

## Govt to take steps against policemen involved in 'torture' of army officer, fiancée: Odisha CM

**Keonjhar (KCN):** Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi Friday said his government will take stringent action against those involved in the alleged torture of an army officer and "sexual assault" of his fiancée at Bharatpur Police Station in Bhubaneswar.

Majhi, who is on a tour of his home district Keonjhar, said "The state government has already ordered a Crime Branch inquiry into the incident, suspended the accused police personnel and also registered a case against them."

The CM, who is also in charge of the home department, said his government would not hesitate to take action against the culprits



involved in the case.

"The government has been taking all steps required in the case. There should be no worries over it. The government is fully aware about the incident and will take strong action in the case," Majhi said. The Chief Minister's statement in this regard came hours after Leader

of Opposition and BJD president Naveen Patnaik demanded a court-monitored SIT probe and a judicial inquiry into the incident where an army officer and his fiancée were allegedly tortured and sexually assaulted by the personnel of the Bharatpur Police Station here.

## Odisha women commission begins probe into 'sexual assault' of woman at Bharatpur Police Station



**Bhubaneswar (KCN):** Taking suo motu cognisance of the alleged sexual assault of an army officer's fiancée at Bharatpur Police Station, the Odisha State Commission for Women (OSCW) Friday started an investigation into the incident.

SCW Chairperson Minati Behera herself visited the Bharatpur Police Station Friday to inquire about the incident. She held discussions with the staff and collected some case-related documents. Speaking to reporters after visiting the police station, Behera said, "We have taken the case suo motu and started an inquiry. As the crime

branch has taken over the case, they took away the documents. So, we have collected whatever documents available with the Bharatpur Police Station."

Behera said she will visit the victim's house and talk to her. The commission will also visit the office of the crime branch to collect required documents and discuss with the investigating officials, she said.

After collecting required documents, a committee will be formed to conduct a detailed inquiry into the incident. The probe report will be submitted to the government with necessary recommendations apart

from holding a discussion with the DGP, the SCW chairperson added.

Notably, the National Commission for Women has also taken suo motu cognisance of the incident and sought an action taken report from the Odisha DGP.

An army officer posted in West Bengal and his fiancée had approached Bharatpur Police Station early Sunday to lodge an FIR of road rage in which they were allegedly harassed by some local youths. At the police station, the duo got engaged in a quarrel with the personnel over the registration of an FIR, a source said.

The woman, who was arrested in Bhubaneswar for allegedly misbehaving with the police, claimed that she was sexually assaulted after being taken into custody, the source added.

She was Thursday released on bail granted by the high court.

## SC seeks info from Centre on non-appointment of judges despite Collegium's reiteration

**New Delhi (KCN):** Supreme Court Friday asked the Centre to provide information about the numbers and names reiterated by the apex court Collegium for appointment as judges in higher judiciary with reasons why they were not considered so far and at what level they were pending.

The direction was passed by a bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud while hearing a PIL seeking a direction that a time limit be fixed for the Centre to notify the appointment of judges recommended by the Supreme Court Collegium. "The Supreme Court Collegium is not a search committee (for judges) whose recommendations can be stalled," said the bench which also comprised Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra. The bench asked Attorney General (AG) R Venkataramani, appearing for the Centre, to provide it with a list of names reiterated by the Collegium and say "why they are pending and at what level". "If you can please make a list of the names reiterated and why it is pending and at what level it is pending... Show us why it is pending," the CJI said.

The bench said some appointments are now in the pipeline and "we expect it to come very early". It then adjourned the hearing on the PIL, taking into account the request for postponement by the attorney general. The PIL was filed by advocate Harsh Vibhore Singh. The plea has also sought a direction to plug the 'zone of twilight' of there being no time for notifying the Collegium's recommendations for the appointment of judges to the higher judiciary.

