

'Political tourists' to have no impact on Odisha people: Patnaik on visit of BJP CMs, ministers

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Friday denounced the campaign speeches by his counterparts from other states and union ministers terming them as “derogatory and abusive”, and claimed that those “political tourists” have no impact on people of his state. In the last few days, a number of BJP CMs and union ministers campaigned in the state, and altogether 14 rallies were addressed by them Friday at various places across the state. “Some chief ministers and union ministers come as political tourists only at the time of elections and then they disappear,” Patnaik



told PTI Videos. The ruling Biju Janata Dal (BJD) chief claimed that the speeches of those political leaders and ministers have no effect on the people of Odisha at all. "And it's most unfortunate that many of

them use derogatory and abusive language. I never believe in doing that and the people in our state don't appreciate such language," Patnaik asserted.

During the last few

days, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, Chhattisgarh CM Vishnu Deo Sai, Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma, former Tripura CM Biplab Kumar Deb and at least eight union ministers along with several senior BJP leaders have campaigned in Odisha, where Assembly and Lok Sabha polls are taking place together. Four rallies are being addressed by Sarma, three each by Sai and Sharma, two by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and one each by Union Home Minister Amit Shah and his cabinet colleague Bhupender Yadav Friday. BJP MP Hema Malini is also speaking at three rallies during the day.

Odisha to turn saffron, BJP to win over 75 Assembly, 15 LS seats: Amit Shah



Rourkela (KCN): Union Home Minister Amit Shah Friday claimed that Odisha would turn saffron after the elections, since the BJP would win over 75 Assembly and 15 Lok Sabha seats. He asserted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi

has already won 270 Lok Sabha seats in the first four phases of elections and is now moving towards 400. Lok Sabha and Assembly elections are held simultaneously in Odisha. "With more than 15 MPs and 75 MLAs, Odisha is about to be coloured

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Chandigarh (JAG MOHAN THAKEN), May 17: Launching an attack on the BJP, Delhi Chief Minister and AAP supremo, Kejriwal said that the BJP thought that by arresting me, they will finish the Aam Aadmi Party. But my arrest is not going to make any difference to the party because the Aam Aadmi Party is a family and when trouble comes in the family, everyone comes together. You also did the same, you all came together. This sent a message to them that arresting one Kejriwal will not work. Every worker of the Aam Aadmi Party is Kejriwal. Here every worker will stand up and take charge and will not let Punjab and the country down in any situation.

On Friday, AAP National Convener and Delhi

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann held a meeting with party leaders and workers in Amritsar. In the meeting, Kejriwal and Bhagwant Mann praised the party workers for their hard work and discussed the election strategies. Addressing the workers, Arvind Kejriwal said that I had no special agenda to come to Punjab this time. I have come here this time to meet the people of Punjab and my workers. I used to miss you all a lot in jail. Whenever I met Bhagwant Mann in jail, I used to ask about you. Kejriwal said that the jail authorities deliberately did not allow me and Bhagwant Mann to meet in the room, whereas according to the jail manual, they could have allowed a meeting of us in a single room as Chief

Ministers. All this is written in the jail manual, this is the provision. From here, the Punjab Police and Chief Minister's Office used to write that the CM of Punjab is coming to meet the CM of Delhi, but they did not arrange a meeting with me in the room. I used to stand on one side of the jail's bars and Bhagwant Mann on the other side and talk. They thought that by doing this they are insulting Kejriwal, but Kejriwal is not insulted by these small things. As long as Bharat Mata's head is high, Kejriwal's head is high.

He said that there were two CCTV cameras installed outside my barrack in the jail to monitor me. 13 jail officers kept an eye on me 24 hours a day, the

New Delhi(KCN): Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Rajya Sabha member Swati Maliwal Friday formally lodged an FIR with Delhi Police alleging harassment and torture she faced by Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's personal secretary (PS) Bibhav Kumar.

The FIR lodged by Swati Maliwal, a copy of which is with IANS, reveals details about the alleged atrocity and brutality inflicted on her May 13 at the Delhi CM's residence. "When I called 112 (emergency number) after the assault, Bhibhav said do what you have to do. You can't spoil anything for us. We'll bury and dump in such a place that no one will even know," read the AAP MP Swati Maliwal's statement in the FIR, after the assault on her Kumar.

According to the FIR, accessed by IANS, May



13, at around 9 am, Maliwal had visited the residence of Arvind Kejriwal at 6, Flagstaff Road, Civil Lines, Delhi. "I then entered the residential area through the main door, as I have always done in the past year since Bibhav Kumar was not present at the gate. I entered the residence area and informed the staff present there to convey my message to the CM to meet me. I was informed that he was present in the house and I was directed to the drawing room. I proceeded to the drawing room, sat on the sofa, and waited for him to meet me," she said in

the FIR. She said that a staff member informed me that the CM would meet me shortly, and suddenly, the PS of the CM, Bibhav Kumar, barged into the room. “He started screaming without any provocation and even resorted to verbal abuse. I was stunned by this sudden outburst and reacted by telling him to stop talking to me in such a manner and to call the CM. He said, “How dare you not obey us? How can you not obey us? Your status is so low that you won’t refuse us. You’re a lowly woman, we’ll teach you a lesson,” she claimed in the FIR. Maliwal said that while

uttering these words, Kumar came and stood right in front of me. Without any provocation on my part, he started hitting me repeatedly. "He slapped me at least 7-8 times while I continued to scream for help. I felt absolutely shocked and kept screaming for assistance. In an attempt to protect myself, I pushed him away with my legs. At that moment, he aggressively attacked me, pulled my shirt up deliberately, causing the buttons to come undone, and my shirt flew up. I fell down and hit my head on the centre table. I continued to scream for help as he did not stop and proceeded to kick me in my chest, stomach, and pelvic area with his legs," she claimed in the FIR.

SIT to probe death of BJP worker during clash in Odisha's Ganjam

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Odisha Police Friday constituted a special investigation team (SIT) to probe into the killing of a BJP worker in a clash between supporters of the ruling BJD and the saffron party in Ganjam district.

The SIT, headed by ADG RK Sharma, will submit the chargesheet within 30 days, officials said.

Nine people have been arrested in connection with the death of the BJP worker, police said.

The deceased, Dilip Kumar Pahana (28), was killed and seven BJP supporters were injured in the clash at Sri Krushna Saranapur village in the district Wednesday.

According to preliminary investigation, the clash occurred over putting up posters of a candidate and both sides used sharp weapons in the fight, police had said.

Heatwave Warning, Rain & Thundershower Alert For Odisha Districts

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The regional center of the India Meteorological Department (IMD) in Bhubaneswar has issued heatwave warnings amid a yellow alert for rain and thundershowers in several districts of Odisha during the next seven days. While light to moderate rain/thundershowers are very likely to occur at one or two places in south Odisha and dry weather is very likely to prevail over the rest districts of Odisha. Weather forecast and warning for Odisha districts during the next seven days:
Light to moderate rain/thundershowers are very likely to occur at one or



two places in south Odisha, Sundargarh, Jharsuguda, and Bargarh, and dry weather is very likely to prevail over the rest districts of Odisha.

YELLOW WARNING (BE UPDATED):
Thunderstorms with lightning are very likely to occur at one or two places in Nuapada, Bolangir, Kalahandi, and Nabarangpur.

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and dry weather is very likely to prevail over the rest districts of Odisha. **YELLOW WARNING (BE UPDATED):** Thunderstorms with lightning are very likely to occur at one or two places in Nayagarh, Kandhamal, Rayagada, Kalahandi, Koraput, Ganjam, and Gajapati. Hot and humid weather conditions are very likely to prevail in Nuapada, Bolangir, Kalahandi, Nabarangpur, Balasore, Bhadrak, Jajpur,

Kendrapara, Cuttack Jagatsinghpur, Puri Khurda, Nayagarh Ganjam, and Gajapati. Day 3 (Valid from 0830 hrs IST of 19.05.2024 to 0830 hrs IST of 20.05.2024) Light to moderate rain, thundershowers are very likely to occur at one or two places in Koraput, Malkangiri, Rayagada, Ganjam, and Gajapati, and dry weather is very likely to prevail over the rest of districts of Odisha.

YELLOW WARNING (BE UPDATED): Hot and humid weather conditions are very likely to prevail at one or two places in Balasore, Bhadrak, Jajpur, Kendrapara, Cuttack Jagatsinghpur, Puri Khurda, Nayagarh Ganjam, and Gajapati.

Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik faces migration issues both in Hinjili, Kantabanji seats

Hinjili / Kantabanji(KCN): Located at a distance of about 350 km from each other, Hinjili and Kantabanji Assembly constituencies of Odisha share two commonalities – both hold migration as the key issue and Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik as the BJD candidate. Though local voters talk about infrastructure development, lack of job opportunities plague the two rural constituencies for several years. Though there is no official data on the number of migration from these two places, unofficial estimates say more than a lakh people have left

their homes in Hinjili and Kantabanji in search of jobs in Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and other states. While Kantabanji is in the western region of Odisha, Hinjili is in the southern part of the state. However, the ruling BJD claimed that the rate of migration has drastically come down in Odisha. These migrant workers are now in high demand as political parties bring them back to their homes to cast votes in the Odisha elections. “We had to return from Surat in Gujarat to cast votes in Hinjili as our family lives here. Unless

we cast our votes, the local sarpanch may deny us free rice or other such benefits being availed from the government,” said Santosh Gouda (35), a migrant worker. Similar is the story of other migrant workers. Each migrant worker is paid train fare and meal allowance of Rs 500 to return to the village and cast votes, Gouda said, adding that all parties including BJD, BJP and Congress adopt this approach to raise their vote share in the elections. Patnaik has been elected from Hinjili Assembly segment since 2000. “It is our pride that our MLA is the Odisha Chief



Minister. During the 24 years, he has improved certain infrastructure but has not solved the basic problem of migration. Had there been sufficient work here, why should our husband, brother and son go to another state in search of jobs,” said Bilasini Behera, of Sheragada area under Hinjili assembly segment.

During Patnaik’s tenure Hinjili, a small rural pocket, has become a municipality. Now it has sub-divisional hospital, rural industrial park, skill development centre, fire stations, Harabhangi irrigation project, drinking water supply for every household but migration is still a problem. However, despite

infrastructure development, Hinjili has its problems. Large-scale migration and lack of cold storage for farmers are some of the problems in the segment. Hinjili is basically an agrarian economy where its residents mostly undertake vegetable cultivation. But, they are forced to undertake distress sale of their produce due to lack of cold storages, claimed Sisir Mishra, the BJP candidate who is contesting against Patnaik. Mishra says if adequate cold storage facilities are available, to a great

extent migration could be avoided. This apart, Odisha’s chief minister has not been able to set up even a pin factory so that the migration could be arrested. “Though Patnaik has been representing Hinjili seat in Assembly for about two and half a decade, the area does not look like a VVIP constituency. The officers manage the show here on behalf of the chief minister which is again a curse for the local people,” the BJP candidate said. Patnaik is seeking re-election for the sixth time in a row from

Hinjili. Congress has pitted Rajani Kanta Padhi against the BJD supremo. Though there are 10 candidates in the fray from this constituency, the main contest is likely to be witnessed between the BJD and BJP in Hinjili which comes under Aska Lok Sabha constituency. The over 2.31 lakh voters of Hinjili are dependent on agriculture and business. “We are concentrating only on increasing the victory margin,” said Nibedita Pradhan, BJD’s Zilla Parishad member.

Odisha CM Naveen Comes Down Heavily On Opposition As He Campaigns Vigorously In Sambalpur



Sambalpur(KCN): Chief Minister and Biju Janata Dal President Naveen Patnaik on Friday campaigned vigorously to boost party’s poll prospects in Sambalpur for the ensuing elections. The BJD supremo addressed a huge public meeting at Ainthapali in Sambalpur to seek votes for party candidates.

The Chief Minister appealed to the people to vote for the development and BJD candidates. Speaking at the campaign meeting, Naveen reiterated about his government’s welfare programs for the people of the state. He also informed the gathering that the people will get free electricity from July. He assured the people

that the government will bring a package for the bidi workers. Highlighting the government’s welfare programmes such as the BSKY, Mission Shakti, 5T school transformation, LAccMI Bus service, Madhu Babu Pension Yojana and Mamata scheme, Naveen sought feedback from the people, who

responded very positively. Coming down heavily on the opposition, the BJD president said that the opposition parties are shedding crocodile tears for the development of Odisha. Thousands of people from different parts of Sambalpur district gathered at the meeting venue to greet their favorite leader.

BJP expels Odisha leader Bijoy Mohapatra for ‘anti-party activities’

Bhubaneswar(KCN): BJP Friday expelled senior leader Bijoy Mohapatra and two others from the party on the charge of “anti-party activities”. The action against Mohapatra came after his son Arvind was made the ruling Biju Janata Dal (BJD) candidate from the Patkura Assembly



segment. Mohapatra, a former state executive member of the party, is

accused of canvassing for his son. In a statement, the party

said the two other leaders who were expelled are state executive member Sarada Pradhan and vice-president of state BJP SC Morcha Rakesh Mallick. Pradhan and Mallick are considered close to Mahapatra. The action was taken according to the direction of BJP state president Manmohan Samal, the statement said.

Forest Dept Captures Leopard Which Strayed Into Residential Area In Baripada



Baripada(KCN): A leopard that had strayed into the Budhikhamari area in Baripada was

tranquilised by forest officers after four hours of launching the rescue operation.

As per reports, the leopard was first seen wandering in the Bhanjapur area this

morning. As the stray dogs barked at that, the leopard entered the Budhikhamari Primary School. The locals then informed the Forest Service personnel about this. On intimation, the officials rushed to the spot and launched a rescue operation to catch the leopard. Finally, they could tranquillize it. It is suspected that the leopard might have come from the Similipal Wildlife Sanctuary and entered the city to search for food.



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Awards under the Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996



Mr. RadhaShyam Jena

On 16.01.2008 while listening a matter bearing Civil Appeal No.7019 of 2005, a two-judge bench was pleased to pass the following Order:

“In the midst of hearing of these appeals, the learned counsel for the appellant has referred to the three-Judge Bench decision of this Court in *Bhatia International v. Bulk Trading S.A.* The said decision was followed in a recent decision of two-Judge Bench in *Venture Global Engg. v. Satyam Computer Services Ltd.* My learned Brother Hon’ble Mr. Justice MarkandeyKatju has reservation on the correctness of the said decisions in view of the interpretation of clause (2) of Section 2 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. My view is otherwise.

Place these appeals before the Hon’ble Chief Justice for listing them before any other Bench.”

Pursuant to the aforesaid Order, the appeal stated herein above was placed for hearing before a three-judge bench which by its order dated 01.11.2011 was pleased to direct the matters to be placed before the Constitution Bench.

Under the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 there are three kinds of awards, namely;

- (i) Domestic Award;
- (ii) International Award; and
- (iii) Foreign Award

The relevant sections dealing with the said awards are Sections 2(1)(f) and 2(7). Domestic Award can either be an award made in India in a domestic arbitration as award made in international arbitration whose juridical seat is in India. Both types of awards are liable to be challenged under Section 34 and enforceable under Section 36.

Foreign Award is an award in any arbitration whose juridical seat is in outside India and would be enforceable in India.

The provisions under Part-I of the Act are applicable to domestic award and International Award. Simultaneously the provisions under Part-II can be applicable to Foreign Awards i.e. awards made in arbitrations whose juridical or the legal seat of arbitration is outside India. The courts situated in India have no jurisdiction to consider the validity of annul Foreign Awards. Foreign Awards sought to be enforced in India cannot be challenged on merits in Indian Courts. Indian Courts can only refuse to enforce a Foreign Award on the grounds specified in Section 48. [Para 120 to 136 of the judgment of Hon’ble Supreme Court titled *Bharat Aluminium Company Versus Kaiser Aluminium Technical Services Inc.* and etc. etc. (CB) reported in (2012) 9 SCC 552].

Section 48(1)(e) deals with the conditions for enforcement of Foreign Awards. Section 2(7) clearly indicates that an arbitral award made under this part shall be considered as a domestic award. The provision under Section 2(7) does not indicate that Part-I is applicable to arbitrations held outside India. The said section does not alter the proposition that Part-I applies only where the seat or the place of arbitration that takes place in India. On

the said issue, the Constitutional Bench Judgment as stated hereinabove deals with substantially at paragraphs 88 and 89 and paragraphs 92, 93 and 94. In this regard the above mentioned judgment has clearly dealt with the issue of the place of arbitration taking into account the provision under Section 20 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 at paragraphs 94, 95, 97 and 98. The relevant parts of the said paragraphs 94, 95, 97 and 98 are reproduced as under:

“94. It appears to us that provision in Section 2(7) was also necessary to foreclose a rare but possible scenario (as canvassed by Mr. GopalSubramaniam) where two foreigners who arbitrate in India, but under a foreign Arbitration Act, could claim that the resulting award would be a “non-domestic” award. In such a case, a claim could be made to enforce the award in India, even though the seat of arbitration is also in India. This curious result has occurred in some cases in other jurisdictions e.g. USA. In *Bergesen v. Joseph Muller Corp.*, the Court held that an award made in the State of New York between two foreign parties is to be considered as a non-domestic award within the meaning of the New York Convention and its implementing legislation. Section 2(7), in our opinion, is enacted to reinforce the territorial criterion by providing that, when two foreigners arbitrate in India, under a foreign Arbitration Act, the provisions of Part I will apply. The Indian courts being the supervisory courts, will exercise control and regulate the arbitration proceedings, which will produce a “domestically rendered international commercial award”. It would be a “foreign award” for the purposes of enforcement in a country other than India. We, therefore, have no hesitation in rejecting the submissions made by the learned Senior Counsel for the appellants, being devoid of merit.

