

Odisha CM conducts another aerial survey in cyclone affected areas

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi has today conducted another aerial survey of the areas affected by cyclone 'Dana' in the state.

Chief Minister Majhi along with Revenue minister Suresh Pujari and senior officials have undertaken aerial survey of cyclone affected Balasore and Mayurbhanj districts today. This is his second aerial survey after cyclone Dana.

The Chief Minister also on Sunday conducted an



aerial survey of affected areas in Kendrapara and Bhadrak districts. Chief Minister has also

taken stock of the situation at Habelkhati nature camp in Bhitarkanika of

Kendrapada district where cyclone Dana had made landfall around midnight of October 24.

Following his aerial survey, the Chief Minister has also reviewed the damage at a meeting at the SRC office. Notably, Chief Minister has already directed the officials to prepare the damaged report by November 2. It would help the government disburse the compensation to the affected people, he said. On Sunday, CM Majhi made an aerial survey of the affected areas in Paradip, Mahakalpada, Rajnagar, Rajkanika and Chandbali



PM and the Prime Minister of Spain, Mr. Pedro Sanchez jointly taking a walkthrough of the exhibition showcased on the inauguration of TATA Aircraft Complex for manufacturing C-295 aircraft at TATA advanced systems limited (TASL) Campus at Vadodara, in Gujarat on October 28, 2024.

Odisha Govt Effects Reshuffle in OAS Cadres

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Odisha Government carried out a reshuffle in the OAS cadre on Monday, involving the transfer of multiple officers. The General Administration & Public Grievance Department has released an official notification concerning this matter.

Sailendra Kumar Jena, Joint Secretary to Government, Sports & YS Department is transferred and posted as Joint Secretary to Government, Mission Shakti Department. Mamata Barik, Joint Secretary to Government, Health & FW Department is transferred and posted as Joint Secretary, Odisha Livelihood Mission (OLM), Bhubaneswar. Binod Kumar Jena, Joint Secretary to Government, Mission

Shakti Department with the additional charge of Joint Secretary to Government, Odia Language Literature & Culture Department is transferred and posted as Additional Sub - Collector, Subarnapur. Manoranjan Sahu, G.M. (Social Projects), Bhubaneswar Smart City Ltd., Bhubaneswar is transferred and posted as Sub-Collector, Bhubaneswar. Gopinath Kuanr, Sub Collector, Puri is transferred and posted as Joint Secretary to the Government, Women & Child Development Department. Suraj Kumar Pattnaik, Ex-Sub Collector, Subarnapur UoT as Deputy Director, SIRD, Bhubaneswar. Raj Kishore Jena, Deputy Commissioner, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC), Bhubaneswar is transferred and posted as Sub-Collector, Puri.

Manorama Jali, Additional Sub Collector, Jajpur is transferred and posted as Deputy Director, SIRD, Bhubaneswar. Raj Kishore Jena, Deputy Commissioner, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC), Bhubaneswar is transferred and posted as Sub-Collector, Puri. Sunil Kumar Meher, Tahasildar, Bolangir is transferred and posted as Sub-Collector, Patnagarh, Bolangir.

Kuchinda, Sambalpur. Surendra Meher, BDO, Sohela is transferred and posted as Additional Sub - Collector, Subarnapur. Manoranjan Sahu, G.M. (Social Projects), Bhubaneswar Smart City Ltd., Bhubaneswar is transferred and posted as Sub-Collector, Bhubaneswar. Gopinath Kuanr, Sub Collector, Puri is transferred and posted as Joint Secretary to the Government, Women & Child Development Department. Suraj Kumar Pattnaik, Ex-Sub Collector, Subarnapur UoT as Deputy Director, SIRD, Bhubaneswar. Raj Kishore Jena, Deputy Commissioner, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC), Bhubaneswar is transferred and posted as Sub-Collector, Puri.

During a press conference, Deputy CM Parida emphasized the government's commitment to ensuring that all eligible individuals receive their due benefits. "We are dedicated to supporting our citizens, and this phase of the SUBHADRA Yojana is a testament to our ongoing efforts," she stated. Beneficiaries who have not yet updated their details are urged to do so by the deadline of October 31. The government has streamlined the process to ensure a smooth and efficient transfer of funds. Around 60L women beneficiaries have benefitted from the BJP government's ambitious yojana in the first two phases of the first installment. The rest of the beneficiaries excluded in the first two phases will receive their share of Rs 5,000 in the 1st installment. The government has given October 31st as the deadline to update bank details and make sure everything is correct to avoid any delays in getting the money. Worth mentioning, the second phase money was credited to the bank accounts of beneficiaries on October 9 under the ambitious women-centric scheme. Subhadra Yojana was one of the major promises made by the BJP for women in its election manifesto in Odisha.



Bhubaneswar(KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to launch the second phase of the Ayushman Bharat Yojana on October 29, 2024. This phase aims to provide free medical treatment up to Rs 5 lakh for senior citizens across India. The virtual launch will mark a significant expansion of the government's flagship health scheme, which has already benefited millions. Odisha Health Minister Mukesh Mahaling announced that the state will implement the scheme by April 2025, ensuring that all citizens above the age of 70 receive the promised benefits.

"The Ayushman Bharat Yojana Phase-II is a monumental step towards universal healthcare. By April 2025, senior citizens in Odisha will have access to free treatment at any hospital impaneled in the scheme," said Minister Mahaling. Talking about Odisha, the Minister said, "The Health Department is taking all necessary steps. We are planning to include 3.50 crore people under the scheme out of the 4.50 crore people in Odisha. Very soon, there will be a mega launch of both Phase I and Phase II of the scheme in Odisha. Hopefully, we will be able to implement the scheme by the end of this financial year," the Health Minister said.

CM Mohan Majhi Graces State-Level Vigilance Awareness Week 2024

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi attended the state-level 'Vigilance Awareness Week' event organized by Odisha Vigilance on October 28 at the Convention Centre, Lok Seva Bhavan, Bhubaneswar. CM Majhi led the integrity pledge, as distributed by the Central Vigilance Commission, for government officials and employees of public sector undertakings, along with the citizens of the state.

Giving a stern warning to the corrupt officers, the Chief Minister said that corruption will not be tolerated at any level. Just as cancer has to be surgically removed, corrupt people are thrown out of civilized society and sent to jail. Within 140 days of our government, 6 Chief Engineers have been

arrested on charges of embezzlement. Their property was confiscated and they were prosecuted. Various infrastructure works were substandard. Government money was getting in the way. Not only the Chief Engineers but also about 20 officers of various categories have been arrested on charges of corruption. The Chief Minister said that we are moving forward with the goal of placing Odisha among the five prosperous states of India by the year 2029. This will be possible with the help of all of you. Remembering the prosperous Odisha of the past, we have to move forward to build a developed Odisha by 2036.

During the event, the Chief Minister declared the upcoming establishment of a

Vigilance Forensic Science Institute in the state. He detailed that Odisha Vigilance will soon welcome eight SPs, an equal number of Additional SPs, 24 DSPs, and 16 SIs to enhance the department's efficiency. Additionally, 24 specialists, including cyber experts, chartered

accountants, and bank professionals, will join Odisha Vigilance. The department will also soon equip its personnel with 135 motorbikes and 160 desktops/laptops. On this occasion, Koraput SP PK Dwivedi received recognition as the best anti-corruption officer for the year 2023.

The Bolangir Vigilance Unit was similarly commended for its efforts. Dushmanth Nayak from Balasore Vigilance and DSP Shabtanchali Naik from the Berhampur Vigilance Division were acknowledged as the Best IOs. Additionally, Hemant Kumar Swavik,

such as debates, quizzes, cartoons, slogans, paintings, rangoli, and posters centred on anti-corruption themes are being organized for school and college students across each district. The district-level winners will be honoured at functions held by the respective divisions/units of Odisha Vigilance as part of the Vigilance Awareness Week 2024 celebrations. Throughout Vigilance Awareness Week, public meetings will take place at district headquarters, engaging students, youth, academics, current and former government officials, self-help groups, NGOs, civil society, and members from both the public and private sectors, as well as the media, to enhance public awareness of corruption's dangers and to garner support from all stakeholders in the anti-corruption drive.



