

## Odisha CM Naveen Lays Foundation Of 19 Instream Storage Structures In 13 Districts

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):**

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik today laid foundation for 19 Instream Storage Structures in 13 districts of the state.

The government will spend Rs 4,006 crores for these projects.

The foundation stone were laid by the CM virtually in presence of enthusiast people and farmers of respective area.

The foundation stones of 19 projects were laid in 13 districts – Bargarh, Balangir, Boudh, Bhadrak, Jajpur, Kendrapada, Kalahandi, Keonjhar, Khurda, Puri, Sambalpur, Subarnapur and Sundergarh districts. More than 15,000 including 10,000 women farmers were present in

Kendrapara.

On the occasion, the Chief Minister said that our farmers will be greatly benefited by this project. Especially, it will be helpful in the field of drinking water supply. It will also help in fish farming, animal husbandry etc. The project will increase the groundwater level and balance the environment.

Patnaik said that such projects are very important for our sustainable development. Besides, these projects will also help in flood control, he said.

The Chief Minister said that in 2020, the plan for instream storage was started with Rs 11,700. So far, programmes



have been prepared for 72 projects in 3 phases. The programmes are undertaken on the basis of public opinion and public participation.

During the visit of 5T chairman to different districts, proposals for such a project were received from people.

All these projects are being implemented with the suggestions and opinions of the people, the CM said.

The inter-river wetland project is a significant program undertaken in the 5T initiative. Emphasis is laid on the application of

technology and timely completion of the projects. No people will be displaced by this project, Patnaik asserted.

Highlighting the various measures taken for the welfare of farmers in the state, the Chief Minister said that this project is

aimed at the development of farmers and the protection of the environment.

“Our programs like Kalia Yojana, interest-free loan facility for farmers, payment of crop insurance premium have boosted the confidence of farmers in the state. If the farmers prosper, the state will prosper. We are working for their betterment and will continue to work in the coming days,” he said.

Water Resources Minister Tukuni Sahu who was present in Balangir, said that the Chief Minister is determined for the betterment of the farmers.

Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak, Minister of Food Supply was present in

Kendrapara's Mahakalapada. He said that the Chief Minister has always given importance to the development of Kendrapara. Not only

this project, but many others are being implemented in the district. Nayak thanked the Chief Minister and 5T chairman for the Arcelor Mittal project.

5T Chairman VK Pandian said that Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik is undertaking projects for the improvement in all parts of the state. He expressed his gratitude to the people for their continuous support to the welfare projects.

Stating that the Chief Minister had made a lot of efforts during his visit

to Japan for the ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel project at Kendrapara, Pandian said that the Chief Minister would soon perform the Bhoomi Pujan for the plant.

MLA Mahidhar Rana, who was present in Kantamal of Boudh, also thanked the Chief Minister for the project. Farmers who were present on the occasion thanked the CM and said that the projects would solve the drought problem of farmers.

Development Commissioner and Additional Chief Secretary Anu Garg delivered the welcome address while EIC of the concerned department gave vote of thanks.

### Bhadrak: Revenue Inspector Caught Taking Bribe



**Bhadrak(KCN):** A Revenue Inspector (RI) was apprehended by Odisha Vigilance sleuths for allegedly taking Rs. 9,000 in Boudh district on Saturday. The accused has been identified as Sarat Kumar Jena, RI (Revenue Inspector), Kenduapada Revenue Circle under Bonth Tahasil in Bhadrak district.

Jena has been arrested by Odisha Vigilance while demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs. 9,000 from a Complainant to submit an enquiry report to Tahasildar, Bonth in connection with the conversion of paternal Agricultural land to homestead land and issuance of ROR (Gharbari Patta).

Based on a complaint, a trap was laid by vigilance officials and Jena was caught while accepting the bribe money from the complainant. The entire bribe money has been recovered from the possession of Jena and seized. Following the trap, simultaneous searches are going on at three locations of Jena from the DA angle. In this connection, Balasore Vigilance P.S. Case No.02 dt.19.01.2024 U/s 7 P.C. (Amendment) Act, 2018 has been registered. The investigation is in progress against the accused RI.

## Bolangir: Cryptocurrency Scam Busted, 7 Held

**Bolangir(KCN):** Police busted a fake cryptocurrency gang in Bolangir district and arrested seven persons in this connection.

The accused have been identified as Prasant Meher, Dushmanta Meher, Hemant Meher of Balangir, Amiya Pradhan of Balangir, Kumar Pradhan of Balangir, Kishore Deep and Subrat Ojha. The accused persons have conspired to float a fake cryptocurrency named Dykan coin and formed their exchange to manipulate the same for committing fraud through forgery and laundered the money collected from the investors.

They had formed one Pegmatite and Sustain

Pvt Ltd. They developed 1000 crore DYKAN tokens in July 2022 without any blockchain or backing. They listed their company on one crypto exchange in August 2022. Later, they developed their fake crypto exchange in the name of DYFINEX in April 2023 for trading and

stacking their fake cryptocurrencies and for easier manipulation of the coin price. The accused and their associates persuaded other individuals as investors and formed a chain network by assuring them of exorbitant returns through their coins. They lured large investors through their existing investors to invest in this fake Crypto Currency by incentivizing them through various offers like free Thailand trips, Goa trips etc. on investing large sums in their coins.

## CM Naveen Inaugurates Another 361 '5T' Transformed Schools In 5 Dists In the Phase-IV, 1,794 '5T' Transformed Schools will be dedicated.



**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik inaugurated 361 '5T' Transformed Schools in five districts on the third day of the fourth phase of the 5T School Transformation Programme.

