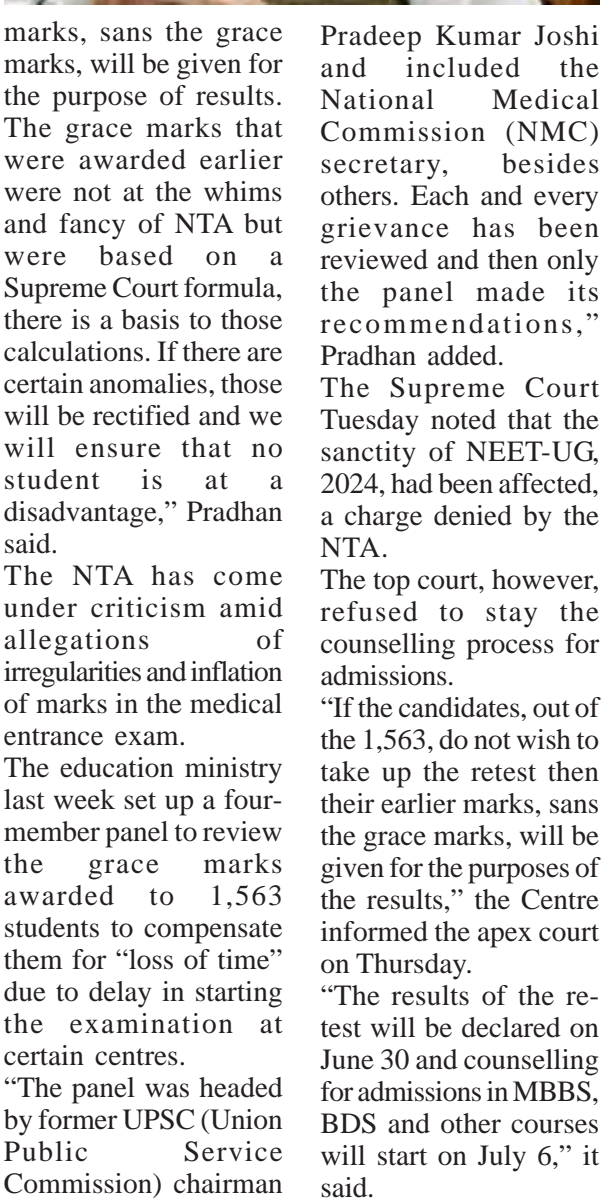


**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi Thursday asserted that each promise made by the BJP in its election manifesto is 'Modi's guarantee' and that his government would solve issues affecting common people in villages. Majhi made the assertion while visiting the birthplace of Utkalmani Gopabandhu Das, an icon of the state, in Suando village in Puri district. "We are concerned with the problems faced by people in rural areas as they were neglected during the previous government," Majhi told reporters. Earlier in the day, Majhi and his team had visited Puri where all four gates of the Jagannath temple were opened. Three of the gates were shut since the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. Majhi said the promises made by the BJP in its manifesto would be fulfilled in the next five years. The BJP, in its election

**New Delhi(KCN):** Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan Thursday rejected allegations of paper leak in the medical entrance exam NEET-UG, saying there is no evidence to substantiate the claims and added that the government is ensuring no student is at a disadvantage. The results of the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test-Undergraduate (NEET-UG) were announced by the National Testing Agency (NTA) June 4. "There is no evidence of paper leak in NEET-UG. The allegations of corruption in NTA are unfounded, it is a very credible body. It conducts exams for more than 50 lakh school students annually, besides exams at the higher education level," Pradhan told reporters after taking charge as Union education minister for the second time. His comments came on a day the NTA told the Supreme court that the decision to award grace marks to 1,563 candidates in NEET-UG for admission to MBBS, BDS and other courses was cancelled and they would be given the option to take a re-test June 23. "If these candidates do not wish to take the re-test, then their earlier



manifesto, has promised a minimum support price (MSP) of Rs 3,100 for every quintal of paddy, piped water connection to all the households and pucca houses for the poor, among others. The chief minister, accompanied by his deputies KV Singh Deo and Pravati Parida and some other ministers, paid floral tributes at the statue of Utkalmani Gopabandhu Das. They met the villagers and discussed the issues faced by them. Majhi said his government would bring a 'Sambrudha Krushak Niti' within 100 days for the overall development of the farmers.

**New Delhi(KCN):** The CBI is conducting searches at 67 locations in Odisha in connection with an alleged recruitment fraud in the postal department, officials said Thursday. The CBI action comes on an year old complaint from the postal department alleging 63 candidates of the Gramin Dak Sevaks Exam allegedly submitted fake certificates. Over 204 officials, including 122 officers from the CBI and 82 personnel from other departments, swooped down at various premises in Kalahandi, Nuapada, Rayagada, Nabarangpur, Kandhamal, Kendujhar, Mayurbhanj, Balasore, and Bhadrak with an objective of uncovering the interstate organised gang responsible for providing these fake certificates. “These certificates were allegedly issued by the Board of High School and Intermediate Education, Allahabad; West Bengal Board, Kolkata; Jharkhand Academic Council, Ranchi; among

**Odisha CMO to temporarily operate from the State Guest House**

**Bhubaneswar, (KCN):** The State Guest House is the temporary address of the office of Odisha's new Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi. With the permanent office of Chief Minister Majhi yet to be readied, the first floor of the guest house has been transformed into his temporary office.

A day after being sworn in as the BJP's new Chief Minister of Odisha, Mohan Charan Majhi, his Council of Ministers and other party leaders visited Srimandir and sought the blessings of Lord Jagannath and His siblings. In their presence, the four gates of Srimandir were opened for the devotees.

On his return from Puri, he went straight to the State Guest House. There he met several government officers and leaders of different parties. Housing and Urban Development Secretary, Government of Odisha, G Mathi Vathanan also met the CM and had a brief discussion with him.



**New Delhi(KCN):** Ajit Doval has been reappointed as the National Security Advisor and PK Mishra as the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister with effect from June 10, the government said today.



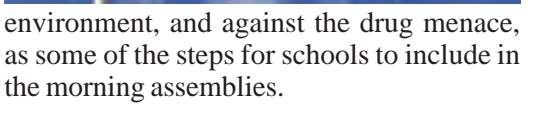
others. The complaint suggests alleged involvement of an interstate racket in creating and supplying these forged certificates in collusion with the candidates,” a CBI spokesperson said in a statement. The searches are taking place nearly an year after the CBI registered an FIR on a complaint from the postal department alleging 63 candidates of the Gramin Dak Sevak Exam, 2023 (Odisha Circle) submitted forged or fake 10th pass certificates.