RSS wants Bharatiyas to adopt a 'Swa' based lifestyle along with modern development in its Centenary year

Mathura & Kolkata (PARTHA ROY): Two-day Akhil Bharatiya Karyakari mandal Baithak of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) held in Mathura concluded on Saturday, 26 October '24. Sarkaryavah of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh Dattatreya Hosabale ji addressed a press conference at Mathura on the conclusion of Baithak and said that the Sangh works for personality development and this process is going on continuously. He said that there will be a Training Camp for the Karyakartas coming to the 'Shakha' and every group. In the Baithak, the expansion of work of various dimensions related to the Sangh was discussed also. In the meeting, RSS's strategy and future plan of actions were discussed including connecting to new

ideas, as well as new people in the society. The meeting also discussed how to connect people of different age groups and how to expand the work by swayam sevaks. RSS has entered the Shatabdi Varsh (centenary year) by completing its 99 years this year. Brainstorming was done to work out strategy & plan to celebrate upcoming Vijayadashami. Karyakartas will go among the society with the topics of Panch Parivartan (Swa-based lifestyle, Samajik Samrasta (social harmony), Kutumb Prabodhan (family enlightenment), Environment and Civic Duty).

Shri Dattatreya Hosabale ji told that the first unit of Sangh work is Shakha. In terms of expansion of work, 72,354 shakhas are running in 45,411 places.



In this, 3626 places have increased as compared to last year and 6645 shakhas have increased. Similarly, the number of weekly meetings held in a week was 29369, in which there has been an annual increase of 3147. Dattatreya Hosabale ji told that where there is no shakha, monthly Sangh Mandali work is going on in such places. This year there are Sangh Mandali in 11,382

places, this year there has been an increase of 750 places. Sangh work is spread across the country in the form of a total of 1,13,105 such units. He told that next year the meeting of Pratinidhi Sabha will be held in Bengaluru and the expansion of work will increase till the Pratinidhi Sabha. He said that the Sangh works to build the character of the workers. This method of character building should not be seen only in discussions but also in conduct and for the past years the society has been experiencing this.

Swayamsevaks play an important role in providing relief during disaster. This year too, during the flood in the Tarakeswari river in West Bengal, swayamsevaks served 25,000 people in relief camps. During the Orissa floods, 4000 people were provided health and food assistance. In July, one

thousand swayamsevaks each were engaged in landslides in Wayanad and Karnataka and provided relief work. Swayamsevaks also arranged for food etc. during the floods in Vadodara, Jamnagar, Dwarka. Along with this, the last rites of 600 people who died in the disaster were also performed, not only Hindus, but the dead of different communities were also cremated according to their traditions. Sarkaryavahji said that the work of 'Swa' is the work of the fragrance of the soil. Mahatma Gandhi had also said Swarajya. 'Swa' means 'Swadheenta', Rashtriya Swatva. Here, Bharatiyas have to behave with our own tradition, our own civilization, its experiences, follow modernity, do not forget 'Swa' even in modernity. Dattatreya Hosabale ji

said that this is the 300th year of Punyashloka Ahilyabai Holkar. Social awakening, renovation of temples, efficient governance shows that even 300 years ago, the women power was capable of running the government for the people and for public work.

Dattatreya Hosabale ji said the Sangh insists on culture, harmony, education and health. Sarkaryavahji said that much of what is being shown on all social media internet platforms are not social. There should be freedom of speech & expression but there should be some regulation like Censor Board. There is a difference between control and regulations, and stressed on regulations. While speaking on the recent Bangladesh incident, Sarkaryavahji said that the Hindu society does not need to migrate from

there. They should stay there, it is their land, and Hindus have Shaktipeeths in Bangladesh. Sarkaryavahji said that Hindus live all over the world. Wherever there is a crisis, Hindus look towards Bharat.

On the Waqf Board, Sarkaryavahji said that whatever decisions the JPC will take; the government will work further keeping in mind the public sentiments. Speaking on the subject of Shri Krishna Janmabhoomi, Sarkaryavahji said that the matter is in the court, the court will take a decision. There is no need to do anything like Ayodhya, the society will decide. RSS are with the society.

Akhil Bharatiya Prachar Pramukh Sunil Ambekar Ji, Sah Prachar Pramukh Narendra Thakur ji and Pradeep Joshi ji, were present in the press conference.

New music video song "PREMA HELANI" launched

Bhubaneswar (KCN): Ajit Kumar Film Berhampur has launched a new music video song "PREMA HELANI" at Crystal Courtyard kanaganvihar Chandrasekharpur. The producer of the music video song PREMA HELANI is Ajit Kumar Patro is belongs to Bollywood Industry and successfully handled more video and advance songs in this industry. His latest video released was kebe asibtu. He lives in Hyderabad and always interested to work for bollywood industry to represent Odisha in global cinema industry. Ajit kumar a well known producer and going to be debut his first web series "MAUKA" as a Director. In the song "PREMA



HELANI" there are two no of hero and heroine actively role their activity. Actor Jagjeet Jena of Balasore but brought of Uttarakhand now staying at there. He is also an emerging actor and his role in this song prema helani is very positive. He play very key role in this film and already drawing

attention from the industry. He also set to make his mark with three upcoming film recently. The actress of this music video song is Vaanya Aggarwal very well known film actress with experiences of five years in south and north industry. She belongs to south Delhi. She has successfully done seven theatre films in which three films are already released. Now she is going to debut her first web series in Hollywood industry in Ajit Kumar film banner Prema Helani. Her aim to be a successful actress in odia industry.

"Artificial Intelligence new avenue for Tax Practitioners" : Narayan Jain

Kolkata (KCN): The practice in Artificial Intelligence is new avenue for Advocates, Chartered Accountants and Tax Practitioners of India, said Advocate Narayan Jain, National President of All India Federation of Tax Practitioners while addressing the Inaugural session of National Tax Conference at Kolhapur. Jain said that India is already playing a leading role in the field of Information Technology and Artificial Intelligence may be opening doors for all professionals to lead the world from front in this field. Jain urged the Law Minister of India to work on early prescribing the legal frame work to ensure that Artificial Intelligence is not misused. He also referred to the statement of Jensen Huang founder & Chief Executive of Chip maker NVIDIA during his recent visit to Mumbai. Lalit Gandhi President of Maharashtra Chamber



of Commerce, Industry & Agriculture appreciated the role of tax practitioners for compliance of Income Tax as well as GST. He suggested for active role of his Chamber and AIFTA for making representation for tax reforms for simplification of tax system. All appreciated the lead role of Vinayak Patkar National Vice President and Arun G. Baheti in organizing the conference. The 2 day

Conference was organized by AIFTA in collaboration with GSTPAM, MCCIA and various other tax associations, on 26 and 27 October, 2024, at Hotel Sayaji, Kolhapur. Session Chairman and Eminent Speakers were PC Joshi, Nikita Badheka, Ruchi Rathod, Vipul Joshi, G. Baskar, Ratan Samal, Santosh Sharma, Dhananjan Akhade, Siddeshwar Yelamali, Deepak Bapat, Janak Vaghani, Ishan Patkar and Sujata Rangnekar, Rahul Thakar. They spoke on Income Tax, GST, and the future of taxation. Samir Jani, Deputy President also spoke in the Seminar. The organisers were actively guided by S. N. Prasad, Anil Mathur, Ashvin Acharya, Bhaskar Patel, Mahesh Madhokar, Pravin Shinde, Narendra Sonawane, Dhiraj Shah, Ramakant Surelia & others also graced the Conference.



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Biography of Tycho Brahe a Great Astronomer



Tycho Brahe (1546-1601) was a Danish nobleman who made the most significant contribution to our knowledge of astronomy before the telescope arrived. He discovered a supernova, observed the elliptical interplanetary orbit of a comet, updated the accuracy of the calendar, and proposed a whole new theory of the positions of the heavenly bodies in the night sky.

Early Life

Tycho Brahe was born on 14 December 1546 in Skåne (aka Scania, modern Sweden), which was then ruled by the Danish Crown. He is today better known by his Latinized name Tycho Brahe, most often simply as Tycho. He was born into a noble family with connections to the royal family of Sweden. Tycho attended the University of Copenhagen, where he studied law before moving to Germany, where he continued his studies at the universities of Wittenberg, Leipzig, and Rostock, amongst

others. He got himself into a duel with a fellow student in Germany, and although he survived the encounter, most of his nose did not. For the rest of his life, Tycho wore an artificial nose made of metal – brass for everyday use but with a more resplendent version made of silver coming out on special occasions.

Tycho's Supernova

Tycho first became interested in astronomy when he observed the total eclipse on 25 August 1560. His first published work of note was *De Nova Stella* (1573). The book was on the subject of the new star supernova in the Cassiopeia constellation (much brighter than any other star in that group, brighter even than Venus), which he was the first to observe and study in detail on 11 November 1572. The supernova, one of only a handful in history which could be seen both at night and during the day with the naked eye, was clearly visible for at least five months. The remnants of what is really the death throes of a star, the supernova can still be seen using an X-ray telescope and has been named

Tycho's

Supernova. Tycho's observations were a crushing blow to the long-held belief that the universe was perfect & unchanging.

