

## CM Mohan Majhi Initiates ‘Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan’ at Lok Seva Bhavan



**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi Monday launched ‘Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan’ to encourage people to hoist the national flag at their residences in view of the 78th Independence Day. Deputy CM Pravati Parida, Revenue Minister Suresh Pujari and Law Minister Prithviraj Harichandan were also present at the function held at the Lok Seva Bhawan in

## BJD to launch awareness campaign against Odisha BJP’s ‘betrayal’ to elders: Naveen Patnaik



**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** BJD president Naveen Patnaik Monday said his party will start an awareness campaign against the Odisha BJP government from August 16 to highlight alleged “betrayal” regarding the old-age pension scheme. In a post on X, Patnaik said, “The BJD will launch a statewide awareness campaign from August 16. The campaign will be launched in all the gram panchayats of the state. The BJD will fight for the rights of the elderly. All party workers and conscious citizens will be involved in the campaign and make people aware about BJP’s betrayal.”

## NIRF 2024: IIT Madras tops rankings for 6th straight year, IISc Bengaluru adjudged best university

**New Delhi(KCN):** The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras remained on the top spot in the National Institute Ranking Framework, 2024 for the sixth consecutive year, while the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru was ranked as the best university for the ninth year in a row, according to the Ministry of Education. IISc Bengaluru has bagged the second spot in the “overall” category followed by IIT Bombay while IIT Delhi, which was at the third spot last year in the category, has slipped to the fourth position. Eight IITs have figured in the top ten besides All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi and the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). Among universities, IISc Bengaluru is followed by JNU and Jamia Millia Islamia. Nine IITs are in the top ten list for engineering colleges with IIT Madras being at the top for the ninth



consecutive year in the category. IIT Delhi and IIT Bombay have also retained their second and third spot respectively in the category. National Institute of Technology (NIT), Tiruchirappalli is the only non-IIT in the top ten list. Among management colleges, the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Ahmedabad has retained its top spot, followed by IIM Bangalore and IIM Kozhikode. Two IITs — Bombay and Delhi — have also figured in the top ten list for management courses. In pharmacy, Jamia Hamdard rose to the top spot from its second position last year while

the National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, Hyderabad slipped to the second rank. BITS Pilani has retained its third position in the category. Delhi University’s Hindu College and Miranda House have switched positions in the colleges category with the former bagging the top spot. St Stephen’s College is in the third position among colleges. Similarly for law, the National Law School of India University, Bengaluru followed by the National Law University, Delhi and NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad have retained first, second and third spots

Bhubaneswar. “Our national flag is a matter of pride and honour for all Indians. The objective of this initiative is to create awareness among the people about the Tricolor. I call upon all the citizens and involve themselves in this initiative,” Majhi said. The Department of Posts has been appointed as the designated organisation for the programme, with the task of selling and distributing flags. The flag is available for Rs 25 at www.epostoffice.gov.in.

## Bititi Hottra Mohanty convicted for raping German woman dies at AIIMS Bhubaneswar

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Bititi Hottra Mohanty who was convicted for raping a German woman died at AIIMS Bhubaneswar, hospital sources said Monday. Bititi Hottra was about 40 years old and son of former Director General of Police (Prisons) BB Mohanty. He was suffering from stomach cancer and died while undergoing treatment at AIIMS Bhubaneswar Sunday, they said. Mohanty was convicted by a court in Rajasthan in 2006 and sentenced to seven years imprisonment for raping a German tourist. After getting parole to visit his ailing mother in 2006 he absconded, a source said. However, in March 2013, he was arrested from Kerala where he was living by changing his identity. Mohanty had also managed to get a job in a bank and was staying in Kerala under a fake identity as Raghav Ranjan. He was again arrested by Rajasthan police, the source added. In 2023, the Supreme Court had granted conditional bail to Mohanty. The Apex court allowed his release on the condition of Rs 2.5 lakh surety. Besides, it ordered him for monthly appearance at the Cantonment police station in Cuttack during the bail period and to surrender his passport.



## No landless in the State after 5 years: Odisha Revenue Minister

**Bhubaneswar,(KCN):** There would be no landless people left in Odisha after five years, said Revenue Minister Suresh Pujari on Monday. While replying to the queries of media persons, Minister Pujari said his government won’t stop after providing land pattas to the landless and homeless people. Rather, they would be provided a complete package like a pucca house under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, toilets under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, clean drinking water under Ghar Ghar Nal Ghar Ghar Jal



programme, gas cylinders under Ujjwala Yojana and electricity. “The beneficiaries have been divided into three categories. We will provide land patta measuring four decimals to all the landless rural poor beneficiaries whose annual income is below Rs 1 lakh. Those who are living on government land will be given four

decimals of the same land, provided it shouldn’t be a disputed land. In case of a disputed one, they will be given four decimals of land at a nearby undisputed land,” said the Minister. “Similarly, we have also started a programme to identify those poor landless people who are living in urban slums and give possession certificates to them. The possession certificate is being given by the Municipal Corporations. Our efforts are underway to put the Revenue Department’s seal on them,” he said.

## IIT-Bhubaneswar claims to have developed technology to accurately predict rainfall

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** The IIT-Bhubaneswar claimed to have developed a technology to accurately predict rainfall, particularly in cases of downpours, with an adequate lead time. The technology was developed by integrating the output from the Weather Research and Forecasting (WRF) model into a deep learning (DL) model, the institute said in a statement Monday. The institute has carried out studies using retrospective cases over the complex terrain of Assam (highly vulnerable to severe flooding) during June 2023 and over the state of Odisha where heavy rainfall events are highly



dynamic in nature due to the landfall of multiple intense rain-bearing monsoon low-pressure systems, the statement added. Between June 13 and 17, 2023, Assam experienced severe flooding due to heavy rainfall. “The DL model was able to more accurately predict the spatial distribution and intensity of rainfall across at districts scale,” it claimed. “The research employed the WRF model to generate initial weather forecasts in real-time, which were then refined

using the DL model,” it said. This method allowed for a more detailed analysis of rainfall patterns, incorporating a spatio-attention module to better capture the intricate spatial dependencies in the data. In Assam, the model displays prediction accuracy that is nearly double that of traditional ensemble models at a district level with a lead time of upto 96 hours, showcasing its remarkable performance, the institute statement said.