The postal department was recruiting for 1,382 posts of Gramin Dak Sevak (GDS), for which it had invited online applications January 27, 2023 keeping the minimum qualification to be 10th pass from a recognised board, with proficiency in the local language being mandatory. The aspirants were required to submit online their certificates and mark sheets on a centralised server, they said. “Selection was automated based on the marks secured in the 10th standard. Selected candidates were informed via SMS and email and asked to report to the verifying authority within 15 days for document verification prior to their appointment,” the CBI spokesperson said. The verification of certificates by the Odisha postal circle showed that 63 candidates from various postal divisions, including Baleswar, Mayurbhanj, Kalahandi, and Barhampur, had submitted forged or fake 10th pass certificates.

**KCN):** The School Education Department of Jammu and Kashmir has directed all schools in the Union Territory to start the morning assembly with the recitation of the national anthem.

The Additional Secretary to the Government, Education Department, through a circular letter, directed all schools to make the morning assembly uniform across the Union Territory.

assembly should begin with the anthem as per standard protocol," he said. The order, issued on Wednesday, read. "The morning assembly said the morning assembly has proved to be an invaluable tool in instilling a sense of unity and discipline among the students. (The morning assemblies) serve as platforms to reinforce the values of moral integrity, shared responsibility and mental tranquility. However, the principal observed that such a significant initiative is not being carried out consistently across various schools of JK UT," he said. The order, which suggested 16 steps for the assembly, is to be followed by all schools to follow. The department suggested inviting guest speakers to create awareness about the importance of the assembly.





# THE Impact Rankings 2024

## KIIT Tops Among Most Impactful Universities in India, Ranks 6th Globally

**Bhubaneswar, (KCN):** KIIT Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar, has been placed among the top 6 most impactful universities globally and ranked 1st in India in terms of the Sustainable Development Goal of 'Reduced Inequalities' in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2024. With an overall score of 79.3 - 83.9, KIIT is ranked in the 201-300 cohort globally in this prestigious ranking published on 12th June 2024. The Times Higher Education Impact Rankings celebrate

universities that excel across multiple United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This unique ranking exercise evaluates the performance of universities across all 17 SDGs. KIIT University is ranked 6th in the world in terms of 'Reduced Inequalities' and 1st in India. Additionally, KIIT has secured the 71st position globally in the SDG of 'Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions' and is ranked 1st in India. In terms of the SDG of 'Quality Education', it is



ranked 55th in the world and 5th in India. KIIT University is also ranked 5th in India in the SDG of 'Partnership for the Goals'. Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS lauded the historic achievement and said: "KIIT's position among the world's most impactful universities in the parameters of Quality Education, Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions, Reduced Inequalities, and Partnership for the Goals, reflects its enormous contribution in the field over the decades". He

congratulated the faculty fraternity of KIIT-DU, staff members and the students for the unique achievement. KIIT University, established in Odisha, has spread its influence all over the world in the field of quality education, intellectuals said. It takes pride as a community-based university, contributing to pressing social issues such as reducing poverty through education, women empowerment, equal opportunity in the work place, rural development, tribal upliftment, art, culture and literature.

## Blood Donation Camp at Tata Steel Kalinganagar



**Kalinganagar, (Sapan Kar) :-** 203 units of blood were collected in a blood donation camp organised

by Wellness Committee, Tata Steel Kalinganagar (TSK) in association with Odisha Blood Centre,

Jajpur District Headquarter Hospital at DET Auditorium, Plot 2, Tata Steel Kalinganagar

on Thursday commemorating World Blood Donor Day. The blood donation camp was jointly inaugurated by Ashutosh Kumar, Chief, Steel Melting Shop, TSK and R S Mishra, Chief, Safety, TSK in the presence of Debdoot Mohanty, Chief, Corporate Services, TSK, Ashish Kumar, Head Administration, TSK, Dr Prashant Kumar Biswal, Medical Officer, Blood Bank, Jajpur and Dr Sujit Manohar Swain, Medical Officer, Blood Bank, Jajpur. Among others present on the occasion were senior officials of Tata Steel Kalinganagar and officials of DHH, Jajpur.

## First 1000 Days District level seminar "Anganwadi Program in Semiligida Koraput"



**Semiliguda:(KCN):** A district level discussion on the "First 1000 Day" program was held today at the local Imperial Hotel in Semiliguda of Koraput district with the cooperation of the Government of India, Government of Odisha and the district administration. The program was inaugurated by Mr. Sri V Kreethi Vasan, the Chief District Governor of the district administration as the chief guest. Other officers of the district

administration such as Deputy Director Mr. Ebicharag, District Chief Medical Officer Sri. Patra, Mr. Satyade from Calcutta, Mr. Saheb from VLF joined the subject matter. Smt.Usha Abrol and all Block Child Officers of the district, District Child Welfare Officer Mrs. Annapurna Kundu, About 30 Anganwadi workers, Asha workers, OANAAM (ANM) of Semiliguda and Koraput blocks attended. According to the information, the first thousand

(100) program is a part of the "District Aspiration Program" in Koraput and Podaipur districts of Odisha in India. In the phase, the program is going on as a trial to 5 Anganwadi centers from Semiliguda and Koraput blocks in Koraput district. In the coming days, the "first 1000 day" program is going to be held in 100 Anganwadi centers in 14 blocks in Koraput district and that is why the first phase of training camp for training of trainers is going to start on June 19. Anganwadi center of Bageipadar in Koraput block has

been decided to be prepared under the name of 'Vatighar' and it seems that the work is scheduled to start in June. Today, all the guests gave their speeches in the district level discussion. He took the discussion forward. All these programs were involved in the major organization of Odisha chief of the program in Koraput Mr. Basudev Malbishoi, Mr. Musta Pikmal from Vikramalila Calcutta and Tapas Bloshi of Vikramalila Koraput, discussion and Gunavati.



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## Expats review: Nicole Kidman leads an excellent ensemble in Prime Video's evocative miniseries

Women are at war with their husbands, children at war with their parents, and men at war with themselves in Expats, the ambitious new miniseries on Prime Video, created and directed by Lulu Wang. The director burst onto the scene with her masterful 2019 film *The Farewell*, a semi-autobiographical drama about a young American woman reconnecting with her Chinese roots over a short trip to the mainland.

Based on the novel by Janice YK Lee, Expats provides a peek inside the (privileged) lives of several similarly unmoored characters, as they struggle to hold on to their identities in contemporary Hong Kong — a melting pot of cultures currently experiencing major upheaval. Wang doesn't ignore the political backdrop against which this story of deception and despair is set, as she weaves a compelling human drama around a rather pulpy plot that revolves around the

disappearance of a small child. Often, Expats feels like it's in conflict with itself, juggling two tonally disparate narratives — a delicate story about grief and forgiveness, and a thriller not unlike *Big Little Lies*, with which it shares star and executive producer Nicole Kidman.

