

President Murmu Addresses Members of Indian Community in New Zealand

A woman with glasses and a white jacket is leaning over, interacting with a group of children. One girl in a pink shirt is looking up at her. Other children are visible in the background, some standing and some sitting. The setting appears to be a classroom or a small stage.

spirit, enabling the Indian community to thrive and prosper.

The President announced that India will soon open a Consulate in Auckland to fulfill the long-standing demand of the Indian diaspora in Auckland. She expressed confidence that it will play a major role in further enhancing India-New Zealand diplomatic relations.

The President said that we see our Indian community across the world as key partners in the journey of building a developed India. The skills, expertise, and experience of the Indian community are valuable for the progress of India. Following the reception, the President departed for Timor-Leste - the final leg of her three nation State Visit.

25,000 from the complainant in the former's presence, Vigilance officials nabbed both the accused persons Nayak and Das(Private Person). The entire bribe money has been recovered from their possession and seized. Following the trap, simultaneous searches are going on at two locations in Nayak from the DA angle. In this connection, Cuttack Vigilance Division PS Case No 21/2024 U/s-7/12 PC (Amendment) Act, 2018 has been registered. The investigation is in progress against the accused persons.

Six More Sluice Gates of Hirakud Dam Opened, SRC Issues Alert

India's freedom movement. He also paid homage to the unforgettable efforts of N a b a k r u s h n a C h o u d h u r y , Gopabandhu Das, and Harekrushna Mahatab. Ex-minister Suresh Kumar Routray and Bhubaneswar MLA Babu Singh were present as guests of honour. The chief minister, along with other dignitaries, paid respects to the families of 10 martyrs and the kin of 30 freedom fighters. The ceremony commenced with the hoisting of the national flag and a tribute to the martyrs.

water level in the reservoir was recorded at 612.25 feet at 6:00 am, below its maximum capacity of 630 feet, with 286,136 cusecs being released. In response, the Odisha State Relief Commissioner (SRC) has issued an alert to the district Collectors in Mahanadi's lower

catchment area. The Collectors of Sambalpur, Sonepur, Nayagarh, Angul, Boudh, Puri, Khordha, Cuttack, Jagatsinghpur, and Kendrapara have been instructed to stay vigilant. The SRC has directed the authorities to closely monitor low-lying areas, restrict access to

MNCs. It has been asked to submit the report by August 21. Last month, the government had restricted the financial powers of the Startup Odisha authorities after MSME Minister Gokulananda Mallik visited O-Hub, the state's maiden centralised incubation centre, amid allegations of irregularities and negligence. This saw a cap of Rs 1 crore and Rs

10 crore on financial power of executive chairman and board of directors respectively. "The department, which is 100 per cent shareholder of Startup Odisha, however, has the full power for sanctioning and incurring expenditure of any type, including schematic, non-schematic, recurring, non-recurring, revenue and capital," the notification said.

14 New Govt Degree Colleges Inaugurated In 8 Odisha Dists

The new Govt Degree Colleges in the remote area will revolutionise education: Minister Suryabanshi Suraj

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha Higher Education Minister Suryabanshi Suraj inaugurated 14 new Government Degree colleges in eight districts of the State through video conferencing on Friday. Minister Suraj inaugurated the new Government Degree colleges at Tiring in Mayurbhanj district; Thuamul Rampur in Kalahandi district; Gurundia and Nuagaon in Sundargarh district; Bandhugaon and Narayanpatna in Koraput district; J h a r i g a o n ,

Kosagumuda, Raigarh and Tentulikhunti in Nabarangpur district; Kashipur and Ramanaguda in Rayagada district; Dharakote in Ganjam district; and Khajuripada of Kandhamal district. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said that education is the only medium through which the youth can empower themselves and usher in societal change. These new 14 Government Degree colleges in the remote areas will revolutionise education, Suraj added. Suraj said that the



dropout percentage will decrease in addition to creating interest in higher education among the students.

Minister conveyed his best wishes to the principals and students of the new Degree Colleges, government

officers and people's representatives through video conferencing. Commissioner cum Secretary of the Higher

Education Department Arvind Agarwal said that with the establishment of Degree colleges in 14 blocks of 8 districts,

education has reached the students living in the remote regions of Odisha. Along with this, he congratulated the students and advised them to work hard to build a bright future. Bonai MLA Laxman Munda and Lakhmipur MLA Pabitra Saunta participated in the program through virtual mode and thanked the Minister of Higher Education Department on the occasion of the inauguration ceremony of the colleges and also expressed the opinion that this initiative of the government is a revolutionary step in the

field of education. At the same time, the newly appointed principals of the colleges and the newly joined students shared their experiences and thanked the authorities of the Higher Education Department. All the officers and employees of the Higher Education Department, Collectors of the respective districts, and Block Development Officers were present in the program. Snigdha Champatarai, Joint Secretary of Higher Education, delivered the vote of thanks at the end of the program.

CUO Team visits Bonda Hills for field visit to prepare a documentary film

Kolkata,(KCN): The Central University of Odisha team visited Bonda Hills at Malkangiri as a part of the preparation for making a documentary film on Bonda Tribe, one of the PVTGs of Odisha. The CUO team comprised Prof. Bishnu Charan Barik, Former VC, Sambalpur University, Shri Girish Kuber from Vanabasi Kalyan Ashram, Dr. Pradeep Kr Mishra, Researcher-Writer, Shri Gobardhan Panda, Researcher-Writer. Among CUO Faculty, Dr. Chakradhar Padhan, Dept. of Hindi, Dr.



Jayanta Kumar Nayak, Dept. of Anthropology and Dr. Sourav Gupta, Dept. of Journalism & Mass Communication were in the team. The tour was coordinated by Dr. Sourav Gupta,

Nodal Officer, Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat who thanked Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, CUO for his dynamic vision and Prof. N C Panda, Registrar, CUO

for logistical support. The shooting for the film will start soon, he informed. The documentary film will be based on research and will act as an authentic archive on Bonda tribe, hoped Prof. Tripathi, VC.