A total of 105 high schools in Mayurbhanj district, 63 in Sambalpur, 33 in Nuapada, 60 in Raigarh and 100 in Bolangir were dedicated today. Notably, a total of 6,883 schools in the state have already been transformed in the last three phases. A total of 1,794 '5T' Transformed High schools will be dedicated in this fourth phase. After the completion of this phase, there will be a total of 8,677 '5T' Transformed Schools in the state.

On this occasion, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik

thanked the MLAs, Panchayat representatives, school management committees, teachers, students and parents for their cooperation in this transformative programme.

Addressing the students on this occasion, the Chief Minister said that government schools are now the best means to

build a bright future for the child. He advised the children to utilise the facilities in the transformed school and study well to build a bright future. Highlighting the future of children, the Chief Minister said that 15 per cent of seats have been reserved in medical and engineering colleges for government school

students.” There has been a lot of improvement in the education of children in government schools.

Now there is enthusiasm among children and parents to opt for government schools,” he said. Further, the Odisha Chief Minister appealed to the children and said that they should follow

the 5T principle in life which will bring success to them.

Participating in the program, 5T and Nabin Odisha Chairman VK Pandian said that the transformation of the school was like a dream from the beginning. “With the cooperation of MLAs, Panchayat representatives, school management committee, and parents, it has been a tremendous success in teamwork,” he said and thanked everyone. He expressed the importance of maintaining the transformed schools and sought everyone’s cooperation.

In this program, Commissioner and Secretary of the School & Mass Education Department Awasthi S gave the welcome speech and thanked the Special Project Director of OSEPA. The Development Commissioner, Principal Secretary, Secretaries and other officials of various departments were also present.

## Former MP And Retired IPS Officer Anadi Sahu Passes Away

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Former BJP MP and retired IPS officer Anadi Charan Sahu passed away late on Saturday night at his residence at CDA sector-6 in Cuttack. He was 84. Sahu was suffering from various old age-related ailments.

After retirement, he entered active politics with Bharatiya Janata Party. He was elected to 6th Lok Sabha from Berhampur constituency in the 1999. As an IPS officer, he had received President’s Police Medal and Distinguished Service Medal.

## STF Seizes Leopard Hide In Boudh, One Held

**Boudh(KCN):** The Special Task Force on Saturday seized a leopard skin from Ranipathar village, Charichhak under Puruna Katak police limits in Boudh district and arrested a person in this connection.

The accused has been identified as Goutam Behera (55) of Nuasahi, Sudurukuma in Kandhamal district.

Based on intelligence input, the team of cops conducted a raid in that area regarding the dealing or possession of wildlife products by wildlife criminals and arrested the accused. Also, the team seized the tiger hide while the accused was dealing with Rs. 25 lakhs.

During the search, one leopard skin and other incriminating materials were recovered from his possession. the accused person could not produce any authority in support of possession of such leopard skin, for which he has been arrested. A case under section 51 of the Wild Life Protection Act has been registered in this connection. The accused will be forwarded to the court. The skin will be sent to Director WII, Dehradun for biological examination.



# World Odisha Society calls for Material and Metaphysical Contribution WOS Celebrates Third Foundation Day

Dubai/New Delhi/Bhubaneswar(KCN): World Odisha Society (WOS) gave a clarion call to Worldwide Odias to contribute Material as well as Metaphysical resources for the all round development of Odisha. Presiding over the Third Foundation Day meeting, Chairman of WOS Kishore Dwibedi exuded confidence that in case one and half crore Odias settled outside Odisha contribute generously then rebuilding of Golden Odisha will definitely be a reality. Shri Dwibedi appealed to all Odias across the Globe to extend helping hands for realising the dream of making Odisha the Number One State of India by 2036, when we will be observing Centenary of our Mother State's formation. Hosted in both online and offline platforms, the Third Foundation Day ceremony entitled, Utkala Utsava was a massive success. To mark the grand occasion for the First time WOS organised physical celebrations on International level at venues like Dubai, National level at Ghaziabad and State level at Bhubaneswar and online Ceremony through Zoom Link. Ace Anchor Sudhashree Dash smoothly conducted the proceedings from Dubai. Nandan Dwibedi ably handled the digital control room.

Addressing the gathering the



Distinguished Guest, Director of Literature, Language, Culture and Odisha Parivar of State Government Dilip Routrai sought active co-operation of WOS to exhibit and establish the excellence of Odisha's vibrant diversities and vast vivacities in International arena. Honourable Guest Managing Director of Atmosphere Group Souvagya Mohapatra, observed that plenty of Opportunities lying before WOS to augment the Tourism sector of Odisha. Citing the achievements of WOS, Founder Dr Arundhati Debi noted that taking birth during Covid crisis like a Lotus blooming in mud the Society could enrol Odias of Seventy Two Countries as its members during last three years. This process of achievement will continue and WOS shall conquer the World, Dr Debi declared. WOS's Vice-Chairman Dr Nalini Pati from

Australia, Secretary General Siba Ranjan Biswal from U.K., Joint Secretary General Dr Sitanshu Sekhar Nanda from South Korea, Member of Presidium Pradeep Kumar Rath, Joint Treasurer Siddhartha Das, Senior Member Sushant Mohapatra, Sanjay Dalai, Priyadarshi Panigrahi and Prashant Kumar Meher from Dubai, Alok Routray from Maharashtra and Dr Sagar Ranjan Tripathy, Dr Rabindra Narayan Behera, Hrushikesh Patra and Lili Jenamani from Odisha stressed on the introspection of last three years journey and formulation of Future course of action. Several prominent and promising personalities were felicitated during the Festival for their Meritorious Services. These include Spiritual Preacher souvagya Mohapatra, General Secretary of WOS's USA Chapter Prantashri Jena, Film Producer Sanlisa

