

New Delhi(KCN): Narendra Modi on Sunday was sworn-in as the Prime Minister of India for the third consecutive time by President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi at 7:15pm.

PM Modi is the second person in India's history to become the Prime Minister for three successive terms. The country's first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, had won the 1952, 1957 and 1962 general elections.

Modi's swearing-in ceremony was followed by Cabinet ministers taking oath of office. Senior BJP leaders including Rajnath Singh, Amit Shah, Nitin Gadkari, JP Nadda and others were administered oath by the President.

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The team includes 30 other Cabinet Ministers, 15 Minister of State with Independent Charge and 36 Ministers of State. PM Modi retained his top ministers for key cabinet positions, with multiple positions allotted to NDA allies.

Around 1,100 traffic police personnel of the Delhi Police have been deployed and an advisory was issued to the public for the traffic movement route arrangements have been made for the delegates as part of the arrangements.

Several leaders and State heads of neighbourhood region and Indian Ocean

region were invited for PM Modi's swearing-in ceremony as distinguished guests, a testament to India's 'Neighbourhood First' policy.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) in an official statement on Saturday said, "President of Sri Lanka, Ranil Wickremesinghe; President of Maldives, Mohamed Muizzu; Vice-President of Seychelles, Ahmed Afif; Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina; Prime Minister of Mauritius, Pravind Kumar Jugnauth; Prime Minister of Nepal, Pushpa Kamal

Dahal 'Prachanda'; and Prime Minister of Bhutan, Tshering Tobgay, have accepted the invitation to attend." 8,000 guests, including national and international leaders, were invited to attend the swearing-in ceremony. The varied guest list included outgoing Parliamentarians, BJP leaders, opposition leaders, current MLAs and MLCs, celebrated doctors, lawyers, religious leaders, sanitation workers, rat-hole miners, and heads of state from neighbouring countries.

Dharmendra Pradhan, Ashwini Vaishnaw, Jai Oram get Cabinet berths in PM Modi-led NDA govt

Shubaneswar (KCN): After the saffron party's resounding victory in Odisha in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, Prime Minister Narendra Modi accommodated three BJP leaders in his Cabinet.

A f t e r Dharmendra Pradhan, Jugal Oram and Ashwini Vaishnaw also took oath as Cabinet Ministers in the Modi 8.0 Cabinet.

Jugal Oram, who represents the Sundargarh Lok Sabha constituency in Odisha, has been a member of the 12th, 13th, 14th, and

16th Lok Sabha. He was chosen as one of the Cabinet Ministers of

Minister of Railways,
55th Communications
Minister, and the



Prime Minister Narendra Modi took oath as a minister in the Modi Cabinet on 30.06.2014. Ashwini Vaishnav, a former IAS officer turned politician, has served as the 39th

Second Electronics & Information Technology Minister in the Government of India from 2022–24. He has been a member of the Rajya Sabha representing Odisha since 2019.

Hubaneswar, (KCN): Dr. Achyuta Samanta, a prominent leader of the Biju Janata Dal and former MP, has stepped aside from active politics. Dr. Samanta expressed his decision after meeting Biju Janata Dal President and Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik at Naveen Niwas yesterday. Also he thanked Shri Patnaik for giving him chances both in Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha. Dr. Samanta stated that his commitment to social service for the last 32 years will continue till his last breath. After his defeat in the Kandhamal parliamentary constituency this year, he announced his retirement from active politics on June 9. On the other hand, Dr. Samanta thanked members of BJD and the people of the Kandhamal Parliamentary Constituency for their love and support.



Bhubaneswar(KCN): The swearing-in ceremony for the first BJP government in Odisha has been rescheduled from June 10 to June 12, party leaders Jatin Mohanty and Vijaypal Singh Tomar confirmed here on Sunday.

Mohanty explained that the postponement was due to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's commitments.

PM Modi will be busy with his own swearing-in ceremony on Sunday and meeting party MPs the following day. Additionally, the first legislature party meeting

of the newly elected members is now set for June 11. During the election campaign, PM Modi had said Odisha's first BJP government would be sworn in on June 10. BJP state president Manmohan Samal had also confirmed this on Saturday. However, the decision to change the date was taken on Sunday, party sources said. Meanwhile, suspense still remains over the new chief minister. Senior BJP leader and newly elected MLA Suresh Pujari rushed to New Delhi, triggering speculation



that he may be among the main contenders for the top post, sources said.

Pujari, who was elected to the Lok Sabha from Bargharh in the 2019 polls, won the recent election from Brajarajnagar assembly

constituency. His supporters believe he was called to New Delhi for discussions with central leaders. While the BJP central leadership is yet to zero in on any leader for the CM post, Odisha party unit president

Manmohan Samal on Saturday told reporters to wait for two more days for a clear picture to emerge. After returning from New Delhi, Samal said the parliamentary board of BJP would take a decision on the chief minister at its meeting. The BJP secured a comfortable majority in the 147-member Assembly, winning 78 seats. The party went to the elections under the leadership of PM Modi without naming a chief ministerial candidate. Meanwhile, preparations are on to organise the oath-taking ceremony at Janata Maidan in Bhubaneswar.

New Delhi(KCN): Days after the BJD suffered a shock defeat in the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections in Odisha, former IAS officer and BJD chief Naveen Patnaik's key aide VK Pandian has announced that he is quitting active politics. Mr Pandian, who quit the civil service and joined the BJD in November last year, released a video message in which he said he comes from a humble family and a small village. He said his childhood dream was to join the IAS and serve the people. "(From) the day I set foot in the soil of Odisha, I have received immense love and affection from the people of Odisha," he said, adding that he has

tried to work very hard for the people across the state. Mr Pandian said it has been an honour to work for Naveen Patnaik, who would have reached the milestone of being the country's longest-serving Chief Minister if the BJD returned to power. "The experience and learning I got is for a lifetime. His grace, leadership, ethics and above all, the love for the people of Odisha always inspired me. His expectation from me was to implement his vision for Odisha and we successfully crossed many milestones in health, education, poverty reduction, ports, investment, women empowerment, infrastructure and also in temple and heritage

projects," he said. Mr Pandian said he left the IAS and joined the BJP to assist his mentor Naveen Patnaik. "My only intent was to help him, as anyone would do for his mentor and family. I would like to set straight certain perceptions and narratives. Perhaps, it has been my shortcoming that I have not been able to effectively counter some of these political narratives. I reiterate that I came to politics to help my mentor Naveen Patnaik ahead of the gruelling elections and I had no desire, whatsoever, for a specific political post or power. That's why I was neither a candidate nor was I holding any post in Biju Janata Dal," he said. Among the key reasons



behind BJD's poor show in this election was an "outsider" perception about Mr Pandian, who wielded considerable clout within the BJD and the state's administrative machinery. This perception, further stoked by the BJP's campaign, is learnt to have played a key role

the Assembly election results and also in the BJD's setback in the Lok Sabha polls. The BJD scored a blank in this general election, a massive slide from its 2019 tally of 12. In the Assembly election, its tally was down from 112 seats in 2019 to 51 this time, paving the way for

he BJP's march to power. There was also speculation that Mr Pandian was emerging as Mr Patnaik's political heir, a buzz the senior leader has trashed.

Mr Pandian said he worked hard for 12 years with focus on Naveen Patnaik and Odisha. "The only property I

have is what I inherited from my grandparents. I or my immediate family have no other property anywhere in the world. The biggest earning in my lifetime has been the love and affection and goodwill of people of Odisha. My intent of joining politics was only to assist Naveen Babu and I have consciously decided to withdraw myself from active politics. I am sorry if I have hurt anyone in this journey. I am sorry if this campaign narrative against me has had a part to play in BJD's loss. I apologise to the entire Biju parivar, including all workers. My heartfelt gratitude to lakhs of Biju parivar members I am associated with," he said.

