

# Naveen Patnaik will soon become ex-CM: Amit Shah

**Bhubaneswar, May 28(KCN):** Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday said that Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik will become the former CM of Odisha after the election results are out on June 4.

"You give BJP more than 75 seats in assembly elections and we promise to give you an Odia-speaking Chief Minister. Naveen Babu ruled Odisha for 25 years but have you ever heard him speaking in Odia? Now a person will become the Chief Minister who will talk to you in Tamil," the Home Minister said while addressing an election rally.

Amit Shah addressed three election meetings at Chandbali assembly seat in Bhadrak, Nimapara assembly segment under Jagatsinghpur and Korei



migration of youths outside the state is continuing despite 25 years of rule of BJD. He added that Odisha is enriched with different types of natural resources but the Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik with the instructions of some officers sent the natural resources outside Odisha. He added that the people from Tamil Nadu are getting mining, infrastructure contracts and jobs in Odisha. He advised Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik to contest elections from Tamil Nadu instead of

The Home Minister targeted the BJD and Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik saying that

## BJP cites video to push its Pandian 'controlling' Patnaik line of attack, Odisha CM says this won't work



Sarma, fired a fresh salvo on the BJD to push their line of attack, Patnaik hit back. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma Tuesday alleged that bureaucrat-turned-BJD leader Kartik Pandian is controlling even the hand movements of Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik.

As BJP leaders,

including Assam Chief

Minister Himanta Biswa

Odisha. Amit Shah assured to make public the report of the commission set up to probe into the missing keys of Ratna Bhandar (treasury of Shree Jagannath Temple at Puri) within 100 days of coming to power and also promised to open all the doors of the Jagannath temple. He also assured to put behind bars the guilty persons involved in the multi-crore Chit Fund scam within 18 months after the formation of the BJD government in Odisha. Amit Shah also attacked Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, saying that the BJP doesn't fear the nuclear arsenal of Pakistan. "We will bring back PoK," the Home Minister said. Notably, voting for the assembly and Lok Sabha elections is being held simultaneously in Odisha. He also claimed that the BJD has so far by the end of the third phase of Assembly polls, already secured majority to form government in the state and the next and final phase of voting will be held in BJD's stronghold areas.

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is deeply distressing video. He further said that Pandian is even "controlling the hand movements of Shri Naveen Babu."

Pandian is considered close to Patnaik who is also the president of the ruling BJD. "I shudder to imagine the level of control an ex bureaucrat from Tamil Nadu is currently exercising over the future of Odisha! BJP is determined to give back the reins of Odisha to the people of the state," Sarma, who is campaigning in Odisha, said in the post.

Lok Sabha and Assembly elections are held simultaneously in Odisha. The last phase of the polls will be held June 1.

## BJP's nine 'self-goals' will boost BJD's electoral prospect: Pandian

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):**

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik's close aide and senior BJD leader Kartik Pandian Tuesday claimed the opposition BJP has "committed nine self goals" during the ongoing Lok Sabha and Odisha Assembly polls thus boosting the BJD's electoral prospect.

Pandian claimed that the BJP's self-goals will help the BJD and none can stop the regional party from forming the government for the sixth consecutive time.

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Jagannath's name to the political discourse and also using "abusive language" against Odisha's "most popular" and five-time chief minister Naveen Patnaik.

"The people of Odisha do not appreciate these words against a respected person like Patnaik," he said.

On the second self-goal, Pandian said they have said in the manifesto to "close down" the Mission Shakti if BJP comes to power. They have all along conspired against Mission Shakti which has about 70 lakh women membership.

This possible action of BJP has created a "panicky situation" among the

women. He said if the BJP comes to power, it will "stop" the benefits of the Biju Swaasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY) for the people of Odisha by implementing the Ayushman Bharat scheme. While the Ayushman Bharat scheme is only for the BPL people, the BSKY covers about 90 per cent of the state's population. "This is the third self-goal and the people of Odisha will teach BJP a lesson in the elections," Pandian said.

The bureaucrat-turned-politician said the BJD government has introduced school, college, university and technical education institutions

transformation. The BJP will "close down" all such activities if it comes to power. This apart, the BJP will also "stop" giving scholarships to the students, Pandian claimed. On the fifth self-goal, Pandian said the tribals "fear" that the BJP will "stop" the BJD's Special Development Councils (SDCs) which work to protect and promote the tribal language and culture. No BJP rules state has such facilities for the tribals as provided by the Patnaik government in Odisha, he claimed.

This apart, Pandian said that the people are apprehensive that the state's communal harmony will be disturbed if the BJP comes to power. In "Double Engine Sarkar" states, there is illegal extortion collection and small businessmen are the victims, he alleged. The people apprehend that such culture will also come to Odisha if BJP forms government in the state, he said.

## Parmeshwar Funkwal takes charge as General Manager of East Coast Railway

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):**

Shri Parmeshwar Funkwal, IRSE, has assumed the position of General Manager at East Coast Railway. He is an alumnus of IIT Kanpur and an officer of the 1988 batch of the Indian Railway Service of Engineers (IRSE).

With a remarkable career spanning decades, he has held several important portfolios such as DRM/Rajkot, ADRM/Ahmedabad, Chairman/RRB, and Executive Director/RDSO. Prior to his appointment at East Coast Railway, he served as Principal Chief Engineer in Western Railway, Mumbai.



He played an instrumental role in introducing innovative technologies in the fields of track and bridges to increase speed during his tenure at RDSO. Besides railway engineering, he has vast experience in Human Resources functions, Research & Designs, and General Administration. He has

published several research papers on Track, Bridge, and Environmental Engineering in International Journals. He presented papers at International Heavy Haul Association (IHHA) conferences in Beijing (China), Calgary (Canada), and New Delhi. He also visited Sweden, Denmark, France, Germany, China, Canada, Malaysia, Singapore, and Italy for various training and study assignments. Shri Funkwal has a keen interest in literature, and some of his poems have been published in contemporary Hindi literary magazines.

## Odisha Police removes 420 offensive contents relating to elections

**Bhubaneswar, May 28(KCN):** The Social Media Monitoring Cell of Odisha Police has removed 420 offensive contents related to the General Elections 2024.

Apart from that, 5 FIRs have also been registered related to violations on social media platforms and are under various stages of investigation. IT Professionals have also joined hands with Odisha Police as Cyber Volunteers in bolstering these efforts. These actions have been taken against various instances of social media misconduct, violation of model code of conduct for elections or against those

violating the law. The action has been taken across multiple platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and X (formerly Twitter). These posts, originating from supporters of various political parties and other groups, were identified as potentially derogatory or abusive or inflammatory or hateful, highlighting the importance of proactive monitoring in maintaining a peaceful environment.

The Social Media Unit of Crime Branch has been functional for quite some time. But as per the direction of Election Commission, Social Media Cells were formed and activated in all Police Districts. The

combined efforts of the State Social Media Unit and the District Social Media Cells have led to notable accomplishments.