95. The learned counsel for the appellants have submitted that Section 2(1)(e), Section 20 and Section 28 read with Section 45 and Section 48(1)(e) make it clear that Part I is not limited only to arbitrations which take place in India. These provisions indicate that the Arbitration Act, 1996 is subject-matter centric and not exclusively seat-centric. Therefore, “seat” is not the “centre of gravity” so far as the Arbitration Act, 1996 is concerned. We are of the considered opinion that the foresaid provisions have to be interpreted by keeping the principle of territoriality at the forefront. We have earlier observed that Section 2(2) does not make Part I applicable to arbitrations seated or held outside India. In view of the expression used in Section 2(2), the maxim *expressum facit cessante* would not permit by interpretation to hold that Part I would also apply to arbitrations held outside the territory of India. The expression “this Part shall apply where the place of arbitration is in India” necessarily excludes application of Part I to arbitration seated or held outside India. It appears to us that neither of the provisions relied upon by the learned counsel for the appellants would make any section of Part I applicable to arbitration seated outside

India. It will be apposite now to consider each of the aforesaid provisions in turn. 97. The definition of Section 2(1)(e) includes “subject-matter of the arbitration” to give jurisdiction to the courts where the arbitration takes place, which otherwise would not exist. On the other hand, Section 47 which is in Part II of the Arbitration Act, 1996 dealing with enforcement of certain foreign awards has defined the term “court” as a court having jurisdiction over the subject-matter of the award. This has a clear reference to a court within whose jurisdiction the asset/person is located, against which/whom the enforcement of the international arbitral award is sought. The provisions contained in Section 2(1)(e) being purely jurisdictional in nature can have no relevance to the question whether Part I applies to arbitrations which take place outside India.

98. We now come to Section 20, which is as under:

“20. Place of arbitration.-(1) The parties are free to agree on the place of arbitration. (2) Failing any agreement referred to in sub-section (1), the place of arbitration shall be determined by the Arbitral Tribunal having regard to the circumstances of the case, including the convenience of the parties. (3) Notwithstanding sub-section (1) or sub-section (2), the Arbitral Tribunal may, unless otherwise agreed by the parties, meet at any place it considers appropriate for consultation among its members, for hearing witnesses, experts or the parties, or for inspection of documents, goods or other property.”

A plain reading of Section 20 leaves no room for doubt that where the place of arbitration is in India, the parties are free to agree to any “place” or “seat” within India, be it Delhi, Mumbai, etc. In the absence of the parties’ agreement thereto, Section 20(2) authorizes the tribunal to determine the place/seat of such arbitration. Section 20(3) enables the tribunal to meet at any place for conducting hearings at a place of convenience in matters such as consultations among its members for hearing witnesses, experts or the parties.”

Sections 44, 45 and 48 of Part-II deal with the enforcement of Foreign Awards. The enforcement of Foreign Awards may be refused. Para 136 to 143 and 153 of the above mentioned judgment deal with the provisions under Section 48(1)(e) of the Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996.

The relevant parts of the above mentioned paragraphs 136 to 143 and 153 of Part II categorically deal with the Foreign Award which are reproduced as under:

“136. As noticed above, Section 48 corresponds to Article V(1)(e) of the New York Convention. A reading of Article V(1)(e) [Section 48(1)(e)] makes it clear that only the courts in the country “in which the award was made” and the courts “under the law of which the award was made” (hereinafter referred to as the “first alternative” and the “second alternative” respectively) would be competent to suspend / annul the New York Convention awards. It is clarified that Section 48(1)(e) is only one of the defences on the basis of which recognition and

enforcement of the award may be refused. It has no relevance to the determination of the issue as to whether the national law of a country confers upon its courts, the jurisdiction to annul the awards made outside the country. Therefore, the word “suspended/set aside” in Section 48(1)(e) cannot be interpreted to mean that, by necessary implication, the foreign awards sought to be enforced in India can also be challenged on merits in Indian courts. The provision only means that Indian courts would recognize as a valid defence in the enforcement proceedings relating to a foreign award, if the court is satisfied that the award has been set aside in one of the two countries i.e. the “first alternative” or the “second alternative”.

137. Mr. Sundaram had submitted that the two countries identified in “alternative one” and “alternative two”, would have concurrent jurisdiction to annul the award. In our opinion, interpreting the provision in the manner suggested by Mr. Sundaram would lead to very serious practical problems.

138. In this context, it would be relevant to take note of some of the observations made by Hans Smit, Professor of Law, Columbia University in the article titled “Annulment and Enforcement of International Arbitral Awards”. The author points out the reasons for incorporating the second forum for annulment. He states that- “While, therefore, there appears to be no justification, based in reason and principle, for providing for an exception to the general rule of recognition and enforcement for the forum at the place of arbitration, the drafters of the Convention compounded their error by providing for two fora for an annulment action. For Article V(1)(e) envisages that an annulment action may be brought ‘in the country in which ... the award was made’ or ‘in the country ... under the law of which the award was made’. The disjunctive used in the Convention’s text naturally raises the question of whether the second forum is available only if the first is not or whether the party seeking annulment has the option of selecting either or even to try its luck in both. The legislative history of the Convention sheds illuminating light on the issue.

The text of Article V(1)(e) originally proposed acknowledge only the bringing of an annulment action in the place in which the award was made. One of the delegates at the Conference devoted to the drafting of the Convention raised the question of what would happen if the forum at the place of arbitration would refuse to entertain an annulment action. The obviously correct answer to that question would have been that, in that case, no annulment action could be brought and that the happy consequence would be that only denial of recognition and enforcement on grounds specified in the Convention would be possible. Instead, the drafters of the Convention provided for an alternative forum in the country the arbitration laws of which governed the arbitration. That choice was both most fateful and most regrettable.”

139. These observations

mitigate against the concurrent jurisdiction submission of Mr. Sundaram. The observations made by the learned author, as noticed above, make it clear that the “second alternative” is an exception to the general rule. It was only introduced to make it possible for the award to be challenged in the court of the “second alternative”, if the court of the “first alternative” had no power to annul the award, under its national legislation. In our opinion, the disjunction would also tend to show that the “second alternative” would be available only if the first is not. Accepting the submission made by Mr. Sundaram, would lead to unnecessary confusion. There can be only one court with jurisdiction to set aside the award. There is a public policy consideration apparent, favouring the interpretation that, only one court would have jurisdiction to set aside the arbitral award. This public policy aspect was considered by the Court of Appeal in para 16 of the judgment has already been reproduced earlier in this judgment. (Seepara 112, above)

140. It was pointed out by the Court of Appeal that accepting more than one jurisdiction for judicial remedies in respect of an award would be a recipe for litigation and confusion. “Similarly, in the case of a single complaint about an award, it could not be supposed that the aggrieved party could complain in one jurisdiction and the satisfied party be entitled to ask the other jurisdiction to declare its satisfaction with the award”.

141. The creation of such a situation is apparent from the judgment of this Court in *Venture Global Engg.* In the aforesaid judgment, the award was made by the London Court of International Arbitration on 3-4-2006. Respondent 1, on 14-4-2006, filed a petition to recognize and enforce the award before the United States District Court, Eastern District Court of Michigan, in the United States of America (for short “the US Court”). The appellant entered appearance to defend this proceeding before the US Court by filing a cross-petition. In the said petition, it took objection to the enforcement of the award, which had directed transfer of shares. The objection was that the direction was in violation of the Indian laws and regulations, specifically the Foreign Exchange Management Act (in short “the FEMA”) and its notifications.

142. Two weeks later on 28-4-2006, the appellant in *Venture Global Engg.* Case filed a suit in the City Civil Court, Secunderabad seeking declaration to set aside the award and permanent injunction on the transfer of shares. On 15-6-2006, the District Court passed an ad interim ex parte order of injunction, inter alia, restraining Respondent 1 for seeking or effecting the transfer of shares either under the terms of the award or otherwise. Respondent 1 filed an appeal challenging the said order before the High Court of Andhra Pradesh. The High Court admitted the appeal and directed interim suspension of the order of the District Judge, but made it clear that “Respondent 1 would not affect the transfer of shares till further orders.”

143. On 13-7-2006, in response to the summons, Respondent 1 appeared in the court and filed a petition under Order 7 Rule 11 for rejection of the plaint. The trial court by its order dated 28-12-2006, allowed the said application and rejected the plaint of the appellant. On 27-2-2007, the High Court dismissed the appeal holding that the award cannot be challenged even if it is against public policy and in contravention of statutory provisions. The judgment of the High Court was challenged in appeal before this Court. The appeal was allowed. It was held as follows: (*Venture Global Engg. Case*, SCC pp.206-12, paras 31, 33, 37, 42 & 47)

“31. On close scrutiny of the materials and the dictum laid down in the three-Judge Bench decision in *Bhatia International* we agree with the contention of Mr. K.K. Venugopal and hold that paras 32 and 35 of *Bhatia International* make it clear that the provisions of Part I of the Act would apply to all arbitrations including international commercial arbitrations and to all proceedings relating thereto. We further hold that where such arbitration is held in India, the provisions of Part I would compulsorily apply and parties are free to deviate to the extent permitted by the provisions of Part I. It is also clear that even in the case of international commercial arbitrations held out of India provisions of Part I would apply unless the parties by agreement, express or implied, exclude all or any of its provisions. We are also of the view that such an interpretation does not lead to any conflict between any of the provisions of the Act and there is no lacuna as such. The matter, therefore, is concluded by the three-Judge Bench decision in *Bhatia International*.

