

# Odisha: IMD predicts lightning, hailstorms, rain over next two days

and thundershowers are expected in a few places in the districts of north Odisha and one or two places in the districts of south Odisha. Hailstorms are likely to occur in one or two places in the districts of Angul, Keonjhar, Dhenkanal, Jajpur, and Cuttack, as per the IMD bulletin, which has issued Yellow Warnings. According to the weather office, thunderstorms accompanied by lightning and gusty surface winds reaching 40-50 kmph are expected in one or two places in the districts of Angul, Dhenkanal, Jajpur, Keonjhar, Cuttack, Khurda, Boudh, Mayurbhanj, Deogarh, and Nayagarh. The IMD bulletin said that the strong winds may damage plantations, horticulture, and standing crops, and cause partial damage to vulnerable

structures due to strong winds and rain. Meanwhile, the Special Relief Commissioner (SRC) has imposed restrictions on outdoor sports activities in the state during peak hours. The SRC has directed the Director of Sports and Youth Services to restrict outdoor sports activities due to the prevailing heatwave conditions in many parts of the state. As per the current synoptic situation, there is a south-to-south-westerly wind prevailing at lower levels over the state. Warm nights have been observed in one or two places in the Bolangir district of South interior Odisha, while dry weather persists in the rest of the districts of Odisha. The maximum temperatures have risen significantly in a few places in coastal Odisha and appreciably in one or two places in interior Odisha. Some areas in coastal Odisha have experienced temperatures markedly above normal and appreciably above normal in a few places across the districts of the state.

## Former Odisha Minister Raghunath Mohanty Quits BJP

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Former minister Raghunath Mohanty resigned from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Odisha. He tendered his resignation letter to Odisha BJP president Manmohan Samal today. Raghunath Mohanty, the former five-time MLA from Basta in Balasore district, had joined the BJP after resigning from the BJD in 2019. He fought the 2019 polls from Basta on BJP ticket but lost to BJD's Nityananda Sahoo. Mohanty was first elected to Odisha Legislative Assembly from Basta under Lok Sabha Constituency in 1990 Elections ticket. He retained the seat in 1995, 2000, 2004 and 2009 elections.

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** The Odisha government has appointed two IAS officers as district magistrates of Cuttack and Jagatsinghpur after the Election Commission of India approved their posting, an official said. Arindam Dakua, a 2011-batch IAS officer was appointed as the new District Magistrate of Cuttack replacing Vineet Bharadwaj, while Anupam Saha, a 2012-batch IAS officer, replaced Parul Patwari as Jagatsinghpur District Magistrate Friday, the official said. April 2, the Election Commission of India had ordered the Odisha government to transfer Bharadwaj and Patwari, along with six other IPS officers, to non-election-related posts with immediate effect.

The six IPS officers who were transferred were: IGP (central range) Ashish Singh, Cuttack DCP Kanwar Vishal Singh, Rourkela SP Mitrabhanu Mohapatra, Angul SP Sudhansu Sekhar Mishra, Khurda SP Jugal Kishore Banoth and Berhampur SP Saravana Vivek Kumar. The state government has appointed Sanjay Kumar Kaushal as the new IGP (Central) range in place of Ashish Singh. DIG of Police, Vigilance, Prakash R has also been transferred and posted as Cuttack DCP replacing Kanwar Vishal Singh, while DIG of Police, Intelligence in-charge Security Wing, Brijesh Kumar Rai, has been appointed as Rourkela SP, replacing Mitrabhanu Mahapatra. DIG of Police, SIW

completing a show. In another incident, a father-son duo lost their lives in a road accident near Baruhan square in Jajpur district. The deceased have been identified as Sainda Jena (60) and his son Muna Jena (27), residents of Simulua village in the

## Is of Cuttack,



Umashankar Dash, has been asked to take charge from Angul SP Sudhansu Sekhar Mishra. A Home department notification said Ashish Singh will be the new IGP in Chief Minister's Security, while Mitrabhanu Mahapatra was appointed as Additional Special Relief Commissioner. Vishal Singh has been posted as the DIG, SIW (special intelligence wing), while Sidhansu Sekhar Mishra will be the

district. They were returning home after visiting a relative's house on a motorcycle. A tipper rammed their vehicle at around 9 pm Friday. While the father died on the spot, the son succumbed to injuries at the Jajpur District Headquarters Hospital.

## Jagatsinghpur

Jugal Kishore Kumar Banoth will be AIG of Police, headquarters. Saravana Vivek M was posted as SP vigilance. A General administration department notification said Vineet Bhardwaj will be Director-cum-Additional Secretary in Drinking Water and Sanitation department while Parul Patawari was appointed as the State Project Director, Odisha Education Programme Authority.

Puri Jagannath Temple Additional Chief Administrator Samartha Verma, a 2011-batch IAS officer, has been appointed as Additional Secretary in the Works department while Subhankar Mohapatra, a 2018-batch IAS officer, has been appointed as Director in the Rural Development department.

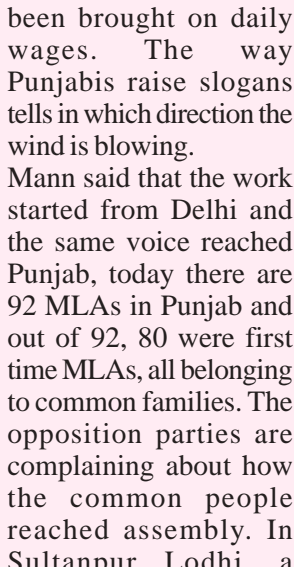
this party out of a movement. Arvind Kejriwal made people of common background leaders and chairman. Dynast politicians act as they have exclusive access to big posts and politics. Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, blowing the election campaign bugle loudly, reached Moga and Jalandhar, on Saturday, to meet Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) workers and volunteers and asked them to get ready for winning all 13 seats in Punjab in upcoming LS polls.

Mann thanked the AAP workers and volunteers for their love, trust and hard work and said that the fate of a party, state and the country is in the hands of the volunteers who work tirelessly.

He talked in detail with the volunteers of the party about the Lok Sabha elections and said that the volunteers should get ready as the party will win

all 13 seats in Punjab. He said that the AAP candidate from Faridkot is Karamjit Singh Anmol who came from a poor family but touched heights with his hard work.

Mann continued that people are getting ration at their homes, people are able to access government services like registry and documentation at their door steps. He said that we don't have to pay anyone to hear the slogans like 'Modi-Modi', but we work in such a manner that people chant our slogans from their hearts. During the 2020 elections, Modi was doing a rally in Ramlila Ground and we were watching, I told Arvind Kejriwal to get ready to take oath, we will win because from the way the people were raising slogans it was clear that they will not vote for him, they had



vegetable cart vendor was appointed as the chairman of the market committee and he found when the media reached him to interview. Mann said that work is in progress and underground pipes are being installed so that canal water can reach every corner of every field. When we came, 21% of the canal water used to go to the fields, but today 59% of canal water is going to the fields for irrigation and in

the coming days it will be 70%. There are 14.5 lakh tube wells in Punjab. And by providing canal water for irrigation, I intend to close at least 5-7 lakh tube wells this season. With canal water, underground water and electricity will be saved. I did not come to take share in mines and dhabas. If money was the matter, my name used to come among the big artists, I could have earned money in that field. Arvind Kejriwal ji and Sunita Kejriwal ji, both are IRS officers, both were commissioners of income tax and they too could have gotten money there if that's what we wanted but we want to work for the common people, for our state and for our country. Mann said that there was rumour that Bhagwant Mann is giving mandis to the rich when in reality they were giving mandis to capitalists since 2013 and I put a stop to it. We

have enough government mandis for our crops. They start criticising me first thing in the morning after waking up then later they apologize when their accusations are proved lies and baseless. Jakhar said that Punjab's tableau was rejected because we put photos of Kejriwal and Bhagwant Mann in it. I asked him to show photos and he had nothing because he was lying. Modi thinks that he will put Kejriwal behind bars and finish the party but we are not afraid. The day before yesterday Sanjay Singh came out. The times of crises make us stronger only. It also weeds out the weak and disloyal people who are here only for selfish motives. Everyday lawyers go to meet Arvind Kejriwal ji and his wife also goes to meet him. He asks about Punjab and today we are starting election activities here. Your support and

the sound of your applause will reach Arvind Kejriwal. You gave us 4 seats in 2014 and a historic mandate government in 2022. This time Punjab will be a hero, this time 13-0.