On Facebook, 788 requests were sent for content takedown or removal. META has promptly responded by taking down or removing 256 posts/accounts of objectionable content. In the case of Instagram, 471 requests were submitted for content takedown or removal. META acted upon 154 of these requests, successfully removing problematic content from the platform. For YouTube, 96 requests were issued for content takedown or removal. Google has responded by

taking down or removing 9 pieces of content, which were deemed inappropriate or harmful. Apart from these, around 950 handles are under surveillance across the state by various Social Media Cells of Odisha Police. The primary focus of

Social Media Cell is round the clock cyber patrolling across popular social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and Twitter for locating offensive, hateful and abusive posts and initiate appropriate action, including the removal of

approach in curbing the spread of harmful or inappropriate content across various social media platforms. Cyber Crime Unit of Crime Branch is also actively spreading awareness among the public against cybercrimes and financial frauds through daily posts on its official social media account @cybercopodisha.

These posts are aimed to educate people about the dangers posed by cyber fraudsters, fake news, misinformation, and disinformation. Through valuable insights and practical tips, Cyber Cops are empowering individuals to discern credible



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# The Florid Luminary Initiatives determine Our Zealous Institutional Repute



Dr. Rudrarup Gupta

The most salient term "Education" is perceptually endless to deal, ageless to lead, harmless to appeal and bottomless to the common people at all times. Most notably, the concept of "Educational Vibrancy" brings out the immeasurable satisfaction for the noticeable refinements of this "Regimented Universe" indeed. The "Institutional Progression" is an inhabitable cosmic blessing which is well deserved for "Saheed Anurup Chandra Mahavidyalaya". This flawless "Academic Temple" has been instigated on 16th of November, 1991 along with its real consequential future. This "Govt. Aided Co-educational Degree College" has already been affiliated to the most prestigious "The University of Calcutta". The entire district of South 24 Parganas has been blessed not only to

exhibit through invariable green environmental niceties but to execute the thought provoking paradigm of learning right from day one. This academic institute is being regulated not only to disseminate the prime academic eminence amongst their real aspiring learners but they are going to entrench the "Histrionic Educational Metamorphosis" over the coming years.

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E-Engagement: It means a lot at every phase of life. Students are truly noteworthy and they are exclusively confined to work hard and to elevate their present educational standing indeed. Proper engagement increases the standing of concentration and it

to accomplish the future attainments in an exclusive sequence.

U-Unity: It is very important for the learners. This unity will be really imperative for them not only to instigate the learning but to enhance the same according to their rapid progressions of lives indeed.

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On the other hand, our veteran leader and former "Chief Minister" Referred Jyoti Basu has inaugurated this acclaimed "Academic Institute" along with his best words and wisdom.

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institutional authority has truly been committed to regulate their lofty paradigm through "Governance" along with the evocative stand of transparency.

In fine, all the vibrant leaders and followers of this focused institute are collectively determined not only to drive an eco-friendly culture for the learners but they are really in a prior position to excel their socio-economic refinements based upon social, moral and ethical values respectively. Most notably, our "Divine Personality Prof. Sen" along with his resourceful mentors are having their sound collective oath not only to provide the righteous environs and opportunities for the students but they are pre-destined to furnish the spectacular era of knowledge and contributory learning to their unbeaten learners for this sustainable globe with communal prosperity.

"Saheed Anurup Chandra Mahavidyalaya" is already an "Institute of Best Academic Reality" and it seems the same will definitely be our "Core Inspiration" through "Elite Successive Versatility" which is not at all too far indeed.

Kolkata, India

## Residents Denounce BJD Candidate for Unkept Commitments "Go back Tushar"



**Bhubaneswar, (KCN Bureau):** In a dramatic display of discontent, villagers of Tarakoi panchayat in Gop block, Puri district, Odisha vehemently opposed the campaign visit of Odisha state home minister and BJD candidate for Kakatpur constituency, Tushar Behera. The incident unfolded last Monday evening as Behera, flanked by his security guards, sought support for the forthcoming final phase of the general election. Tarakoi villagers' grievances trace back to

the 2019 election when Behera, then a contesting candidate, assured them of a critical improvement—access to pure drinking water. Currently dependent on the salty waters of the Kusavadra River, the villagers had placed their hopes on Behera's promises. However, as Behera's five-year term concluded without any progress on this front, the promise remained unfulfilled.

The villagers' frustration reached its peak as Behera returned to seek re-election. Gathering in

disenchantment. Villagers accused Behera of only engaging with his constituency during election periods, leaving them to struggle with unmet promises and deteriorating conditions once in office. The incident forced Behera to hastily retreat with the aid of police security, reflecting the extent of the negative perception held by the Kakatpur electorate.

The resistance in Tarakoi panchayat is emblematic of a deeper, growing frustration among voters who feel neglected and deceived by their leaders. The episode serves as a stark reminder of the critical importance of accountability and sustained action in political office. As the election approaches, it remains to be seen how this wave of discontent will influence the electoral fortunes of Tushar Behera and the BJD party in Kakatpur constituency.

## Woman dies after being hit by OSRTC bus in Odisha's Kendrapada



**New Delhi, (KCN):** A tragic incident unfolded on Tuesday morning as an OSRTC bus traveling from Kendrapara to Cuttack in Odisha fatally struck a woman on Chandbali Road, at Chandol Kharida Sahi under the jurisdiction of Kendrapara Sadar police limits. The

woman's identity remains unknown at present.

Reports indicate

direction, causing the woman riding the scooter to fall and subsequently be run over by the bus. Upon receiving the information, the police promptly arrived at the scene and initiated an investigation into the heartbreaking accident.



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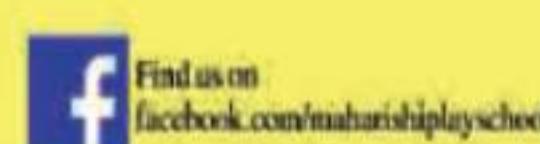
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Dance Deewane 4 Finale: Nithin And Gaurav Win  
The Show And Rs 20 Lakh Cash Prize

Bengaluru boy Nithin NJ and Delhi's Gaurav Sharma were crowned winners of the reality show, 'Dance Deewane', and were awarded a cheque of Rs 20 lakh. At what was hailed as the 'Parivaar Ki Grand Finale Party', the winners performed on the tracks 'Hai Rama' and 'Roop Suhana Lagta Hai' from the 1994 vigilante action film 'The Gentleman'.

