

BJP ready to fight on all assembly, LS seats in Odisha; no talks on alliance: Lata Usendi

BHUBANESWAR,(KCN): Amidst the speculation and confusion about whether there will be any alliance with the ruling Biju Janata Dal (BJD), Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP), co-in-charge for elections in Odisha Lata Usendi on Sunday added to the ongoing ambiguity. While talking to reporters, Lata said that such speculation is going on only in the media. "We are ready to fight on all seats, be it assembly or Lok Sabha in Odisha and discussion was held on each seat in Delhi. A



crucial meeting with party office bearers in Odisha will be held today," said Lata. When asked whether the BJP doesn't want an alliance with BJD, Lata said, "We are ready for all seats and no talks have been held."

On Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik's remarks in a video shared on various social media platforms yesterday that rumours and lies are bad in politics, Lata said, "It is his own statement who is telling

lies or not."

On Saturday, BJP's election in-charge for Odisha Vijaypal Singh Tomar categorically stated that no BJD leader met him.

Earlier, it was said that two BJD leaders- 5T chairperson VK Pandian and BJD organizational secretary Pranab Prakash Das visited New Delhi in a special flight on Thursday evening, reportedly to carry forward the discussions with the BJP on the modalities of a coalition.

Improvised hand grenades, Naxal articles recovered after exchange of fire in Kandhamal

PHULBANI,(KCN): SOG jawans have managed to recover several explosives belonging to the Naxals including some improvised hand grenades and gelatin sticks in Kandhamal district. As per reports, an anti-naxal operation was launched on March 6 by the SOG jawans in the Durgapanga reserve forest area under Kotagarh and Belghar police limits in Kandhamal district.



On Saturday, the Naxals opened fire on the security forces when they were operating near the Bhalugurha, Sukarapadar, and Dimili areas. The Maoists also lobbed grenades upon the police

team as they were in an advantageous position. After taking cover, police asked the ultras to surrender and retaliated by firing in a controlled manner. The Maoists subsequently fled the

Later, seven improvised hand grenades, three gelatin sticks, electric wires, a blasting machine, and other articles have been recovered.

Odisha announces several benefits for teachers, staff of aided educational institutions



BHUBANESWAR,(KCN):retirement benefits for block grant employees working in aided private higher educational institutions. The state cabinet has approved a proposal to grant 15 days of earned leave annually for the employees.

Apart from this, all the female employees will get 180 days maternity leave for two deliveries. Furthermore, after 16 years from the date of joining the job, the teachers will be entitled to a Placement Scale facility at the higher pay scale.

Similarly, the Chief Minister has increased the ex-gratia in the case of death or permanent disability for the employees under various block grants from Rs. 2 lakh to Rs. 5 lakh and from Rs. 1.50 lakh to Rs. 3.50 lakh, respectively.

Meanwhile, the Cabinet has also given a nod to extend a one-time cessation benefit on their superannuation after 60 years of age. A lump sum amount of Rs 10 lakh and Rs 5 lakh has been approved for teaching and non-teaching staff, respectively, at the time of retirement at 60.

The benefits were approved after 5T and Naveen Odisha Chairman, VK Pandian, received the proposals from block grant employees and their unions during his visit to various districts early this year.

After meeting with the Cabinet, the Chief Minister has decided to approve the proposals. According to reports, about 17,500 employees will be benefited by the announcement.

Ex Supreme Court Judge AM Khanwilkar Administered Oath As Lokpal Chairperson

New Delhi(KCN): Former Supreme Court judge Ajay Manikrao Khanwilkar was administered the oath of office as the Lokpal chairperson by President Droupadi Murmu at the Rashtrapati Bhavan here on Sunday, officials said.

Justice (retired) Mr Khanwilkar, 66, served as a judge of the top court from May 13, 2016 to July 29, 2022. The President administered the oath of



office of chairperson, Lokpal to Khanwilkar at a ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Sunday evening, according to an official statement.

Justice (retired) Khanwilkar was appointed as the chairperson of the anti-corruption ombudsman Lokpal last month, nearly two years after the post fell vacant following the retirement of Pinaki Chandra Ghose on May 27, 2022.

Two murder convicts escape from Titilagarh sub-jail

Titilagarh(KCN): Exposing lapses in security measures, two murder convicts have reportedly escaped from Titilagarh sub-jail on Saturday evening. The prisoners- Sumit Kumar Bihari and Susobhan Rana were lodged in jail for the last two and three years, respectively. Both were found guilty of murder charges. Sources said both Bihari and Rana were assigned computer-related work inside the jail. They had won the confidence of the jail officials by doing some good work inside the jail. Taking advantage of this, the duo is said to have escaped from the jail. The matter came to light after the jail authorities took attendance of the prisoners last night.

Man Dies After Falling Into Borewell, Cops Say He Was Fleeing After Theft

New Delhi(KCN): An unidentified man died after he fell into a 40-foot-deep borewell at a Delhi Jal Board treatment plant late last night. The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), which was leading the rescue efforts in Keshopur Mandi area, has recovered his body from the borewell. Delhi Water Minister Atishi, who visited the treatment plant this morning, confirmed the death of a "30-year-old man" in the borewell and said, "How he entered the



borewell room and how he fell inside will be investigated by the police". Sources said the cops were alerted last night that a man had fallen into the borewell while fleeing

after a theft. It is during this time they began a rescue operation with the help of fire officials. The authorities had called in an excavator to dig another borewell parallelly though the life

detector didn't detect any signal, the sources added. The incident triggered a political blame game with Kamaljit Sehrawat, BJP candidate from West Delhi for the upcoming Lok Sabha polls, accusing Delhi Jal Board of negligence. "If there was barricading, the child would not have fallen. Atishi will come out and give false consolation. Norms should be strictly followed," said Ms Sehrawat. The AAP government earlier hinted at foul play with Atishi saying the

borewell was inside a locked room. She also clarified it wasn't a child (as was being reported earlier), but an adult who fell inside the borewell.

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal shared Atishi's post and said, "Water Minister Atishi took stock of the situation. It was revealed that the borewell was inside a room locked with a lock and key. Delhi Police is investigating the entire incident. DJB has also been ordered to investigate."

BADASAHI ASSEMBLY SEAT: GOPABANDHU- THE EX-COP-FRONT RUNNER FOR BJD TICKET AMONG OTHER ASPIRANTS

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): Our society needs a sea-change in the arena of present-day politics. And the political scenario demands the entry and active role of educated, cultured, capable and efficient persons. People, cutting across party affiliations, expect such a desirable transformation from the grass-root level. Taking into consideration, all these aspects Mr. Mr. Gopabandhu Mallick, a Retd. Add. D.G. of Odisha Police, has decided to serve the down-trodden people, by joining active politics.

Gopabandhu is one of the top literate of India. He writes in Odia, Hindi and English languages with equal command. Two voluminous law books entitled “Odisha Criminal Minor Acts” & “Model Jail Manual” and 11 books authored by him are the precious gems treasured in the world of literature. Gopabandhu has given to the world of literature his pieces of writings in the forms of laws, poems, reviews and biographies etc. He holds M.A. Degree in Political Science from Utkal University; M.A.

Degree in Human Rights from Indian Institute of Human Rights, New Delhi; M.A. Degree in Journalism & Mass Communication from Alagappa University, Tamilnadu, L.L.M Degree in Business Law from Kuvempu University, Karnataka and host of Diploma degrees from Alagappa University & Utkal University.

