

## Crimes against women unpardonable sin: PM

**J a l g a o n (Maharashtra)(KCN):** Prime Minister Narendra Modi Sunday termed crimes against women an unpardonable sin, adding the guilty should not be spared.

Modi's strong remarks follow protests against the brutal rape and murder of 31-year-old trainee doctor at Kolkata's RG Kar Hospital and the sexual abuse of two four-year-old school girls in Badlapur.

Speaking at the 'Lakhpatti Didi Sammelan' in north Maharashtra's Jalgaon, Modi said the safety of women should be a priority.

"The safety of mothers, sisters and daughters is the country's priority. I have raised this issue repeatedly from the Red Fort. Be it any state of the country, I understand the pain and anger of my sisters and daughters," he said.

Modi said that he will tell every political party and

state government that crime against women is an unpardonable sin. Whoever is guilty should not be spared, he added. "Those helping the perpetrators of crimes against women should not be spared. Be it a hospital, school, government or police system, at whatever level negligence occurs, everyone should be held accountable

"The message should go from top to bottom. This sin is unpardonable. Governments will come and go, but protecting life and women's dignity is a big responsibility of all of us, both as a society and as a government," Modi said.

Modi said his government has done more for women in the last 10 years than was done by all the previous regimes since Independence.

"Till 2014, less than Rs 25,000 crore loans were given to women self-help groups but in the last 10 years, Rs 9 lakh crore



help was given," Modi said.

Modi, who interacted with Lakhpatti Didis at Jalgaon, released the Rs 2,500 crore revolving fund benefiting 48 lakh members of 4.3 lakh self-help groups.

The Lakhpatti Didi scheme is not only about boosting the income of women, but also about empowering future generations, Modi said.

"You must have heard that India is going to become the third-largest economy in the world. Women play a huge role in it. However, it wasn't the case a couple of years ago," Modi said. "Women guarantee the prosperity of every home and every family. However, there was no one to guarantee help for the women," he said. Women didn't have

property in their name, and if they had to take a loan from a bank, they could not avail it, he said. In such a situation, they were not able to build their own small business, he added. "Therefore, I, your son and brother, resolved to ease your lives. We took decisions in the interest of women year after year," Modi said. "When I visited you

during the Lok Sabha elections, I promised we would make 3 crore sisters Lakhpatti Didi. This means women who work in Self Help Groups, and their annual income is more than one lakh rupees," he said. In the last 10 years, one crore Lakhpatti Didis were made, and in just two months 11 lakh more Lakhpatti Didi were added to one crore, he

said. Modi also said Maharashtra needs the BJP-led Mahayati government to continue for years to come to ensure the state's stability and prosperity. "Maharashtra is the shining star of a developed India. The future of the state lies in more investment and job growth," he said.

Modi expressed his anguish over the Nepal bus accident in which 14 persons from Jalgaon district were killed. "We sent our minister Raksha Khadse to Nepal," Modi said.

Modi recalled his recent visit to Poland and the respect people there have for the people of Maharashtra.

Modi said that during World War II, the Kolhapur settlement housed Polish refugees, including women and children and the Polish people respect people of Maharashtra for this gesture.

**President Droupadi Murmu Extends Greetings On Eve Of Janmashtami**

**New Delhi(KCN):** The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu in her message on the eve of Janmashtami has said: - "On the auspicious occasion of Janmashtami, I extend my warm greetings and best wishes to all my fellow citizens and Indians living abroad. On the day of Janmashtami, we worship Bhagwan Shri Krishna. This festival of joy inspires us to dedicate ourselves to the divine ideals of Bhagwan Shri Krishna. Shrimad Bhagavad Gita, the dialogue between Shri Krishna and Arjuna is an eternal source of inspiration and enlightenment for entire humanity. On this occasion, let us imbibe the teachings of Bhagwan Shri Krishna and resolve to work for the progress and prosperity of the country".

## BJD MP Sulata Deo calls Subhadra Yojana an 'election gimmick'

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Reacting to the Odisha government's Subhadra Yojana, Biju Janata Dal (BJD) MP Sulata Deo criticized it as an election gimmick and an injustice to women.

She noted that while the scheme was promised to benefit 2.25 crore women, only 70 lakh women will actually receive support. "This is just another election 'jumla,' similar to previous promises like 2 crore jobs and 15 lakh in bank accounts," she said.

Ms. Deo said, "Initially,



it was promised that every woman would receive ₹50,000 in two years, but now only one out of three women will get the amount, and that too only ₹5,000. Over five years, this totals ₹50,000, which amounts to just ₹10,000 per year.

What can women do with such a small amount?".

"The scheme's promise of

Rs 50,000 per year was

supposed to help women

invest, but their plans have

been thwarted," she

added.

Ms. Deo further criticised

the current BJP government, citing a significant loan burden on the State. "Under the present government, the State's loan has reached ₹42,000 crore. ₹5,000 every six months amounts to just ₹833 per month or ₹27 per day. What can a woman do with ₹27 per day? With a female population of 2.25 crore in Odisha, the scheme's limited reach to 70 lakh women represents an injustice," she said. She further claimed that this money would be taken back from women with interest. Odisha Chief

to it. "During election, for the empowerment of women, we had promised to provide Rs 50,000 to each woman and the Odia people have imposed their faith on us. In the meanwhile, the Mohan Majhi-led BJP government in Odisha has published the SOP for the rollout of the scheme," Pradhan said.

government, a high-level team of ASI will inspect the treasury of the 12th century shrine soon.

The Odisha government will make an inventory of all jewellery and other valuables stored in the Ratna Bhandar and will compare the latest list with the previous list, he added.

The BJP government will undertake all measures to develop Puri as a modern spiritual city, Pradhan said.

The Union minister who hails from the state arrived here Sunday on a three-day visit to Odisha.

## Israel and Hezbollah trade heavy fire before pulling back, jolting a region braced for war

**Jerusalem:** Israel launched a wave of airstrikes across southern Lebanon early Sunday in what it said was a preemptive strike on Hezbollah. The militant group responded that it had launched hundreds of rockets and drones to avenge the killing of one of its top commanders last month. The heavy exchange of fire does not appear to have ignited a long-feared war, but the situation remains tense. Meanwhile, Egypt on Sunday is hosting high-level talks aimed at brokering a cease-fire in the 10-month-old Israel-Hamas war in Gaza, which diplomats hope will tamp down regional tensions.

The Israeli military said it struck because Hezbollah was planning to launch a heavy barrage of rockets and

missiles toward Israel. Soon after, Hezbollah announced it had launched an attack on Israeli military positions as an initial response to the killing of Fouad Shukur, one of its founding members, in an Israeli airstrike in Beirut last month.

By mid-morning, it

appeared that the

exchange had ended,

with both sides saying

they had only aimed at

military targets. At least

three people were killed

in the strikes on

Lebanon, while there

were no reports of

casualties in Israel.

Israeli Prime Minister

Benjamin Netanyahu,

speaking at the start of a

Cabinet meeting, said the

military had eliminated

"thousands of rockets

that were aimed at

northern Israel" and

urged citizens to adhere

to directives from the



and central Israel. He said initial assessments found "very little damage" in Israel, but that the military remained on high alert. He said around 100 Israeli aircraft took part in Sunday's strikes.

Lebanon's Health Ministry reported that two people were killed and another two wounded in the strikes in southern Lebanon. Separately, a fighter for the Amal group, which is allied with Hezbollah, was killed in a strike on a car, Amal said.

Hezbollah said its attack involved more than 320 Katyusha rockets aimed at multiple sites in Israel and a "large number" of drones. It said the operation was targeting

"a qualitative Israeli military target that will be announced later" as well as "enemy sites and barracks and Iron Dome (missile defence) platforms."

Hezbollah said the strikes would allow it to launch more attacks deeper into Israel, but a later statement said "military operations for today have been completed."

The militant group said it targeted 11 bases, barracks and military positions in northern Israel and the Israeli-annexed Golan Heights, and dismissed Israel's claim to have thwarted a stronger attack. Hezbollah did not provide evidence for its claims.

Hezbollah's leader, Hassan Nasrallah, was expected to give a speech later on Sunday. After an emergency

government meeting, Lebanon's caretaker Economy Minister Amin Salam said officials were "feeling a bit more optimistic" about a de-escalation.