Kidman plays Margaret, a wealthy American woman who lives with her husband and their children in a fancy apartment complex. Her neighbour is Hilary, an Indian-American trapped in a loveless marriage to an Englishman named David. Uniting Margaret and Hilary through the most unfortunate of circumstances is Mercy, a young Korean-American running away from her past by taking up odd jobs in Hong Kong.

At a boat party one day, Mercy's easy bond with Margaret's kids gets her hired as their babysitter. Soon afterwards, they go shopping at a night market, where Margaret



leaves the youngest of her three children, Gus, in Mercy's care. But due to a momentary lapse in concentration, Gus wiggles away from Mercy, and is instantly consumed by the sea of humanity around them. This is the show's inciting incident in many ways, but Wang shows it only in episode two. Expats takes a *Big Little Lies* approach in episode one, setting up scandalous interpersonal dynamics and then working its way backwards.

Why, for instance, is there a wall between Margaret and Hilary? Why does Margaret recoil in shock

the second she lays eyes on Mercy at a fancy cocktail party? And why does her husband, Clarke, break down in tears on his own birthday? It's all a little camp, admittedly. But the tone shifts in episode two, yanking the high drama back down to earth. By the time the show's standout episode — number five — rolls around, you're hooked. This is what Wang is building towards. At an hour and 40 minutes long, and framed in a more cinematic aspect ratio, episode five offers not only a more grounded narrative, but also a shift

in perspective. It's presented through the point-of-view of several house maids who were until then only background players. These characters are expatriates as well, having landed in Hong Kong from countries like the Philippines and Malaysia, with a fraction of the resources that their bosses came with. A lot of Margaret's angst stems from her children's growing attachment to their help, Essie; this is what prompts her to hire Mercy in the first place. She can't bear the guilt of having done so, and

Essie can't help but imagine if Gus would still be safe had she been looking after him that evening instead of Mercy. It's a suitably complex scenario, which Wang pulls off deftly. But despite the platitudes that Margaret and Hilary shower their helps with — and they do this quite often — the invisible wall between them is always apparent.

These are emotionally caged characters, and often, the show dramatises their inner turmoil by trapping them inside physical spaces. Almost an entire episode, for instance, is dedicated to Hilary and her visiting Punjabi mother locked inside a lift, forced to unpack past trauma over a box of 'pinnis'. We learn that Hilary is actually Harpreet Kaur, and that she hasn't forgiven her abusive father for the violence that he inflicted upon her mom.

Crowd chants 'jiju' as Nick Jonas takes the stage in Mumbai, swoons over 'Tu Maan Meri Jaan' performance with King.

Nick Jonas and his brothers, Kevin Jonas and Joe Jonas, marked their debut performance in India on Saturday, captivating the audience at Mumbai's Mahalaxmi Racecourse during a two-day music extravaganza. The crowd warmly welcomed the Jonas Brothers, with chants of 'Jiju' as Nick took the stage. Joining forces with singer King, Nick belted out their hit song "Tu Maan Meri Jaan" in a memorable performance.

As glimpses of the concert flooded social media, it became evident that the Jonas Brothers thoroughly enjoyed their time performing in India. In a heartwarming moment, Joe and Kevin introduced Nick as 'jiju', with the crowd chanting in excitement. Priyanka Chopra did not accompany him to India for this event.

In another video clip, Nick collaborated with singer and rapper King for a rendition of "Maan Meri Jaan x Afterlife." Addressing the audience during the concert, Nick humorously remarked, "This is our very first time performing in India. The sangeet doesn't count," alluding to the elaborate pre-wedding ceremony held before his marriage to Priyanka in 2018. Expressing a heartfelt connection with India, Nick shared, "We, as a family, have a deep, deep connection with the country," as the crowd echoed with chants of "jiju, jiju." Grateful for the warm reception, he added, "Thank you for having us, and we will make the most exciting night ever."

*I haven't locked the doors for love in my life but they are not wide open too, says Suchitra Krishnamoorthi*

Kabhi Haan Kabhi Naa fame Suchitra Krishnamoorthi was recently in Lucknow to stage her play *Drama Queen*. The actress, who got divorced from filmmaker Shekhar Kapur in 2007, has been a single mom. But now with her daughter shifting to college, Suchitra says her life has taken a complete turn. In a chat with us Suchitra talked about her Lucknow visit, theatre, being a single parent and finding love again.... So how was your visit to Lucknow?

The funny part about the visit was that I wasn't aware of chikankari work, so people kept telling me to try chikankari work and I was like but I am a vegetarian and why are people offering me chikan curry? But when I finally realized what chikankari was, I went to Janpath and picked up a lot of stuff. I liked it so much that later on, I picked up more stuff at the airport. I have picked up so many clothes that for the next few months, I am only going to be seen in



chikankari work.

I have been here before but very briefly. This time, I managed to go out and shop. But yes, since I love history and architecture, I would love to come here for a few more days and see all that since Lucknow is the hotbed of all that.

**You had staged your play *Drama Queen* here for the first time. How did you find the audience here?**

The audience here was very responsive. They were laughing and enjoying it so much. A lot of women in fact came to me later telling me that they enjoyed the show and it managed to touch a chord with them too. At

the end of the day, all our (women) stories are just the same. I am happy that people got the humour in my play.

I have done loads of theatre in school and college. In fact, I got picked up for the TV series *Chunauti* because I was so active in theatre. I have done over 100 shows of other musical play too in the past. I did it before marriage. I stopped acting and doing theatre after marriage.

**Why did you choose *Drama Queen*, a play as your comeback?**

It is because I wanted to do something on my own. The play is written by me, the music is given by me, and it is based on

the book written by me by the same name. I wished to get the discipline of theatre back with my play. By discipline I mean, doing everything on my own and performing in front of a live audience, which is not the case when we are acting in films or web shows. The budgets in theatre are very limited, I need to focus, and rehearse before performing, so all this is the discipline for me.

**How do you find the theatre scene today in our country?**

I watch a lot of theatre. Even when my friends are performing and they have shows, I buy my own tickets, sit quietly and watch. I love theatre more because the budgets are not so extravagant, it gives you a different insight into different stories, and it kind of expands your mind when you watch a play. As far as earning your bread and butter out of theatre is concerned, well, it depends on how lavishly you want to earn. But yes, for an

actor, film, and television is more rewarding than theatre.

**So what else is happening on the career front apart from the play?**

I have done two web series. I decided to get back to acting after my daughter went to college. Fortunately, I am getting good offers too for acting rather than the run-of-the-mill like 'Beta tumne khana khaya' type roles. I started with theatre and then did TV and then films. So for me, the medium doesn't matter at all. Talks are on for films and TV shows too but it is too early to say anything. I want to get fully active again in acting - that's the plan!