LIC's Financial Performance in April-June (Q1) of FY 2024-2025

Kolkata, (KCN):Shri Siddhartha Mohanty, CEO & MD, Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) while disclosing the financial statement, for the April-June Q1 of FY 2024-2025 stated on Thursday (August 8, 2024), "During the first quarter of this financial year, our market share increased to 64.02% as compared to 61.42% for the same quarter of previous year and 58.87% for the full year ended March 31, 2024. LIC is progressing on its stated objective of gaining market share after having focused, during the last year, on consolidating changes in product mix, channel mix and margin improvement. The momentum around increasing share of Non Par products within the Individual segment continues and our Non Par Share, on an APE basis, within the Individual business has increased to 23.94% in the first quarter of FY25 as compared to 10.22% for the same quarter last year. While achieving these growth parameters our margin is stable and our expenses ratio has declined by 98 bps to 11.87% in this quarter. As leaders of the insurance industry in India we are conscious of our responsibility to deliver enhanced insurance penetration and we look forward to working with



the regulatory authorities to achieve the same. We are committed to further optimising our product and channel mix and improvement of margins. With the digital transformation exercise underway we intend to create a seamless experience for our customers and partners. We thank our customers, shareholders, distribution partners and employees whose continuous support allows us to create superior sustainable value as we move to the next stage of our journey." **PERFORMANCE UPDATE for April-June (Q1) of FY 2024-2025** • Profit After Tax increased by 9.61% to Rs. 10,461 crores. • Overall Market share by First Year Premium Income (FYPI) increased to 64.02% from 61.42% on YoY basis. • Total Premium Income increased by 15.66% to Rs. 1,13,770 crore • New Business Premium Income (Individual) increased by 13.67% to Rs.

11,892 crore. • Overall APE increased by 21.28% to Rs. 11,560 crore. • Individual Business Non Par APE increased by 165.63% to Rs 1,615 crore. • Group Business APE increased by 34.37% to Rs. 4,813 crore • Non Par APE share within Individual business at 23.94% for Q1 FY25 as compared to 10.22% in Q1 FY24. • Value of New Business (VNB) increased by 23.66% to Rs 1,610 crore. • VNB Margin (Net) increased by 20 bps to 13.9% • AUM increased by 16.22% to Rs 53.59 lakh crore. • Solvency Ratio increased to 1.99 from 1.89 • Overall expense ratio reduced by 98 bps to 11.87% from 12.85% Mumbai, August 8th, 2024: The Board of Directors of Life Insurance Corporation of India ("LIC") approved and adopted the standalone and consolidated financial results for the quarter ending June 30th, 2024. Below are the key highlights of our standalone results. The Profit after Tax (PAT) for the quarter ended June 30th, 2024 was Rs. 10,461 crore as compared to Rs. 9,544 crore for the quarter ended June 30th, 2023 registering a growth of 9.61%. In terms of market share measured by First Year Premium

Income (FYPI) (as per IRDAI), LIC continues to be the market leader by market share in the Indian life insurance business with an overall market share of 64.02%. For the quarter ended June 30, 2024, LIC had a market share of 39.27% in Individual business and 76.59% in Group business. The Total Premium Income for quarter ended June 30, 2024 was Rs. 1,13,770 crore as compared to Rs. 98,363 crore for the quarter ended June 30 2023, registering a growth of 15.66%. The Total Individual Business Premium for the quarter ended June 30, 2024 increased to Rs. 67,192 crore from Rs. 62,773 crore for the comparable period of previous year, showing an increase of 7.04%. The Group Business total premium income for quarter ended June 30, 2024 was Rs. 46,578 crore as compared to Rs 35,590 crore for the quarter ended June 30, 2023, showing an increase of 30.87%. A total of 35,65,519 policies were sold in the individual segment during the quarter ended June 30, 2024 as compared to 32,16,301 policies sold during the quarter ended June 30, 2023 registering a growth of 10.86%.



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How preparing for Olympiads can help ace JEE

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JEE hopefuls can improve their chances of success and gain a deeper respect and comprehension of the subjects they are passionate about by incorporating Olympiad preparation into their study routine. One of the hardest and most difficult engineering entrance tests in India is the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE). Numerous students strive to gain admission to esteemed establishments such as the National Institutes of Technology (NITs) and the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) every year. In order to accomplish this, students frequently put in a lot of preparation work and look for different ways to

improve their conceptual knowledge and problem-solving abilities. Taking part in Olympiad exams is one such efficient route. Understanding Olympiads and their relevance Olympiads are competitive tests intended to find and develop a student's aptitude in a particular field, such as computer science, physics, chemistry, biology, or mathematics. These tests, which range in difficulty from school to international, call for a thorough comprehension of the subject matter in addition to strong problem-solving skills. The parallels between Olympiads and JEE preparation make them relevant in this setting. Both call for a solid understanding of basic ideas, the capacity to work through challenging situations, and effective time management. Additionally, the JEE and Olympiad syllabuses frequently overlap, which enhances their

mutual benefit. Enhancing conceptual clarity A major advantage of getting ready for Olympiads is the focus on conceptual clarity. Olympiad issues are renowned for their intricacy and profundity, compelling pupils to study the material thoroughly. This in-depth study aids in creating a solid foundation, which is essential for JEE questions that frequently assess how basic ideas are applied in different contexts. For example, there are questions in the Indian National Mathematical Olympiad (INMO) and the International Mathematics Olympiad (IMO) that call for a deep comprehension of mathematical ideas and their relationships. Similar to this, a thorough understanding of physical concepts is the main goal of both the Indian National Physics Olympiad (INPhO) and the International Physics Olympiad (IPhO). Students gain a strong conceptual foundation by

preparing for these Olympiads, which makes it simpler to take on the JEE syllabus. Developing advanced problem-solving skills Olympiad problems require knowledge application in order to solve original and difficult problems; they do not only require memorisation. For JEE hopefuls, this component of the Olympiad preparation is quite helpful. Particularly in the JEE Advanced, students' analytical and logical reasoning skills are put to the test with challenging, application-based questions. By working through Olympiad tasks, students can hone these sophisticated problem-solving techniques. The Chemistry Olympiad, for instance, has questions that test students' ability to use critical thinking skills and apply their knowledge in unfamiliar contexts. The capacity to address JEE problems creatively and

with confidence is honed by this type of practice. Improving time management and examination strategy Effective time management is an essential competency for all competitive exams, including JEE and Olympiads. Olympiad exams usually contain a time constraint in which students have to work through difficult tasks. Students can directly transfer their skills to manage their time efficiently to JEE by preparing for these tests. Olympiads also instruct students on how to plan their approach to the test. They get knowledge on how to manage their time effectively, rank questions according to difficulty and familiarity, and remain composed under duress. These are very helpful tactics for the JEE, where a person's performance can be greatly affected by how well they manage the exam. Gaining confidence and competitive edge An Olympiad participant

who does well might greatly increase their confidence. One feels accomplished and more prepared for other competitive tests like JEE because of the intense preparation and experience of competing at a high level. Olympiad accomplishments are also frequently acknowledged and praised by academic institutions, giving a student's resume a another boost. Access to advanced study material and resources Students get access to advanced study materials and tools outside the usual school curriculum when they prepare for Olympiads. Specialised books, problem sets, and internet sites devoted to Olympiad preparation are frequently among these options. These resources help students get a deeper and wider understanding of the subjects they are studying for in JEE. JEE hopefuls can benefit greatly from books like "Problems in General