"We feel more reassured since both sides confirmed that the expected operations ended, and we know that the negotiations in Cairo are very serious," he said. In the US, a spokesman for the National Security Council, Sean Savett, said President Joe Biden was "closely monitoring events in Israel and Lebanon." The Pentagon said Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin spoke with his Israeli counterpart, Yoav Gallant, about Israel's defenses. The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. CQ Brown, is on a visit to the region that is expected to take him to Israel, Egypt and Jordan.

# Krishna is a way of life



The basic meaning of the root 'Krish' is to attract and the word Krishna is made from this root. Hence, as per the name, Krishna has always been a magnetic force that pulls towards us. The incarnations of Shri Ram born in Saket and Shri Krishna born in Brajbhoomi have done the greatest favor to Indian culture. There is definitely a difference in time, culture, thoughts etc. between the two, but both have influenced, enhanced and nurtured the inner and outer nature of the public mind. A small example of this is that when a small thorn gets stuck in the foot, only 'Hare Ram' or 'Hare Krishna' always comes out of the mouth. Krishna's basic mantra was, truth for truth and false for false. Now whether it was the killing of Jayadratha or the attempt to kill Ashwathama, in his eyes deceit or force or untruth was not inappropriate in the context of truth.

Krishna can easily do the work of covering the sun for Jayadratha, but if such a proposal had come before Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram,

he might have refused. In Krishna's view, to remove one lie, another lie could be used. Due to this difference, it is said that in Ram, there is more effort to change from a human being to a god and in Krishna, there is more effort to change from a god to a human being. Krishna is a way of life. Krishna was born with struggle since birth, who is recognized in countless names and forms. His entire life was not a life but a way of life. While on one hand, Shri Krishna's childhood was full of love, on the other hand, in his youth, the hypnotizing notes of Shyam's magical lineage are seen mingling in the innocent eyes of Gokul's heroines. Sometimes he hypnotizes and frightens innumerable kings by dancing the Chakra on his index finger, while on the other hand, he is seen defeating Indra and Kaliya Naag as well as putting an end to the great warriors like Putana, Dhenukasur, Aghasur, Bakasura, Pralambasur etc. taught by Kansa. Are. Generally speaking, he was killed but in reality he was saved.

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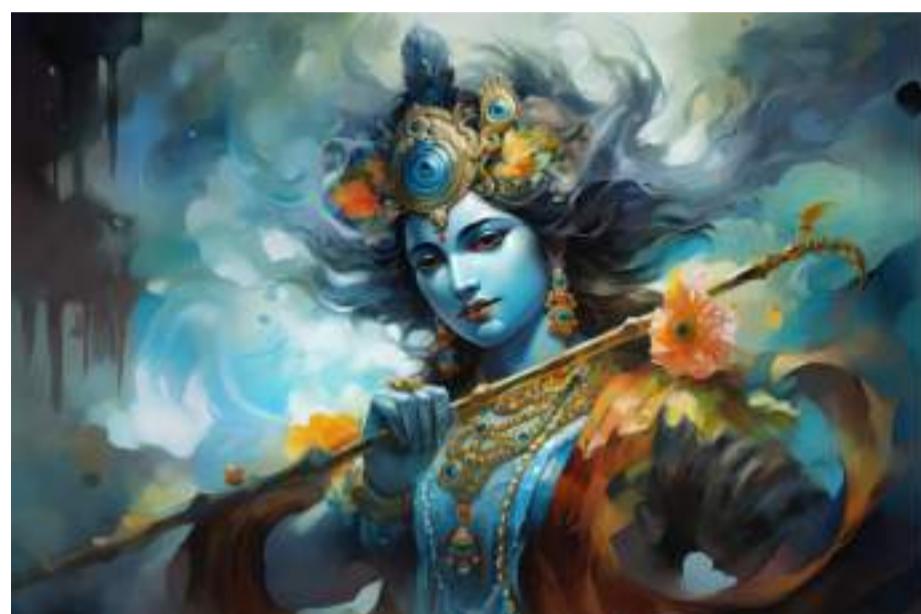
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In Srimad Bhagwat, Krishna has presented an appropriate summary of the common religion as follows - Ahimsa Satyamasteya Kamam Krodh Lohastatha. Bhoot Priya Hitehashchchh Dharmon Sanyasaravarnikah. That is, the common religion for all the varnas is not to do violence to anyone through mind, speech and body. Stay firm on the truth, do not steal and do only those things which are beneficial for all living beings. It is clearly said in the seventh verse of the tenth chapter of Gita - One who properly realizes this Vibhuti Yoga, which is called My Immutable, attains strong Yoga, there is no doubt in this.

A scholar has given a very clear description of this verse - Here Lord Shri Krishna says that O Arjun, it is as if this

feeling is present in my

idols only and they have

pervaded the entire

universe, hence from

Brahma to the insects, in

this universe I am my

There is no other thing

but the one who comes

to know about this, there

is awakening of

knowledge in him then

As much as Krishna was necessary in Dwapar, he is equally necessary in today's era because at that time the number of Kansa, Duryodhana, Jayadratha and Shakunis was less but today their number has increased a lot. Moreover, many abbots are misleading the public by pretending to be Krishna and creating their own pastimes.

According to the poet, "Holding a flute in hand, sprinkling blue color on the face/ If everyone becomes Kishan, then with whom will Radha dance?"

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## Sri Krishna - Saviour Of Humanity



Nanda at Vrindavana.

His life at Gokula and Vrindavana is imbued in all consuming love for his mother Yashoda and Nanda and his herds boys and herds girls, the trees and the animals in the forests and the woods where he went with his friends to feed his cattle. He lived a life of an ordinary lad filling the hearts and souls of every one with His divine love. His leela to take away butter, milk and curd from homes, was to attract gopis and gopas towards him, like a baby who would cry for milk to get the mother's love. His love to get love, he was love incarnate teaching everyone to give supreme love and to get back such love so to nurture the roots of love in every heart.

As a child at Vrindavana, Krishna's every action was in love playing lovely pranks with Mother Yashoda, Radha and Gopis. His love for Radha was pure, true and innocent. The mystic love of Krishna was a joy beyond comprehension, transcending into pure divine love. While playing

the flute he mesmerized everyone with his musical cosmic love, hearing the flute the trees blossomed with the flowers, the animals stood still in daze and the peacocks danced in the forests out of sheer bliss such was the majestic splendour of his glory. Radhika and Gopis could not contain themselves and would rush to the site where Krishna sat under the tree playing his magical flute, leaving behind their household cores.

As a young lad at Dwara he was the Prince --- Dwarakadeesh, serving his parents and the humanity at large. He taught the supreme lesson of truth and righteousness through his actions and deeds. He served the humanity whole heartedly removing the misery and sorrow from their lives, so that everyone lived in humility and gratitude. At the battle field of Kurukshetra through Bhagavad Gita he gave the sacred knowledge of Bhakti Yoga, devotion, sankhya



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## Lord Krishna : From darkness to light

**Anupama Bhuyan**



hearts, the ultimate Lord of compassion - Shri Krishna - taught mankind how to lead a perfect life. He is indeed an inspiration to millions. As Janmashtami is just around the corner, let's take a look at things that symbolize Krishna.

The worship of Krishna is part of Vaishnavism, which regards Vishnu as the Supreme God and venerates His associated avatars, their consorts, and related saints and teachers. Krishna is especially looked upon as a full manifestation of Vishnu, and as one with Vishnu himself.

The term Krishnaism has been used to describe the sects of Krishna, reserving the term "Vaishnavism" for sects focusing on Vishnu in which Krishna is an avatar, rather than as a transcendent Supreme Being.

Janmashtami is a festival celebrated all over India and across the globe to commemorate the birth of Lord Krishna, who dispelled evil. Lord Krishna is the epitome of true love, victory of good over evil. Ultimately, Lord

Krishna represents the state that exists when one goes beyond both good and evil. All mythological stories have great relevance to life as a whole. The stories associated with Lord Krishna hold deep meaning to the nuances of human life. Lord Krishna signifies the Consciousness within each of us. His birth at midnight symbolizes the shift of human consciousness from darkness to light. It heralds the raising of consciousness. Unexpectedly, there were Divine Lights all around, the bright light driven away the darkness of the prison, you came as a king of the

people, oh Krishna. There was no sound but joy and happiness all around, your divine aura, prison guards were sleeping, and all the gates were opened, as if a divine miracle would be happening.