The plea said that in the absence of a fixed period, "the government arbitrarily delays notifying appointments thereby trampling upon judicial independence, imperilling the constitutional and democratic order and disparaging the majesty and sagacity of the court". Lawyer Prashant Bhushan referred to the name of senior advocate Saurabh Kirpal, who has not been appointed as a high court judge despite reiteration by the apex court Collegium.

## 4 jawans dead, 28 injured after bus falls into gorge in J&K's Budgam



**New Delhi (KCN):** Four BSF jawans were killed and 28 others injured when their bus, carrying 36 personnel, plunged into a deep gorge near Brell village in Budgam, Jammu and Kashmir. The hired bus was carrying 36 BSF jawans for election duty for the second phase of Assembly polls. It fell into a gorge near Brell of

Watarhaal in the Budgam district. A rescue operation was launched with the help of locals, and the injured were rushed to nearby hospitals. Visuals from the accident scene show the bus completely crumpled in the accident.

## Israel carries out targeted strike in Beirut after Hezbollah's rocket attacks



**New Delhi (KCN):** Israel hit a Beirut suburb with an airstrike Friday, not long after Hezbollah pounded northern Israel with 140 rockets following a vow by the militant group's leader Hassan Nasrallah to retaliate against Israel for a mass bombing attack, the Israeli

military and the militant group said. The Israeli military said it had carried out a "targeted strike" in Beirut. It offered no further immediate details, but explosions could be heard coming from the city's southern suburbs.

A Hezbollah official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to speak to the media, confirmed to The Associated Press that an airstrike struck the area, without giving further details.

## ASI to resume technical survey of Jagannath temple 'Ratna Bhandar' from Saturday: SJTA



**Bhubaneswar (KCN):** Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) Friday said the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) will undertake a technical survey of the 'Ratna Bhandar' (treasury) of the 12th-century shrine in Puri from Saturday.

**SJTA** Chief Administrator Arabinda Kumar Padhee in a statement today said that the survey will be carried out September 21, 22, and 23, from 1pm to 6pm.

"There will be

restrictions on devotees visiting the temple. The temple gates will remain closed for devotees during the survey work between 1pm to 6pm," he said.

Earlier September 18, the SJTA had written to ASI Director General requesting for completion of Ratna Bhandar's technical survey by September 24

in view of special rituals of the deities during Dussehra and 'Kartika' month. He also requested ASI to submit the survey report within the stipulated time, sources said.

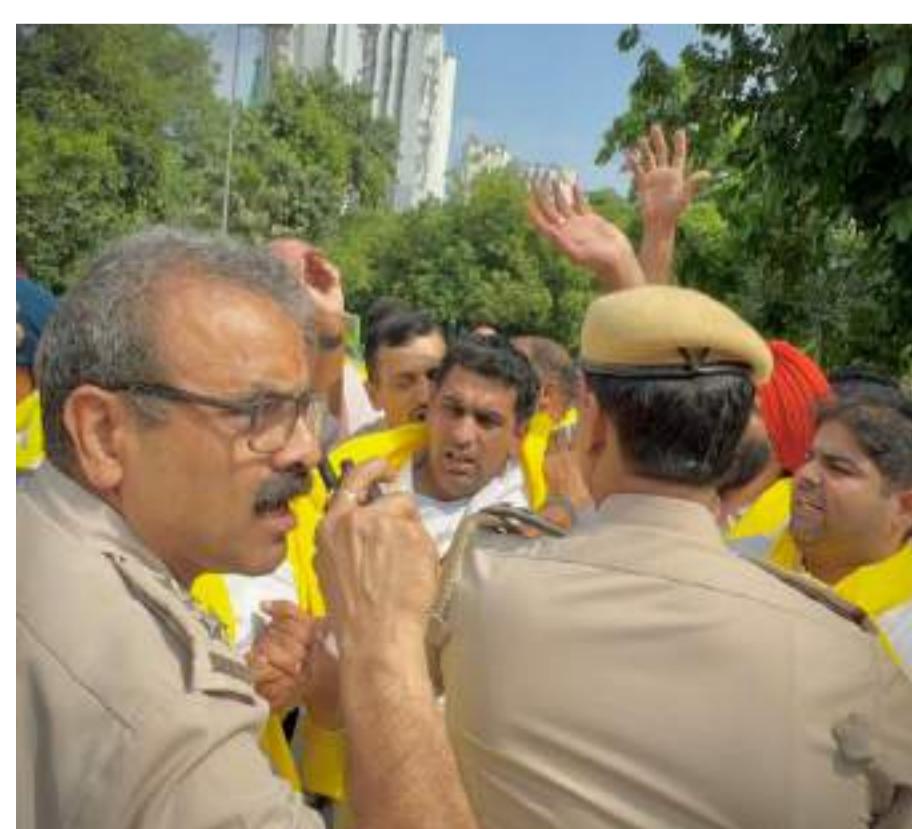
A 17 member technical team of ASI led by its additional director general Jahnnavi Sharma had conducted the first phase of preliminary inspection of Ratna Bhandar.

