

Army JCO killed, 3 soldiers injured in gunfight with terrorists in J-K's Kishtwar

Jammu(KCN): A Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO) of the Army's special forces laid down his life Sunday, while three more soldiers were injured in a gunfight with terrorists in a remote forest area in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district, officials said.

The operation comes amid an intensified hunt underway since the killing of two Village Defence Guards (VDGs) recently. The Army identified the fallen hero as Naib Subedar Rakesh Kumar of 2 Para and saluted his supreme sacrifice.

The encounter broke out around 11 am when joint search parties of the Army and police intercepted the terrorists in the Keshwan forest, a few kilometres from the spot where the bullet-riddled bodies of VDGs Nazir Ahmad and

Puri: Devotee, Jagannath Temple Police (JTP) personnel file FIRs against each other

Puri(KCN): A devotee and a Sri Jagannath Temple Police (JTP) personnel have filed FIRs against each other at Puri's Singhadawar Police Station, a source said Sunday. The devotee alleged maltreatment and molestation by a JTP member, while the JTP personnel, Gupteswar Routray, accused the devotee's family of assaulting him when he stopped them from entering the temple through the exit gate, the source added. According to the devotee's FIR, her family was caught in a tight spot amid a crowd at the Ghanti Dwar, during which a JTP member allegedly attempted to inappropriately touch a female family member. When the family protested, an altercation ensued, resulting in injuries. Routray, in his statement, said he was on duty at Ghantidwar facilitating darshan for Habishyalis. At about 9AM this family tried to enter through the exit gate. When he stopped them they attacked him. An investigation into the matter is on.



Kuldeep Kumar were found. A massive search operation was launched in the forests of Kuntwara and Keshwan Thursday evening after the terrorists abducted and killed the VDGs. The Army's Jammu-based White Knight

Corps said in a post on X, “Based on specific intelligence input regarding the presence of terrorists, a joint operation was launched by security forces in general area Bhart Ridge, Kishtwar. This is the same group which had abducted and killed 02 (two) innocent

villagers (village defence guards). Contact was established and firefighting ensued." The officials said four Army personnel, including the JCO, were injured in the initial gunfight and evacuated to a hospital, where the condition of three of

them was stated to be “critical”. The JCO later succumbed to injuries. “GOC (General Officer Commanding) White knight Corps and all ranks salute the supreme sacrifice of braveheart, Nb Sub Rakesh Kumar of 2 Para (SF). Sub Rakesh was part of a joint CI (counter-insurgency) operation launched in general area of Bhart Ridge Kishtwar. We stand with bereaved family in this hour of grief,” the Army said in its latest tweet. Earlier, a police spokesperson also confirmed that an encounter was underway with the terrorists responsible for the killing of the two VDGs. “Three or four terrorists are believed to be trapped in the area,” the official said. The officials said a massive search operation was going on till the last reports were received.

Symposium on Shree Anna and forgotten foods: CM Majhi urges people to offer millet bhog to Maa Laxmi on the occasion of Manabasa



Bhubaneswar, Nov 10(KCN): At a time when the Millet Mission Odisha's endeavour to restore millet cultivation across the state gains momentum, Chief Minister Mohan Majhi on Sunday urged the people to offer millet bhogs before Maa Laxmi on the occasion of 'Margasira Manabasa' this year. Gracing an International Symposium on 'Shree Anna and Forgotten

Food's' (ISSFF) the CM said, "Our mothers and sisters should observe the first 'Manabasa Gurubara' of this month of 'Margasira' with offering millet before the Goddess Lakshmi and serve food prepared from millet to their kith & kin." Majhi also requested the locals to offer food, laddu and pudding prepared from the whole grains of millet before Goddess Lakshmi as Prasad on the

Manabasa Gurubara is coming in the next week. This will be a big boost for retrieving the wholesome and staple food grain millet, he added. The Chief Minister also sought community participation to retrieve typical Odia recipes and almost forgotten dishes and traditional cakes with indigenous & exclusive Odia menus that were anciently prevalent almost across the state.

Dumper driver mows down elderly man, woman over past enmity in Keonjhar

Keonjhar, (KCN): In a gruesome incident, a miscreant allegedly mowed down two persons including a woman with a dumper at Nadua village under Ghaspura police station in Keonjhar district on Sunday. The deceased have been identified as Panu Prusty and Sanjulata Palei. As per reports, accused Bhanja Prusty from the same village mowed down Panu and Sanjulata with a dumper in broad daylight over some past enmity. Both Panu and Sanjulata were immediately rushed to the nearby hospital by local residents. However, doctors declared them brought dead.

President Droupadi Murmu to visit Odisha on December 4

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): President Droupadi Murmu is set to visit Odisha on December 4 to participate in the Indian Navy Day event in Puri, as confirmed by a Navy spokesperson.

Navy Day, observed annually on December 4, will see the Indian Navy demonstrate its maritime prowess and operational capabilities at the Blue Flag Beach in Puri.

This display, called the Operational Demonstration (Op Demo), highlights the Navy's wide-ranging competencies, fosters maritime awareness, and celebrates India's rich maritime legacy. President



Murmu's attendance as the chief guest reinforces the bond between the Indian Navy and Odisha's historic role in India's naval traditions.

Her last scheduled visit on October 24 was postponed due to unforeseen circumstances, as per the President's Office.

Odisha: Concerns over stability of new Brahmani bridge

Parjang (Dhenkanal)(KCN): Just a month after the opening of the new 900-metre Brahmani river bridge, part of the National Highway-53 connecting Parjang in Dhenkanal district and Talcher in Angul district, significant structural issues are causing alarm among the locals. With large potholes appearing on this newly-constructed bridge, a vital link for thousands of heavy vehicles travelling daily between Jajpur, Dhenkanal, Keonjhar, and Angul districts, commuters are panicked over their safety given the poor construction of the structure. Despite substantial funding for the expansion of NH-53, the project was delayed. The National Highways Authority of India (NHA) had only recently approved



vehicle movement on the bridge, which was completed well beyond the deadline. However, owing to ongoing repairs on the old bridge, the NHAI has completely stopped plying of vehicles, making the new bridge the sole route for commuters. Earlier complaints had emerged about visible iron bars under the bridge, hinting at poor construction quality. Senior NHAI officials inspected the site, but a depression was discovered Saturday on the bridge's surface. Additionally, men

working under the bridge narrowly escaped injury when a portion of the concrete fell prompting them to flee in fear. To address the depression, the consultancy agency installed concrete pillars to support the bridge on the affected stretch. Local sources allege that insufficient oversight by the NHA led to substandard work despite considerable government funds being allocated to the contractor. There are increasing demands from the public for departmental authorities to investigate and ensure the structural stability of the bridge.

BJD slams BJP for repeating previous government's decisions, saffron camp responds

Bhubaneswar,(KCN): BJP-led government in Odisha has been following the footsteps of the previous government, launching a scathing attack BJD spokesperson Lenin Mohanty said on Sunday. “Most of this government’s decisions, which are now being taken, were already

taken by the previous government. The dates of their implementation were also announced. Just by making fresh announcements, the Government is trying to earn accolades in its favour. Hence, the present government is not doing anything new," the BJD spokesperson alleged.

leave was accorded to mothers and sisters of Odisha for their monthly menstrual cycle. This decision was taken on March 12, 2024, by the previous BJP government. A notification in this regard has already been issued and the new norm has been implemented. Everything is completely as of now," the BJP

leader said in a presser. "On the same date, it was also announced that Padma awardees of the State will be given an assistance of Rs 25,000 each," Lenin Mohanty further said. Two tribal women died in Mandipanka village of Kandhamal district after consuming mango kernel gruel, recently, as PDS rice was not distributed.

to them. The present government has failed to resolve the potato crisis, the BJD spokesperson added.