In his post retirement period he is engaged in Social Service and Working for the conservation of environment as well as protection and



promotion of Human Rights. He is the Chairman of the some front-ranking NGO's including Citizen's

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Cell Person's Welfare Council, Odisha, Utkal Bharati Educational Trust, Maa Sabitri Devi Muni Samaj Trust etc. Dedicated to ameliorating the misery of human beings Gopabandhu is the life member of the Red Cross Society of India, Theosophical Society of India and St. John's Ambulance also. He has stood by the people of Badasahi in good stead and organized various social activities. As the up-coming simultaneous elections-2024 is approaching, the

political barometer of Mayurbhanj district in general and Badasahi in particular is rising high. As many as a dozen of candidates are eyeing the BJD ticket from Badasahi constituency this time. But the political grapevine of the district and specially of Badasahi is agog with one popular name Gopabandhu Mallick, whose popularity among the masses, youths and intelligentsia is well felt. As former Additional Director General of Odisha Police, he is now poised to contest from

Badasahi Seat on a BJD ticket. Sri Mallick is the member of BJD since, 2019. A Biju loyalist to the core and a firm supporter of the ideology of CM Naveen Patnaik, Mallick is an aspirant of a BJD ticket from Badasahi to contest the Assembly poll and serve the people. Surveys indicate a landslide victory from Badasahi if Mallick is given the ticket. He can be a trailblazer in the political horizon and harbinger of progress.

Azamgarh is now 'Ajanmagarh': PM Modi

Azamgarh, (KCN): Azamgarh will now be known as 'Ajanmagarh', Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday while announcing several developmental projects valued at more than Rs 3,700 crore. The Prime Minister said: "You can see that in the past few days, I am inaugurating several projects across the country. When people hear about several airports, railway stations, IIMs and AIIMS they get surprised. And many think that this is because of election season. People in previous governments used to

make announcements to deceive people. Announcements were made 30-35 years ago. They used to put up a plaque before elections and disappear after that. The leaders also used to disappear." He said that now the country can see that "Modi doosri mitti ka insaan hai." "The foundation stones we laid in 2019 were not for elections and have inaugurated all those projects. Even now, no one should see it as an election stunt. This is the campaign of my journey for development. I am running the country with

full-speed to fulfil the dream of making India 'Viksit' by 2047." He said that today he has given another guarantee to the people of Azamgarh. "Azamgarh will be the bastion of development for eternity," PM Modi said. The Prime Minister lauded the change of law-and-order in the town, saying that the region is witnessing a rapid development. "Azamgarh was known for mafias. But after our government took over, the region is witnessing law and order along with rapid development. The poison of appeasement is



weakening in Uttar Pradesh. The dynasts are abusing Modi daily. They are saying that Modi does not have a family. But they forget that the entire country is Modi's family," PM Modi said. He said that his government was

strengthening the tier 2 and 3 cities to boost urbanisation and smaller towns and rural areas are also witnessing fast urbanisation. PM Modi said that the Purvanchal region had suffered backwardness for long but now the region

has its airports. "Its youth have new opportunities and careers before them," PM Modi said. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that Azamgarh was earlier a bastion of mafia activities during the previous governments but today the town has been given modern infrastructure. "What was the identity of Azamgarh 10 years back? It was a bastion of criminals and mafia activities. However, today PM Modi has come and showered us with various developmental projects. We are thankful to PM Modi for this," the Chief

Minister said. Earlier, the Prime Minister inaugurated numerous development initiatives and in a significant boost to the civil aviation sector, the Prime Minister also initiated the groundwork for multiple airport projects nationwide. Additionally, he unveiled 12 new Terminal Buildings at airports including Pune, Kolhapur, Gwalior, Jabalpur, Delhi, Lucknow, Aligarh, Azamgarh, Chitrakoot, Moradabad, Shravasti, and Adampur. He also laid the foundation stones for three new Terminal

Buildings at Kadapa, Hubballi, and Belagavi Airports. The Prime Minister also inaugurated the Light House Project (LHP), which has facilitated the construction of over 2000 affordable flats with modern amenities. The Prime Minister dedicated 744 rural road projects valued at more than Rs 3,700 crore, constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana to the nation. These projects encompass a cumulative length of over 5,400 kilometres of rural roads in Uttar Pradesh, benefiting approximately 59 districts in the state.

Couple ends lives in Odsha's Cuttack over 'family feud'



CUTTACK, (KCN): In a shocking incident, a couple allegedly died by suicide at Maniabandh in Badamba area of Cuttack on Sunday. Though the exact reason behind their suicide is not yet clear, it is suspected that family feud may be

its reason. The deceased were identified as Nityananda Mohapatra (61) and wife Shantilata Mohapatra (54). This incident took place when no other family members were in the house. As per reports, as the

doors of their house did not open even after 8 am on Sunday, their neighbours peeped into the house and later, on opening the doors, they were shocked to find the couple lying on the floor. Meanwhile, police started an investigation

into the matter and registered two cases of unnatural death. Speaking to the media, one of their relatives said, "I had gone to their house at 10 pm last night. Their younger son had gone out for an interview while their elder son and daughter-in-law stayed at another place. There was a minor difference of opinion in the family. I tried to iron out the difference of opinion between the couple and later came back home." He added that their neighbours found the couple lying dead on the floor inside the house after opening the doors in the morning. However, no reaction from police has been received.

Ahead of polls, Mahanga MLA Pratap Jena hints at Prashant Behera's candidature from Salipur



CUTTACK, (KCN): Even as confusion is prevailing over a possible alliance between the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) despite some saffron leaders ruling out such a possibility, Mahanga legislator Pratap Jena dropped broad hints at a public meeting on Saturday about MLA Prashant Behera to contest again from the Salipur assembly seat this time. Such an announcement by a legislator before the

ruling party's announcement about the names of candidates has political circles abuzz with speculations on candidature for the seat. Addressing a public meeting at Malasasan of Salipur, Jena said that Prashant Behera would come out victorious by a margin of 50,000 votes this time. "Elections are coming. I told you (people at the meeting) one thing five years ago. Do

you remember if that prediction came true? Today, I also predict one thing and you note it down. Prashant Behera will come out with flying colours at least by a margin of 50,000 votes in the coming elections," he said. He also asserted before the people that they should note down and remember his prediction about Behera's electoral victory in the upcoming elections. On the other hand, BJP's Cuttack district unit president

Prakash Behera took exception to this announcement and said, "The BJD as a political party may have discipline, His party supremo has not yet announced names of the MLA candidates. Such open announcement and assertion by the BJD legislator well ahead of the elections violates his party's discipline." He also said that it is laughable on the part of a legislator to announce the name of another as a nominee for the upcoming elections.



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Sanjay Leela Bhansali's 'Heeramandi' song's global launch on Miss World 2024 stage

Sanjay Leela Bhansali's is all set to venture into the world of Netflix with his upcoming web series, 'Heeramandi'. Now, IndiaToday.in has exclusively learnt that the first song from this project, titled 'Sakal Ban' will be getting a grand global release on the stage of Miss World 2024, on March 9. This song will also be the first track from Bhansali's new music label, Bhansali Music.

As per the independent industry source, "The first song of 'Bhansali Music', 'Sakal Ban' which also marks the first song of Bhansali's 'Heeramandi' will be launched on a global platform of Miss World. For the first time will see a song having a world stage launch on the prestigious podium of 'Miss World'." Directed by Sanjay Leela Bhansali, the period drama is described as an

"epic saga of love, power, betrayal, struggle and, ultimately, freedom." The show is set during the backdrop of the freedom movement. The ensemble cast of the series includes Manisha Koirala, Sonakshi Sinha, Sanjeeda Shaikh, Aditi Rao Hydari, Richa Chadha, Sharmin Segal, Shekhar Suman, Fardeen Khan, Adhyayan Suman and Taha Shah.



Wildcard Manasvi Mamgai Gets Evicted From Salman Khan's Show

Bigg Boss 17 Weekend Ka Vaar episode brought a lot of excitement, drama, and revelations with it. In the latest episode, Salman Khan reveals the names of the contestants who breached the contract before entering the show and made shocking revelations about them. The conversation started with Salman Khan questioning the contestants regarding who knew each other before entering Bigg Boss 17. He suggested the contestants not to lie.