Mr Pandian signed off by saying that he will always pray for the prosperity of Odisha and my guru Naveen Patnaik".

Earlier, Mr Patnaik defended Mr Pandian against the criticism in the wake of the poll results. "There has been some criticism of Mr Pandian. This is unfortunate," the veteran politician said. Mr Patnaik also trashed rumours that Mr Pandian could be his successor. "Mr Pandian joined the party but has not had any posts. I have always clearly said that when they asked me about my successor, I said clearly that it was not Mr. Pandian. I repeat it. The people of Odisha will decide my successor," he declared.



PM paying homage to the martyrs at the National War Memorial, in New Delhi



The Prime Minister of Nepal, Shri Pushpa Kamal Dahal arrives for attending the Swearing-in Ceremony of the Prime Minister of India and the Council of Ministers, in New Delhi

PM Modi's traditional Sambalpuri stole highlights his focus on Odisha



Sambalpur(KCN): Ahead of the swearing-in ceremony, Prime Minister Narendra Modi Sunday morning paid tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat and former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee at his memorial 'Sadaiv Atal'. PM Modi was seen

wearing the trademark Kurta Pyjama along with a traditional handwoven Sambalpuri stole of Odisha highlighting a shift of focus towards the eastern state that played a vital role in the emergence of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) as the single

largest party. The Sambalpuri clothes including sarees and other dress materials are traditional handwoven textile that reflects the artistic traditions, skilled craftsmanship and cultural aesthetics of Odisha. It is pertinent here to mention that the party workers as well as leaders are also buoyed by the emphatic win in Odisha Assembly polls that ended the 24-year rule of Naveen Patnaik-led Biju Janata Dal. The excitement in the party can be gauged from the fact that PM Modi Friday began his speech at the Central Hall of the Old Parliament with Jay Jagannath chants. "When I think about Lord Jagannath, I believe that he is the God of the poor," he said at the meeting of the newly elected MPs of the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA).

PM Modi, who led the aggressive and successful election campaign against the Biju Janata Dal during the just concluded polls, asserted that Odisha will be the growth engine in the developmental journey of India for the next 25 years. Notably, the BJP swept the Lok Sabha elections in Odisha by registering a win in 20 seats out of the total 21 parliamentary constituencies of the state. The party is also going to form the government in Odisha for the first time since Independence. The party won 78 out of the 147 Assembly segments of the state ending the 24-year rule of Naveen Patnaik. Meanwhile, all eyes in Odisha are on the swearing-in ceremony to know how many elected MPs from the state get ministerial berths in the Modi-3.0.

ECI seeks action against Odisha IPS officer, revokes suspension on another

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Election Commission of India (ECI) has recommended action against Odisha's IPS officer Ashish Kumar Singh for "misrepresentation of fact" about his health condition while revoking the suspension order on another senior police officer DS Kutey. In a letter to the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Odisha, the ECI said the report of the special medical board of AIIMS, Bhubaneswar, has declared Singh, a 2010 batch IPS officer, physically and mentally fit. While Kutey, the special secretary to Odisha Chief Minister, was suspended by the ECI May 28 for "unduly interfering in the conduct of election," the Commission had ordered a medical examination of



Singh by a special medical board of the AIIMS Bhubaneswar. "The commission, prima facie, found it is a case of misrepresentation of fact on part of Sri Asish Kumar Singh, IPS, it is directed that the report of the Special Medical Board, AIIMS Bhubaneswar, be forwarded to chief secretary, Government of Odisha, for appropriate necessary action against the officer as deemed fit," the ECI's letter to the CEO, Odisha said. The ECI said Kutey's suspension should be

revoked with immediate effect with the condition that the other directions given in its May 28 letter will continue. Departmental proceedings, if instituted, may only be decided with concurrence of the Commission, the June 6 letter said. Kutey may report to the Chief Secretary for further posting, as deemed fit, it added. Earlier, while suspending Kutey on the charge of unduly interfering in the conduct of election, the ECI had stated, "his headquarters is fixed at the office of Resident

Commissioner Odisha, New Delhi, where he will report by 3pm May 29. "Chief Electoral Officer, Odisha, would provide to the Chief Secretary of Odisha draft of the chargesheet to be issued to Kutey and Odisha Chief Secretary would arrange chargesheet under relevant service rules by 5 pm of May 30." Similarly, the ECI had ordered Singh to appear for a detailed medical examination by a special medical board constituted by Director of AIIMS-Bhubaneswar and stated that a report about his illness and treatment should reach the Commission by May 31. The Lok Sabha and assembly elections were held together in Odisha in four phases between May 13 and June 1.



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Summer Days Are Hot But Stylish Too For Taapsee Pannu's Cover Looks

Whether it is a about playing a bold character or acing interesting wardrobe choices, Taapsee Pannu is well-versed in how to jazz things up. The actress is living the best of her "It girl" era and we are just mere spectators. Her latest photoshoot is the next page in that book. Taapsee turned the cover girl for Cosmopolitan India's May-June issue and we bring you her stunning six looks. For the first look, Taapsee slipped into a lemon green monokini by the clothing label Studio Verandah. Its V-neckline was held together with adjustable spaghetti straps in the dark green hue. The actress styled the monokini with high waist scramble knit trousers by designer duo



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Prime Video's Maitri: Female First Collective Hosts Its First Session In Chennai

Prime Video released the latest session of 'Maitri: Female First Collective', hosting its maiden discussion in Chennai. Launched last year, the collective is an endeavour to create a safe space where women from the Indian media and entertainment industry can come together to discuss their experiences, challenges and successes, and offer their perspective on bringing about a positive shift.

The session featured 8 eminent women from India's various entertainment industries, ranging from award-winning prolific actors who have worked across languages like Malavika Mohanan, Aishwarya Rajesh and Madhoo, to women who have left an indelible mark behind the camera, like creator, writer, showrunner & producer Reshma Ghatala, writer & director Swathi Raghuraaman, and



cinematographer Yamini Yagnamurthy, in addition to Aparna Purohit, creator – Maitri & head of India Originals, Prime Video, and Smriti Kiran, creator and curator of Maitri & founder, Polka Dots LightBox.

Sharing personal anecdotes, the participants discussed the existing gender dynamics in the film industry, the challenges faced by female professionals, including stereotyping, colourism, ageism, and much more.

Surprisingly, the women noted how the issues were similar irrespective of whether they worked in front of the camera or behind it, or whether they worked in production or corporate roles. The core discussion also touched upon the true essence of feminism and empowerment, what gender-equality really means for the trailblazers gathered in the room. An interesting insight that was shared by all was that true

equality can be achieved when the industry stops tagging a particular role, a narrative or a job as woman-oriented or male-oriented. The group as a whole agreed that age-old conditioning often restricts the personal and professional growth potential of women, and can be changed only if it is internalized in one's home and social environment. The interaction also highlighted the critical role that streaming was

playing in improving female representation, creating new opportunities for actors, regardless of their age, body size, or skin colour, and for creators to tell all kinds of unique stories. "Equitable representation opens up a new world for young girls to draw inspiration from, making it all the more important to have women in positions of influence, where they can provide a platform for newer voices and open up doors for more women," said Aparna Purohit, creator – Maitri & head of India Originals, Prime Video. "However, we know that change is a gradual process. It is, therefore, important for us to continue having these discussions across the country, and we are thrilled to have hosted our first session in Chennai. Even though it is only a year old, Maitri has managed to drive change in the right

direction. It is heartening to see people having a conversation about diversity, equity and inclusion when writing or planning their projects." Speaking about the need to have such conversations frequently, Smriti Kiran, creator & curator of Maitri and founder, Polka Dots LightBox said, "There is an undeniable need for spaces where women can voice their stories without any fear. Creating an environment that allows women to share their experiences without judgement is the first step in enabling any change, whether it is in the industry or society. This is precisely why we have to keep the conversation going relentlessly. Thrilled that Maitri is in Chennai today, tomorrow it will be in another part of India. We will continue to connect women across sections and states through conversation and collaboration."