Patel, Senior Journalist L.N.Beborta, President of Utkal Journalists Association Bibhuti Bhushan Kar, Famous Cartoonist Paresh Nath, Philanthropists Nirmal Dhal and Sushant Das, Senior Administrator Dr Debendra Majhi, Renowned C.A. Sudhir Dash, Youth Leader Manoj Nayak, Mother Tongue promoter Rakesh Kumar Sahu, Young Entrepreneurs Debasmita Mohanty, Prabodha Kumar Samantara, Priya Ranjan Patnaik and Arpan Mohanty, President of WOS's Kuwait Chapter Biswa Ranjan Sahoo, Chief of Pratibimb Media from Gulf Pratap Kumar Nayak, Social Activists Debaraj Mohanty, Gobinda Chandra Behera, Ritu Rani Sasmal, Priyanka Priyadarshini and Sujata Priyambada Nanda, Odissi Danseuse Debadipti Biswal, Young Media Consultants Sudhahsree Dash and Dibyasha Samantaray,

Founder of RR Events Ramesh Barik, C.E.O of RR Events Saswati Pati, Producers of Drone Bodhisattwa Sanghapriya and Om Prakash Das, Airline Pilot Madhusmita Patnaik, Record holder Young Scuba Diver Tisya Panigrahi, Golden Visa holder Painter Mona Biswarupa Mohanty, NRO leaders Sushanta Kumar Chaudhury and Er. Sujit Kumar Routray, Noted Designer Rajesh Behera, Founder of Soor Tarang Studio Priya Ranjan Mohanty and Secretary of Silpika

Dance School Basudev Nath. Special attractions of the Mega Event was a colourful Cultural extravaganza presented by celebrity Odissi Dancer Purnashree Rout, versatile singers Acharya Abhimanyu, Pushpanjali Barik, Swapna Rani Rout, Ajit Kumar and talented dancers of Silpika Group.

The entire arrangements of Utkala Utsava were well executed by Chairmen of Organising, Reception and Celebration Committees Ajay Pal Babu, Siddharth Upadhyaya, Pabitra Maharatha, Dilip Mohanty, Priyatama Kar, Ashish Mishra, Dr Nirmal Pattnaik, Alpana Pattnaik, Dr Archana Barik, Jnana Prakash Jena, Ravi Mohapatra and Dr Pitambar Barik.

## 3.87 Cr Gets Free Rice

Bhubaneswar(KCN): About 3.87 crore people in Odisha are now being provided free rice. It is being distributed under the food security schemes of both the Union and State Governments. Apart from this, some other schemes also provide free rice.

The National Food Security Act was enacted in 2013 during the UPA government. At that time, the Central Government used to procure rice and wheat and supply it to the states at just Rs. 3 per kg. For this, the central government had to bear Rs 28 to 30 per kg.

When rice and wheat reached the state, the State Government used to provide the popular rice by paying a subsidy of Rs. 2 per kilo on it. The Centre is no longer giving wheat to Odisha on the basis of the National Food Security Act ever since it was asked to stop wheat and replace it with rice even though it was available at the same rate.

In March, the State Government estimated that 3,76,59,648 beneficiaries were getting rice worth Rs 1,000 under the National Food Security Act. In the



meantime, after the Central Government announced to provide rice to the beneficiaries completely free of cost, now rice is available free of cost instead of rupees. About 81 crore 35 lakh people will get free rice and wheat for the next five years by making 5 kg per head under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana across the country. The central government will spend at least Rs 11,80,000 crore from the exchequer in this regard. It is worth mentioning here that the population of Odisha is estimated to be around 4.5 crore, out of which about 387 lakhs people are being

provided free rice at 5 kg per capita per month as they are insecure in terms of food. The State Government's free rice distribution program will continue for another five years and the Odisha Government may have to spend more than Rs 1,250 crore from its own funds. Apart from these two schemes, the government is providing cheap rice to some hostels, bal niketans, etc. in the state. Rice is also being provided to some other categories of people, including the physically handicapped, under various schemes.



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## Saurabh Shukla-Directorial Dry Day Is The Comedy Drama You Need To See - Here's How You Can Watch It



Jitendra Kumar-starrer 'Dry Day' is a powerful and emotional story that delves into the complexities of addiction, love, and the extent of a man's sacrifices for his family. Directed by Saurabh Shukla, and produced by Monisha Advani, Madhu Bhojwani, and Nikkhil Advani, under the banner of Emmay Entertainment, the comedy drama features Jitendra Kumar, Shriya Pilgaonkar, and Annu Kapoor in pivotal roles. The film is set to premiere exclusively on Prime Video in India and across more than 240 countries and territories

worldwide on December 22. Dry Day is the latest addition to the Prime membership. Prime members in India enjoy savings, convenience, and entertainment, all in a single membership for just ₹1499/year. Dry Day is a story of an imperfect hero who challenges societal conventions, rebelling against norms out of love for his unborn child. The trailer of this comedy drama intricately explores the societal impact of alcoholism, presenting a thought-provoking narrative rooted in social relevance.