Nature was happy, that was stormiest, rainy night, the Janmashtami. All and everyone were ready to help you, the Bal Gopal, the Krishna, to a safer place. You were so cute and loveable, that, there

was no one who has failed to fall in love with you, oh Krishna. The wiser, knew, your arrival was predestined, to spread love and establish the truth in the world. There was so many unholy incidents, people were afraid of taking the name of the Parramatta. Each and every one irrespective of age and sex all loved you. In return, your Bal Lila, proved that how much you love, those who loved you, just by annihilating the devils from the earth. As you grow age, without any discrimination, you started eliminating the ill minded from the earth.

Your arrival, we were fortunate to, receive and know the nectar of life's philosophy, the Bhagwat Gita, the dialogue between you, the Lord Krishna, and your devoted friend Arjuna. You came like a king of the kings, a complete incarnation, and ruling over our minds till to date, with an expectation, you would appear again to establish the truth.

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## I stand by my choices: 'Agra' actor reacts after getting trolled for intimate scenes

Actor Ruhani Sharma addressed the backlash over her leaked intimate scenes in 'Agra'. She expressed her disappointment and defended her artistic choices. Actor Ruhani Sharma issued an official statement after receiving backlash for her intimate scenes in her film, 'Agra'. The clips were leaked online. Sharma expressed her disappointment in a long note on X and mentioned that she "stands by her choices". Directed by Kanu Behl, 'Agra' was screened at Cannes 2023. The film also made its way to



several international film festivals. However, Ruhani Sharma, who plays a key part in the film, was brutally trolled online after clips of her intimate scenes from the movie went viral. The actor has now issued an official statement. She wrote, "Hey Everyone! I've been holding back, but I need to address something that's been weighing heavily on me since my film Agra was leaked. To say I'm disappointed is an understatement. It's heartbreaking to see our months of hard work, dedication, and passion being disregarded in this

way. Creating an art film is an intense journey filled with countless challenges, sleepless nights, and unwavering commitment (sic)." The note continued, "What's even more disheartening is how

quick some are to judge without understanding the blood, sweat, and tears that go into bringing such a project to life. Agra isn't just another film—it's a labor of love that premiered at Cannes Film Festival 2023, a

prestigious honor for any artist. The film has been internationally acclaimed, winning several awards and receiving recognition for the very thing we strive for: pushing the boundaries of world cinema (sic)."

It concluded with, "I stand by my choices, and I'm incredibly proud of this film and the entire team that made it happen. For those who may not fully grasp or appreciate this style of filmmaking, I ask for your respect. Art isn't always meant to be easy or comfortable—it's meant to challenge, to evoke emotion, to make us

think. Let's uplift and celebrate the diversity of cinema instead of tearing down the hard work of artists. Thank you for your support and understanding. Together, let's continue this creative journey with love and respect. Love Ruhani Sharma (sic)."

Ruhani Sharma is majorly known for playing relatively conservative characters. She ventured into newer territories by playing a bold role in 'Agra'. The actor was a part of films like 'Kadaisi Bench Karthi', 'Operation Valentine', 'Sriranga Neethulu', 'Love Me', 'Blackout', and others.

## Varun Dhawan joins Sunny Deol in 'Border 2': Dharti maa jab bulati hai...



Ayushmann Khurrrana had agreed to play a soldier in the film. However, he backed out later, citing creative issues. A report in Mid-Day quoted a source saying he was "unsure" about his position in the film. Ayushmann was in talks to play a soldier in the sequel. While both Ayushmann and the makers were keen on collaborating, the actor felt unsure of his positioning in an ensemble led by Sunny

Deol, a towering star in his own right," the source said. The same report mentioned that the makers are also keen on getting Diljit Dosanjh onboard. The popular actor-singer has now become an international sensation, and even though there's no confirmation on his presence in the film yet, he was approached for a role in the film. "Nothing is confirmed yet. But, Diljit was approached by the makers. It will be a treat to see Diljit and Sunny together on screen, given their strong

## Mirzapur actor Isha Talwar says artistes should be given medals as survival is 'really hard': 'There's self-doubt, pressure to make it big'



What doesn't kill your spirit, makes you a movie star. Actor Isha Talwar, best known for starring in the Amazon Prime Video series Mirzapur, says being in the film industry can be a daunting task as artistes battle insecurity, competition bitterness and the pressure to succeed at all cost. Isha started her film career with the 2012 Malayalam movie Thattathin Marayathu and continued to work in the industry, along with Tamil and Telugu films, before she appeared in Salman Khan's Tubelight in 2017. Post that, her Bollywood appearances included Kaalakaandi, Article 15, Sharmaji Namkeen.

She finally got her breakthrough success with Mirzapur in 2020 and followed it up with this year's Saas, Bahu Aur Flamingo. Isha is now gearing up for her next, Chamak. The Sony LIV musical thriller is set in Punjab and is gearing to release on December 7.

In an interview with Indianexpress.com, Isha Talwar talks about how she has stopped chasing the constant need to "make it big" as per the worldly standards, the move to reinvent herself and join an acting course and why actors need to be applauded more

often for surviving in the industry.

You entered the industry in 2012 with a Malayalam film. What has the decade taught you?

The learning is interesting. I got a lot of exposure because of South cinema. It is a different market, my foundation was set there. Everybody who is in films should be given a medal, because it is hard. The amount of self-doubt an artiste lives with, add to it the pressure... It is self-inflicting pressure though, of wanting to

make it big, where there is a set definition of 'making it'. I have stopped chasing that now.

Where you at some point?

When I came here, of course I was chasing it. When I didn't get it, it made me think what I was chasing. Now I do it more for the love of it, not so much for 'I have to be successful'. That unnecessary pressure is off my head, but it is not like I am less ambitious today. Our chips are made for competition, which I don't like anymore. I don't want to

compete with other people. It is not a race. Acting is a natural form of expression, so everyone will be different. I don't feel competitive anymore.

Yes, I want things for myself. I want to do more. I am greedier with time. I have spent seven months learning acting from Kerala. It has been a re-set for me.

After you broke out with Mirzapur, you still had to wait over a year for work. Have the years in the industry prepared you for its ups and downs?

Yes. Life is unpredictable, you can't

focus on such things. Eventually when you get five-six slaps from life, you go like, 'Oh damn, this s\*\*t also happens.' No one prepares you for it, you just find out.

## What are you craving for right now?

Chamak feels like a new beginning of sorts, because usually people play bhabis and bahus later. But for me that came in first and now I am going in this space of younger women. Somewhere that image of being a rooted actor, someone who is doing more UP, Rajasthan roles was clinging to me. If not for anything else, Chamak's character is definitely closer to my age group.

## Bigg Boss 17: Ankita Lokhande throws 'chappal' at husband Vicky Jain; lat...

Yes that and Saas Bahu and Flamingo just reinforced that. Madhuri and Bijli, as much as I love them, I also want to do a Jasvinder Kaur in Chamak. Which is why it feels like a new beginning. I do feel new. My new year has come in a bit early. There is a tendency to get bitter if you spend too much time, too many ideas of what needs to happen. But the acting course has ensured that I am back to square one and I want to chase some really cool things from here on now.

## PROHIBITION OF BENAMI PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS ACT, 1988: Part 2



Adv. Narayan Jain &amp; CA Dilip Loyalka

(Contd. from 19th August 2024)

5. Amendments made to the PBPT Act, 1988 by the Finance Act, 2023: The Finance Act, 2023 amended sec. 2 and sec. 46 of PBPT Act, 1988:

a) In sec. 2(18), - (i) the words "and" occurring at the end has been omitted; (ii) In sub-clause (ii) the word "and" have been inserted at the end; (iii) After clause (ii) the following clause has been inserted, namely:

The High Court within the jurisdiction of which the office of the Initiating Officer is located - Where the aggrieved party does not ordinarily reside or carry on business or personally work for gain in the jurisdiction of any High Court;

- Where the Government is the aggrieved party and any of the respondents do not ordinarily reside or carry on business or personally work for gain in the jurisdiction of any High Court;

appeal within the prescribed time limit and leads to delay in such filing. Hence, the provisions of section 46 of the PBPT Act have been amended to allow the filing of appeal against the order of the Adjudicating authority within a period of 45 days from the date when such order is received in the office of the Initiating Officer or the aggrieved person as the case may be. Similar change has also been made with reference to the order passed by an authority under section 54A of the PBPT Act.

c) Under the then existing provisions of section 2(18) of the PBPT Act, the 'High Court', for the purpose of filing appeal against the order of the Adjudicating authority, have been defined as Jurisdiction of such High Court within which either the aggrieved party ordinarily resides or carries on business or personally works for gain, or if the aggrieved party is Government then, jurisdiction of the High Court within which the respondent, or any respondent in case of multiple respondents resides, or carries on business or works for gain. It has been observed that the non-residents against whom proceedings under PBPT Act have been initiated do not fall in the category of appellant or

respondent mentioned in the definition, do not fall under the jurisdiction of any High Court. Hence, to enable the determination of High Court jurisdiction for the non-resident appellants or respondents, section 2(18) of the PBPT Act has been amended to modify the definition of 'High Court' by inserting a proviso so as to provide that where the aggrieved party does not ordinarily reside or carry on business or personally work for gain in the jurisdiction of any High Court or where the Government is the aggrieved party and any of the respondents do not ordinarily reside or carry on business or personally work for gain in the jurisdiction of any High Court, then the High Court shall be such within whose jurisdiction the office of the Initiating Officer is located.

d) These amendments are with effect from the 1st April, 2023.