Addressing the volunteers AAP Rajya Sabha member and party's general secretary Dr Sandeep Pathak urged the volunteers to come together in these testing times. He asked the workers to put aside their issues for two months and work to make the Aam Aadmi Party win all 13 seats in Punjab. He added that one Bhagwant Mann used to shake the whole parliament, imagine what 13 will do.

He said that now when Arvind Kejriwal is not here, our responsibilities and work is doubled. I work 24 hours a day and I urge you all too, to come together and work collectively to win all 13 seats in Punjab.



# KIMS Achieves Milestone: 2nd in India to Launch Revolutionary Hemospray, Halting Gastrointestinal Bleeding in Minutes

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** The Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS), has successfully launched India's second-ever hemospray powder, a ground-breaking advancement in medical science, capable of halting gastrointestinal (GI) bleeding within 10 minutes, thus saving countless lives by dramatically reducing mortality rates. KIMS made a significant stride in administering this novel treatment recently to a middle-aged woman suffering from severe lower GI bleeding post-surgery. The application of the endoscopic

hemospray yielded instantaneous results, allowing the patient to be discharged from the ICU the following day. The use of this hemospray powder will be helpful in emergencies, where a therapeutic endoscopist can stop internal GI bleeding immediately and save the patient's life. This innovation would be a game changer and a great addition to the gastroenterology armamentarium for the treatment of GI bleeding as it is safe and effective in some scenarios, where other endoscopic modalities may fail.



The introduction of the hemospray powder at KIMS is part of a larger initiative to deliver unparalleled medical services to the people of Eastern India, leveraging extensive experience and expertise. The Founder of KIIT and KISS Dr Achyuta Samanta had congratulated the doctors for adopting this pathbreaking solution in providing advanced treatment to patients. The Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at KIMS, offering a full spectrum of outpatient, inpatient, and endoscopic services, is

led by a team of esteemed professionals. Prof. Manoj Kumar Sahu heads the department, with guidance from luminaries such as Prof. S.K. Acharya (Pro Chancellor, KIIT University), Prof. Y.K. Chawla (Chairman of Academics, KIMS), and Prof. A.C. Anand (Emeritus Professor, Gastroenterology). The department also boasts a dedicated team comprising Dr. S.C. Panigrahi, Prof. Preetam Nath, Dr. B. Mallick, Dr. D. Praharaj, Dr. S.K. Sahu, and Dr. S. Giri.

## Utkal Alumina's Nirogshalas: A move towards better Healthcare



**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Aditya Birla Group's Utkal Alumina International Ltd (UAIL) is immensely engaged in several projects that make a qualitative difference to the lives of the underprivileged. One of its major intervention areas is in the domain of healthcare. It has launched a major health initiative titled 'Nirogshala' alongside its Utkal Hospital, Nuapada Health Centres, and Mines OPDs (Outpatient Departments). Through its 'Nirogshalas' which in essence are the dispensaries at the village level, they serve people. Currently they are set up in four villages. These are at Rayagada and Kalahandi districts in Odisha, namely, Andirakanch, P Kupakhal, Podapadi and Gopinathpur.

Says Mazhar Beig, Unit Head & President, Utkal Alumina & Aditya Alumina "UAIL addresses the pressing need for improving healthcare quality in this tribal hinterland, exploring the challenges faced and potential solutions. 'Nirogshalas' play a vital role in the hinterland of Odisha. These dispensaries provide affordable, and comprehensive primary healthcare. This initiative contributes significantly to improving health outcomes." Each dispensary is equipped with certified medical staff, six pharmacists and four attendants. Free medicines along with consultation, health screening and emergency care are some of the key services accorded under the 'Nirogshala' umbrella,

adds Mr Beig. While applauding the efforts of Utkal Alumina, Mr Dhansingh Majhi, Sarpanch, Gopinathpur, opines, "The establishment of 'Nirogshala' is nothing short of a blessing for our community. It has provided us with access to essential healthcare services that were earlier out of reach. The presence of trained healthcare professionals, along with the availability of medications and medical supplies, has ensured that our villagers receive timely and quality healthcare close to home". These village health dispensaries cater to a wide range of medical conditions commonly encountered in rural settings. These range from common cold, dermatological problems,

stomach upsets or abdomen pain, joint ache, fatigue, hypertension, diabetes, injury, malnutrition and vitamin deficiency. The daily average footfall of patients visiting one 'Nirogshala' is 35. Over the past year, the four 'Nirogshalas' have served 28512 patients, underscoring their importance as a vital healthcare resource for the local population. As a responsible corporate citizen, Utkal Aluminium International Ltd. is committed towards the socio-economic wellbeing and transforming the lives in the tribal hinterland. All UAIL's projects are carried out under the aegis of the Aditya Birla Centre for Community Initiatives and Rural Development, chaired by Mrs. Rajashree Birla. Utkal's engagement extends to 232 villages of 25 Gram Panchayats of Odisha. UAIL enriches the lives of more than 2,01,000 people through its 5 pillars of interventions: education, healthcare, sustainable livelihood, rural infrastructure and addressing the issues of their socio-economic concern inline with UNSDGs.

## Odia labourers trapped in Laos set to reach home; families thank BJP National VP Bajjayant Panda

**BHUBANESWAR(KCN):** As many as 17 Odia labourers stuck in Laos will reach Odisha on Sunday, thanks to the intervention of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) National Vice President, Bajjayant Panda. The consulate has reportedly confirmed their return to Odisha. As per reports, 11 people from Aul, Rajkanika and Rajnagar areas in the Kendrapara district, four from Jajpur, and one each from Dhenkanal and Keonjhar went to Laos through an agent. They went there with the hope of earning a living for their families back in Odisha. Reaching there, they found their hope



dashed to the ground. The company allegedly didn't give them the promised salaries. Adding to that, they were allegedly tortured mentally and physically and were forced to work for 12 hours daily. The labourers informed their family members about the ordeal they

were subjected to, requesting them to do something for their release. With no option left, the families of the victims contacted Bajjayant Panda through the Kendrapara district BJP vice president, Krushna Chandra Panda, requesting intervention for the

safe return of the labourers. Subsequently, Bajjayant Panda contacted the Indian Ambassador and after briefing about the entire episode, he requested the diplomat to extend all possible help to send the labourers back to India. The efforts of Bajjayant Panda bore fruit as all 17 labourers are on their way to Odisha and will reach on Sunday. Bajjayant Panda has thanked the Embassy for the expeditious action. At the same time, the family members of the labourers are now breathing a sigh of relief and they have thanked Bajjayant Panda for his intervention.



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# Boney Kapoor confirms 'No Entry 2', shares Anil Kapoor is 'angry, not talking'

Producer Boney Kapoor recently confirmed the sequel of the 2005 multi-starrer comedy 'No Entry' is ready to roll. In a new interview, Boney spilled that Varun Dhawan, Diljit Dosanjh and Arjun Kapoor are set to headline the second part.

The film, which will complete 20 years in 2025, originally starred Salman Khan, Fardeen Khan and Anil Kapoor in the lead. Directed by Anees Bazmee, the film also featured Bipasha Basu, Esha Deol, Lara Dutta and Celina Jaitley in key roles. Now, in an



interview with Indian Express, Boney Kapoor confirmed 'No Entry 2' and said, "The film is on cards, and we are set for it. It is a big one and we

will probably start rolling by December this year. We have got Varun, Arjun and Diljit. There will be a lot of actresses as well."