Tycho was able to measure the proximity or parallax of this new star in relation to Earth by measuring it at different times (since the stars rotate in the night sky, Tycho was effectively measuring two angles of a triangle with himself at one point and the star at another). By calculating its distance from Earth, he demonstrated that the star was much further away than the Moon, a concept that shook the prevailing view of the cosmos. Even more significantly, the facts that the star had appeared at all, was a heavenly body of some sort, and had nothing to do with Earth's atmosphere all meant that the universe was a changing entity, a crushing blow to the long-held belief that the universe was perfect and unchanging.

As a reward for his astronomy work, King Frederick II of Denmark and Norway (r. 1559-1588) gave the astronomer his own island, Hven, in 1576. Hven, today called Ven

and located in the Öresund Strait between Sweden and Denmark, was perfect for Tycho since here he could build his own observatory, helped with generous funding from the Danish Crown. Tycho called his observatory Uraniborg, which was named after Urania, the Greek muse of astronomy, and which translates as "the fortress of Urania". The complex was indeed built like a fortress, with the observatory set in the centre of symmetrical gardens, which were enclosed on all sides behind high walls with entrances only at each of the corners.

Tycho completed a star catalogue, which positioned over 800 stars. Uraniborg permitted Tycho to make systematic observations of the night skies, which he made using instruments he himself had designed and built, including the new astronomical sextant. Perhaps the most impressive of these instruments was a massive mural quadrant on the west wall of his observatory. Tycho later created an illustrated book on all the astronomical instruments in his observatory, his

Vijay GarG

Instruments for the Restoration of Astronomy, published in 1598. The Jesuit missionary Ferdinand Verbiest (1623-1688) famously used this book to build instruments for the imperial observatory in Beijing in the 1670s. The main building of Uraniborg was an extravagant structure bristling with platforms, towers, and spires, a mix of fantasy that would not have looked out of place in Arabian Nights or at Xanadu. There was a workshop dedicated to the manufacturing of scientific instruments. It had its own paper mill and printing press to publish Tycho's research. There was also a laboratory down in the basement where Tycho indulged his other great interest: alchemy.

Achievements & the Tycho's Model

Tycho's extensive observations allowed him to catalogue the positions of the stars and planets more accurately than had ever been done before. He shared this data with only a select few since he did not want a rival to present theories he was himself only just formulating. Some data was released for the

public good. He took countless observations of the Sun and recalculated the true length of the year, a study that resulted in a wholesale change to the calendar to make it more accurate in 1582 (a reform that replaced the old Julian calendar with the Gregorian calendar). Tycho was keen to extend his star catalogue to include more southern stars, and to that end, he made contact with both the Venetians and Tuscans in the hope that one of them would come up with the funds for a new observatory in Egypt. Neither state responded favourably. Tycho had a similar lack of success with another Italian, the astronomer Galileo Galilei (1564-1642), whom he wrote to twice to propose a collaboration but each time was ignored. Galileo had no time for theoretical models of the universe and preferred pure observation; around 1608, Galileo would perfect the new invention of the telescope and make his own impressive catalogue of discoveries. Tycho's belief that measurements must be continuously taken to continuously improve accuracy became one of the founding principles of modern science, and it is

why many have called Tycho "the true founder of the new astronomy" (Wootton, 456) and claim that astronomy became the first modern science. Above all, Tycho demonstrated that theories were not more valuable simply because they had been believed for a long time. Further, he demonstrated that believing one wrong theory often led to believing other wrong theories, creating catastrophic chains of error. In observing what was to be seen, not what he hoped to see, Tycho was one of the first of what we would today call a proper scientist, that is, someone who investigates a subject without preconceived ideas of what those investigations might show to be true, an investigator who reconciles theory, phenomena, and data to increase our knowledge of the world around us.

He died on 24 October 1601, Prague, Bohemia (now Czech Republic)

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The documentary, A Tribe Lost Beyond Oblivion on Dongriya Khond tribe of Western Odisha premiered at Nandan

Saikat Kumar Basu



Premier of the documentary: 'A Tribe Lost Beyond Oblivion' was conducted with great pomp and grandeur at the Nandan 3 theater, Kolkata, WB on October 20/2024.

The documentary has been produced in 2024 by a social and environmental NGO, named Howrah Suparna and directed by multiple award winner and social documentary filmmaker, Sourav Sarkar. The program was hosted by Dr. Suparna Sanyal Mukherjee, Secretary and Chief Functionary, Howrah Suparna and the main protagonist of the documentary on the Dongriya Khond tribes of the Nyamgiri hills in Western Odisha.

"A Tribe Lost Beyond



Chief Guest, Mr. Gautam De, Ex Director ICCR Kolkata highlighted on the plight of the Dongriya Khond tribe, their rich socio-cultural history and the need to protect them. Special Guest: Captain (Dr.) Satish Minocha, President, Rotary Club South Extension, Kolkata emphasized the importance of the documentary in engaging public with the challenges of the tribal life and its relevance to our society. Guest of Honour, Dr. Shyamali Acharya, Assistant Manager, Publications & Operations, Aajka Publishing House, Kolkata also blessed the production team for their dedicated effort in making this movie.

important to leave the tribal communities in their unique environment while promoting tribal development while respecting their tribal culture, traditions and heritage intact. An e-book written by Dr. Suparna Sanyal Mukherjee and Saikat Kumar Basu, entitled, 'Dongriya Khond: The Resilient Soldiers of the Nyamgiri' published by Ilsheguri Publications was also launched from husband August platform.

The director of the movie, Saurav Sarkar explained the trajectory of this short documentary, their objectives and challenges that he and his team faced during the

You can overcome fear and anxiety

Dr. Samrat Kar



You can't overcome anything until you actually look at what it is. You can't overcome your fear until you know what it is you're afraid of, or why you're afraid.

What most of us are scared of, at the deepest level, is death, extinction. This is pure Darwinism. Our core instinct is to survive. This is true for a mosquito, an earthworm, a human being. With most things we are afraid of, let us picture them taking place and ask ourselves, 'Then what?' Invariably, our answer is, 'I will die.'

It may not always be about death of the physical body. We're also afraid of things such as humiliation. If we introspect about why we are so afraid of being embarrassed, we learn that being deeply humiliated actually feels like we have ceased to exist. Not on a physical level, of course, but on a deep, emotional level. On a psychological, spiritual level, we are constantly judging ourselves based on how people respond. We are

constantly readjusting our sense of self based on how people look at us. Slowly, you realize that the ultimate eventuality we are afraid of, through fear of failure or humiliation, is: 'I will dissolve.' On a very deep level we believe that if people don't love us and acknowledge us, we don't exist.

Think about the new-age 'selfie' obsession. Psychologically, it is fascinating. We don't just take pictures and keep them. No. We go ahead and post them on social media. If nobody likes or comments on the picture, in our heart of hearts, we feel we don't exist. We keep posting to remind people, 'Hey, I exist.' The more responses I get, the more I exist; the fewer I get, the less I exist. This is the root of a lot that ails us. When we talk about overcoming fear, we have to first break this myth. Making a fool of ourselves does not obliterate our existence. We have to develop courage to take risks, because our awareness of our existence is no longer dependent on how people look at us or respond to us. I have to ground my awareness in my Self. I have to know who I am, so that regardless of whether you think I'm

the biggest fool who has ever walked the face of the earth or whether you think I'm the greatest person you have ever met, it doesn't change how I feel about myself. That's the only way to overcome the fear.

The other side to it is to recognize that the greatest tragedy is not failing, but never stepping up to grab the opportunities in your life. The greatest tragedy is looking back on your life and knowing you were afraid you were going to fail and people would laugh at you. That's the something to be afraid of. We have this incredible gift, this incredible life, all these moments brimming with potential, and it is tragic if we don't use them. A beautiful line in the prayers that we chant here every morning at Parmarth Niketan says, 'Tu akele nahin pyare, Ram tere sath mein' – You're not alone, dear one, God is with you. If we can live knowing that we're really in the Mother's arms, that we're being carried by God, if we can allow that faith to take over, it will replace the fear in our life.

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From Globalization to De-globalization: The Rise of Protectionism



The past half-century has significantly transformed the global economic and political landscape. From the post-colonial era to the height of globalization, and now towards an era of de-globalization, these transitions have shaped how nations interact, trade, and align themselves politically. One of the most striking trends in recent years is the apparent shift in countries' policies that once championed free trade. Once staunch advocates of an open global market, these nations have increasingly adopted protectionist stances, signalling a retreat from the ideals of globalization and a turn toward economic nationalism.