6. Amendments made to the PBPT Act, 1988 by the Finance Act, 2021: The Finance Act, 2021 amended sec. 2 and sec. 46 and sec. 68 while section 7 has been substituted. Sections 8 to 17 and sec. 68 (2)(b)(c) have been omitted.

In section 2 (1) the words "appointed under" have been substituted by the words "referred to in".

Substitution of sec. 7: It reads as under:

Adjudicating Authority - The competent authority authorized u/s 5(1) of the Smugglers and Foreign Exchange Manipulators (Forfeiture of Property) Act, 1976 shall be the Adjudicating Authority to exercise jurisdiction, powers and authority conferred by or under the Prohibition of Benami Property Transactions Act, 1988.

The following new proviso has been inserted to the Explanation in section 26(7): Provided that the time limit for passing order u/s 26(7) during the period beginning from 1.7.2021 and ending on 29.9.2021, the time limit for passing such order shall be extended to 30.9.2021. Sections 8 to 17 and sec. 68 (2)(b)(c) have been omitted.

6. Benami transaction: The original 1988 Act defined a benami transaction as a transaction where a property is held by or transferred to a person, but the consideration has been provided for or paid by another person/ third party. After amendment in 2016, Prohibition of Benami Property Transactions Act, 1988 (PBPT Act) has widened the definition of benami transaction and added other transactions such as property transactions where:

i) the transaction is made in a fictitious name,

ii) the owner is not aware of or denies knowledge of the ownership of the property, or

iii) the person providing the consideration for the property is not traceable. As per Clause 2(8) of Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Amendment Act, 2016, Benami Property" means any Property which is the subject matter of a Benami transaction and also includes the proceeds from such property".

As per clause 2(26) "Property" means assets of any kind, whether - movable or immovable, tangible or intangible, corporeal or incorporeal and includes any right or interest or legal documents or instruments evidencing title to or interest in the property and where the property is capable of conversion into some other form, then the property in the converted form and also includes the proceeds from the property;

Exceptions: Property transactions among specified family members is not benami transaction. Here, the Act clearly sets the limit of relationship. Only lineal ascendants

(father, mother, grandparents and great grandparents) and lineal descendants (children, grandchildren and great grandchildren) are considered as family members.

Meaning of Benami: As per "Merriam Webster" dictionary: made, held, done, or transacted in the name of (another person) used in Hindu law to designate a transaction, contract, or property that is made or held under a name that is fictitious or is that of a third party who holds as ostensible owner for the principal or beneficial owner.

Large scale Benami deals happened when land reforms entailed the abolition of zamindari, giving tillers rights to own the land as well as imposition of agricultural land ceilings. In urban areas, this became quite rampant after the passage of the now-scrapped Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976.

7. Benami Property: The word Benami property means the property which has been purchased in the name of some person other than the person who has financed it. The person who has rendered the required money for the said

purchase has not purchased it in his name but in the name of some other person. The person who financed the property has not really purchased it to the benefit of the person on whose name he has purchased it.

Simply, benami property is the one whose legal owner is different from the actual owner. Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Act, 1988 defines a 'benami' transaction as any transaction in which property is transferred to one person for a consideration paid by another person. The act bans all benami transactions and gives the government the right to recover property held benami without paying any compensation.

Some features in Benami transactions are:

i) The beneficial ownership vests on the real owner.

ii) The Benamidar bears the ostensible title as described in the Transfer of Property Act, 1882.

Benami property includes: immovable assets such as land, flat or house, movable assets such as gold, stocks, mutual fund holdings, bank deposits etc. If the property is sold, then the proceeds from the sale is also included under Benami property.

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## Shri Krishna: Management Guru of the Universe

-Lalit Garg-



suppression of evil people, traitors, criminals and corrupt people, determination to keep promises, vow of surrender for the national interest, liberation of innocent people, elimination of disparities, harmony among differences, prevention of mutual enmity, self-accepted self-restraint, everyone's involvement in the national work. Cooperation, control of religious power on royal power and renunciation of power to fulfill all these etc.

qualities of Shri Krishna are the national life and cultural values of India. In fact, Shri Krishna was a thinker of that order, which transcends the limits of time, and reaches the eternal and infinite. Whenever injustice increases, a national leader like Shri Krishna has to incarnate, as Shri Krishna Himself has said in the Geeta - Yada-yada hi dharmasya glanirbhavati b hara t a h , abhyutthanamdharmasya tadatmanam sriyamham. That is, a national leader needs to be born only to counter injustice. One who arouses the consciousness of the entire public in such a way that the entire society moves like a flood in the desired direction in which he wants to take the entire society and not even the highest mountain peak can stop its strong flow. Shri Krishna was also such a national leader, on whose instructions all the Gopis left Braj and united against the Demon King Kansa. Even though Goshwami Tulsidas was far away from power in the medieval period, his great work Ramcharitmanas still remains a favourite among the masses and even today Tulsidas' name is resonating in most parts of India; more



than that of any ruling king, king or emperor. Similarly, recently Mahatma Gandhi was completely away from power. He did not hold the post of Congress President even once. But during his lifetime, he had given direction to the Congress and to the then society and to the entire nation. Jayaprakash Narayan had changed the government by calling for a complete revolution in the country; not because he was in power, but he had public power and that is why he was called 'Loknayak'. He had won immense trust of the people. Today world's largest organization Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh and its Sangh-Director Shri Mohan Bhagwat are also such folk heroes. Loknayak or Jannayak is actually a national leader. Shri Krishna was such a hero during his era. At that time, the rulers of the world used to hover around him in such a way, as if there was a ring of his quadrilateral cycle. Shri Krishna handed over the power to other people, and remained detached from the power. In fact, Shri Krishna could become our national hero only because he played an important role in mobilizing the people's

power. Shri Krishna's personality and his works are multi-faceted and multi-coloured, covering all the characteristics of leadership, i.e. political skill, intelligence, tact, war strategy, personal charm, political charisma, love, gravity, happiness, sorrow and whatnot? For a patriot, Lord Krishna is not only God, but also a teacher who teaches the art of living life as a successful citizen. Due to various characteristics of his personality, he attained the status of a superhero in Indian culture. On one hand, he was a knower of politics, and on the other hand, he was a great scholar of philosophy.

Taking leadership in the religious, political and social spheres, he promoted the syncretic religion of knowledge-action-devotion. On the basis of his qualifications, he was a Yugapurus, who later on was accepted as Yuvavat. We remember Him as a great revolutionary hero. He was a philosopher, a thinker, a messenger of Karma and Sankhya Yoga through Geeta and a policy director of the Mahabharata war, but for the simple Bravas, he was a music

maker, a butter thief, the mischievous Kanhaiya who broke the pots of the Gopis and befooled Gopis. This is the expression in the Gita - "O Arjuna! The devotee who worships me with the same feelings, I also worship him in the same way. We see the same characteristics in our Prime Minister Narendra Modi also, because by assimilating the life ideals of Shri Krishna, he is creating a strong India - a new vibrant India!

There was such a beautiful coordination of different types of qualities in the life of Shri Krishna that on one hand, he could enjoy the common people; on the other hand, he could uproot and throw away the teeth of an intoxicated elephant like Kuvalaya Peed with his own hands. This coordination of amazing abilities puts Shri Krishna in a completely different league from other heroes. The significance of Shri Krishna encompassing ideological and practical ground, which flowed uninterruptedly in the Indian society, was implemented by Chanakya through diplomacy, Tulsidas through devotion, Gandhi through service, Jayaprakash Narayan through the public awareness, Mohan Bhagwat through organizational skills

as per his wish. The ideological level of Shri Krishna was much higher than the practical level. However, he coordinated his ideological and practical plans in such a way that it was not even known where the two streams merged into each other.