While the original was a movie about philandering men, it is reported that the sequel will feature double roles of Varun, Diljit and Arjun.

The producer further mentioned that they are tight-lipped about the concept of the sequel as he fears it getting plagiarized. "Earlier, the concept had spilled over and some films had copied it, or rather 'adapted' it. I don't want to name the film, so it is better not to speak about it. I used to brag about the unusual concept we had but then I found out there was another film that was made with the same concept," he added. In another interview with Zoom, Boney revealed that his brother Anil Kapoor,

who was a part of the first installment, is angry with him. It is because the actor wanted to be a part of the film, however, Boney said that there was 'no space'. "I know he wanted to be a part of the No Entry sequel, but there was no space. I wanted to explain why I did what I did," he said. The producer mentioned that his brother is still not talking properly with him. Meanwhile, Varun Dhawan is currently shooting for his next film with Shashank Khaitan and David Dhawan. Arjun Kapoor, on the other hand, is busy with Rohit Shetty's 'Singham Again'

## Denise Richards Spills On Plan Of Returning To The Reality TV Show 'RHOBB'



American model and Actor Denise Richards is planning to return to the reality TV series 'The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills'. She recently attended the Los Angeles Mission's Easter celebration and spoke about her return on the show, reported People. "I always say, 'Never say never,'" said Richards, adding how she is open to returning even after some recent disagreements with cast member Erika Girardi.

"I have nothing against her at all," added the 'Love Actually' actor. "It's just, it's silly fights on the show sometimes."

"We'll see what happens when they get around to going back for their season," she told People. Season 13 finished airing earlier this month.

Before telling that she'll "never say never," Richards confessed on the March 6 edition of 'Watch What Happens Live with Andy Cohen' that she still finds it "unbelievable" that Girardi, 52, mentioned her 19-year-old daughter's OnlyFans account.

Richards, who made a short comeback to the programme this season, was seen disagreeing with Girardi during her few cameos. But everything came to a head when Richards revealed to Girardi and the other RHOBB stars that she was furious with the "XXPEN\$IVE" singer.

Although Richards' return is still up in the air, former castmate Lisa Rinna recently said she'd "never" go back to the reality series.

The 60-year-old actress explained during an appearance on The Jennifer Hudson Show that she would not consider returning. "I'm grateful for that show," Rinna said. "I'm the person I am today because of it, but I'll never go back. Nope, I did it. Did it, done it, saw the movie, reported People."

## 'Kanguva': A Film Showcases The Remarkable Originality Of South Indian Cinema Delighting Audiences With Its Ability To Constantly Surprise

In the contemporary, rapid-paced society, action-packed movies with catchy tunes and heroics are remembered by viewers for their unique storytelling and unique material. The South Indian film industry, which has now developed into the Pan-Indian film industry, is an ideal fit. They never concentrate on adaptations; rather, they always offer audiences something fresh that is both commercially successful and sets benchmarks for content. Cinematic works such as the Baahubali series, KGF franchise, Pushpa, RRR, Kantara, Avane Srimannarayana, Brahmayugam, and the recently released 'The Goat Life' are noteworthy examples of this.

South Indian films have created a benchmark for being full of entertainment and their forthcoming big screen film 'Kanguva' starring superstar Suriya, Bobby Deol, and Disha Patani and directed by Siruthai Siva, produced by Studio Green is another film that is gearing up to offer the audiences a fresh story of the periodic drama that travels across different periods. South Indian cinema focuses on



cultural roots and the makers have interwoven them effectively in Kanguva. While Pushpa, RRR, and Baahubali's historic success has demonstrated the enormous potential and quality of regional cinema, so too has its film industry. These movies have broken records at the box office and won praise from critics both locally and abroad. The recently released glimpse of the film Kanguva has demonstrated that it will continue the history of regional cinema on a worldwide scale. Kanguva's majestic tales, magnificent filming, and technical proficiency have not only enhanced South Indian cinema's prominence but also demonstrated that

regional films can consistently hold an audience's attention. Storytelling has always been a strong point of South Indian cinema, and it has been instrumental in making these tales come to life. Their writers have been able to capture the spirit of their different regions via their work, and they are well-known for their distinctive style of screen techniques, which is anchored in the politics, social structure, dialect, culture, and way of life of the people in their places.

With 'Kanguva'; ready for release from the South Indian cinema, the hype and the buzz among the audiences is real and the film presents a culture-rooted original story to the

audiences. This originality factor plays a pivotal role in the increasing demand for content from regional languages across the globe. More and more people are acknowledging the tenacity, inventiveness, and artistic brilliance of South Indian films.

Their films have made a lasting impression on the world stage, from their modest beginnings in the early 20th century to their current position as one of India's leading cinematic industries. The industry is characterized by a rich cultural past, a varied range of storytelling, and extraordinary talent that propels it forward and captivates audiences, leaving an enduring legacy that will benefit future generations.

## 'Godzilla X Kong' box office Day 3: Monster drama beats 'Crew', 'Aadujeevitham'

'Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire' broke box office expectations as it opened at Indian theatres on March 29. After amassing Rs 25.5 crore within the first two days of its release, the film maintained momentum on its third day, Sunday. According to an industry tracking site, the Warner Bros. film earned Rs 13.50 crore on Sunday, thus bringing its opening weekend collection to Rs 39 crore net in India.

The MonsterVerse film has crossed the box office collection of last week's biggest Indian releases, Kareena Kapoor, Tabu, and Kriti Sanon's 'Crew' and



Prithviraj Sukumaran's 'Aadujeevitham.' While 'Crew' opening weekend collection stands at Rs 29.25 crore, 'Aadujeevitham', which released on March 28, has earned Rs 30.10 crore net in India in four days.

Made on a budget of \$135 million (Rs 1125 crore), 'Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire' has globally earned \$114 million (Rs 950 crore), as per a Variety report. The predecessor of the film, 'Godzilla vs. Kong,'

which was released in 2021, when the world was still grappling with coronavirus-induced restrictions, made \$474 million worldwide. Now it remains to be seen if 'Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire' will surpass

the milestone in the coming days. The official synopsis of the film reads, "The epic battle continues! Legendary Pictures' cinematic Monsterverse follows up the explosive showdown of 'Godzilla vs. Kong' with an all-new adventure that pits the almighty Kong and the fearsome Godzilla against a colossal undiscovered threat hidden within our world, challenging their very existence—and our own. 'Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire' delves further into the histories of these Titans and their origins, as well as the mysteries of Skull

Island and beyond, while uncovering the mythic battle that helped forge these extraordinary beings and tied them to humankind forever." India Today gave the film 4 stars. The review reads, "'Godzilla x Kong' is a collab you would never have expected to deliver on such a big scale. The climax is a riot, and there will be a lot of hooting and cheering when you watch your favourite creatures battle it out. Definitely one of the strongest competitors in the franchise, 'Godzilla x Kong' is a must-watch." 'Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire' is helmed by Adam Wingard