The team also comprised experts from the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and National Geophysical

Research Institute (NGRI), Hyderabad. They carried out laser scanning during the inspection, said sources, adding that the team had used hi-tech gadgets and other scientific equipment to conduct a detailed assessment of the Ratna Bhandar.

Apart from the ASI team and SJTA chief administrator, chairman of Ratna Bhandar Inventory Committee Justice Biswanath Rath was also present during the inspection Wednesday.

## Punjab Youth Congress workers gherao Union Minister Bittu's house, demand resignation



**Chandigarh (JAG MOHAN THAKEN), September 20:** Angry with the statement of Union Minister of state Ravneet Singh Bittu about Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, the Punjab Youth Congress on Friday showed their resentment and cautioned Minister Bittu to stop mudslinging against the Congress party leader.

Large number of Youth Congress workers led by Punjab Youth Congress president Mohit Mohindra Friday gheraoed the house of Union Minister of state Ravneet Singh Bittu in Delhi and demanded his resignation for denigrating the image of Punjab and targeting LoP Rahul Gandhi to

appease BJP. While Delhi police detained PYC president and scores of other Youth Congress workers, the agitating youth of Punjab raised slogans against Ravneet Bittu and PM Narendra Modi. Mohit Mohindra said that it was shameful that Ravneet Bittu became a tool in the hands of BJP and he labelled Rahul Gandhi a terrorist. He said that it was Rahul Gandhi who gave him the power in politics and groomed him to be able to tie his turban. He asked Bittu, had he spent 25 years with a terrorist while he enjoyed power and perks in the Congress party. Mohindra said that people of Punjab were angry

with the statement of Bittu and would retaliate in befitting manner. He told Bittu to stop mudslinging against the Congress party leader. He also challenged the other turncoat BJP leaders who joined hands with communal forces and toeing the line of BJP. He told such leaders to come clean on Bittu's allegations against Rahul Gandhi. He said that BJP was trying to malign the Sikh community and working against the interests of minority communities.

He said that Bittu had committed a political blunder by making contemptible remarks against Rahul Gandhi who spoke for the Sikh community and minority

communities. He said that Rahul Gandhi had nailed BJP for its pseudo secularism and anti-minority mindset during an interaction with the diaspora in the USA. "Rahul Gandhi had only unmasked the real face of BJP and PM Narendra Modi before the world", he added.

Mohindra said that Bittu would repent his comments against Rahul Gandhi throughout his political career. Bittu who also belonged to Sikh minority community was till a few months back on the front foot to attack BJP for its anti-Punjab and anti-minority policies. He had put to shame the legacy of his grandfather, a Congress stalwart, the former CM

Late Sardar Beant Singh who fought against communal forces. Bittu was a three-time Congress MP but he stabbed in the back of his mother party and betrayed the people of Punjab.