Salman then asked the contestants who connected with each other before entering the show. Vicky Jain then confessed that he called Neil two days before going inside Bigg Boss. Salman then asked Isha Malviya if she called someone before entering the show, and she mentioned that she called Abhishek Kumar. Salman asks Samarth if he knows



about it and the latter accepts. Neil and Vicky talk about their recent altercation. Mannar and Jigna Vora

talk about Munawar and say that the latter has been maintaining a different approach towards Ankita and Vicky. Mannara says Vicky talks very

differently about the couple when he is in the room, away from them, but is different in front of them. She says that he speaks to them even after getting nominated. Salman welcomes singer King on the stage. King sings 'Tu Aaja', one of his most popular tracks for the Bigg Boss housemates. He makes housemates play 'Dil Ka Darwaza' with each other. The cast of 'Dori' - Amar Upadhyay, Sudhaa

Chandran, and Mahi Bhanushali come on the Bigg Boss stage and promote their upcoming TV show. Salman talks about the nominations. He says five people are nominated - Sana Raees Khan, Manasvi Mamgai, Arun Mashetty, Isha Malviya, and Samarth Jurel. he announces that Manasvi has been eliminated due to lowest number of votes. Manasvi bids her adieu to the house and walks out. Meanwhile, Abhishek, Arun and Sunny Arya get into another heated argument.

Shah Rukh Khan Unveils New Dunki Posters Featuring Taapsee Pannu, Vicky Kaushal, Anil Grover

Released on Shah Rukh Khan's birthday, the 'Dunki Drop 1' indeed came as an absolute treat for the audience and fans with its endearing narrative and went on to touch millions of hearts. Drawn from real-life experiences, 'Dunki' is a saga of love and friendship that brings together these wildly disparate stories, and provides hilarious and heart-breaking answers. On November 4, two posters of 'Dunki' were released that introduced 5 characters of the ensemble cast together, featuring, Shah Rukh Khan, Taapsee Pannu, Vikram Kochhar, Anil Grover, and Vicky Kaushal. The two new posters of the film show the joy of friendships and the challenges the lead cast go through together to achieve their dreams.



Sharing the posters on social media, Shah Rukh Khan wrote, "Hum bilkul usi tarah dikha rahe hain jaise Raju sir ne apne 'Ullu ke pattho' ko imagine kiya tha... Inke baare mein bahot kuch share karna abhi baaki hai..." (We look exactly the way Raju sir (Rajkumar Hirani) had imagined his 'Ullu ke pattho' to be. There is still much more to share about them). The first poster shows Shah Rukh Khan accompanied

by Taapsee, Vicky, Vikram and Anil, all dressed formally and holding files, as they confidently head for an interview. The second poster depicts the same group navigating a rough terrain in an isolated area. While the others look lost and confused as they are stuck in the middle of a desert, Taapsee appears to be unfazed by the physical strain is seen smiling while looking at Shah Rukh. In both the photos, Shah Rukh

is seen leading the group. A Red Chillies Entertainment, and Rajkumar Hirani Films presentation, produced by Rajkumar Hirani and Gauri Khan. Written by Abhijat Joshi, Rajkumar Hirani and Kanika Dhillon, Dunki is slated to release this December 2023. The film is based on the concept of Donkey Flight, an unlawful backdoor entry technique for nations like the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States of America. Shah Rukh will be seen in the role of a man named 'Hardy' in 'Dunki', who desperately wants to move to London along with his buddies. 'Dunki' will release in India on December 22, 2023 and will clash with Prabhas' Salaar: Part 1 - Ceasefire at the Box Office.

Samantha Ruth Prabhu Climbs 600 Steps Barefoot, Prays to Palani Murugan



Samantha Ruth Prabhu climbed 600 steps of the Palani Murugan temple in Tamil Nadu on February 13 draped in an all-white churidar-kurta and offered prayers at the temple.

She also lit a camphor diya and tweeted on the same. She was accompanied by her



'Jaanu' movie director C. Premkumar and other friends. The actor, who suffers from Myositis, an autoimmune disease condition that causes acute muscular pain, has started shooting for the web series 'Citadel' in which she shares screen space with Bollywood actor Varun Dhawan.

'Citadel' is the Indian version of the international sci-fi action web series of the same name created by the Russo Brothers. In the international series, Priyanka Chopra plays the lead.

The Indian web series is directed by the director duo Raj and DK, who

had helmed the popular web series, 'The Family Man', in which Samantha played the role of Raji, a Sri Lankan Tamil militant.

She had recently tweeted: "I am thrilled to be part of this brilliant universe conceptualised by the Russo Brothers AGBO. I am also looking forward to working with Varun for the first time. He is someone who is full of life and cheer when you are around him." Samantha is awaiting the release of her Telugu mythological movie 'Shakuntalam' in which she shares the screen with Prakash Raj and Dev Mohan. The movie is to be released on April 14.

Alia Bhatt Recalls Getting Emotional With Kriti Sanon Before Receiving National Award

Alia Bhatt recalls the getting emotional with Kriti Sanon before receiving the national award, says "It was just two young girls living the dream and feeling a moment of gratitude." The national film award ceremony happened recently in Delhi where Kriti Sanon and Alia Bhatt were honored with the best actress award for their path-breaking performance in 'MiMi' and 'Gangubai Kathiawadi' respectively. Recently, Alia Bhatt shared the memorable moments she had with Kriti. "If I had to recall, exactly what happened, it was quite a lovely moment that Kriti and I shared together. She was standing in front of me and she looked back at me and said 'I just wanted to give you a hug' and I just hugged her and we both got emotional. It was just two young girls living the dream and feeling a moment of gratitude and with gratitude sharing it with each other. Literally we both had tears in our eyes after that moment. Then we had to get out of the hug because we will start weeping over here, which we don't want. So yes, that was actually quite a special moment."

Kriti Sanon and Alia Bhatt indeed delivered the best performance of their career with 'MiMi' and 'Gangubai Kathiawadi' respectively. While both actresses proved the mettle of their acting, they also showed how strong powerful characters can change the game for themselves, and today both of them are standing as the leading ladies of the industry. On the work front, Kriti will be seen in Rhea Kapoor's 'The Crew' and an untitled film with



Income from Business or Profession Part -4



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(Contd from 4th March 2024)

12. Where assessee having obtained a property on lease, constructed various shops and stalls on it and gave same to various persons on sub-licensing basis: These will be dealt as under -

i. Rental income where the business of the assessee is to let out properties or rooms: Income is assessable under the head house properly even if the assessee's business is to let out properties or rooms- Indian City Properties v. CIT [1965] 55 ITR 262 (Cal.); CIT v. Pandyan Bank [1969] 71 ITR 707 (Mad); S.C. Majumdar v. CIT [1947] 15 ITR 484 (Pat); East India Prospecting Syndicate v. CIT [1951] 19 ITR 571 (Cal).

ii. Rental income for letting out buildings in industrial park has been

case of PFH Mall and Retail Management Ltd. v. ITO 298 ITR (AT) 371 (Cal), it has been held that where the assessee is engaged in the management of malls and has let out shops with limited rights, the rent or charges received by it, is assessable as business income. However, a contrary view has been expressed in the case of - CIT v. Discovery Estate Pvt. Ltd. [2013] 356 ITR 159 (Delhi).

v. Rent from setting up a market: Where the assessee has constructed a market and let out the shops, it has been held that such rental income is assessable as Income from House Property - East India Housing & Land Development Trust Ltd. v. CIT [1961] 42 ITR 49 (SC).

vi. Construction of hotel not completed, hotel business did not commence, rental income received for letting out property: This income has been held to be assessable under the head 'House Property' in the case of CIT v. Hotel Ratanada International Pvt. Ltd. [2007] 293 ITR 557 (Raj).