# Insider-outsider debate is unwarranted

R.K. Sinha



Fortunately, for the right-thinking men and women in this country, insider-outsider question has not been raised so far in this year's election. It has not been a debatable point. The focus has shifted to corruption and role of central agencies like the Enforcement Directorate or ED. The filing of nomination papers is on and an intensive campaigning has been launched for the upcoming Lok Sabha election. The tempo is rising day by day. But, no one is asking whether the candidate in a particular constituency is an

insider or outsider. This debate is unnecessary because everyone who is an Indian is an insider. But a few leaders in this country love to create controversies and survive only because of such baseless debates. It may be recalled that several time chief minister of Gujarat and 2014 Lok Sabha candidate Narendra Modi was also called an outsider by vested interests. It's another matter that voters gave a damn to them. Similarly, a controversy was created when Arun Jaitley had contested from Amritsar in 2014. The Congress had raised this bogey even at that time. Surprisingly, this question was raised by a party which had fielded an outsider as early as in 1952 when

the first Lok Sabha election was held. A Malyali, C. Krishnan Nair, was selected for a Delhi seat. He was endearingly called Delhi Gandhi. Nair had played an important role in establishment of the Delhi Development Authority (DDA). He had also won the Lok Sabha elections held in 1957. The same Congress which had given ticket to Nair had made Sucheta Kriplani, who was born in Ambala and belonged to a Bengali family, its candidate for New Delhi seat. Later, Sucheta ji had become chief minister of the biggest state of the country, Uttar Pradesh also. Sucheta's husband was a famous freedom fighter Acharya Kripalani who was an MP from Bhagalpur and later

from Sitamarhi in Bihar. He was a Sindhi. Shri. S.M. Banerjee was a long-time MP from Kanpur. A Bengali-speaking Banerjee had migrated from Bengal to Kanpur. He was a famous labour leader. Clearly ,those who have asked insider/outsider question do not know that every Indian citizen has an equal right to live anywhere or contest elections from anywhere . George Fernandes, after Kriplani , is another example. He hailed from the South, joined labour movement in Mumbai, but; had made Bihar his second home. Biharis too did not consider him an outsider and treated him like their own . He used to speak Bhojpuri and

Maithili, two local dialects with ease. The people of Bihar sent George to the Lok Sabha several times from Muzaffarur, Bihar. He won the Lok Sabha elections from Mumbai as well. The country has hardly seen a labour leader like George-- a simple man with casual look--dishevelled hair, unironed dress( kurta-pyjama) and ordinary chappal. But as a speaker he was sharp and logical. He used to always do homework and come prepared for a debate in the House. A man of international standing, he had given tough time to treasury benches. The caste equations did not favour him but he had won one election after another with ease. In 1962 as well as in

1967, Bihar sent a Marathi to the Lok Sabha. He was from Pune. There have been many other such leaders in the Rajya Sabha, but rarely in the Lok Sabha. Limaye's childhood was spent in Maharashtra. He completed his education from there. But he chose Bihar to contest elections. For the first time, he reached Parliament by winning the election from Munger in 1962. In 1964 , the Socialist Party and Praja Socialist Party were merged and the United Socialist Party was formed. Madhu Limaye went to the Lok Sabha for the first time on USP ticket . In 1973 , Limaye won the election from Banka in Bihar. Insider, outsider issue was, fortunately, not raised in other countries like

Mauritius, Trinidad, Guyana, Kenya, Fiji, and Britain. In the caribbean country Guyana, Cheddi Jagan of Indian origin had become President in the 60s. After that, Indians like Shivsagar Ram Gulam (Mauritius), Navin Ram Gulam ( M a u r i t i u s ) , Mahendra Chaudhary (Fiji), Vasdev Pandey (Trinidad), S. R a m a n a t h a n (Singapore), Rishi Sunak (Britain) , Kamala Harris (America) have become Prime Minister , Vice President and President of different countries. Recently, an Indian citizen, Tharman Shanmugaratnam, was elected President of Singapore. So, we have to come out of castes, language, religion, gender etcetera. It is

because we have members in parliament from Africa to Europe and America and New Zealand. This means that Indians who had gone to far off countries in search of employment are now deciding the fate of those countries. The list of MPs outside is long. To mention a few, Meva Ramgovind (South Africa), Parminder Singh Marwah (Uganda) and Sonia Virdi (Kenya). Sonia, in fact, is the first Asia-origin woman MP in Kenya. Canada which has many migrants from Punjab and Haryana has also several MPs of Indian origin. Therefore, the only lesson to now learn is, stop insider - outsider debate--- without delay.

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## A Quest for Perfection

Prof.MANAS RANJAN MAHAPATRA



I always wanted to meet Gouraprasad when I became a cultural administrator in 1990 after joining NBT,but he vanished from public life in early 1990s when new cinema came in Odisha .Our chance meeting was almost accidental. It was 1991,I was doing a Meet The Author Programme at Bhubaneswar in collaboration with Odisha Sahitya Akademi on the occasion of National Book Week.The authors featured were R a m a k a n t a R a t h , B i n a p a n i Mohanty and Haraprasad Das.It was the first ever such programme in Odisha and I was thrilled,my heart was full with tension and anxiety. We were to travel by train only those days from Delhi and the only good train was N e e l a c h a l Express.My ticket was on wait-list and it did not confirm. But I had to go.I boarded the train with full fear and anxiety.No 2nd AC

compartment was there in Neelachal Express,it was First Class only.4 people were to be in one coupe.I found place in one and sat there. Soon the conductor came and checked the ticket.He had to adjust one of their officers who was travelling to Allahabad.He asked me to de-board or to go to the general compartment,brought his officer and put him on the seat. Suddenly,one of the co-passengers asked the Conductor," Does this man to whom you have now put here possess a confirmed ticket ?" The conductor replied that it is his prerogative to allow or disallow.'No," the c o - p a s s e n g e r strongly objected.All others supported him .He brought me from outside the coupe and allowed me to sit on his berth.He said to the Conductor,'This young man has a valid ticket,we all will adjust him as we adjust your officer."So strong and impressive was the voice that the Officer had to advise the conductor to agree to it. The train was moving.I was grateful to this gentleman,for without his intervention I had no

other way to get down or to go to a general compartment to find a place to stand.I was looking at his face,it looked familiar.The tea vendor came,we took tea.Time passed,we reached Allahabad.The railway Officer got down.We were 5 in the coupe,4 with confirmed ticket and I ,with a unconfirmed one.I was struggling in me to recognize the gentleman.He was looking like Gouraprasad Ghosh. The gentleman was observing me for last few hours.He asked me ,'You look to be tense,but why ? We all will adjust you.One of us will sleep on the floor.'No,this is not the reason.I was just finding similarity of your face with Gouraprasad Ghosh.'I replied."Have you ever seen Gouraprasad Ghosh "He asked.'No,I have seen his films.' I uttered. He laughed and laughed.Oh my God,so hearty was the laugh , and so intimate!" Good that there are still some people who can recognize me.I was all those years feeling sad that people have forgotten me.Dear I am Gouraprasad Ghosh." He said. Like Sarat Pujari Gouraprasad was matinee idol of my adolescent days.We

discussed many things.I had seen his film 'Kaa' ,it got a national award. Gouraprasad went to Delhi to sign papers for for national telecast of 'Kaa' by Doordarshan. The concerned officer wanted bribe and he was dis-heartened.Some how,'Kaa' was nationally telecast . And,evening came at M u g h a l Sarai. Gouraprasad ordered for food for all,opened his whisky bottle.We all took our p e g s , f o o d too.Suddenly,one of our co-passengers ( He was in Air Force and was travelling to Kharagpur ) started crying.What he narrated was very touchy,his wife has an extra marital affairs with his brother and he is not in a position to do anything than to tolerate. Poor fellow,fighting for the country and lost war at home,so painful.Hev awnted Gouraprasad to make a film on his plight and Gouraprasad agreed to it while consoling him. The Air Force Officer insisted to sleep on the floor and we had no other way than to agree. We reached Cuttack. Guraprasad got down.We did not meet again.One day I was at Cuttack ,I met Sarada Prasanna Naik,my former colleague at SIET,Bhubaneswar.Sarada

Babu was Gouraprasad's brother in law,Chandana's brother. 'Will you not going to C h a n d a n a ' s residence.Today is the 10th day ( Dasaha ) of Guraprasad's death', he asked..... 'Oh,Gouraprasad is no more. Chandana Madam does not know me.Should I go to tell her that I once traveled with Gouraprasad and shared food and drinks.Should I tell her about how Gouraprasad helped me...a stranger.Should i ask her if Gouraprasad could make a film on the life of that poor Air force Officer whose wife was in a relationship with his brother...' I asked this question to me again and again and could not get an answer.'Not on this occasion .I will go another day ', I replied. On my way back to Puri I was praying God for the best for Gouraprasad's soul. Visiting Professor of Development Communication