33. The very fact that the judgment holds that it would be open to the parties to exclude the application of the provisions of Part I by express or implied agreement, would mean that otherwise the whole of Part I would apply. In any event, to apply Section 34 to foreign international awards would not be inconsistent with Section 48 of the Act, or any other provision of Part II as a situation may arise, where, even in respect of properties situate in India and where an award would be invalid if opposed to the public policy of India, merely because the judgment-debtor resides abroad, the award can be enforced against properties in India through personal compliance of the judgment-debtor and by holding out the threat of contempt as is being sought to be done in the present case. In such an event, the judgment-debtor cannot be deprived of his right under Section 34 to invoke the public policy of India, to set aside the award. As observed earlier, the public policy of India includes – (a) the fundamental policy of India; or (b) the interests of India; or (c) justice or morality; or (d) in addition, if it is patently illegal. This extended definition of public policy can be bypassed by taking the award to a foreign country for enforcement.

37. In view of the legal position derived from *Bhatia International* we are unable to accept Mr. Nariman’s argument. It is relevant to point out that in this proceeding, we are not deciding the merits of the

claim of both parties, particularly, the stand taken in the suit filed by the appellant herein for setting aside the award. It is for the court concerned to decide the issue on merits and we are not expressing anything on the same. The present conclusion is only with regard to the main issue whether the aggrieved party is entitled to challenge the foreign award which was passed outside India in terms of Sections 9/34 of the Act. Inasmuch as the three-Judge Bench decision is an answer to the main issue raised, we are unable to accept the contra view taken in various decisions relied on by Mr. Nariman. Though in *Bhatia International* the issue relates to filing a petition under Section 9 of the Act for interim orders the ultimate conclusion that Part I would apply even for foreign awards is an answer to the main issue raised in this case.

42. The learned Senior Counsel for the appellant submitted that the first respondent *Satyam Computer Services Ltd.* could not have pursued the enforcement proceedings in the District Court in Michigan, USA in the teeth of the injunction granted by the courts in India which also, on the basis of the comity of courts, should have been respected by the District Courts in Michigan, USA. Elaborating the same, he further submitted that the injunction of the trial court restraining the respondents from seeking or effecting the transfer of shares either under the terms of the award or otherwise was in force between 15-6-2006 and 27-6-2006. The injunction of the High Court in the following terms-

‘the appellant (i.e. Respondent 1) shall not effect the transfer of shares of the respondents pending further orders’ was in effect from 27-6-2006 till 28-12-2006. The judgment of the US District Court was on 13-7-2006 and 31-7-2006 when the award was directed to be enforced as sought by Respondent 1, notwithstanding the injunction to the effect that the appellant (Respondent 1 herein) ‘shall not effect the transfer of shares of the respondents pending further orders’. The first respondent pursued his enforcement suit in Michigan District Courts to have a decree passed directing- ‘... VGE shall deliver to Satyam or its designee, share certificates in a form suitable for immediate transfer to Satyam evidencing all of the appellant’s ownership interest in Satyam Venture Engineering Services (SVES), the party’s joint venture company’. Further ‘VGE (the appellant herein) shall do all that may otherwise be necessary to effect the transfer of its ownership interest in SVES to Satyam (or its designee)’. It is pointed out that obtaining this order by pursuing the case in the US District Courts, in the teeth of the prohibition contained in the order of the High Court, would not only be a contempt of the High Court but would render all proceedings before the US courts a *brutum fulmen*, and liable to be ignored. Though Mr. R.F. Nariman has pointed out that the High Court only restrained the respondent from effecting transfer of the shares pending further orders by the City Civil Court, Secunderabad, after the orders of the trial court as well as limited order of the High Court, the first respondent ought not to have proceeded with the issue before the District Court, Michigan without

getting the interim orders / directions vacated.

47. In terms of the decision in *Bhatia International* we hold that Part I of the Act is applicable to the award in question even though it is a foreign award. We have not expressed anything on the merits of claim of both the parties. It is further made clear that if it is found that the court in which the appellant has filed a petition challenging the award is not competent and having jurisdiction, the same shall be transferred to the appropriate court. Since from the inception of ordering notice in the special leave petition both parties were directed to maintain status quo with regard to transfer of shares in issue, the same shall be maintained till the disposal of the suit. Considering the nature of dispute which relates to an arbitration award, we request the court concerned to dispose of the suit on merits one way or the other within a period of six months from the date of receipt of copy of this judgment. The civil appeal is allowed to this extent. No costs.”

With these observations, the matter was remanded back to the trial court to dispose of the suit on merits. The submissions made by Mr. K.K. Venugopal, as noticed in para 42, epitomize the kind of chaos which would be created by two court systems, in two different countries, exercising concurrent jurisdiction over the same dispute. There would be a clear risk of conflicting decisions. This would add to the problems relating to the enforcement of such decisions. Such a situation would undermine the policy underlying the New York Convention or the UNCITRAL Model Law.

Therefore, we are of the opinion that appropriate manner to interpret the aforesaid provision is that “alternative two” will become available only if “alternative one” is not available.”

153. In our opinion, the aforesaid is the correct way to interpret the expressions “country where the award was made” and the “country under the law of which the award was made”. We are unable to accept the submission of Mr. Sundaram that the provision confers concurrent jurisdiction in both the fora. “Second alternative” is available only on the failure of the “first alternative”. The expression under the law is the reference only to the procedural law/curial law of the country in which the award was made and under the law of which the award was made. It has no reference to the substantive law of the contract between the parties. In such view of the matter, we have no hesitation in rejecting the submission of the learned counsel for the appellants.”

In an International Commercial Arbitration in India, hearings may be necessitated outside India. Under such circumstances, the hearing of arbitration will be conducted at the venue fixed by the parties. In this regard Section 20(1), Section 22(2) and Section 22(3) may be practically considered for the distinction between seat and venue. Paragraphs 100 and 107 of the above mentioned judgment may be referred.

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High Blood Pressure : the Curse of Modern Life



'World Hypertension Day' is celebrated every year on 17th May to raise awareness about high blood pressure and encourage its prevention, detection and control. Currently, about one and a half billion people suffer from high blood pressure across the world. An estimated 46 percent of people with high blood pressure worldwide are unaware that they have high blood pressure. According to WHO, only one in five adults with high blood pressure keeps it under control, meaning 80 percent are at high risk, including heart attack, stroke, palpitations and kidney damage. Under this year's theme, the focus will be on 'Measure your blood pressure accurately, control it and live longer'. The main causes of high blood pressure are obesity, stress, unhealthy lifestyle, lack of regular physical activity, smoking, alcohol; excessive amount of sodium (salt)

in the diet and some conditions like diabetes can also cause it. High blood pressure can also occur during pregnancy. The ambitious youth standing on the threshold of the new century are faced with an endless environment of competition. If he loses in this obstacle race, he gets surrounded by negative tensions, if he wins, then the challenging struggle of new competitions starts again. To keep his victory permanent and to set new records, he resorts to deceit and lies. Scientists say that the more lies have increased in the world, the more the risk of high blood pressure has also increased. The path of lies is never straight. It is rough, crooked and winding. The thoughts of a crooked person always remain polluted. This pollution of the mind is the root of high blood pressure. Amidst all the risks associated with high blood pressure, the increasing trend of ultra-processed food items is worrying. There is concern because despite knowing the dangers, the availability of such food items has started increasing in the market. A recent study from Harvard University states that regularly eating processed foods increases the risk of

premature death by four percent, the main one being high blood pressure. Processed foods are usually ready to use. Packed snacks, canned food, and cold drinks come under this category. Men are more prone to high blood pressure than women. To avoid this, not only is there a need to pay attention to diet and lifestyle, but it is also very important to reduce stress and exercise to keep the body active. Nowadays people between 18 years to 50 years are more victims of hypertension. Although the risk of high blood pressure is higher in men before the age of sixty, later on the risk is equal in both men and women. It has been observed that people who do not get angry fall ill less. Complaints of high blood pressure, hypertension and severe back pain have been seen in people who get angry a lot. Along with this, such people may also have stomach complaints. World High Blood Pressure Day plays an important role in raising awareness about the importance of prevention and control of high blood pressure. It encourages people to adopt a healthy lifestyle, including getting regular exercise, eating healthy and balanced diets, and avoiding tobacco,

excessive alcohol and smoking. These lifestyle changes can help reduce the risk of high blood pressure and its complications. There is an interrelationship between a person's feelings, thoughts, ideas and habits. Our thoughts influence our thinking



and thinking changes our habits. For this you should do regular exercise. A key message of World Hypertension Day is the importance of regular blood pressure monitoring. High blood pressure is often called the 'silent killer' because it usually has no symptoms until it causes serious complications. Regular blood pressure checking can help in early detection of hypertension and timely intervention to prevent

complications. This also includes taking medications prescribed by a health care professional. The unprecedented progress of medical science has helped beyond imagination in saving humans from this life-threatening disease. Highly sensitive

invitation of death for a period, but who can imagine the miserable condition of the poor? Scientists/doctors of Miami University, America, in their joint release have appealed not to let mental stress dominate you. In this regard, people should be taught ways to live a

food items increase the health problems associated with high blood pressure. People are getting attracted towards processed foods without any care. Such food items are especially appealing to the new generation. A report released by the World Health Organization and the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations found that India's processed food market has grown at an annual rate of 13.37 percent from 2011 to 2021.

