who had returned to the party fold recently. Former chief minister Giridhar Gamang, his wife and former MP Hema Gamang and son Sishir Gamang had returned to the Congress in January this year. Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) President Sarat

Former MLA

Ramachandra Kadam will enter the fray from Pattangi seat.

The party has repeated the lone Lok Sabha member from the Saptagiri Ulaka seat. Former MP Sanjay Bhoi who returned to the party recently has been fielded from Bargarh Lok Sabha seat while Janardhan Dehury who had contested the 2019 assembly election as an independent from Bonai Assembly seat has been given ticket from the Sundargarh Lok Sabha seat.

Cinestar Manoj Mishra, who recently joined the Congress, will fight from Balangir Lok Sabha seat in his maiden electoral battle.

The party has left the Bonai and Biramitrapur assembly seats to the CPI (M) and JMM, respectively.

The party has announced candidates for Lok Sabha seats except Aska which will go to polls in the first two phases on May 13 and May 20.

## Heat Wave Till 7 APR



**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** The flow of hot air into Odisha from north-west and peninsular India and clear sky has led to heat wave like conditions and it was likely to continue till April 7, SOA's Centre for Environment and Climate (CEC) said on Tuesday.

The scorching heat, low humidity during the day and absence of sea breeze from the Bay of Bengal had combined to push up the day temperature, Sarat Chandra Sahu, Director of CEC, said. Dr. Sahu said the maximum day temperature might hover between 40 to 42 degrees C in most parts of interior Odisha up to April 7. The temperature might vary between 37 and 39 degrees C in coastal Odisha during the period. There was probability of rain with thunderstorm and lightning in the afternoon or night of April 7 and the weather pattern might continue till April 9, he said adding this would favour a fall in day temperature from April 8 to 10 during which period most places might record less than 38 degrees C. The temperature might rise again from April 11, Dr. Sahu said.

## Nine Naxalites killed in encounter with security personnel in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur; arms seized



**Raipur(KCN):** In a major anti-insurgency operation, nine Naxalites were killed in an encounter with security personnel in Bijapur district of Chhattisgarh Tuesday, police said. Bijapur district comes under the Bastar Lok Sabha constituency, which will go to polls in the first phase of general elections April 19.

The gunfight took place at around 6 am in a forest near Lendra village under Gangaloor police station area, when a joint team of security personnel was out on an anti-Naxal operation, Inspector General of Police (Bastar Range)

Sundarraj P told PTI. After the exchange of fire stopped, bodies of four Naxalites were recovered from the spot along with a light machine gun, barrel grenade launchers and other arms and ammunitions, he said. Later, five more bodies were found at the encounter site, the IG

said, adding that a search operation was still underway in the area. Personnel belonging to the District Reserve Guard, Special Task Force, Central Reserve Police Force and its elite unit Commando Battalion for Resolute Action (CoBRA) were involved in the operation, he said. Notably, Naxalites carry

## ECI Axe On Officers



**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Just ahead of elections to Lok Sabha and Odisha Vidhan Sabha, the Election Commission of India (ECI) today ordered transfer of two IAS and six IPS officers out to non-election related posts with immediate effect.

Issuing a letter to Chief Secretary Pradeep Kumar Jena, ECI Secretary Rakesh Kumar said, "I am directed to state that the Commission has decided that the following officers be transferred out to a non-election related post with immediate effect," read the letter.

The EC has directed for transfer of Cuttack District Magistrate (DM) and District Election Officer (DEO) Vineet Bhardwaj, Jagatsinghpur DM & DEO Parul Patwari. Angul SP Sudhansu Sekhar Mishra, Berhampur SP Saravana Vivek M, Khurda SP Jugal Kishore Banoth, Rourkela SP Mitrabhanu Mahapatra and Sundergarh SP Kanwar Vishal Singh have also been transferred. The EC has also directed to transfer IG Central Ashish Kumar Singh to non-election post. The Chief Secretary has also been asked to provide a panel of three eligible officers each for these posts by 5 PM. Notably, senior BJP leader and Berhampur MP candidate Pradeep Panigrahy recently alleged that a senior IG rank officer was threatening his party workers.

## "Modi Didn't Take Birth For Enjoyment, But For Hardwork": PM In Rajasthan



Modi toh mehnat karne ke liye paida hua hai. A lot must have happened but whatever has happened in the last ten years is just a trailer..."

Listing out the differences between the governance of Congress and his ten year tenure, Prime Minister said, "This election is to fulfil the dream of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'...Modi says to

their own selfish motives...They say save the corrupt, Modi says remove corruption...This is the first election in which leaders of the Congress party are not talking about winning the elections themselves but are threatening the country that if BJP wins, the country will be on fire..."

"Your dream is Modi's resolve. Modi has

worshipped what the previous governments did not even ask about...Modi has sent about 20 thousand crores under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana to the accounts of more than 85 lakh farmers of Rajasthan," PM Modi added. PM Modi said that the Congress is synonymous with every disease in the country and the INDI

alliance members are fighting elections not for the country but for their selfishness.

Addressing a rally here today, PM Modi pointed out that the 2024 elections are divided into two camps where on one side there is the BJP that stands for Nation first and on the other is Congress that seeks opportunities to loot the country.

# BJP nominee Sisir Mishra blames Patnaik for not curbing migration in his own Hinjili constituency

**Berhampur(KCN):** Feeling overwhelmed by the prospect of facing Odisha's five-time chief minister and ruling BJD president Naveen Patnaik, BJP nominee Sisir Mishra Tuesday raised the issue of acute migration in Hinjili Assembly segment in Ganjam district.

Fifty-eight year-old Mishra, a fresher in electoral politics, is happy and feels lucky to face Patnaik in Hinjili.

"I may be contesting elections for the first time, but I have been fighting against the local administration for the last seven years. We have given a befitting reply to the BJD government in both the panchayat and urban polls," Mishra told PTI after being named as the BJP candidate for Hinjili.

Mishra asserted that the BJP is steadily gaining traction in Hinjili, citing

recent electoral performances.

He mentioned that the party had fiercely contested the municipal elections, securing 5,200 votes compared to the ruling party's 6,400. Additionally, Mishra noted the BJP's competitive showing in the zilla parishad elections as evidence of its growing popularity in the region.

Asked if he was nervous to face Odisha's tallest politician who has been a chief minister for five times in a row, Mishra said, "Why should I? I am a local man, born and brought up in Hinjili. I have no fear, but elated that my questions will open Patnaik's eyes. He (Patnaik) may for the first time realise that he has neglected his constituency for 25 years."

Mishra, the grandson of freedom fighter

Jagannath Mishra who unsuccessfully contested against Hinjili's seven-time MLA Brundabana Nayak, said his late elder brother Sarat Mishra was a prominent BJP leader and worked towards creating a support base for the saffron party in Ganjam district.

"I am a local man and Naveen Patnaik, though elected from Hinjili for five times, is instead an outsider. Local people used to see him once or twice during elections every five years. I am with people all 365 days," Mishra said.

Mishra alleged that though Patnaik continued to win the Assembly elections from Hinjili five times in a row since 2000, the basic needs of people were not fulfilled. "There is a huge migration of people to other states in search of work. People leave their



houses because they do not get jobs locally," he said.