**Why did you decide to make a comeback now?**

My daughter has gone to college, what else have I to do now? These are the only things I can do. I was a pretty hands-on mother. I did write a few books and also opened a candle company which I have shut now.

*Lock Upp winner: Munawar Faruqui bags the trophy, wins a cash prize of Rs 20 lakh*

Reality show *Lock Upp*, hosted by Kangana Ranaut, found its first winner in Munawar Faruqui. The comedian emerged victorious after defeating the other two finalists Payal Rohatgi and Anjali Arora.

Along with the trophy, Munawar won a cash prize of Ra 20 lakh, a car and a fully paid trip to Italy.

Munawar's journey in *Lock Upp* was quite eventful. While some claimed he was



manipulative, there were others with whom he forged a genuine connection in the jail like Prince Narula and

Mandana Karimi. His cute friendship with Anjali Arora was loved by fans. On the show, Munawar ended up

revealing a lot about his personal life. He shared how his mother died by suicide after consuming poison. He added he still feels guilty for not being by her side when she needed him the most. He spoke about his debt and how his mother could not make ends meet which led her to take the drastic step. In one of the episodes, Munawar, who has garnered a massive fan following with *Lock Upp*, revealed that he is married and has a child. He shared he has been living

separately from his wife for the last one and a half years, and the matter is in the court. He said all of this after Kangana shared his viral photo doing rounds on social media. It sees him with his wife and son. Munawar's popularity is such that he is often seen trending on Twitter. His innocent looks have charmed girls. Several netizens shared tweets on Saturday (May 7) hoping he would bag the trophy. And now they have a reason to rejoice.



# Natural Ways to Lighten Dark Underarms



The underarm area rarely gives us any trouble but are major cause of embarrassing and frustrating during summer season . Dark underarms sometimes forces us to stop

wearing favourite sleeveless top or going out for a swim? The skin in this area is very sensitive and is susceptible to a variety of problems like rashes, pigmentation, infection, ingrown hair, and even pimples due to use of skin products which contains chemicals .The excessive use of deodorants causes discoloration and dead cells accumulate in the underarm area and cause darkness . Darkening of the skin under the arms is

common. This may be caused by reaction to antiperspirants, deodorants or some hair removal creams. There can be a reaction to alcohol or certain perfumes in deodorants. Shaving can also cause darkening of the skin. The other reasons may be perspiration, sun-exposure or hereditary factors. Dark skin under the arms poses a problem where clothes and grooming are concerned, making it impossible to wear sleeveless or strappy dresses.

**Shahnaz Husain**  
The good news is that regular use of herbal remedies can lighten and brighten dark underarms in few months time Home remedies for lightening under-arm skin colour: Waxing is the best option, as it removes hair by the roots. As such, it is said to weaken the follicles over a period of time and thus discourage hair growth. The lemon and sugar mixture used for waxing would itself help to lighten the skin, as

lemon juice helps to make skin colour lighter. Combined with sugar it is more effective. Waxing is the best option, as it removes hair by the roots. As such, it is said to weaken the follicles over a period of time and thus discourage hair growth. The lemon and sugar mixture used by most beauty parlours also helps to lighten skin colour. Ready-to-use wax and waxing strips are also available, but getting your waxing done at a beauty

parlour may give better results. For dark skin under the arms, mix gram flour (besan) with yogurt and a pinch of turmeric into a paste. Apply three times a week on the area and wash it off after half an hour. Yogurt contains lactic acid and helps to lighten skin colour. Turmeric is also a mild natural bleach. Both cucumber and lemon juice help to lighten skin colour. Mix them in equal quantities and apply under the arms 3 or 4 times a week. Wash if with plain

water after 15 minutes. Rice flour can be mixed with yogurt and used as a scrub under the arms. Apply the paste and leave on for 15 minutes. Then moisten the area and rub it gently on the skin, washing off with plain water. Rice flour helps to remove the dead cells along with their contained pigment. Potato juice may be applied under the arms daily to make the skin colour lighter. Apply and leave on for 20 minutes. Wash off with plain water. Mix baking soda with

water into a paste and apply under the arms daily. Leave on for 5 minutes and wash off with water. Sesame seed (til) oil mixed with coconut oil can be applied and massaged daily. Sesame seed oil has SPF and helps in cases of sun-damaged skin. Coconut oil contains vitamin E, which benefits the skin and helps to

lighten the skin colour.  
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long course, you will be posted as a Lieutenant in the Indian Army. Apart from the glory of being an Indian army Lieutenant, you will also get lots of perks like free medical care and subsidized train travels and housing allowances. SSC Technical Entry Scheme - Career in India Army after Engineering The short service commission intakes 100 candidates per course. The course is conducted twice a year. The training period is of 49 weeks. For this, you need to be an engineering graduate in the notified stream. Both male and female candidates are eligible to appear for this test. One thing worth noting is that you must make sure that your engineering stream features in the notification. If not, your candidature will not be considered. If you plan on going in this army area then make sure that you do engineering in the proper stream. Otherwise, you might not be able to even appear in the exams. There are times when similar streams are taught in the colleges. In such cases, you need to get a certificate equivalency certificate from your university. There are streams named Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Information Science and Engineering which are all equivalent. TGC (Engineers) This entry scheme is for unmarried engineering graduate male and female students. After clearing this exam, you will be called for the five days long SSB interview. Upon clearing all the stages, you will be inducted into the army for technical work. Entry through this requires a training

period of only one year. Also, you will get the benefits of seniority. University Entry Scheme This entry scheme is meant solely for the male engineering students in their pre-final year. Also, they should belong to the notified streams. You will be called for the SSB screening after successfully clearing the selection trials. JAG Entry Scheme - Career in India Army for Law Graduates This one is meant for law graduate men and women. Also, you need to be between 21-27 years old and unmarried. The tenure for this service is 14 years. The initial period is for 10 years only which can be extended for a maximum of 4 more years. After the training period of 49 weeks at OTA Chennai, you will be inducted into the army at the rank of Lieutenant. The positive side of this service is that you get to claim several ex-servicemen offers. You also get to lead the life of an army man during the service. Through National Defence Academy and Naval Academy Exam You can also enter the Indian army by clearing the Bi-annual NDA exams just after you are intermediate. Upon getting selected, you will be trained for three years in different areas of military subjects, science, arts, and technologies. You will get a bachelor's degree from the prestigious JNU. After that, you will be inducted as a lieutenant in the army. Through Combined Defence Services Exam You can also join the Indian army by clearing the Bi-annual CDS exams after your graduation. Upon getting selected, you will be trained for One year in Indian Military