The top six finale contestants were -- Taranjot and Kashvi, Chainveer and Chirashree, Yuvraj and Yuvansh, Harsha and Devansh, Varsha and Shrirang, and Nitin and Gaurav. The finale kicked off with the dance queen and judge Madhuri Dixit Nene setting the stage ablaze by grooving to 'Khoya Hain'. Emotions soared when another judge, Suniel Shetty, sang the immortal song 'Sandese Aate Hain' from the J.P. Datta war movie, 'Border'. His

rendition moved everyone to tears, adding a heartfelt touch to the spectacle. Adding to the excitement, Bollywood heartthrob Kartik Aaryan rode on the finale hype wave to promote his upcoming sports drama 'Chandu Champion'. Kartik took over the grand finale floor with the contestants dancing to tracks picturized on him, namely, 'Dil Chori Saada Ho Gaya', 'Coca Cola Tu', 'Bhool

Bhulaiyya' and 'Bom Diggy Diggy'. Talking about clinching the coveted trophy, Nithin, 19, said: "Winning this dance battle, which had the most skilled dancers across four generations, is like a dream coming true. I thank our competitors for cheering us on and celebrating this victory as if it was their own. This captures the true essence of our family." When Nithin and Gaurav were paired up on

'Dance Deewane', little did they know their on-stage chemistry would get them tagged as the dancing heroes of the North and the South. Reacting to their win, Gaurav, 22, said, "I bow to my parents and gurus, who trained me and recognized my potential. My heartfelt gratitude to Madhuri Ma'am and Suniel sir for elevating my dance skills with their guidance. It was an honor to have danced for the extended family, which

watched me from their living rooms every week." From day one, their shared passion for killer moves helped Nithin and Gaurav vibe like a house on fire and they became the most loved second-generation dancers, pulling off energetic hip-hop hoofers and even nailing those edge-of-the-seat dance stunts. Commenting on the show, Madhuri said: "So many of their performances were

masterpieces and I am sure their artistry will continue to stun the world. Their journey celebrated the art form that is so close to my heart. It has been a pleasure watching them grow as performers. As they lift the trophy of this season, I am confident that they will inspire generations with their moves."

Suniel added: "What a truly grand finale it has been. Congratulations to Nithin and Gaurav for showing us their 'deewangi' for dance and owning the stage with incredible performances right until their victory. I am proud of their journey and I thank them for sharing their gift with the world through this show." Bringing full-on entertainment, the trio Krishna, Kashmera, and Sudesh from the upcoming show, 'Laughter Chefs Unlimited Entertainment', got the 'Dance Deewane' family in splits with their antics.



## Did You Find Shahid Kapoor-Kriti Sanon's 'Laal Peeli Akhiyaan' Similar To Ranbir-Deepika's Badtameez Dil?



While Shahid Kapoor and Kriti Sanon have set the stage on fire with a groovy track, 'Laal Peeli Akhiyaan', fans have been quick to draw similarities from the iconic dance number 'Badtameez Dil'.

Taking to the comment section of the song, fans compared it to Ranbir Kapoor and Deepika Padukone's

season 2?" A third fan mentioned, "Kriti's look is similar to Deepika from the badtamij Dil song." Yet another fan wrote, "The song feels like a copy of Ranbir and Deepika's Batmeez Dil." And one more fan simply wrote, "Recreate Badtameez Dil."

Marking Shahid's return to the dance floor after nearly a decade, the song also portrays the fresh chemistry between Shahid and Kriti. Taking to Instagram, Shahid treated fans to the full song video.

Sharing the video, he wrote, "Shake the whole world today... C a u s e #LaalPeeliAkhiyaan is out now." Sung by Romy and Tanishk, with lyrics by Neeraj Rajawat, the song is a perfect blend of rhythm and lyrics.

The dance number has been choreographed by Shaik Jani Basha. The video captured Shahid and Kriti showcasing their impressive dancing skills. He looked dapper in a black shirt that he paired with black pants and shades while Kriti looked stunning in blue saree. Tanishk Bagchi, the music

composer and singer, expresses his excitement, stating, "Laal Peeli Akhiyaan is an absolute banger! Its beats will make you hit the dance floor instantly. Shahid's infectious energy is definitely the highlight of the song... can't wait to see people groove to this one!"

The trailer is all set to arrive on 18th January. The film 'Teri Baton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya' is written and directed by Amit Joshi and Aradhana Sah. Dinesh Vijan, Jyoti Deshpande, and Laxman Utekar have produced it. The film will be out in theatres on February 9.

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



Prime Video released the latest session of 'Maitri: Female First Collective', hosting its maiden discussion in Chennai. Launched last year, the collective is an endeavour to create a safe space where women from the Indian media and entertainment industry can come together to discuss their experiences, challenges and successes, and offer their perspective on bringing about a positive shift. The session featured 8 eminent women from India's various entertainment industries, ranging from award-winning prolific actors who have worked across languages like Malavika Mohanan, Aishwarya Rajesh and Madhoo, to women who have left an indelible mark behind the camera, like creator, writer, showrunner & producer Reshma Ghatala, writer & director Swathi Raghuraaman, and cinematographer Yamini Yagnamurthy, in addition to Aparna Purohit, creator - Maitri & head of India Originals, Prime Video, and Smriti Kiran, creator and curator of Maitri & founder, Polka Dots LightBox.

Sharing personal anecdotes, the participants discussed the existing gender dynamics in the film industry, the challenges faced by female professionals, including stereotyping, colourism, ageism, and much more. Surprisingly, the women noted how the issues were similar irrespective of whether they worked in front of the camera or behind it, or whether they worked in production or corporate roles. The core discussion also touched upon the true essence of feminism and empowerment, what gender-equality really means for the trailblazers gathered in the room. An interesting insight that was shared by all was that true equality can be achieved when the industry stops tagging a particular role, a narrative or a job as woman-oriented or male-oriented. The group as a whole agreed that age-old conditioning often restricts the personal and professional growth potential of women, and can be changed only if it is internalized in one's home and social environment. The interaction also highlighted the critical role

that streaming was playing in improving female representation, creating new opportunities for actors, regardless of their age, body size, or skin colour, and for creators to tell all kinds of unique stories. "Equitable representation opens up a new world for young girls to draw inspiration from, making it all the more important to have women in positions of influence, where they can provide a platform for newer voices and open up doors for more women," said Aparna Purohit, creator - Maitri & head of India Originals, Prime Video. "However, we know that change is a gradual process. It is, therefore, important for us to continue having these discussions across the country, and we are thrilled to have hosted our first session in Chennai. Even though it is only a year old, Maitri has managed to drive change in the right direction. It is heartening to see people having a conversation about diversity, equity and inclusion when writing or planning their projects." Speaking about the need to have such conversations frequently, Smriti Kiran, creator & curator of Maitri and founder, Polka Dots LightBox said, "There is an undeniable need for spaces where women can voice their stories without any fear. Creating an environment that allows women to share their experiences without judgement is the first step in enabling any change, whether it is in the industry or society. This is precisely why we have to keep the conversation going relentlessly. Thrilled that Maitri is in Chennai today, tomorrow it will be in another part of India. We will continue to connect women across sections and states through conversation and collaboration."

## Strong internal security is Modi's big success



Mumbai was shaken by bomb blasts on 12 March 1993. The entire world was stunned by the attack on Mumbai by Kasab and his associates on 26 November 2008. Who can forget the death of 209 people due to the blast in local trains on July 11, 2006? The killing of 10 people when a bomb exploded in a train in Mulund, Mumbai on March 14, 2003, and the killing of 50 people when two bombs kept in cars exploded near Zaveri Bazaar and Gateway of India on August 25, 2003, haunt us till today.