Speaking about the film, Director Saurabh Shukla

said, "The movie is a social satire presented with a hilarious tragic-comedy of errors with lots of drama and emotions. Dry Day gives an important and relevant message about alcoholism and I consider myself fortunate to have had the opportunity to craft this film, aiming to entertain

and enlighten the audiences. It brings me immense joy to partner with streaming service Prime Video, Emmay Entertainment, and a talented bunch of actors, collectively breathing life into a compelling and beautiful narrative." "Dry Day is a captivating blend of comedy and drama, offering a

rollercoaster of emotions," shares actor Jitendra Kumar. "It was an exhilarating experience playing the character of Gannu in the movie. Getting into the skin of this intriguing character was like adding a new skill to my toolbox. The character's struggle of defying all odds in pursuit of trust adds depth to the narrative of the film. I'm excited for audiences to witness this unique journey on screen. The film's fusion of heartwarming moments and compelling storytelling is something I can't wait for people to experience and appreciate."

**Jee Le Zaraa: Real reason behind Priyanka Chopra, Katrina Kaif and Alia Bhatt starrer's delay revealed and it's not date issues**

Jee Le Zaraa is one of the most talked about movies starring Priyanka Chopra, Katrina Kaif and Alia Bhatt. The movie was announced a couple of years ago and there has been much excitement around the same as it is. Farhan Akhtar along with Zoya Akhtar and Reema Kagti are making this all-female road



trip movie happen but there have been a lot of hiccups already. Whether Jee Le Zaraa is being shelved or not, has Priyanka Chopra said no

to the script, etc. have grabbed headlines in the last couple of days. But fresh reports revealing the real reason for the delay have surfaced. A lot of fans have questioned Farhan Akhtar about the delay of Jee Le Zaraa which is supposed to star Priyanka Chopra, Katrina Kaif and Alia Bhatt in the lead. There have been numerous reasons that have surfaced for the delay in making of the new movie. Recently, reports surfaced talking about Priyanka Chopra opting out of Jee Le Zaraa because she did not like the script. She was supposed to come down to India during Parineeti Chopra's wedding and sign the contract which did not happen. But that's not the case, as per a report in Koimoi.com, Priyanka is very much a part of the movie. She has not opted out of the project nor has she said 'no' to the script

## Sushmita Sen says her father was 'not happy' about her wearing a swimsuit at pageant, stopped speaking with her because she decided to pursue showbiz



I was studying accordingly. When the bomb was dropped on my father that she is going to Miss India, my father didn't speak to me for a bit," she said.

Sushmita said that when she entered the world of pageants, her father was quite concerned as she had not even finished her graduation at that point. "I never went to a college and graduate,

which was a big problem for my father because he always said, 'Beta, do whatever, just have a degree,'" she recalled. Recalling the time she had an "emotional moment" with her father, Sushmita shared that he wasn't too happy about the fact that she would be wearing a swimsuit on stage. "I remember having this very emotional moment with my father when I

promised him, I said 'Baba, I have to wear a swimsuit, it is a part of the show. I cannot not wear it but I promise you I will add respect to it. It won't be crass.' He was not very happy with that, but when I won Miss India and I told my father that I will represent my country, that, for my father, being a defence person, he had balled his lungs out," she recalled. In 1994, the Miss Universe pageant was held in Manila, The Philippines, and while her mother and brother had traveled with her, her father was in India and watched the show on television. Sushmita Sen said that he watched the delayed broadcast with the rest of the country.

## Mission Raniganj: Akshay Kumar, Parineeti Chopra's Romantic New Poster Released



here's a gift for your special day, coming tomorrow! Watch the story of Bharat's true hero with #MissionRaniganj in cinemas on 6th October." Akshay wrote sharing the still. The makers, Pooja Entertainment also shared a powerful poster of the film that featured an ensemble cast including Parineeti Chopra, Kumud Mishra, Pavan Malhotra, Dibyendu

Bhattacharya, Rajesh Sharma, Virendra Saxena and Shishir Sharma with the lead actor Akshay Kumar. The makers of 'Mission Raniganj' dropped the film trailer recently. Akshay, who is seen playing the late IIT Dhanbad engineer Jaswant Singh Gill, is seen racing against time to rescue the trapped miner from the flooded coal mine.

Akshay Kumar, who plays Jaswant Singh Gill in the film, completely shines in the trailer. His looks have bedazzled everyone. His steadfast determination and courage as Gill to rescue the miners trapped in the coal mine is the highlight of the film.

The 'Khiladi' actor once again proved that no one can showcase a real-life story better than him on the big screen. The trailer also highlights Jaswant Gill's innovative rescue technique, which is being used for the first time ever. The trailer also shows Parineeti Chopra in the role of Gill's wife. The immensely talented supporting cast features Kumud Mishra, Rajesh Sharma, Pavan Malhotra, and Ravi Kishan. All in all, the film promises to have impactful and poignant performances by an ensemble and talented cast.

Vashu Bhagnani Presents, A Pooja Entertainment Production - 'Mission Raniganj' has been produced by the powerhouse team of Vashu Bhagnani, Jackky Bhagnani, Deepshikha Deshmukh, and Ajay Kapoor, and directed by Tinu Suresh Desai. This cinematic marvel is set to hit theaters on October 6, 2023.

# Ram Mandir: Now the concept of 'Ram Rajya' will come true



result of efforts and struggles made by many generations for centuries. This is the reward for the sacrifice of those souls who sacrificed everything for the cause of Shri Ram.