Citing an instance, Mishra said, "There is a gram panchayat named Saru under Hinjili block. Over 60 per cent of houses there remained locked as people have migrated. Has Patnaik checked migration in his own Assembly segment?" Mishra alleged that

states such as Gujarat and Maharashtra in search of work. There is no end to the miseries of people in Hinjili and Patnaik has never bothered about the welfare of local people," he said.

Mishra alleged that Patnaik might have done good things for the people elsewhere in the state, but his contribution for the welfare of Hinjili people is negligible.

"People in Hinjili are still not getting piped water. This is sufficient to speak about the welfare of Hinjili people," he pointed out.

Asked whether he could

defeat Patnaik in his

home turf, Mishra said

he would seek votes on

the basis of 'Modi ki

guarantee'.

"Name anyone in the village, he or she must be a beneficiary of Modi's schemes," Mishra said, adding that he would remind people about the Modi government's welfare schemes and failure of the state's BJD

government in implementing them.

Patnaik, who has been representing Hinjili since 2000, for the first time recorded a fall in the victory margin in 2019. He had earlier registered a continuous increase since 2000 when he contested the Assembly elections for the first time.

In the first election in 2000, Patnaik's victory margin was over 29,826 votes. It later increased to 76,586 in 2014

Assembly elections, but dropped to 60,160 five years later in 2019.

While Patnaik's vote share in 2009 elections was over 76 per cent, it gradually declined to little more than 73 per cent in 2014 and just above 66 per cent in 2019 polls.

In the last Assembly election, Patnaik contested from both Hinjili and Bijepur, a western Odisha constituency. He, however, retained Hinjili and left Bijepur.

Patnaik stands on the brink of setting a record as the longest-serving chief minister if he emerges victorious in the 2024 elections, surpassing the tenure of Pawan Kumar Chamling of Sikkim.

## Paradip Port in Odisha becomes India's highest cargo handling port

**New Delhi/Jagatsinghpur(KCN):** Paradip Port Authority (PPA) has clocked a record 145.38 million metric tonnes (MMT) cargo throughput in FY 2023-24 to nudge past Deendayal Port, Kandla and emerge as the highest cargo handling major port of the country, according to a statement issued by the Ministry of Ports and Shipping And Waterways Tuesday.

For the first time in the 56 years history of operation, PPA has surpassed previous records, set by Deendayal Port. Paradip Port has also recorded growth of 10.02 million metric tonnes (7.4 per cent) of traffic on a year-on-year basis, according to the statement.

During the financial year, the Paradip port also achieved the highest-ever coastal shipping traffic of 59.19 million metric tonnes, with a growth of 0.76 million metric tonnes



which is 1.30 per cent higher than the previous year.

The thermal coal coastal shipping has reached 43.97 million metric tonnes which is a 4.02 per cent increase over the previous year. Paradip Port has been able to improve its berth productivity to 33014 MT from 31050 MT in the previous financial year, registering a 6.33 per cent growth, the statement added. During the financial year, the Port has handled 21,665 rakes, registering a growth of 7.65 per cent over the previous financial year. It has also handled 2710 ships, registering an

increase of 13.82 per cent. The increased performance in cargo handling has been driven by various system improvement measures undertaken by the port during the financial year, which include an improved system of operation at a mechanised coal handling plant, the statement read. This has reduced the idle time between rake unloading and resulted in the highest handling of thermal coal at 27.12 million metric tonnes. Another significant step has been the northern dock of the port being declared open for handling bigger 16-metre

## Senior Odisha Congress leader Ganeswar Behera resigns from party



**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Senior Congress leader and former Odisha minister Ganeswar Behera Tuesday resigned from the primary membership of the party.

Behera, who hails from

Kendrapara district, sent his resignation letter to Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) president Sarat Pattanayak.

Sources said that Behera is likely to join the BJD. The BJD is likely to field Behera from the Kendrapara assembly segment

which is reserved for the scheduled caste candidates.

In the 2019 polls, Shashi

Bhusan Behera of BJD

had won the seat by

defeating Ganeswar

Behera by a margin of

6,320 votes.

Ganeswar Behera has said that his well-wishers and voters of his constituency have been urging him to join the BJD.

Several Congress leaders former OPCC former working president and ex-MLA Chiranjib Biswal, former minister Surendra Singh Bhoi, sitting MLA Adhiran Panigrahi, ex-MLA K Surya Rao and Ansuman Mohanty have joined the BJD in the recent past.

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## 'Crew' box office Day 4: Kareena Kapoor, Tabu, Kriti's film targets Rs 50 crore

Kareena Kapoor Khan, Tabu and Kriti Sanon's heist comedy film, 'Crew', is slowly marching towards Rs 50 crore net at the domestic box office. In just four days, the film has managed to rake in Rs 34 crore in India and is still going steady. On April 1, Monday, 'Crew' saw a drop in collection as it earned over Rs 4.50 crore. The drop in numbers was expected as it marked the start of



the week. Now, all eyes are on the film's box office performance during the weekdays. As per the initial estimates, 'Crew' earned approximately Rs 4.50 crore net in India. This is almost a 50 per cent drop compared to the film's Sunday (March 31) collection. However, a decline in collection is foreseen, and it could pick up momentum once again over the weekend. In four days, 'Crew'

earned Rs 34 crore net at the domestic box office. The film recorded an overall occupancy of 15.30 per cent in India on April 1. 'Crew' is a heist comedy film directed by Rajesh A Krishnan. The film hit theatres on March 29 amidst massive anticipation from fans.

## Shahid Kapoor regrets turning down 'Rang De Basanti': 'Cried reading the script'



Shahid Kapoor is basking in the success of his latest film, 'Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya'. While speaking about the film and his career to Neha Dhupia, Shahid made a rather shocking revelation. He shared that he was offered a part in the 2006 hit film 'Rang De Basanti', which he eventually declined due to date issues.

Headlined by Aamir Khan,

'Rang De Basanti' starred an ensemble cast including Siddharth, Atul Kulkarni, Sharman Joshi, Kunal Kapoor and Soha Ali Khan, among others. It was helmed by Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra. Shahid recently appeared on Neha Dhupia's talk show, No Filter Neha Season 6, where he revealed that the makers of the film had approached him for the role

of Karan Singhania. The role was eventually played by Siddharth. Sharing why he turned down the offer, Shahid said, "I regret not doing the film. They wanted me to play the role of Siddharth. I'd cried while reading the script and loved it, but unfortunately, I couldn't make time for it." Meanwhile, work-wise, Shahid was last seen in the film 'Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya'. He is currently basking in the success of the romantic-drama. He co-starred with Kriti Sanon, who essayed the role of a robot, SIFRA. After witnessing a decent start at the box office, the film picked up pace and crossed Rs 50 crore in India. Recently, Kriti shared whether 'Teri Baaton Mein Uljha Jiya' would have a sequel.