Civil Supplies Minister must be immediately dismissed, Lenin Mohanty demanded.

Reacting to this, the Civil Supplies Minister Krushna Chandra Patra expressed, "All missions failed during their (BJD)

rule. At least 20 persons died in Kashipur block in 2016. Whose government was ruling at that time? However, no one had resigned then.”

Echoing a similar view, Law Minister Prithiviraj Harichandan said mediapersons, “We do not know if announcements were made. They (BJD) were

announcing many things. All that I want to say is, the things which they forgot during the past 24-year rule, they remembered those in the last four months after they were thrown out of power. Memory was feeble at that time and has become fresh now. They should preserve their memory power."

Odisha startup launches 'fully autonomous' logistics drone service

Bhubaneswar(KCN): An Odisha-based startup Bon V Aero has launched a fully autonomous logistics drone service called Air Orca, a source said Sunday. The launch of the drone service was made in the presence of venture capitalist Tim Draper, the source added. “Today’s launch of Air Orca marks an important advancement for India’s logistics sector and for us as an Odisha-based



extend Air Orca's benefits to both civilian and defence applications across India." Sathapathy

said.
Tim Draper said: "It's
exciting to witness the

launch of Air Orca here in Odisha. Autonomous drones like Air Orca

provide practical solutions
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and reliability with myriad use cases from disaster response to high-altitude operations for the defence forces. With the recent hurricanes in the US fresh in my mind, I anticipate that BonV Aero's innovation can be an effective tool for disaster response in India and globally."The Air Orca is fully designed, developed and manufactured in India by Bon V Aero.

With advanced autonomous capabilities,

Air Orca is engineered to tackle diverse logistical challenges, particularly in regions where traditional transportation methods are impractical. The drone is designed to serve as a first responder in post-disaster scenarios, delivering relief supplies to affected areas and providing critical support during emergencies.

“BonV Aero is first Indian company to set a world record by lifting a 30 kg payload at Ummling La,

Ladakh, the highest motorable road pass at 19,024 feet. This performance outlines helicopters, which face greater challenges when transporting similar cargo at such high altitudes,” Sathapathy said.

The startup also claimed that Air Orca aims to address a variety of logistics needs across sectors like healthcare, e-commerce, military logistics and disaster management on a global scale.

Inclusivity, Accessibility, and Excellence: key Pillars of an Efficient Education Ecosystem

Kolkata (PARTHA ROY): Education system across Bharat including West Bengal is under going evolutionary change since the introduction of NEP2020. West Bengal government is initiating policy changes to transform the State into world class education hub both at the school and higher education level. West Bengal has allocated ₹38,241 crore for school education, establishing a benchmark among states by directing significant fund of social expenditure towards the education sector, stated Mr Binod Kumar, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of School Education on the second day of the Education East Summit

2024, organized by CII Eastern Region on 9th November 2024. He emphasized that inclusivity, accessibility, and excellence are the cornerstone of an effective education system. Talking about different schemes of education ecosystem of the state, he mentioned about Kanyashree Prakalpa, Sabuj Sathi, Taruner Swapno and Utkarsh Bangla. Highlighting, West Bengal Student Credit Card Scheme, he made the audience aware about the fact that more than 62,000 students have so far been sanctioned for this loan with aggregate loan amounting more than Rs. 2,000 crores. Riding on the fact that the Pupil – Teacher Ratio (PTR) for



(L-R): Simarpreet Singh, Pradip K Agarwal, Binod Kumar IAS, Ujjal Chakraborti, Subhankar Chakraborty

the primary school in West Bengal has been 30:1, he pointed out action for the teachers to take care of the mental health of the students. West Bengal Government Officials seek key recommendations for Education Sector at Upcoming BGBS 2025. Prof (Dr) Indrani Bhaduri, CEO & Head, PARAKH, NCERT, stated that NEP 2020 is a futuristic and progressive policy and approximately there are 430 million youth, who are below 25 years in India are required to educate and train them for their future. Highlighting PARAKH, she said that it recommended credit framework in holistic progress card for the

students at secondary level. 100 per cent gross enrollment rate at the secondary level is a necessary condition for attaining developed nation status by 2047 underscored Mr Pradip K Agarwal, CEO, Heritage Group of Institutions. Technological intervention brings a multi-dimensional facet in education said Mr Ujjal Chakraborti, highlighting that the literacy rate of West Bengal has been close to 80 per cent, he said that education will be imperative to the Viksit Bharat. The two-day summit witnessed huge number of relevant stakeholders of the state education industry.

ECoR GM Inspects Boudh-Purunakatak Rail Section of Khurda Road-Balangir Rail Line Project



Bhubaneswar (KCN): The General Manager of East Coast Railway (ECoR), Shri Parmeshwar Funkwal, on Saturday conducted an inspection of the newly constructed rail line between Boudh and Purunakatak, to review progress in the ongoing Khurda Road-Balangir Rail Line project. This inspection is a crucial step towards ensuring the timely completion of the project, which is set to improve connectivity in remote and aspirational regions of Odisha. Key Highlights from the Inspection:

- Progress of Track laying: The engine rolling and testing for the track between Boudh and Purunakatak has already been successfully completed by the Construction Unit.
- Project Completion: Out of the total 301 km stretch of the Khurda Road-Balangir Rail Line, 226 km has been completed to date, with 199 km already commissioned and fit for operations.
- Progress on

New Section: A significant milestone was achieved with the completion of a 27 km stretch between Purunakatak and Boudh. In the newly constructed stretch between Purunakatak and Champapur includes 9 major bridges, 2 Road Over Bridges (ROBs), 15 Road Under Bridges (RUBs), and 35 minor bridges, all essential for facilitating safe and efficient rail operations.

- Ongoing Construction Efforts: The rail line from Boudh to Champapur, part of the larger stretch, was completed in May 2024, and construction activities are now progressing rapidly in the remaining sections. To expedite the completion, work is being carried out from both ends simultaneously, ensuring adherence to the project's ambitious timeline.
- Remaining Section: Of the total 301 km, the remaining 75 km section between Purunakatak and Daspalla, which includes tunnel construction through dense jungle and

sanctuary areas, is progressing steadily. The completion of these tunnels is expected to be a major breakthrough for the project.

A Vital Infrastructure Initiative: The Khurda Road-Balangir Rail Line project is poised to significantly enhance transportation and economic development, particularly in the more remote and underserved regions of Odisha. By improving connectivity between key towns and cities, the rail line will facilitate smoother movement of train traffic, while also contributing to regional economic growth.

Shri Funkwal, during his inspection, emphasized the importance of maintaining the pace of construction and ensuring that necessary passenger amenities are in place at all the proposed stations. He further expressed confidence that the project will be completed on time, despite the engineering challenges posed by the difficult terrain, particularly the tunnel sections.

Looking Ahead: The project has gained close attention from the Ministry of Railways, which is committed to delivering this vital infrastructure on schedule. The successful completion of the Boudh-Purunakatak section is a major step forward and demonstrates the dedication of Indian Railways in overcoming engineering challenges to deliver critical infrastructure in the most difficult environments.

Following successful clearance from the Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS) and the completion of related infrastructure and amenities, decision on running train services will be taken on the newly laid sections. A light engine trial run has already been conducted to ensure the track's fitness for regular operations.

As the project continues to progress, the Khurda Road-Balangir Rail Line remains a key initiative for enhancing connectivity and creating new opportunities for economic development across Odisha.