Prabhas, Deepika Padukone's Project K To Create History, To Be First Indian Film To Debut At San Diego Comic-Con



There's good news for Bollywood lovers who have been waiting for a long to get an update on Amitabh Bachchan, Deepika Padukone, Kamal Haasan and Prabhas-starrer 'Project K'. According to Variety, The hugely-anticipated Indian big-budget sci-fi film will unveil exclusive footage in the presence of talent at the San Diego Comic-Con (SDCC). Kicking off the SDCC celebration, Vyjayanthi Movies will offer fans a look at the film as part of an opening night party on July 19.

On July 20, the film's

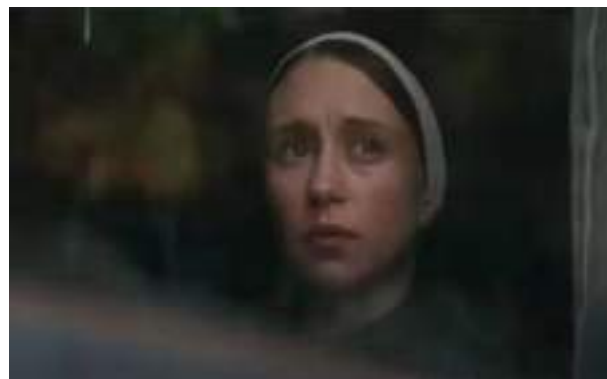
team will host a panel titled "This is Project K: First Glimpse of India's Mytho-Sci-fi Epic" with Deepika, Prabhas and Haasan during which the film's full title, teaser trailer and release date will be revealed, Variety reported. Interestingly, the stars will also feature in a performance on SDCC's largest stage. "This exclusive event will transport guests into India's most ambitious cinematic universe yet with their captivating storytelling, futuristic setting, and 'Spice Punk' aesthetic inspired by the film," the producers said

in a statement.

Director Ashwin also expressed excitement. He said, "We are thrilled to present 'Project K's' debut at San Diego Comic-Con. India's storytelling tradition has ancient roots, with its epics serving as the origins for many civilizations worldwide. A world as big as this needs a platform as big to introduce it to the people. Comic-Con felt like the perfect place, where the honesty and enthusiasm needed for 'Project K' will be found."

The Nun 2 Trailer Teases Returns Of 'The Conjuring' Universe

The makers of 'The Nun' are all set to come up with the film's sequel. On Thursday, they unveiled the film's trailer and it has definitely left fans excited. The sequel, which is headlined by Taissa Farmiga, is set to be out on September 8. As per Variety, the film begins in 1956 after a priest is viciously murdered in France. According to the film's official logline, 'The Nun 2' follows Sister Irene (Farmiga) as she once again comes face to face with the demonic Valak. Farmiga returns alongside Bonnie Aarons and Jonas Bloquet who will reprise their roles as Valak and Maurice "Frenchie," respectively. "The Nun 2" will introduce new additions to the "Conjuring" universe, including Katelyn Rose Downey as Sophie, Anna Popplewell as Marcella and Storm Reid as an



unknown new character. The USD 2 billion franchise began in 2013, with the original "The Conjuring" film, starring Patrick Wilson and Taissa Farmiga's older sister, Vera Farmiga. The original film was inspired by paranormal investigators Ed and Lorraine Warren's nonfiction book, "The Amityville Horror." "The Conjuring's" first spinoff "Annabelle" premiered in 2014. Soon after, "The Conjuring 2" was released in 2016, "Annabelle: Creation" in 2017 and then the second

spinoff, "The Nun" in 2018. Since "The Nun," the "Conjuring" universe has released "The Curse of La Llorona," "Annabelle Comes Home" and "The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It." Directed by "The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It's" Michael Chaves, "The Nun 2" was written by "M3GAN" screenwriter Akela Cooper and "Fear the Walking Dead" screenwriters Ian Goldberg and Richard Naing.

Condonation of delay in filing Appeals Part 2



Adv. Narayan Jain & CA Dilip Loyalka

(Contd from 3rd June, 2024)

2. Rameshbhai v. Prajapati v. Deputy CIT, Gandhinagar [2021] 127 taxmann.com 674 (Ahmedabad - Trib.)- Where previous tax consultant of assessee had not attended tax matter satisfactorily and new tax consultant had obtained various documents, and that these circumstances and his ill health caused delay in filing Miscellaneous Application against ex parte order passed on account of non-prosecution, keeping in view rule 24 of Income-tax Appellate Tribunal, 1963, delay in filing Miscellaneous Application was to be condoned.

3. Adarsh Co. Op. Bank Ltd. v. Income Tax Officer, Surendranagar Circle [2021] 126 taxmann.com 169 (Gujarat): Where assessee co-operative bank had sought condonation of delay of 342 days in filing appeal before the High Court on ground that its Branch Manager who was looking after official communication of order of Court was retired around same time when order of Tribunal was passed and advocate of assessee had passed away, impugned delay was to be condoned.

4. Shree Datta P r a s a d Sahakari Patsanstha Ltd. v. ITO [2022] 134 taxmann.com 324

(Mum): Where assessee had a bonafide belief that appeal against cancellation of rejection of registration under sec. 12A would cover the rejection of approval under sec. 80G and hence did not file a separate appeal, the delay should be condoned.

5. Ornate Traders Pvt. Ltd. v. ITO [2009] 312 ITR 193 (Bom.); Pedorla Srinivasa Murthy v. CIT [2015] 43 CCH 0247 (Vishakhapatnam Trib)- Where there was no proper explanation and no sufficient cause was shown for condonation of delay and there was apparent negligence and callousness on the part of the Officer/officials of the Department to the extent that even correct statements had not been made, the delay could not be condoned.

6. Mayfair Builders & Developers v. Deputy CIT [2008] 306 ITR (AT) 308 (Pune)- Where the assessee had not paid the admitted tax, which was paid after a delay along with a fresh appeal

with a request for condonation of delay, the same may be granted.

7. Union of India v. Visveswaraya Iron & Steel Ltd. [1987] 166 ITR 64 (SC), CIT v. Tezpore Tea Co. Ltd. [2005] 279 ITR 339 (Cal.)- Where the Department sought to explain the delay in the form of a list of dates, a very slip-shod method and no responsible officer had taken the responsibility as to why this delay occurred in the Department and the affidavit had been affirmed by an Inspector in such a serious case, the delay could not be condoned.

8. Vama Apparels (India) Pvt. Ltd. v. ACIT [2019] 102 taxmann.com 398 (Bombay)- Where assessee explained that old employee left the papers in his drawer and left and when new employee joined, he found it, the delay of 507 days cannot be condoned.

9. Catholic Syrian Bank Ltd. v.

DCIT [2018] 98 taxmann.com 466 (Cochin - ITAT): Where assessee, a scheduled bank stated that delay was due to transfer of concerned officer in branch with whom papers were pending for preparation of appeals, the same was not sufficient reason to condone the delay.