## 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 Hardyal 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-

thumping or long-winding monologues. Vicky Kaushal, The Scene-Stealer Shah Rukh Khan is the star of the show and is equally complemented by Taapsee Pannu, who endears as Mannu and the rest. However, the scene-stealer is Vicky Kaushal, who has a cameo but brings out his character Suki's pathos poignantly. The first half is hilarious, though a bit slow. The film gains momentum in the second half and will move many who will be able to identify with the scenario. After all, there is no place like home, good, bad, or ugly; it's where we belong and it belongs to us.

## '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



## Jaane Jaan New Poster Out: Kareena Kapoor, Vijay Varma, Jaideep Ahlawat Raise Curiosity

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."

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.

# Why Luxury apartments get only English names



Luxury apartments across India more often than not get only English names. Seriously, there are no takers for Indian names. Now names like Malibu, Trecento, Capetown, Ivory County (Delhi-NCR), Skyraa, Happiest, The Views, Bellagio, Raymond Tenx Habitat (Mumbai) and Prestige White Meadows, The Promont, Brigade Caladium, Lake Terraces (Bangluru) can be seen. All these apartments with anglicised names are very prestigious apartments. Only those with deep pockets live there.

"We suggest many, many English names to our Real-Estate clients with a touch of exclusivity and finally settle for one name. Further, thanks to strategic digital PR and marketing campaigns, we ensure that these names become synonymous with opulence and sophistication," says Dushyant Sinha, the founder of Delhi based leading PR

firm, Integrated Centre for Consultancy Pvt. Ltd (ICCP).

"Hundreds of expatriates live in places like Mumbai, NCR and Bangalore on rental accommodations. They gladly pay huge rents. They prefer those apartments with European names. You cannot expect Japanese and South Korean expatriates to identify with Indian names as compare to English names," says Nikhil Jain, former CEO of Rampratha Developers. Rampratha has build projects with names like Atrium and Edge in Gurugram. Meanwhile, Nikhil Jain is starting his own Real Estate firm.

opening their offices here. Realty company bosses realize that they must give European names to their projects to attract young buyers with deep pockets." And the trend that was started in Gurugram later moved to other parts of the country in a big way. Now you can find housing projects with names like SKA Orion, Manori a 11 e, Mywoods, Kingston Heath, Elite Golf Greens and so on in Noida.

Now, you cannot have high-end apartment

liberalisation slowly but surely. That was also the time when Gurugram was becoming a favourite place for realty players to build their high-end projects and IT companies were

with names like Kallol, Upkaar, NavKunj, Rajdhani Nikunj, Tulsi and Vidhyut as we see in national capital and other parts of the country. There is a very interesting story related to Upkaar

in this list ? In capital, we had names like Robert Square, Lake Square, Tailor Square and Alexander Square in Gole Market area. All these squares had 16 very spacious houses. Even Hema Malini, by the British government. Still, he had given an Indian name to an apartment. Surely, the world has changed since the era of cooperative group housing societies/ areas came up. Those were the days when

holidaying. They earn big money. They want to live in an area with world class facilities and English names," says Nikhil Jain, who also adds, "I personally feel that we should not discard the Indian names completely."

As we talk about the names of Luxury apartments, it is important to know what is Luxury apartment. Dushyant Sinha explains that those who buy luxury apartments are either CEOs or successful in business. Those who gladly pay crores of money for a home. A luxury apartment provides high-end features and amenities that are designed to make you feel pampered. These are the touches that make life more pleasurable, such as a resort-style swimming pool, an on-site spa or fitness center, valet trash, and even laundry service. Luxury apartments usually have high-end appliances and finishes throughout, and the spaces are often larger than in traditional apartments. Meanwhile, it goes without saying that the era of staffers of one department / profession has gone long back. There was a time when those working in Pharma



Vivek Shukla

sector named their society as 'Pharma'. The staffers of different government hospitals and Urban and development ministry have named their areas as Swasthya Vihar and Nirman Vihar respectively.

Well, it is not only about colleagues and same profession, very large numbers of areas/ societies have come up in capital with people of one particular state or religions living together. Kala Niketan, Lahore Apartments, Narwana Apartments, Mithila Apartments, Multan Nagar, Bhera Enclave and Mianwali Nagar clearly indicate that who built all these areas and who lives there. It may be recalled that in plush Narwana and Mithila apartments in IP extension, people from Narwana in Haryana and Mithila region of Bihar mainly live.

Like everything, should we accept the fact that with the passage of time name of the areas/ apartments would also change? After all, change is constant.

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# Indigenous technology for Indian Army

Capt Akshaya Kumar Dash

The ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict has many operational and tactical lessons for all of us, but the biggest lesson is that we need to be self-reliant in terms of weapons, ammunition, spares and technologies for effective warfighting. The Atmanirbhar vision of the nation has, in fact, further empowered the Indian Army to procure more diverse equipment and technologies in larger numbers through indigenous sources. The capital procurement pattern of the Indian Army has always been inherently aligned to the "Make in India" initiative of the Capital Acquisition Contracts worth approximately Rs 90,000 Crore in the last three financial years, out of which approximately 83% have been signed with Indian industry. we are

more than willing to cooperate strategically with friendly nations and industries, particularly in futuristic technologies. As you are aware, threats for Indian Army emanate from the unresolved hostile borders and prevailing security situation along our contested borders. Proxy war, Left Wing Extremism (LWE) and insurrections are also a concern. Therefore, to meet these diverse security challenges, the Indian Army is focused on developing full-spectrum deterrence capabilities.

The modernisation of the Indian Army is progressed as per a well-conceived Integrated Capability Development Plan. With the impetus given to Atmanirbhar Bharat, we endeavour to source the bulk of our equipment from Indian manufacturers. With the

assistance of the Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO), Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs), Ordnance Factory Boards (OFBs) and private industries, we are continuously working to ensure a higher domestic content in all our equipment procurements. The Indian Army's modernisation plans are essentially based on developing "Force Capabilities", which encompasses the development of critical combat capabilities.

The manifestation of self-reliance has been made possible by integrating our processes into design and development (D&D), R&D and innovation cultures. We are presently pursuing more than 20 projects with premier academic institutions like the

Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) in fields such as low light imaging, a range extension of artillery shells by employing ramjet technology, development of habitat for high altitude areas (HAA), unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) jamming, robotics, sensors, smart munitions, high powered lasers, lightweight armour etc. an Army Cell was established at IIT Delhi with the aim of scouting potential technology solutions. In-house software development with an artificial intelligence (AI) engine to fuse input from multiple battlefield sensors is in place. In Quantum Key Distribution (QKD), we have made good progress through an iDEX project. Tech knowledge Labs for AI and 5G have been established in the

Military College of Telecommunication Engineering (MCTE) Mhow to meet certain critical requirements. To address our larger defence requirements, we remain committed to finding indigenous solutions, in keeping with the vision of Atmanirbarta, with "Indigenise to Modernise" as the mantra for the future. India is marching ahead as a global player with the vision of Make-in-India – Make with the World – and Make for the World. Clearly, the need for capability development based on the principle of self-reliance and catalysing niche technologies to facilitate the same are the planks this vision is incumbent upon.