Odisha to host EMRS National Cultural and Literary Festival from Monday

Bhubaneswar (KCN): The 5th EMRS (Ekalavya Model Residential School) National Cultural and Literary Fest and Kala Utsav – 'UDBHAV' will be held in Bhubaneswar from Monday, an official statement said. This festival is being organised by the Department of STSC Development, Minorities and Backward Class Welfare Department of Odisha and is funded by the National Educational Society for Tribal Students

(NESTS), the statement said Sunday. Union Tribal Affairs Minister Jual Oram, Minister of State for Tribal Affairs, Durgadas Uikey and Odisha minister Nityananda Gond are scheduled to grace the opening ceremony of the event, it said. The event will be organised in Bhubaneswar where more than 1,300 students and 250 teachers from EMRS of 22 states are likely to participate in the cultural extravaganza.

The cultural fest will provide tribal students with a national platform to showcase their hidden talents in different spheres. Students will be competing with each other in 47 events such as storytelling, music, dance, singing, debate, elocution, etc. This year's event is observed as a tribute to the 150th birth anniversary of tribal leader Birsu Munda, the pride of the nation. Best efforts have been put in place to give

participating students vivid and unique experiences, officials said. Besides, innovative and creative workshops are also planned in which students can learn new skills and sharpen their existing ones, they said. This four-day long event is likely to give students a platform, on which students from the entire country come together, to celebrate the spirit of learning, competition, and cultural celebration amidst fun-fare.



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Bhoothnath 3 in the works, Amitabh Bachchan and SRK might be back: Report

Bhoothnath (2008), and Bhoothnath Returns (2014) were both successful films in the horror-comedy franchise, and now the makers are toying with the idea of making Bhoothnath 3. They are also eager to approach Amitabh Bachchan and Shah Rukh Khan for bigger roles.

The makers of the Bhoothnath franchise seem to have pushed the gears for its third part. According to the latest buzz, T-Series and BR Films have teamed up to work on Bhoothnath 3, shaping it up as a bigger horror-comedy franchise. The talks are also going on about bringing back both Amitabh Bachchan and Shah Rukh Khan to make it a grand film.

A report published in Pinkvilla mentioned that after the success of the Bhool Bhulaiyaa franchise, Bhushan Kumar is keen on having one more successful horror-comedy franchise under his banner. Bhoothnath 3 is still in its early stages, but the producers are extremely confident about bringing out the third film soon. The report quoted a source close to the production mentioning



that the writing work has begun on the film, and the rest of the decisions will be taken once the script is locked. "Bhoothnath 3 is in the development stage at the moment, and the producers are toying with the idea of bringing Bhoothnath back to the spectacle. If everything goes as planned, Bhoothnath 3 will go on floor in 2025, for a 2026 release. The script work has begun, and the makers are happy with the germ that they have for Bhoothnath 3," the source said.

The report added that the previous Bhoothnath films featured Shah Rukh Khan in cameos, but this one might just be a game-

changer. "While part one and two had a cameo of Shah Rukh Khan, the makers are aiming at bigger goals for the third instalment, though everything will boil down to the script eventually. It's too early in the day to discuss casting, as the makers are presently focusing on getting the script right. A director will be associated once the script is locked," the source elaborated. Bhoothnath, a 2008 film, and Bhoothnath Returns, which came in 2014 and was directed by Nitesh Tiwari, were loved by the masses because of their innocence and the fact that the films featured a lovable ghost character

played by Big B. The makers are aware of that strength, and they will be pegging on the same for the third part as well. The report further shared, "What separates Bhoothnath from all other horror comedies is the fact that the ghost in Bhoothnath is lovable and comes back for a personal reason. The idea is to create a franchise where the part of the ghost is loved by one and all, especially the kids." This is undoubtedly the era of horror-comedies and Bollywood seems to have finally cracked the best balance required for a film in this genre. The making of Bhoothnath 3 certainly looks like a great idea.

Karan Johar's Dharma Productions stops pre-release screenings. Here's why

Dharma Productions, led by Karan Johar, has decided to halt pre-release screenings of their films, citing the need to adapt and maintain the excitement of the cinematic experience. However, they will still host press screenings on the release day to ensure timely reviews.

Filmmaker-producer Karan Johar's Dharma Productions will not host pre-release screenings for their upcoming films. Addressed to the media, the production house, under the signatures of Dharma co-founders KJo and Apoorva Mehta, issued a statement citing the reason behind their decision.

The letter addressed "dear members of the

media", and stated, "For years, rather decades, you have firmly stood by us at Dharma Productions, supporting our films, sharing our dreams, and celebrating our victories. Your faith in us has been a driving force throughout our journey, and we'd like to take this moment to extend our deepest and heartfelt gratitude to you all. Each coverage, review, and feedback has been invaluable to us, and they have undeniably helped us make our films reach audiences far and wide (sic)."

The note further read, "As we continue to evolve, we find ourselves at a juncture where we must adapt and innovate our



approach. After much deliberation, we've unanimously decided to forgo pre-release screenings for our upcoming films. This decision has been difficult to make, however, we believe it's a necessary step in ensuring that every

viewer, including our friends in the media, witness our stories as they were meant to be experienced. We believe it will help in maintaining the excitement of the cinematic experience for all (sic)."

The production house clarified that though

there wouldn't be pre-release screenings, they would host screenings for the press in the first half of the film's release day for timely reviews. "Having said that, we understand the importance of timely reviews and the role they play in the success

of our films. Therefore, we are pleased to announce that we will be hosting press screenings in the first half of the release day for each of our movies. We warmly welcome all media personnel to join us at these screenings, where you will be the first to witness our latest offerings (sic)," the note said.

The makers concluded the note with, "We value the relationship built with each one of you over the years and look forward to your continued cooperation. Thank you again for your consistent support! (sic)."

Dharma Productions' upcoming release includes Alia Bhatt's Jigra.

Do Patti's audio label faces plagiarism allegations over Maiyya song

T-Series and composer duo Sachet-Parampara have been accused of plagiarising a track by Rajarshi Mitter for the song Maiyya in Netflix's Do Patti. A woman on Facebook claimed that the song is a copy of the track made by her husband. Many people voiced their support and condemned T-Series and Sachet-Parampara.

T-Series has found itself embroiled in yet another plagiarism dispute, with musician Nilanjana Ghosh Dastidar accusing the company, along with composer duo Sachet-Parampara, of copying a track by her husband, Rajarshi Mitter, for the song Maiyya from Netflix's Do Patti. The film, starring Kriti Sanon and Kajol, released on Netflix on October 25. Dastidar voiced her dismay on social media, calling for accountability from T-Series and Sachet-Parampara and sharing a link to Mitter's original composition. Support poured in for Nilanjana, many condemning T-Series and Sachet-Parampara. One user commented, "Sachet Tandon, shame on you man (sic)," while others echoed the sentiment, pointing out the striking similarity between the two tracks. One user remarked, "I just compared both songs, and they're identical, note by note (sic)."



Boney Kapoor confirms 'No Entry 2', shares Anil Kapoor is 'angry, not talking'

Producer Boney Kapoor recently confirmed the sequel of the 2005 multi-starrer comedy 'No Entry' is ready to roll. In a new interview, Boney spilled that Varun Dhawan, Diljit Dosanjh and Arjun Kapoor are set to headline the second part.

The film, which will complete 20 years in 2025, originally starred Salman Khan, Fardeen Khan and Anil Kapoor in the lead. Directed by Anees Bazmee, the film also featured Bipasha Basu, Esha Deol, Lara Dutta and Celina Jaitley in key roles. Now, in an



interview with Indian Express, Boney Kapoor confirmed 'No Entry 2' and said, "The film is on cards, and we are set for it. It is a big one and we

will probably start rolling by December this year. We have got Varun, Arjun and Diljit. There will be a lot of actresses as well."

While the original was a movie about philandering men, it is reported that the sequel will feature double roles of Varun, Diljit and Arjun.