Before the Modi government, the country's capital Delhi was always the target of terrorists. The attack on Parliament on 13 December 2001 was an attack on the sovereignty of the country. On 29 October 2005, a day before Diwali, terrorists carried out three blasts in New Delhi, killing more than 70 people and injuring at least 250 others. I have been living in Delhi for the last 55

years. While I have seen the peace of Delhi, unfortunately I have also had to witness the turbulent days. Delhi has faced countless terrorist attacks in the last four decades. The daily shaking of Delhi by bomb blasts still shakes us. Why only Delhi and Mumbai, the nefarious designs of terrorists continued to succeed in big cities of all the states of the country including Jaipur, Ajmer, Malegaon, Srinagar, Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Rampur, Hyderabad, Coimbatore, Varanasi. It is unfortunate that whenever terrorist attacks took place in the country, the reaction of our governments was always limited to 'strong condemnation' but after the formation of Modi government in 2014, extensive work started on the policy of killing terrorists on the border itself. The work of the terrorists who had entered India also started being completed. Although the frightened terrorists had the

audacity to attack Pulwama and Uri in Kashmir and Pathankot airbase in Punjab, but the way the Modi government killed the terrorists by entering Pakistan, it demoralized the terrorists and their patron Pakistan.

Obviously, as per the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Central Government has been committed to ensuring the nation's border and internal security by strengthening all aspects. Since the formation of Modi government in 2014, India has not had to face major terrorist attacks. Union Home Minister Amit Shah's claim is absolutely correct that under the leadership of Modi, the internal security situation of the country has strengthened and there has been success in completely controlling terrorism in Kashmir. There has been a lot of change in the internal security situation of the country during the Modi era. In the last ten years, the strategic power of the country has

increased manifold. The borders have become more secure than before. Our forces are more fully equipped with defense equipment than before and are ready for war in every way and at all times. The morale of our forces is very high. The process of reforms in the defense sector started by the Modi government is showing better results.

After the removal of Article 370, terrorism has been completely controlled in Kashmir and the number of deaths and other violent incidents have declined by 72 percent. Violent incidents have also decreased by 65 percent in the North-East region. We are seeing a huge change in the situation in Naxal affected areas also. Modi government has been completely serious towards national security. The National Security Strategy Conference held in New Delhi last year under the chairmanship

of Home Minister Amit Shah has been an important link in fulfilling the vision of Prime Minister Modi. This topic has been discussed extensively in this conference so that better security can be ensured in every aspect of the country. After this, work is being done to provide an infallible shield of security everywhere, from village to district, from district to state and from state to country's borders.

Whenever Modi government has raised its voice against the enemies of the country, Congress and all the opposition parties have criticized it. Many times the opposition parties have been seen taking Pakistan's side on sensitive issues related to national security, but the Modi government is working considering the nation and its people as supreme. The Modi government has been successful in creating such an impenetrable structure on the

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## The future of India-Iran relations



relations will remain normal for a long time.

Iran is a member of China's Belt and Road Initiative. It is seen as an opportunity to restore its historic status as a bridge between East and West. China is investing billions of dollars in various projects in the fields of transport, ports, energy, industry and services in Iran. Iran has emerged as a strong economic partner. Iran has the largest reserves of crude oil and natural gas. It sees India as a big market to sell oil. The two countries are geographically close. That lowers its prices and could support Iran's weak economy. But India is a democratic and responsible country, which it is bound by international law.

Therefore, in view of the US sanctions, India has stopped importing Iranian oil for the last four years. Due to this, while India's energy needs are affected, Iran also does not think it is right.

Now the agreement between India and Iran regarding Chabahar Port has been concluded. It is considered important for India from strategic and commercial point of view. There are many geographical reasons for this. Development of Chabahar Port Project is a major project of India and Iran. In this context, an agreement was signed between India, Iran and Russia on May 16, 2002. As a result, North South Corridor can be built for export to

also been assured.

The strategic battle to connect India's South Sea with India's West Sea has been successful. Not only this, Afghanistan's cooperation in this project will also help in creating strategic balance. Iran is also very excited about this new route. Because before, the goods going to Afghanistan through Pakistan will first go to Chabahar port in Iran by ship and then reach Afghanistan by truck. Through Chabahar Port, India will be connected with Afghanistan, Central Asia, Russia, Petersburg and the 'Land Lock' region of Central Asia.

Therefore, this port

will greatly improve India's strategic, economic and geographical position. Chabahar Port is also seen as a symbol of India's hope to become an economic powerhouse. Chabahar can be reached in just a few days from Kandla port in Gujarat. From there, goods can be transported by rail or road. Iran will also get

limited. Since the attack on Ukraine, Russia has been facing severe international sanctions. Many countries, including the United States, the United Kingdom, and the European Union, as well as Australia, Canada, and Japan, have imposed more than sixteen thousand sanctions on Russia. About 70 percent of the

economic and strategic partners. India and the US have extensive strategic partnerships and alliances in many areas including trade, defence, multilateralism, intelligence, cyberspace, civil nuclear power, education and healthcare. India and Israel have deep bilateral economic, military and strategic relations. Israel is India's second largest defense supplier after Russia. Military and strategic ties between the two countries spying on terrorist groups.

Sharing and expanding joint military training. Chabahar Port can be of great help to India in increasing its access to global markets. But Iran is continuously moving forward with China and Russia. In such a situation, America and Europe will not allow Iran's monetary plan to succeed. Which can give it huge benefits. The wider benefits of the Chabahar port would require major changes in Iran, such as a democratic government, the fall of Putin, and Xi Jinping's aggressive imperialist policies. As of now there is no hope. Also, there is absolutely no possibility of India disrupting relations with US, Israel and European countries to increase cooperation with Iran!!!!

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the same benefits. India needs connectivity with Iran for oil, gas and Central Asia. By which gas can be brought through the pipeline. But due to Iran's complicated religious and global policies, there is deep confusion about how to fulfill India's long-term plans for the Chabahar port.

Iran, Afghanistan and Russia are benefiting India from Chabahar port. All three countries now face severe global sanctions. US support for the Taliban has been declared a crime. In such a situation, the scope of cooperation between Afghanistan and the Taliban occupying India is very

assets of Russian banks were frozen. Even a 'high speed' messaging service for some financial institutions was discontinued from 'Shift'. The United States and Britain have imposed restrictions on Russian oil and natural gas. The European Union has imposed a ban on the import of crude oil by sea.

Iran also has Chabahar port due to human rights violations and nuclear bomb development. Again, there is a deep contradiction between Iran's diplomacy and India's approach. Iran's two biggest enemies, America and Israel, are India's most important

## Letter to Editor

Sir

Two horrific fire accidents - one in Delhi and the other in Rajkot, causing the death of so many including new born infants is truly shocking and heart wrenching. The shocking fire accident in a newborn care unit of a children's hospital, in Delhi, has claimed the precious lives of little infants. Another fire accident that occurred in a Game Zone in Rajkot has claimed the lives of adults and children plunging the whole nation to gloom and grief. Now, each and every time an incident like this happens we make a big hue and cry, become extra aware, go in for all sorts of campaigns and compensations and talk about prevention methods and so and as days roll on we are back to square one - we completely forget and wake up when another tragedy occurs. Lack of preparedness, readiness to tackle fire accidents - be it due to short circuit or any other sort - and lack of awareness on what to do in case of such incidents make us victims to infernos.