## Kolkata doctor’s rape-murder case: Cease work on, Mamata vows CBI probe if police fail to crack case by Sunday

**Kolkata(KCN):** West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee vowed to transfer the alleged rape and murder case of a woman physician inside a Kolkata hospital to the CBI if the police failed to solve it by Sunday, amid public outrage. Supporting the cease work by junior doctors at that hospital, interns and postgraduate trainees at other state-run medical establishments across the state vowed to continue their agitation, now in its fourth day, until the culprits are brought to justice. Banerjee’s promise, however, did not placate the protesting students, who criticized the chief minister for setting a seven-day deadline to address the alleged rape and murder of a fellow doctor.

They demanded a judicial inquiry, capital punishment for the culprits, adequate compensation for the victim’s family and stronger security measures at hospitals. A two-member team of



the National Commission for Women (NCW) this afternoon arrived in Kolkata and is scheduled to meet city Police Commissioner Vineet Goyal and the family members of the victim. The body of the woman post-graduate trainee, who was allegedly raped and murdered inside a seminar hall of RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, was found on Friday morning. Junior doctors began a cease work from the evening that day. A civic volunteer was arrested on Saturday in connection with the case and was sent to 14-day police custody. At least three Public Interest Litigations (PILs) were also filed before the Calcutta High Court, demanding that the investigation be transferred to the CBI. A division bench,

presided over by Chief Justice T S Sivagnanam, will hear these PILs on Tuesday. Visiting the residence of the deceased doctor, the chief minister vowed to seek the death penalty for those responsible and stated her determination to see that justice is served. Banerjee said the family members of the deceased doctor suspect that an insider was involved. “I want the police to arrest the culprits as soon as possible. If they are unable to crack the case by Sunday, we will hand it over to the CBI. I don’t have an issue with the central agency taking over, but its success rate is low,” Banerjee said. The chief minister pointed out several high-profile cases that the CBI has failed to solve, expressing scepticism about the

agency’s effectiveness. She also emphasized the need for the case to be tried in a fast-track court, underscoring the severity of the crime. “I have told the police that if there is any such doubt against anyone – the victim’s friends and others – should be questioned,” she said. The police commissioner, who accompanied Banerjee to the victim’s residence, assured the public that the investigation was proceeding with all due urgency. “All those who were near the place of occurrence and have a connection or involvement are being called and will be summoned if they haven’t been yet. We are certain that if there are other culprits, they will be arrested within the next four to five days,” he said. A two-member team of NCW met senior police officials at the Kolkata Police Headquarters and discussed the situation.



# 22 Killed Due To Heavy Rain In Rajasthan, Heavy Waterlogging In Bengaluru

**New Delhi/ Jaipur(KCN):** Eight people were killed in Rajasthan, roads were blocked and normal life was brought to a halt in different parts of the country on Monday as rain wreaked havoc. Heavy rainfall has created a flood-like situation in Karauli and Hindaun of Rajasthan, where 22 people died during the past two days in rain-related incidents while overflowing dams and rivers continued to paralyse daily life. Disaster relief forces have rescued about 100 people in Karauli and Hindaun. Schools remained shut in Jaipur, Sawai Madhopur,

Bharatpur, Dausa and Karauli districts following predictions of heavy rainfall. "A flood-like situation has risen in Karauli and Hindaun town and National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) teams have evacuated about 100 people," disaster management department joint secretary Bhagwat Singh said. The bodies of five people who were swept away in Jaipur's Kanota dam on Sunday evening were pulled out. However, two more people drowned while taking a bath in the Galta Kund.

A 30-year-old man in Dausa was also killed on Monday after being washed away in the Moroli dam, officials said. In Bengaluru, peak-hour traffic jams and inundated roads in several areas, especially in the northern and eastern parts, particularly inconvenienced officegoers and schoolchildren. Areas such as Outer Ring Road between Nagawara Junction and Hebbal, and Veerasandra on the Electronics City Road, parts of Hosur Road and Bannerghatta Road, were severely affected, official sources said.



Heavy waterlogging was witnessed in Marathalli, Karthik Nagar and Kalyan Nagar, Puttenahalli, Varthur Kodi, Panathur Main Road, among others. Some houses and

residential layouts in low-lying areas were affected by waterlogging and water gushing into the premises, officials said. Several underpasses were also inundated. Deputy Chief Minister

DK Shivakumar, who is also in-charge of Bengaluru development, visited some of the rain-affected areas to assess the situation. Delhi's Safdarjung observatory, the city's primary

weather station, recorded 12.9 mm rainfall. The Lodi Road observatory recorded 13.6 mm rainfall, Palam 10.5 mm and Najafgarh 30 mm between 11.30 am and 5.30 pm, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said. A public works department official said 10 complaints were received regarding waterlogging but most had been resolved. Waterlogging at Mundka affected traffic on both carriageways of Rohtak from Tikri Border to Peeragarhi. The Delhi Police urged commuters travelling from Bahadurgarh to Peeragarhi to take Harodha-Najafgarh route

or UER-II and then Najafgarh-Nangloi Road to reach Peeragarhi. Traffic was also affected at MB Road due to waterlogging. In Himachal Pradesh, the State Emergency Operation Centre said 66 roads were closed in Shimla, 58 in Sirmour, 33 in Mandi, 26 in Kullu, five in Kinnaur and Lahaul & Spiti each and four in Kangra district. It added that 221 power and 143 water supply schemes were also disrupted on Monday. At least 110 people have been killed in rain-related incidents and the state suffered losses of about ? 1,004 crore between June 27 and August 12, officials said.

## Training programme for Odisha MLAs on August 17-18; JP Nadda to share insights



**Bhubaneswar,(KCN):** Around 60 first-time MLAs in the first government of BJP in Odisha will receive training on what should be their roles and how they will face a strong Opposition like BJD. The training workshop for the MLAs in the Odisha Legislative Assembly will be held on August 17 and 18. While Union Ministers Dharmendra Pradhan and Jai Oram impart training on August 17, Union Health Minister JP Nadda will share key

points with the participants on August 18. Minister Nadda will teach the first-time MLAs about what should be their roles in the House, how to counter the Opposition, how to give importance to local issues and what should be their behaviour in the House. The Union Minister will also give tips to other legislators including those of the Opposition BJD party on House management and rules relating to the Assembly. "An orientation

programme for MLAs in Odisha Assembly is going to be held on August 17 and 18. Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju, Health Minister JP Nadda and some senior MLAs of Odisha Assembly will take part in the programme," said Mukesh Mahaling, Odisha Parliamentary Affairs Minister. At the same time, BJP is going to organize its Core Committee meeting on August 16. It will be its first such meeting after coming to power in

Odisha. While the meeting will be attended by Kshetriya Pravari Sunil Bansal and two Pravaris Bijay Pal Singh Tomar and Lata Ushendi, topics like who will go to Rajya Sabha and who will be rehabilitated in the vacant corporations and boards will be discussed. They will also review the implementation of the plans adopted at the state executive meeting. It has been discussed that the party may either send anyone among Manmohan Samal, Samir Mohanty, Golak Mohapatra and Bishweswar Tudu to Rajya Sabha or repeat Mamata Mohanta. "They may discuss topics like the requirement of the Centre, the party's organisation here and how better services can be provided to people with the coordination between the state and the Centre. They may also discuss about the Rajya Sabha seat," said Sukant Panigrahi, BJP MLA.