The producer further mentioned that they are tight-lipped about the concept of the sequel as he fears it getting plagiarized. "Earlier, the concept had spilled over and some films had copied it, or rather 'adapted' it. I don't want to name the film, so it is better not to speak about it. I used to brag about the unusual concept we had but then I found out there was another film that was made with the same concept," he added. In another interview with Zoom, Boney revealed that his brother Anil Kapoor,

who was a part of the first installment, is angry with him. It is because the actor wanted to be a part of the film, however, Boney said that there was 'no space'. "I know he wanted to be a part of the No Entry sequel, but there was no space. I wanted to explain why I did what I did," he said. The producer mentioned that his brother is still not talking properly with him. Meanwhile, Varun Dhawan is currently shooting for his next film with Shashank Khaitan and David Dhawan. Arjun Kapoor, on the other hand, is busy with Rohit Shetty's 'Singham Again'.

Retraction of Statement made during Search Part 2



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(Contd from 4th Nov 2024)

Decisions where Retraction of Statement was held VALID 2.9 Asstt. CIT v. Rameshchandra R. Patel [2004] 89 ITD 203 (Ahd.) (TM) – It was accepted that the assessee had a right to retract but that has to be based on evidence brought on record to the contrary and there must be justifiable reason and material accepting retraction i.e., cogent and sufficient material have to be placed on record for acceptance or retraction. All that has to be done by the assessee if he is to retract the statement which was recorded in the presence of witnesses unless there is evidence of pressure or coercion. The facts of each case have to be considered to reach the conclusion whether retraction was possible or not as there can be no universal rule. Further corroboration of retracted statement is necessary where the

assessee established at the earliest possible opportunity by leading reliable evidence and proving thereby the erroneous or incorrect nature of the facts admitted or confessed and also where the evidence available on record is inconsistent with the confessional statement. 2.10 Asstt. CIT v. Anoop Kumar [2005] 147 Taxman 26 (Asr.) (Mag.): The A.O. worked out the income on the basis of seized material which was less than the income declared in statement under section 132(4). The assessment was, however, made on the income confessed in the statement. The Tribunal observed: "...It is also a fact that total income so computed by the Assessing Officer falls below the income disclosed under section 132(4). It is not the case of the department that the difference in the income assessed and income disclosed under

section 132(4) represents some other concealed income. Therefore, it is clear that there is no material available with the department to justify the addition so far as the difference between the income computed by the Assessing Officer and income disclosed under section 132(4). In other words, the so-called disclosure under section 132(4) is bald and has no legs to stand and in such a case retraction is justified. 2.11 Avadh Kishore Das v. Ram Gopal AIR 1979 SC 861: The Supreme Court held that evidentiary admissions are not conclusive proof of the facts admitted and may be explained or shown to be wrong, but they do raise an estoppel and shift the burden of proof on to the person making them. The Supreme Court further held that unless shown or explained to be wrong, they are an efficacious proof of the facts admitted. 2.12 Gyan Chand Jain v. ITO [2001] 73 TTJ (Jodh.) 859 – Held that, it is not the position of law that no addition can be made on the basis of an admission at all, but the position of law is that the person making an admission is not always bound by it and sometimes can get out of its binding purview if that person can explain concisely with supportive evidence/ material or otherwise that

the admission made by him earlier is not correct or contains a wrong statement or that the true state of affairs is different from that represented therein and so, the same should not be acted upon for fastening tax liability which should rather be fixed on the basis of correct/true facts, as ascertained from material on record. Unless it is explained as stated above, the admission does retain its binding nature for the person who makes the admission and the same may, if considered reasonable in view of other facts on record and following the principles of preponderance of probability, form the basis of fastening liability. The ITAT allowed part relief to assessee. 2.13 Hotel Kiran v. Asstt. CIT [2002] 82 ITD 453 (Pune) – It is settled law that admission by a person is a good piece of evidence though not conclusive and the same can be used against the person who makes it. The reason behind this is, a person making a statement stops the opposite party from making further investigation. This principle is also embedded in the provisions of the Evidence Act. But the statement recorded under section 132(4) is on a different footing. The

Legislature in its wisdom has provided that such a statement may be used as evidence in any proceedings under the Act. However, there are exceptions to such admission where the assessee can retract from such statement/ admission. The first exception exists where such statement is made involuntarily, i.e., obtained under coercion, threat, duress, undue influence, etc. But the burden lies on the person making such allegation to prove that the statement was obtained by the aforesaid means. The second exception is where the statement has been given under some mistaken belief either of fact or of law. If he can show that the statement has been made on mistaken belief of facts, than the facts on the basis of which admission was made were incorrect. 2.14 CIT (LTU) v. Reliance Industries Ltd. [2019] 102 taxmann.com 372 (Bombay)/[2019] 261 Taxman 358 (Bombay)/[2020] 421 ITR 686 (Bombay) [SLP granted in [2020] 114 taxmann.com 320 (SC)], the Appellate Authorities allowed payments made to 'S', a consultant holding that there was sufficient evidence justifying payments made to 'S' and Assessing Officer other than relying upon statement of 'S'

recorded in search had no independent material to make disallowance. The CIT (Appeal) and Tribunal concurrently held that 'S' retracted his statement within a short time by filing an affidavit. Subsequently his further statement was recorded in which he also reiterated the stand taken in affidavit. The High Court slammed AO for making disallowance of payment merely relying on statement of payer recorded during search, which said that 'S' had not rendered any service to assessee so as to receive such payments. The allowance of payments made to 'S', a consultant, was allowed as business expenditure. The assessee had set up a captive power generating unit and provided electricity to its another unit. It claimed deduction u/s 80-IA in respect of the profits arising out of such activity. It contended before the Assessing Officer that the valuation of electricity provided to another unit should be at the rate at which the electricity distribution companies were allowed to supply electricity to the consumers. The issue at hand had been examined in Income Tax Appeal No. 2180 of 2011 and the view taken by the Tribunal in similar circumstances was upheld. A similar issue came up for

consideration before the Chhattisgarh High Court in the case of CIT v. Godawari Power & Ispat Ltd. [2014] 42 taxmann.com 551/223 Taxman 234 (Chhattisgarh), in which the Court had upheld the claim of the assessee. Gujarat High Court in the case of Pr.CIT v. Gujarat Alkalies & Chemicals Ltd. [2017] 395 ITR 247/ 88 taxmann.com 722 (Gujarat) also had occasion to examine such an issue and allowed the expenditure. 2.15 In CIT v. Uttamchand Jain [2009] 182 Taxman 343 (Bom) / [2010] 320 ITR 554 (Bombay), the Assessee, a dealer in diamonds, had declared certain diamond jewellery under Voluntary Disclosure of Income Scheme, 1997 – Said declaration was accepted by department and a certificate was issued to assessee – In his return of income for relevant assessment year, assessee claimed to have sold said jewellery to one T on 20-1-1999. Return was processed u/s 143(1)(a), but later, on basis of statement of T recorded during course of survey conducted upon him wherein he had stated that he was not actually doing business of diamonds and transactions reflected in his books of account were merely accommodation entries. The A.O. reopened assessment and

made addition of entire sale amount as undisclosed income of assessee. The Tribunal, relying upon retracted statement made by T, deleted impugned addition. Since existence of diamond jewellery with assessee prior to sale was evidenced by VDIS, 1997 certificate and on sale of said jewellery assessee had received consideration which was duly accounted for, mere fact that jewellery sold by assessee was not found with purchaser 'T' could not be a ground to hold that transaction was bogus and consideration received by assessee was his undisclosed income. The Court held that retraction statement of Mr. Trivedi is corroborated by the pay-in-slips/cash deposits in the bank account of Mr. Trivedi and the non-availability of the jewellery claimed to have been sold by the assessee to Mr. Trivedi, is a reasonable and possible view. Therefore, the High Court upheld the decision of the Tribunal in deleting impugned addition.

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Remembering Prof. Dr. Srinivas Mishra: A Luminary of Odia Literature and Culture

Dr. Manoranjan Panda & Kalyani Mishra.