vii. Rent from letting out of lodging

house with amenities: The above income has been held to be business income - CIT v. Shanmugham [1984] 147 ITR 692 (Mad); CIT v. Mohiddin Hotels (P) Ltd. 200 CTR (Bom.) 329.

viii. Income from the property given to the Director as his residence: In the case of CIT v. New India Maritime Agencies (P.) Ltd. [2002] 253 ITR 732 (Mad.): 124 Taxman 801 (Mad.) it was held that when a company gives its house as residence to its director it is doing so only in the course of its business and the income from that property must be assessed as income from business only.

ix. Rental income from letting out warehouse of an assessee engaged in warehousing business is assessable under the head "Profits and gains from business or profession"- CIT v. NDR Warehousing Pvt. Ltd. [2014] 90 CCH 0249 (Chen. Trib), DCIT v. Tewari Warehousing Co. [2018] 92 taxmann.com 168 (Kolkata - Trib.); CIT v. Chattisgarh State Warehousing Corporation [2017] 399 ITR 239 (Chattisgrah),

CIT v. NDR Warehousing Pvt. Ltd. [2014] 90 CCH 0249 (Chen. Trib).

x. Where assessee having obtained a property on lease, constructed various shops and stalls on it and gave the same to various persons on sub-licensing basis, in absence of systematic or organized activity of providing service to occupiers of shops/stalls, income from sub-licensing was to be taxed as income from house property and not as business income - Raj Dadarkar & Associates v. ACIT [2017] 81 taxmann.com 193 (SC).

13. Whether the receipt by the assessee as admiration from the winning candidate of election whose victory was predicted by the assessee as Astrologer, shall be treated as business income, or shall be considered as a gift: The amount received by the assessee as admiration fee will be assessable as business income - N.K. Unnikrishno Panicker v. CIT [2014] 361 ITR 187 (Ker.)

14. Whether outstanding fees received by an assessee who was an advocate at the time of billing but left the profession and became

Judge at the time of receipt of such outstanding fee, whether such receipt is assessable as income: As per section 176(4) an income received after the cessation of profession is taxable in the year of receipt. However Calcutta High Court in the case of Commissioner of Income-tax v. Datta (R.M.) (Justice) [1989] 180 ITR 0086 (Cal) held as under: The subject is not to be taxed unless the charging provision clearly imposes the obligation. If the words of a statute are precise and unambiguous, they must be accepted as declaring the express intention of the Legislature. Section 176(4) of the Income-tax Act, 1961, creates two fictions. The first fiction is that any sum received after the discontinuance of the profession shall be deemed to be the income of the recipient. The second fiction is that the said income shall be charged to tax in the year of receipt if such sum would have been included in the total income of the person had it been received before such discontinuance. The legislative intention indicated by the express

language of section 176(4) of the Act does not warrant any assumption of a further fiction treating the receipts as income chargeable under the head "Profits and gains of business, profession or vocation". Wherever Parliament had the intention to treat a certain amount to be the profits and gains of business or profession and chargeable to tax as the income of the relevant previous year, Parliament has specifically created a fiction for such a specific purpose. It specifically said so in section 10(5A) of the Indian Income-tax Act, 1922, and in sections 41(1) and 41(2) of the Income-tax Act, 1961. Income has to be brought under one of the heads falling under section 14 of the Act and can be charged to tax only if it is so chargeable under the computation section corresponding to that head. In the absence of a legislative provision, if receipts chargeable as "profits and gains of business, profession or vocation" cannot be treated as income falling under the head "Profits and gains of business, profession or vocation" carried on by the assessee during the

relevant year, such receipts cannot be brought to tax u/s 56 of the Act as "income from other sources". Hence, the profits and gains of a profession received in a subsequent year after the discontinuance of the profession cannot be taxed under section 176(4).

The view of the Calcutta High Court has been followed by the Delhi ITAT in the case of ITO v. Justice Rajiv [2013] 36 CCH 532 Del Trib: [2014] 147 ITD 575 (Delhi).

Apex Court under 1922 Act in the case of CIT v. K.N. Guruswamy v. Intervener [1965] 055 ITR 0741 (SC) had held that income received after the cessation of profession is not taxable if the assessee maintains books of accounts on cash basis.

In this connection it may be mentioned that under 1922 Act there was no provision similar to Section 176(4).

Mr. Jain and Mr. Loyalka are the authors of the famous book "How to Handle Income Tax Problems"

On the Women day Indian women scientists making the nation proud with their remarkable achievement



India has a rich history of women scientists who have made significant contributions to the field of science. However, despite the progress made in recent years, women in science still face numerous challenges and barriers in India. According to a report by the National Science Foundation, women make up only 14% of the total workforce in STEM fields in India. Furthermore, a study conducted by UNESCO found that only 35% of STEM students in higher education in India are women. Despite these challenges, there are many inspiring women and girls in science who have overcome obstacles and achieved remarkable success in STEM fields. INTERNATIONAL DAY OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SCIENCE The International Day

of Women and Girls in Science, celebrated annually by the United Nations, promotes equal access to STEM fields. This year marks the ninth assembly, focusing on 'Women and Girls in Science Leadership, a New Era for Sustainability.' Recognising women as agents of change, the theme aligns with SDGs 16 and 17, emphasising 'Think Science ... Think Peace.' Established in 2011, the day aims to enhance women's participation in education and technology. The 9th assembly will convene global leaders to discuss women's roles in achieving economic prosperity, social justice, and environmental integrity. Top of Form Here are five extraordinary women scientists who have made India proud with their innovative research and groundbreaking discoveries: 1. GAGANDEEP KANG Gagandeep Kang, a renowned Indian microbiologist, made history in 2019 as the first Indian woman elected as a Fellow of

the Royal Society. Her groundbreaking research focuses on viral infections in children, particularly on testing rotaviral vaccines. Kang chairs the WHO SEAR's Regional Immunisation Technical Advisory Group and has authored over 300 scientific research papers. She received the prestigious Infosys Prize in Life Sciences in 2016 and has been honoured with several awards, including fellowships from esteemed institutions like the Royal College of Pathologists and the Indian National Science Academy. 2. TESSY THOMAS Tessy Thomas, hailed as the "Missile Woman of India," played a pivotal role in India's ballistic missile defense programme. She holds the distinction of being the first woman scientist to lead a missile project in India, contributing significantly to aerospace engineering. Thomas has garnered numerous awards for her outstanding contributions to the field, earning recognition from institutions like the

MIT Technology Review and The Scientist. Her exceptional leadership and expertise have been instrumental in advancing India's defense capabilities. 3. SUNITA SARAWAGI Sunita Sarawagi, a distinguished professor at IIT Bombay, is celebrated for her groundbreaking research in databases and data mining. Her work focuses on extracting valuable insights from large datasets, revolutionising data management systems. Sarawagi's contributions have earned her prestigious accolades, including the Infosys Prize in Engineering and Computer Science in 2019. Recognised as a leading authority in her field, she has been elected as a fellow of esteemed institutions like the Indian National Academy of Engineering and the Association for Computing Machinery. 4. SUDHA BHATTACHARYA Sudha Bhattacharya, a professor at the School of Environmental Sciences, Jawaharlal

Nehru University (JNU), and a fellow of The National Academy of Sciences, India, the Indian Academy of Sciences, and the Indian National Science Academy (2014), has made significant contributions to molecular parasitology. Her pioneering research on Entamoeba histolytica has led to groundbreaking discoveries in gene regulation and parasite biology. Bhattacharya's work has received global acclaim, earning her esteemed fellowships and awards, including recognition from the Indian Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Sciences, India. Her innovative findings have deepened our understanding of parasitic diseases, paving the way for novel therapeutic interventions. 5. NIGAR SHAJI Indian aerospace engineer Nigar Shaji has been integral to the country's space exploration since joining ISRO in 1987. Notably, she was the project director of the Aditya-L1, India's first solar mission. Her extensive career at ISRO, spanning over 35 years, showcases her multifaceted professional

capabilities, including her role as the Associate Project Director of Resourcesat-2A, a pivotal Indian Remote Sensing Satellite dedicated to national resource monitoring and management. Her academic background includes a Bachelor's in electronics and communication and a Master's in Electronics from BIT Ranchi. Shaji's contributions highlight her vital role in India's space missions, emphasising her commitment to advancing the nation's space exploration endeavours. The impact of women and girls in science in India cannot be overstated. Their dedication, perseverance, and ingenuity have propelled the nation towards scientific excellence and have set a shining example for the world to follow. As we celebrate their achievements, it is imperative to provide continued support and opportunities for women and girls in science, ensuring that their potential is fully realised for the benefit of society and the advancement of knowledge.