In the mid-20th century, many countries across Asia, Africa, and Latin America were gaining independence from colonial rule. These newly independent nations were primarily focused on nation-

building, asserting their sovereignty, and developing their economies. A push for self-sufficiency and economic independence marked the post-colonial era. Many former colonies adopted protectionist policies to foster domestic industries and reduce dependency on former colonial powers.

During this period, global trade was relatively limited, and countries sought to protect their nascent industries from external competition. Nations like India adopted import substitution industrialization (ISI) policies, aiming to produce goods domestically rather than importing them. The focus was creating jobs, promoting industrial growth, and building self-reliant economies. At the same time, the Bretton Woods system established after World War II promoted stability in international economic relations, but trade liberalization remained gradual and limited.

The late 20th century saw a radical shift with the advent of globalization,

driven by advancements in technology, transportation, and communication. Globalization refers to the increasing interconnectedness of economies, cultures, and political systems worldwide. Free trade, open markets, and the movement of goods, services, capital, and labour across borders became the cornerstones of this era. International institutions such as the World Trade Organization (WTO), the International Monetary Fund (IMF), and the World Bank largely facilitated the globalization boom, which promoted free trade agreements and open markets. Trade barriers were reduced, and multinational corporations flourished as they established operations worldwide to capitalize on cheaper labour and raw materials. This led to a massive expansion in international trade, global investment, and the flow of capital. Western nations, particularly the United States, the United Kingdom, and members of the European Union, were strong advocates of

globalization. These countries championed free trade agreements such as the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the European Union's Single Market. In theory, globalization's benefits were vast: it allowed for the efficient allocation of resources, reduced costs of goods and services, stimulated innovation, and provided consumers with a wider variety of products. For developing nations, globalization presented economic growth opportunities through exports, foreign direct investment (FDI), and access to new technologies. Countries like China and India experienced rapid economic growth as they integrated into the global economy, becoming major manufacturing and services players worldwide.

However, while globalization brought immense economic growth, it also had significant drawbacks.

One of the most prominent criticisms was the rise of inequality within and between countries. Globalization

led to offshoring manufacturing jobs to countries with cheaper labour in many advanced economies. This resulted in job losses, wage stagnation, and a hollowing out of the middle class in regions heavily dependent on industrial employment. While globalization helped lift millions out of poverty in developing nations, it also exacerbated income inequality. Wealth became concentrated in the hands of a few, and many workers in developing countries faced poor working conditions and low wages in industries catering to global markets.

Moreover, globalization made economies more interconnected, which increased nations' vulnerability to global economic shocks. The 2008 financial crisis, for example, spread rapidly across borders due to the intricate links between global financial markets. The crisis highlighted the risks of over-reliance on the global financial system and the need for stronger domestic safeguards.

Culturally, globalization also led to the spread of Western ideals, values, and consumer culture, which sometimes clashed with local traditions and identities. This cultural homogenization sparked resistance in various parts of the world as communities sought to preserve their unique heritage in the face of global cultural influences. In recent years, the world has witnessed a gradual shift from globalization toward what is now termed "de-globalization." De-globalization refers to reducing the interconnectedness of global economies, characterized by rising protectionism, trade barriers, and a focus on national interests.

Several factors have contributed to this shift. One of the primary drivers is the backlash against the adverse effects of globalization, particularly in advanced economies. In the United States and Europe, there has been growing discontent over job losses, wage stagnation, and income inequality, which many attribute to globalization. This

discontent has fueled the rise of populist movements and leaders who advocate for protectionist policies, such as tariffs, border controls, and the renegotiation of trade agreements.

The election of Donald Trump in 2016 marked a critical shift in U.S. economic policy. His "America First" agenda promoted protectionism, initiating trade wars with key partners such as China, Mexico, and the E.U. while renegotiating or abandoning trade deals. The US-China trade war highlighted a move away from decades of free trade.

Similarly, Brexit signalled the U.K.'s rejection of globalization, driven by concerns over immigration, sovereignty, and E.U. regulations. The decision to leave the E.U. reflected a broader desire for control over national policies. The COVID-19 pandemic further accelerated de-globalization by exposing vulnerabilities in global supply chains. Countries facing shortages of essential goods focused on domestic production and self-sufficiency to

ensure resilience and security.

Geopolitical tensions, especially between the U.S. and China, have also fueled de-globalization.

As China's influence grows, trade wars and technological decoupling between these global powers have intensified, with the U.S. imposing restrictions to curb China's technological rise.

Protectionism, the policy of restricting imports to shield domestic industries, has gained momentum recently.

Nations once promoting free trade are now adopting tariffs and subsidies to protect their economies. This shift stems from concerns about job losses due to globalization, national security risks from foreign dependencies, and the rise of populist movements favouring domestic interests. The trend marks a move from globalization toward increased economic nationalism and self-reliance.

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Dhanteras : The festival of rain of Wealth, Happiness and Religion



Dhanteras is the festival of Prosperity, Happiness and Joy that can boost economic growth. Literal meaning of Dhanteras is qualitative correction of the economy. On this day, lamps of hope are decorated in homes and in markets currency is exchanged. It is believed that things purchased on this day increase manifold. It has been told in the scriptures that by taking some measures on this day, the wealth of the grain is filled eternally in the house and the grace of Mother Lakshmi remains forever. According to the Indian system, all the worship is coordinated behavior of these three forms i.e. physical, spiritual and semi-spiritual. According to religious beliefs, in this festival Goddess Lakshmi is worshipped physically in the form of gold, silver, coins etc., and spiritually by accepting the relationship with the Divine Lakshmi. A highly auspicious and significant Hindu festival, Dhanteras is celebrated on the 13th lunar day of Krishna Paksha in Ashwin, one of the months of the Hindu calendar. This year it falls on Tuesday, 29th October. The name 'Dhanteras,' is known to be a combination of two Sanskrit words, meaning 'Dhan,' or wealth, and 'Teras,' emphasizing the 13th day. People on this festive day indulge in the age-old ritual of buying gold and

silver ornaments, vehicles, and utensils to welcome prosperity in life with their full belief and faith. It is particularly a sacred day for seeking the blessings of Goddess Lakshmi, believed to be the goddess of wealth, and Lord Ganesha, the god of knowledge. In Hindu mythology, Dhanteras is marked as the day on which Goddess Lakshmi emerged from the ocean during the oceanic churning of the Kshira Sagar, popularly known as 'Samundra Manthan.' It was also on this day that the god of medicine, Lord Dhanvantari, emerged with the 'Amrit,' known for its eternal purity, divinity, and immortality. And so, on Dhanteras, material wealth, health, and well-being are brought into the home, making it an immensely important day in Hindu culture. Dhanteras has great historical, mythological, and cultural importance. The decoration of houses with flowers, diyas, rangoli patterns etc. is done to reveal the beauty of Lakshmi's spiritual form. The worship of Goddess Lakshmi i.e. abode of wealth and happiness and prosperity is done in this festival in the above three ways. When we meditate on wealth, we thank the universal soul for its abundance. We also pray for more so that we can become more prosperous. This prosperity is not only of gold and silver but also of knowledge, joy, confidence, peace and love. Gold silver is only an external symbol.

Wealth is within us. There is a lot of love, peace and joy within. What more do you want than this? Knowledge is real wealth. Your character, your peace and self-confidence are your real wealth. When you move forward in union with God, there is no more wealth than this. This royal idea comes only when you are united with God and his infinity. When the wave remembers that it is associated with the sea and is part of the ocean, it gives immense power. Dharma (Righteousness), Artha (Prosperity), Kama (Pleasure) and Moksha (liberation) have been the objectives of life in Indian culture. There have always been efforts to achieve them. Along with them religion has also been given equal importance and the need to coordinate between the two has also been expressed, but whenever their efforts to coordinate are weakened, then there is an imbalance and chaos in the society. It has been said in the scriptures that the meaning of wealth is only when the life of a person is full of virtues. But in recent years, our society's mindset and standards regarding prosperity have changed. Today, prosperity has come to mean only financial prosperity. Human values and ideologies have been marginalized in the society and earning money and wishing money is becoming the biggest goal. Why did this happen? Are these the seeds of this trend in our traditions or is it a result of market pressures? Where will this kind of mentality take

society? These are some important questions, which need to be churched on a holy festival like Dhanteras. Lakshmi's form is trident. She lives in body, mind and money. There are five types of happiness - body, mind, wealth, wife and children. There are eight forms of Lakshmi. Adya Lakshmi or Mahalakshmi (Virgo), Dhan Lakshmi (wealth, wealth, investment, economy), Dhanya Lakshmi (food), Gajalakshmi (animal and natural wealth), Sanatana Lakshmi (good fortune, health, age and prosperity), Veera Lakshmi (heroic) Lakshmi means Defense, Security), Vijaya Lakshmi (Diddiganta Vijay), Vidya Lakshmi (Knowledge, Knowledge, Art Science), these eight forms combine to form the festival of Goddess Mahalakshmi. Diwali means Festival of Lights. Wherever there is light of these eight forms, the spirit of Diwali definitely exists. Lakshmi's abode