The first death anniversary of Prof. Dr. Srinivas Mishra brings together a community that feels his absence deeply yet celebrates his impactful life. A revered writer, editor, and social worker, Dr. Mishra's contributions to Odia language and culture have left a lasting legacy in Bhubaneswar and beyond. His name resonates with respect and admiration among students, teachers, and all those who appreciate the beauty of Odia language and the richness of its cultural heritage. Known for his compassionate personality and tireless commitment, Dr. Mishra's influence extended far beyond his literary accomplishments—he was a mentor, a motivator, and a guide.

A Life Devoted to Learning and Teaching

Born in a modest family of 5 brothers, among two of them were IAS officers Dr. Luxmidhar Mishra and Rajkishor Mishra, Dr. Mishra's early life was marked by a profound curiosity and a love for knowledge. His journey as an academic began with Shanti Niketan university, Utkal University and Berhampur university as a Odia Language professor, a thirst to understand and preserve his mother tongue, Odia, and he went on to study it with unwavering dedication. He pursued higher education, gaining expertise in Odia literature, linguistics, and philosophy. It wasn't long before his intellectual gifts led him to a career in academia, where he quickly became known for his exceptional teaching skills. Students who attended his lectures

remember him as a patient and inspiring teacher who had an innate ability to make complex ideas accessible.

Dr. Mishra's popularity among his students was not merely a result of his knowledge, but his approach to teaching. He treated students with warmth and empathy, cultivating an environment where they felt comfortable asking questions and expressing their ideas. Many former students describe him as a mentor who instilled in them not only academic knowledge but also values and confidence. His approach to teaching extended beyond the classroom as well; he was known to hold informal sessions and discussions, encouraging students to engage critically with literature and develop their own voices. Championing the Odia Language and Culture While Dr. Mishra excelled as a teacher and academic, his role as a social worker and cultural advocate was equally significant. A passionate proponent of the Odia language, he believed in its beauty, its expressive potential, and its importance to Odia identity. His advocacy for Odia language preservation took many forms. He fought for its official recognition, participated in campaigns to increase its use in educational institutions, and engaged with organizations dedicated to promoting regional languages.

As an editor and writer, Dr. Mishra's work reflects his devotion to Odia culture. He was deeply involved in producing

literary works that highlighted the depth and breadth of Odia heritage. His writings not only entertained but also educated, often bringing to light the richness of Odia traditions, folklore, and oral histories. His editing work, meanwhile, showcased his sharp mind and meticulous attention to detail. Through both roles, he helped create a repository of knowledge that future generations can learn from and cherish. His editorial contributions were instrumental in refining and preserving Odia literary works, ensuring that they remained true to their roots while being accessible to modern readers.

Literary Achievements and Legacy

Dr. Mishra's literary contributions are celebrated across Odisha. He authored several books, each one reflecting his mastery of the Odia language and his profound understanding of Odia literature. His books explore themes of identity, history, and social justice, often with a narrative style that is both poetic and powerful. Through his writings, Dr. Mishra brought to life stories and characters that resonated deeply with Odia readers, providing a sense of pride and belonging.

His editorial skills, meanwhile, earned him recognition from prestigious literary institutions. Dr. Mishra's role as an editor was transformative for many writers, especially emerging voices in Odia literature. He was known to provide constructive criticism, encouraging new writers to perfect their craft while staying true to their roots.



His support for young authors was a testament to his selfless dedication to nurturing talent and promoting literary diversity. Today, many of those he mentored have become respected writers in their own right, carrying forward the torch he passed to them.

A Beloved Personality Among Students and Teachers

Dr. Mishra's presence on campus was nothing short of iconic. Students admired him not just for his knowledge, but for his approachability and humility. He had a unique ability to connect with students of all backgrounds, making each one feel valued. Dr. Mishra was known to spend hours after lectures engaging in discussions, patiently answering questions, and often offering guidance on personal as well as academic matters. Many of his former students credit him with inspiring them to pursue careers in literature, teaching, and social work.

His relationship with fellow faculty members was equally remarkable. Dr. Mishra treated his colleagues with respect and camaraderie, always

willing to share his knowledge and collaborate on projects. He was known to bring innovative ideas to the academic community, often initiating discussions on how to make education more inclusive and effective. His colleagues remember him as a person of integrity, someone who believed in the power of education to transform lives.

A Visionary Social Worker for Odia Bhasha and Sanskruti

Dr. Mishra's commitment to Odia Bhasha (language) and Sanskruti (culture) extended beyond academic and literary circles. He was a vocal advocate for cultural preservation, actively involved in campaigns to protect Odisha's linguistic and cultural heritage. His efforts included organizing cultural festivals, seminars, and workshops aimed at fostering an appreciation for Odia traditions among young people. He believed that preserving one's cultural identity was essential in an increasingly globalized world, and he worked

tirelessly to instill this belief in others.

Through his social work, Dr. Mishra championed the cause of language preservation, especially at a time when regional languages are often overshadowed by the dominance of global languages. He understood the importance of Odia language as a cultural anchor and believed that maintaining a connection to one's roots was crucial for personal and collective identity. His work continues to inspire activists, educators, and policymakers who are dedicated to the cause of Odia language and culture.

Honoring His Legacy

Dr. Srinivas Mishra's legacy is one that transcends generations. His contributions to literature, education, and cultural preservation have left an indelible mark on Odisha's history. On his first death anniversary, it is fitting to remember his life's work and to draw inspiration from it. Educational institutions, literary communities, and cultural organizations across Bhubaneswar and Odisha will undoubtedly continue to honor his memory by building upon the foundations he laid.

Many of his former students and colleagues have pledged to carry forward his mission, advocating for the Odia language and promoting its literature. In addition, plans to establish an annual literary award in his name are underway, intended to support and recognize emerging Odia writers who share Dr. Mishra's passion for storytelling and

cultural preservation. His family, friends, and admirers hope that this will not only keep his memory alive but also inspire future generations to contribute to the literary and cultural fabric of Odisha.

Conclusion

Prof. Dr. Srinivas Mishra's life is a testament to the power of dedication, passion, and integrity. His contributions to Odia literature, education, and social causes have created a legacy that will inspire generations to come. As we observe his

first death anniversary, we celebrate his accomplishments and remember the person behind them—a kind-hearted mentor, a visionary social worker, and a proud ambassador of Odia language and culture. His life reminds us of the impact one person can have on an entire community and the lasting influence of a legacy rooted in knowledge, empathy, and a deep love for one's heritage.

Letter to Editor

Dear Editor

Every single day of our life in any corner of this great country we curse the local, regional and central governments; and our politicians. We are all frustrated with the lack of responsibility, credibility and accountability of our governments and our beloved politicians. But in my opinion, as has been said before that 'people get the same kind of government they deserve'. Our politicians come from the same society to which we all belong; so they carry the same baggage as we all have. Since we ourselves as proud citizens of this nation are not at all responsible towards our own society and our own responsibilities; hence, we will not have politicians and governments too who are responsible towards their duties and responsibilities. For making a better society we do not need to change the politicians; but, change ourselves, change our attitudes and behaviour, enhance our education and awareness. Once we could demonstrate that we have changed, the politicians and the governments would change too and cater to their duties and responsibilities. I strongly believe in what Mahatma Gandhi once said: 'Be the change you want to see in others'. As we change, we create a better society and nation and hence a better government. Let us point the fingers at ourselves while looking into the mirror for be bringing positive changes to the nation.