The indigenous defence industry has been making contemporary, sophisticated

equipment that will allow us to rapidly bolster our capabilities and accounts for any potential deficiencies. The domestic industry can tailor-make equipment catering to specific needs based on our operational requirements and unique terrain. Long-term sustenance is feasible by procuring equipment from the Indian industry. We are confident of the robustness and the operational lethality of the weapons and equipment being made in India. The current global scenario has once again highlighted that countries that are self-reliant and have more secure supply chains will be able to withstand the geo-strategic turmoil and challenges far better than others. We are pursuing modernisation and technology infusion through a

focused road map for bringing in niche and disruptive technologies. These include AI, autonomous systems, quantum computing, 5G, space, precision fires etc. The Indian Army's modernisation, comprising the development of critical combat capabilities under the aegis of growing "force capabilities," is charting the path carefully laid down in Integrated Capability Development Plan. We are striving to have indigenous manufacturers supply the majority of our equipment in alignment with the fillip given to Atmanirbhar Bharat. As we consistently work towards ensuring greater indigenous content in all our equipment procurements, having enlisted the aid of relevant government

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## Kashmir Sewa Sangh Felicitates Heroic IndiGo Flight 6E6125 Crew for Bravery in the Face of Adversity

**Srinagar, (KCN):**

Today, Kashmir Sewa Sangh, a prominent social organization, honored the pilot and crew of IndiGo Flight 6E6125 for their extraordinary courage and quick thinking during a harrowing experience in the skies. The felicitation ceremony took place at Srinagar Airport today, celebrating the valor of the crew members who faced challenging weather conditions while ensuring the safety of all passengers

onboard. The flight, IndiGo Flight No. 6E6125, departed from New Delhi bound for Srinagar on 19.02.2024 at 05:25 pm. However, it encountered severe weather conditions en route, leading to a precarious situation where the aircraft struggled against powerful storms. Passengers onboard, including prominent figure Baba Firdous, experienced tense moments as they braced themselves for

the worst, with many resorting to prayers and recitations of holy verses. Captain Shivaz Jhanji (IGA 13040) demonstrated exceptional skill and composure in navigating the aircraft amidst turbulent weather, assisted by First Officer Akshay Wadhwa (IGA 36754) and the vigilant crew comprising Lead Cabin Attendant Aarti Shukl, Cabin Attendants Gayathri Vinod, Lakshmi Singha, Taniya Joshi, and

Rashmitha M. Their coordinated efforts and adherence to safety protocols ensured that the flight successfully weathered the storm and landed safely at Srinagar Airport. Baba Firdous, Chief of Kashmir Sewa Sangh, and the passengers on the flight expressed profound gratitude for the crew's professionalism and heroism, stating that the experience was akin to a rebirth for them and their fellow passengers. The felicitation event,

attended by dignitaries and media representatives, highlighted the exemplary conduct of the flight crew in a crisis situation, showcasing their dedication to passenger safety and well-being. Kashmir Sewa Sangh commends Captain Shivaz Jhanji, First Officer Akshay Wadhwa, and the entire crew of IndiGo Flight 6E6125 for their bravery and quick action in ensuring a safe outcome for all onboard.

## India Will Get Permanent UN Security Council Seat, But...: S Jaishankar

**Rajkot, Gujarat (KCN):** External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar today said India will definitely get permanent membership of the United Nations Security Council as there is a feeling in the world that it should get the position, but the country will have to work harder this time for it.

He was speaking during an interaction with intellectuals in Gujarat's Rajkot city and was asked by the audience on India's chances of becoming the permanent member of the world body.

The United Nations was formed around 80 years ago, five nations - China, France, Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, and the United States - decided among themselves to become permanent members of its security council, Mr Jaishankar said.

At that time, there were a total of around 50 independent countries in

the world, which has over time increased to around 193, he said. "But these five nations have kept their control, and it is strange that you have to ask them to give us their consent for a change. A few agree, a few others put forward their position with honesty, while others do something from behind," he said.

This has been going on for several years, the minister said.

"But now, there is a feeling across the world that this should change, and India should get a permanent seat. I see this feeling increasing every year," he said.

"We will definitely get it. But nothing big is ever achieved without hard work," Mr Jaishankar said.

"We will have to work hard, and this time we will have to work even harder," he added.

The Union minister said India, Japan, Germany and Egypt have put



forward a proposal together before the UN and he believes this will take the matter a bit forward.

"But we must build pressure, and when this pressure increases... There is a feeling in the world that the UN has weakened. There was a deadlock in the UN on the Ukraine war and no consensus was reached in the UN regarding Gaza. I think as this feeling increases, our chances of getting a permanent seat will increase," he said.

When asked about baby girl Aria Shah, who was taken away from her Indian parents by

authorities in Germany and sent to foster care, Mr Jaishankar said he was personally aware of the matter and monitoring it.

"The girl has been given to the child services. We are dissatisfied with this. We do not want the child to be raised as per the German culture. Her parents have moved the court and the matter is being heard," the minister said.

"At my level I have raised the issue with my counterpart. Our effort is to find some solutions," he added.

In his address at the event, Mr Jaishankar said India has proved in the

last 10 years that democracy can deliver. The world is amazed at India moving towards 7 per cent growth despite the COVID-19 pandemic hampering growth, he said.

"The world believes that India as the fastest growing large economy can become the engine of global growth," he said. The world understands that India has technological talent, he added.

World agencies such as the UN understand India's achievements in social sectors like access to water, electricity, roads, health, schooling, etc, the external affairs minister further said.

"We should understand that being the fifth largest economy, on the way to becoming the third largest and with the biggest population, the world believes us to be talented people and expects us to contribute to resolve challenges," he added.

## High Court Grants Divorce To Chef Kunal Kapur Over Cruelty By Wife

**New Delhi (KCN):** The Delhi High Court granted divorce to celebrity chef Kunal Kapur on Tuesday on the grounds of cruelty meted out to him by his estranged wife, saying the woman's conduct towards him was devoid of dignity and empathy.

The high court allowed Kunal Kapur's appeal challenging a family court's order denying him divorce and said it is a settled position of law that making reckless, defamatory, humiliating and unsubstantiated allegations against a spouse in public amounts to cruelty.

"In the light of the aforesaid facts of the present case, we find that the conduct of the respondent (wife) towards the appellant (husband) has been such that it is devoid of dignity and empathy towards him.

"When such is the nature of one spouse towards the other, it brings disgrace to the very essence of marriage and there exists no possible reason as to why he should be compelled to live while enduring the agony of living together,"



a bench of Justices Suresh Kumar Kait and Neena Bansal Krishna said.

The estranged couple got married in April 2008 and a son was born to them in 2012. In his plea, Kunal Kapur, who was a judge in the television show "Master Chef", accused his wife of never respecting his parents and humiliating him.

On the other hand, the woman accused him of making false allegations to mislead the court and said she always tried to communicate with her husband like a loving spouse and was loyal towards him.

However, he kept her in the dark and concocted fabricated stories to obtain divorce, she had alleged. The court said though

## "Pioneering Gaganyaani": ISRO Chief Applauds India's Only Astronaut

**New Delhi (KCN):** Bharat is still "saare jahan se accha (best in the world)", said the country's very first cosmonaut Rakesh Sharma, who is celebrating the 40th anniversary of that historic flight. Closely connected to the country's fresh effort to put four cosmonauts in space, Mr Sharma, who is now 75 years old, said he would love to take another flight, but only as a "tourist".