10. Nihalkaran v. Commissioner of Wealth Tax [1989] 175 ITR 14 (MP): Where the clerk of the assessee had taken the case papers to the office of the counsel but those papers "got mixed up in the disposed of files", the High Court dismissed the application for condonation of delay on the ground that the affidavit filed by the clerk of the assessee did not disclose whether the papers were handed over by the clerk to the counsel and the counsel had not filed any affidavit. The Affidavit of the clerk did not disclose what steps had been taken by the assessee for filing an application u/s 27(3) from the date when the application

should have been filed till the date when the papers were alleged to have been located. Therefore, the assessee had failed to show that there was sufficient cause for the delay in filing the application for condonation of delay.

11. Vijay Vishin Meghani v. DCIT 86 taxmann.com 98 (Bombay): Advice of a Chartered Accountant not to file appeal supported by an affidavit but later another tax expert advised for filing the appeal, may be a sufficient ground for condonation of delay.

12. Nulon (M.S.) India Ltd. v. CIT [1996] 219 ITR 736 (Del.): Where the assessee contended that the delay occurred because the assessee was not given proper legal guidance when he received the assessment order, but it was found the assessee had the services not only of a Chartered Accountant but also of a tax consultant who was a former Indian Revenue Service person working in the Income

Tax Department, the contention of the assessee that he could not get proper legal guidance was not valid.

13. CIT v. Progressive Education Society [2019] 103 taxmann.com 163 (SC): Where delay is caused due to difference of opinion between two officers and final decision for filing appeal was taken after obtaining a legal opinion, the delay may be condoned.

14. E l n e t Technologies Ltd. v. DCIT [2018] 99 taxmann.com 219 (Madras): Where delay was caused as Director and Chief Executive Officer of assessee who had to take a decision to file an appeal had resigned and subsequently a new DCEO was appointed who after considering issue, took up matter before Board of Directors and then a decision was taken to file appeal, the delay was to be condoned.

15. Nitesh Agarwal v. ACIT [2018] 97 taxmann.com 459

(Jaipur - ITAT): If the family is going through a turbulent time due to ill health of family member, the delay should be condoned.

16. Natthi Singh v. ITO Wd-4 Bharatpur ITA No. 117/JP/2023: Where intimation u/s 143(1) or order u/s 143(3) or appellate order u/s 250 enters into the spam folder of the assessee with the result that assessee could not notice the same, the delay in furnishing appeal is to be condoned.

17. Suman Jeet Agarwal v. ITO [2022] 143 taxmann.com 11 (Delhi): Where the order is sent in the assessee's account of e-filing portal, the same shall be deemed to have been received on the date the assessee opened the same.

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Slapping Kangana: Reflection of farmers' anger or a sign of rising terrorism?

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On June 6, 2024 an echo of slapping waived in a lightning speed not only across the country, but also thundered worldwide, when the news of alleged slapping to Kangana Ranaut, an actress-turned-politician and newly elected Lok Sabha member from Himachal Pradesh as a BJP candidate, by a Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) women soldier, was flashed. Now the question arises- Why the women soldier, Kulwinder Kaur, despite a member of disciplined Indian force, reportedly slapped the actress? As per media reports and reason sounded in the public, the cause of slapping is linked to the statements of Kangana Ranaut floated during the farmers' movement against three agricultural laws, which were later on repealed under the farmers' pressure. Referring the farmers' agitation during 2020 and pointing towards Kangana, heartedly hurt Kulwinder Kaur herself was reported as saying, "Isne bayaan diya tha na 100-100 rupye ke liye baithi hain vahan pe. Ye baithi thi vahan pe? Meri

maa baithi thi vahan pe jab isne bayaan diya tha. (She (Kangana) stated that the farmers are sitting there for ?100. Had she a sit in there? My mother was sitting there and protesting when she gave this statement)". Samyukta Kisan Morcha leader Dr. Inderjeet Singh, National Vice-President of All India Kisan Sabha (AIKS), says, "It is still in the memory of people that Kangana Ranaut had once said that women on borders were a hired lot. Kangana had never apologised for her remarks against farmers movement as such and attempting to tarnish the dignity of women farmers in particular. So, acrimony will persist against her among the peasantry for the insinuations uttered by her." While sharing his version to this author, Dr. Singh adds, "We know so many BJP and RSS leaders had made unacceptable and outrageous remarks against the movement and farmers. Some of them had to apologise on being boycotted by farmers bodies under SKM. The anger was obviously more visible during just concluded Lok Sabha elections, especially in Punjab and Haryana." The SKM leader also puts forward another reason for the conflict. "Some people say that there was an issue over

phone to be placed in the tray during security checks which Kangana perhaps was avoiding which seems plausible as per her temperament." Alleging Kangana of habitually indulging in making stupid remarks on various subjects and often doing loose talks, Dr. Inderjeet says, "Kangana had later made an even more inflammatory and sensitive remark about trends emerging in Punjab of terrorism and separatism which surprises no one as she has been habitually indulging in making stupid remarks on various subjects and often doing loose talks." Why Kangana Ranaut is trying to divert the reason of incident inclining towards terrorism angle? Why she is bent upon proving its linkage to terrorism? Indian Express in an update on June 7, on its web portal, writes - "Kangana claimed that the CISF constable 'strategically waited' for her to cross the security check, and 'in a signature Khalistani style', quietly came from behind and hit (her) face without saying a word." "As soon as I came out after the security check, a woman in another cabin, a CISF security staff, she waited for me to cross her and hit my face from the side. She started abusing me. When I asked her why, she said that she supports the farmers' protest." Kangana shows her

concern, "I am safe but my concern is how we handle the terrorism and extremism that is increasing in Punjab." In an update on June 7, 2024, NDTV News Desk reminded -- Ms Ranaut also made headlines in February 2021 after international pop star Rihanna seemed to criticise the BJP government over the farmers' protest and said, "Why aren't we talking about this?" To this, Ms Ranaut had responded, "No one is talking about it because they are not farmers, they are terrorists who are trying to divide India, so that China can take over our vulnerable broken nation and make it a Chinese colony much like the USA... Sit down you fool, we are not selling our nation like you dummies." One thing, which seems to be very disturbing, is the instigating bundle of statements of Kangana Ranaut. Why Kangana is every time linking the incidents with terrorism? "They are not farmers; they are terrorists who are trying to divide India" or "I am safe but my concern is how we handle the terrorism and extremism that is increasing in Punjab." Describing the incident, Kangana also says, "And 'in a signature Khalistani style', she quietly came from behind and hit (her) face without saying a word." Is the action of the CISF constable has any

linkage with the terrorism? Has terrorism actually rising in Punjab? How so confidently Kangana is alleging that the terrorism and extremism is increasing in Punjab? If Kangana is seeing, noticing, sensing and feeling that terrorism and extremism is increasing in Punjab, and has proofs, then why she has not warned and informed the central government run by her own party since last 10 years? Should such a charge be levelled on the basis of no ground. Whether other political parties or the inhabitants of the state and the country also smell the bad odour of the terrorism? Is there any substance in what Kangana seeing terrorism in every incident, and especially during farmers' agitation or present airport incident? Harsimrat Kaur Badal, wife of Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) President Sukhbir Badal and an MP from Punjab, commenting in her X account, says, "I urge union govt to focus on farmer grievances & fulfil the promises made. No one should be allowed to label Punjabis as Atankwadi or Ugarwadi. Punjabis are foremost patriots, serving the nation on the borders and as food providers. We deserve better." Sukhpal Singh Khaira, @SukhpalKhaira, MLA Bholath, Former Leader