Retired Principal Educational columnist malout, Punjab

Letter to Editor

Dear Sir,

Ban packaging of hot food in plastic bags

Despite the ban on plastic bags and compostable plastic bags for carrying or dispensing commodities across the country, they are still extensively used, especially for packaging food in hotels. Items like tea, coffee, milk, sambar, rasam, and hot curry are commonly packed in plastic bags within hotels. Many doctors cite a worry that there is an increase in the number of people suffering from kidney and throat ailments, cancer, and infertility in the city due to the consumption of hot food items carried in low-quality plastic bags or boxes. When hot food or liquid is packed in a plastic bag, toxic chemicals like styrene and bisphenol can leach into the food, potentially leading to cancer, heart diseases, and other reproductive problems. Therefore, the Department of Food Safety must enforce a ban on packing hot edible items, including beverages, in plastic bags and harmful containers, particularly in cities. Hoteliers and owners of tea and coffee shops should be instructed not to use plastic bags or containers for packing hot edible items. Additionally, traders should prominently display announcements in their business establishments, urging customers to bring their own vessels for purchasing any edible items. Dr. Vijaykumar H K Raichur, Karnataka

Sir The first list of candidates belonging to various parties for the upcoming election has come out and the great Indian political war cry has begun. The list released by the various parties- major and minor has a mixture of candidates- stalwarts, sitting MPs and freshers. When it comes to sitting MPs the reason for them being chosen to contest maybe due to their popularity, the support they get and factors like caste and religion - which play vital role in the Indian political scenario. Again when it comes to sitting MPs except for a few who deliver something for their constituency most of them never even pay attention to the people's issues. Their sole aim being get elected, utilise privileges offered and execute political agendas for their selfish motives. The trust, faith and belief reposed on them by the people are just ignored and disregarded. Such individuals who pose to be 'people's representatives' but turn out useless and unproductive should never be given a chance to script and continue with the same old story! M Pradyu Kannur Geeth Thalikavu Kannur 670001.

3rd International Bengali Conference hosted by "Rusted Cycle": Jagan Mohan Reddy's Swipe At Chandrababu Naidu



Kolkata (PARTHA ROY): 3rd International Bengali Conference organised by Bangla worldwide opened in Kolkata on 8th March 2024. The 3days conference held on 8th-10th March 2024. The 3rd International Bengali Conference was opened by Chief Justice of Bangladesh Justice Obaidul Hassan in presence of Justice Md

Habibul Gani & Justice Md Ruhul Quddus of Supreme Court of Bangladesh, Justice Aniruddha Bose of Supreme Court of India, Justice (Retired) Ashok Ganguly of Supreme Court of India, Mukti Yodha Nasir Uddin Yousuff, Professor Pabitra Sarkar (iconic specialist of Bengali language), large no. of Bengali professionals



and achievers in different profession from across India, Bangladesh, and from around the world, former Chief Justice of High Court of Calcutta and Bombay Justice Chittatosh Mookerjee, Chairman, Bangla Worldwide, Professor Snehashish Sur President of Press Club of Kolkata, Janab Andalib Elias Deputy High Commissioner of

Bangladesh, large no. of diplomats from Bangladesh, noted film actors, Directors, musicians as well as Soumyabrata Das Convenor, Bangla Worldwide. Padma Shri Rezwana Choudhury Bannya, famed singer of Bangladesh presented wide range of Bengali songs during Inaugural day program.

The Conference deliberated on wide range of subjects - education, health, law, industry, Art & Culture, socio-economic issues. Also, the Conference deliberated on promoting and strengthening coordination amongst Bengali speaking community in different institutions and nations around the planet Earth.

Hyderabad (KCN): Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy, peeved with the alliance between the BJP and Chandrababu Naidu's TDP and Jana Sena Party, today said Mr Naidu's cycle is "rusted" and so he is seeking support from other parties. At a public gathering today, Mr Reddy said his government in Andhra Pradesh has focused on the welfare of weaker sections. "The TDP cycle chain in the state is not running smoothly, prompting his visit to Delhi with his foster son to seek support from central parties. Elections are ahead. We are ready to fight against the alliance. YSRCP will stand with weaker sections," he said.



The BJP, keen to find a foothold in southern states other than Karnataka, has been seeking alliances with local parties. While its efforts are yet to bear fruit in Tamil Nadu or Kerala, it has managed to find two allies in

Andhra Pradesh. Earlier this week, the Opposition parties in Andhra Pradesh--TDP, and Jana Sena Party - announced they would contest the Lok Sabha and assembly elections as part of NDA.

Sericulture Development Department J&K holds a farewell meet in honour of Mr. Syed Mohammad Ayoub, Section officer and Mr. Imtiyaz Ahmad Dar, Orderly.



Srinagar, (Aasif Malik): Sericulture Development Department J&K today holds a farewell meet in honour of Mr. Syed Mohammad Ayoub,

Section Officer and Mr. Imtiyaz Ahmad Dar, Orderly in the Directorate of Sericulture Dev. Department J&K Srinagar upon their

retirement on superannuation. Mr. Ajaz Ahmad Bhat (IAS), Director, Sericulture J&K presided over the farewell meet which was attended by the Development Officer, Sericulture Dev. Department ISDP Sonawari, senior officers and colleagues. The Director, Sericulture J&K praised their dedication towards their duties and prayed for their happy, healthy and an exciting post retirement life. During the occasion Mr. Ajaz Ahmad Bhat (IAS), Director, Sericulture Dev. Department J&K concluded the meet by presenting mementos to both the officials as a token of appreciation.

OU Philosophy department scholar Kiran Showri Chintala awarded PhD degree

Khammam, March 10 (KCN): Kiran Showri Chintala, a research scholar in the Department of Philosophy of Osmania University, was awarded PhD degree, according to a press note by the Controller of Examinations of Osmania University. Kiran did his Ph.D.



under the supervision of Prof G Laxman on "Rabindranath Tagore's Vision of Religion and

Education: A Philosophical Analysis" A native of Gopalgudem near Khammam, Kiran is the correspondent of Sri Chaitanya Degree College in Wyra. Dr Kotaiah, Dr Chintala Venkanna, staff and students congratulated Kiran Showri on his acquiring the doctorate.