Academy before inducted into Indian Army as a young officer on the rank of Lieutenant. Through NCC Special Entry Scheme If you a graduate with NCC "C" certificate holder, you can apply for this position. You are also eligible to get into the army through this if you are a ward of battle casualty army personnel. Selection is done through the SSB interview. Havildar Appointment- Career in Indian Army after Graduation and Post Graduation You can also join the army in the ranks of havildar if you fulfil these criteria: BA/BSc with maths in 10+2 for surveyor MA/MSC/MCA or BA/BSC/BCA with B.Ed for group X havildar; for group y, you need to be BSC/ BA/BCA IT without Bed. Naib Subedar Appointment You can join this rank as a religious teacher or a catering JCO. For the former post, you need to be a graduate and qualified in the religion you intend to teach. For the latter post, you need to have 10+2 with diploma in hotel management and catering technology. Career Options in Indian Navy You can join Indian navy either as an Officer or a Sailor. If you plan to begin your career as an officer, here are the ways in which you can do so. Through UPSC NDA & NA Exam - Career in Indian Navy after +2 Class UPSC conducts NDA & NA exams twice a year. After clearing the written exam, you will be required to appear for the SSB interview. You need to be 10+2 pass with physics and maths. If you are an appearing candidate,

then also you can apply. Through UPSC CDS Exam - Career in Indian Navy after Graduation UPSC also conducts the Combined Defence Services Examination twice a year. Since you will be applying for the Indian naval academy, you need to be an engineering graduate in this case. The rest is the same for all the defence services. Through Direct Entry Permanent Commission/ Short Service Commission - Career in Indian Navy after Graduation These involve cadet entry and graduate level entry. The selection is done twice a year. You need to pay attention to the newspaper notifications for this entry scheme. The appointment is done for pilot, observer, naval architect, submarine tech, logistics, sports, law, education, and musician. In these, only in the short service commission, females are allowed. Others are strictly for male candidates. We advise the future aspirants to look carefully for the eligibility criteria before applying. Through the University Entry Scheme UES is conducted once every year. It is meant for pre-final year engineering students. Indian navy conducts campus interviews in the technical colleges across the country. The successful candidates are called for the SSB interview. Here, only the selected branches are allowed. They are technical (naval architecture, electrical engineering), executive (pilot, observer, logistics, IT and general services), submarine, and aviation technical. Artificer Apprentices The notifications come out in all leading newspapers twice every year. Each of

these has a different set of eligibility criteria. You can get updated information and notifications from the official website of the Indian navy. <https://www.joinindianarmy.gov.in/en/page/selection-procedure.html> Career Options in Indian Air Force With the dream of flying high in the sky, Indian Air Force offers you the unique opportunity to keep an eye on your nation's security as well. Here are the entry schemes in Indian air force: Through NDA & NA Exam - Career Options in Indian Air Force after +2 Class You need to clear the NDA & NA Exam conducted by UPSC twice a year. You need to be 10+2 with physics and mathematics. Even the appearing candidates are allowed to appear. Upon getting selected, you will be required to undergo a rigorous three-year training at Khadagwasla. After that, you will be commissioned as a pilot in the Indian air force. Candidates need to pay attention that this position is for males only. The Flying branch: There are three ways in which you can join the flying branch of the Indian air force. Through Combined Defense Services Exam - Career in Indian Air Force after Graduation Only male candidates can appear in the CDSE conducted by UPSC. You need to be a graduate in any disciple of physics and mathematics in 10+2. You will be offered a permanent commission on successfully completing the training period. Through NCC Special

Entry If you have air wing senior division "C" certificate, then you can apply for the NCC special entry scheme. Men are offered permanent commission. There is also a short service commission in which women are also allowed to apply. You need to be a graduate and also need to have cleared section A & B of associate membership of institute engineers or aeronautical society of India. The Ground Duty Staff (Non-Technical) Indian airforce needs efficient ground duty staff as well. Both men and women are allowed for this position. You need to be graduate when applying for this position. You can join as an officer in the administrative section, meteorology branch, logistics branch, accounts branch, and education branch. However, all these branches have a different set of eligibility criteria. You should refer to the official website or the leading newspapers for updated information. In some departments, like meteorology, a post graduate qualification is also needed. The Ground Duty Staff (Technical) You need to be a graduate in aeronautical engineering with 60% to appear in this exam. Men are offered permanent commission while women are offered short service commission. You need to clear AFCAT exam held twice a year. The Medical Services You can also join the medical wing of the air force. There are appointments for medical officers, doctors, dentists, and

nurses. Most of them are done through the armed forces medical college. As an Airman - Career in Indian Air Force after +2 Class You can join the Indian airforce as an airman in group X or group Y. Group x consists of the technical fields. Only eligible men with 10+2 with physics and maths are allowed for this post. They work as technicians. Group Y consists of non-technical candidates who work in logistics, music, education and so on. For more information, refer to the official website <http://indianairforce.nic.in/#> Apart from all the educational and physical eligibility criteria, you need to fulfil some of the following conditions too: Good Stamina Good Strength Good practice in swimming, running, and sports. You need to understand that defence services are one of the most exhaustive services but thrilling services. You need to keep yourself alert and healthy all the time. So, if you dream of joining it, spend time on building your strength. Exercise regularly. Take an active interest in sports. Indulge yourself in swimming, horse riding, and such sports. You will realize that your prior practice helps you a lot during your actual training.

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## The 'Tatini Haat' of Bhadreswar in Hooghly district is gradually becoming popular



**Kolkata, (KCN):** The market is located on Wednesday, on the west bank of the river Hooghly. Today's Bhadreswar was popularly known as 'Bhadreshwarganj' in the early 17th century, just 50 km from Kolkata and became a major trading centre. At one time, besides Bengali traders, British, French, Portuguese, Dutch etc. used to come and go to Bhadreswar. Even Bhadreswar is mentioned in the journey

of Chand Sadagar in 'Mansamangale'. To bring back the old memories, a fair is held every Wednesday from 4 pm to 7 pm under the open sky on the west bank of Hooghly river in the initiative of Bhadreswar Travel Adda and the initiative of the local municipality. Which is known as 'Tatini Hat'. Where the local people of the area and the women of self-help groups appeared in the market with their

various products and food items. Do not sell till evening. Not just local people. Many people from nearby and even from Kolkata come to Tatini haat. The use of plastic and microphones is completely prohibited in the market. According to Shaktipada Bhattacharya, a resident of Bhadreswar, such efforts are to bring back the old glory of Bhadreswar. The local traders who come to the market are also happy with this effort.