of Opposition, Punjab and Chairman All India Kisan Congress condemns Kangana Ranaut's statements, "I vehemently condemn the hate mongering of fascist @KanganaTeam. Kangana Ranaut spreading hatred against farmers & Punjab. I never support any kind of violence but she was slapped by CISF personnel Kulwinder Kaur due to her own nefarious divisive agenda and her hate for farmers. The CISF personnel hit her bcoz she felt bad when Kangana taunted protesting farmers to be paid daily wagers as her mother was part of the same protest. It appears she has learnt no lesson and is once again spitting venom against farmers & Punjab. She's trying to portray her slap with revival of terrorism in Punjab not realizing it was a SLAP and not a bullet fired. She should now realise she's an MP and must control her tongue." Punjab based senior journalist, Jai Singh Chhibber suggests both sides to mend their ways. Sharing his views with this author, Chhibber says, "What happened with the newly elected Member of Parliament Kangana Ranaut should not have happened. This has sent a wrong message to the whole world. Especially a lady constable deployed for security carried out such an incident, which is

even more dangerous, this will lead to loss of trust in the people deployed for security. India is a democratic country. In this, everyone has the right to express their views." Chhibber further adds, "Kangana Ranaut had made harsh comments about the people sitting on dharna, especially the farmers, demanding the repeal of the three agricultural bills, but this does not mean that she should be treated rudely. She should be slapped. No one can tolerate this. Now she has been elected to the Parliament. One should respond with dialogue and slogans; slapping is not the right way." Showing a middle path, Chhibber suggests, "One more thing, everyone should control his/her language. One should not use such language and words which spread hatred in the society." Countering and outrightly rejecting Kangana's statements of linking every incident with terrorism and alleging that the terrorism is rising its head in Punjab, Journalist Chhibber says, "The second thing is that Kangana Ranaut has again talked about terrorism in Punjab yesterday. She has again spoken about hatred. She should avoid such language, especially now that she has been elected to the Parliament of the

country. No one from Punjab wants Khalistan. There may be a handful of people who support it, but those who have seen the old days of Punjab want peace, brotherhood, living together with everyone in Punjab and want to make Punjab a developed Punjab. Gurus, saints and prophets have also taught us to live together with love." It seems crystal clear that alleged slapping incident at Chandigarh airport has nothing to do with the terrorism and it is just a momentary reaction of Kulwinder Kaur generated out of rage against Kangana's statements for the farmers sitting on Dharna for getting the three black agricultural laws repealed. Actual facts will come out during the course of investigation. The government and the CISF should act in fairly manner while considering the case of Kulwinder Kaur. She must be given a fair opportunity of hearing in a fair investigation and not victimized without any substantiative grounds. Kangana should show maturity as per her status.

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On No NCP In Modi 3.0, Devendra Fadnavis Says No Consensus On Cabinet Offer

Mumbai(KCN): The Ajit Pawar-led Nationalist Congress Party wanted a cabinet berth in the Narendra Modi government but declined an offer from the BJP for a minister of state (MoS) with independent charge, Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said today. "We had offered one berth of a minister with an independent charge to the NCP and insisted that (Rajya Sabha MP) Praful Patel's name be finalised. Due to his (Mr Patel's) experience, the NCP believed he could not be made MoS with independent charge," he said. "In a coalition government, a formula has to be drawn, which cannot be broken for one party. I can confidently say whenever cabinet



expansion takes place, the (Union) government will consider the NCP. We did try to include NCP right now, but they insisted on cabinet portfolio," the senior BJP leader said. Meanwhile, speaking to reporters in Delhi, Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit

Pawar asserted the NCP "was ready to wait" but wanted a cabinet berth. "We have one Lok Sabha member (Sunil Tatkare) and one Rajya Sabha MP (Praful Patel). In the coming months, we will have two additional Rajya Sabha MPs. We will have four MPs (then). We should (then) get a

cabinet berth. We are ready to wait but want a cabinet berth," Ajit Pawar said. Speaking to reporters in Delhi, Praful Patel said, "We were informed last night we will get a minister of state with independent charge. I was earlier cabinet minister (in the

UPA government) and being made MoS would be a demotion. The BJP told us to wait for a few days and said they will take remedial measures." While Mr Patel said there is no "problem in the alliance" on this issue, Ajit Pawar asserted the NCP was supporting the NDA in the interest of the nation. The Ajit Pawar-led NCP, part of the ruling alliance in Maharashtra along with the BJP and the Shiv Sena, managed to win just one seat (Raigad) of the four it contested in the Lok Sabha polls. It also lost the prestige battle in Baramati, where Ajit Pawar's wife Sunetra Pawar was trounced by the sitting MP from the rival NCP faction and his cousin, Supriya Sule.

Anurag Thakur, Who May Not Be Part Of Modi 3.0 Cabinet

New Delhi(KCN): Former Union Minister Anurag Thakur today congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his ministers who are taking oath this evening at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. Mr Thakur, who held the sports, and information and broadcasting portfolios in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's last cabinet, has apparently been dropped, sources said.



"I extend my best wishes and congratulations to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his third term and heartiest wishes to all his ministers and may they do a wonderful job and take the country forward in the next 5 years," he told reporters. Mr Thakur is one of the three former ministers -- along with Smriti Irani and Narayan Rane -- who

may not take oath today as part of the Modi 3.0 cabinet, sources have said. Unlike Ms Irani, both Mr Thakur and Mr Rane have won the general election from their constituencies. Mr Thakur won from Himachal Pradesh's Hamirpur and Mr Rane from Maharashtra's

Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg. In a post on X, formerly Twitter, Mr Thakur has bid goodbye to the Modi 2.0 cabinet, which was dissolved after the election results came in on Tuesday. "As I bid adieu to this amazing team, I am reminded that it is the dedication of each member that truly holds

the strength. A great team can indeed move mountains," his post read. Expressing his gratitude to PM Modi, he added, "Thank you to my wonderful team for making these years so memorable. Your invaluable contributions have played a crucial role in the Viksit Bharat

journey, and you will always hold a special place in my heart". As I bid adieu to this amazing team, I am reminded that it is the dedication of each member that truly holds the strength. A great team can indeed move mountains. The Council of ministers taking oath this evening at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, is expected to include a number of NDA allies, with the BJP falling short of majority for the first time in a decade. The spotlight will be on Chandrababu Naidu's Telugu Desam Party, which won 16 seats, and Nitish Kumar's Janata Dal United, which added 12 seats to the NDA tally. The BJP has won 240 seats -- 32 seats short of majority.

AAP's Atishi Urges Haryana Chief Minister To Release Water Into Munal Canal

New Delhi(KCN): Delhi's Water Minister Atishi on Sunday wrote a letter to Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini regarding the release of water in the Munal Canal by the Haryana government. "I am writing this letter to seek your urgent intervention on the issue of non-release of water into the Yamuna river by Haryana. I have sent several correspondences to your goodself, unfortunately I have not received even an acknowledgement for the same," wrote Atishi. "As you are aware, Delhi is dependent on water from Yamuna for our day-to-day needs. However, for the past few days, Haryana has not been releasing adequate amount of water in the Munal Canal. As a result of this, the people living in



the national capital have been suffering unjustifiably," wrote Atishi. Highlighting the agreement in the 53rd meeting of the Upper Yamuna River Board, which was convened on May 2018, around 1050 Cusec (i.e. 568 MGD) allocated to Delhi at Munak through CLC and DSB Canals, she wrote, "Considering the transmission loss, the allocation of 1050

Cusec at Munak corresponds to about 1013 Cusec (i.e. 548 MGD). This is measured by Delhi at the Bawana contact point, where the water enters Delhi, where flow meters have been installed by Delhi. These flow meters were checked by representatives of the Upper Yamuna River Board, last week itself." "On an average, the water received at the Bawana contact point -

even in the summers - is between 980 and 1030 cusecs. Data for the last 5 years is enclosed along with this letter. However in the last one week this has seen a drastic reduction," she emphasised in her letter. She further highlighted that there are seven Water Treatment Plants (WTPs) in Delhi that are dependent upon Yamuna water. "Due to the deficit of raw water, our water treatment plants are unable to run at their optimum capacity. With the water from Munak Canal reducing to 840 cusecs, Delhi will be unable to produce adequate water from our 7 WTPs. If Haryana doesn't release the adequate amount of water by today, Delhi will have

a major crisis in next 1-2 days. Therefore, I humbly request you to ensure that 1050 cusecs water is released from Munak Canal for Delhi," she wrote. Meanwhile, residents of Delhi continue to face severe water crises as long lines of people around water tankers are seen in many areas of the national capital. With piped water being disrupted, in several areas of the city water is being supplied to the people through tankers. Visuals from Mayur Vihar and Okhla Phase 2 showed residents huddling around water tankers with buckets and cans in their hands to carry water. Delhi government blamed the water crisis on the Haryana government "blocking" Delhi's share of water.