## Naveen Patnaik urges continued Central support for UNESCO Kalinga Prize

**Bhubaneswar,(KCN):** Former Odisha Chief Minister and Leader of Opposition in the Assembly, Naveen Patnaik has urged Union Minister for Science & Technology, Jitendra Singh to continue supporting the UNESCO Kalinga Prize, an international award given to individuals for contributions towards the popularisation of Science. Patnaik on Monday wrote a letter to the Union Minister seeking his intervention for the continuation of the Central government's support for the award. Notably, the Central government has recently informed the Kalinga Foundation Trust through email that various awards instituted by science ministries/ departments and their autonomous institutes are being rationalised. Therefore, it will not be possible to support the coveted prize in its present form. "UNESCO Kalinga Prize is one of the prestigious international awards in the



field of Science. It was instituted by the legendary Biju Patnaik and, since its inception in 1952, has so far been awarded to 72 great scientists including 7 Nobel laureates, such as Louis de Broglie, Julian Huxley, Bertrand Russell, Karl von Frisch, Arthur C. Clarke, Fred Hoyle and Sergei Kapitzka among others," wrote Patnaik in the letter shared on X. He further mentioned that the UNESCO Kalinga prize was made possible with a generous grant of 1000 pounds to Unesco, Paris, from Kalinga Foundation Trust in the year 1951 of which 'Biju Babu' (Biju Patnaik) was the Founder President. Patnaik asserted that UNESCO Kalinga Prize is the only international award from India in the

field of popularisation of Science. Patnaik also stated that this award has been a highly coveted prize and has also become a symbol of Odia identity at the international level over the years. The veteran leader noted that it was decided when Atal Bihari Vajpayee was the Prime Minister in 2002 that the Department of Science and Technology, the Government of India, Odisha government and Kalinga Foundation Trust will act as the Partners/ Donors for the prize and share the expenses of UNESCO Kalinga Prize in the ratio of 6:4:4. "However, I am now pained to learn that the Ministry of Science & Technology has decided to stop supporting this Prize. The 'Kalinga

Prize' is not just a symbol of 'Odia pride' but it had set a legacy for independent India in the comity of nations globally. Imagine the kind of efforts Biju babu would have put as a 36-year-old young man travelling all the way to Paris and to negotiate with UNESCO to set up an International Prize for popularisation of Science," Naveen Patnaik said. Patnaik said that the foresight and courage of Biju babu, who has named the award as Kalinga Prize, has inspired many generations of Odias and lifted the spirit of people of Odisha. "Thus 'Kalinga prize' is not just an international award but it is a great legacy which people of Odisha are proud of and identify with. In this context, I would like to draw your kind attention and request you to personally intervene for continuation of UNESCO Kalinga Prize and honour the Odia 'identity and pride' associated with it," urged Patnaik.



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# Benefits of getting an MBA abroad



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The business environment today is working on the basics of 'Globalization'. The influence of this newer entity has altered the measures of the corporate world around the world for the method, technology, psychology, work culture, mindset, etc. Thus, it is extremely important to recognize the civilizing differences and the ways of working effectively in different societies.

Pursuing further studies abroad may actually prove to be an inspiring experience from the opinion that student learns new languages, experience different traditions and make a more refined global view. Among different courses which a student may choose, a career in management or MBA is among the most demanded careers. The reason for it is that the candidate learns the organizational culture and behaviour at the international podium and from the lecturers who are from different nationalities.

**Why MBA Abroad?** There are some significant differences between the Indian degree and the foreign degree of MBA. The educational environment and 'MBA-experience' differs to great extent with different B-schools. Indian education structure helps in producing theoretically stronger managers with sound knowledge; while the schools abroad concentrate more on

practical characteristics and give much broader perspective and exposure.

**Scenarios Which a Student will Go Through While Studying Abroad:** If you have plans to study MBA abroad then only reaching the destination won't be good enough because there are many situations which you will face while staying in a new country. Let's take a quick look at some scenarios which a student will go through while studying abroad. **The Student will Learn a New Language:** All the international students who want to get MBA degree abroad will learn new languages because it can be really difficult for UK nationals to study in the France University if they don't learn the local language of that country.

**The Student will Experience an Entire New Culture:** Being a global student, a significant aspect which you will meet is the entire new culture. This new culture can associate with leaves, festivals, as well as general ways to greet or address people. Every state shares its personal culture and familiarizes yourself to that is the finest solution for the international students.

Despite these common aspects, there are some benefits associated while doing MBA abroad. Let us go through them: **The Benefits of Studying MBA Abroad** There are a couple of aspects related to the advantages one may attain from getting MBA degree abroad. The primary aspect is associated with cultural benefits and another aspect is associated with job prospects the student may think about for himself. Let's take a quick look at the main advantages of getting

your MBA abroad.

**Cultural Benefits:** While studying and getting an MBA degree abroad, the students get an opportunity to learn new languages. It has been known as among the main advantages because being a student, you can find the particulars of that language and thus you will feel comfortable while talking to nearly everybody in the campus. Getting an MBA degree overseas is eventually an enormous way of gaining organizational skills and an incredible way to find how dissimilar the customs are as you will interrelate with people from different countries and exposed to them.

**Effect on Salary:** People may agree or not with the fact that people normally compare success to their salary as well as profit packages and the good news is there for the students doing MBA from abroad. If you are pursuing MBA from universities like for instance London Business School, you may easily expect very good first salary package. This university has accounted for 91% of employment rate for the MBA graduates. Therefore, if you are looking for the best salary packages then MBA abroad will be the finest option.

**Mobility and Career Growth:** Experienced people of the industry state that the main goal behind doing MBA abroad is to enhance one's career. It is quite right with the fact that getting a management degree overseas will certainly give you a broader platform for learning and growing both culturally and academically. Getting such exposure can surely give the international students ample confidence to do well and continue their success for a longer time

period. In this way, the mobility and career growth can be extended.

**Positive Employment Prospects:** Different universities in the world offer certified MBA degrees for the international students and train them properly for the management and mid-level businesses roles. With these courses, the student becomes familiar with all the business areas including accounting, finance, Human Resource, etc. under the guidance of professors of different nationalities.