Physics" by I.E. Irodov and "Mathematical Circles" by Dmitri Fomin, Sergey Genkin, and Ilia Itenberg, which are frequently suggested for Physics and Mathematics Olympiads. They provide difficult issues and thorough solutions that improve problem-solving abilities. Building a strong peer network Interaction with like-minded peers who have similar academic aspirations is a common part of preparing for an Olympiad. This network has the potential to be very encouraging and inspirational. Collaboratively addressing problems, exchanging resources, and having debates can all improve the learning process. In addition to offering moral support, a robust peer network might be helpful during the rigorous JEE preparation phase. Beyond the immediate objective of competing well in these events, there are several advantages to training

for Olympiads. Cracking the JEE requires a strong emphasis on conceptual clarity, sophisticated problem-solving techniques, time management, exam strategy, and confidence-building, among other things. In addition, having access to cutting-edge study resources and having a robust peer network to lean on are tremendous advantages in the quest for admission to esteemed engineering colleges. JEE hopefuls can improve their chances of success and gain a deeper respect and comprehension of the subjects they are passionate about by incorporating Olympiad preparation into their study routine. In the end, they will benefit greatly from the abilities and information acquired from this demanding training in both their academic and professional endeavours

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Why the brain doesn't really think

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At some point in the history of medicine, a picture coalesced about the role of the brain. From the first basic insight that the brain is the organ of thought, this picture became more and more complex, until neuroscience reached its present state, where the brain is glorified as "the three-pound universe". Like a magic lantern casting pictures on a blank wall, the brain supposedly projects the three-dimensional world and everything in it. Placing the brain on such an exalted plane will lead to a dead end – in fact, it already has. There is no physical evidence that your brain has ever had a single thought, that it projects a realistic picture of the world, or that it creates mind as a byproduct of cellular activity the way a bonfire creates heat. Instead, the brain

displays physical activity as thoughts take place, the same as a piano's keys going up and down as a performer plays, say, Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata. Our experience of life lies at the foundation of being human, and we have evolved by being Self-aware. This fact cannot be explained by declaring that the brain, with its 100 billion neurons and up to a quadrillion connections between them, somehow became conscious through sheer complexity. Likewise, freedom of mind is what the brain is here to serve. The brain isn't a fixed object. It can produce new neurons and connections according to a person's experiences in life. We misuse the brain by conditioning it into fixed habits, beliefs and behaviour. This sort of self-limiting conditioning wasn't caused by the brain. If you meet a stubborn, angry, controlling, or bigoted person, he became that way by interpreting the world and coming to fixed

conclusions about it. No one lives in a neutral world – the human mind interprets every conscious experience. Therefore, we have a choice. Unlike a piano, which doesn't change just because someone plays Mozart on it, the human brain is fluid, dynamic and malleable. This provides a clue for how we should use it as the instrument of thought. We should think and behave in such a way that old conditioning is challenged and an open, accepting, fresh approach is favoured. If we managed to make such a shift, the unlimited capacity of the human mind would break free. The mind is both prisoner and jailer. As we engage in the mental act of interpreting the world, we decide what is fearful, dangerous, alien and unknown. On that basis we lay down our core beliefs. Then when a situation comes along that makes us feel afraid, angry, or threatened, we react automatically, as if we have no control over what the conditioned mind and brain are doing. We have ascribed to the brain far too much independent power

when the real power lies in ourselves. The most primal responses that are difficult to reshape, such as sex drive, fight or flight response, and so on, do dictate behaviour in a very narrow set of circumstances. These set reactions are an evolutionary inheritance. But the vast majority of fixed responses – our habits, likes and dislikes, loves and hates – were created mentally. One can argue forever about how to reduce violence, crime, war, prejudice and the bane of 'us versus them' thinking, but those matters are secondary. The primary thing is to reclaim our role as conscious agents who shape human reality. In that role we've constructed the human world and all seven billion unique stories that belong to each individual. The only aspect of life that deserves a privileged position is Self-awareness. Psychiatrist, The Brain Foundation, Purigat Road, Cuttack, Mob. : 9132433333

A new movement for spiritual progress

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Parama Purusha is Consciousness personified. He is not bound by relativity. In some minds, the bondage of relative factors is so great, and the mental outlook is so narrow, but a person who is free from bondages and has become one with the Macrocosmic Mind has attained abhedajnana, non-discriminatory knowledge. When the unit mind becomes as expansive as the universe, it becomes one with the Cosmic Mind. And when the unit mind becomes one with jivatma, the unit consciousness, attaining the state of mindlessness, it becomes one with Paramatma, Supreme Consciousness. Realised people are respected as mahapurushas, divine personalities, by society and are revered and honoured. In philosophical terms, these people, having

traversed the path of sanchara, Consciousness to matter, and pratisanchara, matter to Consciousness, have ultimately reached their cherished desideratum. That's why they are venerated. All great personalities have attained the highest spiritual plane through intense meditation. Those who claim their path to be the only one create communal conflicts. Those who run down another teacher or path must not be encouraged to do so. One should always remember that all great personalities of different religious communities deserve equal respect. They are the collective glory of human society. We may have built a new path of movement for spiritual progress of society according to the needs of a particular age – a path which may be somewhat different from the one on which great personalities trod before us. But that does not mean that we will not extend our respect to those venerable personalities. It is only by learning from teachings of various faith leaders that we are able to evolve our own

vision of the path we wish to tread, and find the strength to do so with dedication and without dismissing any other path. There is room for many paths. Now the question is, how can people acquire this non-discriminatory knowledge? One way to do this is through the practice of Ishvara pranidhana and abhidhyana. By Ishvara, we mean the Supreme Controller of the universe, the Supreme Object of ideation for all living beings. Hence Ishvara pranidhana means to let the entire psychic energy flow towards Ishvara. And dhyana means anudhyana. When sadhakas feel that the object of meditation – which is their life and soul – is eluding them, they immediately make the effort to pursue it. Through (this) the unit mind remains continuously absorbed in the ideation of the Supreme Entity and finally merges in Him and consequently overcomes the influence of vishvamaya, universal illusion, the creator of numerous differentiations. At this point, the sadhakas,

spiritual aspirants, finally attain non-discriminatory knowledge. To attain this stage, worldly knowledge, social position, and skin colour are of no importance whatsoever. Even the different systems of worship, sacrifice, incantation, ostentatious devotion are insignificant. In psycho-spiritual practice the mind plays a vital role – external rituals have no place. When the unit mind goes beyond the jurisdiction of the indriyas, the sensory, motor organs and samskaras, the seeds of reactive momenta have been completely destroyed, it becomes altogether non-existent. In that state of complete mindlessness, the jiva, unit being, gets completely merged in Shiva. The mind, after reaching the sahasrara, the pineal plexus, does not return. And due to the obliteration of spatial differences, the sadhaka experiences dissolution. Senior Advocate, Orissa High Court, Cuttack, Mob : 9437004466, E-mail : souramohapatra@gmail.com

Spying: Can death sentence put a halt?