Although the sector's growth rate declined to 5.50 percent during the COVID-19 pandemic, it was a temporary phase. After this, their availability started becoming easy again. Controlled trials in hypertensive patients show that supplemental potassium, fiber, fatty acids, and a diet rich in fruits and vegetables and low in saturated fat reduce blood pressure. Some population studies show an inverse relationship between dietary protein and blood pressure levels. Drinking coffee regularly increases blood pressure in high blood pressure patients. The role of 'stress' remains mysterious, with 'job stresses and 'family

stresses' being a possible independent risk factor for hypertension. The concern is that India does not have a strong mechanism to remove food items that are becoming dangerous from the market. There is no concrete policy even to control intoxicants like alcohol and smoking. In fact, there does not seem to be any thought or concern at the government level regarding high blood pressure. It is true that the Central and State governments have launched many programs for the nutritious diet of the people, but there is no concrete policy to control the items being sold in the market which are harmful for high blood pressure. Alluring advertisements are promoting these products. No one can be allowed to play with people's health. It is important that the government not only formulates a strict advertising and marketing policy regarding harmful food items but also implements it strictly.

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"NEET hurdles Steping stones to medical mastery"

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In life's journey, mistakes often serve as unexpected detours that lead us down uncharted paths. Yet, it is through these detours that we discover hidden treasures of wisdom and resilience. Just as milk transforms into yogurt and cheese, and grape juice evolves into wine, our mistakes have the potential to metamorphose into invaluable experiences that enrich our lives and shape our destinies. Consider the tale of Vincent van Gogh, whose early artistic endeavors were met with indifference and rejection. Despite facing numerous setbacks and self-doubt, he persisted in his passion for painting, ultimately creating some of the most revered masterpieces in art history. Van Gogh's story serves as a poignant reminder that setbacks and failures are not roadblocks but rather stepping stones toward greatness. Moreover, the world of science is replete with examples of groundbreaking discoveries that emerged from

mistakes. In 1928, Alexander Fleming's accidental contamination of a petri dish with mold led to the discovery of penicillin — a serendipitous breakthrough that revolutionized modern medicine. Fleming's willingness to embrace the unexpected transformed his error into a catalyst for innovation and progress. Similarly, the story of Percy Spencer, an engineer working on radar technology during World War II, highlights the transformative power of mistakes. While conducting experiments with a magnetron, Spencer noticed that a chocolate bar in his pocket had melted. This observation ultimately led to the invention of the microwave oven — a ubiquitous household appliance that has revolutionized cooking and food preparation. "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts." - Winston Churchill

Stephen Hawking, renowned physicist and cosmologist, faced tremendous challenges due to his amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) diagnosis. Despite his physical limitations, he persevered in his scientific pursuits, making groundbreaking contributions to our

understanding of the universe. His resilience in the face of adversity serves as a powerful example of how embracing challenges can lead to extraordinary achievements. Similarly, for students who didn't qualify in the NEET exam, it's important to recognize that setbacks are not indicative of one's abilities or potential. Instead, these setbacks can serve as motivation to work harder and smarter in preparation for the next opportunity. Like Alexander Fleming's accidental discovery of penicillin, success often arises from unexpected sources, and each attempt provides valuable insights and growth opportunities. Indeed, mistakes are not merely failures to be avoided but opportunities to learn, adapt, and grow. Each misstep serves as a valuable lesson, providing us with insights that guide us toward greater self-awareness and personal development. As American inventor Thomas Edison once remarked, "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work." Edison's perseverance and resilience in the face of adversity epitomize the transformative potential of embracing mistakes. In the pursuit of

excellence, it is essential to cultivate a mindset that embraces imperfection and values the lessons learned from setbacks. Rather than succumbing to fear of failure, we must view mistakes as integral components of the learning process. After all, it is not the absence of mistakes that defines success but rather the ability to rise above them and emerge stronger and more enlightened. The poetry of Allama Iqbal beautifully captures the essence of ambition and perseverance. His couplet "Tu Shaheen Hai, Parwaz Hai Kaam Tera, Tere Aage Asmaan Aur Bhi Hain" (You are a falcon; flight is your vocation: You have other skies stretching out before you) symbolizes the boundless potential within each individual to transcend mediocrity and strive for greatness. Similarly, in another verse, Iqbal contrasts the falcon's ambition with the vulture's complacency: "Parwaz Hai Dono Ki Issi Aik Fiza Mein, Kargas Ka Jahan Aur Hai, Shaheen Ka Jahan Aur" (The vulture and the falcon soar in the same air, but in worlds apart). This analogy emphasizes that while some may settle for a mundane existence, the

Shaheen aspires for grandeur. In the journey towards excellence, embracing mistakes as avenues for growth and learning is paramount. Majrooh Sultanpuri beautifully captured this sentiment: "Girte hain shahsawar hi maidan-e-jung mein. Woh tift kya gire jo ghutno ke bal chale" (only the horseman falls on the battlefield; how will that child fall who crawls on his knees). While setbacks are inevitable, it's our perseverance and resilience that enable us to transcend them and carve our way to success. Bottom line: let us heed the wisdom of history and embrace our mistakes as opportunities for growth and self-discovery. Just as milk becomes yogurt and cheese, and grape juice transforms into wine, our mistakes have the potential to catalyze our evolution into beings of greater resilience, wisdom, and compassion. So, the next time you encounter a setback or stumble along the path of life, remember that within every mistake lies the seed of transformation and possibility.

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THE PRESENT ELECTION- 2024 IS FIRE TEST FOR MODIJI

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The Present Election for Lok Sabha reached a crucial point with the determination of the fate to achieving 400 seats. This marks the 2024 election process and raises many question of who holds the advantage in terms of narrative , issues, acceptability and credibility. Despite Prime Minister Narendra Modi's dominant figure and persona, it seems that "Modi's gurantee" is now loosing its strength on the ground. On the hand the guarantee of Congress appears to be more promising and favourable. Modi's gurantee appears to be falsified as the mistake made by the BJP during their ten year reign. The anti-incumbency sentiment of the general public arise after a long period of governance, and this sentiment now playing a role to degrade the strength of Modi's gurantee. The RSS which is traditionally seen as the backbone of the BJP now their absence may have created a void that is affecting the party's credibility. Further the monopoly of Modi and Saha may be a factor for weakening of his confident and gurantee. The sense of insecurity in the party for the leaders led to distancing from RSS to BJP leaders.

The BJP leaders now directly discussing internal issues through many unofficial channels. In other side the congress gurantee may appear more promising and favourable due to the

internal conflict in the BJP party. Overall, the Lok Sabha elections have reached a critical point, and the advantage in terms of narrative, issues, acceptability and credibility is yet to be determined. Most of the grassroots workers and leaders to feel disillusioned and disconnected from the leadership of Modi and Saha. The negative attitude of Modi and targeting of opposition leaders and questionable methods of withdrawing nomination ,have started to impact the party's image. It is also regretted to say that due to the nomination filed by Modiji many nomination aspirant are not allowed which proved the dictatorship of P.M.Modi and this was a bad message to the society. To feel this RSS has decided to withhold its support from Modi and his party in the election 2024. The RSS known for its emphasis on collective identity and the promotion of Hindu values, has been critical of the growing cult of personality surrounding Modi. Some leaders believe that the BJP has prioritized Modi's image and agenda over the interests of the RSS and its members. As a result RSS has decided not to extend its support to Modi and his close associate, Home Minister Amit Saha, in this election. When Modi felt the internal feelings of RSS and support of India Alliance and also the failure of his strategy in Hindi belt he moves to Odisha with a hope for political achievement. He targeted Odisha C.M Nabeen Pattnaik directly. Not only he came to Odisha but also many heavy wets of his party like party president Nada, Home minister Amit Saha, Actress Hema Malini, And many more proceeded to Odisha and targeted

Nabeen Pattnaik With some Questions that being the Long lasted C.M of 25 years He does not know the names of Odisha's district till now. Modi also claimed Odisha is controlled by a outsiders. In the reply of this question Former IAS and present BJD leader Mr V.K.Pandian told the performance Naveen Pattnaik govt's far better than Gujarat during Modi's tenure. He pointed out that Gujarat has had a double –engine govt for the last 10 years and Modi was its CM, Is Gujarat the no. 1 state in the country. He also produced a comparison chart that "Malnutrition among children in Gujarat is 40% compared to Odisha 29%, which witnessed the sharpest drop in the last 20 years. Anaemia among children in Gujarat is 79%, which is one of the worst in the country. Per capita debt burden of Gujarat is close to Rs 60,000 compared to Rs22,000 in Odisha. Our Disaster management is the best in the country, Our women's empowerment programme, School transformation programme, Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana in Odisha provide health assurance up to 10 lakh to 90% families in Odisha. In Odisha Naveen Engine is enough. So it is advised to PM should focus on making India No 1. We are enough to save our culture, tradition, Language, Education etc. lastly he also told to save his party BJP to Achieved Magic Figure 272 to became PM in Centre and Forget about Naveen. Naveen Pattnaik is going to form the Ministry in 9th June and he will take oath as C.M for 6th term. So please wait and watch.