**Practical Knowledge:** Most of MBA courses abroad are based on the case study that makes them lesser 'bookish', exciting and enjoyable to study. Even the statistical courses might make you believe about a rational viewpoint, having little calculations concerned.

**Strong Colleague Group:** The classroom would normally have students from 10 to 20 different countries, having average work experience of more than 5 years. The cultural contact would definitely expand your outlook.

**Superior Self-Evaluation:** Many colleges provide detailed interviews with psychometric examinations that let you find out for yourself and help you to make the finest career option for yourself.

**Wide-Ranging Scope:** Your career prospects become better because you have the alternative of working abroad or back home.

**Worldwide Network:** Many top graded schools are more than 100 years old and that provides you with a large and strong alumni network. You can attach to the business

around the world.

**Importance of MBA Abroad in India**

An MBA degree from any alleged international university or college has much importance in India. Companies wish to increase their business and while going to appoint MBA graduate that has been in foreign countries and learned all the international standards about organizing business and recovering profit, they won't think much and hire him or her immediately with an indisputable salary package.

It gives them an edge over its competitors. It has been a conventional protocol which says that universities and colleges in the foreign countries are always better than Indian institutes and colleges because the pattern of study in the country as well as abroad are totally different and the curriculum of each subject consists of more practical coverage than the Indian curriculum. Therefore, an MBA degree from abroad has incredible value in India. **MBA Abroad VS MBA in India**

Students who want to attend the postgraduate management course often get themselves in a difficulty as they don't understand should they get MBA degree from India or should they go for the MBA from abroad? The excitement of getting MBA degree from an alleged abroad university is undeniable.

**Decide your Expectations:** You can't get any suitable answer for the decision you take about pursuing MBA from India or abroad because all rely on your professional and personal expectations and which educational course is more suitable for you. For example, if you are planning to have a

specialized career and management position with an Indian firm, then you definitely need to think about doing MBA from any prominent Indian B-schools. Potential employers have the value of domestic management degree. Besides that, your contact network will mainly increase from Indian classmates who can help you land the position that you wish or set you with their personal contacts in order that your professional aims can be achieved.

In contrast, if you want to pursue an international career and develop a worldwide business outlook, your finest option is to do MBA abroad. This will offer you a chance of being associated with a multicultural and multinational environment. Unsurprisingly, your contact group will have people from all corners of this world and it can open doors for nearly everywhere.

**Revolutionary Approach:** If you think about the future viewpoint then you have to think about the reality that India is a fast developing economy and corporate world value the talent existing here. Actually, people choose India to become a part of this fast-growing economy. Recently we have seen a wide increase in the NRI people returning to India. With this scenario, this makes sense to have a management degree from the Indian B-school. There has been a consistent increase in the tie-ups among the Indian and overseas universities. Few of them include tie-up between SP Jain Institute of Management & Research and Virginia Tech, Indian School of

Business and Wharton School-Kellogg School of Management, Welingkar College and Temple University, and tie up between Institute of Management & Technology and Fairleigh Dickinson University. Therefore, with more premier global institutions making their way towards the Indian subcontinent, one can understand the advantages of international education at a lesser cost.

Furthermore, the Indian management courses have grown and expanded considerably in the recent past. MBA applicants from the Indian Business schools have shown their determination in the worldwide working environments and provided higher positions in many organizations. Thinking about buying power parity, preliminary expenditure, preliminary placements, as well as an increase in salary like decision inputs, MNCs have to come to India to look for the senior and middle management talent.

**Individual's Ambition - Motivation to Go Abroad for MBA:** Let's look at some of the ideas which can end all your dilemmas. You should consider all these points and then you will get a particular answer which can help you to decide whether to do MBA in India or Abroad.

**Best Infrastructure and Faculty Available:** No explanations are required about the fact that abroad institutes, colleges, and universities have much superior infrastructure and facilities than Indian institutes, colleges, and universities.

**Financial Reward:** The earnings package which you will get after doing MBA from abroad has

no matching with what has been offered after doing MBA from India. So, your financial potential also plays a very significant role in the decision-making. **Global Coverage with Blue-Chip Companies:** If your favourite companies are well-known blue-chip companies, then you should go for abroad MBA as many firms won't come for the placements in Indian institutes and colleges. **International Career Goals:** If you are having international career goals, you should do MBA abroad and not in India.

**One-year Course:** Mostly the conventional MBA courses abroad are of one year which saves ample time compared to any 2 years conventional MBA course in India.

**The Aspiration to Stay Abroad:** If you are planning to stay abroad, you have to do higher education there because their companies and firms will prefer the candidates that know about the work environment and culture of the country and have experience about it. Therefore, it's good to pursue studies abroad if you have plans to settle there.

Eventually, it comes to your personal opinions, your abilities, goals, and aspirations. Obstacles are part of every body's life and they will always stay so the finest solution is facing them with the guts and intelligence. Getting a management degree abroad may be demanding however if handled thoughtfully nothing is as rewarding as this. Whether they are financial hurdles or cultural barriers, things may be restructured if research about the universities is done appropriately and flexibility is inculcated.

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# Why we run away from ourselves



Prof. Dr. Umesh Chandra Patra

The only person we have to live with, all through our lives, is our self. That is why the first person we need to make peace with, is our own self. Do we have the

strength to be alone? Do we look at ourselves compassionately? Do we spend time on enriching our inner selves? Or, do we berate and belittle ourselves? If we are leading a flawed existence, we will have many mental and emotional forces working against us. That is one reason why people run away from themselves. They do this in various ways. Some over-socialise, or they go from one activity to

another without pausing and leaving time to breathe. Everything is one big rush, with a packed schedule of engagements and things to do.

Rushing around, we have little time to think. This can affect our personality development and spiritual evolution. But the moment realisation sets in that self-discovery requires investment of time and energy, we seek moments of privacy, we invest time in spiritual pursuits, we set aside

some time and we turn to meditation and prayer – all ways to discover our real selves. If we trace the charts of some very 'successful' people, we find that they have developed a single gift or a few gifts and made it to the top. But their inner lives may be in a mess. Often, they are lonely. So much has gone into making them 'successful' that they have not had the time and patience to sort themselves out or to

really relate to others in a meaningful way.

Some would like to make a 360 degree turn once they realise who they really are. That becomes difficult. Some have this realisation at the time of impending death. Since we are creatures of long habits, it becomes difficult to all of a sudden change direction. Once we are in the quest for self-discovery, we begin to think differently. We realise the newness of life every morning. We do

not always hit sixes, but we are able, to some extent, to control our lives and make amends for what went wrong. There is great power in self-discovery. It is the kind of power that comes from living a good life. When we discover our true selves, our attitudes to work and play will change. We will not feel the need to run away from every mistake we may have made and neither will we rest on our laurels. Instead, we will find that we relate to

others and all beings in the universe in a much more meaningful way.