Bills are passed by two Houses of parliament which become Acts after Presidential nods. The government of the day implements them for the benefit benefit of the people and the country. The intention is good. But some of them are often misused by greedy persons in the country. The Right To Information or the RTI, ACT is a case in point. Information useful for enemies have been, many a time, collected through this and passed on to them.

A new case related to spying has gone unheard in a noise raised by the opposition over the "victory" in the Lok Sabha elections. It's a major story. A life imprisonment for spying for Pakistan has been ordered by

the Nagpur District Court to a former engineer, Nishant Agarwal, who worked for BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited. He was convicted under the Official Secrets Act for supplying information to Pakistan's intelligence agency ISI.

In addition to rigorous imprisonment, he was fined Rs 3000. It should be a lesson to others enemies of the country who have no love and can do anything for money. All other traitors of the country should get equal punishment. Six years ago, in 2018, this case had created a stir because this was the first case of espionage related to BrahMos Aerospace.

Agarwal was suspected to have contacts with Pakistani intelligence agency through two Facebook accounts of Neha Sharma and Pooja Ranjan. These accounts were operated from

Islamabad, believably by Pakistani intelligence agents. Agrawal was arrested by Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra ATS and Military Intelligence on charges of leaking information about Brahmos missile.

The investigating agencies claimed that his computers and other digital devices were examined and it was found that sensitive data was transferred. Jaichands and Mir Jafars who spy on the army may be present in many places in our country. They may be working in the army in government offices as well as newspapers and agencies. The modus operandi is simple: collect information through RTI and pass that to masters for a handsome amount of money. They have no love for the nation. Nor have they any conscience left.

The intention was good. The Right To Information Act was implemented for a good purpose. But,

under the guise of a genuine information seeker some anti-national elements have tried to collect information about the preparations of the Indian Army.

It has been observed that some elements have also started collecting most sensitive and important information. A meeting chaired by the Union Cabinet Secretary was held on April 28, 2022 in which serious concern was expressed over it. This meeting was held just two days before the retirement of Army Chief Manoj Mukund Naravane.

There are limits to the rights of citizens of the country to get information under the RTI Act. Through the Right to Information, the nation makes its citizens, its work and the system of governance public. In a democracy, the

people of the country give the opportunity to rule to their elected person and expect that the government will fulfill its responsibilities with full honesty and dedication. But, the general public cannot be given this right to demand information about the preparations being made for the security of the country and to fight the enemy.

Pakistan and China, however, have often tried to get information about our defence preparations. The story of Madhuri Gupta is relevant in the connection. She was a "Group B" category officer of the Indian Foreign Service. In her 27 years long service, Madhuri worked in Iraq, Liberia, Malaysia, Croatia and Pakistan. Madhuri, who had a good command over Urdu and had a Sufi temperament, was also active in literary circles. She had an

open mind. A few years ago, during her posting as Second Secretary in the High Commission of India in Islamabad, Madhuri was assigned the task of monitoring the Pakistani media due to her good command over Urdu.

Barely six months after her posting in Pakistan, Madhuri was contacted by Jamshed, whose code name was Jim. When the Indian government officials came to know about it, a false information was deliberately sent through her for confirmation. As a result, Madhuri's leaking of intelligence information were confirmed. Madhuri Gupta was called back to India on the pretext of preparations for the SAARC Summit to be held in Bhutan. As soon as she landed at Delhi airport on April 22, 2010, the

intelligence agency people caught her.

Interrogation revealed that she used to supply intelligence input to two ISI spies - Munnawar Raza Rana and Jamshed alias Jimmy. On the basis of all this, Madhuri was arrested on July 20, 2010 and was kept in judicial custody. On May 18, 2018 Delhi's Additional Sessions Judge Siddarth Sharma sent her jail for three years for espionage.

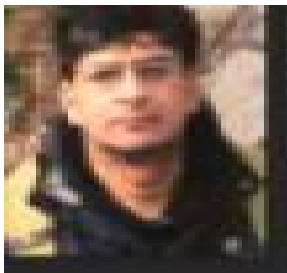
A few years ago, a "senior journalist" from the capital, Rajeev Sharma, was arrested on charges of spying for China. It was revealed later that Rajeev Sharma used to get information through the RTI and supply it to China. He was arrested under the Official Secrets Act. He had given many secret documents related to the army to China. He used to get a huge amount in exchange for providing sensitive

information.

Many people keep asking questions, some unintelligent ones including. Therefore, it has to be ensured that this right is not misused. Some aspects should be also looked into in the light of the recent case. Agarwal had the opportunity to study in a top educational institute like IIT. He did mechanical engineering from there. After this, he started working as an engineer in BrahMos Aerospace. Due to his expertise, he was promoted to important posts in BrahMos Aerospace in a very short time and was made an important member of the team working on missile projects. The same person acted as a country's enemy. How to deal with such persons? Can capital punishment be a deterrent?

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Webinar and Video Conference Etiquettes



A webinar or online conference is a virtual event where participants can join remotely via the internet. It typically involves presentations, discussions, workshops, or seminars conducted over a digital platform. Webinars are important for several reasons:

Accessibility: They allow people from different locations to participate without the need for travel, making knowledge-sharing and learning more accessible.

Cost-effective: Compared to physical conferences, webinars can be more affordable to host and attend, reducing costs associated with travel and accommodation.

Scalability: Webinars can accommodate a large number of participants simultaneously, making them scalable for both small and large audiences.

Convenience: Participants can join from anywhere with an internet connection,

making it convenient for busy professionals or those with scheduling conflicts.

Interactivity: Many platforms offer features for audience engagement, such as live Q&A sessions, polls, and chats, enhancing participant interaction and learning.

Global Reach: They enable organizations to reach a global audience easily, facilitating international collaboration and networking opportunities.