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## Benifits of mathematics newspapers for students

Vijay GarG



There are several benefits of m a t h e m a t i c s newspapers for students: 1. Enhanced understanding: M a t h e m a t i c s newspapers provide students with different ways of approaching and understanding mathematical concepts. They often include real-life applications and examples, making the subject more relatable and easier to comprehend. 2. Improved problem-solving skills: M a t h e m a t i c s newspapers often present challenging problems and puzzles that require students to think critically and analytically. Solving these problems helps sharpen their problem-solving skills and logical reasoning. 3. Exposure to new ideas: Mathematics newspapers often include articles and research papers that introduce students to new mathematical

concepts, theories, and discoveries. This exposure broadens their m a t h e m a t i c a l knowledge and encourages them to explore beyond their curriculum. 4. Staying up-to-date: M a t h e m a t i c s newspapers keep students informed about the latest advancements and developments in the field of mathematics. This helps them stay up-to-date with the current trends and research in mathematics, ensuring they have the most recent and accurate information. 5. Motivation and inspiration: Reading about the achievements and success stories of p r o m i n e n t mathematicians can inspire students and ignite their passion for m a t h e m a t i c s . M a t h e m a t i c s newspapers often feature interviews with mathematicians and profiles of their work, motivating students to pursue their own mathematical goals. 6. Exam preparation: M a t h e m a t i c s newspapers often include practice sets and sample questions that can help students prepare for their exams. These practice exercises allow students to test their

understanding and identify areas that need improvement. 7. Critical thinking skills: Mathematics newspapers often require students to think critically and evaluate the validity of m a t h e m a t i c a l arguments presented in the articles. This helps them develop their critical thinking skills, allowing them to analyze mathematical concepts and arguments more effectively. 8. Collaboration and discussion: M a t h e m a t i c s newspapers can serve as a platform for students to discuss and share their thoughts and ideas with their peers. This collaborative environment encourages active participation, fosters group discussions, and enhances overall learning. Overall, mathematics newspapers provide students with a wealth of resources and opportunities to enhance their m a t h e m a t i c a l understanding, problem-solving skills, and overall academic performance.

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## Mr. Ajaz Ahmad Bhat (IAS), Took a Review Meeting in the Directorate of Sericulture J&K.



**Srinagar, (Aasif Malik):** Today a review meeting was held in the Directorate of Sericulture Development Department, Tulsi Bagh, Srinagar under the chairmanship of the Director Sericulture J&K, Mr. Ajaz Ahmad Bhat (IAS) wherein the officers/ In-charges of Silkworm Seed Stations across the department were present. The meeting delved into several critical aspects aimed at enhancing the sericulture sector's performance, with a particular focus on achieving physical and financial targets outlined for the fiscal year 2023-

24. Each project and activity received meticulous scrutiny to ascertain their progress, with a keen eye on realizing optimal outcomes. Underlining the importance of major achievements within each project the officers showcased the high-definition, geo-tagged photographs of established operational units. This visual documentation served not only as a testament to progress but also as an inspiration for future endeavours. During the deliberations the discussions were centered on the

formulation of the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) for both ongoing initiatives and prospective proposals for the upcoming fiscal year 2024-25. The Director, Sericulture J&K informed that collaborative efforts of the department are aimed to strategize effectively, aligning resources with objectives to drive sustained growth and innovation within the sericulture landscape. Mr. Ajaz Ahmad Bhat (IAS), Director Sericulture J&K articulated a vision of ambitious expansion within the sericulture domain, urging officers to

redouble efforts towards augmenting cocoon production. Emphasizing the pivotal role of silkworm rearers and farmers, he advocated for concerted measures to bolster their numbers across districts, thereby fostering inclusivity and equitable growth.

Furthermore, the Director underscored the importance of elevating seed production to meet escalating demands, tasking the department with crafting robust action plans geared towards achieving this pivotal objective. Such initiatives are poised not only to fortify the sericulture sector but also to catalyze socio-economic progress, empowering communities and fostering resilience in the face of challenges. Shri Ajaz Ahmad Bhat also highlighted the department's commitment to generating employment opportunities for the youth in the region. He stated, "Youth empowerment is a key aspect of our vision. By leveraging the expertise of the Sericulture Development Department, we aim to create sustainable employment opportunities for the youth, contributing to their skill development and overall socio-economic growth." The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.

## HIGHLY MOTIVATING ANTI ADDICTION CAMPAIGN NO. 419 BY BOBBY CHAKRABORTY AT VIDYASAGAR SHISHU NIKETAN – MIDNAPORE



**KOLKATA, (KCN):** We all clearly sense a definitive conspiracy to corrupt the youth, the pillars of our society, both physically and mentally. We all can sense the dark forces up at arms to do this job by destroying the young generation through various forms of substance abuse, online gambling through games, immoral acts online through social networking sites etc. We all are aware of the damage being done to a young mind, but how many of us are actually fighting these evils, selflessly, on the battle ground itself? Hardly any!

This is where actor, teacher of method acting and social activist Bobby Chakraborty from Kolkata, India, with his free of cost, award winning, global awareness program, 'I AM THE KING OF MY

MIND' comes into the bigger picture, to save the destruction of the youth. On April 5th, he conducted his highly motivating session no. 419, at Vidyasagar Shishu Niketan, which is one of the leading school in Midnapore, West Bengal.

We appreciate the collaboration of the administration of VSN and the socially responsible Principal Chanda Majumder, with Bobby, towards organising this life changing awareness program for the students of the 8th to 10th grades. More than 600 students participated, with a lot of enthusiasm to learn the major life lessons from Bobby, to stay away from all kinds of evils, which might corrupt their Health and in turn their Career and Family. They learnt the way to be the 'king' of their minds. They

learnt the perils and darkness lying ahead in the social networking sites and the traps being laid before a child to get overwhelmed by the virtual 'likes', to lose one's self respect very easily.

Active soldier, Ankit Seth, a student from the 12th grade at South End Centre Howrah, volunteered in his 46th session with Bobby, since he was in his 5th grade. He inspired each and every soldier in the auditorium, with his powerful presentation, so much so that, everyone of them touched his feet too, along with their beloved 'Bobbydada'. Soldier Ankit, was also the chief photographer of this mind blowing session, assisted by soldier Noimisha, a student from the 8th grade.

The all important title of 'The 1st Soldier' went to

soldier Aniruddha, a gifted artist, who presented Bobby, a fantastic portrait of his, written 'I am the king of my mind'.

The winners of the surprise contest at the end were Rupomeeta, Souparno and Upamanyu, who along with Noimisha were given special prizes, customised HCF t-shirts and community service certificates. The superhit session ended with an encouraging vote of thanks by the Principal Chanda Majumder, who appreciated Bobby and Ankit for their selfless service for the society. The Principal, every respected teacher and the non-teaching staffs took great care of Bobby and Ankit and made them feel at home.

## Springspre 2024 inaugurated at NITW

**Hanumakonda, April 5 (KCN):** "Students need holistic learning and their participation in events will lead to greater learning and will help in overall development. It is important for students to participate in such events. I convey my best wishes to the entire team and all the participants," said Director of National Institute of Technology (NIT), Warangal Prof. Bidyadhar Subudhi. Inaugurating three-day

## Students the Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, New Delhi visit CUO

**NEWDELHI, (KCN):** The Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, New Delhi, a premiere educational and research institution of national repute under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India is scheduled to visit the Central University of Odisha on a tour during 6-11 April, 2024. The team comprising 41 students along with Professor In-charge- Academic, HoD(s) and Staff members is scheduled to reach Koraput by 6th April wherein students of both the institutes will engage in joint exercise in field study to various spots of Koraput. The Central University of Odisha is gearing up to host the team to ensure a fruitful study tour from the visitors.