We will also feel less and less, the need to compare ourselves to others. Comparison can be unhealthy when it makes us feel inadequate, jealous or envious of the success of others. That is because we have not discovered our own self-worth. Self-worth is not about reaching the top. Self-worth is all about discovering our own potential and coordinates. There is a

purpose and a divine plan for each of us. In the fulfilment of that plan, lies our true destiny. We will then no longer feel the urge to run away from ourselves, because we will have discovered the secret in the inner core of our beings that makes us face everything in the best way possible, without fear or ill-feeling. Prof. Hepatology Deptt. S.C.B. Medical College, Cuttack, Ph : 9437051957, E-mail : drumeshchandra2patra@gmail.com



# Why eminent Doctors interact with public

Vivek Shukla



Not very often that we see acclaimed doctors of India come together under roof to speak on different ailments and how to remain fit as well lead a very healthy life. As it was a mouth-watering opportunity, people of all age groups came in hordes to hear the words of wisdom from these eminent doctors in the capital. That was possible thanks to the untiring efforts of Dr. Vinay Aggarwal, Past National President, Indian Medical Association and his dedicated team that organised Pushpanjali Medicon 2024 conference. He organised the conference in a manner that covers subjects like Pregnancy Related Acute Kidney Injury, Management of Headache, Unfolding the puzzle of dizziness, Suicide Prevention, Fatty Liver, Sex has no Expiry Date. Top Doctors of the capital, Mumbai, Punjab, Tamil

Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and other states attended the meet. Undeniably, the session that attracted a huge audience was when Dr Shiv Kumar Sarin, a clinician, gastroenterologist spoke on how to keep our Liver healthy. Dr. Sareen said that the liver is the controller, the fulcrum of our metabolic wellbeing. It's also a chartered accountant, keeping a daily account of how much you earn and how much you spend; everything which is extra or surplus takes away from the health of the liver. "Fatty liver can occur due to genetic makeup or consuming excess calories. The health condition causes the pancreas to keep making more insulin, eventually resulting in diabetes. Also, the extra fat in the liver circulates in the body, depositing in the gallbladder, causing gallstones," he said. Dr. Rajeev Sood, the new Vice Chancellor of Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, spoke on how to deal with Prostate. He was till recently the Dean of Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and PGIMER

in Delhi. And in the session on 'Sex Has No Expiry Date', Mumbai based Dr. Deepak Jumani spoke very eloquently on the subject that is hardly discussed in an open forum. Dr Jumani said that "One must realize that there is a clear connection between sex and health, as sex is one of the most vital biological, normal and natural functions." In a session that was packed to capacity with the audience, Dr. Jumani said – "I believe your pleasure is your business and your right and Sex

has no expiry date. The whole purpose of this work is to make all aware of the fact that today all the sexual dysfunctions at all ages and in all can be managed and all can live a meaningful and sexually satisfying life." As we said earlier, if this unique health meet was held with top doctors of the country were interacting with medical professionals to common men, credit should be given to Dr. Vinay Aggarwal. Dr. Vinay Aggarwal, who has served as the president of the Delhi

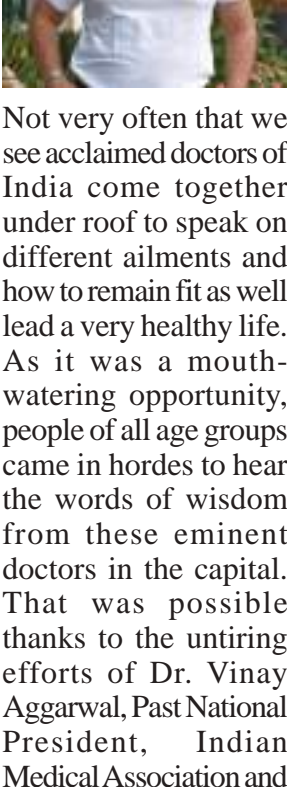
Medical Association (DMA) and the Indian Medical Association (IMA), helped hundreds of patients find beds in school in Krishna Nagar, East Delhi, and went on to join the prestigious Maulana Azad Medical College, hospitals during the first and second waves of the COVID-19 pandemic. During that frightening time, Dr. Vinay Agarwal didn't stay indoors. He was treating patients in the capital's Pushpanjali Hospital. He was overseeing his staff. If he couldn't admit a patient to his hospital, he'd arrange for a bed at other Hospitals. He worked 24x7 during those days. Dr. Vinay Aggarwal, who studied at a government

has not forgotten the days when oxygen cylinders were running out in his own hospital during the COVID-19 pandemic. He was begging the government for cylinders so that he could save the lives of his patients. Thankfully, he managed to secure them in time. Dr. Vinay Aggarwal is the heart and soul of the IMA. No IMA chief can function properly without his advice or

guidance. He naturally has an office in the IMA building. Once we asked him why he had a mural of Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy built in the Indian Medical Association (IMA) building. This mural is visible when you're traveling from I.P. Estate-ITO towards Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg or Deen Dayal Upadhyay Marg. It's not visible when you're returning on the same road towards Yamuna Paar or the Ring Road because tall, dense trees obscure it. What makes him a very special person is that Dr. Aggarwal has educated countless young people from the Valmiki community and given them dignified jobs, changing their lives for the better. Tell me, how many people are there who not only finance the education of children from Valmiki families but also secure them proper jobs? Let his tribe increase manifold. Self effacing, Dr. Vinay Aggarwal says that it is important that conferences like Pushpanjali Medicon 2024 should be held

across the country. That will go a long way in fostering close ties between the Doctors, patients and professionals belonging to the medical area. Healthcare conferences are not just formal events; they're epicenters of innovation and collaboration in the medical field. These gatherings bring together professionals from diverse backgrounds, offering a unique platform to exchange ideas and forge connections. But what are the benefits of Health Conferences? Primarily, Health Conferences provide invaluable networking opportunities with industry peers, critical for personal and professional growth. Additionally, these conferences offer continuing Medical Education (CME) sessions essential for staying abreast of the latest advancements in healthcare. Insightful presentations by experts inspire and inform, while the events themselves are enjoyable and refreshing.