The temple built in Ayodhya is not just a place of worship for the nation; it is becoming a symbol of austerity, sacrifice, determination, and a source of permanent inspiration for us. The grand temple of Lord Rama, borne out of a movement, is a result of dedication and determination. Through this dedication, and determination, the temple is becoming a symbol of collective resolve for millions and a symbol of our nation. There is a public belief that after the enthronement of Shri Ramlala in this temple, the foundation stone of Ram Lala in Ayodhya, India will again move towards becoming Ram Rajya. While waiting for 22nd, the atmosphere in the country is similar to that which happens before Diwali festival and Independence Day. Every citizen of the country is ready to light the lamp on this day. For those who have faith in Sanatan Dharma and culture, 22nd January will be as important as 15th August or Diwali. This is not an ordinary day. Had to struggle a lot to see this day. This is the

In the era we are currently living in, India is undergoing revolutionary, glorious, and significant positive transformations. The entire world is recognizing our

culture. People are drawn towards the glorious and ancient culture of India. Even the youth, who were leaning towards Western culture, are now embracing our culture again. Organizations like Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), Vishva Hindu Parishad, and more than a hundred other institutions are awakening society. The upcoming time is undoubtedly favorable, and in this, the Ram Temple is about to become a cornerstone. RSS has initiated preparations to commence the journey of Ram Raj from the temple in the next twenty-five years. Under this, RSS is planning to build a strong India, which will once again become a Vishva Guru. The vision of RSS for the year 2047, marking the completion of a hundred years of independence, is centered around the Ram Temple as the focal point. RSS is charting a roadmap to establish, within the constitutional framework, institutions aligning with the vision of Ram Rajya for all the organizations of the society. RSS wants every individual's heart to be such that Lord Rama resides in it, and each person shapes their personal and family life in accordance with this.

Today, the need to do all this arises because in the past, the wheel of time turned in such a way that demonic forces took control. Due to foreign invasions, the country faced unfavorable conditions for an extended period. The invaders destroyed our massive structures, and efforts

on Shri Ram Temple just to oppose Modi. The handful of leaders of such mass baseless parties should understand that the temple of Ram does not belong to any one person or party. This is such a national heritage, which has the faith of crores of people. Ram ji, this work has been

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## Devotees Splurge On Jets, Gold-Plated Idols As Ram Temple Opens Monday

**Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh(KCN):** The private jet parking lots at airports near the city of Ayodhya are full and the shops have run out of gold-plated idols, as wealthy devotees prepare for the invite-only opening ceremony of one of Hinduism's holiest temples.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Asia's richest man Mukesh Ambani are among the 8,000 or so attendees at Monday's inauguration event for the Ram Temple.

The construction of the temple fulfills a key campaign promise of PM Modi and his party BJP. The opening ceremony, organised by the trust that built the temple, comes months before a national election, and the

who's who of India is expected to be there.

"It's become like a status symbol to be invited to this event," said Rajan Mehra, CEO of Indian luxury charter service Club One Air, adding that his fleet, which includes the Dassault Falcon 2000, is booked to make multiple trips next week.

Officials estimate 100 private jets will descend on Jan. 22 on Ayodhya airport, filling it to capacity. Slots at Varanasi, a city around four hours away by car, are also full, as are jet spaces in Gorakhpur airport, which is a three-hour drive away.

Mehra did not disclose the price of the charters, but private jet booking website JetSetGo lists the price of a Mumbai-Gorakhpur flight on a Falcon 2000 jet with nine passengers on board at about \$74,000.

The ceremony is also giving jewellers and gold traders a boost. Some retailers say gold and gold-plated statues of Lord Ram and temple replicas - priced at between ₹ 30,000 (\$361) and ₹ 220,000 (\$2,647) - are so popular that they have run out of stock. Some items were imported from Thailand, they added.

"Customers are asking for them for gifting and for keeping them at homes. There is a waiting period of two weeks," said Baldev Singh, a manager at HS Jewellers in Lucknow city.



The Union Minister for Home Affairs and Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah at 13th Triennial Conference of the All Bathou Mahasabha in Tezpur, Assam

## 'Bhagwan Ram' Will Return Home After Centuries Of Trials, Struggles: BJP Chief

**New Delhi(KCN):** BJP president J P Nadda on Saturday described the January 22 Ram temple consecration ceremony in Ayodhya as a "historic occasion" and invited Indians living abroad to join the mega event from wherever they are.

The "Pran Pratishtha" ceremony, which will be attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and more than 7,000 people, will be live-streamed online.

In his virtual address to members of the Indian community from New Delhi, Mr Nadda also highlighted the achievements of the Modi government.

The BJP has started the "NRI for NAMO Again" campaign and I humbly appeal to you all to participate and contribute to this biggest festival of democracy," he said referring to the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

"We are about to witness the most-awaited moment on January 22. Our 'Bhagwan Ram' will return home after centuries of trials and struggles. Truth and righteousness have triumphed," he said.

Families are coming



together to celebrate this historic event, which has invoked a sense of spiritual fulfilment, the BJP chief said. "Temples across the country are adorned with lights and decorations, creating a vibrant celebratory ambience. This historic occasion is the culmination of our aspirations and marks a significant milestone in our cultural and spiritual heritage," he said. "I request all of you to be a part of this momentous celebration from wherever you are in the world," Mr Nadda said. Mr Nadda also invited members of the Indian community to visit the "magnificent Ram Mandir and take part in the realisation of a cherished dream that echoes through generations". The Indian community has made "invaluable

contributions" and are "torch bearers of our culture and values" across the globe, he said. "You have played a pivotal role in enhancing Bharat's standing across the world. Your achievements and commitment to excellence, and your resilience abroad have not only made us proud but have also inspired the younger generation back home," the BJP chief said.