The death of these little innocent infants as well as those who lost their lives in the game zone again pose a big question - when are we really going to learn our lessons? Be it hospitals or hotels, movie halls or malls, people may not have the slightest bit of idea about the escape routes, lay outs and other possible ways of escape in case of an inferno. Staff of the concerned establishments should be prepared to rescue or at least guide the guests to safety. Buildings should have a common way to exit that any one irrespective of age and gender should be able to identify and escape immediately. Big buildings should have proper fire and electricity safety devices and these must be checked occasionally. Staff especially in sensitive places like hospitals, schools and hotels should take part in mock drills and be ever ready in case of emergency. Schools and colleges should include fire disaster management lessons in their physical education curriculum so that we can groom citizens who can face such emergencies boldly, wisely and bravely and even help the weak and those who are very young.

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The Director General, National Cadet Corps (NCC) Lt Gen Gurbirpal Singh flagging off NCC Boys & Girls Mountaineering Expedition to Mount Kang Yatse-II peak from New Delhi on May 28, 2024.

## 21 Unexplained Deaths In Kota Amid Severe Heat Wave In Rajasthan

**J a i p u r ( K C N ) :** Rajasthan is in the grip of a severe heat wave. Temperatures in eleven cities, especially in the western region, are hitting the sizzling peak of 47 degrees Celsius. In the capital city Jaipur, mercury was at an eight-year-high of above 46 degrees.

Amid the scalding temperatures, the state has been witnessing an unexplained rise in the number of sudden deaths. In Kota alone, 21 abandoned bodies were found in the past 48 hours and handed over to an NGO for the last rites.

The government, however, has denied that these deaths are due to heat. There has been only one death officially due to heat stroke, according to the state's health department.

But on the ground, the indications are that the figure is much higher and some deaths are due to comorbid conditions that are aggravated by the unbearable heat wave. In the last 48 hours, the Karma Yogi Seva Santhan - an NGO that carries out the last rites of unidentified bodies - has received frantic calls from the local police. As many as 21 bodies, found on footpaths, under bridges, near railway tracks and outside temples and dargahs have been handed over to the NGO for the last rites.

"I have been doing last



rites of unidentified bodies for the past 24 years but I have never received so many calls from the police. The heat definitely has something to do with it," said Raja Ram, the president of the Karma Yogi Seva Santhan.

Of the 21 deaths - mostly vagrants and homeless, only two have been identified. One among the two was Munna Khan who spent his days outside the dargah in Nayapura in Kota. His relatives said he preferred to sleep in the courtyard outside the dargah. They said he was healthy and appeared to have died of exposure to the severe heat. However, until a post-mortem doesn't establish the cause of death as heat stroke, it won't be noted in official figures. The district collector of Kota, Ravindra Goswami, said until the

postmortem report doesn't establish these deaths as caused by heat stroke it will be premature to make an assumption.

The Rajasthan health department, meanwhile, has asked all hospitals to be prepared for patients coming in with symptoms of heat stroke. Blocks of ice have been placed in specially created wards in hospitals to treat patients who suffer from heat stroke symptoms. But, state health minister Gajendra Singh Khimsar maintains that one person has died due to heat stroke: "People who live on footpaths and besides railway tracks are alcoholics and drug addicts. So, of course, they are vulnerable as are daily wage workers like farm labour and coolies." But, those who have co-morbid conditions, that can also be aggravated by heat stroke but the official figure of death is only

one," he said.

State minister for disaster relief Kirori Lal Meena, on the other hand, maintains that six people could have died due to the "loo" (local word for hot winds). "There is no provision to give financial compensation to people who die of heat and cold," he added.

He also met Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma over the issue today and has issued an advisory to districts on precaution. Suspected heat-related deaths have also been reported from several other areas of the state. On Sunday, a BSF soldier guarding an outpost on the western border was taken ill suddenly and rushed to a hospital. He died while undergoing treatment.

The BSF has not confirmed if his death was due to heat stroke or some other condition. India is no stranger to searing summer temperatures. But, years of scientific research have found climate change is causing heatwaves to become longer, more frequent and more intense.

in Bundi adjoining Kota, where temperatures are in the range of 47 and 48 degrees, five deaths with symptoms of heat stroke have been reported.

A police constable Mahaveer Meena was found dead in the police line quarters. His family says he was healthy and appears to have gone to sleep on Monday night after his duty hours were over. The next day he was found dead. There were prima facie no injury marks on his body.

The body of one Om Prakash Bairwa was found in a forested area. On the family's complaint, a post-mortem to look at heat stroke as a possible cause of death has been done.

A daily wage labourer and a woman who had gone to graze goats and an auto-rickshaw driver were also found dead in Bundi. The Rajasthan Police are investigating these deaths and medical samples have been sent to check if these were due to heat stroke.

So far, 3,965 people who have suffered a heat stroke in Rajasthan and who have reached government hospitals for treatment, as per official records.

Modi elaborated on how his government has been working tirelessly to weed out rampant corruption from the system.

## Petition Seeks To Stop "Demolition" Of Supreme Court Building For New One



**New Delhi (KCN):** A petition has been filed in the Supreme Court seeking directions to the Union government and top court registry to not "demolish" the Supreme Court building and instead make a new building in another place.

The plea stated that the Supreme Court of India building is one of the important memorial buildings, built after the Independence of India and also currently so many courts, tribunals and government establishments working in private properties on a rental basis may be accommodated there.

"That making the 27

courts and the Centre is going to demolish the entire building and 800 crore is going to be spent on rebuilding 27 courts with four registrar courtrooms.

Further, the petition said that the Centre did not release the new design of the Supreme Court building and did not discuss with the common people and bar associations about the new building design.

## Court Reserves Order On Probe Agency Chargesheet Against Arvind Kejriwal

**New Delhi:** A Delhi court on Tuesday reserved for June 4 its order on whether to take cognisance of the Enforcement Directorate's supplementary charge sheet against Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in the money laundering case linked to the alleged excise scam.

The court will also decide

whether to take note of the alleged offence against the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), the first political party which has been booked under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) by the ED. The supplementary charge sheet has also claimed that bribes were received even from Punjab businessmen to allow them to invest in liquor trade in the national capital.

The Enforcement Directorate has claimed those businessmen from Punjab, also ruled by the AAP, who did not pay up, were forced out of their ventures in the neighbouring state.

Special Judge Kaveri Baweja reserved the order after hearing the arguments advanced by the ED, which claimed it has sufficient evidence to prosecute Kejriwal in the case. The federal anti-money laundering agency told the court that Kejriwal, the national convenor of AAP, and the party were inextricably linked to the alleged scam.