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# Manoj Prabhakar-Sultan of Reverse Swing & Gusty batter

Dr. Ravi Chaturvedi



When Brene Brown, American author, and podcast host wrote these lines, she may have Manoj Prabhakar in mind, "Creativity, which is the expression of our originality, helps us stay mindful that what we bring to to the world is completely original and cannot be compared." Manoj Prabhakar was the man who evolved the art of reverse swing bowling in Indian Cricket. He is the original Sultan of Reverse Swing to be seen on the horizon willow game in the country. Besides the originator of the Reverse Swing, there were plenty of his achievements which should have secured him in the fond recesses of cricketing memories. The phenomenon of reverse swing tends to happen when the ball gets older. Reverse swing is often seen as a new phenomenon in cricket. In fact, it has been a part of the game for over five decades, but it's only hit the headlines in the relatively recent past. A reverse swing occurs

when the ball moves in the same direction as the smooth or shiny side. This is contrary to conventional swing where the ball moves in the opposite direction. To give the ball the best chance of swinging later in the innings, bowlers must continue to polish one side. The phenomenon of reverse swing tends to happen when the ball gets older. The man who is largely credited with inventing reverse swing is the former Pakistani bowler Salim Mir who briefly played domestic cricket in the late 1960s and 1970s. Pakistani fast bowler Sarfraz Nawaz is said to have pioneered the technique from that point onwards. A reverse swing is an occurrence which can get that ball to move as it gets older. It was first pioneered in Pakistan in the early 1970s. Imran Khan used it spuriously, while Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis helped it to become more widely known in the 1980s and beyond. In recent times, fast bowlers have struggled to extract reverse swing for reasons beyond their control. However, Manoj Prabhakar claims "Can't make the

ball," known for his ways and means to make the ball swing menacingly. He has provided stature and standing to the reverse swing and says, "Reverse swing is an art, a combination of science and skills." Prabhakar advises the bowlers to be more accurate when exploring ways to get the batsman out. "You have to bowl a decent length, and of course, the line becomes important once you see the form of the batsman. If you bowl on a spot that irritates the batsman, you have won the battle. Reverse swing is not the only method to get the batsman out. You should be able to control your swing and possibly develop a good yorker." Manoj Prabhakar was a regular in the Indian side in the early 1990s. Bowling was his strongest suit; swung the ball prodigiously both into the batsman and away, mixing things up with deceptive slower balls in between and on his day he could be a formidable with the new ball. He once bowled Kepler Wessels for duck in consecutive Tests (only ducks in Wessels scorecard). Prabhakar made his debut as a useful lower-



All-Rounder Manoj Prabhakar cricketer, batter, bowler



Manoj Prabhakar, coach of Afghanistan team. Manoj Prabhakar, coach of Nepal team

order batsman and later promoted to open the innings against England in 1992-93. During his stint, India won only one of Prabhakar's first 23 Tests, then 10 of his last 16. He played 39 Tests for India and in 21 of them, he opened together the batting and the bowling. He has distinction to be the first Indian to perform the feat of opening both batting and bowling on his debut. During India

England 1984-85 Delhi Test, after he had put in a ravenous effort as the lower order batter in the first innings, regular opener Anshuman Gaekwad suffered an ankle injury, opening gate for Prabhakar to open with skipper Sunil Gavaskar when India batted a second time. Iqbal Siddiqui is the only other Indian player to have started proceedings with the bat and the ball on debut in his only Test. Siddiqui hit the winning runs in his only ever Test match to

date, a record he shares with Australian player Jeff Moss. While scanning through record books for those both opening batting and bowling reveals horde of names like Vinoo Mankad, Pankaj Roy, ML Jaisinha, Rusi Surti, Abid Ali, Budhi Kunderan, Eknath Solkar, Sunil Gavaskar, Mohinder Amarnath, Dilip Vengsarkar, Arun Lal, Iqbal Siddiqui Sanjay Bangar, Irfan Pathan and Virender Sehwag

Manoj Prabhakar played 39 Tests for India. In 21 of them he opened both the batting and the bowling. In spite of the cricket world being graced time and again by the likes of Mudassar Nazar and Trevor Bailey, it remains an all-time record for such versatility. But his adieu from international cricket ended in ignominy when he was hit all over the park at Delhi's Ferozeshah Kotla

against Sri Lanka in the 1995-96 World Cup. It led to his axing and subsequent retirement from Indian cricket. Manoj Prabhakar was a gutsy batsman who had a nasty blow on his nose from the Windies pacer Courtney Walsh at Mohali in 1994-95. He batted from top to lower middle order and as a bowler cultivated the art of prodigiously swinging the ball. He was a creative bowler who defined the face of Indian bowling in the nineties. He opened both the batting and bowling for India in a record 21 Tests. Despite everything, Prabhakar is remembered for the wrong reasons. The inside story of match-fixing involving a superstar of Indian cricket remains a secret between the scribe and Manoj to be told on another day. Manoj Prabhakar's momentous contribution has been well summed up in the words of HW Janson, Russian Empire-born German-American professor of History of Art book, "Originality is what distinguishes art from craft. It is the yardstick of artistic greatness."

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The Union Minister for Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan releasing the NIRF India Rankings 2024, in New Delhi

## Living Legend of Odisha Achyuta Samanta awarded D.Litt by Techno India University



**Kolkata (PARTHA ROY):** Techno India University of Kolkata awarded D.Litt degree to Living Legend and Pride of Odisha Dr. Achyuta Samanta on 12th August 2024 in a elegant ceremony during Convocation of the Techno India University in Kolkata on 12th August 1098. This was Dr. Achyuta Samanta's 59th Honorary Doctorate. Dr. Samanta hold record of receiving largest no. of Honorary Doctorate by an Indian citizen both from India and other nations.

While receiving the honour, Dr Achyuta Samanta said ..... "I am deeply grateful to the university and the people of West Bengal for their love and affection. This recognition strengthens my commitment to continue my work in education and social service..... This is first Honorary Doctorate I received from any institution of West Bengal. However, I received four Honorary Doctorate from various institutions of higher learning from Assam. Prof. Achyuta Samanta

is founder of Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), Kalinga Institute of Social Science, the pioneering institutions those uplifted marginalized and members of tribal communities and evolutionised educational and socio-economic scape of Odisha as well as India. Others who was awarded the Honorary D. LITT were Padma Bhushan, Sampooran Singh Kalra (Gulzar), Poet & Lyricist

Padma Bhushan, Jogen Chowdhury, i Renowned Artist, Padma Shri, Shabana Azmi, Actress, Padma Shri, Leander Paes, Former Indian Tennis Player, Padma Shri, Shankar Mahadevan, Singer & Composer, Dr. Partha Pratim Chakrabarti, Director, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, Prof. K D Mondal acclaimed educationist, innovator and polymath, Dr. Kali P. Chaudhuri, Founder & Chairman, KPC Group, &

Dr Kunal Sarkar, Renowned Cardiac Surgeon, Prof. Subhankar Chakraborty acclaimed Bengali language specialist, educationist and former Vice Chancellor of Rabindra Bharati University. Shri Ram Nath Kovind former President of India was Chief Guest on the occasion and delivered Convocation address.