New Delhi (KCN): Two election commissioners are likely to be appointed by March 15 to fill the vacancies created by the retirement of Anup Chandra Pandey and the surprise resignation of Arun Goel, sources said on Sunday. Days before the poll panel is expected to announce the schedule for the Lok Sabha polls, Goel resigned on Friday morning. His resignation was accepted by President Droupadi Murmu on Saturday and the Law Ministry issued a notification to announce it. This leaves Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar as the sole member of the poll authority. Pandey had demitted office on February 14 on attaining the age of 65 years. A search committee under Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal and comprising the Home Secretary and the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) Secretary will first prepare two separate panels of five names each for the two posts. Later, a selection



committee headed by the prime minister and comprising a Union minister and Leader of the Congress party in the Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury will then name two persons for appointment as election commissioners. The election commissioners will be appointed by the President. Sources said the selection committee could meet either on March 13 or 14 depending on the convenience of the members and the appointments are likely to be made by March 15. Before a new law on

the appointment of CEC and ECs came into force recently, the election commissioners were appointed by the President on the government's recommendation and as per custom, the senior-most was appointed as CEC. Clause 2 of Article 324 of the Constitution states that the Election Commission shall consist of the Chief Election Commissioner and such number of other Election Commissioners, if any, as the President may from time to time fix. Responding to questions on reasons behind Goel's resignation, the

sources said he might have resigned due to personal reasons. They also rejected suggestions that there were differences between Goel and Kumar, saying records of internal communication, minutes and decisions show there was no dissent recorded by Goel. Goel, who tendered resignation on Friday morning, did not attend the crucial meeting between the EC and top home ministry and railway officials to firm up deployment and movement of central forces across India for poll duty. Goel was a 1985-batch

IAS officer of the Punjab cadre. He had joined the Election Commission in November 2022. His tenure was till December 5, 2027, and he would have become Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) after incumbent Rajiv Kumar retired in February next year. Ashok Lavasa had resigned as election commissioner in August 2020. He had given dissent notes on various model code violations decisions taken by the EC in the last Lok Sabha polls. Originally, the commission had only a CEC. It currently consists of the CEC and two election commissioners. Two additional commissioners were first appointed on October 16, 1989, but they had a very short tenure till January 1, 1990. Later, on October 1, 1993, two additional election commissioners were appointed. The concept of a multi-member EC has been in operation since then, with decision made by a majority vote.

"Mamata Banerjee Fears PM Will Be Upset": Congress After Ally Breaks Ranks

Kolkata (KCN): Mamata Banerjee's Trinamool Congress today announced candidates for all 42 Lok Sabha seats in Bengal, snubbing Congress which had just days earlier said that "doors are still open" for seat-sharing talks for the upcoming elections. The Congress and Trinamool are part of the INDIA bloc - an alliance of opposition parties that had come together to challenge the BJP in the upcoming elections. The snub today is in line with Mamata Banerjee's declaration that only her party can challenge the

BJP in Bengal. The breakdown in talks with Congress over seats was another reason. The Congress hit back soon after Trinamool released the list. "The Indian National Congress has repeatedly declared its desire to have a respectable seat-sharing agreement with the TMC in West Bengal. The Indian National Congress has always maintained that such an agreement has to be finalised through negotiations and not by unilateral announcements," Congress leader Jairam

Ramesh said on X (formerly Twitter). "The Indian National Congress has always wanted the INDIA group to fight the BJP together," he added. Congress leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury launched a fierce attack on the Chief Minister, accusing her of sending a message to the PMO by not including Congress in the seat-sharing agreement. "Mamata Banerjee has proven today that none of the political parties of India should trust a leader like her... Mamata Banerjee is in fear that if



she continues to be in the INDIA alliance, PM Modi will be unhappy. By separating herself from

the INDIA alliance, she has sent a message to the PMO, don't be unhappy with me, I am not

standing to fight against the BJP," said Mr Chowdhury. In its list of candidates for

the Lok Sabha polls, Trinamool Congress dropped at least eight sitting MPs and brought in several new faces such as former cricketers Yusuf Pathan and Kirti Azad. Cricketer Yusuf Pathan will contest from the Baharampur Lok Sabha seat, a seat which Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury has won five times. Fielding a popular figure from Mr Chowdhury's stronghold is also being seen as Trinamool's response to his repeated attacks on the party. From the Basirhat Lok

Sabha seat, where Sandeshkhali is situated, Trinamool fielded its former MP Haji Nurul Islam by dropping sitting MP Nusrat Jahan. The Trinamool also renominated expelled Lok Sabha MP Mahua Moitra from Krishnanagar seat for the second consecutive term. Congress and the Trinamool had been trying to figure out a seat-sharing arrangement in Bengal for months, but TMC walked off the table every time the grand old party demanded for than 3 seats in the state.

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik inaugurates India's First Indoor Athletics Centre and the State-of-art Indoor Aquatic Center at Kalinga Stadium

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): In a major boost to Indian athletics and swimming, Chief Minister Sh Naveen Patnaik, today inaugurated India's first Indoor Athletics Centre and Indoor Aquatic Centre at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar. He also laid the foundation stone for the Indoor Diving Centre.

The Indoor Athletics Centre stands as India's first capable of hosting indoor continental and regional championships. This world class facility will be a training ground for the Odisha Reliance Foundation Athletics High Performance Centre, which was established in association with Reliance Foundation, and has been producing young athletics



champions. The centre boasts a 10,000-square-meter track, installed by the renowned Italian firm, Mondo SpA, used in Olympics, marking a pioneering feat within the country. The centre includes a 200-meter synthetic track, an 80m+20m running track, and designated areas for long jump, triple jump, pole vault, and shot-put, each meticulously designed to meet specific athletic requirements. Accommodating the needs of high-performance athletes, the facility features 60 twin-sharing rooms for those undergoing full-time coaching. Its iconic stature was solidified with the esteemed Category 1 certification from World Athletics in

December 2023. The Indoor Aquatic Centre features temperature controlled 50m Olympic size swimming pool and 25 m warm up pool with a seating capacity for 1000 spectators and can host international

championships. fitness centre, sports recovery facility and accommodation facility with 26 twin sharing rooms. The Odisha Inspire Institute of Sport (IIS) HPC, a joint venture with JSW group, will be operational from

this aquatic center. The Central PSU - NALCO has contributed towards the construction of the Indoor Aquatics Center as a CSR funding. The Chief Minister also laid foundation stone for Indoor Diving Centre that

will be built at the Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar. The Diving Centre will feature temperature controlled diving pool of 25 m, with an additional 5m for Synchronized Swimming and seating capacity for 500 spectators.

Speaking on this occasion, Chief Minister Sh Naveen Patnaik, said "The new indoor facilities will provide our athletes to train and compete, round the year, without any external weather disturbances. We are confident that both Indoor Athletics Centre and the Aquatic Centre will certainly help set new standards for sporting excellence on both international and national stages. It also marks an important step further strengthening Odisha's robust sports ecosystem and our partnership with Reliance Foundation, JSW & Inspire Institute of Sports."

Chairman 5T & Nabin Odisha, Kartik Pandian was present during the event and interacted with the athletes and swimmers. The President Athletic Federation of India, Sh Adille Sumariwala, Secretary Swimming Federation of India Sh Monal Choksi, Veteran Sports Administrator Sh Ashirbad Behera, representatives from the State associations and sports persons were present on this occasion. Sports & Youth Services Minister, Sh Tusharkanti Behera, Secretary, Sports & Youth Services Department, Sh Vineel Krishna, Mr Sridhar Patra, CMD Nalco, Mr Aasish Contractor, Director Reliance Foundation, Mr Mustafa Ghouse, CEO JSW Sports and other dignitaries were part of the ceremony.