Arvind Kejriwal is the "kingpin and key conspirator" of the scam, which also involves other AAP leaders and private individuals, the ED has alleged.

## "Action Against Corrupt Leaders Will Accelerate After June 4": PM Modi

**New Delhi (KCN):** From Barasat in West Bengal to Dumka in Jharkhand, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday vowed to launch a thorough investigation against corrupt leaders once the results of the ongoing Lok Sabha elections are out on June 4.

This, he promised, was a "Modi ki guarantee" and an "X-ray so powerful" that it will deter future generations from indulging in corruption. "Ten years ago, I pledged to eradicate corruption, and I've upheld that promise. Now, I assure the nation that 'na

khaunga, na khaane dunga'! The mountains of notes that have been recovered from TMC leaders will be accounted for, every single penny of it. Legal measures are being implemented to ensure justice," said Prime Minister Modi during the election rally in Barasat.

In Dumka, as he slammed Jharkhand Mukti Morcha and Congress of "looting Jharkhand from all sides", the Prime Minister said that the resource-rich state is now infamous for its mountains of currency

notes. "After June 4, action against corrupt leaders will accelerate, and this is the Modi ki guarantee," he said while reiterating his commitment to combating corruption in the country. On Monday, while speaking exclusively to IANS, Prime Minister

Modi elaborated on how his government has been working tirelessly to weed out rampant corruption from the system.

"Today, when the big fish are being caught, questions are being raised by vested interests. It's difficult to understand what is the motive of the Khan Market Gang and why it is framing such narratives to save the criminals from facing the law," he said.

He had also made it clear that the independent agencies take action based on facts which are gathered after a lot of hard

work. "It is the Independent investigative agency which apprehends the accused and the judiciary which decides on their conviction or trial. The Prime Minister has no role in this," said Prime Minister Modi. While addressing multiple election meetings in different parts of the country over the past many weeks, the Prime Minister has emphasised that the next five years will prove to be extremely important in the country's fight against corruption. Last August, while speaking from the ramparts of the Red Fort on the occasion of 77th Independence Day, Prime Minister Modi had mentioned that corruption, nepotism and appeasement are the three major challenges that have suppressed the aspirations of people in the country. "Freedom from corruption, fight against corruption in every area and in every sector is the need of the hour. And countrymen, my dear family members, this is Modi's commitment; it is my personal commitment that I will continue to fight against corruption," said the Prime Minister on August 15, 2023.



# Cyclone Remal brings havoc for Olive Ridley eggs, hatchlings

**Kendrapara(KCN):** The adverse weather conditions and torrential rain caused by Cyclone Remal in the Bay of Bengal have severely disrupted the emergence of Olive Ridley turtle hatchlings at the mass nesting sites of Nasi-2, the world's largest rookery of the species in Odisha. DFO of Rajnagar Mangrove (forest) and Wildlife Division, Sudarshan Gopinath Jadav, said the turbulent sea, along with high tides due to Cyclone Remal, washed away several eggs. The incessant rain also damaged the turtle eggs, he added. Official

sources said about 1.20 lakh Olive Ridley sea turtle hatchlings emerged from the eggs at the mass nesting sites of Nasi-2 three days ago. However, the prevailing adverse weather conditions due to Cyclone Remal have halted the emergence of the baby hatchlings from the pits. "We are now in a wait-and-watch situation with fingers crossed, as we anticipate the eggs might have been destroyed due to Cyclone Remal," Jadav said. Around 3 lakh Olive Ridley sea turtles started emerging six days ago at the tranquil sandy nesting ground at Nasi-2, located close to the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) at Wheeler's Island under the Gahirmatha Marine Sanctuary. He

said it was expected that the process would continue for at least the next five days, but Cyclone Remal has disrupted the emergence of the baby

turtles from their eggshells. Earlier, due to multi-layering at Nasi-2, more than 15 per cent of the eggs laid were destroyed in some segments during



Ridley sea turtles generally lay 100-120 eggs at a time. They lay their eggs at midnight in 45-cm pits, which they dig 2-3 feet deep with their rear flippers. Hatchlings emerge from the eggs after 45-55 days and find their way to the sea, creating a cacophony, the DFO said. Once hatched, the turtles dig their way to the surface and scurry to the ocean. It is believed by some that imprinting on the Earth's magnetic field may occur upon their emergence from the sand. This imprinting is thought to guide the hatchlings back to the same breeding areas in adulthood. If the hatchlings reach the ocean successfully, they will spend the next several years dispersing in ocean currents, associating with sargassum rafts and floating debris, which provide them with food and shelter, Jadav said. It is one of nature's rare phenomena where babies grow without their mother. The endangered species' mortality rate is so high that only one out of every 1,000 eggs laid hatches and survives to become an adult Olive Ridley turtle, Jadav explained.

## Amit Shah's Nimapara Address : Vows of Cultural Revival and Economic Growth Ignite Debate



**Bhubaneswar, (KCN Bureau):** In a significant rally attended by an estimated 30,000 supporters, Union Home Minister Amit Shah delivered a series of potent promises and controversial statements aimed at galvanizing support for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the upcoming fourth phase of Odisha's elections. The rally, held at Nimapara, underscored the BJP's electoral ambitions and highlighted key issues within the state. Amit Shah emphasized the BJP's commitment to preserving and revitalizing Odisha's cultural heritage. He pointedly criticized the current state government, accusing Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik of being out of touch with Odisha's cultural values. Shah highlighted an incident where three out of the four gates of the revered Sri Jagannath Temple were allegedly closed by a Tamil administrator, a move he suggested was a deliberate affront to Odisha's traditions. "If the BJP forms the

government in Odisha, we will ensure that the Ratna Bhandar (the temple treasury) of Jagannath Temple will be opened," Shah promised, appealing to the religious and cultural sentiments of the populace. On the economic front, Shah made ambitious commitments aimed at improving the livelihoods of farmers and generating employment. He pledged that, under a BJP government, farmers would receive a Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Rs 3100 per quintal for their produce. Additionally, he announced plans to create approximately 150,000 jobs within the state, aiming to tackle the pressing issue of unemployment. Shah's speech was not devoid of controversy. He accused the state government of being dominated by "Tamil administration," a phrase he used to suggest external influence and mismanagement. He declared that this administration would be abolished and replaced by leadership that truly

understands and represents Odisha's interests. "The anarchism by a Tamil person over Odisha can never be tolerated," Shah asserted, positioning the BJP as the party that will restore local governance and integrity. He assured the crowd that if the BJP comes to power, the state would have an Odia as Chief Minister, thus ensuring that leadership remains in the hands of someone who genuinely comprehends and values the local culture and issues. Amit Shah's election campaign in Nimapara marks a strategic move by the BJP to leverage both cultural and economic appeals in its campaign. By criticizing the current administration's handling of the Sri Jagannath Temple and promising significant economic reforms, the BJP aims to attract a wide base of voters disillusioned with the status quo. The promises of opening the Ratna Bhandar, increasing MSP for farmers, and generating