is not restricted to a small unit. She resides everywhere. The richest of the rich and the poorest of the poor are entitled to the light and prosperity. This means that Lakshmi resides in mind. She is the confirmation of body, mind, wealth, family and children. There are eight forms of Lakshmi. Adya Lakshmi or Mahalakshmi (Virgo), Dhan Lakshmi (wealth, wealth, investment, economy), Dhanya Lakshmi (food), Gajalakshmi (animal and natural wealth), Sanatana Lakshmi (good fortune, health, age and prosperity), Veera Lakshmi (heroic) Lakshmi means Defense, Security), Vijaya Lakshmi (Diddiganta Vijay), Vidya Lakshmi (Knowledge, Knowledge, Art Science), these eight forms combine to form the festival of Goddess Mahalakshmi. Diwali means Festival of Lights. Wherever there is light of these eight forms, the spirit of Diwali definitely exists. Lakshmi's abode

is awakened. In the struggle for selfishness, injustice and exploitation started happening. Everyone feels alone. Surely there is an error in our worship of our wealth and the worship that is being done to achieve it. Our attitude towards money is dissonant. In this process, how is the true spirit of Diwali and Dhanteras celebrated? Because all the social beliefs, human values, dignities are being considered as the standard of success, whatever the amount of money collected, politics, literature, art, religion are all being weighed on the scales of money. This trend is leading to very dangerous results.

Prosperity has been the dream of every era and has been included in the essentials of life. In a relative view, prosperity is not bad, but bad is the mindset in which some people are distinguished by the basic needs of a large number of people by virtue of their exploitation. Bad is that glorious display of prosperity that opens opportunities for crime to flourish. There is bitterness in the relationship between your loved ones, drawing the lines of distinction. There is more competition for collections than necessary. Uncontrolled demand and sensory incontinence has risen. Rituals of violence and attachment awaken. With prosperity, a person's habit, aptitude, aspiration, and many more are affected by upscale and taken the wrong direction. The person makes false

appearances in the glare of fashion. Drunks, intoxicated by drugs. Breaks the dignity of food and drink. The so-called modern lifestyle of prosperity has led to a dislike for life values. The changing meaning of prosperity can become welfare only when character loyalty and morality are maintained along with prosperity. It is important to adopt pure means, so that the means obtained in the form of prosperity are used with the right goal in the right direction. Awaken the consciousness of immersion with the collection. Desire is substantive restraint, moderation along with enjoyment is also necessary. The changing patterns of prosperity give rise to formations, give creativity to the ideological outlook, and stop the evils that flourish with modernity, move forward by building faith and humanity. Where have you been safe today - with the ideal of prosperity reaching man with faith? Who moderates their facilities? Who does the immersion of goodness? Who is able to give restraint to selfishness? Even if we do not have a car or other luxuries we must have the ability of character qualities because on the strength of this ability, we can make ourselves super powerful, only then our Dhanteras will be meaningful.

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Unity and Constitutional Rights Discussion by Sikh and Muslim Leaders

Chandigarh (KCN): In light of the upcoming 75th anniversary of Constitution Day (November 26, 1949), a meeting was held on October 26, 2024, at Central Singh Sabha Bhawan, Sector 28-A, Chandigarh. Sikh and Muslim representatives gathered to discuss the pressing concerns and challenges facing their communities in India today. The event was facilitated by All India Peace Mission President, Daya Singh, and Labbo Luab, who highlighted the importance of solidarity, mutual understanding, and safeguarding constitutional rights. In today's divided climate, where social fabric is

increasingly strained, open dialogue between communities is crucial. The All India Peace Mission believes that isolating any community hinders national progress. The meeting emphasized the need for conversation and unity over division, as an essential step toward a truly inclusive democracy.

Historical and Current Context

For over 40 years, certain political ideologies have fostered narratives portraying communities such as Sikhs and Muslims as separatists and terrorists, leading to incidents like the 1984 Sikh genocide and recurring Hindu-Muslim

riots. These events are seen as failures not only of the society but also of the Constitution in protecting its citizens. The unchecked violence and discrimination faced by minority communities, including the recent spate of bulldozing homes and businesses without legal process, reveal a growing marginalization in political and social spheres.

The All India Peace Mission expressed concern that this exclusion extends beyond borders, with countries like Canada, the US, the UK, and Australia adopting policies that strain relations with Sikh and Muslim communities globally. This isolation, both domestically and



internationally, highlights the need for a platform dedicated to protecting the constitutional rights of minorities and fostering inter-community dialogue. Caste and Religious Identity

The reservation policy for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (SC/ST) within the Sikh

community has introduced caste distinctions in a community that traditionally rejects casteism. Sikh leaders voiced concerns over being categorized under Article 25 of the Indian Constitution, which does not acknowledge Sikhism as a separate

Political and Cultural

Challenges

The influence of the RSS in Punjab was highlighted as an attempt to weaken Sikh leadership. The Akali Dal, a party with a 100-year legacy of fighting for India's independence, now struggles to retain its political foothold, even in local elections. It raises questions on whether external pressures are diminishing the influence of Sikh institutions, including the Shiromani Gurudwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC). Concerns were also raised about recent statements made by prominent Sikh leaders, calling for adherence to the Sikh Rehat

Maryada. Disputes within Sikh leadership, especially concerning the actions of certain Jathedars, were discussed as factors leading to the current situation faced by the Sikh community. This gathering marked a significant step in addressing the need for minority rights, open dialogue, and inter-community solidarity. The questions raised demand answers from leaders and the community to prevent further marginalization. The voices of Sikh and Muslim communities in Punjab and across India must be recognized to restore balance and strength to India's democracy.

An intra-college Rangoli competition is organized by Guru Gobind Singh College of Management and Technology, Giddarba



Kolkata (KCN): In an intra-college competition, Guru Gobind Singh College of Management and Technology, Giddarba, organized a Rangoli competition for its students. By the initiative of the department of Commerce and Social Sciences, a wonderful and impactful Rangoli competition was organized. There were a total of 25 students who participated in this competition. There was a tie for the second position between Harmeet Kaur and Yashika, and a tie for the third place between Muskan and Sukhmani in the third semester of the B.Com program. As part of the competition, participants were asked to create rangolis based on a variety of themes, including the festive season. During her presentation, Ms. Amanjot Kaur, Dr. Amandeep Kaur Dhillon, Madam Sukhwinder Kaur, Madam Amisha Sharma, Madam Neeru Bala, and Madam Amanpreet Kaur Sidhu for this occasion. In an address to the students, Dr. R.K. Uppal, Principal of Guru Gobind Singh College of Management and Technology, Giddarba, encouraged them and congratulated all the organizers of this Rangoli competition.

Tamanna Sharma, Head of the Department of Commerce, stressed the importance of such activities. It is also our pleasure to acknowledge the support of Madam Amanjot Kaur, Dr. Amandeep Kaur Dhillon, Madam Sukhwinder Kaur, Madam Amisha Sharma, Madam Neeru Bala, and Madam Amanpreet Kaur Sidhu for this occasion. In an address to the students, Dr. R.K. Uppal, Principal of Guru Gobind Singh College of Management and Technology, Giddarba, encouraged them and congratulated all the organizers of this Rangoli competition.

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Harnessing Sustainable River Ecosystem: A Celebration of Learning and Collaboration



knowledge gained during the field visits, where they observed various river ranching techniques and biodiversity conservation efforts first-hand. Stories of practical applications of the concepts learned resonated throughout the gathering, illustrating the program's positive influence on their practices

The event featured the distribution of certificates to participants, recognizing their commitment and engagement throughout the program. As attendees received their certificates, many

expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to deepen their understanding of sustainable practices and their impact on river health.

Overall, the valedictory program served as a fitting conclusion to a transformative experience, inspiring participants to implement the knowledge gained and advocate for sustainable practices within their communities. The commitment to conserving river ecosystems remains strong, as stakeholders look forward to continuing their efforts to protect these vital resources.

GSI, Eastern Region Organises Special Campaign 4.0 at Amkhali Wood Fossil Park, Birbhum

Kolkata (KCN): Under the aegis of Special Campaign 4.0, GSI, SU: WBAN and ER, HQ Kolkata organised a day-long outreach programme at Amkhali Wood Fossil Park (geo-heritage site), Bolpur, Birbhum district, West Bengal besides the Swachhata Abhiyan and plantation programme today.