The character of Shri Krishna as a national leader is also very divine. Everyone gets drawn towards them. The one who attracts everyone towards himself, paves the path of devotion, removes the sins of the devotees, he is Shri Krishna. He is an ideal character who is a psychologist while diagnosing Arjun's mental distress, an incarnation of Dharma, while killing demons like Kansa, an ideal politician while countering self-interested politics, the best musician in the form of Vishwa Mohini Bansi Bajaiya, the Brijvasi. In front of Sudama, He is Premavat, an ideal friend; in the form of Sudarshan Chakradhari, there is a warrior and pioneer of social revolution. Even the smallest incidents of His life prove that he was blessed with omniscience. He was the embodiment of religion and a skilled politician.

The administrative and political character of Shri Krishna is very supernatural; in short his overall thought philosophy has only one message - Karma. It is only through karma that it is possible to suppress the harmful tendencies of the society, and replace them with noble tendencies. Shri Krishna's personality is full of infinite compassion. But it is rare to find somebody else tougher than Him who opposes injustice and oppression. The same Shri Krishna who used to run barefoot for the sake of the one who loved him, the

same Shri Krishna also became extremely harsh and ruthless in punishing the wicked. While preaching Geeta, Shri Krishna had told Arjun that there is no benefit in living under the influence of attachment. All these relatives are worth saying, but you have to emphasize on the delivery of knowledge, action and devotion to achieve your objective. Many legends and myths are prevalent about Shri Krishna. But there is a need to make a proper and rational historical evaluation of them in the contemporary context.

Shri Krishna has become the nurturer of rural culture. He gave unprecedented respect to cows in his time. He was conscious about the health and eating habits of cows and cowherds. While he revered the butter, milk and curd extracted from the hard work of cowherds as health protectors, he also prevented these priceless things from being given to Kansa as 'tax'. They wanted these things to be consumed in villages only. The form of Shri Krishna as a butter thief was not only a direct challenge to the autocratic power, but at the same time, it was also an encouragement to rural culture. Today, on the birth anniversary of Shri Krishna - Janmashtami, India is expected to be built on his teachings, life ideals and principles, only then Hindus will be strong, only then India will be able to become a Hindu nation in the true sense.

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## AIFTP plea against Flood of Notices and for early Appeal Effects & Refunds

**Kolkata (KCN):** All India Federation of Tax Practitioners has brought to the notice of Revenue Secretary Flood of Notices being issued under section 148A(b) and 148 after the Finance (No.2) Act, 2024. Narayan Jain National President of AIFTP has urged the Government in its Representation to stop this tendency. AIFTP has also urged to allow early Appeal effect and carry out Rectifications without delay. If effect is not given within the time allowed u/s 153, the officer should be



made accountable for the reason that the rate of interest u/s 244A(1A) will go up by 3% which will be financial loss to the Government, said Jain. Adv SM Surana, Chairman Direct Tax Representation Committee of AIFTP pointed out that even if appeal effect is given,

there is delay in issue of the refund. More so, the system of issue of actual refund cheque or RTGS is left to CPC.

AIFTP has appreciated the initiative to make Comprehensive Review of the Income Tax Act to make the Act concise, lucid, easy to read and understand as stated in para 137 of the Budget Speech by the Hon'ble Finance Minister. AIFTP has assured full support in this exercise. Jain also welcomed the initiative of bringing in Vivid Se Vishwas Scheme, 2024.

## Decision on Lalu Yadav and Tejashwi deferred, court fixed 7 September



**New Delhi (KCN):** Delhi's Rouse Avenue Court has deferred the decision on taking cognizance of the first supplementary chargesheet filed by ED in the Land for Job case today. Special Judge Vishal Gogoi will pronounce the verdict. Now the court will pronounce its verdict on 7 September. Earlier, the court had reserved the decision on 17 August. ED had filed the first supplementary chargesheet in this case on 6 August. 11 people have been made accused in the ED chargesheet. 96 documents have been presented as evidence in the chargesheet. Let us tell you that on 6 July, the court had given time till 6 August to ED to file the chargesheet, after which

the first supplementary chargesheet was filed. During the hearing on 6 July, ED's Joint Director Court had said that this matter is very sensitive, he assured the court that ED will file the chargesheet on time. ED had said that the investigation in this case is still going on. Then the court had said that there should be a time limit to complete the investigation in the case. Let us tell you that on March 7, the court had granted regular bail to Rabri Devi, Misa Bharti, Heema Yadav and Riddayan and a Chaudhary in the ED case. In this case, the court took cognizance of the charge sheet filed by ED on January 27. On January 9, ED filed the first charge sheet in this

case. ED arrested Amit Katyal in this case. In this case, before ED, CBI had registered a case. In the case related to CBI, the court had granted bail to former Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar Tejashwi Yadav, Lalu Prasad Yadav and Rabri Devi on 4 October 2023. The court took cognizance of the second charge sheet filed by CBI on 22 September 2023. On 3 July 2023, CBI filed a supplementary charge sheet. The court took cognizance of the charge sheet filed against all the accused including these three accused on 27 February 2023. On 7 October 2022, the CBI filed a charge sheet against 16 accused including Lalu Prasad Yadav, Rabri Devi and Misa Bharti in the Land for Job case.

Hon'ble

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## CUO students observe silent protest demanding justice for Kolkata rape victim



rally. It concluded with the observation of 2 minutes of silence for the peace of the soul of the Lady Doctor.

Prof Chakradhar Tripathi,

Padma Charan Mishra, Dr. Deepthi Shanker, Dr. Chakradhar Padhan, Dr. Bharat Kr Panda, Dr. Ramendra Kumar Parhi, Dr. Sunit Paswan, Dr. Nikhil Kumar Gauda, Dr. Srikan Arle, Dr. Manoj

Kumar Singh, Dr. Sourav Gupta, Dr. Gaurav Kumar, Shri Sumit Behera, Dr. Anjaneyulu Thotapalli, Dr. Rabita Pathak, Dr. Minati Sahoo, Dr. Nupur Pattanaik, Dr. Prasenjit Sinha were present among other faculty members.

The program was coordinated by Dr. Sourav Gupta, Dr. Anjaneyulu Thotapalli, and R Devender, PhD Scholar of DJMC. Among PG students, Rituparna Panda, Alia Bagarti, Joshua Amos, Debjani Ghosh, and Hindol Bhattacharya played active roles.

## Central University of Odisha Celebrates Inaugural National Space Day 2024 with Chandrayaan-3 Triumph



**Koraput (KCN):** The Central University of Odisha joined the nation in celebrating the first-ever National Space Day 2024 at its Sunabeda campus on August 23, 2024. The event honored the historic achievement of the Chandrayaan-3 mission, highlighted by the successful soft landing of the Vikram lander at the Shiva Shakti point. Various activities were organized on August 22-23, 2024, to commemorate this milestone. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi conveyed his best wishes on this occasion.

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## On Haryana Poll Postponement Request, BJP Leader's Clarification

**New Delhi (KCN):** The BJP is ready to contest polls tomorrow, asserted senior leader Anil Vij after his party faced opposition criticism for seeking to defer the September 1 polls. The party, in its defense, cited long holidays before and after the election date that it said could adversely affect the voter turnout. Anil Vij, a former Haryana Home Minister, said that the BJP recently held a marathon meeting

that lasted two days and sent the names of three to four probable nominees for every seat in the 90-member state Assembly to the Central Election Committee, underscoring that the party is ready. Haryana polls would be held in a single phase on October 1. The votes will be counted on October 4. "The declared dates make it possible for people to take extended holidays, which reduces voter turnout. Congress has reacted

today, but we are not just asking for an extension. We suggest moving the dates back by a few days to prevent a long holiday period. We are ready for elections. Our party is ready. Have it tomorrow," said Mr Vij.

**Ambala:** Haryana's former Home Minister Anil Vij says, "The declared dates make it possible for people to take extended holidays, which reduces voter turnout. Congress has reacted

today, but we are not just asking for an extension.

In 2022, the poll body changed the date of polling for the Punjab assembly elections from February 14 to 20, after various political parties requested the six-day postponement, citing the birth anniversary of

Sant Ravidas.

In his letter to the poll body, then Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi wrote that at least 20 lakh

followers of Guru Ravidas from Punjab would

congregate at Varanasi from 10 to 16 February to mark his birth anniversary, due to which they might not be able to vote.