## Odisha: 348 Assembly candidates face criminal charges; BJP fields highest among other parties

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** A joint report of the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) and Odisha Election Watch has revealed that 348 candidates out of the 1283 candidates who are contesting the ongoing Assembly election in Odisha face criminal cases. The report reveals that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), among all the major political parties in the state, has fielded the highest number of candidates facing various different criminal cases. As per the report, a staggering 68 per cent of BJP's candidates (100 out of 147) have criminal cases against them. Meanwhile, the report claims that 58 per cent of candidates fielded by the BJP are facing serious criminal charges including kidnap, assault, rape, murder and Offence for which the maximum

punishment is of 5 years or more etc. Similarly, 41 per cent (60 of the 145) candidates of Congress have declared criminal cases against them. The ruling Biju Janata Dal has fielded 46 (31 per cent) of the 147 candidates facing criminal charges. "The role of money power in our elections is evident from the fact that all major political parties give tickets to wealthy candidates. Among the major parties 128 (87 per cent) out of 147 candidates analysed from BJD, 96 (65 per cent) out of 147 candidates analysed from BJP, 88 (61 per cent) out of 145 candidates analysed from INC and 11 (27 per cent) out of 41 candidates analysed from AAP have declared assets valued more than Rs 1 crore," reads the report.



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

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

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

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

the world of cloud expertise. With unwavering determination, she earned multiple AWS certifications, including the highly sought-after AWS Certified Solution Architect Associate supported by the SheBuilds program designed to create an inclusive and supportive environment for technical skills development.

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

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

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

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

## SBILife extends 'ThanksADot'-Breast Cancer Awareness program, promoting self-breast examination among women in Bhubaneshwar



**Bhubaneshwar (KCN):** In its steadfast commitment to women's health and empowerment of underserved communities, SBI Life Insurance, under its 'ThanksADot' initiative, organized a breast cancer awareness program to educate and create awareness around the importance of self-breast examination amongst female sanitation workers of Bhubaneshwar Municipal Corporation (BMC). Through collaborative efforts with the Rotaract Club of Bhubaneshwar, the initiative aimed to bring about a behavioral change by empowering these women with an innovative easy-to-use tool for self-breast examination, SBI Life Insurance continues to take a step forward in this direction to educate female sanitation workers on ways to fight this deadly disease. Mr. Rajesh Bhugra, Regional Director-Bhubaneshwar, SBI Life Insurance along with Dr. Sanjay Kumar Mishra, Director-Radiology Oncology at Utkal Hospitals, Ms. Nandita Shah, Vice President, SBI Life Insurance were accompanied by the members of Rotary Club at this awareness program. They addressed these sanitation workers and distributed the innovative 'Thanks A Dot' hot water bag.

The innovative 'Thanks A Dot' tool re-engineers the 'hot water bag', that is most commonly used by women across the country to tackle menstrual pain, by engraving special lumps on the front side of the bag allowing women to experience the sensation of how a real breast cancer lump would feel during self-examination. SBI Life Insurance reaffirms its dedication to this cause, pledging to continue its efforts for spreading awareness and facilitating innovative tools for early

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

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

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

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

Speaking about the

award, Mr. Sushil Panigrahi, Head, Safety, TPSODL from Mr. Himal Tewari, CHRO, Chief Sustainability, and CSR, TATA Power during the Annual Award Ceremony.

Earlier, in the case of a burnt fuse, linemen replaced it by climbing up to the HG fuse structure physically. Despite safety zones created surrounding the electrical structure, accident cases

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



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

**Bhubaneshwar:** To serve the needs of premium households who want the next generational connectivity and entertainment experience, Bharti Airtel ("Airtel"), India's premier communications solutions provider, has once again raised the bar in the home broadband segment with the launch of three new all-in-one plans built for the evolving entertainment needs of today's connected homes. Vir Inder Nath, CEO - Homes, Bharti Airtel had this to say: "Our new plans are built for India's emerging entertainment needs. Through these bundle offers we plan to offer our discerning customers great value, convenience and unlock a multi-faceted digital experience."

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

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

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

education to ensure sustainable development for the planet and humanity, as well as to define and prepare a roadmap for a new era of higher education.

As the world comes out of COVID-19, the WHEC's goals and strategic scope remain, and the new timeframe represents an opportunity to deepen and expand common efforts of knowledge production,

policy dialogue, exchange, and networking.

Swami Amritaswarupananda Puri, President of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, participated in a round table called "Universities' Contribution to Gender Equality: A global perspective". Adding to his views Swami Amritaswarupananda

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

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

# Hopes high that IPL injection will boost South Africa

**New Delhi:** Maybe because he was a stand-in captain, maybe because he won't be part of the impending T20 World Cup, maybe because there is no straighter talker in cricket, maybe because of all of the above, Rassie van der Dussen didn't pull punches about his team's hammering in their T20I series in Jamaica. "You can't keep learning; at some stage you've got to start doing," he told a television interviewer on Sunday in the wake of West Indies' win by eight wickets with 6.1 overs to spare. That followed the home side's 16-run victory on Saturday, which came after their 28-run win on Thursday. The South Africans didn't

come to terms with the conditions - a *prima facie* indictment considering all three games were played on exactly the same Sabina Park strip. Cricketminded South Africans will take heart from the fact that Kingston isn't on the T20 World Cup's list of venues. And by the return to the ranks of a heavyweight IPL contingent who weren't part of the series: Aiden Markram, Heinrich Klaasen, David Miller, Tristan Stubbs, Keshav Maharaj, Marco Jansen and Kagiso Rabada. Hopes will be high that they will make all the difference. Seven of the 15 in South Africa's squad went into the Windies series with no

experience of the Caribbean's often tricky conditions. Eight of that group are among the 15 who will be at the T20 World Cup. Of the latter 15 only Stubbs and Jansen have not played in West Indies. Eight of the T20 World Cup squad have been part of Major League Cricket in the United States. But that is moot because all three of South Africa's games in the US will be at Nassau County International Cricket Stadium - which didn't exist before construction started in January and will be fitted with pitches prepared in Australia.

Along with Nassau, which is in the state of New York, 16 of the T20

World Cup's first 40 matches will be played in Florida and Texas. The business end of the tournament will be confined to the Caribbean, which sharpens the focus

on South Africa's performance in those conditions. "We just couldn't adapt early enough," Van der Dussen said in his press conference after

Sunday's game. "We saw that in the first match, but you can't keep making the same mistakes. That's no excuse for what happened [on Saturday and Sunday]. We got taught a lesson in how to play in Caribbean conditions, especially on the bowling front. They out-skilled us, especially with the ball."

In the first match, South Africa couldn't find a way past the Windies' middling total of 175/8. Then they allowed a score of 139/4 in the 15th over - a strike rate of 156.18 - to balloon to a total of 207/7. West Indies' strike rate for the last 5.1 of those overs leapt to 212.90. Things went from bad to worse in the third match, with

South Africa shambling to a total of 163/7.