"Your connect with the roots coupled with global exposure has become a bridge fostering eco-cultural and diplomatic ties between Bharat and the world," Mr Nadda said. Highlighting the achievements of the Modi government, he said India, which has a rich tapestry of culture, traditions and diversity, has undergone "a

January 13 "Ahlan

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Patna(KCN): Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar executed a cabinet reshuffle, resulting in the reallocation of portfolios for three ministers from his ally, the RJD.

Lalit Kumar Yadav has been given charge of the Revenue and Land Reforms Department, as well as the Public Health Engineering Department. He previously held the Education Department.

"The orders issued are effective immediately and will remain in place until further orders are issued."

Alok Mehta, who previously oversaw the Sugarcane Industries, Revenue, and Land Resources portfolio, was appointed as the new Education Minister for the state, as per an official

notification. This came after the orders of the Governor of Bihar, Secretariat, issued an order in consultation with the Chief Minister, Bihar, dated January 20, 2024, while revising the departments already allotted to Honourable Minister Alok Kumar Mehta, Chandra Shekhar and Lalit Kumar Yadav, Alok Kumar Mehta has been allotted the Education Department. Chandra Shekhar is allotted the work of the Sugarcane Industry Department and Shri Lalit Kumar Yadav is allotted the work of Revenue and Land Reforms and Public Health Engineering Department till further orders," further read the order.

"In exercise of the powers conferred by Article 166 (3) of the Constitution of India and following Rules 6(1) and 7(1) of the Executive Rules made



The Union Minister for Defence, Shri Rajnath Singh visits NCC Republic Day Camp, in Delhi Cantt.

# Urge For More Credit



**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Principal Secretary Finance, Vishal Kumar Dev has urged the Bankers to extend adequate credit facilities for developmental and pro-people programs in order to improve growth rate of economy. Principal Secretary Finance Shri Dev said that bankers are needed to play a positive role to accelerate the economic

growth rate of the state in various sectors. Speaking at the 173rd State Level Bankers' Committee Meeting held at Lok Seva Bhawan here on 12 December, Shri Dev advised bankers to take care in priority sector lending, bankable schemes and district-wise lending rate. Shri Dev expressed satisfaction that the Credit Deposit (CD)

Ratio of the State has been increased to 81.75 Percent as on 30 September, 2023. CD Ratio of the State was 81.44 Percent as on 30 June, 2023 and it is seen rising, which is a positive trend, officials admit. Shri Dev congratulated the bankers for their achievements and advised them to play a positive role in public

welfare schemes. He urged banks to insist on opening more branches and more ATMs across the State. Gautam Patra, General Manager, UCO Bank and Convener of the State Level Bankers' Committee Meeting delivered the welcome address. Executive Director UCO Bank and Chairman of State Level Bankers'

Committee Vijay Kumar N. Kamble, Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India, Sharda Prasanna Mohanty, Chief General Manager, State Bank of India, Chandrashekhar Sharma, Chief General Manager, NABARD, Sudhanshu K.K. Mishra graced the occasion.

Principal Secretary Agriculture and Farmers Empowerment, Arabinda Kumar Padhee, Principal Secretary Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Saswat Mishra, Fisheries and Animal Resources Development Principal Secretary S K Vashistha, Principal Secretary, Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water Department S K Lohani, Secretary, Mission Shakti, Sujata Rout Karthikeyan, along with other senior officials of the State Government and office bearers of various Banks and Lead Banks were also present and expressed their views on various issues.



**Cuttack(KCN):** The 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra' was held at Ratapat and Dasharathipur villages of PM Kisan, Jan Dhan, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, Suraksha Bima Yojana, Postal Department.

The awareness vehicle of the Sankalp Yatra was accorded a rousing welcome by the villagers when it reached the village. On the occasion of The Sankalp Yatra, awareness was created about various major schemes of the Central Government. In particular beneficiaries have been made aware about the various schemes being implemented by the Department of Prime Minister's Housing Scheme, Ujjwala Yojana, Ujala Yojana, PM Kisan, Jan Dhan, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, Suraksha Bima Yojana, Postal Department. The LED screens installed on the awareness vans broadcast awareness short films and video messages of the Prime Minister about various central schemes. The programme was attended by local public representatives and nodal officers of Sankalp Yatra and advised the beneficiaries to take

## Two get 20-year rigorous imprisonment for raping minor girl

**BARIPADA:** Special POCSO court judge of Mayurbhanj district Sumita Jena on Monday sentenced two persons to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment (RI) each for raping a 14-year-old girl. The convicts are Keshab Chandra Tiriya (46) of Takudipal village within Jashipur police limits and Asish Digi (28) of Anandpur in Keonjhar. Public prosecutor Abhinna Pattnaik said on February 11, 2017, the two convicts entered the victim's house taking



advantage of her parent's absence. Finding the girl alone, the duo raped her.

On February 13, the victim's mother lodged an FIR in Jashipur

police station against the duo based on which a case was registered under sections 376-D and 506 of the IPC and section 6 of the POCSO Act. Subsequently, police arrested Keshab and Asish. Pattnaik said the court also imposed a fine of Rs 10,000 on each of the convicts. Failure to pay the fine will result in an additional jail term of three months. The court directed the secretary of the district legal services authority to pay a compensation of Rs 4 lakh to the victim.

## Unknown disease ruins paddy crop, dashes farmers' hope in Odisha

**BARGARH:** Farmers of Bargarh district are in dire straits after an unidentified plant disease has affected their standing paddy crops leaving them damaged and pale. The unknown disease was first noticed by farmers of the Attabira, Bhatli and Bheden blocks during mid-April. They reported that the tip of their paddy crops first turned pale after which the entire plant got damaged. Later farmers of other blocks also complained of their paddy showing similar symptoms. While some reported the matter to the district agriculture office, others sent tweets to the principal secretary of the Agriculture Department, Government of Odisha, Arabinda K Padhee.