However, the Congress this time sees it differently. Senior party leader Bhupinder Singh Hooda said the BJP had "accepted defeat" by requesting to postpone the Assembly election date, asserting that the people were ready to throw out the incumbent government.

Shri Anil Kumar Jadli Takes Charge as Director (HR), NTPC

**Kolkata (KCN):** Shri Anil Kumar Jadli has taken charge as Director (HR), NTPC on 23rd August 2024. He started his career in NTPC way back in 1993 as an Executive Trainee. His ascent from his humble beginning as an Executive Trainee to the top echelon of HR function in NTPC signifies his passion, commitment and hard work. He is a post graduate in Organic Chemistry from Garwal University and did his post graduate diploma in Business Management in Human Resource



switched over to HR function in 2004. From 2004 onwards, he looked after various facets of HR in various projects of NTPC in different capacity including Head of HR. He moved to Corporate HR in the year 2020, where he was instrumental in formulation and implementation of various HR strategies and initiatives.

He is a strong believer of "people before PLF" philosophy. With his rich and varied experience, HR in NTPC will achieve new feats in the days to come.

## Abanindranath Tagore Janmotsava and Art Exhibition



**Kolkata (Arindam Bhattacharya):** On the occasion of the 153rd birth anniversary of Shilpa Guru Abanindranath Tagore, a Painting exhibition has started at the Nati Binodini Memorial Art Gallery, Star Theater, Kolkata, under the initiative of All India Fine Arts Association. This exhibition which entered its 41st year,

will continue till August 30 from 2 pm to 8 pm, where 77 pictures painted by multiple artists have won the hearts of the audience.



bestowed upon NTPC based on a rigorous judging process wherein the Applications were evaluated by an international panel of independent industry experts and senior analysts and executive team of the Brandon Hall Group. Awards are judged on the following criteria: Alignment to their business need and environment, Program design, functionality and delivery, Adoption, integration, user experience, innovation and creativity, Overall effectiveness, impact, and measurable benefits. Brandon Hall Group™ is the only professional development company that offers data, research, insights, and certification to Learning and Talent executives and organizations. The best minds in Human Capital Management (HCM) choose Brandon Hall Group™ to help them create future-proof employee development plans for the new era. For over 30 years, Brandon Hall Group™ has empowered, recognized, and certified excellence in

organizations worldwide, influencing the development of over 10 million employees and executives. NTPC has been in the forefront of adopting and institutionalizing progressive and best HR practices in a proactive manner, which have been recognized by various prestigious forums at national and international levels. Such awards recognize NTPC's constantly evolving talent strategy and people practices based on the "People before PLF (Plant Load Factor)" approach that are in line with business and workforce requirements and work to create a meaningful environment that fosters business excellence. They signify NTPC's unflinching commitment towards achieving excellence in development and management of Human Resources through continuous process improvements and engagement and learning and development opportunities.

## NTPC wins 6 Awards in US based Brandon Hall Group HCM Excellence Awards 2024

**Kolkata (KCN):** The US based Brandon Hall Group announced the Winners of the coveted 2024 HCM (Human Capital Management) Excellence Awards® in an online broadcast held on 22nd August, 2024. Now entering its 32nd year, the Brandon Hall Group™ Excellence Awards is the most prestigious awards program in the industry. Their HCM Excellence Awards® program was the first to recognize organizations for learning and talent and is the gold standard, known as the "Academy Awards of Human Capital Management." The 2024 Brandon Hall Group HCM Excellence Awards® showcased exceptional accomplishments in Human Capital Management. The awards recognized organizations that have truly excelled in their HCM strategies, demonstrating a commitment to innovation and employee development. NTPC was the proud winner of the following 6

# Illegal country liquor biz flourishes in Kendrapara

**Mahakalapara(KCN):** In an alarming development, illegal country liquor joints have mushroomed in the coastal areas of Kendrapara district. This acquires importance in the wake of two deaths due to consumption of spurious hooch in Chikiti area of Ganjam district.

Production and sale of illegally manufactured country liquor and adulterated foreign liquor have increased in this block located on the coastline of Kendrapara district. Moreover, youths are

being engaged to fast pace this business, while poor people living in rural areas are the worst affected and facing potential life risk. Observers said poor people, mostly daily wagers, visit these country liquor outlets in the evening and spend their day's earnings in consuming alcohol. This seriously deteriorates their health and affects their family members as they continue to remain impoverished. The business has mostly spread in Nanjura, Jambu, Suniti, Babar Bazar, Baulakani, Ramnagar, Kharinasi,

Petchella, Barkandha, Teragaon, Jadupur, Nilachal Bazar, Tikhiri, Badakula, Karanj, Alailo, Ortaghata, Ostarhata, Bijaynagar as well as in areas under Gahirmatha marine sanctuary in this block. Country liquor prepared by mixing a wild root 'Bakhra' with fermented rice brew is easily available at 20 to 30 per packet. After preparation, country liquor is packed and sealed into polythene pouches and then in cartons and large plastic jars. Later, those are transported outside to

Jagatsinghpur, Jajpur, Cuttack, Bhadrak and Balasore districts in late night. A country liquor trader

## SUBHADRA Yojana first instalment to be Released September 17: Dy CM Pravati Parida

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Amidst heated political debate over the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the implementation of the SUBHADRA Yojana, Odisha Deputy Chief Minister Pravati Parida announced Saturday that the first instalment of the scheme, originally scheduled for Raksha Bandhan, will now be released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi September 17.

Parida made this announcement during a party program in Puri,



addressing criticism from Leader of Opposition Naveen Patnaik, who had earlier questioned the guidelines set forth by the BJP government.

In her statement, Parida clarified that 1.08 crore women have been included in the list of beneficiaries for the SUBHADRA Yojana.

## Robbery plan foiled in Odisha; six held



**Balasore(KCN):** Six members of a dacoit gang were arrested by Town police here while they were planning for a robbery, late Friday night. Police have seized two crude bombs, two sharp-edged weapons, mobile phones and 17 stolen bikes from their possession, as informed by SP Sagarika Nath during a press conference held at the police station Saturday. The presser was attended by City DSP Shubhranshu Shekhar

Nayak and Inspector-in-Charge Ashok Kumar Nayak. The arrested, including three minors, are from Patrapada area under the Town PS jurisdiction. However, police have not yet disclosed their identity. According to police, a tip-off was received at around 2am Friday that the accused were planning a robbery at Balighat. Acting on the tip-off, Town PS IIC Ashok Kumar Nayak and his team conducted a raid and managed to arrest the six-

member gang of dacoits. Police during the raid found 17 stolen bikes in an abandoned house near Alua in Patrapada area.

Police said that the accused had been stealing bikes from markets, court premises, and various public places and selling them at low prices to liquor traders and timber mafias. The accused had prior criminal cases like theft and dacoity registered against them in different police stations.

Additionally, two of the minors were involved in a murder case that occurred at Blue Lake. In this regard, a case (301/24) has been registered under Sections 310(4), 310(5), 317(3) of the Arms Act, and the Indian Explosives Act. The police are conducting a thorough investigation. SP Nath has assured that the stolen bikes will be returned to their rightful owners after proper verification.

## Chikiti Hooch Tragedy: Another Mastermind Held; 9 Arrested So Far

**Chikiti(KCN):** Another accused person, allegedly involved in the Chikiti hooch tragedy, was arrested by K Nuagaon police in Ganjam district on Saturday.

With the arrest of another mastermind of spurious liquor racket, Prabhakar Sahu alias Pabana of Moundpur village in

Ganjam district, the total number of accused persons arrested in this case went up to nine. On Friday, an accused Jura Sahoo, was arrested by the K. Nuagaon Police. Earlier on August 20, seven people including mastermind Surendra Malik were during raids by the police and excise personnel

Police and the excise department have intensified crackdown on the traders and sale of spurious country-made liquor. On August 20, K. Nuagaon PS registered case No. 252 Dt. 20.08.2024 U/s 61(2)/110/274/123/275 BNS/Sec. 52(a)/59(b)(c)/62(1) Odisha Excise Act and forwarded to the



requesting anonymity and police officials said that their business has flourished due to tacit support of Excise

and police officials. They allow them to operate their business in exchange of kickbacks, he added.