Overall, webinars and online conferences have become increasingly important in today's digital age due to their flexibility, cost-effectiveness, and ability to foster learning and collaboration across distances.

Maintaining etiquette during a webinar or online conference is crucial for several reasons:

Professionalism: Etiquette shows respect for others and professionalism, enhancing your reputation among peers and colleagues.

Effective Communication: It ensures clear communication by

minimizing interruptions and distractions, allowing all participants to contribute effectively.

Engagement: Good etiquette helps in keeping participants engaged and focused on the topic being discussed, leading to more productive discussions and outcomes.

Respect for Time: Observing etiquette ensures that the session runs on time, respecting everyone's schedules and commitments.

Positive Impression: It leaves a positive impression on others, potentially leading to better networking opportunities and professional relationships.

Overall, etiquette in online meetings mirrors the principles of face-to-face interactions, promoting a conducive

and respectful environment for all participants.

The dos' Test the tools specifically: Your internet connection, clarity of your voice or video, or your position or the lighting. Are all the needed apps properly downloaded? Are the presentations ready to open? Wear a headset: It provides better sound quality for your viewers and will allow you to be more self-confident during your presentation. Maintain eye contact: Remember to look into your webcam. Viewers will feel as if you are looking directly at them, just like at a traditional conference. Be clear and precise: Make sure you're

presenting in a way that is easy to follow. Avoid talking too fast and always repeat questions asked before you answer. Be engaging: Use your facial expressions, nod your head, etc., to let others know you're listening and that you're

interested.

The don'ts

The less noise the better: Keep your audio muted to avoid distracting background noise. Try not to disturb those who are talking or listening. Please be courteous. Don't distract the speaker: it's always better to ask questions during the Q & A mode rather than while the host or presenter is speaking. Write down your questions and try to wait your turn. Use the chat: If you feel that your question is

urgent, try using the chat feature to ask. Take notes! Write down whatever data or information is most useful to you. You won't need to ask for important data in the future if you write it down now. Always respond to

questions: Never try to avoid answering the questions. Try to answer the host/audience questions after the webinar. It's even better if the presenter requests the audience to ask some questions. Provide feedback: If the host/audience ask for any feedback, don't try to skip that. When a presenter wants to engage with their audience in a meeting; it creates a nice vibe and good intellectual environment.

Avoid incorrect response: If you don't have an answer for a specific question/comment feel free to admit that and say no. It is better not to manufacture an answer when you don't know or is not sure of your response.

Here in summary are a few important things to keep in mind when attending or hosting a webinar:

1. Introduce a waiting room for latecomers
2. Respect everyone's time by keeping to the schedule.
3. Have a back-up plan in case of technical difficulties.
4. Be sure to introduce yourself and your co-hosts.
5. Always check your mute/unmute button.
6. Prepare to be flexible.
7. Stick to the topic.
8. Have a clear objective.
9. End with a call to action.
10. Allow for Q&A at the end.
11. Send a follow-up email with key takeaways and next steps.
12. Use the chat function sparingly.
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Appropriate Time to Hold Assembly Polls but will review security before making decision: CEC Rajiv Kumar

SRINAGAR (Aasif Malik):

"Our commitment is to conduct elections as soon as possible, Drug misuse in J&K a major concern; action is being taken; All polling stations will be under CCTV coverage; Security situation an issue, but no leniency will be allowed; will review security situation separately after Amarnath Yatra; will not let any terror activity disrupt the election process"

Srinagar, Aug 09 (Chief Election Commissioner (CEC), Rajiv Kumar on Friday said that appropriate time has come to hold assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir.

CEC Rajiv Kumar was addressing a press

conference at Jammu after meeting stakeholders from J&K administration and Political Parties during two day visit.

"We believe the timing is right for elections, but we'll return to Delhi to reassess the security situation, especially with the Supreme Court's deadline in mind," said CEC Rajiv Kumar. "We'll evaluate all aspects and then announce our decision on holding the polls."

Stressing on urgency of holding elections, Rajiv said that their commitment is to conduct the elections as soon as possible, and are confident that the people will respond

strongly against any attempts to disrupt the election process.

On recent Lok Sabha elections, Rajiv said that now is the moment to advance the hopes of the people of J&K, demonstrated by their overwhelming participation in the Lok Sabha elections. The time has come to fulfill the aspirations of the people who have upheld the values of democracy.

On the demands of political parties, he said that political parties collectively called for assembly elections, with some requesting a level playing field. "We will ensure that the security of political leaders is maintained to allow a fair



and free election environment."

Addressing the critical issue of drug misuse in J&K, Rajiv said that the drug issue in J&K is alarming; and they cannot allow a whole generation to jeopardize their future. "We're taking this matter very

seriously, and I have been informed that actions are already underway."

Regarding election security, Rajiv said that CCTV coverage will be provided at all polling stations, as requested by the political parties. "We'll ensure a fair environment for all parties, and the

security of leaders will be carefully reviewed. There will be no unauthorized filming of polling stations."

He also clarified the process for election rallies: "All rallies will require online approval. We have explicitly instructed all DCs and SSPs to remain impartial and unbiased. Anyone found to be acting otherwise will be held accountable."

Expressing optimism for the upcoming elections, Rajiv said that they see elections as a festival, and given the enthusiasm shown during the Lok Sabha polls in J&K, they believe the assembly elections will be an even larger celebration. No

one should be allowed to derail this process.

He added that all stakeholders, including political parties and security agencies, are aligned.

"Every political party has urged for the elections to be held as soon as possible. The agencies have assured us they are prepared for the polls, even though challenges exist. Security is a concern, but we will not compromise on measures to ensure a peaceful and smooth election."

Regarding the Amarnath Yatra, Rajiv said that with the Amarnath Yatra concluding soon, they need to separately assess the security

situation for the assembly elections. "We will conduct this review upon our return to Delhi and make decisions accordingly."

"There are some positive challenges, such as the eagerness of the people for elections. We are determined to hold the polls, and our goal is to translate the enthusiasm shown in the Lok Sabha elections into reality", he added.

On potential security threats, Rajiv said that they are prepared to handle any threats to the election process. "Our forces and the entire administration are fully capable of managing any challenges that may arise", he added.