The team is expected to visit various places of Koraput including the Shabara Srikhetra, Tribal



Museum, Kunduli market, Gupteswar temple, Subai Jain temple, Sarbeswar temple, Batrisha Simhasan and Rani Duduma waterfalls and also visit an exhibition on Biodiversity at the Landiguda campus of CUO. The Academic unit, IGNCIA is also slated to put up an exhibition titled, 'Akshar, Shabd|Bhasha' on 8 April, 2024 as part of the international conference on Science and Technology on Ancient Indian Literature in Modern perspective to

be organized by the Dept. of Sanskrit of the Central University of Odisha. The visiting team will be a partner on the Seminar on the Technical session on Bharatiya Gyan Parampara ke alok me Kala aur Sahitya on 9 April 2024 at 4:30 PM. Prof Sudhir Lal, HOD, Kala Kosh Division, IGNCIA will be the Chief Speaker and the Vice Chancellor of Central University of Odisha Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, will preside over the meeting. The IGNCIA team under Prof. Arun K Bhardwaj,

Professor In charge Academic will also interact with students of both campuses. A cultural programme has also been arranged at the main campus, of CUO at Sunabeda for the IGNCIA team.

Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, the Vice-Chancellor of the Central University of Odisha expressed his happiness for the joint exercise and hoped that this cultural exchange would lead to strengthening of national integration among the youth.

## Working On War Footing, 98% Pilots Have Signed New Contract: Vistara CEO



**New Delhi (KCN):** Crisis-hit Vistara has said it hopes to stabilise its operations by this weekend, insisting that 98% of its pilots have signed the new contracts with the revised salary structure which had led to several of them calling in sick and causing flight cancellations. The airline's CEO, Vinod Kannan, also apologised for the inconvenience caused to customers and acknowledged that some pilots have concerns regarding the contract.

"In the light of the recent disruptions in our network owing to various operational reasons, we acknowledge and are deeply concerned about the inconvenience this has caused to our

customers. We would like to again clarify that these disruptions were due to the cascading effect of a multitude of factors... Having said that, we acknowledge the inconvenience this has caused to our customers and sincerely apologise to them for the same," he said in a statement on Saturday. Claiming that the full-service carrier has adequate crew for normal operations, Mr Kannan said the airline was challenged because it was operating "on a high utilisation".

"We are addressing this on a war footing. Hence, we are continuing to hire more pilots and are also carefully scaling back our operations slightly to provide much-needed resilience, and a buffer

in the rosters," the CEO said.

On the customer front, he said, "We have also deployed larger aircraft like our B787-9 Dreamliner and A321neo aircraft on select domestic routes to accommodate more customers, wherever possible. Furthermore, we are reaching out to all customers affected by the delays and cancellations over the last weekend, to offer relevant refunds and compensation."

Mr Kannan claimed that the airline's on-time performance has improved in the past three days and said that it hoped to stabilise its operations for the rest of April by this weekend.

"With reference to concerns being raised

regarding the new pay structure of our pilots, we would like to clarify that over 98% of pilots have signed the new contract. Having said that, we are aware that some pilots have some concerns and queries regarding the contract. We are engaging with them to clarify and resolve the same. However, this has not caused any visible spike in attrition amongst pilots," the CEO said.

The carrier had cancelled over 125 flights in three days starting Monday and pilots have said that they are flying at the "edge of their maximum flight duty limitations", which was causing major health issues and leading to "everyone falling sick frequently".

The revised salary structure ahead of the airline's merger with Air India - both brands are under the Tata stable - has also caused consternation among the pilots. Under the new structure, salaries of junior co-pilots will go down from ₹ 2.35 lakh per month to ₹ 1.88 lakh because they will be mandated to fly only 40 hours instead of the earlier 70.



Springspre 2024 at Ambedkar Learning Center on NIT campus on Friday evening, Prof. Subudhi congratulated the entire team for bringing together Springspre 24. Speaking on the occasion, Dean of the Student Welfare Prof.

D. Srinivasacharya said that there would be 40 plus events planned for the next three days and requested students to participate widely and make Springspre a huge success. President Student Activity Center Prof. Hari Krishna and Vice

President of Cultural's Prof. Satish Ben also spoke on the occasion. Student coordinators for the event Sahith, Tanish, Prashant and Mr. Chander were introduced to the gathering during the Inaugural. After the inaugural, distinguished Kuchipudi dancer Taduri Renuka's disciples performed Kuchipudi Natyam organised by Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat Club. The events organized on Friday included 'Nukkad Natak', a street theater drama act

performed by Aarohan club with the theme Kathputli followed by 'Unsolved', all about finding murderer from a set of six suspects based several questions and clues, organized by Literary and Debate Club. Later 'Doshi Kaun' a Hindi drama act was organized by Aarohan and 'Mela' and a graphic designing and video workshop was organized by Kiran, a graphic designer at Chai Biscuit organized by the Film and music society.



# Police rescue baby stolen from Balasore DHH; one detained

**Balasore(KCN):** The newborn baby boy who was allegedly stolen Thursday from the district headquarters hospital here has been rescued, police said Friday. They added that the boy has been reunited with his parents while a woman has been detained in this connection. Police managed to crack the case quickly by

scanning the CCTV footage of cameras installed within the hospital. The infant was rescued from Durgadevi village, Balasore SP Sagarika Nath informed. The baby was undergoing treatment at the DHH after he was diagnosed with jaundice. His mother Tikili Barik had gone to talk to a doctor when the alleged theft took place. After returning, Tikili found



that in place of her son, an infant girl was lying on the cot.

Later, Tikili and her husband Susant Barik complained the

police outpost inside the hospital. While scanning the CCTV

footage of various cameras, cops found that a woman was

leaving the hospital with the baby boy and acting as if it was her son. The cops traced the woman to Durgadevi village in the district and rescued the baby. Police said that during interrogation, the woman confessed that she had taken the boy from the cot and in his place had placed her own daughter. "Except for the CCTV footage, we did not have much

information. However, we managed to procure information about the woman by talking to various people in the hospital including doctors of the Gynaecology department. Accordingly, a team went to the village and rescued the baby. We are happy that we have managed to reunite the baby with his original parents," Nath said.

## Ahead of polls, CS visits Kotia



**Pottangi(KCN):** With the Assembly and Lok Sabha elections set to be held after a month, the sight of the state Chief Secretary Pradeep Kumar Jena and the secretaries of other departments returning from a visit to the fringe areas along the Andhra-Odisha border has become a topic of discussion in various circles including the power corridors. According to reports, Chief Secretary Pradeep Kumar Jena

and Principal Secretary, Agriculture Arabinda Padhee arrived in Koraput district Friday and held election-related discussions with the district administration. Koraput Collector V Keerthi Vasan, DIG (South Western Range) Charan Singh Meena, Superintendent of Police Abhinav Sonkar, Sub-Collector Benudhar Shabar, local BDO Sukant Kumar Patnaik and Tehsildar Devendra Bahadur

Singh Dharwa were present in the meeting. In the meeting, the officials discussed the status of five frontier booths out of the total nine polling booths under Kotia panchayat. However, they were tightlipped about the details of the discussions. On the other hand, it is assumed that such a visit of the Chief Secretary and the Principal Secretary of the Agriculture department may have

many implications for neighbouring Andhra Pradesh. The two top officials, including other officials of the district, reached the panchayat to see the strawberry cultivation in Barabandh village and discussed the benefits and losses with the present farmers. Later they visited and took stock of the panchayat office, Special Odisha Adarsha Vidyalaya (OAV), Primary Health Centre (PHC), Jagannath temple and 5T schools, and discussed studies and related issues with the school students. Finally, the Chief Secretary advised the district and block administrations to look into creating awareness among the people to increase the voting rate in the booths located in the border areas.