## Chirag Paswan administered oath to his five MPs - will never leave the party, Ram Vilas' LJP broke on this day



**New Delhi (KCN):** The welcome ceremony of the newly elected MPs of Chirag Paswan's party LJP (Ram Vilas), which performed brilliantly in Bihar in the Lok Sabha elections, was held in Delhi on Thursday. Chirag took a pledge to take the party forward along with the MPs of his party. Also, the MPs were sworn in that they will always take forward the basic agendas of the party. Also, the MPs were sworn in to support the party in every situation. Chirag took a pledge from his MPs to remain dedicated to the party. Actually, in the Lok Sabha elections 2019, Ram Vilas's party LJP won 6 parliamentary seats in Bihar. Later Ram

Vilas Paswan passed away. After his death, the party split into two parts. Chirag's uncle Pashupati Paras joined the party with 5 MPs while Chirag remained alone as the only MP. LJP was divided into factions in which LJP (Ram Vilas) became Chirag Paswan's party. After a long struggle, Chirag's party got tickets to contest five seats in the NDA in the Lok Sabha elections 2024. At the same time, Pashupati Paras's faction was not given a single seat by the NDA to contest. At the same time, the election result was also great for Chirag. His party won five seats. Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) National President and

Union Minister Chirag Paswan attended the welcome ceremony of the newly elected MPs of the party at the Constitution Club in New Delhi. The program started by lighting the lamp. Later the MPs took an oath that they will remain with the party in every situation. Learning from its past experiences, LJP has this time asked its MPs to take oath and stay with the party. On behalf of LJP (R), Chirag Paswan from Hajipur, his brother-in-law Arun Bharti from Jamui, Veena Devi from Vaishali, Shambhavi from Samastipur and Rajesh Verma from Khagaria have won. Chirag Paswan was sworn in as a Union Minister in the Modi Cabinet at the Centre.

## Day After Taking Oath, Sikkim Chief Minister's Wife Resigns As MLA

**New Delhi (KCN):** In a confounding move, Krishna Kumari Rai has quit as the MLA from Namchi-Singhithang just a day after she took the oath of office. Ms Rai is the wife of Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang, whose party, Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM), swept the recent elections, winning 31 of 32 Assembly seats as well as the lone Lok Sabha constituency in the state.

Mr Tamang is in Arunachal Pradesh to attend the swearing-in ceremony of Pema Khandu, who is returning as chief minister. Ms Rai, who was contesting the Assembly elections for the first time, had won with a margin of 5,302 votes. She had secured 71.6 per cent of the votes polled, second only to Chief Minister Tamang, who had got 72.18 per cent

of the votes in Soreng-Chakung. While the reasons for her decision are not known, newly elected Speaker Mingma Norbu Sherpa, also from the SKM, accepted her resignation on Thursday. The Namchi-Singhithang constituency is now vacant. The development comes three days after at least two people died in flash flood in Namchi district.



The Minister of State for Science & Technology (Independent Charge), Earth Sciences (Independent Charge), Prime Minister's Office, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh chaired a review meeting for departments of Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, in New Delhi

## Be Ready To Contest 225-250 Seats Maharashtra Polls: Raj Thackeray To MNS Workers

**Mumbai (KCN):** MNS chief Raj Thackeray today asked the party workers to be prepared to contest 225-250 out of the 288 seats of the Maharashtra assembly in the coming elections, a senior party leader said. Talking to reporters after a meeting here, MNS leader Bala Nandgaonkar said party functionaries will visit different regions of the state and give a report to Thackeray about election preparations. The Maharashtra Navnirman Sena or

MNS had declared support for the BJP-led NDA during the Lok Sabha elections. Raj Thackeray also campaigned for the NDA though his party was not in the fray anywhere. "Raj Thackeray asked party workers to be prepared to contest 225 to 250 seats in the assembly elections," Nandgaonkar said. Asked if the MNS would form alliance with the ruling Mahayuti coalition of the BJP-Shiv Sena-NCP or contest on its own, he said, "We are not holding any discussions right now.



And with whom we are going to hold talks?" "We have contested elections on our own till now. We will see what happens in the future, but if we have to prepare for the polls," Nandgaonkar said, adding that every

party has to expand. Formed in 2006, the MNS contested its first assembly elections in 2009 and bagged 13 seats. Its performance in the 2014 and 2019 state polls, however, was lackluster with the party

bagging only one seat each time. Sandeep Deshpande, another party leader, said that at the meeting Thackeray noted that the Opposition's Maha Vikas Aghadi -- of which the Shiv Sena (UBT) is a part -- got anti-Narendra Modi votes in Muslim-dominated areas, but did not get much support in Marathi-speaking areas. "So Marathi-speakers were angry with Uddhav Thackeray because he joined hands with the Congress and NCP (SP)," Deshpande said quoting Raj, implying that the MNS could get their votes.

## For Elimination, Not Eligibility: Kanimozhi Underscores 'NEET Exit' Demand

**New Delhi:** Tamil Nadu has always done well with its own system of medical recruitment exam and should be exempt from the NEET-UG 2024 (National Eligibility cum Entrance Test), the ruling DMK's MP Kanimozhi told NDTV today amid headlines generated by the all-India exam over allegations of paper leak. Calling NEET an "eliminating examination" and not an "eligibility exam", she said the state has been suffering a lot since it was introduced. "We don't have doctors in rural areas... the healthcare system is suffering because NEET was brought in,"



she added. Earlier today, the Centre told the Supreme Court that the scorecards of 1,563 NEET candidates who were given grace marks for a wrong question will be scrapped and they will be given an option to take a retest. The re-test will be held on June 23 and the results will be declared on June 30. Union Human Resource

of Development minister Dharmendra Pradhan has asserted that there was no paper leak and the Centre's new decision will not place any student at a disadvantage. Ms Kanimozhi, however, argued that while the NEET works for city students who are able to take advanced coaching, it places rural students of

Tamil Nadu at an immense disadvantage. "Everything cannot be centralised," she told NDTV in an exclusive interview. "Our doctors are doing very well all over the world and in Tamil Nadu. So many of our students, who should have rightfully got into medical colleges and especially students from underprivileged families and rural areas, are the worst sufferers," she said. With former Chief Minister M Karunanidhi building a Medical College in every district of Tamil Nadu, Ms Kanimozhi said those are the ones that should be taken out of the NEET

system. The party has passed a resolution in the assembly and sent it to President Droupadi Murmu for approval. The matter will also be raised in parliament once it begins, she said. When the NEET results were declared on June 4, as many as 67 students were found to have scored an unprecedented perfect 720. Six of them were from a centre in Haryana's Faridabad, raising suspicions of irregularities. Students started raising questions on the National Testing Agency (NTA), which conducts NEET, demanding a thorough investigation.