Former Delhi Deputy CM Manish Sisodia came out of Tihar after 17 months

New Delhi (Ahsan ansari):

Former Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia came out of jail at 6.50 pm after getting bail from the Supreme Court in the money laundering (ED) and corruption (CBI) case related to the Delhi liquor scam. He was released from Tihar Jail on Friday evening after 17 months i.e. about 530 days. Security was increased outside the jail before his release. After getting bail in the morning, the lawyers presented a copy of the Supreme Court order before the trial court. There the bail-bond was filled and in the afternoon the trial court issued the release order. After being released from jail, Sisodia said, "After this order, I feel indebted to Baba Saheb Ambedkar. We have brought this legal battle to a constitutional logical end. I am grateful to the Supreme Court which used the power of the Constitution to strike hard at dictatorship. Bail has been granted due to the power of the Constitution and democracy. This power will also release our leader



Arvind Kejriwal. After being released from jail, Sisodia will first go to the Chief Minister's residence in Civil Lines. After meeting CM Arvind Kejriwal's family there, he will go to Minister Atishi's residence located at AB 17 Mathura Road, where her family lives. The residence has been decorated with blue and yellow balloons. Tomorrow i.e. Saturday at 9 am, he will go to Rajghat with the leaders. Then at 10 am, he will go to the temple and worship. After this, he will address AAP workers at 11 am in the party office. Sisodia will stay in Atishi's government residence Deputy Chief

Minister's government residence located at Plot number AB 17 Mathura Road. After becoming the Chief Minister, Manish Sisodia was allotted this house, but after he went to jail and resigned from the post of minister, this house was allotted in the name of Minister Atishi. However, Sisodia's family still lives in this house. Atishi has made her camp office in it. It is being told that now Sisodia will live in this house, but the name plate outside the house will be of Minister Atishi. Until Sisodia takes oath as a minister, the house cannot be officially allotted in his name. Manish Sisodia does not have any other house in Delhi.

Liberal Party of India (BLP) held a protest at Jantar Mantar against the removal of Ambedkar's statue



New Delhi (Ahsan ansari): Liberal Party of India (BLP) participated in the protest at Jantar Mantar on Friday against the removal of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar's statue from in front of Parliament. A large number of people gathered at Jantar Mantar and raised their voice against the neglect of the sentiments of the Dalit community.

BLP President, Dr. Munish Kumar Raizada was present at the protest along with party general secretary, Akbar Khan Rana, and other party members. BLP workers and volunteers gathered in large numbers and demanded the restoration of Baba Saheb

Ambedkar's statue in front of Parliament.

BLP President, Dr. Raizada called the decision to remove Dr. Ambedkar's statue from Parliament an attempt to erase Baba Saheb's image. Dr. Raizada said, "Dr. Ambedkar is the architect of the Constitution of India. He has devoted his entire life for the upliftment of the Dalit community. This is an attempt to erase the legacy of Baba Saheb."

The party president agreed with the sentiments of other organizations present at the protest and said that the statue of Dr. Ambedkar should be re-installed in the

Parliament. The party president said, "Om Birla (Lok Sabha Speaker) took the decision to remove the statue of Baba Saheb in a very secretive manner. This has caused great pain to the Dalit community. BLP demands that the statue of Dr. Ambedkar be re-installed in front of the Parliament House." BLP General Secretary Akbar Khan Rana also shared his views and said that there is only one way to correct this mistake - to re-install the statue of Baba Saheb in the Parliament.

The Liberal Party of India (BLP) is fully committed to make social justice a reality in the state of Delhi. To achieve this goal, BLP will give the first Dalit Chief Minister to the state of Delhi. BLP is set to contest in the upcoming 2025 Delhi Assembly elections and looks forward to ending corruption and working towards social justice.

Kolkata (AMBAR MUKHERJEE):

The Indian Electrical and Electronics Manufacturers' Association (IEEMA) hosted the first edition of the Odisha Power Conclave, in Bhubaneswar on Thursday. This exclusive event brought together key government officials, industry stakeholders, policymakers, and leaders from the state's power sector ecosystem.

The Conclave highlighted Odisha's potential to become a major hub for manufacturing and renewable energy, with a special focus on harnessing of solar and wind energy along with production of Green Hydrogen/Ammonia & energy storage through Pumped Storage Plants (PSPs).

Shri Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo, Deputy Chief Minister and Minister, Department of Energy, Government of Odisha, was the Chief Guest at the inaugural session of the conclave. Speaking at the event the Deputy Chief Minister acknowledged IEEMA's efforts in the Eastern region and said, "I thank IEEMA for organising the Odisha

Power Conclave for the first time. The state government is committed to the growth of the sector, and with the announcement of the Prime Minister's Surya Ghar Scheme, along with the energy sector's expansion across the state and trained personnel, there is tremendous scope for harnessing of potential. We want the industry to establish their bases and set up units here, so that we can drive the growth of the sector forward."

Hemant Sharma, IAS, Principal Secretary, Industries Department, Government of Odisha, delivered a special address highlighting growth opportunities in Odisha, "We are very happy to host the Odisha Power Conclave by IEEMA's Eastern Region. Odisha is the gateway to the Eastern and Northeastern regions and offers immense opportunities for the electrical & electronic equipment industry. Odisha itself presents a very large market for electrical & electronic equipment and when combined with the demand from neighbouring eastern states, we could become one of the most important locations for the industry. The upcoming Renewable

Energy Projects has created a huge market of associated equipment in the State. Manufacturers can capitalise on the available resources along with cheap electricity which is a prime factor in the cost of end products. We are happy to work with IEEMA to create more such opportunities." Speaking on the renewable energy sector in Odisha he said, "Odishais encouraging renewable power development, and it aims to produce 43% of the electricity from renewable energy sources by 2030".

Trilochan Panda, MD, GRIDCO Limited, highlighted the opportunities in the renewable sector in Odisha, "We are moving forward towards energy transition. We are working on the proposals for RE capacity addition to the extent of 25,000-30,000 MW in renewable energy sector, not only to cater the needs of the home state but to other states as well. The upcoming Hubs for production of Green Hydrogen/ Ammonia is going to create additional RE capacity to the tune of 12,000 MW. There is huge investment potential in the manufacturing sector of the electrical

and electronics industry in the process of RE Capacity addition, managing the Grid variability and also the corresponding capacity addition in the Transmission & Distribution sector, ensuring power evacuation and distribution to the end consumers. The Electrical & Electronic Manufacturers need to grab the opportunities to set up their Units in Odisha by taking advantage of the policy benefits and conducive Government support."

Speaking at the conclave Gagan Bihari Swain, Director (F&CA), GRIDCO Limited said, "We have investment proposals of Rs.15,000 crore in renewable energy. There will be further investment of Rs.30,000 to 40,000 crore in Transmission & Distribution Sector. Adding to the regular CAPEX requirements of the state, there is a potential of Rs.1-lakh crore of investment in Power Sector in the next 5-6 years in Odisha." Hamza Arsiwala, President, IEEMA stated that "IEEMA recognises the significant achievements of Odisha in the energy sector. The addition of 1,320 MW to OPGC's capacity and the

substantial increase in renewable energy share, which rose to 10.7% in 2022-23 from 2.74% in 2018-19, are commendable milestones. The state's progressive Renewable Energy Policy, aiming to add about 10 GW of renewable capacity by 2030, highlights a clear commitment to sustainable development.