## Former Minister warns BJP of Dire consequences



**New delhi/ NCR( KCN) :** Former minister Vikram yadav called a meeting of workers at his Kosli office and warned BJP - If there is any irregularity in ticket distribution, the consequences will be very bad. Rewari, Jagdish Yadav: The BJP state government in Haryana is talking about equal development in the entire state, but as the elections are coming closer, the BJP workers themselves have accused the party of ignoring the development work in Kosli assembly and have put the party in

the dock. Former BJP minister Vikram Yadav made similar allegations in a meeting of workers called at his office. Speaking on this occasion, Vikram Yadav said that he is a true soldier of BJP and he was not given a ticket in the last assembly. Not only this, the tickets of Badshahpur, Gurugram, Ateli, Patodi, Bahadurgarh assembly from South Haryana were also changed and the result was that BJP had to form a government by

forming an alliance. The MLAs whose tickets were cut remained firm in BJP and worked for the party. But if this time BJP makes such a mistake, then like in Lok Sabha, BJP will have to pay a heavy price for it. Without taking the name of the current MLA, he also mentioned the neglect of the area in five years and the non-completion of the development works approved during his tenure and said that the nursing college started during his tenure has not

been started till date, similarly I got an oil mill approved in Kosli which was converted into a flour mill. But that too could not be completed in five years. He said that whatever is left in the development of the area between the year 2019 to 2024 will be completed if I get a chance. Regarding relations with Union Minister Rao Indrajit Singh, he said that I have a cordial relationship with him.

## Sheikh Hasina's Stay In India Will Not Hurt Ties: Bangladesh Government Adviser

Dhaka: A key adviser of Bangladesh's interim government on Monday said that deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina's extended stay in India will not hurt bilateral relations and Dhaka will always try to maintain good relations with New Delhi.

Foreign Affairs Adviser Md Touhid Hossain made the remarks when asked whether bilateral ties with India would be affected if Ms Hasina's stay in India gets prolonged.

"This is a hypothetical question. If someone stays in a country why the relations with that particular country would be affected? There is no reason for that," he said, emphasising that bilateral relations are a big matter. Ms Hasina, 76, resigned and fled to India last week following widespread protests against her government over a controversial quota system in jobs.

Mr Hossain said bilateral relations are a relation of interest and friendship is also of interest. "Friendship does not exist if the interest is hurt." He said the two sides - Bangladesh and India - have interests and they will follow those interests. Mr Hossain said the relationship between the two countries "is not influenced by the presence of one individual in a country" while "India has its interests, and Bangladesh has its interests".

The adviser said they will "always try to maintain



good relations" with India.

Earlier, he briefed the diplomats stationed in Dhaka, including Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pranay Verma, on the situation in Bangladesh and sought their support.

"We believe that all our friends and partners in the international community would continue to stand by the interim government and our people as we embark on charting a new future for Bangladesh," Mr Hossain told the diplomats.

Mr Hossain, a career diplomat and former foreign secretary, reaffirmed that Bangladesh was committed to upholding all agreements made with other countries.

The adviser accused the Awami League regime of committing gross human rights violations in its attempts to suppress a popular movement eventually resulting in its ouster.

"However, the sheer power of people ultimately led to the fall of all authoritarian regimes," Hossain said,

adding that Bangladesh had experienced a "second liberation" last week driven by a mass uprising led by "our courageous students".

The adviser said the interim government was committed to meeting the renewed expectations of the people and expressed confidence that the international community would continue to support the interim government and the people of Bangladesh as they work towards a new future.

The adviser informed the diplomats that the government has taken quick and decisive measures to restore law and order and bring back normalcy across the country.

Representatives from all diplomatic missions in Dhaka, including UN agencies, attended the briefing while they inquired about security measures, the Rohingya issue, and the current situation.

"We can assure that the safety and security of the diplomatic and consular premises and persons will remain one of our core priorities," Hossain said, adding the interim

government remained sensitized to the need to ensure the protection of all foreign citizens.

Mr Hossain said that the government would remain focused on a smooth transition to "inclusive and pluralistic electoral democracy as soon as possible".

During his first press briefing at the foreign ministry on Sunday, Mr Hossain was asked about the possibility of bringing home Ms Hasina. He replied that the matter falls under the jurisdiction of the law ministry while his office would respond only if that ministry makes any such request.

"Our policy is to maintain good relations with all countries while protecting our national interests," said Mr Hossain, whose position is equivalent to a minister's.

"We intend to maintain smooth and positive relations with all ... including India and China," said Hossain, who previously served as a deputy high commissioner to India. When asked about the interim government's approach towards India, Mr Hossain said both countries share a strong and deep bond.

"(But) it is important that people feel India is a good friend of Bangladesh... We want that, we want to advance the (Dhaka-Delhi) relation towards that direction," he said.

## Army Soldier Stripped, Assaulted In Police Custody In Rajasthan, Probe Ordered: Cops

Jaipur: An army soldier was stripped and assaulted in police custody here, Rajasthan minister Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore said on Monday after he visited the Shipra Path police station where he rebuked the cops over the alleged incident and raised the matter with the Director General of Police.

A sub-inspector and three constables have been shunted out and an inquiry has been ordered, DGP U R Sahoo told PTI.

The DGP said that the police had raided an illegal hookah bar the previous night where they arrested some people and the soldier was among them.

"One sub-inspector and three constables have been



shunted to police lines by the Jaipur police commissioner and an inquiry has been ordered," the DGP said.

Rajasthan's Sainik Kalyan minister Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, who has served in the Army, reached the police station and questioned the conduct of the cops.

"A very sad incident came to my knowledge where a

soldier, who is serving in Kashmir and is visiting here, was stripped by some police personnel and beaten with sticks. He was made to sit in the middle of the people and some policemen made him repeat that the police is the 'baap' of the Indian Army," Mr Rathore told reporters. "I have been in uniform and I respect Rajasthan police. This is a matter of

great sadness and it shows the disgusting mentality of those two-three persons who did this," he said and expressed confidence that Rajasthan Police will take strict action against such elements. "It is written in the medical report that he was assaulted by people. An Indian army soldier has been caught and beaten up by five police personnel, that too without any reason. So strict action is necessary against those who are breaking the law in the police department," he said. Mr Rathore said he spoke to the Director General of Police who assured him of action.