"There was too much work. I just want to put my nose on the window (this time) and enjoy the sights of Mother Earth from space," he told NDTV in an exclusive interview.

Today, as India is preparing for its maiden human space flight as part of Mission Gaganyaan, the Indian Space Research Organisation or ISRO is also looking at that golden moment 40 years ago.

"Squadron Leader Rakesh Sharma's journey to space not only inspired Bharat but also symbolized the boundless potential of human endeavour," said S Somanath, the chairman of the space research organisation, who was 21 years old at the time.

"On this 40th anniversary of historic space flight, let us take a moment to honour his remarkable achievement and the indelible mark he left on Indian space exploration," he added.

History was made on April 3, 1984, when Squadron Leader Rakesh Sharma lifted off on a Soviet rocket and became India's first



"Gaganyaani" -- a term the country has made official. He stayed on the Soviet space station for 7 days and 21 hours.

Speaking of him, Mr Sharma said, "I had the good fortune of being selected to go up in space. I wish to emphasize that it was sheer good fortune because between my colleague Ravish Sir and myself, I can lay claim to no special quality that was present only in me and not him".

Mr Sharma now helps ISRO train the four astronaut designees for the Gaganyaan Mission. Mr Sharma had trained in yoga before his flight and performed it while in the near zero gravity condition. The practice had earned him the moniker "World's first Antriksh Yogi".

"Purists will find the yoga I performed as naive. But doing it in weightless condition is not easy and a quality harness is required to hold the Yogi in space," he said.

Sources in ISRO said yoga is now part of the routine of the "Fabulous four" as the Gaganyaani designees are often

## Pro active healthy lifestyle is key to wellness

**Kolkata (PARTHA ROY):** Health of every person in any society plays important role in socio-cultural-economic growth & development of the person and overall society.

A seminar titled "GOOD HEALTH FOR ALL : Alzheimer's, Diabetes & Knee Problems" was organised by Calcutta Chamber of Commerce (CCC) on 31st March 2024 in Kolkata.

The seminar addressed four key areas : Diabetes, Osteoarthritis, Thalassemia and Alzheimer's disease which are affecting large section of Indian population across different age groups.

Dr. Bijay Patni Senior Consultant

Diabetologist mentioned various types of diabetes are affecting large section of Indian population due to fast changing lifestyle of Indian population including youths and children.

Early diagnosis and treatment can help in better health management for any person. Causes of diabetes are damaged metabolism resulting in damage of vital organs. On the issue of diabetes



reversal Patni indicated diabetes remission is not a cure because it isn't permanent. Damaged beta cells and underlying genetic factors contribute to the person's susceptibility to diabetes which remain intact.

The disease process reasserts itself over period of time and continued destruction of the beta cells ensues. Diabetes is a progressive disease, and it can worsen over time. Weight reduction is the key behind both remission and reversal of diabetes. A very low-calorie diet, carbohydrate-restricted diet and exercise can help in diabetes remission and reversal. Patni suggested regular physical exercise, eating of normal home cooked traditional food in moderation.

Regular blood tests exposure to sunlight can

help in diabetes management.

Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhury Orthopedician & Knee Replacement Expert & Thalassemia Rotary Ambassador spoke on osteoarthritis, osteoporosis and Thalassemia.

Homchaudhury suggested if both partners are Thalassemia carrier then giving birth of child should be avoided. Keynote speaker of the seminar was Dr. Shuvendu Sen, MD Vice Chair, Professor of Medicine, Jersey Shore University Medical Center, USA who spoke on Alzheimer's disease affecting wide section of population across the planet Earth but no cure is available at this point in time. Sen stressed due care must be taken by caregivers so that Dignity of Alzheimer patients should not be undermined during management of the

# World Autism Awareness Day Celebrated at KiiT Int. School

**Bhubaneswar, (KCN):** KiiT International School, under its 'Sen Globe' initiative, marked World Autism Awareness Day today with a series of events aimed at shedding light on autism and advocating for the acceptance and support of individuals with autism. The programme was graced by the President of KiiT and KISS Saswati Bal, Chairperson of the Odisha Skill Development Authority Alaka Mishra, and Mohammad Nadeem Noor from UNFPA Odisha.



In her speech, Mishra emphasized that autism should not be seen as a disability but rather a different ability. She highlighted the need for developing skills in children with autism to enable them to be as capable as their peers without autism. Mrs.

Mishra stressed the importance of providing these children with various life skills training to harness their unique capabilities. Dr. Mona Lisa Bal, Chairperson of KiiT International School said that under the

SEN Global initiative, they have succeeded in putting 15 percent of the enrolled special children into mainstream education. Mohammad Noor, addressing the attendees, pointed out that every child with autism is unique and

independent and must be creatively provided with education to foster their innate creativity. He underscored the necessity of taking special care to nurture creativity among these children. Saswati Bal advised parents to offer more love and accept that the fact that their children are special, will eventually lead to their holistic development. The Founder of KIIIT and KISS Dr Achyuta Samanta was present with the special children to celebrate the Day, during which the children staged cultural shows.

the financial year 2019-20. Today, it has become the first zone to cross 250 MT of freight.

During the financial year 2023-24, East Coast Railway has loaded 256.22 million tons of originating freight which is 14.72 million ton more and registered a growth of 6.1% than 2022-23 fiscal.

East Coast Railway has surpassed all records of Indian Railways in Freight Loading, this financial year. ECoR has also become the 1st Zone to cross the Milestone of 200 Million Tons of freight loading for 5th time in a row. The three Railway Divisions of ECoR have contributed greatly to the stupendous feat achieved by it. East Coast Railway was the Second Railway Zone after the undivided South Eastern Railway to load 200 MT in

Railway Divisions have performed better than previous year and surpassed their last year loading figure. The coalfields of MCL at Talcher, five ports in ECoR jurisdiction, i.e. Paradeep, Dhamara, Vizag, Gangavaram & Gopalpur; iron ore mines in Bailadila in Chhattisgarh, Major Steel & Aluminium Companies, iron ore mines in Keonjhar District are the major contributors in this achievement.

This remarkable loading has been achieved despite various challenges by remarkable performance of ECoR with proper planning and coordination with Govt Sectors and Industries apart from motivating its workforce.

## Suspected tetanus patient at RGH

**Rourkela(KCN):** A suspected case of tetanus was reported at the Rourkela Government Hospital (RGH) Monday. A 4-year-old boy has shown symptoms of the dreaded tetanus and such a case has come to notice after a long time.

The boy was found to be having high fever and stiffness of limbs, and other major symptoms of the disease were also visible in his body. During examination, it was found



that he was injured a few days back while playing. The family members did not bother to treat him. Speaking about the patient, paediatrician and

nodal officer of the SNCU at the Mother and Child Centre at RGH Dr Prasant Patra informed that the condition was worrisome.

"The boy has come from Bileigarh near Rajgangpur. He was not in good shape when he arrived here. We have started the required treatment for tetanus," said Dr Patra. He also informed that the patient's blood sample has been sent for testing and once the report comes it can be established whether he is affected with tetanus. Dr Patra informed that the boy has been kept in isolation.