Mohindra said Sikh leaders in Punjab and elsewhere in the world hailed Rahul Gandhi for speaking for them. He said that even an apology by Bittu for his hateful utterances would not absolve him for his sins. Bittu has lost his credibility in Punjab and BJP will also throw him out after using him. Bittu proved to be a shallow man and lost all his political legacy by toeing the anti-Punjab line of BJP, Mohindra added.

# City University of New York to Establish Achyuta Samanta Research Institute

**Bhubaneswar, (KCN):** The City University of New York today announced the establishment of a research institute in the name of Dr Achyuta Samanta, providing U.S. students with the opportunity to research Odisha's rich art and heritage, as well as exploring Dr Samanta's contributions to the socio-economic development of indigenous communities and his success in the field of education. The Centre will be known as 'The Achyuta Samanta India Initiative of The CUNY CREST Institute (ASIICCI) at City University of New York'. It will be inaugurated next month by Dr Samanta. The announcement was

made by President of Bronx Community College, City University of New York Dr. Milton Santiago, who extended an invitation to Dr. Samanta to inaugurate the new research institute.

The City University of New York (CUNY), a public institute, can be compared to the University of Delhi. It comprises 25 colleges and serves a diverse student body from 122 countries. The idea for setting up the institute in the name of Dr Samanta emerged following a visit by CUNY officials to KIIT and KISS, where they were inspired by Dr. Samanta's achievements in education and his



commitment to serving marginalized populations between the U.S. and India.

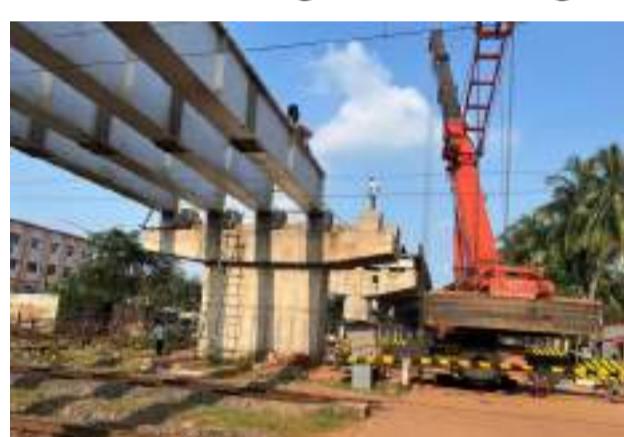
Prof Peter Groffman, a leading researcher at CUNY, who has 6600 citations to his credit, stressed the importance of international collaboration in addressing global challenges like climate change.

Sita Raiter, Public Diplomacy Officer, US Consulate General Mumbai; Prof. Paramita Sen and Prof. Neal Phillip from the Bronx Community College, City University of New York; Salil Kader, Advisor-Strategic Planning & Public Engagement Public Diplomacy Section, U.S. Consulate General Hyderabad and Prof. Saranjit Singh, Vice Chancellor, KIIT DU also spoke on the occasion.

## East Coast Railway Achieves Major Milestone: Girder Launched on Road Over Bridge at VSS Nagar, Bhubaneswar

**Bhubaneswar, (KCN):** In a remarkable engineering feat, the East Coast Railway (ECR) successfully launched five 36-meter-long, 35-ton Steel Girders within just three hours, today. The girders were installed as part of a Road Over Bridge (ROB) project at VSS Nagar, located between Bhubaneswar and Mancheswar Railway Stations. This complex task was carried out by the Construction Wing of ECR under a meticulously planned 3-hour traffic and Overhead Equipment (OHE) block, in collaboration with Khurda Road Division.