Woman's Body Cut Into Two Pieces And Stuffed In Bags Found In Train In Indore



Indore(KCN): The GRP has recovered an unidentified woman's body cut into two pieces, with her hands and legs missing, and stuffed in two bags in a train in Madhya Pradesh's Indore city, an official said. The police suspect the woman was murdered at some other place and the body was dumped in the train on Saturday night, he said. After being informed by a sanitation worker, the body was recovered from Dr Ambedkar Nagar-

Indore passenger train, Government Railway Police (GRP) station in-charge Sanjay Shukla said. The victim, who was yet to be identified, was believed to be in the age group of 20 to 25 years, he said. "The upper part of the woman's body from head to waist was found in a trolley bag left in the train, while the body part below waist was found in a plastic bag. Both her hands and legs are missing," Shukla said. It is suspected the

woman was murdered at some other place one or two days back and after that, the body parts were kept in the train on Saturday night, the official said. The Dr Ambedkar Nagar-Indore train reached here on Saturday night and after the passengers alighted, the train was moved to the yard for maintenance, he said. Efforts were on to identify the woman and the case was being investigated, the official added.

"Focus On Governance, Finish Work On Time": PM Modi To Incoming Ministers



New Delhi(KCN): Meeting BJP leaders over tea ahead of the oath ceremony later today, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had one clear directive for incoming ministers - focus on government and ensure projects are finished on time. This meeting, a customary practice by PM Modi since 2014 before cabinet formation, sets the tone for the responsibilities and expectations from new ministers as they prepare to take their oaths. Several new faces are expected to join the Union Council of Ministers, including Manohar Lal Khattar, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Bandi Sanjay Kumar, and Ravneet Singh Bittu. Senior leaders like Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh, Nitin Gadkari, Piyush

Goyal, Ashwini Vaishnaw, Nirmala Sitharaman, and Mansukh Mandaviya are also likely to retain their positions. Shiv Sena's Prataprao Jadhav, BJP's C R Paatil, Jyotiraditya Scindia, Rao Inderjit Singh, Nityanand Rai, Bhagirath Choudhary, and Harsh Malhotra might be inducted as well. Jitin Prasada and Raksha Khadse from the BJP are also expected to join the new government. Outgoing ministers Nirmala Sitharaman, Sarbananda Sonowal, and Kiren Rijju will also be taking the oath. Allies like TDP's Ram Mohan Naidu and JD(U)'s Lalan Singh are also being considered for ministerial roles. BJP's strategy involves balancing its losses in Uttar Pradesh and

Maharashtra. The party held an 11-hour meeting with PM Modi, Amit Shah, Mr Nadda, and BL Santhosh to finalise the new Cabinet. Key ministers like Mr Shah, Rajnath Singh, and Nitin Gadkari are expected to retain their portfolios, along with Ms Sitharaman and Mr Jaishankar. Allies like Chirag Paswan, HD Kumaraswamy, Anupriya Patel, Jayant Chaudhary, and Jitan Ram Manjhi are likely to get ministerial positions. Eknath Shinde's Shiv Sena might be represented by Prataprao Jadhav, and Ramdas Athawale is set to become a minister. Leaders from the Northeast, including Sarbananda Sonowal and Kiren Rijju, are expected to return as ministers.

"I Can See A Lot More Foreign Policy Successes Under Modi 3.0": Bhutan PM

New Delhi(KCN): Praising Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership in the past 10 years, Bhutan's Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay on Sunday said that India has grown spectacularly and the development in infrastructure - airports, roads, rails, seaways has been unprecedented.

Speaking to news agency ANI, Mr Tobgay called foreign policy as one of the biggest accomplishments of PM Modi's leadership. He expressed happiness on being in India to attend the swearing-in ceremony of PM-designate Modi. He noted that the BJP and National Democratic

Alliance (NDA) enjoy the confidence and trust of the people, which reflects their performance. Asked on how he envisions India under the leadership of Modi, Tshering Tobgay said, "Well, to look forward, you look backwards and you see the last 10 years.

Sand Sculpture Of PM Modi In Odisha Ahead Of Swearing-In Ceremony

Puri(KCN): Renowned sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik crafted a sand sculpture to congratulate PM-designate Narendra Modi at a seashore in Odisha's Puri, ahead of his swearing-in ceremony, which is scheduled to take place today at 7:15 pm. The intricate sand art, created at the Puri beach, features a detailed image of Narendra Modi along with the message "ABHINANDANA MODI JI 3.0". Accompanying this congratulatory note, Mr Pattnaik also inscribed "VIKSIT BHARAT" below the artwork. Posters featuring PM-designate Narendra Modi have been put up in Delhi ahead of his swearing-in ceremony scheduled to take place today. The ceremony will mark the commencement of PM Modi's third consecutive term as the Prime Minister of India.

Under PM Modi's leadership, the NDA is set to form the government at the Centre once again. PM Modi is the only leader after former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, who has been elected for a third consecutive term after completing the full tenure of each previous term. Alongside Narendra PM Modi, members of his council of ministers will also take their oath on the same day. Around 1,100 traffic police personnel of the Delhi Police have been deployed and an advisory has been issued to the public for the traffic movement and route arrangements have been made for the delegates as part of the arrangements for Prime Minister-designate Narendra Modi's oath ceremony on Sunday. Several leaders and State

heads of neighbourhood region and Indian Ocean region have been invited for PM Modi's swearing-in ceremony as distinguished guests, a testament to India's 'Neighbourhood First' policy. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) in an official statement on Saturday said, "President of Sri Lanka, Ranil Wickremesinghe; President of Maldives, Mohamed Muizzu; Vice-President of Seychelles, Ahmed Afif; Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina; Prime Minister of Mauritius, Pravind Kumar Jugnauth; Prime Minister of Nepal, Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda'; and Prime Minister of Bhutan, Tshering Tobgay, have accepted the invitation to attend." Apart from the leaders and state heads, more than 250 workers who were involved in the



construction of the Parliament will also come to BJP leader Mansukh Mandaviya's residence at 3 pm and go to the President's house to participate in the oath-taking ceremony of Prime Minister-designate Narendra Modi. Meanwhile, highlighting the significance of the event, the MEA emphasised, "The visit

of the leaders to attend the swearing-in ceremony of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his third consecutive term is in keeping with the highest

priority accorded by India to its 'Neighbourhood First' policy and 'SAGAR' vision." Additionally, the MEA

mentioned that besides participating in the swearing-in ceremony, the leaders will also grace a banquet hosted by President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan, later in the same evening. PM Modi's invitation to neighbouring leaders reflects India's ongoing efforts to engage with countries in the region. In 2014, he convened leaders from SAARC nations, and in 2019, he invited countries from the BIMSTEC group. Meanwhile, Congress leader KC Venugopal said that the opposition leaders have not received any

information from the government regarding the swearing-in ceremony of PM-designate Narendra Modi. The BJP got 240 seats and NDA has secured 292 seats out of 543 Lok Sabha seats. Congress fought the election as part of the INDIA bloc and the parties together were able to prevent BJP from getting a majority on its own in Lok Sabha. The Congress secured 99 seats. Samajwadi Party got 37 seats, while Trinamool Congress got 29. DMK managed to win 22 seats.