Thanking you

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Congress Working Only For Self-interest, Not For Farmers: CM Haryana

Chandigarh (JAG MOHAN THAKEN), (KCN): Haryana Chief Minister, Nayab Singh Saini, alleged that congress party is working for its own interests and not for the interests of the farmers. Taking a dig at the Opposition, he said the Congress is not able to digest the farmer-friendly policies of the government. For the Congress, which claims to protect the interests of farmers, their own interests are paramount, not the interests of the farmers. He said that seeing the farmer-friendly decisions

of the Haryana Government and the arrangements made in the mandis for crop purchase, farmers of neighbouring states are also willing to sell their crops in the mandis of Haryana. C M Saini said that in other states, farmers had to agitate to get their crops purchased at MSP, whereas in Haryana, the government made robust arrangements and every grain of the farmers' crop is being purchased at MSP. The Chief Minister said the Haryana Government has made all

arrangements for the availability of fertilizers. Congress leaders are working to mislead the farmers whereas the truth is that adequate stock of fertilizers is available in Haryana and its distribution is also being ensured properly. C M Saini has requested all the farmers not to pay attention to any kind of rumours. He said his government is committed to ensure continuous supply of DAP in the state so that farmers do not face any kind of problem in sowing Rabi crops. Till Today, a stock of 23,118 metric tonnes of



DAP is available in various districts. Within the next two to three days, 9,172 metric tonnes more DAP will be received in various districts of the state.

He said the DAP stock in the state is equal to the demand of last year. Last year, from October 1 to November 9, the consumption of DAP was 1,46,152 metric

tonnes. This time, till November 9, 2024, 1,54,540 metric tonnes have been consumed. He said the Government of India has allotted 1,10,200 metric tonnes of DAP to Haryana for the month of November. Apart from this, 71,281 metric tonnes of Single Super Phosphate (SSP) and 24,343 metric tonnes of NPK stock are still available in the state. The Chief Minister said the state government has also worked for the interests of commission agents. "Our government has increased the commission

of the commission agent from Rs 46 per quintal to Rs 55 per quintal. The additional burden of Rs 9 per quintal will be borne by the state government. The government has resolved all the problems of all rice millers in every possible way. A bonus of Rs 62.58 crore has been given to all rice millers till August 31, 2024 for delivery of CMR in the state. Apart from this, the matter of out-turn ratio of hybrid varieties of paddy has also been placed before the Government of India. Giving information about the purchase of Kharif

crops, the Chief Minister said during this Kharif season 2024-25, 4,84,927 farmers are registered on the 'Meri Fasal Mera Byora' portal for paddy. The government has made complete arrangements for the payment of the crop. After the purchase of the crop, the work of transferring the money to the accounts of the farmers was done within 72 hours. He said so far, 50,46,872.45 metric tonnes of paddy have been procured in the state, in lieu of which an amount of more than Rs 11,296 crore has been paid to the farmers.

CII Education East Summit at Kolkata



Kolkata, (KCN): On 8th-9th November, CII Eastern Region organized CII Education East Summit 2024 for the third time in Kolkata. The summit was addressed by various luminaries from the school and higher education sector. Panel discussions on various topics ranging from the role of NEP in developing the education sector, early childhood education, and many more were discussed. Speaking on

the 100 percent gross enrollment ratio, Mr. Pradip Agarwal, CEO, Heritage Group of Institutions, and Mentor CII Education Committee, said that 100 percent gross enrolment ratio is necessary to attain the position of a developed nation 2047 in a panel discussion that was also addressed by Mr. Binod Kumar, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of School Education, Government

of West Bengal, Mr. Simarpreet Singh, Co-Chairman, CII Education and Skill Development Committee, Eastern Region and Director, JIS Group, and moderated by Mr. Ujjal Chakraborty, Chairman, CII Education and Skill Development Committee, Eastern Region. Likewise there were more panel discussions and master classes addressed by experts from industry, AICTE, NCERT and many more.

Hope Kolkata Foundation Celebrates 25 Years of Transforming Lives

Kolkata (ABHIJIT SETH): Hope Kolkata Foundation recently celebrated its 25th Foundation Day, marking a quarter-century of dedicated service to vulnerable children and families across the city of Kolkata. The event, held at Nazrul Mancha in Kolkata gathered hundreds of attendees under the theme "Unity in Diversity," honouring the Foundation's mission to create a safe, healthy, and happy childhood for every child, regardless of their circumstances. Founded in 1999, Hope Kolkata Foundation has worked tirelessly to support children and families who face extreme challenges. Over the past 25 years, the Foundation has reached more than a million lives, providing

education, protection, mental health support, and economic opportunities to those in need. Through its work, the Foundation aims to give children a stable and nurturing environment to grow and thrive. The Foundation Day celebration is an annual event created "by the children, for the children, and of the children." This unique approach gives young participants a chance to express themselves, showcase their talents, and experience the joy of belonging to a supportive community. By empowering children to take an active role, the Foundation seeks to instill a sense of confidence, responsibility, and community spirit. This year's event saw

several notable guests join the celebration. Renowned dancer Ms. Alokanda Roy served as the Chief Guest, while Dr. Shashi Panja, Minister of Women and Child Development and Social Welfare of West Bengal, was present as the Guest of Honor. Also in attendance were Dr. Andrew Fleming, British Deputy High Commissioner, Ms. Kathy Giles-Diaz, U.S. Consul General, HOPE Ambassador Mr. Reza Beyad, Ms. Sheetal Khanna from the Consulate of Ireland, veteran actors Mr. Barun Chanda and Ms. Moonmoon Sen. Their presence highlighted the widespread support for the Foundation's mission and work. Reflecting on this

milestone, Ms. Maureen Forrest, Honorary Founder President of The Hope Foundation, expressed her gratitude and renewed commitment to children's welfare. "Let us listen to the voices of the children and young people as we have always kept them at the heart of our policies and programs. There are millions of children worldwide who are denied the right to education. They are every nation's most precious gift, and the strength of each nation depends on these children," she said. The Foundation's journey has been one of resilience and compassion. In partnership with The Hope Foundation in Ireland and several

organizations across West Bengal, Hope Kolkata Foundation has built a strong network that addresses critical needs in areas such as shelter, education, mental health, and financial stability for underserved communities. As they look to the future, Hope Kolkata Foundation reaffirms its guiding principle: "It Should Never Hurt to Be a Child." This vision continues to inspire their programs, aiming to create a world where every child is safe, nurtured, and free to grow. The Foundation invites everyone to support its mission and help build a brighter future for these remarkable children.

Deepawali a festival of sharing greetings



Kolkata Nov 10 (KCN): Deepawali Milan is an admirable occasion to exchange greetings said RS Goenka, Industrialist of Emami Group addressing members of Churu Nagarik Parishad. On this occasion Vivek Gupta group Editor of Sanmarg and MLA said that people of Rajasthan should join together and celebrate. He congratulated Churu Nagarik Parishad for organising the program

every year. Dr SK Sharma former Sheriff, Rajendra Khandelwal, Hingjaj Dan Ratnoo, Director, Rajasthan Information Centre invited all members to attend Rising Rajasthan program in Jaipur in 10th December and meet the Chief Minister. Rajendra Bachawat, BL Soti, Basant Parakh also graced. Ram Prasad Saraf President and Narayan Jain Chairman of programme Committee welcomed all.

Jagat Baid Secretary thanked all. Famous singers Ganga Pachisia, Joeeta Basu, Pinky Saha & Chetan Jayaswal presented melodious songs and Ghazals. Swati Banerjee & troupe presented dances. Prakash Parakh, BL Dugar, TC Manot, Pawan Dhanuka, BG Roy, RM Lakhota, Deepak Jain, Bharat Baid, Sumit Sekaria, IP Goenka actively looked after. Kuldeep and Vinita Manot nicely conducted the programme.