Executing such a challenging operation in a busy railway line, especially in Howrah-Chennai Main Line, one of India's busiest Railway Section; required meticulous planning and coordination. The Chief Project Manager (CPM) and his team in Bhubaneswar managed to complete the task despite multiple logistical



challenges, setting a benchmark in project execution. The successful launching of these girders, each spanning 36 meters, was not a small feat. This marks a significant milestone in the ROB construction, which replaces a highly congested level crossing with a Train Vehicle Unit (TVU) count of 2 lakh, recorded during the last census. The ROB at VSS Nagar is being constructed to replace the Special Class Level Crossing between Bhubaneswar and Mancheswar Stations, which has long been a bottleneck for both Road and Rail Traffic. Once completed, it will drastically improve the traffic flow in areas like Mancheswar Industrial Estate, Chakesian, VSS Nagar, Sainik School, Gadakan, and Chandrasekharpur in Bhubaneswar.

While ECR has successfully placed the girders on the piers in the railway portion. The remaining construction work in the railway portion, including deck slab installations, crash barriers, and approach junctions, is expected to be completed by December 2024. The state government is also on track to finish the road approach girders within the same time frame.

## Dharana before East Coast Railway demanding approval of Jajpur Road Dhamara Rail Line

**Bhubaneswar, (KCN):** There is serious discontentment among the inhabitants of Jajpur, Bhadrak and Kendrapara district as the Central Government has not approved and no allocated fund in 2024-25 for the Jajpur Road Dhamara New Rail Line inspite of completion of final location survey report and DPR by 16 July 2024. Today people from Jajpur, Bhadrak and Kendrapada district protest and sat in Dharana before the East Coast Railway office demanding the approval of the project and allocation of fund. Dr. R.C. Khuntia Ex-MP President of Jajpur Road Dhamara Sangram Parishad said that Sangram Parishad will start Dharana before parliament in Winter Session and local agitation if the fund is not allotted to Jajpur Road Dhamara Railway Line. As per the DPR total budget estimate is 3315



crores has 12 Railway station Jajpur Road, Chhotraipur, Rampur Sagadi, mahabalpur, Jajpur, Jaleswarpur, Sripura, Mangalpur, Pradi, Chandbali, Bhitaranika and Dhamara. As per the FIIR estimate the profit would be 14.51% whereas AIIR report says 24.22%. This Railway Line could earn 413 crores from Mines and give communication service to 16 lakhs 84

people. There are 294.38 Govt. land, 1316.435 Private Land and 12.768 village forest. After Dharanamemorandum was submitted East Coast Railway General Manager Office addressed to Prime Minister and Railway Minister. Dr. R.C. Khuntia, Ex-MP, Spokesperson-Amiya Pandab, District President- Manoj Rout, Coordinator-Padmakar Guru, Santosh Nanda, Congress Candidate – Er. Dadas, Manoj Biswal, Madan Mohan Dhal, Akshay Tipu, Kankata Mallick, Kisan Panda, Manoranjan Das, Harekrushna Sahoo, Akshaya Jena, Hrudananda Samal, Mayadhar Mallick, Gadadhar Das, Adv. Pratima Kar, Bhaskar Mohanty, Niranjan Parida and Saroj Biswal and several others participated in this Dharana.



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# Millets a multipurpose crop for dry semi-arid regions

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Millets are a group of small-seeded grasses that are cultivated for their edible grains. They are highly nutritious and are considered ancient grains, with a long history of cultivation in many parts of the world, particularly in Asia and Africa. Millets are known for their resilience to harsh growing conditions, including drought and poor soils, making them a crucial crop in arid and semi-arid regions.

Howrah Suparna, a Philanthropic Organization (NGO), is working in the field of health, education, tribal studies, environment, forest, forestry, forest management, elderly people, arts and culture etc. Recently the organization is engaged in Millets production and its sustainability. The Secretary has been selected as a Eastern Regional Director of Global Millets Foundation, India. In this context the organization explores Millets cultivation and production in the North 24 Parganas District of West Bengal which is a successful propagation along with South 24 Parganas are in progress for millets cultivation and production.

#### There are several types of millets, including:

Pearl Millet (Bajra): One of the most widely grown types, especially in India and Africa.

Finger Millet (Ragi): Rich in calcium and widely consumed in southern India and parts of Africa.