On Thursday the home side achieved their biggest win in terms of runs in the 20 T20Is they had played, at that stage, against South Africa. On Sunday they matched their biggest victory by wickets over them and set a new mark for the number of balls remaining.

Even so, Van der Dussen was able to point to qualified positives: "Quinny [de Kock] getting back into form [on Saturday, when he scored 41 off 17], the way Reeza [Hendricks, who made 127 runs in three innings] batted, youngster Nqaba Peter [who had an economy rate of 9.83] making his debut and looking like he's been

playing for a few years already, Bjorn Fortuin [who limited the damage to 7.50 runs an over] bowling well in stages. So there were glimpses here and there, but overall we were short of the mark by a long way."

Of the 13 players who batted for the visitors in the series only De Kock and Hendricks had a strike rate of 150.00 or more. Romario Shepherd, Johnson Charles, Brandon King, Kyle Mayers and Andre Fletcher all met that milestone for the Windies, who sent 12 players to the crease. Among South Africa's 10 bowlers Wiaan Mulder, Anrich Nortje, Andile Phehlukwayo and Lungi Ngidi bled runs at more than 10 to the over.

## RR trio Yuzvendra Chahal, Avesh Khan and Yashasvi Jaiswal leave for T20 World Cup

**New Delhi:** RR trio Yuzvendra Chahal, Avesh Khan and Yashasvi Jaiswal boarded the flight for USA on Monday, 27 May. They are part of the second contingent that is flying out to New York.

RR trio of Yuzvendra Chahal, Avesh Khan and Yashasvi Jaiswal flew out to New York on May 27, a day after the Indian Premier League 2024 Final. With RR not playing in the final of the tournament, the players



took a small break and left to join the Indian team in the T20 World Cup 2024.

Several Indian players are already in New York. Senior India members

like Rohit Sharma, Jasprit Bumrah and Suryakumar Yadav among others flew out just before the IPL 2024 final. The Rajasthan players did not have their captain Sanju Samson

with them, who travelled separately and updated his fans over Instagram. Rajasthan were brilliant in the first half of the Indian Premier League this season but lost steam later on. Rajasthan qualified in third place in the playoffs and lost to SRH in the Qualifier 2 of the tournament.

India fast bowler Avesh Khan was spotted by the paparazzi while he was speaking to Rinku Singh over the phone. Rinku, who was supposed to fly

out on 28 May was resting after his triumphant IPL campaign. Rinku is not a part of the main Indian contingent and will be travelling as a reserve player. India will play their warm-up match ahead of the tournament on June 1. They will face Bangladesh, who have just lost a bilateral series against the United States of America. India will play their first match against Ireland on June 6.

The top order batter is also out of contract in the Big Bash League. Burns, who is eligible to represent Italy through his mother's heritage, will now be a part of their squad for the sub regional qualifiers. He also revealed that he will be wearing the number 85 on his jersey to honour his brother.

"This isn't just a number and this isn't just a jersey," Burns wrote on his Instagram page while announcing his decision to switch to Italy. "This is for the people who I know will be looking

down proudly from above. In February of this year my brother sadly passed away. 85 was his number in the last team he played (and his birth year) for the mighty Northern Federals in sub-districts.

"The days, weeks and months since my brother's death have been the toughest I could ever imagine. I'm not too proud to admit that it's been a daily battle that I often lose. While a part of my soul feels like it will always be missing, I know this shirt will carry on his spirit and give me strength. It's the hours

## Rinku Singh lauds Rohit Sharma's support, reveals message after T20 World Cup snub

**New Delhi:** India batter Rinku Singh was snubbed from the main squad for the T20 World Cup 2024. It came as a shock to many of the Indian cricket team fans who thought that Rinku was going to be one of the first names on the teamsheet for the tournament. Despite an incredible Indian Premier League 2023 and subsequent

performances for the Indian team, the selection committee opted not to name Rinku in the 15-member strong Indian team.

Speaking to Dainik Jagaran Rinku Singh spoke about the feeling after missing out on the T20 World Cup and revealed India captain Rohit Sharma's message to him. Rinku said that

Rohit asked him to keep working hard and not make too much of the snub as there is another World Cup after two years

"Yes, anyone feels a little bad if he is not selected despite good performance. However, this time I could not get selected due to the team combination. It is okay, one should not think too much about things that are not in one's hands. Yes, I was a little upset in the beginning. Whatever happened is fine. Whatever happens

happens for good. Rohit Bhaiya did not say anything special. He only said that just keep working hard. There is a World Cup again after two years. There is no need to worry too much. This is what he said to me," Rinku Singh told Dainik Jagaran after winning the Indian Premier League 2024 title.



## India to play intra-squad match in Perth before 2024-25 Australia Test series



**New Delhi:** India are set to lock horns with India A in a 3-day intra-squad match at the WACA in Perth from November 15-17 prior to their 5-match Test series against Australia, starting November 22. Cricket Australia (CA) confirmed the schedule on Tuesday.

The India men's team will play during the time when the women's team will face Australia in a 3-match ODI series from December 5 to December 11. Australia A and India A are also scheduled to face each other in 2 first-class matches from October 31.

high-voltage series against Australia. "To have that running simultaneously with the women's ODIs and preceded by two significant Australia A v India A matches will be terrific for our fans," CA Head of Cricket Operations and Scheduling, Peter Roach, was quoted as saying on cricket.com.au

"Hosting those A matches at the upgraded Great Barrier Reef Arena and the MCG give these 'A' matches significant status and will provide great opportunities to players from both sides to put up their hand for selection." Tickets for the Border-Gavaskar series and the 3 Women's ODIs between India and Australia will go on sale on June 14.

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options available at the moment. It is understood that no notable foreign name has applied for the post, especially after BCCI secretary Jay Shah made it clear that the Board is looking at someone who has risen through the ranks and knows the domestic structure.

It could be safely said that the BCCI's primary target was VVS Laxman, the National Cricket Academy head, but the stylish Hyderabad seems not interested in a full time

position which requires him to be available for 10 months a year.

"The deadline is fine, but the BCCI brass wouldn't mind taking some more time before reaching a decision. Right now, the team will be busy with World T20 for the better part of the month of June. After that seniors will be rested from tours of Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe where any of the NCA-based senior coaches can accompany the team. So what's the hurry," a BCCI source told PTI on conditions of

anonymity. India's T20 World Cup squad selection explained

Also, KKR principal owner Shah Rukh Khan shares a deep bond with Gambhir and it is not easy to leave an IPL team which has been a part of identity for the former India opener. There's another aspect that needs to be looked into seriously -- what senior India players, currently in New York, feel on whether Gambhir can indeed be Rahul Dravid's replacement.

## India coach application deadline ends, Gambhir, BCCI both choose silence



**New Delhi:** The deadline for applying for India's men's national team's coaching position ended on Monday. Both BCCI and Gautam Gambhir, who was one of the favourites to take over, stayed silent on the matter.

The deadline for applying for the post of Indian men's cricket team chief coach ended on Monday but both the BCCI and the top name in its wishlist, Gautam Gambhir chose to keep mum on the development.

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