## Central University of Odisha Marks 89th Utkal Divas with Grand Celebration



**Koraput, (KCN):** The Central University of Odisha commemorated the 89th Utkal Divas with a grand program held on its campus at Sunabeda on 01 April 2024. The event saw the participation of esteemed guests, scholars, and dignitaries from various fields.

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, presided over the ceremony, setting the tone for a day filled with cultural richness and intellectual discourse. Dr. Rajendra Padhi, a distinguished literary figure and scholar of Language and Culture, graced the event as the Chief Speaker, captivating the audience with his insights. Joining the distinguished line-up were notable figures, including Prof. N. C. Panda, Registrar I/c.

and Dean of the School of Languages at CUO, along with Dr. Rudrani Mohanty, Associate Professor and HoD and Dr. Satya Sarangi, Guest Faculty from the Department of Odia Language and Literature.

Inaugurating the programme, Prof. Tripathi underscored the significance of Odisha as the first state founded based on its language, emphasizing the profound cultural heritage embedded within the Odia language. He highlighted the challenges of translating Odia literature from medieval times, acknowledging the timeless wisdom encapsulated in works by renowned poets like Kavi Samrat Upendra Bhanja and Saint Poet Bhima Bhoi. In addressing the current state of Odisha, he urged the University

community to take on a leading role in the state's development across various sectors, including education, economy, politics, natural resources, and agriculture. Additionally, he announced the imminent introduction of a diploma course in Odia language by the University.

Dr. Padhi shed light on the historical backdrop of modern Odisha's establishment and the pivotal role of its culture. He stressed the need to integrate tribal culture into educational curricula, recognizing its invaluable contribution to Odia language and culture. Prof. Panda echoed these sentiments, emphasizing the global recognition of Jagannath culture and the richness of Odia literature, including epic works like Sarala Mahabharat and Dandi

Ramayan. Dr. Sarngi elucidated the objectives and importance of Utkal Divas celebration, while Prof. Hemraj Meena, Director in-charge of the Rajbhasha Cell, also shared insights on the occasion.

The event commenced with a warm welcome address by Dr. Rudrani Mohanty, followed by introductions to the dignitaries by Dr. Ganesh Prasad Sahu, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Odia. Dr. Pradosh Kumar Swain, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Odia extended gratitude on behalf of the University community. Faculty members and students of the Central University of Odisha participated enthusiastically, making the 89th Utkal Divas celebration a memorable and enriching experience for all in attendance.

## CoR ACHIEVED 256 MILLION TON OF FREIGHT LOADING IN 2023-24 FY:

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# Prawaas 4.0 Accelerates Towards Multimodal Transport, Empowering Public Transport Initiatives"

**Bengaluru, (KCN):** The Bus and Car Operators Confederation of India (BOCI) today announced the much-anticipated 4th Edition of Prawaas 4.0, India's flagship Multimodal Transport Show, slated to be held from August 29-31 at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC).

With the overarching theme of "Safe, Smart, and Sustainable Passenger Mobility," Prawaas 4.0 is dedicated to bringing together the entire spectrum of multimodal transport stakeholders. This includes manufacturers of buses and cars, fleet owners, as well as partners in metro and LEVs from all 36

States and Union Territories of India. Acknowledging the vital role of efficient public transport in realizing the vision of "Viksit Bharat" by the Honorable PM, Prawaas 4.0 advocates for increased utilization of public transport. Such a shift not only alleviates road congestion but also aligns with sustainability objectives.

Karnataka State Bus Owners Association, Karnataka State Tourism Private Transport Owners Association, Karnataka State Travel Operators Association, Karnataka Tourist Motor Cab Maxi Owners Welfare Association, Bangalore



Tourist Taxi Owners Association are the proud Host Associations for Prawaas 4.0.

Today's curtain raiser event provided a glimpse into the exciting array of activities planned for Prawaas 4.0. Esteemed dignitaries such as Shri Ramalinga Reddy, Honorable Minister for Transport and Muzrai, Government of Karnataka, graced the

occasion along with notable personalities including Shri Jagdeo Singh Khalsa, Chairman, BOCI; Shri Prasanna Patwardhan, President, BOCI; Shri Alah Baksh Afzal, General Secretary, BOCI; Shri Harsh Kotak, Treasurer, BOCI and Shri Jagdish

Patankar, Executive Chairman, MM Activ, the Event Curators. Prawaas 4.0 is a ground-breaking expedition towards multi-modal transport, where it will lead the charge in shaping the future of mobility. The conference will host insightful dialogues, the

exhibition will spotlight cutting-edge trends with a display of industry-driven innovations and technologies, and across a myriad of categories, the prestigious awards ceremony will recognize exceptional contributions and talents within the industry. Together, these

components form a comprehensive platform unveiling the roadmap to excellence in mobility. In this edition of Prawaas, significant emphasis will be placed on the School Bus segment, Tourism, Electric Vehicles (EV), and Metro systems. As we explore the future of mobility, Prawaas stands as a beacon, guiding the way forward towards sustainable, efficient, and inclusive transportation solutions.

Tata Motors, redbus, Eberspaecher Suetrak, abibus, VECV, Ashok Leyland, JBM, Repose, Bitla, Mahindra School Bus Division, Urja Bus, MG Motor, Valeo,

Trans ACNR, Valeo Motherson and more corporates are likely to participate in the event.

Prawaas 4.0 is poised to be an unparalleled convergence, bringing together over 100+ expert speakers, 200+ leading exhibitors, 1500+ industry delegates, and 6000+ bus and car operators, with an expected attendance of over 10,000 business visitors. Don't miss this extraordinary opportunity to engage, network, and drive innovation in the realm of passenger mobility. For more details, visit [www.prawaas.com](http://www.prawaas.com)

## Dalmia Bharat Celebrates Empowerment of 18000 women on International Day of Rural Women



**Bhubaneshwar, (KCN):** Dalmia Bharat Group, India's leading conglomerate with businesses in cement and sugar, announces the success of 18,000 women on International Day of Rural Women. Through the establishment of Self-Help Groups (SHGs), these women are provided essential skill training and access to vital resources for sustainable livelihood development.

In collaboration with various organisations like NRLM, NABARD, etc. Dalmia Bharat organizes various training initiatives like micro-enterprise development, handicraft production and others in both farming and non-farming sectors. All these activities are conducted in communities settled around their regions of operation across 12 states in India. These initiatives aim to upskill rural women to empower them, diversify their income sources and provide access to formal credit systems. Two notable initiatives in Odisha include Project Hastakala – upskilling women artisans and enterprise development via mushroom cultivation in communities surrounding its facilities in

Cuttack, Rajgpur, and Lanjiberna Mines. Dalmia Bharat has enabled over 10,000 women in Odisha to become financially independent earning a monthly income ranging from Rs.4000 to Rs8000, significantly improving their individual well-being and the ability to support their families.