## Sagarpali VSS shines in national webinar

**Sundargarh(KCN):** The remarkable success story of Sagarpali Van Surakhya Samiti (VSS) under Tangarpali block in Sundargarh district took centre stage in the second edition of the national-level webinar 'Community Conference on Commons' organised by the Foundation for Ecological Security (FES). The selected success story, titled 'Transformation of Bald Hill into a Lush Green Forest', authored by SEWAK team leader Digambar Upadhyay, was presented in the prestigious forum during the first session on the initial day of the three-day webinar. Out of numerous success stories submitted by various government and private organisations as well as individuals from India, Bangladesh, and Nepal, Sagarpali VSS's story was among the top 80 selected for presentation. The national-level webinar aimed to showcase and celebrate

impactful initiatives from across the region. In the inaugural session of the first day, Digambar Upadhyay delivered a compelling presentation on the success story of Sagarpali Van Surakhya Samiti under the Sundargarh forest division. The narrative covered the innovative initiatives for forest protection and management initiated by the villagers of Sagarpali since 1985, highlighting the collaboration with the Odisha Forest Development Project-2 and the continuous support and guidance from the voluntary organisation 'SEWAK'. Key aspects of the presentation included the 'Thengapali', 'Mutidhan' system, SHRAMADAN plantation, protection of paddy fields and forests from fire, and strategies to reduce community dependence on forests through income-generating programmes. The presentation also emphasised on biodiversity conservation, alternative fuels, and

wildlife conservation. The success story was highly appreciated by the audience, serving as a shining example of joint forest management, demonstrating effective collaboration with the Sundargarh forest division and the collective efforts of community forest management, supported by the Odisha Forest Development Project-II. Representatives from Sagarpali VSS including Debanand Mahaling and Bharti Patel shared their experiences during the programme, highlighting the importance of community motivation, participation, and action in achieving sustainable conservation goals. The virtual event witnessed active participation from members of Sagarpali VSS, Ujalpur Range Officer Debadatta Nanda, Forester Vinod Kumar Pattanaik, SEWAK Secretary Pradeep Kumar Brahma, SEWAK Chairman Amiya Kant

Naik, Finance Manager Nilambar Upadhyay, Development Officers Haripriya Naik, and Manoranjan Mallick, among other staff members. The success story of Sagarpali VSS stands as a testament to the power of community-led conservation efforts, showcasing the positive impact of collaborative initiatives in preserving and enhancing natural resources. The recognition received at the national level further underscores the significance of such grassroots initiatives in fostering sustainable environmental practices. The author of the case study, Digambar Upadhyay, expresses gratitude to RCCF Arun Kumar Mishra, Sundargarh DFO Pradeep Mirase, ACF Mohan Hemram, Sundargarh DMU, Ujalpur FMU, SEWAK management, and all the villagers of Sagarpali for their unwavering support and guidance.



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# TPSODL Joins hands with Odisha Millet Mission to Promote Sustainable Agriculture and Nutrition

Berhampur, (KCN)r: TPSODL, a dedicated advocate for women and communities in Southern Odisha, is championing Income Generation Activities (IGAs) through its livelihood enhancement program. Collaborating with Mission Shakti, Odisha Livelihood Mission, and NGO partner, TPSODL is identifying and supporting potential Women Self-Help Groups (WSHG) and farmers through various initiatives. One of the noteworthy



endeavours of TPSODL is its commitment to the promotion of millet cultivation. To this end, the organization has mobilized approximately 500 WSHGs and farmers, providing them

with essential resources. TPSODL offers capacity-building programs, training sessions, and input support including seeds and on-ground guidance. The goal is not only to

empower these individuals but also to promote the numerous nutritional and health benefits of millet. Millet, known for its resilience in challenging environmental conditions with minimal water and fertilizer requirements, also aids in mitigating the effects of climate change due to its low carbon footprint. During the kharif season, more than 500 acres of land have been cultivated across 8 districts of TPSODL operational areas. In

total, 70 Gram panchayats were involved impacting a total of 500 farmers and WSHGs. Which includes 24 GPs of Ganjam, 8 GPs of Gajapati, 8 GPs of Koraput, 8 GPs of Nabarangpur, 8 GPs of Malkangiri, 9 GPs of Boudh, and 5 GPs of Kandhamal. Looking ahead to the upcoming Rabi season, coinciding with the International Year of Millets, TPSODL aims to extend its support to 1000 acres of land and farmers.

# Inaugural of 9th Conference on Transportation Systems Engineering and Management

Warangal (KCN):The inaugural of 9th Conference on Transportation Systems Engineering and Management (CTSEM 2023) was held today morning in Chandrasekhar Hall of Seminar Halls Complex. The programme is organised by the Transportation Division, Department of Civil Engineering, National Institute of Technology, Warangal, Telangana. Prof. CSRK Prasad, Chairman of the conference inaugurated the conference. The objective of this



conference is to bring together postgraduate students and researcher scholars to present their ongoing research works. Experts in the field of Transportation Engineering from academic institutions,

industries, and research organizations were also invited to share their knowledge, expertise, and experience with the young participants and to provide an overview on the latest trends and potential research

areas in Pavement Engineering, Traffic Engineering, and Transportation Planning. The keynote speeches will be delivered by the eminent personalities at national and international level. On day one, Prof. J. Murali Krishnan from IIT Madras and Prof. K. Sudhakar Reddy from IIT Kharagpur shared their experiences and the major research works that are being executed by them in Pavement Engineering. The programme is sponsored by LEA Associates South Asia Pvt. Ltd., Coact

Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Avijeet Agencies Pvt. Ltd., and Parameshwari Projects. About 150 Postgraduate students and research scholars will be presenting their papers and receive valuable suggestions from the experts. The coordinators of this conference are Dr. K.V.R. Ravi Shankar, Dr. S. Shankar, and Dr. Arpan Mehar and the co-coordinators are Dr. B. Raghuram Kadali, and Dr. Vishnu R. The Chairman of the conference is Prof. C.S.R.K. Prasad, and the Convenor is Prof. Venkaiah Chowdary.

# Business icons confer with Utkal Tycoons Awards

**Bhubaneswar:**Noted business icons of Odisha conferred with Utkal Tycoons Award in an exotic platform organizes by Utkal Updates and Addiction Fashion Management today at WelcomHotel by ITC Hotels, Bhubaneswar. As part of Epari Sadashiv Jewelry presents Odisha's unique award show and fashion fest 'Utkal Tycoons Awards' with Bhubaneswar Runway Week Season-6, numbers of well known and successful face of Odisha business fraternity got thumping applause for their wonderful contribution to the economy of Odisha.

Their contributions were recognized and awarded. Program starts with lighting of lamp by organizer Sushree Sangeeta Sahu, John Ajay, Gaurav, Sridhar Epari and Sunil Murarka. Surya Narayan Patra, Speaker, Odisha Assembly attended as chief guest and Sulochana Das, Mayor, Bhubaneswar as guest of honour. Today, Utkal Tycoons Awards conferred to Rashmi Sahoo, Director, Frozit; Nirupama Biswal, Director, Gayatri Devi Group; Kabir Taneja, Director, Espirit Toyota; Ratnamala Swain, real estate player; Sukirti Pattnaik, MD, Indulge the

Saloon; Sreejet Patnaik, MD, Mother's Public School; Harshavardhan Didwania, Co-founder and MD, EeVe Scooters; Pradeep Pansari, Director, Rajhans, Rajiv Swain, MD, Odisha Hotel; Punya Prakash Parida, MD, Embassy and Biraja Prasad Rout, founder, Biggies Burger. To uplift the fashion statement of Odisha to higher level Bhubaneswar Runway season-6 also organized where eminent fashion designers showcase their creativity and woo the audiences with their authentic design statements. 30 models participated in the event to showcase

designs. Ollywood celebrities like Elina Samantray and Bhoomika graced the occasion as guest designers and brands like Prieya's (Priya Mohapatra), Tasa Wings (Supra Das), TP Garments (Savitri Panigrahi), AJ Fashion Realm (Selina Dashon) and Reemly Design Studio (Reemly Studio) participated and showcase their designs. Prieya's By Priya Mohapatra showcases handloom collection "EKATRA" which is amalgamation of sambalpuri handloom fabric and pipli appliqué work. AJ Fashion Realm by Selina Doson

has showcased summer collection which is inspired by gorgeous butterfly hamadryas. Supra Das's Tasa Wing has brought collection 'Fusion' which is inspired form 'the galaxy' is fit for festive season, evening party and wedding season. Reemly's Design studio is showcasing the Bridal Collection "Rooh" at Bhubaneswar Runway Week 2022( season 6). TP Garments are here with some of our evening gowns collection, rich in colours, unique designs, patterns, and Using shades nude, grey, navy blue, teal blue.