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Poster for 55th International Film Festival of India launched in presence of the Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Shri Sanjay Jaju and other dignitaries at Cannes, in France

Heritage Alumni scores 99.97 and 99.85 percentile in CAT 2023, aiming for IIM Calcutta

Kolkata, (KCN): Proud to state that alumni members of The Heritage College and Heritage Institute of Technology had scored highest percentiles in All India CAT 2023.

Devraj Shah, an alumnus of The Heritage College from Department of Economics B.Sc.(Hons.) Batch-2023 had secured 99.97 percentile in CAT 2023 grabbing a State rank of 3 and All India Rank of 4 in India. Devraj had been preparing for CAT since long and also



attempted for the same several times securing a good percentile but none was as good as this year's CAT performance. Good in Data Analytics, Devraj had been selected for IIM, Calcutta. 'Since college days he



was a good meritorious student," said Prof. Debashish Majumder, HOD, Department of Economics, The Heritage College. Debatra Chatterjee, an alumnus of Heritage Institute of Technology, secured 99.85 percentile in CAT 2023.

Completing his B.Tech in Electronics and Communication Engineering in 2021 from Heritage Institute of Technology, Kolkata, Debatra worked as a System Engineer in TCS.

"My college days created the right Foundation for which I was able to clear CAT with good percentile," said Debatra. Selected for IIM, Calcutta, Debatra wants to make a promising career in the

corporate.

"He was very much intelligent and agile. I wish him all the best," said Prof. Prabir Banerjee, HOD, Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, Heritage Institute of Technology Kolkata.

"Both of them had made the entire Heritage Family proud. I wish them all the best," said Mr. P. K. Agarwal, CEO, Heritage Group of Institutions, Kolkata.

MSME sector expansion creates more livelihood

Kolkata (PARTHA ROY): A special session on "Role of MSMEs in propelling Economic Development of India" was organised by Calcutta Chamber of Commerce on 15th May 2024 in Kolkata.

Shri Debasis Barman, ISS Assistant Director, MSME - Development and Facilitation Office, Kolkata Ministry of MSME, Government of India presented over view of MSME sector in the country with special reference to role of MSME sector in growth and development of West Bengal. MSMEs sector broadly classified into two categories: manufacturing and



service categories.

Shri Barman said MSME D&F office in Kolkata is involved in implementing Government of India's MSME policies to boost and expand MSME sector in West Bengal as well as trying to find

solutions of various challenges faced by currently functioning MSMEs in the state within frame work of existing MSME policies. Shri Hari Shankar Halwasiya, President Calcutta Chamber of Commerce in his

welcome address mentioned role of MSMEs in development of West Bengal as well as India, its contribution in GDP, export and other areas. Speaking during the session, Shri Raj Kumar Chhajjer mentioned

MSMEs are playing major role in livelihood creation not only in West Bengal but across India and empowering youth, women, families as well as boosting economic development.

Calcutta Chamber of Commerce and CCC Ladies Forum are exploring scope and opportunities to train interns in its member organisation under Academia - Industry coordination and cooperation under National Education Policy 2020 to empower youths of India with relevant skills, knowledge to transform interns into industry ready human resource as well as to create future entrepreneurs.

India Holds Bilateral Meeting With Bangladesh

New Delhi (KCN): A bilateral meeting between the Secretary, Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, Government of India Shri V. Srinivas was held with Rectors (Secretaries) of four Capacity Building Institutions and Senior Officials of Ministry of Public Administration of Bangladesh Mr Suresh Kumar Sarker, Director General (Secretary), National Academy for Planning and Development (NAPD), Bangladesh on 16th May 2024 in online mode.

The meeting was attended by Md. Ashraf Uddin, Rector (Secretary), Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC), Dr. Md. Omar Faruque, Rector (Secretary), Bangladesh Civil Service Administration Academy (BCSAA), Dr. Md. Shahidullah, Rector (Secretary), National Academy for Development Administration (NADA), Bangladesh and Additional Secretary Ministry of Public Administration



Dr M. Ziaul Haque, Shri. N.B.S. Rajput, Joint Secretary, DARPG, other senior officials of the Department of

Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, DARPG, National Centre of Good Governance (NCGG) and the High

Commission of India to Bangladesh participated in the meeting from the Indian side. Discussions covered (a) conducting Capacity

PM Modi In UP Says Opposition Must Learn What To Raze Using Bulldozers

New Delhi (KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday mocked the Congress-SP alliance in Uttar Pradesh, saying it needed to learn from CM Yogi Adityanath what to bulldoze and what not. He said that if the I.N.D.I.A bloc won, Ram Lalla would be

Adityanath as the CM of UP. He said Yogi Adityanath would be removed in two months to pave the way for Shah to become the Prime Minister on September 17, 2025, the day PM Modi turns 75. PM Modi further said: "Today, you have BJP-

worried about this because of their track record. They only want their family and power," he said. PM Modi said Opposition leaders lose sleep when he 'exposes' them. "Babasaheb Ambedkar opposed religion-based



moved back to a tent. PM Modi said: "If the Congress-SP alliance comes to power, the Ayodhya Ram Mandir would be demolished using a bulldozer... They should learn from Yogi where to run a bulldozer and where not." PM Modi's statement comes a day after Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal claimed that Amit Shah and PM Modi were planning to remove Yogi

led NDA for the betterment of the country on one hand and on the other, you have the INDI alliance to create disturbances. As the polling phases advance, the INDI alliance members are beginning to fall apart."

He alleged a conspiracy by the Congress-SP alliance in UP. "They want to reverse the court's judgment [on Ram Mandir]. I am

reservation... The Opposition made a laboratory in Karnataka. They gave the OBC reservations to Muslims," he said. Taking a potshot at former Bihar CM and RJD chief Lalu Prasad Yadav, PM Modi said: "The champion of the fodder scam in Bihar is saying all reservations should go to Muslims... I am asking for 400 seats to protect your voters' rights."

NIA Charge Sheets Mumbai Man In Conspiracy To Honey Trap Navy Personnel For Pak



New Delhi (KCN): The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday charge sheeted one more person, a Mumbai resident, Amaan Salim Shaikh in the Indian Navy spying case, involving Pakistani intelligence operatives. Amaan is the key accused involving a conspiracy by Pak agents to honey-trap Indian Navy personnel to gather secret information regarding the defence establishments. He was also found to be involved in activating SIM cards that were used by Pakistani intelligence

officers involved in the racket. NIA investigators, who took over the case on June 5, 2023, discovered that Amaan collaborated with a suspected Pakistani agent named Usman. His role was pivotal in advancing the anti-India conspiracy. Furthermore, Amaan allegedly received funds from other suspected Pakistani operatives, including Meer Balaj Khan and Alven, through crypto channels. These funds were tied to tasks assigned by Pakistani intelligence agents. The anti-terror agency,

which filed a supplementary chargesheet today in NIA Special Court, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, has charged Amaan, a resident of Mumbai (Maharashtra), under various sections of IPC and UA(P) Act. Previously, on November 6, 2023, NIA had chargesheeted two other individuals in connection with the case, initially registered at the PS Counter Intelligence Cell in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh. Further investigations are underway.

Building Programs for the Faculty of Capacity Building Institutions of the Ministry of Public Administration (b) the Senior Executive Development Program (c) the Alumni Meet of Bangladesh Civil Servants at NCGG (d) Participation of Bangladesh Civil Servants in the 27th National e-Governance Conference. Following discussions, it was agreed that NCGG will curate a one-week capacity-building program in NCGG for senior civil servants of

Bangladesh, and 2 two-week capacity-building programs for faculty members of BPATC, BCS Administration Academy, NAPD and NADA of Bangladesh in July and September 2024. NCGG will organize an alumni meeting covering select alumni from 71 capacity-building programs conducted for the senior civil servants of Bangladesh to enable shared learning experiences. It was also been decided that

the DARPG will invite awarded Bangladesh civil servants as speakers to the 27th National e-Governance Conference. The National Centre of Good Governance (NCGG) has successfully conducted 71 Capacity Building Programs for 2660 Bangladesh Civil Service Officers from 2014 to 2024. The two sides have agreed to renew the collaboration for capacity-building programs for 1500 civil servants for the period 2025-2030.