Commenting on the company's initiatives on International Day of Rural Women Mr. Ashok K. Gupta, CEO, Dalmia Bharat Foundation said, "Rural women in developing countries play a vital role in food security and economic development but face severe marginalization, including limited land ownership, higher illiteracy rates and unequal earnings compared to men. Dalmia Bharat is dedicated to uplifting marginalized rural women through holistic programs that bolster their income while managing household responsibilities. Our commitment aligns with UN Sustainable Goals, promoting self-reliance and gender equality for an inclusive and sustainable India, where empowered women drive community and national development."

Project Hastakala is an 'earning with joy' skill

development programme where women are trained in the unique tie & dye batik products. This project is conducted in tribal areas of Jhagarpur & Katang panchayat in Odisha. After witnessing immense success at national exhibitions, Dalmia Bharat introduced the SADRI brand for promoting the handmade batik products like bedsheets, handkerchiefs, scarves etc. through multiple marketing platforms. Another successful initiative includes enterprise development through mushroom cultivation. Dalmia Bharat actively facilitates training programs and market linkage support for SHG women, equipping them to earn an additional monthly income of Rs. 5000 by establishing their own cultivation units.

International Day of Rural Women, observed annually on 15th October, celebrates the vital role of rural women in agriculture, food security, and rural development. It highlights the need to empower them, address inequalities, and aligns with global goals for gender equality and sustainable development.

**Bhubaneshwar:** 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.

**Barcelona:** Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham was invited to the UNESCO World Higher Education Conference (WHEC), which recently took place in Barcelona, Spain. UNESCO recognized Amrita as one of five universities of excellence worldwide for its performance in gender equality. 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,

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 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.

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engagement and research have gone into the design of the new SilverKris and KrisFlyer Gold lounges. Customers will enjoy the thoughtful and 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."

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,

## Eastern Command of Indian Army & Red FM Celebrate Vijay Diwas With The Guts & Glory - Salute 71

Bhubaneshwar : 93.5 RED FM, India's leading private radio and entertainment network is thrilled to announce its partnership with the Eastern Command of the Indian Army to commemorate Vijay Diwas with a grand celebration titled "Guts and Glory - Salute 71." This event aims to pay tribute to the historic victory of the 1971 war and honor the brave soldiers who made it possible. As part of this unique initiative, Red FM will captivate its audience on-air with narrations of intriguing

war stories that depict the valiant efforts of the Indian armed forces during the 1971 war. Listeners will have the opportunity to learn about the heroic deeds of our soldiers, their unwavering spirit, and the sacrifices they made to ensure our nation's victory. Red FM will also collate all stories as episodes under a podcast, which will be available on various audio streaming platforms. Reflecting on the announcement, Lieutenant General Rana Pratap Kalita,

said "I am delighted to know that Red FM has taken the initiative to narrate stories of valour and courage of our soldiers who fought in the 1971 war. In our vision to salute the bravery of the heroes, we are delighted to present to you Guts & Glory - Salute 71, as part of this year Vijay Diwas Celebration. We are hopeful to present a deeper insight into the triumphant moment of Indian history."

Speaking on the announcement, Nisha Narayanan, Director & COO, RED FM, and

Magic FM, said, "On the occasion of Vijay Diwas, we are elated to be joining hands with the Eastern Command of the Indian Army to honor the lives of the 1971 war veterans. Our army men live through times that are unimaginable to us. The sacrifice of our veterans is truly unfathomable but as a brand, we are looking forward to commanding the valor of the keepers of our nation. The Guts & Glory - Salute 71 initiative will also recognize the unsung

## 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 S\$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.

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Mr Goh Choon Phong, Chief Executive Officer, Singapore Airlines, said: "Extensive customer

## WHEC recognizes Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham as excellence worldwide in Gender Equality

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Swami Amritaswarupananda Puri, President of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, participated in a round table called "Universities' Contribution to Gender Equality: A global perspective". Adding to his views, Swami Amritaswarupananda expressed how Amrita is 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 practiced in spirit.

**Khaleel Ahmed dreams to play for India again after match-winning performance vs CSK**



**New Delhi:** Delhi defeated Chennai to clinch their first win of the Indian Premier League on Sunday, 31 March. Seamer Khaleel Ahmed won the player of the match award for his sensational spell of 2/21 which also included one maiden over. Speaking after the game, Khaleel revealed that he still dreams about playing for India and hoped that these performances would help him earn a return to the national team.

Khaleel last played for India in 2019 and in white-ball formats of the game. The seamer was dropped for inconsistent

performances. Khaleel as 13 wickets from 14 T20I matches for India, at an economy for almost 9 runs per over. In the ODI format, Khaleel has 15 wickets from 11 matches at an economy of 5.81. Khaleel was superb on the day for DC, derailing the CSK chase in the first three overs of the game. The left-arm pacer removed captain Ruturaj Gaikwad and, in form Rachin Ravindra to peg back CSK's chase of 192 runs in Vizag. "Of Course! The ultimate goal is to get back in the Indian team. It's definitely the goal of mine. Kindly keep me

blessing the same way," Khaleel Ahmed said at the post-match presentation after DC vs CSK match.

"Yes, sir! It's all because of my consistent hard work at the domestic level. I have played a lot of matches in the last six months which has helped me know my game better. I have worked hard to swing the ball, and now I am getting results for it," Khaleel Ahmed added further.

Khaleel really troubled Rachin on the day as the batter was only able to score 2 runs off 12 balls before getting out in the third over. Khaleel said that he loved when the ball swung and was reaping the rewards of working hard in the Ranji Trophy season.

"I feel really happy when the ball swings and the batters get beaten. I have tried to figure out how I can keep myself fit. The red-ball game teaches you a lot about how the ball is coming out of the hand," Khaleel said about his preparation ahead of the Indian Premier League.

**Mumbai:** After all the backing he has received from the team management over the years, this has been a season of repaying that faith as Riyam Parag continued his good run in IPL 2024. And the success he has experienced so far was a result of simplifying things and replicating what he has been doing well in domestic cricket. "Nothing, to be honest," Parag told the broadcasters when asked what differently he has done this season. "Actually I have simplified everything instead of trying to do a lot of things. Before when I was not getting runs, I would think about it too much, try and do different stuff altogether, and then it would not work out. This year the goal was to keep it simple - watch the ball and hit the ball."

On a Wankhede wicket that had a lot of help for the bowlers, Rajasthan Royals lost Yashasvi Jaiswal early in the



chase and then Sanju Samson and Jos Buttler got out in quick succession to leave the team at 48/3 in a chase of 126. Although the target was not that big, there was an avenue for MI to exploit but Parag shut that out with his well-paced innings of 54 not out in 39 deliveries, which included five fours and three sixes. "I have said it before, when I play domestic (cricket) this is the exact type of situation I go in to bat. When Jos

[Buttler] bhai got out, and Ash [R Ashwin] bhai got out a little after, I was like, 'okay, this is what I do. This is what I've been doing for the last six months playing domestic cricket.' So it was pretty simple to calculate everything," he said.

Parag, who started his IPL journey in 2019, began in a promising fashion as he scored 160 runs in five innings, at an average of 32, in his maiden season. But the subsequent editions

strike rate of 182.79 followed by 378 runs in the Ranji Trophy at an average of 75.60. In the 16 innings that he played in both the formats combined, he scored two centuries and eight half-centuries.