Center Boosts Education Sector

New Delhi(KCN): Union Minister of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Dharmendra Pradhan, launched various initiatives in School and Teacher Education, developed by the Department of School Education & Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education, today, at Kaushal Bhawan, New Delhi. Also present at the event were the Secretary, DoSEL, Sanjay Kumar; Additional Secretary, DoSEL, Anandrao Patil; Joint Secretary, Institutions & Training, DoSEL, Prachi Pandey; Member Secretary, NCTE, Kesang Yangzom Sherpa; Chairman, National Educational



Technology Forum NBA NAAC, Prof. Anil S a h a s r a b u d h e ; Chairperson, NETF, Prof. Chamu Krishna Shastry; Director, NCERT, Prof. Dinesh Prasad Saklani; Director, CIIL, Mysore, Dr. Shailendra Mohan; senior officials of the Ministry of Education, NCTE, NCERT and other

dignitaries. Shri Pradhan also launched the National Mission for Mentoring (NMM) and National Professional Standards for Teachers (NPST), 52 Primers in Indian languages, printed books on NMM and NPST, various schemes/ guidelines with Video of

SCERTs/DIETs; Video of Vidya Samiksha Kendra (VSK) and 200 TV Channels. Shri Pradhan, while speaking at the event, declared the day to be a landmark day in taking a step ahead towards becoming Viksit Bharat by 2047. He said that the launch of DIETs of Excellence, National Professional Standard for Teachers, National Mission for Mentoring, 52 Primers of NCERT, National Vidya Samiksha Kendra and 200 TV Channels will lead to the effective implementation of NEP 2020 at the grassroots, empower teachers and learners and will make quality education more inclusive, innovative and equitable.

IRC School Transformed




Bhubaneswar(KCN): Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik today inaugurated the transformed Government High School, IRC Village in the State Capital. Under the transformation project, the institution has embraced a comprehensive approach to offer smart classrooms and top-tier education, demonstrating a steadfast dedication to educational excellence. Kartik Pandian, Chairman 5T and Nabin Odisha, Susant Kumar Rout, MLA, Bhubaneswar North, Sulochana Das, Mayor,

BMC; Aswathy S, Secretary, School and Mass Education; Balwant Singh, Vice-Chairman, Bhubaneswar Development Authority (BDA), Chanchal Rana, Collector Khordha. School children along with parents in thousands in numbers were present to witness the inauguration program. The school premises boast state-of-the-art facilities, including modern new 12 classrooms, a football ground, designated areas for outdoor activities, a children's park, a dedicated parking zone,

an open-air stage, a tennis court, and a mid-day meal distribution center. As part of the transformation initiative, each classroom is fitted with modern amenities, complemented by a public announcement system to enhance communication within the premises. This upgraded infrastructure not only fosters an enriching learning environment but also supports the holistic development of students. Additionally, the school's playground will offer a range of facilities including a running track,

yoga space, open-air gym, volleyball and kabaddi courts, and efficient surface drainage, benefiting the community beyond school hours. Established on October 25, 1983, the school initially grappled with space constraints. However, following its relocation to a new building on September 22, 1988, equipped with 8 classrooms and 4 staff rooms, it began catering to approximately 650 students. Presently, the school has expanded its capacity to and 2000 students.



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

Berhampur, (KCN):r: TPSODL, a dedicated advocate for women and communities in Southern Odisha, is championing Income Generation Activities (IGAs) through its livelihood enhancement program. Collaborating with Mission Shakti, Odisha Livelihood Mission, and NGO partner, TPSODL is identifying and supporting potential Women Self-Help Groups (WSHG) and farmers through various initiatives. One of the noteworthy



endeavours of TPSODL is its commitment to the promotion of millet cultivation. To this end, the organization has mobilized approximately 500 WSHGs and farmers, providing them

with essential resources. TPSODL offers capacity-building programs, training sessions, and input support including seeds and on-ground guidance. The goal is not only to

empower these individuals but also to promote the numerous nutritional and health benefits of millet. Millet, known for its resilience in challenging environmental conditions with minimal water and fertilizer requirements, also aids in mitigating the effects of climate change due to its low carbon footprint. During the kharif season, more than 500 acres of land have been cultivated across 8 districts of TPSODL operational areas. In

total, 70 Gram panchayats were involved impacting a total of 500 farmers and WSHGs. Which includes 24 GPs of Ganjam, 8 GPs of Gajapati, 8 GPs of Koraput, 8 GPs of Nabarangpur, 8 GPs of Malkangiri, 9 GPs of Boudh, and 5 GPs of Kandhamal. Looking ahead to the upcoming Rabi season, coinciding with the International Year of Millets, TPSODL aims to extend its support to 1000 acres of land and farmers.

Mahindra Promises, “Get Highest Productivity Per Liter of Fuel

Pune : Mahindra’s Construction Equipment Division (MCE), a part of the Mahindra Group, today announced their unique and disruptive customer value proposition “Get Highest Productivity Per Liter of Fuel or Give Machine Back” Guarantee for their BS4 range of Backhoe Loaders – Mahindra EarthMaster.

The new range features the proven and reliable 74 HP CRi Mahindra Engine and many other technological advancements, besides the cutting-edge iMAXX Telematics solution, all of which together, ensure guaranteed better fuel efficiency. Given the fact that fuel is one of the major element of the operating cost (nearly 50%), with unique features as Banana Boom, joystick lever, robust design, and bigger buckets, EarthMaster range is well suited for all types of backhoe applications,

be it mining, trenching, crushers, building construction or any other work in construction industry. Mahindra BS4 Backhoe Loader – EarthMaster, with this competitive advantage will provide them an edge, complete peace of mind and scale up their CE business, delivering higher prosperity.

Speaking on the occasion, Jalaj Gupta, Business Head, Commercial Vehicles Business Unit, Mahindra & Mahindra Limited said, “The ‘Guaranteed Higher per litre productivity (or Give Back Machine)’ Promise is a landmark move in the construction equipments space. Given the spiraling fuel prices, there wasn’t a better time to introduce this Customer Value Proposition. We firmly believe that it will reaffirm our customers’ faith in Mahindra’s ability to create technologically

advanced, class-leading products and set higher standards for the Indian CE industry. The Service Uptime Guarantee further reinforce our commitment to our customers and our confidence in our products and after-sales capabilities.”

Jalaj Gupta further added, “Our new BS4 machines have delivered higher fuel efficiency, which is the outcome of Mahindra’s superior technological prowess rooted into a deep understanding of the Indian customer. Additionally, MCE is offering Service guarantee to ensure higher uptime for our customers through guaranteed speedier turnaround of the machine. The state-of-the-art iMAXX Telematics technology is further helping lower the Cost of Ownership by providing a firm control to the owners over their machines, remotely.”

Inaugural of 9th Conference on Transportation Systems Engineering and Management

Warangal (KCN): The inaugural of 9th Conference on Transportation Systems Engineering and Management (CTSEM 2023) was held today morning in Chandrasekhar Hall of Seminar Halls Complex. The programme is organised by the Transportation Division, Department of Civil Engineering, National Institute of Technology, Warangal, Telangana. Prof. CSRK Prasad, Chairman of the conference inaugurated the conference. The objective of this



conference is to bring together postgraduate students and researcher scholars to present their ongoing research works. Experts in the field of Transportation Engineering from academic institutions,

industries, and research organizations were also invited to share their knowledge, expertise, and experience with the young participants and to provide an overview on the latest trends and potential research

areas in Pavement Engineering, Traffic Engineering, and Transportation Planning. The keynote speeches will be delivered by the eminent personalities at national and international level. On day one, Prof. J. Murali Krishnan from IIT Madras and Prof. K. Sudhakar Reddy from IIT Kharagpur shared their experiences and the major research works that are being executed by them in Pavement Engineering. The programme is sponsored by LEA Associates South Asia Pvt. Ltd., Coast

Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Avijet Agencies Pvt. Ltd., and Parameshwari Projects. About 150 Postgraduate students and research scholars will be presenting their papers and receive valuable suggestions from the experts. The coordinators of this conference are Dr. K.V.R. Ravi Shankar, Dr. S. Shankar, and Dr. Arpan Mehar and the co-coordinators are Dr. B. Raghuram Kadali, and Dr. Vishnu R. The Chairman of the conference is Prof. C.S.R.K. Prasad, and the Convenor is Prof. Venkaiah Chowdary.