# Situation dire for elephants in state despite rise in population

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):**

Although there has been an increase in the elephant population in Odisha, the state still accounts for many jumbo deaths years on. According to the All Odisha Elephant Census, 2024, pachyderm population in the state went up to 2,098 – an increase of 122 in the last seven years. However, as per reports, the state lost at least 27 elephants in three and half months – between April 1 and July 15 – this year due to a host of reasons, like electrocution, animal-human conflict and train hit, among others.

According to the data presented in the Parliament, elephant deaths were reported from 15 forest and wildlife divisions this year, with Angul witnessing the

maximum fatalities of four jumbos during the period. Not just elephant deaths, as many as 1,701 humans in 16 states were killed by elephants from 2020-21 to 2023-24, and Odisha had recorded 148 such deaths in 2022-23 – the highest for the year in India, according to the data presented in the Parliament by the Union Environment ministry. Sangita Iyer, wildlife filmmaker and founder of Voices for Asian Elephants (VFAE) – an elephant conservation organisation that works for the safety of elephants in Odisha – said that the situation is very dire for elephants in the state despite a 6 per cent rise in their population. “Electrocution accounts for the maximum number of elephant deaths in Odisha. Poachers are still



using high-voltage power supply to kill elephants,” she said. Iyer said to prevent human-elephant conflicts, VFAE, a California-based elephant conservation organisation, has planted over 50,000 fruit trees and dug seven large watering holes in

partnership with local conservation group ‘Paribartan’ in Balasore and Angul districts that can support around 210 elephants.

Distressed elephants are entering villages for food and water by crossing major highways. This is

intensifying human-elephant conflict and has caused a staggering number of elephant deaths, she said.

“Restoring degraded habitats with favoured elephant plant species and creating waterholes in their habitats can

prevent them from crossing treacherous roads,” she added. “Elephants are our protectors. If we can’t protect them it will hamper our civilization. On ‘World Elephant Day’ all stakeholders must work together, accept mistakes, and try to find solutions before it’s too late,” she added. Talking to Susanta Nanda, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF), said that despite the rise in elephant numbers, Odisha doesn’t have the space required to accommodate a large jumbo population. “Anything between

1,700 and 1,800 jumbos is our capacity. Population management is necessary, otherwise the deaths and human-animal conflict will continue,” he said. Nanda said elephant deaths during the last five years have been within the range of 3-4.5% of the total population. “Death of elephants is a concern for us and we are taking measures to control it. We are planning to use Artificial intelligence (AI) to detect elephant movement. The trails will be conducted soon in Angul and Dhenkanal,” he added

## Hirakud Dam-Affected Families to Get 10 Decimals of Land: Minister Suresh Pujari

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** The Odisha government is set to address the longstanding demand of those displaced by the Hirakud Dam on the Mahanadi River in Sambalpur district. The government will allocate 10 decimals of land to each displaced family announced state Revenue Minister Suresh Pujari on Sunday.

Minister Pujari stated that by December 31 of this year, the displaced will receive land leases for 10 decimals per family as part of the Hirakud E m b a n k m e n t Scheme. Notably, families who relinquished their land and livelihoods due to the Hirakud dam project have sought rehabilitation for over seventy years. So



far, only 4,400 of the affected families have received loans while the dam on the river led to the submergence of 46 villages, with the displaced inhabitants resettled in 32 new villages.

Previously, in response to

the initiatives of West Odisha MLAs, Speaker Surya Narayan Patra recommended that the Revenue Minister convene a meeting with officials to address the concerns of those residing near the Hirakud

Dam. Meanwhile, the minister also assured that all homeless families will be provided housing and land leases under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) within three years.

## Odisha’s first road tunnel nears completion, likely to be instrumental in Koraput & Nabarangpur’s economic growth

**BHUBANESWAR(KCN):**

Construction of Odisha’s first road tunnel is in full swing. Twin tunnels are being built in Koraput district under Bharatmala Pariyojana of the Union government that will connect Raipur and Visakhapatnam.

As per sources, the project is expected to be completed by 2025. According to experts, the project will not only bring a thrilling experience for the tourists, but it will also play a great role in the economic development of Koraput and Nabarangpur districts.

The twin tunnels are being built near Sunki ghat of Koraput district which is located 3,000 ft above sea level. While the length of one tunnel will be 3.42km, the other tunnel will stretch up to 2.8 km. One of the tunnels will connect Odisha to Andhra Pradesh. It will start from Sunki and end at Kandili. The other one will be in the opposite direction as it will start from Kurali and end at Amphavalli village. The work of the twin tunnels started in 2022 and it is expected to



be completed by next year.

Local residents are excited about the development as the road tunnel will further enhance the existing aesthetic beauty of Koraput.

“After the completion of the road tunnel, communication facilities will be improved in the area. In addition, the tourism potential of the area will also be enhanced,” said Sheikh Ibrahim, a member of Koraput Vikash Parishad. “The customers will be greatly benefitted after the completion of the road tunnel as the transportation cost of the products will decrease,” said T Kiran Kumar, a

businessman.

The six-lane road with 465 km of length from Raipur to Visakhapatnam is being built with an expenditure of Rs 16,000 crore. Its width will be 35 meters and 60 metres in forest and non-forest areas respectively.

Apart from enhancing the aesthetic beauty of the area and giving a thrilling experience to tourists, the road tunnel will also play an important role in the economic development of the area.



“We will reach Raipur and Visakhapatnam quickly because of the road tunnel. It will boost the industrial and tourism sector in the area,” said

Er Sunil Biswal, a local resident.

“The road tunnel will accelerate speedy development in the area,” said Dr PC Mohapatra, an economist.

As the first road tunnel nears completion, work on the big bridges and flyovers is being expedited. Koraput Collector V Keerthi Vasani recently made a review of the project and revealed that the project will be completed in time.

“We are hopeful that many industries will be set up and the tourism potential of Koraput will be fully tapped after the completion of the road tunnel,” said Vasani.

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

Berhampur, (KCN): 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.

## 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 Back Machine’) Promise is a landmark move in the construction equipments space. 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 reinforces 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.”

## 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 Welcom Hotel by ITC Hotels, Bhubaneswar. As part of Epri 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 Epri 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; Sreejit 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 Priya's (Priya Mohapatra), Tasa Wings (Sipra Das), TP Garments (Savitri Panigrahi), AJ Fashion Realm (Selina Dashon) and Reemly Design Studio (Reemly Studio) participated and showcase their designs. Priya'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. Sipra 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 crore as 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.”

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## 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 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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