Speaking about what led to this transformation in the IPL, Parag said: "I've had three-four years of not performing at all, or even performing if it's one match a season. You really go back to the hotel room and think to yourself that when you know you can do something and it's not coming, the performances are not coming, you get back to the drawing board.

"I tried finding what was wrong and I figured out that I was not practising at this level enough. So I went back after the (2023) season and practised very hard. And I think that's showing now. I practised these types of balls, these types of scenarios a lot. Hence the performances."

## We can't defend if we can't put anything on the scoreboard: Zakir Hasan



**New Delhi:** Opening batter Zakir Hasan said Bangladesh's bowling unit suffers due to the failure of their batting group, who don't put enough runs on the board. The hosts produced another abysmal batting performance, as they were bowled out for 178 runs in their first innings of the second Test against Sri Lanka in Chattogram, which is the fifth successive innings where the hosts failed to cross the 200-run mark. Debutant pacer Hasan Mahmud then claimed four wickets in the last session to bring some kind of relief to the hosts as Sri Lanka ended the third day of the second Test on 102 for 6. However, the visitors hold an overall lead of 456.

"All departments have to

fire to win a Test match. I think batting is the most important of all. We can't defend a total if we can't put anything on the scoreboard. We need to have a decent score when we want to take 20 wickets. We haven't been able to do it. We are discussing how to get better, but we are somehow failing altogether," Zakir said after the day's play. "We totally failed with

the bat. We couldn't bat to our potential. We couldn't play our roles. We couldn't play as we were supposed to play," he said.

"I can't speak for others. Maybe a coaching staff can tell you. In my case, I think I should be more careful with my shot-selection. I am not giving an excuse. One has to be prepared coming into a Test match. I think we

should grow this

mentality on our side. Zakir added that he wouldn't offer the excuse of the wind factor as an excuse even though it played a part in the day's proceedings. "I think the wind played a part in our wickets falling today. Everything else was okay, especially in terms of the wicket [pitch]. We should have batted much better," said Zakir, who top-scored with 54. "I think our bowlers got help from the wind. It provided extra movement. They were 80-odd for six at one stage. Both sides got this help from the wind."

Meanwhile, Sri Lanka bowling coach Dharshana Gamage said if his side can stretch their lead past 500 they can bowl their hosts out in the five

remaining sessions. This and the need to give the bowlers a break was cited as reason for not enforcing the follow on. "The main thing was to give the bowlers a bit of a break because we have two more days of cricket. That way they can be even more effective in the second innings," said Gamage. "There are six more sessions of cricket, so we're going to try to get as many runs as possible in the first session tomorrow. We have 450-odd run lead, so 50 more and we can get a lead of 500. If we bat the first session, then we have five more sessions to bowl at them. At the same time it gives a break for the fast bowlers, so they can come in fresh."

## Boult-Chahal supremacy amid Wankhede-Pandya hostility

**New Delhi:** Before the game, conspiracy theories were abound in Mumbai suggesting a concerted effort to stifle the voices of Rohit Sharma's fans during the Mumbai Indians-Rajasthan Royals match at Wankhede Stadium on Monday (April 1). This diabolical speculation even dragged the Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) into the fray, with rumours spreading that the association was attempting to silence pro-Rohit voices. Evidently, this stemmed from the hostility towards Hardik Pandya, who faced opposition from fans in

Ahmedabad first and later in Hyderabad. This trend has reached Mumbai as well and Pandya was not spared. He was booed at the beginning of the game, with fans chanting Rohit, Rohit, Rohit' during the toss and on a few other occasions as well. Pandya was expected to be the central figure of the match, and indeed, he ended up being one, mainly due to the hostility from the stands. However, there was occasional applause for him as well. In his 21-ball, 34-run innings, incidentally the highest individual score for MI, he hammered six delightful fours, each shot greeted loud claps.

It appeared that at one

previous stint as captain for the Gujarat Titans, Pandya had presided over wins in his first three games in charge, a feat he had failed to replicate at MI, who lost to the Royals by six wickets. Pandya was expected to be the central figure of the match, and indeed, he ended up being one, mainly due to the hostility from the stands. However, there was occasional applause for him as well. In his 21-ball, 34-run innings, incidentally the highest individual score for MI, he hammered six delightful fours, each shot greeted loud claps. was Rohit's appeals to the stands to calm down.

While all eyes were focused on Pandya and Rohit, two players from the rival camp walked away with the honours of the day. Trent Boult and Yuzvendra Chahal ensured that Rajasthan Royals became the second team to win an

away contest - first being Kolkata Knight Riders - in 14 games of the season so far. With three wins out of three, they have now gone atop the points table.

Boult swung the ball both ways. He generally comes with the same plan every single time - trying to get the right hander out LBW or caught behind if the odd ball straightens. Rohit was a victim of the odd ball. He was out in the very first over of the innings. To the left-hander, Boult strives to swing it away and get a caught-behind dismissal. Boult ended up with three for 22 in his allocation of overs, a performance that was enough for him to walk away with the player of the match honours.

**Akash Madhwal assures 'very good atmosphere' in MI camp despite poor start**



**Mumbai:** Fast-bowler Akash Madhwal has assured that there's a very good atmosphere in the Mumbai camp despite their poor start to IPL 2024. Mumbai has succumbed to three back-to-back losses to begin their new season under the leadership of all-rounder Hardik Pandya, who joined the five-time IPL champions in a historic trade move from Gujarat. Pandya had a successful stint as captain of Gujarat, guiding to the title in 2022 and taking them all the way to the final in 2023. However, his success as Gujarat's captain hasn't translated to his time in Mumbai.

Speaking after Mumbai's loss against Rajasthan, Madhwal said the dressing room atmosphere is very good despite Mumbai getting

off to a losing start in IPL 2024. Mumbai has suffered back-to-back losses against Gujarat, Hyderabad and Rajasthan in IPL 2024. On Monday, they were handed a 6-wicket defeat after being restricted to 125 for 9 by the 2008 champions.

"The dressing room atmosphere is very good. Yes, there's a new captain. Yes, the two captains are different. But, playing under Rohit was also good and I am enjoying playing under

Hardik. Even in this match, I was talking to Hardik bhai and Rohit bhai as well. I keep asking questions to Bumrah bhai. It's not like that there's something going on in the team.

### AFFIDAVIT

I, Pramila Rout, W/O- Amareswar Rout of Village - Asan, PO - Alasahi, PS- Astaranga, District - Puri, Odisha, do solemnly affirm and declare as follows:

My current name is Pramila Rout and it is reflected as such in my Aadhar card bearing No- 404954354326, bank passbook and other valuable documents where I am mentioned as Pramila Rout W/O- Amareswar Rout. Unfortunately, in my husband Amareswar Rout's army certificate discharge book, my name has been wrongly mentioned as Pramila Devi instead of Pramila Rout. I hereby declare that Pramila Rout and Pramila Devi are one and the same person, referring to myself. By virtue of this affidavit before the executive magistrate in Astaranga, Puri, I affirm that I will be known and addressed as Pramila Rout for all government and private purposes henceforth.