"We will incur huge losses as standing paddy grown on large tracts of land are now damaged," alleged farmer leader Ramesh Mahapatra. The crops have symptoms of two to three diseases but farmers are unable to identify the exact cause. The Agriculture Department officials



have collected samples. Large tracts of paddy cultivation have been affected by the disease, farmers said. "While the officials have assessed the damage of crops on over 300-400 hectare land, in reality, around 2,000-3,000 hectare has been affected," Mahapatra further informed. Chief district agriculture officer (CDAO), Bargarh, Ashok Kumar Amat said a team from Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) will visit all blocks to further assess the situation. The region

witnessed inclement weather conditions for the last few months, said Amat, adding, the district witnessed sweltering heat and incessant rainfall in succession while some regions faced hailstorms. "While the crops developed Rice Blast and Bacterial Leaf Blight diseases, excessive application of urea on the affected plants further led to Neck Blast Disease," Amat stated. Official sources informed that while the farmers applied excess

urea to their crops, a decrease in the application of potash by 50 per cent has left the crops more susceptible to pest attack. Amat informed that the crops on which the disease is in its initial stage can be revived by the use of pesticides. "But those that have entirely been affected by the disease, are almost destroyed. The KVK scientists have recommended the application of necessary pesticides for them. We will carry out a loss assessment soon," he added.

## Villagers Welcome VBSY



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# Shaw's comeback to be delayed

**New Delhi:** Prithvi Shaw may need at least one more month to return to competitive cricket, but that is subject to overcoming higher volumes of agility drills and acceleration. According to sources in the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), Shaw (24), who has been out of action since August last year due to a knee ligament injury, will be put through a more rigorous workload over the next three weeks to assess if his knee can endure the increased demands. Above, he will also have to play a few games before he is given clearance to take part in competitive cricket.

Currently undergoing rehab at the National Cricket Academy (NCA), Shaw is believed to have performed well in his batting and fielding drills. However, his



return to action will depend on whether the injured knee has become robust enough to handle the higher volume of acceleration, change of directions, and agility drills. A potentially realistic target for his return could be the Indian Premier League (IPL), but the Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) will assess whether the young opener will be

available for the knockouts of the Ranji Trophy. Mumbai, with two outright wins under their belt, is currently playing in Kerala. Shaw has played five Tests, six ODIs, and one T20I, but his last international fixture was more than two years ago. He plays for Delhi Capitals in the IPL.

Meanwhile, Shardul Thakur has had to miss out on the Mumbai

Ranji game against Kerala, which started in Thiruvananthapuram on Friday. Thakur was initially expected to be available for this game, but it is understood that the NCA did not give clearance because of knee issues. It has also been learned that Mohammed Shami, out of action since the World Cup, may be leaving for London to consult an expert. The

India pacer could be leaving for London soon and is expected to be accompanied by NCA sports science head Nitin Patel.

On Thursday, Shami and Patel were seen working together on the bowler's injury at the NCA in Bengaluru where, it is understood, the decision to seek a specialist opinion in the UK was made. The exact time of the trip is not known, but it is expected to be sooner than later. The decision to send Shami to London comes close on the heels of the BCCI's call to send Suryakumar Yadav to Germany for groin surgery. As Cricbuzz reported, Surya underwent surgery on January 17. Unconfirmed information suggests that the BCCI may also send Rishabh Pant to London soon, if the wicketkeeper-batsman has not already been sent.

## Cricketing odd-fellows Head and Hazlewood find common ground in Adelaide

**New Delhi, (KCN):** There is a collective roar around the Adelaide Oval that is rapidly becoming synonymous with Travis Head putting on a show at this iconic venue. There is also a collective buzz around the Adelaide Oval that is rapidly becoming synonymous with Josh Hazlewood running through batting sides at this iconic venue.

It's not that the two don't evoke similar emotions everywhere else around the country. But there's something about Head making runs in a hurry on his home ground, and Hazlewood taking wickets in a hurry at his most successful Test venue, among the traditional ones, on home soil. They've, if anything, become as much a part of summer in Adelaide as Moseley Bar on Glenelg Beach or the Tour Down Under. Even if we haven't seen Hazlewood here over the last two seasons.

We will and we should lament about the fact that the first Test between these two one-time arch-rivals finished within 90 minutes into Day 3. Not so much that it happened but the extent to which it looked inevitable from the moment Pat Cummins won the toss and elected to field. We should also celebrate the fact that there was at least one bright spark amidst the expected struggles for the inexperienced West Indian outfit. And it's safe to say that Shamar Joseph not only won over the Adelaide crowd on debut, towards the end of the match, he had become nearly as popular with them as their hometown hero, Head. So much so that the collective cheer that

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It's the completely different to Head with bat in hand. His is, if anything, a technique and approach that comes with a strong "please do not try this at home" disclaimer. It's very much home-grown. He gets into positions to hit the ball and score runs that only Head can. He plays the kind of shots on both sides of the wicket that only he can. And ironically, it's his

peculiar imperfections, in terms of him not being your textbook batter, that ensure that you can never take your eyes off him when he's at the

surface, might be a strange idea for any other combination of batter and bowler. It also tells you however that there aren't two more contrasting cricketers in this current world champion Australian Test team, than the free-scoring South Australian left-hander and the metronomic right-arm fast bowler from New South Wales.