On the other hand, the state Excise department has started showing promptitude and launched a crackdown on illegal country liquor joints following death of two persons after consuming spurious country liquor under Chikiti block in Ganjam district. Moreover, a sharp increase in illegal country and foreign liquor business has disrupted normal life giving way to worsening law and order in the area. It has also led to an increase in road accidents and frequent quarrels among the households. Moreover, there has been an increase in kidney and liver related diseases among the youths due to excessive consumption. When contacted, Excise Superintendent Biplob Mandal said the state government has imposed restriction on preparation of country liquor. He said that the department is ready to launch a crackdown on receiving complaints and will not hesitate in taking action against the persons involved in this business.



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## Upgradation of knowledge and skills of the fishers of Seohar district, Bihar through on-campus training

Kolkata, (KCN): When it comes to inland open water resources like rivulets, reservoirs, canals, chaura, and mauns, the Sheohardistrict in Bihar is incredibly resourceful. In the Sheohar district, there is a shortage of fish despite the abundance of aquatic resources. In keeping with the goal of improving the knowledge and abilities of the fishers of Seohar District, I C A R - C I F R I, Barrackpore, has conducted a seven-day training program on "Inland Fisheries Management" from January 3-9, 2024, with an emphasis on improving production and ensuring livelihood security.

This training program was attended by 30 active fish farmers. The Institute's Director, Dr. B.K. Das, placed special emphasis on the fishermen's knowledge-based skill development regarding



multiple aspects of the inland fisheries production system and management, which will secure their sustainable livelihood. He believed that to maximize production and productivity, fishermen needed to acquire scientific information and apply it to their resource exploration. Dr. Das also gave the trainees information on the

emerging opportunities for entrepreneurship in India's inland fisheries.

Untapped potential is abundant in this district for inland fisheries development, which might raise living standards. The goal of this training program was to bridge the attitude, skill, and knowledge gaps that existed between inland fishery administration and

farmers. Lectures on a wide range of topics were covered in the coursework, including how to construct and maintain ponds, the chemistry of soil and water, induced breeding, nursery and rearing pond management, transporting live fish seeds, composite fish farming, ornamental fisheries, enclosure culture, fish feed management, disease management, zero budget natural farming, inland fisheries and climate change, economic evaluation, and a general overview of the Pradhan

M a n t r i Matsya Sampada Yojana, along with showcasing the CIFRI products. Field trips included visits to

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Mukesh Srivastava, Head of Digital Imaging Business at Sony India, said, "By supporting and assisting partners in local markets, Sony aims to ensure customers receive exceptional service and satisfaction along with quicker and faster turnaround at all outlets across the country. The new service centers will offer customers a seamless experience across multiple touchpoints to provide a consistent brand experience that surpasses expectations."

Exemplifying the region's signature weave through a curated evening at the majestic Vivanta, Bhubaneswar, DC Square was Odia designer Sabyasachi Satpathy, whose intricately crafted ensembles drew inspiration from the multicultural city and its colourful history. In a true celebration of Odisha's distinct and masterful craftsmanship, the show was elevated with a captivating performance by the Prince Dance Group— from the small Odisha town of Berhampur – widely lauded for their artistry. The show drew to a finale with none other than actor Diana Penty, who captivated the audience in a beautiful ensemble by the designer. The "Made of Artistic Flair" edition of Blenders Pride Fashion Nights was a beautiful embodiment of the rich craft and cultural heritage of the city in a modern and contemporary setting.

Through a specially commissioned study across six cities and markets of India, AOA 2022 has been published as a book with exclusively commissioned artworks. This study uses the time graph of "pre-pandemic" and "post-pandemic" months to specify a comparative matrix. It also helps debunk long-held ideas about what affluence and luxury have meant to Indians. A collective reflection on what affluence means in India spiked during the two years of the pandemic. Charting the post-pandemic market and the clearly altered consumer mindset

have meant to Indians. Taking us on a 'Jatra' – The Journey of a Young Woman – the show encapsulated the journey of a woman from post adolescence to her nuptials, navigating the various challenges, trials and significant moments that come her way. The enigmatic journey was captured through the array of colours and textiles that Odisha Bandha/Ikkat offers.

**NSDL launches "Market ka Eklavya- Express" in 75 cities to mark 75 years of Independence**

Mumbai: India's largest depository, National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) launched 'Market ka Eklavya- Express', an online investment awareness program for students that will be conducted in 8 different languages including Hindi. The program would serve as a beginner's guide for investing for the youth. To mark the significance of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, an initiative of Government of India to celebrate 75 years of independence and the glorious history of our people, culture and achievements, NSDL has launched a new initiative towards investor awareness 'Market Ka Eklavya - Express' across 75 cities, especially aimed at the college students who would very soon be entering the phase where they would start earning and naturally,

look for avenues of investment.

Earlier this month, Market ka Eklavya (5-hours program) was launched by the hon'ble Finance Minister of India, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman at the silver jubilee event of NSDL.

On the launch of the initiative Ms. Padmaja Chunduru, MD & CEO, NSDL said, "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is a special initiative launched by our Prime Minister to

the ICAR-CIFA Kalyani Fish Farms, the East Kolkata Wetlands (EKW), the ornamental fish market, and the Halisahar fish farm. Participants had access to the Institute's Recirculatory Aquaculture System (RAS), Bio-floc units, ornamental hatchery units, and feed mill in addition to receiving hands-on training on a wide range of topics targeted to specific needs, such as basic water quality parameters, the preparation of fish feed using easily available feed ingredients, the identification of fish pathogens and their respective remedial measures, etc.

During the feedback session, it appeared that the trainees were generally satisfied with the newly acquired information, which would be very helpful in their future activities. Dr. B.K. Das, director of the institute, encouraged the farmers to apply what they had learned to improve their level of production integration. Dr. Aparna Roy and Dr. Dibakar Bhakta coordinated the training program, with assistance from Sujit Chowdhury, Manabendra Roy Mr. Y. AliandKausik Mondal.

## Nuvoco successfully completes AFR Project at its RISDA Cement Plant, Chhattisgarh and Nimbol Cement Plant, Rajasthan

Bhubaneswar : Nuvoco Vistas Corp. Ltd., India's fifth-largest cement group in terms of capacity and among the leading players in East India, successfully announced the completion of its Alternative Fuel Resource (AFR) project at RISDA Cement Plant (RCP), Chhattisgarh and Nimbol Cement Plant (NCP), Rajasthan. This milestone achievement illustrates Nuvoco's commitment to reducing dependency on fossil fuels and promoting sustainable practices within the cement industry. With the use of alternative fuels, the company strives to reduce the usage of fossil fuels and minimize its environmental impact. Alternative fuels are a crucial step towards reducing carbon emissions and mitigating the adverse effects of climate change. Nuvoco has dedicatedly installed a system that is capable of utilizing agricultural waste, RDF (Refused Derived Fuel), and municipal waste that is harmful to cattle and other wildlife due to its carcinogenic qualities as an alternative fuel.

Mr. Jayakumar Krishnaswamy, Managing Director, Nuvoco stated. "As part of our PROTECT OUR PLANET agenda, we view the AFR project as an important step towards fulfilling our

commitment to sustainable cement manufacturing and reducing the environmental impacts. The successful completion of this project demonstrates our commitment to reducing carbon emissions, maximizing waste consumption, and demonstrating responsible resource management practices."

Additionally, he stated, "The adoption of alternative fuels also aids in resolving issues associated with landfills and unhygienic waste accumulation. For instance, in its cement manufacturing process, Nuvoco uses plastic waste, RDF (Refused Derived Fuel), and municipal waste that is harmful to cattle and other wildlife due to its carcinogenic qualities as an alternative fuel.

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# Over the moon with the performance: Dinesh Chandimal

**Londan:** A dogged Sri Lanka put on a good show in the first Test match, giving stiff competition to England, before the hosts sealed the win by 5 wickets thanks to a gritty knock by Joe Root.

Nevertheless for Sri Lanka who were the underdogs heading into the Test, Dinesh Chandimal was 'over the moon' with the performance by the team. In unfamiliar conditions and after losing quick wickets on Day 1 in the first hour, he credited his teammates for the resilience the team showed. He praised Milan Rathnayake and skipper Dhananjaya de

Silva for fighting it out to score 236, in the first innings.

'We are over the moon as a team, not for the result but the way we played in this game is unbelievable. In the first half an hour on the first day, we lost three wickets. Milan [Rathnayake] and Dhananjaya batted brilliantly and took us through the game.'