Kolkata Nov 10 (KCN): The committee and Department of Economics jointly organised a speaker session on "Economic Development And Environmental Protection : Striking the Chord ". The session was convened by Dr. Akshta Rajan, Convenor Alumni committee, and Dr. Mohini Aggarwal, Teacher-in-Charge, Department of Economics. The guest speaker of the session was Dr. Rajat Verma, Associate Fellow in the Energy, Natural Resources And Sustainability (CSEP). On this occasion, Dr. Rajat Verma shared his insights regarding the EFR known as "Economic Fiscal Reforms". Dr. Rajat



expresses how we can use fiscal policy to stabilize the economy, reduce inflation, reduce poverty, balance the business cycle, reduce unsustainable growth etc. For example : Service Tax and Direct Code Bill 2010. Moving ahead he raised concerns about the Political Economy/Challenges in EFR. EFR use to face many challenges like political considerations, opaque

system, resistance from entrenched groups, lack of independent organisation etc. Moving towards the conclusion he expressed the ways to achieve sustainable future with a perfect economic growth which consists of methods like investing in renewable energy, promote circular economic practices, policies that encourage sustainable business practices, prioritize eco-

friendly skills to foster new industries. The session was filled with various dimensions of learnings for the protection of the environment in the growing economic race of nations. Dr. Rajat Verma emphasized the need for innovative approaches that promote development while protecting natural resources. Many prominent faculties like

Dr. R.D. Sharma, Mathematics Department, Dr. Umesh Kumar, Mathematics Department, Dr. Tapasya Tomar, EVS Department, Dr. Asit Kumar, EVS Department, Mr. Vinay Babbar, Commerce Department, Dr. Krishna Gopal, Department of Physics attended the session. Attendees gained valuable insights into sustainable practices and policies that can foster economic progress without compromising the environment. The session left the audience with a deeper understanding of how these two critical goals can align for a sustainable future. In the end a gratitude note is given to the honorable speaker Dr. Rajat Verma on behalf of the whole Alumni committee for making such an insightful event.

BJP promises strict anti-conversion law, skill census in Maharashtra

Mumbai (KCN): BJP Sunday promised to enact an-anti conversion law with stringent provisions in Maharashtra, and also assured a skill census for training as per industry needs as well as free ration to low-income families. Union Home Minister Amit Shah unveiled in Mumbai the 25-point 'Sankalp Patra 2024', as per which the financial

assistance component under the Mahayuti government's Ladki Bahin scheme for women will be increased from Rs 1,500 per month to Rs 2,100. The BJP, in its manifesto for the November 20 state assembly polls, also promised to create 25 lakh job opportunities and assured 10 lakh students will get a stipend of Rs 10,000 every month.

The ruling Mahayuti comprises the BJP, Shiv Sena of Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and NCP led by Deputy CM Ajit Pawar. The BJP's manifesto promised that an anti-conversion law will be enacted with provides for stringent action against forced and deceitful conversions. Through the skill census, the ruling party assured



to ascertain the needs of the industry and upgrade skill training wherever necessary. Under the Akshay Anna Yojana, low-income families will be provided free food items every month through the Public Distribution System (PDS), as per the manifesto. The BJP has also planned to develop the state into an advanced

robotic and Artificial Intelligence (AI) training hub. It also promised to create 10 lakh new business leaders through the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Akanksha centres in each district. The party promised to create 50 lakh "lakpati didis" by 2027 for which one industrial cluster of 500 self-help groups will be created and an initial corpus of Rs 1,000 crore will be provided.

Challenges galore for turtle protection

Kendrapara(KCN): Even though the Forest department's seven-month-long fishing ban to protect Olive Ridley turtles came into force since November 1, the implementation of the restrictions is fraught with several challenges like lack of adequate patrol boats, staff crunch at marine police stations, poor communication with the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) personnel and, above all, mushrooming prawn gheries in Gahirmatha region. Forest department officials said that they are prepared to ensure strict implementation of this fishing ban in the 20-km area of Gahirmatha, but conservationists and environmentalists are sceptical about the outcome as they

highlighted several loopholes in enforcement of Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act of 1972 (Schedule I). Lack of adequate patrol boats, staff shortage at marine police stations, poor communication with the ICG personnel, and mushrooming prawn gheries (shrimp farms) violating restrictions have raised serious doubts over the implementation of the ban and safety of the rare marine species. Environmentalists apprehend that the shrinking nesting ground due to coastal erosion and frequent missile testing on nearby Wheeler Island will affect the nesting and breeding of Olive Ridleys. Locals like Ganesh Chandra Samal, Jagannath Das,

Dolagobind Jena, environmentalists Hemanta Kumar Rout and Ashok Kumar Swain have noted that 4-5 lakh turtles visit this area every year, which takes the nature lovers and wildlife by surprise. The rare Olive Ridley turtles have been placed in the Red Data Book of International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) which has mentioned that only one out of 1,000 hatchlings grow into a fully developed adult. This has raised concerns over the growth of Olive Ridley population. Gahirmatha, spread over 1,435 sqkm, has been designated as a separate national park area from Bhitarkanika since 1997. Out of the total area of the marine sanctuary, only 27 sqkm



is land mass.

However, erosion has affected land areas like Madali, Babubali, and Ekakula. Moreover, Agarnashi Island has been fully gobbled up by the sea. Meanwhile, experts have opined that massive mangrove plantation can check coastal erosion to a great extent. Absence of proper nesting sites and

death of the turtles at regular intervals have posed grave threats to the conservation efforts. Moreover, the Forest department lacks proper boats to chase and nab

the illegally operating fishing trawlers which pose threats to the turtles. Adding to the problem, Marine police stations at Tantiapal, Kharinasi and Jambu are grappling with

staff crunch which makes the efforts ineffective. These apart, prawn gheries discharging chemicals into the sea also poses threats to this marine creature. The state government has taken up a slew of measures for protection of Olive Ridley turtles. The marine species has been the mascot during several events and ecotourism launched by the state government. When contacted, Rajnagar Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Sudarshan Gopinath Yadav said that the

department has been holding camps on the coastlines and deploying armed personnel for the safety of the turtles. Patrolling has been intensified, he added. However, despite the extensive measures for turtle protection, illegal entry of trawlers and lack of patrol boats stand as a stumbling block on the way of turtle protection. Notably, in 2023, more than 70 boats and trawlers were seized for illegally operating in restricted zones, while over 300 cases were filed during the period.

Odissi Kendra, Delhi hosts 47th Anniversary Celebration



New Delhi, (KCN) ; Delhi's premier Performing Arts Institution Odissi Kendra, Delhi recently hosted its 47th Anniversary celebration with much pomp, splendour and fanfare. The Ceremony venue Alliance Francaise De Delhi at Lodhi Estate in New Delhi was elegantly and aesthetically decked up befitting to the grand occasion. The colourful cultural jamboorie witnessed prolific performances by around Nineteen artists of Odissi Kendra belonging to different age groups starting from kids to teens to young and established categories. The items of the evening in Odissi style were brilliantly choreographed and skilfully presented under the tutelage of the programme Director Guru Sushree Kalyani Behera. Odissi Kendra, Delhi was established by Internationally renowned Odissi Guru Late Shri Hare Krishna Behera in the year 1977. Guru Shri Behera has the credit of being the first Odissi teacher to bring odissi dance out from the confines of Odisha to National Capital in the early sixties. Prominent disciples of Guru Shri Behera who have had earned name and fame globally include Dr Sonal Mansingh, Madhavi Mudgal, Radha Reddy, Mukum Lal, Yamini Krishnamurthy, Alpana