Yes, he did make a century against the West Indies at the same venue last summer. The ball maybe of a different colour but that attack still had Alzarri Joseph in it. The surface in January 2024 was a lot different to the one he walked out to bat on in December 2022 though. So was the match scenario. And unlike the debutant fast bowler on that occasion, Marquino Mindley, who only bowled two overs before breaking down, Shamar Joseph ended up being the most challenging bowler that Head and his batting colleagues had to overcome this time around.

He was also overall up against a more disciplined and a more incisive West Indian bowling attack than the one he dominated 13 months ago. And for large periods of his innings, Australia were behind the game, with the visitors continuing to take wickets at the other end. But Head, like he has done so often in the last two years, continued to find ways of being aggressive and eventually not only gave Australia the lead but also more or less batted West Indies out of the game, despite the home team only making 280 in their first innings.

You could say that he'd pulled off a Travis Head on a pitch that was custom-designed for Josh Hazlewood. And you might be right. Where Hazlewood stood out though was finding the precise length on the pitch, which his partners weren't as accurate finding, to run through the West Indies top to middle-order in both innings.

## TATA retain IPL title rights until 2028



**Mumbai:** The Tata Group has successfully retained the title rights for the Indian Premier League (IPL), securing the position for the next five years by extending the deal until 2028. The agreement involves a commitment to contribute INR 500 crore per season.

Under the terms outlined in the Invitation To Tender (ITT) document, Tata had the privilege to match any competitive offer made by another

corporate entity. In line with this provision, the group has chosen to match the INR 2500 crore valuation presented by the Aditya Birla Group. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) made this decision on Friday. The Tatas acquired the rights in 2022 after sub-licensing it from Vivo. The smartphone company sought to withdraw from the deal for various reasons, with its Chinese connections being a factor, if not the only one.

Vivo had secured the rights starting with the 2018 season for a initially planned five-year period, committing to pay INR 2199 crore, with the exit value in the final year set at INR 512 crore. However, the deal eventually ran for six years, as it was paused for a year during the pandemic.

When the IPL-Vivo deal encountered challenges due to diplomatic

tensions between India and China, the Tata Group stepped in during 2022 and agreed to contribute INR 365 crore per season, with Vivo covering the remaining value. Following the successful conclusion of this arrangement, the BCCI granted the Tata Group the right to match any new offers. Subsequently, the Tatas have agreed to match the Aditya Birla Group's bid of INR 2500 crore for a five-year term.

As reported by Cricbuzz on December 26, the BCCI had laid stringent conditions for prospective bidders. Notably, the BCCI has indicated that it would not entertain bids from Chinese companies or brands, citing its reluctance to be associated with firms from countries that do not have friendly relations with India. It, however, did not mention the name of any country but its bad experience with Vivo was obviously taken into

consideration. The particular clause in the ITT says, "Each bidder which is a corporate entity must not be incorporated in a jurisdiction/territory with which India does not have a friendly relation. In the event, any corporate(s) which is a shareholder or a proposed shareholder in the Bidder is incorporated in a jurisdiction/territory with which India does not have friendly relations, the Bidder will be required to provide a detailed chart of the shareholding in such Bidder or its ultimate Parent Company and the details of ultimate owners/beneficiaries of all shareholders which are body corporate in such Bidder or its ultimate Parent Company along with the Bid Documents as a material obligations." The reserve price for the rights was INR 365 crore, the price the Tata Group paid each year for the last two seasons.

## Adelaide Strikers set Challenger date with Brisbane Heat



**New Delhi:** Perth Scorchers' hopes of making the BBL final for the fourth successive time were dashed by Adelaide Strikers who secured a 50-run victory in the knockout match at the Perth Stadium on Saturday (January 20). Jake Weatherald's fifty and useful knocks from Ben Manenti and Henry Thornton helped the Strikers post 155/7 after they had slipped to 95/6 at one stage. The Scorchers batters struggled throughout the chase as they were

bowed out for 105. The Strikers will now face Brisbane Heat in the Challenger match on Monday to determine who will take on Sydney Sixers in the final. Sam Fanning helped the Strikers off to a steady start in the chase, scoring a 20-ball 31, which included three fours and two sixes. Marcus Harris, however, struggled at the other end, which put added pressure on Fanning and he fell trying to take on a short ball from Thornton. Lloyd Pope ended

Harris's laborious stay and the Scorchers also lost Sam Whiteman and Aaron Hardie in quick succession to slip to 48/4 in the eighth over.

Josh Inglis tried to revive the chase along with Cooper Connolly but the former became Cameron Boyle's second scalp and Nick Hobson was dismissed by Matthew Short. With David Payne ensuring that Ashton Agar's stay was a short one, the Scorchers were in further disarray as they were reduced to 78/7 in the 14th over. Cooper

Connolly tried to keep the fight on but Pope's double strike in the 16th over, accounting for

ended in the 17th over. Earlier, after being asked to bat, the Strikers struggled in the first half of their innings, unable to press on with the scoring, exacerbated by regular fall of wickets. Short and D'Arcy Short didn't contribute much barring a four apiece while Thomas Kelly (6 off 16) and Harry Nielsen (1) added to the woes. Despite Jake Weatherald trying to keep the scoreboard ticking, the strikers could only get to 52/4 in 10 overs. The innings

gained some impetus in the 11th over when Weatherald smashed two sixes and a four off Ashton Agar followed by a flurry of boundaries as he reached a 30-ball half-century. Aaron Hardie ended Weatherald's stay in the 13th over and also dismissed James Bazley soon after, leaving the Strikers in more trouble. But a brisk 34-run stand between Manenti and Thornton, who scored useful 20s, helped the Strikers towards a total of some respectability.