Sunil Singhvi, President-Elect, IEEMA said, "The future of India's growth lies in balancing development with environmental stewardship. Odisha's initiatives in promoting green energy and reducing carbon emissions set a benchmark for other states."

Devesh Goel, Chairman, IEEMA Eastern Region said "As we gather in the vibrant state of Odisha, we stand at the threshold of tremendous opportunities in the power sector, particularly in the eastern region of India. This is a time of great transformation, driven by technological advancements, policy reforms, and a growing emphasis on sustainable energy solutions. Odisha, with its rich resources and strategic location, is poised to play a pivotal role in this journey."

Handing over of State Finances Audit Report of C&AG of India on Government of West Bengal

Kolkata, (KCN): The Principal Accountant General (Audit-I), West Bengal, Shri satish kumar Garg in a Press Note today has informed today through a Press Note that in accordance with Article 151 of the Constitution and Section 19A of Comptroller and Auditor General of India's (Duties, Powers and Conditions of Services) Act, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India is required to forward 'Audit Report' on the accounts of the State Government to the Hon'ble Governor who causes them to be laid on the table of State Legislature. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India also compiles the Finance Accounts of the State Government together with the Appropriation Accounts. These are examined by the concerned Principal Accountant General (Audit-I) under the overall direction of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India in accordance with the requirements of the C&AG's (DPC) Act 1971.

The Press Note added, "Accordingly, the State Finances Audit Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March 2023 on the Government of West Bengal containing analysis of the Fiscal position, Finances of the State, Budgetary Management, Quality of Accounts & Financial Reporting practices and Functioning of State Public Sector Enterprises has been handed over to the State Government on July 3, 2024 and to the Hon'ble Governor, West Bengal on July 10, 2024 for laying in the State Legislature."

Academics & Researchers called for stopping of violence against Hindus in Bangladesh



Kolkata (PARTHA ROY): Academics, Scientists, Researchers from various universities and institutions of Higher Education including IIT Kharagpur, Jadavpur University, Calcutta University, Kalyani University organised a press conference at Press Club of Kolkata to express their concern on violence, atrocities,

torture and killing of Hindu and other minorities in Bangladesh that is going on after fall of Sheikh Hasina Government on 9th August 2024.

Dr. Jishnu Basu eminent scientist, Prof. Ayan Datta of IACS, Prof. Papia Mitra addressed the press conference.

The group of civil society members called for

stopping of violence and killing against women, children, aged members as well as stopping of destruction of properties of Hindu minorities in Bangladesh.

The civil society members called upon Central & State Governments to provide humanitarian aid to victims of violence who are taking refuge in Indian border area.

Odisha accords Habitat Rights to three PVTGs under FRA

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha has become a leading state in the entire nation to accord habitat rights to three Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) under the Forest Rights Act (FRA). With the recognition of the habitat rights of Juangs, in the tribal-dominated Keonjhar district August 7 by the district-level committee (DLC), the state has become a forerunner with three habitat rights recognised for the PVTGs, the maximum in the country. Earlier August 6, the habitat rights of Juang PVTG community of Jajpur district were approved

by the respective DLCs. Paudi Bhuyan of Deogarh district was the first PVTG community in the state to receive the habitat rights title March 7, 2024. While the habitat rights of Paudi Bhuyan have been recognised over 32 villages under Barkote block, habitat rights of Juangs in Jajpur have been recognised covering 13 villages under Sukinda block, and habitat rights for Juangs in Keonjhar have been recognised covering 134 villages across four blocks. PVTGs have been the stewards of their ancestral lands for generations, practicing sustainable living and

preserving their rich cultural heritage. This approval not only affirms their rights but also reinforces the importance of respecting and upholding the traditions and lifestyles of indigenous populations. Recognition of habitat rights under FRA is a significant step in recognising and safeguarding the rights of indigenous communities. The Juangs of Keonjhar will become the sixth such title awarded under the category along with the Juangs of Jajpur and Paudi Bhuyans of Deogarh in Odisha, Bharia PVTG in

Madhya Pradesh and Kamar PVTG and Baiga PVTG in Chhattisgarh, having legal title and rights over their forest habitats. ST & SC Development, Minorities and Backward Classes Welfare Minister Nityananda Gond, while expressing his happiness over the development, said, "Our pro-people government is always there to see overall development of the tribal communities and especially the PVTGs, and with this Habitat Rights recognition, this will be more defined

and concrete." Habitat for the PVTGs refers to an area where these communities have both spiritual and material connections. The spiritual connection implies an area that is important to fulfil the socio-cultural needs of the community. This area includes burial grounds, birthplaces, temples, deities, ancestral lands, or areas used for any other socio-cultural purposes, such as festivals and processions. This area also includes places of customary land use for livelihood generation such as forest produce collection, fishing sources, cultivation

areas, and seasonal migratory lands. Habitat Rights under FRA can be defined as a bundle of rights consisting of these connections with the landscape: livelihood, social, and cultural practices embedded in the territory that forms their habitat. Odisha houses 13 PVTGs – the highest among all the States and Union Territories of India. The PVTGs inhabit 1,683 villages/settlements distributed in 285 gram panchayats (GPs) under 42 blocks and 14 districts of Odisha. There are as many as 1,79,742 households with a total population of 7,73,092.

All 13 PVTGs have different socio-cultural and socio-political significance and different habitat aspects. SC & ST Research and Training Institute (SCSTRTI), Bhubaneswar, has undertaken the research study on the determination and mapping of Habitat Rights of PVTGs under FRA across Odisha wherein Habitat Rights mapping for all 13 PVTGs have been done. Under the guidance of SCSTRTI and with the support of partner NGO Vasundhara, the process of Habitat Rights determination and

claim-making was done by the traditional institutions of each of the PVTGs. Out of the 13 PVTGs, the Habitat Rights claims for 9 PVTGs across 14 micro-projects have been submitted at Subdivision Level Committees (SDLC) and are at various stages of approval at SDLC and DLC, official sources said. ST & SC Development, Minorities and Backward Classes Welfare Commissioner-cum Secretary Roopa Roshan Sahoo said, "The Habitat Rights for PVTG communities is a remarkable achievement."