## Ex Bureaucrats Amit Khare, Tarun Kapoor Reappointed Advisors To PM

**New Delhi (KCN):** Former bureaucrats Amit Khare and Tarun Kapoor have been reappointed as Prime Minister Narendra Modi's advisors in the Prime Minister's Office from June 10, the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances, and Pensions said in a press release. The appointments have been made in the "rank and scale of Secretary to Government of India" for two years on a contractual basis, it said. Amit Khare is a 1985-batch retired Indian



Administrative Services officer of the Jharkhand cadre, while Mr Kapoor is

from the 1987 batch of the Himachal Pradesh cadre. Mr Kapoor was a

former petroleum secretary and Mr Khare has served as Secretary

in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and the Ministry of Education. In another order, the Personnel Ministry has also reappointed Ajit Doval as the National Security Advisor from June 10 for a third term and PK Mishra as the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister with effect from June 10. Both Mr Doval and Mr Mishra will be assigned the rank of a cabinet minister in the table of precedence during their term in office, official statements said.



# Badaghagara reservoir goes dry; water supply disrupted

**Keonjhar(KCN):** The drinking water supply to households in Keonjhar town has been severely disrupted after the reservoir created by Badaghagara dam on Machhakandana river in Keonjhar district dried up this summer season. As a result, residents of the town have been going through horrid times as taps in their homes have stopped supplying drinking water. This has sparked resentment and anger among the town's inhabitants. This has come at a time when extreme heatwave and humidity this summer

season has made life intolerable for people. The situation might go out of hands if the heatwave sees no let-up and the area does not get rainfall in the coming days. Badaghagara dam was built on the Machhakandana river in pre-Independence period when the former royals used to rule the district. After construction of the dam, river water was lifted from the reservoir and supplied as drinking water to the residents in Keonjhar town. However, with passage of time, the water



retaining capacity of the reservoir has declined. It went completely dry this year leading to disruption in drinking water supply to the town households. Residents have failed to meet their drinking

water needs with a minimum water supply in their homes. The problem is not for a day or two but has been persisting for a long period due sharp decline in water level in the dam's reservoir.

The problem is mostly acute from Ward No. 1 to Ward No. 7. The residents in these wards are passing through a difficult time due to lack of drinking water supply to their households and are now dependent on

the tube wells in the area. However, getting even a bucket of water from the tube well is not an easy task as there is always a long queue of people waiting for their turn to fill water. Furthermore, most of

the tube wells have become defunct in majority of the areas while the ponds present in most of the wards have either dried up or lying in unusable condition due to renovation works. The authorities of Keonjhar Municipality and the Public Health department officials have started supplying drinking water through tankers but the move has failed to alleviate the problems of the residents. This is because people have to wait in a long queue to take a bucket of water from the tanker. A resident Duryodhan

Nayak of Ward No. 7 said that he had never seen the river and the reservoir go completely dry in his life time. When contacted, Executive Engineer Narad Rath of Public Health and Engineering department said the department has been using a diesel motor pump to lift water from the reservoir after water level declined one and half months back due to lack of rainfall. He warned that it will be impossible to supply water to the households in coming days if the area does not experience rainfall soon.

## Higher education goes haywire in Jharsuguda

**Jharsuguda(KCN):** Higher education has gone haywire in the industrially rich Jharsuguda district due to alleged apathy of the state government in establishment of government colleges. The district needs robust institutions for spread of higher education; however, the state government has not established a government college in the district yet. Furthermore, it is yet to accord government status to any existing college in the district. This has led to students being deprived of higher education. While well-off guardians are able to send their wards to Sambalpur, Bhubaneswar or elsewhere and admit them in major colleges for study, students belonging to marginalised communities and lower middle-class households are unable to get such scope of study. Sources said the district has the oldest railway junction in the state and also contributes immensely to the state and Central exchequers. Moreover, the mineral-rich has no paucity of funds with crores of rupees lying unused with the District Mineral Foundation (DMF). Several seasoned



politicians have also represented the district in the state government from time to time. The district is a major business hub visited by entrepreneurs from across the country and outside. It is also well connected with various parts of the country after the establishment of the state's second airport five years back. However, the government's neglect highlights its apathetic attitude towards the district. Reports said Jharsuguda was carved out as a separate district from undivided Sambalpur in 1994 when the late Biju Patnaik was the Chief Minister of Odisha. The former CM had then assured to establish a government college in the district but the promise has remained unfulfilled. The district has three main colleges—Lakshmi Narayan College,

Women's College and Brajarajnar College which provide Plus II and Plus III courses. A long time has passed since the establishment of the separate Jharsuguda district but until recently, there was not a single college that provides post-graduation (PG) courses. After a student movement, PG courses were launched in five subjects at Lakshmi Narayan College recently. It was first started in the engineering school premises in the presence of former Chief Minister Rajendra Narayan Singhdeo, the then Jharsuguda MLA Murali Prasad Mishra, former Chief Minister Hemananda Biswal and thousands of people in 1969. However, it has yet to receive government status. The Women's College established in 1982 is also yet to get government

recognition. The Brajarajnar College is situated about 10 km from this district headquarters town. Established in 1978, it is now a fully-aided college but still lacks government status. Similarly, the lone government engineering school in the district, established in 1955, is yet to be upgraded into a government engineering college. There are Plus II and Plus III colleges in four blocks of the district. Bhatalaida College, Basumati Science College at Samasingha, Jharial College at Talamunda, Saheltikra College, Saligram Sakunia College at Talapatia, Indira Gandhi Women's College at Brajarajnar and Dwarika Prasad Agarwal College at Bagmara only provide Plus II courses and lack good infrastructure. There are only two vocational colleges in the district. One of them is Kolabira Panchayat Samiti College and the other is Kimira Sobhan Memorial College. There are three other private Plus II colleges. However, five blocks of the district are yet to witness any significant development in terms of college education.


## Abandoned stone quarry turns into tribals' nightmare

**Keonjhar(KCN):** An unused stone quarry located close to Harichandanpur-Brahmanipal road near Bhalujodi village in Sagadapata panchayat of Harichandanpur block about 60 km from the district headquarters here has spread panic among the local tribals. About 10 years ago, a private firm excavated a 60-foot high hill and extracted stones for the construction of the Narapur-BrahmanipalDuburi road. After completing the road work, the firm left without filling the huge pit which is in complete violation of norms. The firm should have filled the pit and planted trees on it as per rules. Visiting the place has become a risky proposition now. The pit, now filled with rain water, has acquired the proportion of a lake. This manmade lake is over 60 feet deep and the turquoise

water is attracting hundreds of locals and visitors from outside. A stretch of the pool is used by the locals for fish farming and its water is used for irrigation. However, the possibility of accidents has grown manifold due to the lack of safety measures in and around this manmade lake. The spot witnesses frequent movement of animals as it is a forested area under the Anandapur Wildlife Division. It is alleged that many wild animals have drowned while drinking water from the lake. Neither a fence nor any warning sign has been installed around it by the administration for which many residents often visit the lake to bathe in it. The local children also dive into the lake for swimming. The tribals here are particularly worried because they are left to fend for themselves in a dangerous situation. If