Among the dignitaries present included Shri Rakesh Thapliyal, Under Secretary, Ministry of Mines, New Delhi, Shri M. K. Rajak, Director & HoO, GSI, ER, Dr. Arindam Dutta, Director & Nodal Officer, Special Campaign 4.0, Officers of SU: WBAN, Forest Officials of Amkhali Wood Fossil Park and villagers of Amkhali.

Total number of participants was more than 100.

Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women in association with MSME initiated innovative activities through Institution's Innovation Council.



and offline mode. IIC motivational sessions of quarter 1 started on 24th October, 2024. MSME added another representation on 28th October, 24. MSME Joint Director, Mr. Pradip Das and Assistant Director, Mr. Sitanath Mukherjee were

present in the session as resource persons. Principal, Dr. Soma Ghosh inaugurated the session. IIC program was tied up with NEP 2020 Internship Programme for 2023-24 batch of students with the hope to empower students by developing skill and encouraging them towards formation of Self-reliant India as prospective entrepreneurs.

Marathon Aims to Foster Fitness, Unity, and Brotherhood: C M Haryana

Chandigarh (JAG MOHAN THAKEN), October 28: A healthy body is fundamental to a fulfilling life, and it has been said that the first happiness lies in good health. Only healthy individuals can foster a healthy society. Fitness, Unity, and Brotherhood. And a robust society is the cornerstone of a country's and a state's development and progress.

The Haryana Chief Minister, Nayab Singh Saini expressed this while addressing a gathering before flagging off a marathon at the grounds of Sector 13-17 in the historic city of Panipat on Sunday. He said that the marathon aims to raise awareness about fitness while promoting love and

brotherhood among citizens. During the event, the Chief Minister honoured the winners and administered an oath to the youth to stay away from drugs. He congratulated all participants in the 21 km, 10 km, and 5 km races, saying that involvement in such events sends a positive message to society and inspires all, especially children and young people.

C M Saini added that Haryana youth have distinguished themselves both nationally and internationally through their talent and skills. Prime Minister Narendra Modi frequently commends the power of youth.

To further the Prime Minister's Fit India

Mission, the state has consistently promoted marathons, sports, yoga, and Raahgiri initiatives in Haryana. The Chief Minister expressed gratitude to the administration and participating organizations for the event's success. He also joined marathon runners in an open vehicle and visited various stalls set up by local institutions. In his remarks, the Chief Minister expressed

confidence that the program would achieve its objectives, praising the enthusiasm shown by participants, including a significant number of school and college students, young athletes, police personnel, and even senior citizens over the age of 60, who actively participated in the marathon.

He highlighted the remarkable turnout and enthusiasm from the citizens of Panipat, stating that the event was a celebration of joy, excitement, and unity. The Chief Minister acknowledged the achievements of Haryana's athletes across various sectors, including manufacturing in Manesar, startups in Gurugram, and the sports arena.

underscored its goal of making fitness a fundamental aspect of daily life. He said that the Prime Minister's promotion of yoga, recognized worldwide, has greatly contributed to fitness awareness, especially with June 21 being designated as International Yoga Day since 2015.

The Chief Minister encouraged attendees to inspire their families and neighbours to embrace fitness, affirming the government's commitment to prioritizing public health. He mentioned plans to establish open-air gyms in every block of Panipat, and the sports arena.

Referring to Prime Minister Modi's Fit India initiative launched on August 29, 2019, the Chief Minister



He said that the enthusiasm generated by the marathon has

transformed the Fit India initiative into a mass movement. The growing participation in parks, sports stadiums, and open spaces across cities such as Panipat, Gurugram, and Faridabad is evidence of this trend, aligning Haryana with major cities like Delhi and Mumbai in hosting annual fitness events.

The marathon was part of the Haryana Uday program, launched in June 2023, aimed at fostering public welfare through community engagement. The Chief Minister expressed satisfaction with the outreach success of Haryana Uday, pledging to organize more events in the future, including initiatives focused on cooperation between police and the public, Raahgiri, Cyclothon, sports

competitions in crime-affected areas, and de-addiction campaigns. On this occasion Development and Panchayat Minister, Krishan Lal Panwar said that such events inspire youth to seek new directions and foster interest in sports. He commended the entire administration and all social and religious organizations involved for their efforts in making the event a success.

During the program, School Education Minister Mahipal Dhanda said that this is an awareness campaign. He emphasized that the event, held on the historic land of Panipat, successfully made the general public 100 percent aware of the issues at hand.

50,000 households in cyclone hit areas of Odisha yet to get power supply

Bhubaneswar(KCN): About 50,000 households in cyclone-hit areas of Kendrapara, Bhadrak and Balasore districts in Odisha are yet to get back power supply, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi said Sunday.

Briefing media persons here this evening after reviewing the post-cyclone situation, Majhi said the restoration work has reached the last stage and obstructions on roads have been completely cleared.

Power supply has been restored in 98 per cent

of the affected areas. Out of 22.84 lakh power consumers affected by the cyclone, power supply was restored in 22.32 lakh households. Nearly 50,000 households of Kendrapara, Bhadrak and Balasore districts are yet to get back power supply as the villages remained marooned, he stated. For restoration of power supply in the affected areas, about 7,000 workers have been engaged and they are working hard to restore power in those areas too, Majhi said. More than 8 lakh

people in the cyclone-affected area had been evacuated to 6,210 shelter centres. Most of the people have

returned to their homes after the situation became normal, he said. A total of around

30,000 are still there in 470 shelter centres as their homes are still under water, Majhi said.

The chief minister said standing crops over 2.21 lakh acres in 4,100 villages of 12



Pregnant woman taken to hospital in sling, dies



Mohana(KCN): A six-month pregnant woman died after she failed to reach a hospital in time due to bad road conditions at Nirladikia village under Dambaguda panchayat of this block in Gajapati district. Moreover, trouble seemed to follow her even after death as the body had to be carried in a sling for over 2km to the village. The deceased has been identified as Mamata Mallick, 31, wife

of Balaram Mallick. Family members decided to take a seriously ill Mamata to the nearest hospital October 23. However, with no proper road, they had to carry her in a sling for a rough 2-km journey to Adaba Hospital. The doctor administered her primary treatment there and referred her to the Mohana CHC. However, her parents chose to take her back to Nilada village after failing

to get an ambulance. She was rushed to Mohana CHC October 25 after her health condition deteriorated. However, doctors shifted her to the MKCG Medical College and Hospital in Berhampur where she succumbed during treatment, Saturday. The woman is survived by her husband and a four-year-old son. Mohana BDO Rajiv Das said that her family has been provided with Rs 3,000

People pay Rs 20 per hour to charge mobile phones in Odisha's cyclone-hit Bhadrak

Bhadrak(KCN): In many villages under the Basudevpur block of Odisha's Bhadrak district, people lined up by vehicles with power generators to charge their mobile phone batteries after Cyclone 'Dana' disrupted electricity supply.

People are forced to pay Rs 20 per hour for recharge of one mobile phone battery and Rs 300 to lift groundwater to overhead tanks in houses, said Santilata Panda, sarpanch of Bishnupur panchayat of Bhadrak district.

The local tent houses and other traders who have petrol and diesel-run generator sets are providing the paid services to the people in the locality, she said.

"I have paid Rs 20 per hour to charge my mobile phone. We request the administration to restore the power supply as soon as possible," said a youth of Nuagaon village of the district.

Meanwhile, Tata Power, which provides electricity



across Odisha, said that electricity has been restored in around 92 per cent of the affected areas and it has deployed additional teams to accelerate full restoration. Engineers, linemen, and support staff are working closely with government agencies and local authorities, the company said in a statement.

It said that teams are working round the clock to restore damaged infrastructure, deploy mobile substations and repair power lines and crucial electrical equipment to expedite the recovery of critical infrastructure amidst blocked roads and waterlogged areas. Dana struck the eastern

blocks in Balasore, Bhadrak, Kendrapara, Jajpur and Mayurbhanj have been damaged by the natural calamity, as per preliminary estimation. Detailed damage assessment will be made after field verification once the water level receded in the areas, he added. Concerned district collectors have been asked to submit a damage assessment report by November 2. After that compensation will be provided to the affected people, Majhi told media persons. On possible flood like

situation in Budhabalanga river, the CM said that there is no threat of flood as water has started receding in the river. Majhi said he will make another aerial survey of rain-affected areas of Mayurbhanj, Balasore and Bhadrak districts Monday. The CM undertook an aerial survey of the coastal areas of Paradip in Jagatsinghpur district, Mahakalapada, Rajnagar and Rajkanika area of Kendrapara district and Chandbali area of Bhadrak district this afternoon.