Nayak, Chitra Jagdeesan and Kavita Dwibedi. Guru Shri Behera's illustrious wife Smt Padmawati Behera has now been carrying forward his golden legacies as President of Odissi Kendra Delhi. Smt Behera was present during the function. 47th Annual day Ceremony commenced with the lighting of ceremonial lamp by the invited guests. Addressing the gathering Chief Guest Sangeetacharya Bankim Sethi recalled his intimate association with Guru Shri Hare Krishna Behera and lauded his endeavours to promote and popularise Odissi dance in the National Capital region almost six decades back. Chief Speaker noted art critic and senior Journalist Ravindra Mishra described Guru Shri Behera as the pioneer of establishing the credentials of Odissi dance in the National and International arena. Shri Mishra observed that Odissi Kendra has been rendering yeomen services towards enriching Odisha's art, culture and heritage in

Delhi & NCR. Special Guest Tabla Maestro Pandit Vijay Shankar Mishra narrated his close personal affinity with Guru Shri Behera and Odissi Kendra since long and wished the teachers and students of the Kendra all the best and further progress. The series of scintillating presentations of the spectacular classical extravaganza began with invocatory item entitled Namaskriya and Guru Shlokas by the Beginner students of Odissi Kendra. The artistic articulation on the stage by little angels was a sheer visual delight and had a magical spell on spectators. This was followed by Mangalacharan entitled Ganesha Stuti showcasing dancers' ovation and devotion towards Lord of intellect. The third and fourth items Battu Nritya and Mohana Pallavi depicted electrifying footworks and magnificent body movements by exceptionally talented dancers. The spotlight shifted next to the superbly spirited and soul stirring solo presentation of Abhinaya piece "Kahin Gale Murali Phunka" by the senior disciple of Guru Sushree Kalyani Behera, Teesta Guha Ganguly. The audiences were thoroughly moved by

Teesta's astounding facial expressions and outstanding physical manoeuvres. The programme continued with the performances of more captivating choreographies of Odissi like Odia Bhajan "Aahe Nila Saila", Basant Pallavi, Dasavataar and Moksha. Each composition of the Annual function was a creative masterpiece and was welcomed by the packed auditorium of viewers with thunderous applause. Both the discriminating culture critics and common art lovers described the programme as a massive success and showered huge praises on the participating artists and Guru Sushree Kalyani Behera. The performing artists of the evening in senior category were Teesta Guha Ganguly, Babita Parida, Ramashri Mukherjee, Shreeya Singh, Abhishikta Pal, Akashlina Majee, Sanskriti Jha, Shrine Ghatak Jha, Shatarupa Mukherjee, Srinika Datta and in junior group were Aadya Sharma, Advika Rawat, Vanini Tripathy, Shreya Chauhan, Pavika Arora, Navya Niti Jha, Kashvi Sharma, Nangbisana RK and Sanvi Pattanayak. The musical accompanists were Prafulla Kumar Mangaraj on Mardal, Prashanta Kumar Behera on Vocal, Nikhil Kumar Behera on Flute and Guru Sushree Kalyani Behera on Manjira.


Press Club of India election result Declared

New Delhi(KCN): The result of the Press Club of India election 2024 was declared on Sunday, with the existing panel of senior journalists Gautam Lahiri and Neeraj Thakur making a clean sweep. All the five Office Bearers and 16-member of managing committee posts were bagged by the Gautam Lahiri — Neeraj Thakur panel. Gautam Lahiri, who was the presidential

candidate, secured 1045 votes while Atul Mishra and Arun Sharma managed to poll 133 and 116 votes, respectively. For the post of vice president, Sangeeta Barooah Pisharoty got 930 votes whereas Rahil Chopra and Prahlad Singh Rajput received 230 and 100 votes, respectively. For Secretary General post, Neeraj Thakur defeated Laxmi Devi Aree and secured 913 votes. Afzal Imam was elected

as the joint secretary while Mohit Dubey bagged the post of treasurer. There were 28 candidates in the fray for the post of 16-member of managing committee. Among the members, Aditi Rajput secured highest votes (985) and Meghna Dhulia got second highest votes (905). Apart from them, Surabhi Kanga, Pragya Singh, Nalini Ranjan Mohanty, Sunil Negi,


Asis Gupta, Shankar Anand, Ravinder Kumar, Abhishek Kumar Singh, Anindya Chatterjaya, Amitabha Roy Chowdhury, Mohammad Azad, Ashraf Bastavi, PR Sunil, and Pabba Suresh Babu were declared as the managing committee members. The polling for the PCI Election took place on November 9, wherein a total of 1357 members cast their votes.



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

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



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

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

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

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

Mahindra Promises, "Get Highest Productivity Per Liter of Fuel"

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

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

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

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

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

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

Inaugural of 9th Conference on Transportation Systems Engineering and Management

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



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

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

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

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

ICICI Lombard launches Professional Indemnity Insurance for Doctors

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

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

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

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

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

negligence.

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

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

Business icons confer with Utkal Tycoons Awards

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

Their contributions were recognized and awarded.

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

Saloon; Sreejet Patnaik, MD, Mother's Public School; Harshavardhan Didwania, Co-founder and MD, EeVe Scooters; Pradeep Pansari, Director, Rajhans, Rajiv Swain, MD, Odisha Hotel; Punya Prakash Parida, MD, Embassy and Biraja Prasad Rout, founder, Biggies Burger.

To uplift the fashion statement of Odisha to higher level Bhubaneswar Runway season-6 also organized where eminent fashion designers showcase their creativity and woo the audiences with their authentic design statements. 30 models participated in the event to showcase

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

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

Bandhan Bank registers strong business growth in Q4FY

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



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

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

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

Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR), an indication of the stability of the Bank, is at 20.1, much higher than the regulatory requirement. To cater to its customers across the

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

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

Budget reaction on Education Sector from CEO, Heritage Group of Institutions



Kolkata, (KCN): This year's budget allocation in the Education & Skill development sectors have increased by 6.8% to the tune of Rs. 1.48 lakh crores in totality

which will pave a bright future for the students pursuing higher studies and skill development programmes. Moreover the financial support through education loans

up to Rs. 10 lakhs at 3% Interest rate for pursuing higher education have added value to the dreams of one crore youth who aspire to pursue higher education. Paid internships at 500 top companies with a stipend of Rs. 5000 will definitely make the youth employable as per the industry standards. It will also add to the CSR funds created by the Corporates and will strengthen the Industry-Academia linkage for the educational institutions across India.

then there must be some letter the ICC will give us, or the Indian Board might have written this somewhere. Till now, no such letter has reached me or the PCB," he said. There is no escape that the ICC and PCB will have to agree to a hybrid model with UAE being the second host with all India matches to be played in Dubai or Abu Dhabi. India were originally scheduled to play Bangladesh on February 20, New Zealand on February 23 and Pakistan on March 1, all in Lahore. The PCB has earmarked Rawalpindi, Karachi and Lahore for the event. Changes to the venues, if not the dates of the 15-match competition, are on the cards.

Dayalan Hemalatha as well. Wickets fell in heaps as Heather Graham got into the act in the middle overs to ensure the chase never got going. If not for a few lusty blows towards the end from Ainsworth, Scorchers wouldn't have likely breached 100. Brief scores: Hobart Hurricanes 203/3 in 20 overs (Lizelle Lee 150*; Chloe Ainsworth 21/7); beat Perth Scorchers 131 in 19.3 overs (Chloe Ainsworth 41; Heather Graham 3/24, Molly Strano 2/17) by 72 runs.

protect us and just to keep the game so pure. We are here to go out there to play and enjoy cricket, rather than dealing with all these things," Jemimah added. Jemimah had a memorable time on Saturday after she won the Player of the Match award against the Adelaide Strikers at the Gabba in Brisbane. Batting at No.3, she scored 61 runs off 40 balls, laced with seven fours and a six, before Megan Schutt, the all-time top wicket-taker in Women's T20Is, dismissed her. Jemimah's knock made sure the Heat posted a decent total of 175 for six. The match went right down to the wire where the Heat won by eight runs. Bridget Patterson and Madeline Penna scored 61 and 47 respectively, but their knocks were in vain.