Odisha: Four of family injured in leopard attack

Balasore(KCN): Four members of a family were injured as a leopard attacked them in Odisha's Balasore district Saturday, police said. The incident took place at Gada village in Khaira area of the district when the four were working in a farmland. The leopard suddenly came out of a bush and pounced on the woman. When the three others came to her rescue the



leopard attacked them too before running back from where it had come, they added. All the injured were admitted to Khaira

hospital but the woman was shifted to the Bhadrak District Headquarter Hospital for better treatment, police said.

A forest department team is conducting a search operation in the area to locate the leopard, Soro Forest (wildlife) Range officer Manoranjan Nayak said. A large number of local people also gathered in the area to find the tiger, making the task of the forest department personnel difficult, Nayak said.

Ex Royals, Former IAS Officer: 4 Odisha Women Triumph In Lok Sabha Polls

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Four women candidates, all belonging to the Bharatiya Janata Party, emerged victorious in the Lok Sabha elections in Odisha.

A total of 29 candidates contested in the 21 Lok Sabha seats in Odisha of whom four won and five came second in the polls. Aparajita Sarangi, a former IAS officer and BJP candidate, retained her Bhubaneswar Lok Sabha seat for the second time by defeating her nearest BJD rival Manmath Kumar Routray by 35,152 votes. Sangeeta Kumari Singh Deo of the erstwhile Royal family of Patna in Bolangir district won the



Bolangir Lok Sabha seat by defeating her nearest BJD rival Surendra Singh Bhoi by 1,32,664 votes. BJP candidate Malvika Devi of the erstwhile Royal family of Kalahandi district won the Kalahandi Lok Sabha seat by 1,33,813 votes. She defeated BJD's Lambodar Nial. In the Aska Lok Sabha

constituency in Ganjam district, BJP's Anita Subhadarshini won by defeating her nearest BJD rival Ranjita Sahu by 99,974 votes. "Race Starts Now": After Lok Sabha Success, Maharashtra Congress Sets Sights On Assembly Polls "Race Starts Now": After Lok Sabha

Success, Maharashtra Congress Sets Sights On Assembly Polls In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections seven women candidates had won in Odisha. Five BJD women candidates - Ranjita Sahu, Lekhasri Samantsinghar, Pariniti Mishra, Manjulata Mondal, Rajashree Mallick - came second in the Aska, Balasore, Bargarh, Jagatsinghpur and Jajpur Lok Sabha seats respectively. The BJP won 20 of the 21 Lok Sabha seats in Odisha.

We failed to build a strong narrative: BJD leader Pradeep Majhi on poll defeat

New Delhi: At a time when starting from BJD president Naveen Patnaik and other leaders are searching for the faults that caused the party's poll debacle, party leader Pradeep Majhi, who was fielded from the Nabarangpur Lok Sabha seat, opened up about what caused such a drubbing. During a discussion with OTV's Swadhin Rout, Majhi revealed that BJD failed to build a strong narrative that could resonate with

the people of Odisha. "We were not as offensive against the BJP as we were in 2009, 2014 and 2019. It sent out a message that the BJD was not able to shout slogans against the BJP to send its candidates to the Parliament. On the other hand, the BJP carried out an issue-based political campaign in Odisha starting from the Prime Minister to other senior leaders. And their attack was so forceful that we failed to

defend," said Majhi. When asked about the dominance by VK Pandian, he said, "In the election, an Opposition party fights elections by levelling several allegations against the ruling party. In this case, we had to prepare with counters. Those who were in charge should have prepared a different narrative. Once upon a time, Congress had strong leaders. Now, BJD has such leaders. But they couldn't be seen

on the dais. If they had fought unitedly, the picture would have been different now." Regarding the absence of BJD's 38-star campaigners on the field, Majhi said, "The Chief Minister did meetings what was expected from him. Had the star campaigners travelled across Odisha, the situation would have been different now. But that didn't happen and we had to face a debacle.




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Bhubaneswar : CFA Institute, the professional body for excellence and thought leadership in finance, has opened registrations for their upcoming February 2023 intake. Additionally, with the rising demand to increase candidate accessibility and convenience, the institute will have 4 new exam centers in Kochi, Chandigarh, Bhubaneswar and Guwahati for the CFA Program. These centers will take the total number of test center cities for the CFA exam to 16 across India and over 400 worldwide.

The recent CFA Institute Investor Trust survey showed that Indians place a high level of trust on the potential growth in job opportunities in the financial services sector. However, In the post-pandemic era, students as

well as professionals are prioritizing safety, accessibility and ease of travel while accomplishing their life and career goals. Ease of accessibility to exam centers is expected to improve a candidate journey through the program and reduce costs associated with travelling to take exams.

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Bhubaneswar : Sony India is expanding its Alpha Service Network across 11 cities in India including Mumbai, Coimbatore, Jaipur, Pune, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Trivandrum, Chennai, Indore, Bhubaneswar and Guwahati. This is expansion for Alpha Camera body and lens repairs facilities is a testament to the brand's continued dedication to customer satisfaction. Sony now has the widest service network of after sales support for Digital Imaging products with 8 service centers for lens repairs, 18 service centers for Alpha Camera Body repair, 40+ service centers which can offer basic services like CCD Imager cleaning and

firmware updates and 220+ collection centers pan India.

The service centers are equipped with necessary jigs and tools to deliver best quality repair of Alpha camera body, Camera Lens, Professional Cameras and other digital imaging products like Digital Still Cameras and Camcorders. Customers can also avail instant services for basic supports like CCD Imager cleaning and getting the latest firmware update to enjoy best performance from their products. The friendly customer care staff at these service centers will help customers to register their in-warranty products on Sony Alpha Community portal to enable them avail

free of cost additional one year warranty on applicable products.

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 touch-points to provide a consistent brand experience that surpasses expectations.”

ATLAS OF AFFLUENCE - INDIA'S FIRST EVER WHITE PAPER ON LUXURY LAUNCHED AS A YEARLY FEATURE

Mumbai: Amidst leading luminaries of industries spanning across the business of luxury, the Atlas of Affluence (AOA) 2022 has been launched in Mumbai. Created by The Voice of Fashion (TVOF), a division of Reliance Brands Limited, the daily digital magazine that tracks and leads conversations on Indian

fashion, design, crafts and retail, AOA 2022, is the first such wide and deep white paper from India that dissects consumer behaviour studied through the prism of luxury.

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

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.

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

SBI now offers Real Time Xpress Credit on YONO app

Mumbai : With an aim to digitally empower customers and offer additional convenience, the country's largest lender, State Bank of India (SBI) has announced the introduction of Real Time Xpress Credit (RTXC) on YONO. The bank's flagship personal loan product for salaried customers – Xpress Credit has a Digital Avatar now. Customers can now avail RTXC from the comfort of their homes through YONO – which is going to be 100% paperless and digital. The end-to-end 8 step journey would be easy and instant for the customers.

Under Real Time Xpress Credit, Central/ State Government and Defence salaried customers of SBI will no longer be required to visit the branch for availing a personal loan. The credit checks, eligibility, sanction & documentation will now be done digitally in real-time.

Shri Dinesh Khara, Chairman, SBI said, “We are pleased to introduce Real Time Xpress Credit (RTXC) Loan facility for our eligible salaried customers on YONO. The Xpress Credit product will enable our customers to experience adigital, hassle-free, and paperless loan process. We at SBI constantly endeavour to offer technology-led enhanced digital banking experience to the customers in order to simplify banking.” The digitalization of Xpress Credit delivery will also help the bank to do away with the need to handle and store enormous paperwork.