Foxtail Millet: Common in East Asia, used for food and fodder.

Sorghum (Jowar): Sometimes included in the millet category; it's a staple in parts of India and Africa.

Proso Millet: Often used



as bird feed but also consumed as food in some regions.

**Barnyard Millet:** Known for its high fiber content. Millets are gluten-free and rich in fiber, protein, vitamins, and minerals, making them an excellent choice for a balanced diet.

**Africa:** Particularly in countries like Nigeria, Niger, Mali, and Sudan. **India:** Especially in semi-arid regions like Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Andhra Pradesh.

**China:** In the northern and northwestern regions.

**Southeast Asia:** Parts of Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam.

**United States:** In the dry, central regions such as Nebraska, Colorado, and South Dakota.

#### 4. Growing Season

**Short Growing Period:** Millets have a short growing season, typically maturing within 70-100 days, which makes them suitable for regions with short rainy seasons.

**Temperature:** They prefer warm climates, with optimal growing temperatures ranging from 20°C to 30°C.

**2. Soil**

**Well-Drained Soils:** Millets can grow in poor soils, but they do best in well-drained, sandy, or

loamy soils with a pH range of 5.5 to 7.5.

**Fertility Requirements:** Millets can tolerate and even thrive in soils with low fertility, making them suitable for marginal lands.

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agronomic parameters, which can significantly impact yield and quality. Here are the key factors:

#### 1. Climate

**Temperature:** Millets are generally warm-season crops that thrive in temperatures between 25°C to 32°C (77°F to 89.6°F).

**Rainfall:** Millets are drought-tolerant crops. They require 400-700 mm of rainfall annually, depending on the specific millet variety. However, excess rainfall can negatively affect growth.

#### 2. Soil

**Type:** Millets grow well in a variety of soils, including sandy, loamy, and clay soils, but they perform best in well-drained, fertile, and slightly acidic soils (pH 5.5 to 7.5).

**Fertility:** Though millets can grow in less fertile soils, they respond well to the application of organic matter and balanced fertilizers, especially nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium.

#### 3. Sowing

**Time:** The optimal sowing time for millets varies with the region but is generally during the onset of the rainy season.

#### 7. Pest and Disease Management

**Seed Rate:** The seed rate depends on the millet

variety but generally ranges from 4 to 10 kg per hectare.

**Spacing:** Row spacing typically ranges from 25 to 45 cm, with plant spacing of about 10 to 15 cm within rows.

#### 4. Irrigation

While millets are drought-resistant and can grow under rainfed conditions, supplementary irrigation during critical growth stages (e.g., flowering and grain filling) can enhance yields.

#### 5. Weed Management

Weeds can significantly affect millet growth, especially in the early stages. Timely weeding or the use of pre-emergence herbicides can help manage weeds. Mulching can also be effective in controlling weeds and conserving soil moisture.

#### 6. Nutrient Management

Balanced fertilization is crucial. Nitrogen is particularly important, but phosphorus and potassium also play vital roles.

#### 3. Sowing

Organic fertilizers or green manuring can improve soil health and millet productivity.

#### 7. Pest and Disease Management

Millets are generally less

susceptible to pests and diseases compared to other cereals, but they can still be affected by pests like shoot flies, stem borers, and diseases like downy mildew and smut.

**Integrated Pest Management (IPM)** strategies, including crop rotation and biological control, are recommended.

#### 8. Harvesting

Harvesting is usually done when the grains are mature and hard, and the moisture content is around 20%. Timely harvesting is crucial to avoid shattering losses.

#### 9. Post-Harvest Handling

Threshing should be done carefully to avoid grain damage. Proper drying to reduce grain moisture to 12-14% is essential to prevent spoilage during storage.

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Here are some of the key commercial applications:

#### Food Industry:

**Baked Goods:** Millets are used in the production of gluten-free bread, cookies, and cakes. They provide a nutritious

alternative to wheat.