Apart from the first morning of Day 3, Sri Lanka had a good outing with the ball as well. Prabath Jayasuriya and Asitha Fernando picked up three and four-fers respectively. Chandimal was confident that the team could pick up a victory in this series with

## Mehidy, Shakib spin Bangladesh to historic Test win



**New Delhi:** Najmul Hossain Shanto celebrated turning 26 by becoming the first Bangladesh captain to beat Pakistan in a Test match as the visitors created history on the fifth afternoon in Rawalpindi with a thumping 10-wicket win. On a day where cracks were more prominent on the pitch and the ball turned square, Mehidy Hasan and Shakib Al Hasan combined to bundle out Pakistan for 146 - the lowest team total in Tests against Bangladesh, leaving their batters to chase just 30 runs.

Pakistan started the day on the backfoot at 23/1 and a deficit of 94 thanks to Mushfiqur's exceptional 191 on Day 4. The Bangladesh bowlers ensured the batting effort of the senior pro and many of the others didn't go in vain as they got stuck into the top-order in the morning session. Hasan Mahmud

started off by getting Shan Masood to nick one behind to Litton Das. It took a review to send the Pakistan captain back after the umpire turned down the appeal. Babar Azam nearly bagged a pair when he got an outside edge off Shoriful Islam but Litton couldn't hold on to the ball. After a nervy start, Babar began to look a bit more composed as he nailed a cut shot off Mahmud for his first four.

Just when Babar and Abdullah Shafique looked like they could forge an important stand, fast bowler Nahid Rana got the former to play a full ball onto the stumps and depart for 22. From 66/3 onwards, the spin duo of Shakib and Mehidy took over and hastened Pakistan's downfall. An over after Azam's exit, Pakistan were further rocked as the first-innings centurion Saud Shakeel fell for a four-ball duck. Shakeel advanced down the track looking to work

the ball to the leg side and got stumped off the left-arm spinner. Mohammad Rizwan arrived with intent and took Pakistan past 100 in the company of Shafique. The fifth-wicket stand grew swiftly but Shakib put an end to that as well. Shafique too gave Shakib the charge but ended up hitting straight to backward point. Three balls later, Pakistan were six down for just 105 when Agha Salman nicked one off Mehidy Hasan and Shadman Islam took an excellent catch at first slip.

Rizwan's wings were clipped after Lunch as Pakistan swiftly went eight down, with Shaheen Afridi falling to a ball from Mehidy that kept low and trapped him leg before. Naseem Shah then tried to take on Shakib but hit to Mushfiqur Rahim at short mid-wicket. Rizwan put up a gritty front against Bangladesh in the company of Khurram Shahzad, as he farmed the strike as much as he could and defended his way to a 70-ball half-century. Shazad did fine for his part, dead-batting and offering judgement to the few balls he faced. But a little after the drinks break in the second session, Mehidy changed angle and got the better of Rizwan.



as a team. We were short of 40-50 runs but every time we are telling this after losing the game, we have to learn that and especially our tailenders didn't contribute that

well. If they could hang in there for 10-15 overs, we could have got those runs so unfortunately it didn't click."

The key contribution in the Sri Lankan middle order

went on to say that a county stint would take his career to greater heights.

"He is unbelievable. First tour to England with the national team, in the first game scoring a century. It's a wonderful thing to do, he is a world class player as far as I'm concerned. I took two tours to make a hundred in England but he has done that very easily. He is a fine player, a player like him, if he can come and play in county cricket for one or two years, it will be really good for him, for his future."

"The positive mindset (on his approach). When I had a chat with him when he came for

lunch, I asked him, what is the secret and he said that he is in a positive mind. He is a player like that and it is really good for the team."

Chandimal however, suffered a nasty blow on his thumb by a Mark Wood snorter. This had forced him to retire hurt for a period in the second innings, rendering him doubtful for the second Test.

"I had the same injury six months ago also, so in the x-ray they said that it was aggravated so hopefully, I'll be fit to play the next game."

England and Sri Lanka will play the next Test match at Lord's from August 29.

## Nigar Sultana disappointed to not be playing a 'home World Cup'

### NEW DELHI:

Bangladesh Women's skipper Nigar Sultana said that she is disappointed not to play the T20 Women's World Cup 2024 at home as the recent shift to UAE will now deprive them from the pride of playing the global event in front of a passionate local crowd. The International Cricket Council recently decided to move the World Cup venue from Bangladesh to UAE due to travel restrictions of several countries amid the political crisis in the subcontinental country.

"For the last two days I was really sad and today I seemed a bit free because a lot of people

tried to make me understand [the switch] in different ways," Nigar told reporters at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium when her attention was drawn to the recent development. "To be honest I was really hurt and that from the core of my heart. I had a lot of dreams and not only me it was the same for all the players because it is not only us who were waiting to play the World Cup in our country but along with us our family also waited for it, like our friends, fans or our close ones," she said.

"They were preparing in a different ways for this World Cup. As a player what I feel is that I missed

the chance of having the pride of playing the World Cup in front of the home crowd. We are deprived of earning that pride," she added. Nigar said she is excited that a cricketer has been elected as the president of Bangladesh Cricket Board as she feels that Faruque Ahmed is well aware of the needs of cricketers, being an ex-player himself.

Faruque, who is the first BCB president to have played any competitive cricket, represented Bangladesh in seven ODIs between 1988 and 1999. He also served BCB as chief selector on two terms. "I think as he is elected as the board president certainly those who were there had taken his experience into consideration. I think it will be helpful for the players as he know what we need, and for that I am happy," said Nigar.

"Look it will take some time because when he will start working can we understand how good he is for us and what is likely to happen. Because he played cricket so I can

say that he is well aware what the obstacles are that we usually face.

Earlier he worked as a selector and long time ago he was also in women's selection and at that point I was in the camp for the first time

## Sachin, Dhoni and Kohli: Manu Bhaker picks her sportsperson for a day-out

**NEW DELHI:** Manu Bhaker picked Sachin Tendulkar, MS Dhoni and Virat Kohli as the Indian sportspersons with whom she would like to spend a day with.

India's shooting star Manu Bhaker was asked to pick one sportsperson with whom she would want to spend a day with. The 22-year-old became the first Indian athlete to win two medals in a single edition of the Paris Olympics 2024.

"Maybe I'll name a few of my favourites. Usain Bolt [Jamaican runner] is one of them. I've read his book so many times and I've known his journey as well. I've watched so many of his interviews

among the Indian sportspersons. Manu also mentioned Usain Bolt's name and said that she has followed his journey and even read his book. The 22-year-old became the first Indian athlete to win two medals in a single edition of the Paris Olympics 2024.

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Bolt [Jamaican runner] is one of them. I've read his book so many times and I've known his journey as well. I've watched so many of his interviews

too. And then, in India, cricketers Sachin Tendulkar, Dhoni sir [MS Dhoni], and Virat Kohli. It would be an honour to

spend even an hour with any of them!" Manu Bhaker told Cosmopolitan.

"Being a sportsperson, I

would want to contribute a lot to sports in India and I would want to see India win as many medals as possible-Olympics or any other event. I would want to give all my support and share everything - my knowledge, my experience - with upcoming athletes. I would love to do that," Manu added. Manu won 2 bronze medals during the Paris Olympics 2024, and was one of the stars of the show during the recently-concluded games.

there will be an investigation and following that, the case will move in one direction or the other," Faruque told reporters following the meeting.

"Look, now we are playing a Test match and it is very good news that we have played well on the fourth day. Tomorrow is the fifth day, the deciding day of the Test and I think at this point, we haven't thought about taking a stance. After tomorrow, once the game is over, we will sit and take a decision. By this time, we will also be able to say something about the legal notice as we will have received it by that time," he said.

"The second Test match is from August 30, so there is a gap between the games. During this period, we can think about what can be done in this regard," he added.

Meanwhile, Faruque added that they are confident of hosting South Africa in the upcoming two-match Test series at home as he feels it will not be a problem to play a bilateral series as compared to a global event.



president also added they would take a call on Shakib before the second Test against Pakistan, scheduled on August 30 at Rawalpindi.

"Let me say about Shakib. A case has been lodged. We are yet to get any legal notice. FIR (first information letter) was given in the case and later

## BCB to take a call on Shakib's future after ongoing Rawalpindi Test

**New Delhi:** Bangladesh Cricket Board president Faruque Ahmed has said on Saturday (August 24) that they will take a decision regarding Shakib Al Hasan's future after the ongoing Test against Pakistan.

Shakib was named in a murder case filed on Thursday (August 22) by Rafiqul Islam, the father of garment factory worker Rubel who was killed on Aug 5 in Dhaka's Adabor.

Following the accusation, Shajib Mahmood Alam, a