ICICI Lombard launches Professional Indemnity Insurance for Doctors

Mumbai: ICICI Lombard, one of the leading private general insurance companies has launched Professional Indemnity Insurance for doctors. This new offering covers all specializations, provides instant policy issuance, and comes equipped with transparent and competitive pricing, a hassle-free claim process, and legal counsel services support in case of claims.

As professionals, doctors are vulnerable to human errors where they can be held liable by the kin of the patients. As a solution to situations of such nature, this policy has been curated to provide support to medical practitioners against the scope of various human errors that can happen while rendering professional services to patients.

Speaking on the same, Mr. Sanjeev Mantri, Executive Director, ICICI Lombard said “Doctors and healthcare professionals are prone to uncertainties and risks while they are in the forefront to save lives. Error, omission, or

at times unintentional negligence are a part and parcel of their professional life. Any aggrieved person possesses the right to claim damages for medical negligence against them. In such cases, our Professional Indemnity insurance safeguards doctors against all professional risks such as legal defense costs, compensation claims, injury among others, as well as against invalid claims. As a company, we are inclined towards protecting the interests and providing the best financial and legal security to the medical practitioners as they truly deserve the same.”

Professional Indemnity insurance supports doctors both legally and financially in the event of a law suit. The key features of this offering comprises of coverage against legal liabilities such as defense costs incurred during investigation, cost of representation, and compensation for claims arising out of bodily injury or death caused due to error, omission and

negligence. It will also provide coverage against invalid claims where there is no fault of the practitioner by covering the legal fees and settlement compensation to be paid against the claims awarded by the court, or in cases of medical malpractices allegations and legal suit due to breach of confidentiality allegations.

ICICI Lombard, among other companies, delivers end-to-end wellness solutions to its valued consumers through its insurance products. Doctors are focused on giving their best when it comes to saving lives. However there are uncertainties which can put their job at stake. The professional indemnity insurance for doctors under the SME category is an innovative offering from this leading general insurance company and goes on to show their focus on delivering a stellar experience to their customers. The product is available with our traditional distribution partners as well as on our website www.icicilombard.com

Business icons confer with Utkal Tycoons Awards

Bhubaneswar: Noted business icons of Odisha conferred with Utkal Tycoons Award in an exotic platform organizes by Utkal Updates and Addiction Fashion Management today at WelcomHotel by ITC Hotels, Bhubaneswar. As part of Epari Sadashiv Jewelry presents Odisha’s unique award show and fashion fest ‘Utkal Tycoons Awards with Bhubaneswar Runway Week Season-6, numbers of well known and successful face of Odisha business fraternity got thumping applause for their wonderful contribution to the economy of Odisha.

Their contributions were recognized and awarded. Program starts with lighting of lamp by organizer Sushree Sangeeta Sahu, John Ajay, Gaurav, Sridhar Epari and Sunil Murarka. Surya Narayan Patra, Speaker, Odisha Assembly attended as chief guest and Sulochana Das, Mayor, Bhubaneswar as guest of honour. Today, Utkal Tycoons Awards conferred to Rashmi Sahoo, Director, Frozit; Nirupama Biswal, Director, Gayatri Devi Group; Kabir Taneja, Director, Espirit Toyota; Ratnamala Swain, real estate player; Sukirti Pattnaik, MD, Indulge the

Saloon; Sreejet Patnaik, MD, Mother’s Public School; Harshavardhan Didwania, Co-founder and MD, EeVe Scooters; Pradeep Pansari, Director, Rajhans, Rajiv Swain, MD, Odisha Hotel; Punya Prakash Parida, MD, Embassy and Biraja Prasad Rout, founder, Biggies Burger. To uplift the fashion statement of Odisha to higher level Bhubaneswar Runway season-6 also organized where eminent fashion designers showcase their creativity and woo the audiences with their authentic design statements. 30 models participated in the event to showcase

designs. Olly wood celebrities like Elina Samantray and Bhoomika graced the occasion as guest designers and brands like Priya’s (Priya Mohapatra), Tasa Wings (Supra Das), TP Garments (Savitri Panigrahi), AJ Fashion Realm (Selina Dashon) and Reemly Design Studio (Reemly Studio) participated and showcase their designs. Priya’s By Priya Mohapatra showcases handloom collection “EKATRA” which is amalgamation of sambalpuri handloom fabric and pipli appliqué work. AJ Fashion Realm by Selina Doson

has showcased summer collection which is inspired by gorgeous butterfly hamadryas. Supra Das’s Tasa Wing has brought collection ‘Fusion’ which is inspired form ‘the galaxy’ is fit for festive season, evening party and wedding season. Reemly’s Design studio is showcasing the Bridal Collection “Rooh” at Bhubaneswar Runway Week 2022(season 6). TP Garments are here with some of our evening gowns collection, rich in colours, unique designs, patterns, and Using shades nude, grey, navy blue, teal blue.

Bandhan Bank registers strong business growth in Q4FY

Kolkata : Bandhan Bank, the universal bank with inclusive banking at its core, today announced its financial results for the final quarter of financial year 2021-22. The Bank continued to witness strong business growth, as the economy revived strongly. The Bank’s total business (deposits and advances) grew 18.6% year-on-year to reach around Rs.1.96 lakh crore as on March 31, 2022. The Bank serves 2.63 crore customers through 5,639 banking outlets across 34 of the 36 states and union territories in India. The total number of employees working at Bandhan Bank stands at 60,211.



During the fourth quarter of the current financial year, the Bank’s deposit book grew 24% over the corresponding quarter of the previous year. The total deposits now stand at Rs.96,331 crore. In this period, the Bank’s retail deposit book showed a substantial

growth and grew 21% year-on-year to Rs. 74,441 crore. The current account and savings account (CASA) book grew by 18% year-on-year, and the CASA ratio now stands at 41.6% of the overall deposit book. With respect to advances, the bank saw 16% growth over the

corresponding quarter of the previous year. The total advances are now at Rs. 99,338 crore.

Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR), an indication of the stability of the Bank, is at 20.1, much higher than the regulatory requirement.

To cater to its customers across the

country, Bandhan Bank is focussed on diversifying its presence across India and also growing its product portfolio in areas like SME Loans, Gold Loans, Personal Loans and Auto Loans.

Speaking on the results, Chandra Shekhar Ghosh, MD & CEO, said, “The Bank has yet again proved its resilience with a strong performance in Q4 of FY22. Our belief in our business model has been further strengthened. We thank our customers for their continued trust and support, which has made Bandhan Bank a preferred banking partner for millions of Indians.”

RapiPay launches De Dhana Dhan Offer

New Delhi/ Bhubaneswar : RapiPay Fintech Private Ltd, one of the leading fintech companies in India, has announced the launch of RapiPay De Dhana Dhan offer pan India for its 5 Lakhs + agents, also known as, Direct Business Outlets (DBOs). The new scheme incentives thousands of lucky DBOs daily with prizes such as Smart TVs, Smartphones, mobile accessories and cashbacks. To become eligible, DBOs need to do AEPS or Recharge transactions

on RapiPay between 6am – 12pm in the morning and 5pm to 11pm in the evening. The first winner of Smart TV is from Darbhanga (Bihar) and he has been awarded his 55 inch Smart TV with much fanfare and celebration on 12th May 2022. Similarly, every week winners of TV and Smart phones are being gratified instantly so that they don’t have to wait for their prizes for long. Mr. Nipun Jain, CEO, RapiPay Fintech Ltd. said “We believe, it is important to bring excitement in the business with regular incentives for

our DBOs, RapiPay’s De Dhana Dhan Offer is a step towards that. An effective incentive scheme like this does not just improve customer experience and build your business, but also helps with DBOs retention. Moreover, as a category leader, we are committed to grow the Assisted Payments space and take the financial inclusion to the last mile. “RapiPay is one of top players in AEPS and Micro ATM services. It has witnessed 200% growth in AePS and Micro ATM transactions from April 2021 to March 2022.

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