# Bandhan Bank registers strong business growth in Q4FY

Kolkata :Bandhan Bank, the universal bank with inclusive banking at its core, today announced its financial results for the final quarter of financial year 2021-22. The Bank continued to witness strong business growth, as the economy revived strongly. The Bank's total business (deposits and advances) grew 18.6% year-on-year to reach around Rs.1.96 lakh crores on March 31, 2022. The Bank serves 2.63 crore customers through 5,639 banking outlets across 34 of the 36 states and union territories in India. The total number of employees working at Bandhan Bank stands at 60,211.



During the fourth quarter of the current financial year, the Bank's deposit book grew 24% over the corresponding quarter of the previous year. The total deposits now stand at Rs.96,331 crore. In this period, the Bank's retail deposit book showed a substantial

growth and grew 21% year-on-year to Rs. 74,441 crore. The current account and savings account (CASA) book grew by 18% year-on-year, and the CASA ratio now stands at 41.6% of the overall deposit book. With respect to advances, the bank saw 16% growth over the

corresponding quarter of the previous year. The total advances are now at Rs. 99,338 crore. Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR), an indication of the stability of the Bank, is at 20.1, much higher than the regulatory requirement. To cater to its customers across the

country, Bandhan Bank is focussed on diversifying its presence across India and also growing its product portfolio in areas like SME Loans, Gold Loans, Personal Loans and Auto Loans. Speaking on the results, Chandra Shekhar Ghosh, MD & CEO, said, "The Bank has yet again proved its resilience with a strong performance in Q4 of FY22. Our belief in our business model has been further strengthened. We thank our customers for their continued trust and support, which has made Bandhan Bank a preferred banking partner for millions of Indians."

# Mahindra Promises, "Get Highest Productivity Per Liter of Fuel"

Pune : Mahindra's Construction Equipment Division (MCE), a part of the Mahindra Group, today announced their unique and disruptive customer value proposition "Get Highest Productivity Per Liter of Fuel or Give Machine Back" Guarantee for their BS4 range of Backhoe Loaders – Mahindra EarthMaster.

The new range features the proven and reliable 74 HP CRi Mahindra Engine and many other technological advancements, besides the cutting-edge iMAXX Telematics solution, all of which together, ensure guaranteed better fuel efficiency. Given the fact that fuel is one of the major element of the operating cost (nearly 50%), with unique features as Banana Boom, joystick lever, robust design, and bigger buckets, EarthMaster range is well suited for all types of backhoe applications,

be it mining, trenching, crushers, building construction or any other work in construction industry. Mahindra BS4 Backhoe Loader – EarthMaster, with this competitive advantage will provide them an edge, complete peace of mind and scale up their CE business, delivering higher prosperity.

Speaking on the occasion, Jalaj Gupta, Business Head, Commercial Vehicles Business Unit, Mahindra & Mahindra Limited said, "The 'Guaranteed Higher per litre productivity (or Give Machine Back)' Promise is a landmark move in the construction equipmentspace. Given the spiraling fuel prices, there wasn't a better time to introduce this Customer Value Proposition. We firmly believe that it will reaffirm our customers' faith in Mahindra's ability to create technologically

advanced, class-leading products and set higher standards for the Indian CE industry. The Service Uptime Guarantee further reinforce our commitment to our customers and our confidence in our products and after-sales capabilities."

Jalaj Gupta further added, "Our new BS4 machines have delivered higher fuel efficiency, which is the outcome of Mahindra's superior technological prowess rooted into a deep understanding of the Indian customer. Additionally, MCE is offering Service guarantee to ensure higher uptime for our customers through guaranteed speedier turnaround of the machine. The state-of-the-art iMAXX Telematics technology is further helping lower the Cost of Ownership by providing a firm control to the owners over their machines, remotely."

# ICICI Lombard launches Professional Indemnity Insurance for Doctors

**Mumbai:** ICICI Lombard, one of the leading private general insurance companies has launched Professional Indemnity Insurance for doctors. This new offering covers all specializations, provides instant policy issuance, and comes equipped with transparent and competitive pricing, a hassle-free claim process, and legal counsel services support in case of claims.

As professionals, doctors are vulnerable to human errors where they can be held liable by the kin of the patients. As a solution to situations of such nature, this policy has been curated to provide support to medical practitioners against the scope of various human errors that can happen while rendering professional services to patients.

Speaking on the same, Mr. Sanjeev Mantri, Executive Director, ICICI Lombard said "Doctors and healthcare professionals are prone to uncertainties and risks while they are in the forefront to save lives. Error, omission, or

at times unintentional negligence are a part and parcel of their professional life. Any aggrieved person possesses the right to claim damages for medical negligence against them. In such cases, our Professional Indemnity insurance safeguards doctors against all professional risks such as legal defense costs, compensation claims, injury among others, as well as against invalid claims. As a company, we are inclined towards protecting the interests and providing the best financial and legal security to the medical practitioners as they truly deserve the same."

Professional Indemnity insurance supports doctors both legally and financially in the event of a law suit. The key features of this offering comprises of coverage against legal liabilities such as defense costs incurred during investigation, cost of representation, and compensation for claims arising out of bodily injury or death caused due to error, omission and

negligence. It will also provide coverage against invalid claims where there is no fault of the practitioner by covering the legal fees and settlement compensation to be paid against the claims awarded by the court, or in cases of medical malpractices allegations and legal suit due to breach of confidentiality allegations.

ICICI Lombard, among other companies, delivers end-to-end wellness solutions to its valued consumers through its insurance products. Doctors are focused on giving their best when it comes to saving lives. However there are uncertainties which can put their job at stake. The professional indemnity insurance for doctors under the SME category is an innovative offering from this leading general insurance company and goes on to show their focus on delivering a stellar experience to their customers. The product is available with our traditional distribution partners as well as on our website [www.icicilombard.com](http://www.icicilombard.com)

# RapiPay launches De Dhana Dhan Offer

**New Delhi/ Bhubaneswar:** RapiPay Fintech Private Ltd, one of the leading fintech companies in India, has announced the launch of RapiPay De Dhana Dhan offer pan India for its 5 Lakhs + agents, also known as Direct Business Outlets (DBOs). The new scheme incentives thousands of lucky DBOs daily with prizes such as Smart TVs, Smartphones, mobile accessories and cashbacks. To become eligible, DBOs need to do AEPS or Recharge transactions

on RapiPay between 6am – 12pm in the morning and 5pm to 11pm in the evening. The first winner of Smart TV is from Darbhanga (Bihar) and he has been awarded his 55 inch Smart TV with much fanfare and celebration on 12th May 2022. Similarly, every week winners of TV and Smart phones are being gratified instantly so that they don't have to wait for their prizes for long. Mr. Nipun Jain, CEO, RapiPay Fintech Ltd. said "We believe, it is important to bring excitement in the business with regular incentives for

our DBOs, RapiPay's De Dhana Dhan Offer is a step towards that. An effective incentive scheme like this does not just improve customer experience and build your business, but also helps with DBOs retention. Moreover, as a category leader, we are committed to grow the Assisted Payments space and take the financial inclusion to the last mile. "RapiPay is one of top players in AEPS and Micro ATM services. It has witnessed 200% growth in AePS and Micro ATM transactions from April 2021 to March 2022.



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