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13 member delegation from Bangladesh visited Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata

Kolkata : A 13-member delegation from Bangladesh on a four-day visit to Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (SMP), Kolkata from 9th to 12th July, 2024, to assess the possibilities of transshipment of cargo of Bangladesh through Indian ports located on the East Coast. The delegation, led by the Joint Secretary, Ministry of Shipping, Bangladesh Sh. S M Mostafa Kamal, comprises of representatives from other key ministries, private stakeholders and ports of Bangladesh. The delegation's visit to ports in Haldia on 10th July and in Kolkata on 11th July – was in line with agreed minutes of India-Bangladesh Shipping Secretaries Level Talks (SSLT) held in Dhaka in December last year 2023. In a prospective meeting, with the Chairperson of Syama Prasad Mookerjee

Port, Kolkata, Shri Rathendra Raman along with Deputy Chairperson of KDS, Shri Samrat Rahi, Deputy Chairperson of HDC, Shri A. K. Mehra, Shri A. P. S. Sirohi, Director (IWT), MoPSW, Shri A. K. Bansal, Director, IWAI and key officials from SMP, Kolkata; the visiting delegates from Bangladesh were given an introduction to Kolkata Dock System (KDS) and Haldia Dock Complex (HDC), by stating the current infrastructure and scope for handling of containerized cargo shipped from Bangladesh for third country export. The projected plans for future infrastructural development of the dock along with development of PPP model (Public-Private Partnership Model) were also briefly highlighted to the delegates. The strategic advantage of

SMP, Kolkata and its proximity to Bangladesh was highlighted along with the leverage of IBP protocol route with the aim to strengthen the Indo-Bangladesh trade relations to boost up the Export-Import trade. The focal point of the discussion was to highlight the various trade facility advantages which the exporters from Bangladesh are likely to gain upon transshipment of the export bound cargo to third countries by handling them through SMP, Kolkata. Ease of availability of empty containers, lesser transit time compared to other major ports of Eastern India, allocation of dedicated vessels to plough between Bangladesh and India, provision for onward and return cargo to and from SMP, Kolkata for optimization of the operational cost were some

of the highlighted points in the discussion. Moreover, the scope of future development of trade facility by introduction of direct voyage serviced between SMP, Kolkata and China, planned vessel movement between SMP, Kolkata-Chittagong and Yangon port, introduction of Night-Navigation System, presence of extended allied service facilities at SMP, Kolkata in terms of CFS, strong presence of leading shipping lines, integrated road and rail transportation network and established custom facilities were also highlighted during the course of discussion with the delegates of Bangladesh to create a positive traction for the exporters of Bangladesh. Under the current market scenario, a cost comparative analysis was drawn to establish the fact that shipment of export cargo from Chittagong (Bangladesh) to SMP, Kolkata will be much economical for further shipping to other third countries instead of shipment through transshipment port like Colombo. A of 2-way plying of the vessels will reduce the overall cost of transportation enabling a win-win trade proposition for both the nations.

The Bangladeshi delegation had a good experience and were hopeful of a positive outcome of the visit. Head of Bangladeshi delegation assured that on their return to Bangladesh a meeting will be conducted along with the stakeholders with the data, analysis and comparison they have obtained from their visit to SMP, Kolkata. The committee will submit a report to the Ministry of Shipping, Bangladesh and report will be communicated to India by diplomatic channel. At the end, both sides are optimistic to find a new era in maritime connectivity between India and Bangladesh.

Blenders Pride Fashion Nights arrives in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar : Blenders Pride Fashion Nights, a unique travelling experiential property, arrived in the City of Temples – Bhubaneswar – celebrating the authentic spirit of the city through fashion and style. A spirit that echoes with Pride and inspires the creators of today to become icons of tomorrow. Bhubaneswar's 'Made of Artistic Flair' edition for Blenders Pride Fashion Nights, brought together an eclectic evening that blended fashion, culture and dance, celebrating a symbolic amalgamation of homegrown artistry and the unwavering spirit of local talent.

Haryana Govt claims 29% reduction in stubble-burning incidents compared to the previous year

Chandigarh (JAG MOHAN THAKEN), October 28: The Haryana Govt claims that it has achieved 29% reduction in stubble-burning incidents compared to the previous year. Stating this, a government spokesperson said that the Haryana government is taking significant steps for crop residue management in the state. Following the directives of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, a state-specific scheme has been implemented.

This initiative provides financial assistance to farmers for crop residue management while setting zero burning targets for panchayats to curb stubble burning incidents. As a result of these efforts, there have been a total of 713 recorded incidents of stubble burning by ICAR this year, marking a 29 percent reduction compared to last year. The government spokesperson said that burning paddy stubble after harvest not only contributes to air pollution but also diminishes soil fertility and adversely affects farmers' health. Consequently, the government is actively raising awareness

among farmers at the village level about the importance of not burning stubble. Thanks to these initiatives, 83,070 farmers have registered to manage 7.11 lakh acres of paddy area as of October 28, 2024. The registration deadline is November 30, 2024.

An official release informed that Incentive

amount of Rs 223 crore

has been given to farmers

from the year 2020-21 to 2023-24.

The spokesperson stated that the government is providing subsidized crop management equipment to farmers for both in situ and ex situ management. From 2018-19 to 2024-25, a total of 1,00,882 crop residue management machines have been made available to farmers at a subsidy of 50 to 80 percent. This year, farmers have purchased 9,844 machines.

Last week, a farmer awareness program was organized in the surrounding villages by the Krishi Vigyan Kendra Ambala of Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar. Agricultural scientist Dr. Devendra Chahal advised the farmers of the village not to burn crop residues. Farmers should give as much importance

to

crop residues as they consider the crop

economically useful.

Dr. Chahal said that crop residues help in maintaining the fertility of the soil, due to which the quality of the produce also improves. Therefore, farmers should make full use of whatever machinery is available to mix these crop residues in the field. Super- Seeder is also one of these machines, using which farmers can press the residues of paddy crop well in the fields and also sow wheat. Nowadays, it costs about two to two and a half thousand rupees to sow wheat in one acre with a super- seeder.

Along with crop residue management, wheat sowing is also done very well, along with this, the farmer's time is also saved and early sowing is done.

The government spokesperson further added that the farmers are being given an incentive of Rs 1,000 per acre for

of resorting to burning it. The state government has decided that red zone panchayats will be given an incentive of Rs 1 lakh for achieving zero burning target.

The spokesperson said that the government has categorized villages into red, yellow, and green zones based on the incidents of paddy stubble burning in the previous year. Panchayats in the red and yellow zones will receive incentives from the government to reduce stubble burning incidents. Red zone panchayats will be awarded an incentive of Rs 1 lakh, while yellow zone panchayats will receive Rs 50,000 for achieving zero burning targets.

He said that despite the government's efforts and incentives to prevent stubble burning, strict action has been taken against law violators. So far, a total of 334 challans have been issued, and fines amounting to Rs 8.45 lakh have been recovered from farmers. In addition, 418 'red entries' have been recorded in the field records of these farmers, and police cases have been registered against 192 farmers.



Bollywood star Shilpa Shetty inaugurates Kalyan Jewellers' showroom in Bhubaneswar ahead of Diwali



makes Kalyan Jewellers stand out among its peers. I am thrilled to have had the opportunity to engage with all of you today and look forward to your continued support as the brand embarks on its next exciting phase of growth." The all-new showroom inauguration coincides with the auspicious festive season of Dhanteras and Diwali, as the jewellery brand aims to strengthen its market presence while strategically tapping into the festive spirit. Patrons can enjoy a service-backed shopping experience in a world-class ambience. Commenting on the new showroom, Mr. Ramesh Kalyanaraman, Executive Director of Kalyan Jewellers, said, "As a

company, we have reached significant milestones and made substantial progress in building a comprehensive ecosystem to elevate the customer shopping experience. Over the years, we have strategically expanded our presence in the region and we believe that the showroom in Bhubaneswar will further solidify our market position, while offering greater convenience and accessibility to our valued customers."

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incentive of Rs 7,000 per acre is provided for adopting alternative crops in paddy areas under the Mera Pani-Meri Virasat Yojana. This year, 33,712 farmers have registered for crop diversification, opting for other crops instead of paddy on 66,181 acres. From 2020-21 to 2023-24, incentives worth Rs 223 crore have been disbursed to farmers.