the administration takes legal action against the concerned firm and decides to fill the pit, residents would be benefited. However, nothing is done to alleviate the fear among them. Locals said a big hill with lush green cover was present in the area. The livestock of the local villagers used to graze on the hill. However, the mining firm took the hill on lease and excavated it for stone mining. Villagers are worried because many of their livestock have fallen into the pit and died. Similarly, wild animals also move around in this area and there is every possibility of those falling into the pit leading to death, a local resident Madhab Murmu said. Locals alleged many of the villagers had their farmlands near the hill and the mining firm usurped

their farmlands during mining. While the administration is yet to pay them any compensation, the firm has warned of severe consequences if they ever dare to protest or demand for damages, another villager Malay Murmu alleged. Several forests and hills have been destroyed due to stone mining, the villagers alleged. They allowed stone mining on the hill with the hope of getting jobs. However, they have been left disappointed as their farmlands have been destroyed. The company raked in profits from mining but has pushed their life into danger, another villager Rabi Hembram said. When contacted, Anandapur DFO Abhay Kumar Dalei said that he would take necessary steps after reviewing the situation and getting information from the local forest staff.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## TPSODL Bags Best Innovation Project Award for ‘Press Fit Fuse’

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



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

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

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

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

## Rahul Dravid, Jasprit Bumrah & Surya Kumar Yadav Unveil YiPPee!’s latest campaign 'YiPPee! Toss'



Bhubaneswar : With cricket fervor in the air, the internet was abuzz with curiosity to know about the cryptic posts shared by Jasprit Bumrah& Surya Kumar Yadav on their Instagram handles about ‘The Toss’.Interestpiqued as the players’ respective wives also posted about it soon after. Multitude of accounts took to social media and shared their desire to know “What is the Toss all about?”.With widespread speculations by people, the c o n v e r s a t i o n grabbed eyeballs garnering millions of views across social media making it viral. While the internet kept wondering about what the cricketers were ‘tossing’ about, the brand Sunfeast YiPPee! took to Instagram and did the grand reveal of its latest campaign ‘YiPPee Toss’, thus, putting all speculations to rest. Sunfeast YiPPee!, a leading instant Noodle &

Pasta brand from ITC Ltd is back with a brand-new campaign featuring the country’s most-loved cricketers – Rahul Dravid, Jasprit Bumrah and Surya Kumar Yadav. This fun-filled campaign leverages the popularity of top cricketers in a playful fashion highlighting the unique qualities of YiPPee! Noodles which are: Long & Non-Sticky. The recently launched TVCs showcase Dravid, Bumrah and ‘SKY’ in lighthearted scenarios where they use the ‘YiPPee Toss’ to settle day to day friendly banter in a playful manner using YiPPee! Noodles. It’s an innovative play on the brand’s core USPs of Long & Non-Sticky Noodles. The campaign positions YiPPee! as ‘India’s Choice’. Speaking about the campaign, Kavita Chaturvedi, Chief Operating Officer, Snacks, Noodles & Pasta, Food Business,

ITC Ltd.,said, “Cricket is an emotion in India and what better way to connect with our consumers than by bringing together the sport and the deliciousness of YiPPee! Noodles. This campaign celebrates the playful energy of our brand and the joy of relishing a bowl of YiPPee! with friends and family.” Popular Cricketer Jasprit Bumrah remarked “It’s a very playful campaign and we had a lot of fun. If there is one way to settle a banter, it is through YiPPee!” Much loved Batsman Surya Kumar Yadav said “I am thrilled to be part of this campaign as it perfectly mirrors our camaraderie both on and off the field. With YiPPee! settling our playful banter just got a whole lot easier” Legendary Rahul Dravid said “I had a wonderful time while working with Bumrah and SKY on this campaign. We’ve created something enjoyable, and I hope everyone likes it.”

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

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

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

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

## EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCES AWAIT SINGAPORE AIRLINES CUSTOMERS

**Singapore:** Airlines (SIA) today unveiled its all-new flagship SilverKris and KrisFlyer Gold lounges at Singapore Changi Airport Terminal 3, following a \$S50 millionre-design, upgrade, and expansion project. This willfurther enhance the on-ground customer experience at the Airline’s main hub, and comes as the demand for international air travel from and through Singapore takes off once again.

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

their 6,100 square-metres, translating to30% more seats and space. This also doubles the capacity that was available during the pandemicwhile the upgradingworks were going on. The Airlinehas createda sanctuarythat has been thoughtfullydesigned to enhance the comfort and convenience of diverse groups of travellers, and meet their evolving needs in the coming years. Customers will be able to enjoy world-class products and services, as well as enticingfood and beverage options, around the clock at the lounges before their flight.

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

engagement and research havegone into the design of the new SilverKris and KrisFlyer Gold lounges. Customerswill enjoy t h o u g h t f u l l y curatedproduct offerings andexperience the signatureSingapore Airlines hospitality, allwithina comfortable and restful environment, ensuring that they are refreshed and ready for their journey.

“Openingtheselounges at this time signals our commitment to SIA’s premium brand and growth strategy. It reinforces our position as Changi Airport’s anchor airline, and reflects our confidence in Singapore’sfuture as a pre-eminent global air hub.”

## WHEC recognizes Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham as excellence worldwide in Gender Equality

**Barcelona:** Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham was invited to the UNESCO World Higher Education Conference (WHEC), which recently took place in Barcelona, Spain. UNESCO recognized Amrita as one of five universities of excellence worldwide for its performance in gender equality. The WHEC aims to reshape ideas and practices in higher

education to ensure sustainable development for the planet and humanity, as well as to define and prepare a roadmap for a new era of higher education. As the world comes out of COVID-19, the WHEC’s goals and strategic scope remain, and the new timeframe represents an opportunity to deepen and expand common efforts of knowledge production,

policy dialogue, exchange, and networking. S w a m i Amritaswarupananda Puri, President of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, participated in a round table called “Universities’ Contribution to Gender Equality: A global perspective”. Adding to his views Swami Amritaswarupananda expressed how Amrita is

making a difference in terms of gender equality and which policies have been put into place at the university level. Gender equality is number five in the United Nations’ list of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).He explained how the culture of gender equality is not implemented only in terms of policies within Amrita, but also practiced in spirit.

The round table included Dr. Gloria Bonder, UNESCO Chair on Women, Science and Technology; Dr. Ricardo Vilanueva Lomeli, General, University of Guadalajara; Ms. Elizabeth Shepherd, Leader of the Consultancy team, Times Higher Education; and Dr. Victoria Galan-Muros, Chief of Research and Analysis,

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

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

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

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