Blenders Pride Fashion Nights arrives in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar : Blenders Pride Fashion Nights, a unique travelling experiential property, arrived in the City of Temples – Bhubaneswar – celebrating the authentic spirit of the city through fashion and style. A spirit that echoes with Pride and inspires the creators of today to become icons of tomorrow. Bhubaneswar's 'Made of Artistic Flair' edition for Blenders Pride Fashion Nights, brought together an eclectic evening that blended fashion, culture and dance, celebrating a symbolic amalgamation of homegrown artistry and the unwavering spirit of local talent.

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.

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. Truly encapsulating the spirit of 'Made of Pride', the designer made use of Odisha weave, which is sustainable, hand-woven, organic and a homegrown initiative of design, painstakingly woven by the weavers of Odisha. The upbeat set was a composition designed to narrate the spirit of Bhubaneswar along with the flair of the designer. The evening was attended by the city's A-listers & influencers. The fashion walk truly left the guests mesmerized and engaged.

Through this unique showcase of Pride encompassing diverse talent across creative fields, Blenders Pride Fashion Nights 2022, encourages everyone, especially youth at large to celebrate & take pride in their authentic and individual journeys. The evening spotlighted individuals who take Pride in their choices, are comfortable in their skin and, most importantly, embrace their authentic selves – truly living a life that is 'Made of Pride'.

celebrate and commemorate 75 years of India's Independence. Our program has been particularly aimed to create awareness about the financial markets to the young minds who will be the future of our country. In this Amrit Kaal, our digital education initiative focuses on building a path towards Financial Freedom for our youth, symbolizing the spirit of Atmanirbhar

Bharat.”

Students across India will benefit from this program as it does not restrict to just an area of the population. The program will be conducted for 1 hour and mainly educate the students on demystifying the jargons, 3I's – types of Income; Inflation and its impact, types of Investment; 3S – Start early- Power of Compounding, Spread wide, Stay long etc.

Kendrapara Autonomous College Statistics Department Alumni Meet-2024



Kendrapara(KCN): Kendrapara Autonomous College Statistics Department Alumni Meet 13-01-2024 has been held in the Statistics Department Hall of Rik Din College. About 60 students of different batches participated in the meeting under the chairmanship of Mrs. Mintiprabha Jena, Head of the Department. Suresh Chandra Kar of

1985-87 batch as President and Dr. Bhavani Shankar Mohanty of 2005-08 batch as General Secretary of the Alumni Committee, has been unanimously elected.

Emphasis was placed on the involvement of more and more ex-students in the Alumni Program in the coming years, with special emphasis on the practical aspects and needs of the subject of statistics. Along

with this, it has been decided to reward the best students of the Department from next year.

In this meeting, the working faculty and faculty members of the department, Mrs. Mintiprabha Jena, Dr. Pournmasi Panda and Mr. Ajay Kishore Das and the students cooperated to make the meeting a success.

realme launches the Stylish realmenarzo 60 Series 5G and the revolutionary realme Buds Wireless 3

Bhubaneswar(KCN) : realme, the Most Reliable Smartphone Service Provider in India, unveiled its latest offerings today, the realmenarzo60 Series 5G and realme Buds Wireless 3. These newest additions to realme's legacy of innovation are crafted to provide users with an unrivaled experience. The realmenarzo 60 Series 5G introduces two standout smartphones: the realmenarzo 60 Pro 5G and the realmenarzo 60 5G, accompanied by the cutting-edge realme Buds Wireless 3 for an immersive audio experience.

The realmenarzo 60 Series 5G is the first and only smartphone in the segment to come with 1TB storage. The realmenarzo 60 Series 5G is a groundbreaking lineup that revolutionizes the smartphone industry with its cutting-edge features. realmenarzo 60 Pro 5G is equipped with up to 12GB + 12GB of dynamic RAM and is the only smartphone in the segment with 1TB of ROM storage. It runs on the Dimensity 7050 5G chipset and boasts a massive 5000mAh battery with 67W SUPERVOOC charging support. The realmenarzo 60 Pro 5G comes in two stunning colors: Mars Orange, Cosmic Black and three

storage variants: 8GB + 128GB which will be priced at INR 23999, 12GB + 256GB priced at INR 26999 and 12GB + 1TB priced at INR 29999.

realmenarzo 60 5G also showcases a Premium Vegan Leather and Martian Horizon design. The device offers a remarkable 90Hz Super AMOLED Display with 20,000-level auto brightness adjustment. The 64MP Street Photography Camera, equipped with 2X in-sensor zoom, DIS Snapshot, and 20X digital zoom, capturing stunning images with ease. Powered by the Dimensity 6020 5G Chipset, thenarzo 60 5G gives you a worthwhile experience. The narzo 60 5G comes in two stunning colors: Mars Orange, Cosmic Black and two storage variants: The 8GB + 128GB is priced at INR 17999 and the 8GB + 256GB is priced at INR 19999.

Buyers can avail bank offers of INR 1500 on the realmenarzo 60 Pro 5G with 6 months No Cost EMI and 18 month warranty on pre-booking starting from 6th July 1 PM on Amazon.in and realme.com. Users can also avail bank offers of INR 1500 on therealmenarzo 60 Pro 5G with 6 months No Cost EMI on first sale on Amazon.in and

realme.com. For realmenarzo 60 5G, buyers can avail a coupon of INR 1000* and No Cost EMI for up to 6 months and 18 month warranty on pre-booking starting from 6th July 1 PM on realme.com and Amazon.in. Users can also avail coupons worth INR 1000 and No Cost EMI for up to 6 months on first sale on Amazon.in and realme.com.

Introducing the realme Buds Wireless 3, designed to elevate your audio experience with a 13.6 mm Dynamic Bass driver. Enjoy uninterrupted music with its 40-hour long battery life. Immerse yourself in crystal-clear sound with active noise cancellation. Indulge in a captivating audio journey with the 360-degree spatial audio effect. The realme Buds Wireless 3 comes in three stunning colours: Bass Yellow, Vitality White and Pure Black and is priced at INR 1799. Users can avail a special first sale day offer on realme Buds Wireless 3 on 12th July, 12 noon onwards. Therealme Buds Wireless 3 will be available on realme.com, amazon.in, flipkart.in and offline stores near you.

Jindal Stainless signs MoU with SCTEVT, Odisha to train future-ready stainless steel professionals

Bhubaneswar: Odisha's State Council for Technical Education & Vocational Training (SCTEVT) today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Jindal Stainless to promote technical education in the field of stainless steel and its various applications. Under this MoU, stainless steel courses will be introduced in all the Polytechnic colleges in Odisha from June 2022. The MoU was signed by Vice Chairman,

SCTE&VT, Shri Reghu G (IAS) and Unit Head, Jindal Stainless Limited (JSL), Shri Deepak Agrawal. Dignitaries present at the ceremony included Chairman, SCTE&VT and Principal Secretary to Government, Skill Development and Technical Education (SDTE) and Industries Departments, Shri Hemant Sharma (IAS); Additional Secretary, SDTE, Govt of Odisha, Shri Tapan Satpathy (OAS); Resident Director, JSL, Mr SS

Upadhyay, and General Manager, Sales & Distribution, Mr Ranit Rana.

Commending the development, Chairman, SCTEV&T and Principal Secretary to Government, SDTE and Industries Departments, Shri Hemant Sharma (IAS) said, “This collaboration with Jindal Stainless will enhance the learning experience for students and faculty both, as it will give them insights about and practical exposure to the stainless steel industry.