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Fight of heavyweights in Sambalpur where farmers, weavers hold the key

Sambalpur(KCN): Unemployment and distress sale of paddy are the pressing issues in Odisha's Sambalpur Lok Sabha constituency, where Union minister Dharmendra Pradhan of the BJP and influential BJD general secretary (organisation) Pranab Prakash Das are poised for a showdown. The candidates' attention is squarely on farmers and weavers, who are crucial in a region that encompasses the catchment area of the Hirakud reservoir and has a thriving handloom industry. The majority of Sambalpur's population, concentrated in five of its seven assembly constituencies, relies either on agriculture or

the harvesting of Kendu and Sal leaves for their livelihoods. Pradhan, who is a Rajya Sabha MP from Bihar, is contesting elections after a gap of 15 years. He had last unsuccessfully contested assembly elections from Parlahara assembly segment in 2009. Das, on the other hand, is the sitting MLA of Jajpur seat in the coastal region. He is known to be an influential organiser of the party. The prestigious Sambalpur parliamentary constituency was represented by the BJD during its alliance with BJP three times in a row in 1998, 1999 and 2004. In 2009, 2014 and 2019, however, voters of the constituency elected

Congress, BJD and BJP candidates respectively. Pradhan, a resident of Talcher town in Angul district and son of former Union minister Debendra Pradhan, has been a central minister since 2014 and is banking on the initiatives of the Union government to register a victory. "We are optimistic that people will vote on the lotus symbol. The BJP-led Centre has established IIM Sambalpur and people are happy with the developmental work of the Union government," he said. Das, a three-term Jajpur MLA and son of former Janata Dal state president Ashok Dash, claimed that people love



Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and have benefited from the BJD governments' schemes for farmers, weavers, students, youths and women. "The BJD government's Kalia scheme for farmers is very popular in this region," Das said. Although a total of 14 candidates are in the fray, the contest is directly between Pradhan and Das. Congress has



nominated former BJD MP and ex-minister Nagendra Pradhan, who quit the ruling party in the state and joined the grand old party a few days before filing his nominations. The Congress had first named Dulal Chandra Pradhan from the seat but later changed its

candidate to Nagendra Pradhan, who had won from the constituency in 2014 on a BJD ticket, after he joined the grand old party. Aggrieved by the party's decision, Dulal Chandra Pradhan later joined the BJP. Nagendra Pradhan was elected from the Athamalik assembly segment three times, in 1990 on a Janata Dal ticket and in 2004 and 2014 as a BJD candidate. He had also served in the Naveen Patnaik cabinet. The Sambalpur parliamentary constituency was reorganised in a

delimitation exercise ahead of the 2009 Lok Sabha polls. It comprises Sambalpur, Rairhakhhol, Kuchinda and Rengali assembly constituencies in Sambalpur district, Athamalik and Chhendipada assembly segments in Angul district and Deogarh assembly constituency in Deogarh district. BJD had won the Rairhakhhol, Kuchinda, Chhendipada and Athamalik assembly seats, while the BJP bagged Sambalpur, Deogarh and Rengali assembly seats in the 2019 elections.

In the 2009, 2014 and 2019 elections, Sambalpur sent three different party candidates to the Lok Sabha. In 2009, the Congress won by a margin of 14,874 votes, while the BJD secured the seat in 2014, winning by 30,574 votes. The BJP bagged the seat in 2019 by a margin of only 9,162 votes. The candidates of the three major parties were seen campaigning in the scorching heat, reaching out to representatives of various communities, entrepreneurs, artists and sportspersons.

Roadshows by BJD, BJP supercharge electioneering in Odisha

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The series of roadshows by the BJP and the ruling BJD in the state capital has surcharged the political atmosphere in the run-up to the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections in Odisha. The first roadshow was held by Prime Minister Narendra Modi May 10, when a sea of humanity converged on both sides of the 2.5 km stretch of the busy Janpath in the state capital, from the party office to Vani Vihar.



Thursday morning, BJP National President JP Nadda held another road show in the state capital, which began from Mausima Temple to Lingaraj Temple, with BJP parliamentary candidate Aparajita Sarangi and BJP Ekamra Assembly candidate Babu Singh. After completing the roadshow, Nadda went to the Lingaraj Temple and offered prayers before leaving for Padampur in Western Odisha, where he addressed a public meeting. He then proceeded to Sundargarh to address another election meeting in support of party candidates. In the evening, BJD supremo and Chief

Minister Naveen Patnaik, accompanied by bureaucrat-turned-BJD leader V.K. Pandian embarked on a mega road show from the Ganganagar Square to Sishu Bhawan Chhak, passing through several prime areas in the city. Patnaik sought the people's support for the party, asking them to vote for BJD candidates in both the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections. "I am delighted to be with the people of Odisha," the Chief Minister said in a video message before beginning the mega road show. Thousands of people lined up on both sides of the roadshow route to welcome him, and Patnaik was seen telling

the crowd that from July, there would be no electricity bill. The ruling BJD's manifesto had promised to provide free electricity up to 100 units per month and a 50 per cent subsidy from 100 to 150 units, benefiting what the party claimed to be about 90 per cent of the population. On the other hand, Nadda during his road show stated that the people of the state have already made up their minds to vote for BJP in both the Assembly and Lok Sabha elections so that a double-engine government can be formed. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his public meetings, had already announced that the countdown for the exit of the BJD government

has started and a BJP Chief Minister in Odisha will take oath on June 10 in Bhubaneswar. Nadda condemned the poll violence at Khallikote in Ganjam district on Wednesday night, in which a BJP worker was killed and three others were injured. BJP sources said Prime Minister Narendra Modi will also hold another roadshow in Puri on May 20. Modi will first visit the Sri Jagannath Temple at 7 AM to offer prayer to Lord Jagannath on May 20 before holding the roadshow on the Grand Road of Puri. Union Home Minister Amit Shah also held a road show in Cuttack city on Wednesday evening, accompanied by the party's Cuttack Lok Sabha candidate Bhartruhari Mahatab, a six-time MP who recently quit the BJD and joined the BJP. Along with Mahatab, BJP's Barabati Cuttack MLA Dr. Purna Chandra Mohapatra and other MLA candidates joined the roadshow.

Excise dept crackdown leads to huge seizures

Rourkela(KCN): Since the announcement of the dates of the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections in Odisha, the Excise department has been on an overdrive in and around this town. Elections to the Sundargarh Lok Sabha

constituency and the Assembly segments within it will be held May 20. The Excise Department has launched a massive crackdown on people selling illegal liquor and drugs. Officials of the Excise department informed here Thursday

that the crackdown has yielded tremendous results. A total of 515 cases have been registered between March 16 to May 11 and 441 persons have been arrested for dealing in contraband items. Along with it, huge

quantities of cannabis, heroin, country and foreign-made liquor have been seized. The jurisdiction of the Rourkela Excise department covers this city, Biramitrapur municipality and Bonai sub-division.



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Wonderla: India's Largest Amusement Park Chain Expands into Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): Wonderla Holidays, India's largest amusement park chain, is thrilled to announce the launch of its newest park in Kumbharbasta, Bhubaneswar. This marks the fourth addition to Wonderla's esteemed portfolio, following Kochi, Bengaluru, and Hyderabad. This venture represents Wonderla's enduring commitment to delivering unparalleled entertainment experiences since its establishment in 2000. As a publicly listed company, Wonderla has consistently invested in expanding its presence and enriching its offerings to cater to the evolving preferences of esteemed guests. The Press Meet

announcing the samerides that promise was attended by Arun Kunforgettable thrills, Chittilappilly, MD;ranging from high-speed Sivasdas M, President;coasters to family-friendly Dheeran Choudhary,attractions. Situated just COO; AjiKrishnan,22.5 kilometers from VP- Engineering andBhubaneswar, Wonderla Kalpataru Nayak, Parkis strategically positioned Head-Bhubaneswar. to become the ultimate Wonderla Odisha begandestination for adventure-with an invitation fromseekers, conveniently the government duringlocated near NH 16 the Odisha Tourism(Calcutta-Chennai). Investor InteractionDesigned as a tribute to Meet in 2019, with "inOdisha's rich cultural principle" approval fromheritage and natural the State Level Windowsplendor, Wonderla Authority (SLSWCA)Bhubaneswar spans over for a 90-year lease on50 acres and offers a government land thatjourney through happened in 2020. experiential nodes inspired With an investment ofby the region's history and approximately 190culture. crores, WonderlaIn addition to offering Bhubaneswarthrilling experiences, showcases over 21Wonderla Amusement exhilarating dry & wetPark is committed to



driving economic growth in the local community. With an estimated 450 employees opportunities, particularly in the unskilled sector, the park will provide livelihood for many residents of Bhubaneswar and its surrounding areas. The park tickets are currently available at Rs. 749* as part of the Early Bird Discount for Online Pre-bookings only. Regular

Park Tickets will be priced between Rs. 999* for peak weekdays and Rs. 1,100* during peak Weekends . Wonderla is also currently running various offers as part of the launch, including Student ID Offer, MO Bus & Train Ticket Discounts, Birthday Offers, among others. Arun K Chittilappilly, MD of Wonderla Holidays Limited, during the opening remarks at the company's first press

conference in Bhubaneswar said, "We are thrilled to announce that Wonderla Bhubaneswar will officially open in the 3rd week of June, with public access starting on May 24th, 2024. Our journey has always been about creating memorable experiences for our guests, and we are excited to bring this vision to Odisha. This launch is significant for us, and we envision great success for the park, which will entertain over 3,500 people per day. We look forward to welcoming everyone and providing an unforgettable experience." Sivasdas M, President, Wonderla Holidays further spoke about the

contribution of the Odisha government, he said, "Wonderla Bhubaneswar is a project close to our heart. It began with an invitation from the Government of Odisha after our 2019 discussion. Their support has been crucial, and with the approval for a 90-year lease, we embarked on this exciting journey. We've faced challenges, but our dedication and unwavering support of the Odisha government, notably Tourism and Industries departments have made this possible. We are confident Wonderla Bhubaneswar will boost tourism and bring joy to all visitors, reaffirming our commitment to vibrant, thriving destinations."