The spokesperson also mentioned that the government is offering an incentive of Rs 4,000 per acre for adopting Direct Seeding of Rice (DSR) technology. Furthermore, Gaushalas are also being given an incentive of a maximum Rs 15,000 as transportation charges of bales at the rate of Rs 500 per acre. Various industries are being established near villages to utilize stubble, allowing farmers to generate additional income instead



MS Dhoni drops hint on CSK future ahead of IPL 2025 retentions

New Delhi: Former India and Chennai Super Kings (CSK) skipper MS Dhoni has hinted at a possible return for IPL 2025, stating he wants to enjoy "whatever last few years of cricket" he can, amid ongoing speculation about his future with CSK. Questions surrounding Dhoni's plans began when he handed the captaincy to Ruturaj Gaikwad last season and started batting lower in the order.

As the October 31 deadline for franchise retention lists approaches ahead of the mega auction,

Dhoni's position is still a topic of interest. With a reintroduced rule allowing players who have retired from international cricket for five years to be classified as uncapped, CSK may choose to retain Dhoni under this new provision.

Dhoni, now 43, handed over the CSK captaincy to Ruturaj Gaikwad last season and adopted a new batting role, often coming in lower in the order. This change led to discussions about his future as he focused on mentoring younger players. Recently, Dhoni shared his current

mindset at a promotional event in Goa, stating, "I just want to enjoy whatever last few years of cricket I'm able to play. Like how during our childhood, we used to go out and play at 4 pm, just enjoying the game."

With franchise player retention lists due by October 31 for the upcoming mega auction, Dhoni's future in the squad is a key focus. A rule reintroduced this year allows players who retired from international cricket more than five years ago to be classified as uncapped. This may



allow CSK to retain Dhoni in a strategic way that benefits both the team and its captain. CSK's CEO Kasi Viswanathan expressed hope that Dhoni would return for the next season. The former skipper's adjusted role has been a deliberate decision, explained Dhoni, who wanted to give younger players like Ravindra Jadeja and Shivam Dube the opportunity to prove themselves ahead of the T20 World Cup.

"My thinking was simple, if others are doing their job well, why do I need to come up

the order?" Dhoni said, explaining his position change last season. "We have to give people fighting for a spot a chance." Dhoni's enduring influence, both as a player and a mentor, has helped shape CSK's success over the years. His potential return would provide an opportunity for fans to see the legendary cricketer on the field once more, not just as a leader but as someone focused on enjoying the essence of the game in his final innings.

Kirsten likely to quit as Pakistan's white-ball coach

New Delhi: Gary Kirsten's stint with the Pakistan team appears to have come to an end. While there has been no official announcement as of Sunday, it is highly likely that the former South Africa batsman and World Cup-winning former coach of India will not be travelling to Australia. Part of the 15-member ODI squad is set to depart on Monday, with the rest following on Tuesday—but Kirsten will not be among the contingent heading to Australia.

Cricbuzz has learned of serious differences of opinion between Kirsten and the players. While the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) may not have directly influenced this situation, Kirsten's request to appoint David Reid as a High Performance coach did not find favour with the board. Instead, the PCB reportedly suggested alternatives, which were not acceptable to



Kirsten. Kirsten did not respond to a message from Cricbuzz, and it remains unclear whether his exit is definitive. However, it is fairly certain that he will not be travelling not only to Australia but also to Zimbabwe, where Pakistan are set to play three ODIs and three T20Is, similar to the fixtures in Australia. The squads for both tours were announced on

Sunday when the PCB unveiled Mohammad Rizwan as their new full-time white-ball captain. Just over four months into his tenure, things seem to have deteriorated in the white ball team, leading to speculation in the Pakistani media about Kirsten's imminent exit. With less than four months remaining before the Champions Trophy, the PCB may now have

to look for a new white-ball coach. It is not an ideal situation as Pakistan will be hosting an ICC tournament for the first time in over two decades. It is likely that a new coach will be announced immediately. One of the choices before the PCB could be to ask Jason Gillespie, the incumbent red-ball coach, to double up for white-ball games also. Alternatively and

more likely, the PCB will appoint Aaqib Javed, an immensely articulate former Pakistan pacer, as the white-ball coach. Aaqib, currently a national selector, is largely credited for the turnaround in the Pakistan team's fortunes in the just-concluded three-Test home series against England which they won 2-1.

Kirsten took over Pakistan's white-ball team in mid-May, after completing his assignment with the Gujarat Titans in the Indian Premier League (IPL). He joined the squad in England where Pakistan suffered a bilateral series loss to Jos Buttler's side. The team's struggles continued into the T20 World Cup, with an unexpected defeat against the hosts United States and a close defeat to India which ruined their chances of qualifying for the knockouts of the ICC event.

New Delhi: Xavier Bartlett, Nathan Ellis and Spencer Johnson have returned to the Australian T20 side for the upcoming three-match T20I series against Pakistan named by Cricket Australia on Monday. Having recovered from their respective injuries, the selectors have named the trio in the 13-player squad for the series. The Test regulars have not been considered with an eye towards the upcoming Border-Gavaskar Trophy. Any members of the T20 squad selected for the first Test against India in Perth will join the rest of

the group following the final match in Hobart. Quite interestingly, a captain hasn't been named so far to lead the side in the three-match series in the absence of Mitchell Marsh. Speaking on the selection, Chair of Selectors George Bailey said: "This group of players have all represented Australia in T20 cricket, so we look forward to them continuing to enhance their international experience throughout this series. We are excited by the mix of experience combined with those closer to the start of their international journeys.

"It is particularly encouraging to have Xavier, Spencer and Nathan back in the national setup. It's another opportunity for them to continue to show their ability on the international stage, as they have done in the past." The T20I leg, which is set to start on November 14 will follow the three-match ODI series between the two sides.

SQUAD: Sean Abbott, Xavier Bartlett, Cooper Connolly, Tim David, Nathan Ellis, Jake Fraser-McGurk, Aaron Hardie, Josh Inglis, Spencer Johnson, Glenn Maxwell, Matthew Short, Marcus Stoinis, Adam Zampa

New Zealand level series through Devine's all-round brilliance

New Delhi: In a fortnight of seismic achievements in the sport for the country, victory in the second ODI against India in Ahmedabad might be understated, but New Zealand not only achieved parity in the three-match series but also bagged crucial Women's Championship points to give their direct qualification path to next year's ODI World Cup a significant fillip. Their comprehensive 76-run victory was a function of key contributions from the team's senior cricketers, most notably that of Sophie Devine's, with the captain scoring 79 off 86 in the team's total of 259 before backing that up with three wickets. Like in their win against India in this month's T20 World Cup that set the

White Ferns on their path to glory, the foundations of this victory too was set up by openers Suzie Bates and Georgia Plummer, who added 87 runs in 15.3 overs after the visitors opted to bat on an excellent batting surface. Between them, the pair hit 13 fours and a six in the first 15 overs, relying more on timing than on power.

Harmanpreet Kaur, who returned from an injury, introduced spin as early as the sixth over but India were let down by another shoddy display of fielding with Deepti Sharma offering Plummer a reprieve off her own bowling when the latter was still on 16. Plummer used that lucky break to launch a six and a four off debutant legspinner Priya Mishra. In all, Deepti dropped

three catches during the innings but ironically India earned their breakthrough courtesy a moment of fielding brilliance from Radha Yadav, who dove full stretch to her right from her position at mid-wicket to dismiss Plummer for 41. India were able to put a lid on the scoring thereafter with the off-pace deliveries proving to be tough to score off. India earned another break when a Bates drive ricocheted off Priya's hands into the stumps and caught Lauren Down short of her crease. Bates too fell soon after getting to her half-century before India added a fourth wicket, that of Brooke Halliday, through another excellent piece of fielding from Radha.

At 139 for 4 in the 32nd over, New Zealand were in need of a re-injection of momentum and the pair of Devine and Maddy Green (42 off 41) provided just that. As in the game in Dubai, Devine cut and pulled powerfully while Green

kept the scoreboard ticking over at the other end. The New Zealand captain overturned an LBW decision against her and got to her half-century off 65 balls. The final six overs brought New Zealand 55 runs as they raced past the 250

park with Devine batting through. Radha topped her excellent fielding display with figures for 4 for 69. India's chase got off to a bad start despite Shafali Verma driving Lea Tahuhu for a four to the first ball of the innings.

upishly and was caught by the deep mid-wicket fielder. By the 26th over, India were down to 102 for 7 and the writing was very much on the wall. But the hosts didn't throw the towel in just yet and Radha backed up her excellent display in the first innings by spearheading a brief rearguard. With Saima Thakor for company, Radha added 70 for the ninth wicket. She made 45 which, if not anything, served to reduce the eventual margin of defeat.

Brief scores: New Zealand 259/9 in 50 overs (Sophie Devine 79, Suzie Bates 58; Radha Yadav 4-69) beat India 183 in 47.1 overs (Radha Yadav 48; Lea Tahuhu 3-42, Sophie Devine 3-27) by 76 runs