Review on Preparedness of ULBs for Independence Day Celebrations Actively participate in the "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign : Usha Padhee, Principal Secy H&UD



Bhubaneswar,(KCN): In view of ensuing 77th Independence Day, Principal Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Smt. Usha Padhee, took a review meeting to assess the preparedness of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) across the state. The meeting, which took place via video conference, was attended by DMA

Debasis Singh and Additional Secy Rabindra Kumar Sahu alongside Commissioners & Executive Officers from all ULBs, including five Municipal Corporations. During the review, Smt. Padhee emphasized the importance of Celebrating Independence Day with the spirit of patriotism and unity. She urged all ULBs to actively participate in the "Har Ghar Tiranga"

campaign, encouraging every household to hoist the national flag with pride. This initiative, which forms a significant part of the Nationwide celebrations, aims to foster a sense of belonging and national pride among citizens. She stressed the need for proper coordination and planning to make the event a grand success, reflecting the collective

spirit of the nation. The meeting concluded with Smt. Padhee urging all ULBs to work diligently and ensure that every corner of the state resonates with the spirit of independence on August 15th and to making this year's Independence Day celebrations a memorable and unifying experience for all citizens.

Every Driver is a Member of My Family: Minister




Bhubaneswar, (KCN): "Every driver is a member of my family. I always take their welfare seriously," said Bibhuti Bhusan Jena, Minister of Commerce and Transport, while addressing the gathering during a felicitation program organized by the Driver's Federation at the office of the Regional Transport Officer, Bhubaneswar-1. The Minister emphasized that the government is considerably addressing the demands of the Drivers.

During the event, Under the leadership of Odisha Driver Mahasangha representatives from various transport associations across the state were present, along with Transport commissioner Amitabh Thakur and senior officials of the Transport Department. The Minister was briefed on various demands from the Driver's association. He assured that the government is attentive to the needs of the drivers. Measures are being taken to make the Odisha Motor

Transport Driver and Worker Welfare Board more effective. Active members will be included in this board, the Minister stated. He also highlighted the steps being taken by the government to improve road safety, where drivers have a crucial role to play. The Minister urged everyone to work together in reducing accidents and encouraged the Driver's Federation to raise awareness among all drivers about road safety regulations.

To curb disorderly parking on highways, 23 truck terminals are being constructed where trucks can park, and drivers can rest. The state also has four heavy vehicle training centers where free driving training is provided. These facilities are available to all drivers. The Minister called for collective efforts to create an accident-free Odisha, assuring that the government will extend all necessary support to the drivers.



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

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

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

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

the world of cloud expertise. With un w a v e r i n g determination, she earned multiple AWS certifications, including the highly sought-after AWS Certified Solution A r c h i t e c t Associate supported by the SheBuilds program designed to create an inclusive and supportive environment for technical skills development.

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

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

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

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

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

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



SBI Life extends 'Thanks A Dot' - Breast Cancer Awareness program, promoting self-breast examination among women in Bhubaneshwar



Bhubaneswar, (KCN): In its steadfast commitment to women's health and empowerment of underserved communities, SBI Life Insurance, under its 'Thanks A Dot' initiative, organized a breast cancer awareness program to educate and create awareness around the importance of self-breast examination amongst female sanitation workers of Bhubaneshwar Municipal Corporation (BMC). Through collaborative efforts with the Rotaract Club of Bhubaneshwar, the initiative aimed to bring about a behavioral change by empowering these women with an innovative easy-to-use tool for self-breast examination. Approximately 90+ sanitation workers attended the awareness program, who were equipped with the skills and confidence to perform self-breast examination regularly. Often, these sanitation workers face significant barriers in accessing crucial healthcare resources, compounded by socio-economic challenges that hinder their ability to prioritize their well-being. Recognizing the need for creating awareness around breast cancer & self-breast

examination, SBI Life Insurance continues to take a step forward in this direction to educate female sanitation workers on ways to fight this deadly disease. Mr. Rajesh Bhugra, Regional Director- Bhubaneswar, SBI Life Insurance along with Dr. Sanjay Kumar Mishra- Director- Radiology Oncology at Utkal Hospitals, Ms. Nandita Shah, Vice President, SBI Life Insurance were accompanied by the members of Rotary club at this awareness program. They addressed these sanitation workers and distributed the innovative 'Thanks A Dot' hot water bag. The innovative Thanks A Dot tool, re-engineers the 'hot water bag', that is most commonly used by women across the country to tackle menstrual pain, by engraving special lumps on the front side of the bag allowing women to experience the sensation of how a real breast cancer lump would feel during self-examination. This innovative yet simple tool is an effort to seamlessly enter every household to promote self-checks which works as a reminder for every woman that making health their priority is

important and the practice of self-breast examination should be included in the monthly routine. Breast cancer is among the many health issues affecting women's overall well-being. Alarming, 60% of breast cancer cases are reported in later stages, underscoring the urgent need for early detection. Unlike other diseases, breast cancer can often be detected early through simple self-examination steps, without the need for expensive medical devices. Understanding the critical importance of raising awareness and empowering women with life-saving skills, SBI Life Insurance has designed the innovative 'Thanks A Dot' Hot Water Bag. The event concluded with the distribution of the hot water bags to the female sanitation workers alongside an interactive session that educated them on the importance of early detection and technique of self-breast examination. SBI Life Insurance reaffirms its dedication to this cause, pledging to continue its efforts for spreading awareness and facilitating innovative tools for early

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCES AWAIT 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 \$S50 million re-design, upgrade, and expansion project. This will further enhance the on-ground customer experience at the Airline's main hub, and comes as the demand for international air travel from and through Singapore takes off once again.

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

their 6,100 square-metres, translating to 30% more seats and space. This also doubles the capacity that was available during the pandemic while the upgrading works were going on. The Airline has created a sanctuary that has been thoughtfully designed to enhance the comfort and convenience of diverse groups of travellers, and meet their evolving needs in the coming years. Customers will be able to enjoy world-class products and services, as well as enticing food and beverage options, around the clock at the lounges before their flight.

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

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

WHEC recognizes Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham as excellence worldwide in Gender Equality

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,

policy dialogue, exchange, and networking. 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.

The round table included Dr. Gloria Bonder, UNESCO Chair on Women, Science and Technology; Dr. Ricardo Vilanueva Lomeli, 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,

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

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

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

buses. JBM Auto, with an order book of over 5000 electric buses, is progressing in a transitional manner towards fabricating its electric buses from the earlier used, carbon steel to stainless steel now. This would result in lightweighting, enhanced performance, higher strength and durability of the buses.