Dheeran Choudhary, COO of Wonderla Holidays, spoke about their regional commitment: "At Wonderla, we are committed to delivering world-class entertainment while deeply valuing our local community. In Odisha, we aim to boost the local economy and create numerous job opportunities. Our core values of excellence and dedication shine through in every aspect of our operations. As our video showcases, Wonderla Bhubaneswar features state-of-the-art park facilities, significant investments, diverse restaurants, and robust marketing plans.

Tata Steel reports highest ever consolidated EBITDA at Rs 63,830 crores

Mumbai, : Tata Steel today announced its Financial Results for the quarter and financial year ended March 31, 2022. The Company's consolidated reported profit after tax (PAT) for the March 2022 quarter rose to Rs 9,835 cr as compared to Rs 7,162 cr of the corresponding quarter of the last fiscal. For the full year ended March 31, 2022, the Company's PAT rose to Rs 41,749 cr, significantly higher than Rs 8,190 cr reported in the last financial year. The consolidated Turnover for FY22 stood at Rs 243,959 cr as compared to Rs 156,477 cr of the previous fiscal.

Consolidated turnover for the fourth quarter ended March 31, 2022 stood at Rs 69,324 cr as compared to Rs 50,028 cr in the corresponding quarter of the last financial year. The Board of Directors recommends a dividend of Rs. 51 per fully paid equity share and Rs 12.75 per partly paid equity shares. A 10:1 stock split is also recommended. T. V. Narendran, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, said: "Tata Steel has again demonstrated its ability to deliver stellar results despite heightened complexity in the face of COVID as

well as geopolitical tensions. Our Indian business showed broad based growth across our chosen segments due to our sustained focus on customer relationships, our distribution network and our portfolio of brands supported by our agile business model. Our European operations delivered robust performance as the transformation programme undertaken helped to leverage the strong business environment. We have pursued several initiatives to de-risk the business particularly across procurement and supply chain and continue to invest in

technology and digitisation to drive productivity and improve our resilience." "Kalinganagar expansion is progressing well and will drive cost savings as well as product mix enrichment. The acquisition of Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited will be closed in 1QFY23 and we will scale it up rapidly to drive expansion of our high value retail business. I am happy to share that Tata Steel has been recognised as Steel sustainability champion for the fifth year in a row by the WorldSteel," he added. The 6 MnTPA Pellet plant at Kalinganagar will

be commissioned in 3QFY23 followed by the Cold Roll Mill complex and the 5 MnTPA expansion. Tata Steel India achieved highest ever annual crude steel production of 19.06 million tons, with a growth of 13% YoY. Highest ever deliveries of 18.27 mn tons despite COVID 2nd wave related disruption early in financial year. Broad based improvement in sales volume was witnessed across segments. Automotive was up 27% YoY, Branded Products and Retail was up 11% YoY while Industrial products & projects was up 11% YoY.

WardWizard plans to set up Li-ion advance cells manufacturing unit at its electric vehicle ancillary cluster in Vadodara

Singapore-based renewable energy management consulting firm Sunkonnect. The association is aimed at facilitating a feasibility study and identification of potential partner for the manufacturing of Li-ion advance cells in India. Under the MoU, Sunkonnect will set up a committee of experienced scientists, engineers and analysts to evaluate and identify the professional partner, as well as to develop the roadmap to set up the 1GWh cell production

plant at WardWizard's electric vehicle ancillary cluster in Vadodara. Commenting on the MoU with SunKconnect, Mr YatinGupte, Chairman & Managing Director, Wardwizard Innovations & Mobility Ltd., said, "We are excited to work with SunKconnect, one of the leading global renewable energy management consulting firms. Their expertise will help us identify the right partner and establish a roadmap to set up the manufacturing

unit of Li-ion advance cells at our EV ancillary cluster between 15-18 months. As the safety and security of our customers are paramount for us, we are integrating cutting-edge technologies to enhance the quality and promote the adoption of green mobility in the entire country." Further elaborating, Dr.Avishek Kumar, Founder, SunKconnect, said, "We are grateful to WardWizard for giving us the opportunity to become the part of this

EV transition and support the brand in development of battery infrastructure in India. Electric Vehiclces are the future, and their success depends on the high grade material and advanced battery management system. Under the MoU, we will work with WardWizard to identify the partner equipped with the latest technology and high standards to manufacture Li-ion advanced cells. Our team will be developing a feasible plan and

drafting standard norms for the manufacture of quality batteries for Joy e-bike's products." Sunkonnect will also identify leading testing and certification agencies to set up a center of excellence for battery testing at WardWizard premises which will draft a standard quality specification for batteries. It will further draft standard norms for batteries to ensure quality and reliability for Joy e-bike's range of models.

Narayana Nethralaya and Acer India Team up to build India's first PC & tablet-based software therapy for children

Bengaluru Narayana Nethralaya in collaboration with Acer India today launched the PC + tablet based software, "VisioNova" designed for children suffering from Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI). This initiative by Narayana Nethralaya and Acer India aims at breaking down barriers and providing the patients with better access to treatment. Acer VisioNova, a path-breaking innovation was conceptualized as a mobile alternative to on-site therapy for CVI children that will offer them the standard of care. Narayana Nethralaya as a part of its 'Buds to Blossoms'

initiative provides dedicated therapy programs to help children develop and improve motor, cognitive and visual abilities that significantly improve their quality of life. Cortical Visual Impairment is a condition of bilateral visual loss caused due to injury of visual areas in the brain without significant eye or anterior visual pathway impairment. CVI is currently an emerging cause amongst children across India. With 161 children in every 100,000 born with CVI, India has declared it to be a high priority issue and classified it as one of 30 conditions that all babies must receive

mandatory screenings. These children with CVI have great difficulty in performing visually guided activities and these therapies rely on machines that are bulky, expensive and require the child to be in the hospital for the entire duration of six-to-nine-month therapeutic process. In order to address this, Acer provided PC and 100+ tablets under CSR to kick-off this noble cause. Acer has also further intent to supply around 2000 tablets for patients where patients can pay the hospital a small, refundable deposit and receive the tablet for use from the comforts of their home and still

continue treatments even with COVID disruptions. The tablet will offer CVI patients exercises that can benefit and help them develop and improve their deficient skills and visual abilities that significantly improve the quality of life. Also, since a number of specialised therapies that are deployed require expensive equipments that need the child to be present at the center for the entire duration of the treatment, this tablet will allow remote therapy under the mentorship of Narayana Nethralaya's CVI experts, making this treatment accessible to the outreach. On the occasion of this

launch, Mr. Harish Kohli, President & Managing Director, Acer India said, "It is a matter of pride for us to join this innovative collaboration with Narayana Nethralaya where technology helps break barriers to improve lives. Acer VisioNova engineered the overall solution, comprising both the software and the hardware. At Acer, we always believe in closing the gap between people and technology and to meaningfully improve clinical outcomes and reduce the systemic cost of healthcare, VisioNova will help patients with timely access to care when they need it.

EKA partners with NuPort Robotics to introduce smart Electric Buses

Mumbai: EKA, an electric vehicles & technology company, and a subsidiary of Pinnacle Industries Limited, is once again leading the way as they enter a partnership with NuPort Robotics to introduce Level 2 autonomy, advanced driver assistance systems, to their electric bus models. This is a first-of-its-kind-in-the-country initiative towards the utilization and incorporation of progressive Level 2 autonomy and Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Electric buses on Indian roads. EKA begins testing on a range of autonomous features developed by NuPort, an advanced technology that promises to contribute to notable improvements in safety, reducing environmental footprint, and increasing operational

efficiency. Following a period of rigorous testing, the technology will be deployed with over 5000 buses, representing a minimum investment of nearly INR 150 Crores in innovation and contributing to the future of transportation and sustainability. More importantly, when such technologies are deployed in commercial vehicles, they have been associated with reducing crash rates by nearly 50%. NuPort Robotics, a Canadian company announced its plans earlier this month to set up operations in India and fully develop and deploy its technology in India for commercial vehicle manufacturers, beginning with electric vehicle manufacturers. NuPort will be

following a "Made in India" approach thereby contributing to the advancement of economic development and innovation ecosystem within the country. NuPort's technology provides level 2 autonomy features specifically targeted for Indian roads, considering the complex nature of Indian traffic, and understanding the Indian driving mindset. NuPort's partnership with EKA is strategic, as it allows both NuPort and EKA to offer Indian customers cutting-edge innovative vehicles that can be continuously updated to retain that innovative advantage. NuPort is using proprietary AI technology which will progressively enable autonomous features thereby increasing safety, operational efficiency, and reduced carbon footprint.