#### Cereals:

Millet-based breakfast cereals, flakes, and granola are popular for their health benefits.

#### Snacks:

Millets are used in the production of healthy snacks like chips, crackers, and energy bars.

#### Beverages:

Millet can be used to produce non-alcoholic beverages like millet-based smoothies, and porridge drinks, and is sometimes fermented to produce alcoholic beverages.

#### Animal Feed:

Millets are used as a feed ingredient for poultry, cattle, and other livestock.

#### Textiles:

Millet straw is sometimes used in making traditional crafts, paper, and even in biodegradable packaging materials.

These diverse uses highlight the growing significance of millets in various commercial sectors, driven by increasing demand for sustainable and healthy products.

Millets are hardy crops that can grow in various conditions, but they thrive particularly well in semi-arid to dry regions with well-drained soils.

**In West Bengal:** The most suitable areas for growing millets include:

**Purulia:** This district has dry, upland areas with lateritic soils, making it ideal for millet cultivation. The region's climatic conditions are favorable for millets like sorghum and pearl millet.

**Bankura:** Similar to Purulia, Bankura has a mix of red and lateritic soils with a semi-arid climate, suitable for millet farming.

**Birbhum:** The soil here is mostly red and sandy, which is good for growing millets. The area also experiences less rainfall, making it conducive for dryland farming.

**Paschim Medinipur:** Certain parts of this district, particularly the western regions, have lateritic soils and less rainfall, suitable for millets like finger millet (ragi).

**Jhargram:** This newly formed district, carved out of Paschim Medinipur, shares similar soil and climatic conditions and is also suitable for millet cultivation.

These regions have traditionally been less reliant on irrigation and are better suited for crops that require less water, such as millets.

# Points of success in occupation

Vijay Garg



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points for success, called the rainbow. By implementing them, sure success can be achieved. Willpower/ Commitment Willpower is essential for success in business. After choosing your profession, if you decide with determination that I have to do this profession, I can do it and I will achieve success in it, then success is sure to come. The same traveler reaches his destination, who knows his destination. Nature has gifted every man with a board in the form of power, on which he can do his own work. M writes The power to do deeds is the same in almost everyone, but the desire to do deeds is within the control of a person. A person who makes full use of the power of action and

works diligently, success itself kisses his feet. There is no achievement without hard work. There is no achievement without hard work. This achievement can be achieved only if we honestly accept our responsibility and work hard. Hard work is human power. If someone leaves today's work for tomorrow, then his work is never completed because tomorrow So it never comes. Sometimes if you have to face defeat, you should not panic and leave the field. One should not be afraid of defeat but should take inspiration from it. If there is perseverance and desire in the mind, solutions to problems can be found. The need for self-confidence Success in business

largely depends on self-confidence. A person who does not have confidence in himself, his intentions can never be fulfilled. He hesitates to take decisions and can never tackle any task with full enthusiasm. Sometimes there can be stagnation in business. One should not be disappointed by seeing it but should analyze its causes and remove them. If a person has confidence in himself, then solutions to problems are found. honesty Every work should be started with the determination that even if I don't find any way, I will make a new way but I will definitely achieve success. The success that is achieved through honest hard work is permanent. Earnings earned through

dishonesty or manipulation may give instant happiness, but this happiness is not permanent. The soul is burdened, The feeling of which is always troubling. Expertise in occupation is essential. For success in one's profession, honesty, determination and hard work as well as expertise in that profession are also necessary. Without skills, the business will not be able to run properly. If you have complete knowledge about your profession, the fruits of hard work will be reaped only then. People who gain fame by mastering their chosen profession have traits like honesty, diligence and hard work. For success, you should always keep

increasing your knowledge. circle of knowledge If it is light then there is a stoppage in business. The role of speech Man is the only creature in the world who has the power of speech. The power of poetry can win the hearts of associates, but misuse of this power alienates associates and customers. Speaking sweetly does not cost anything and does not require any great effort. When speaking faintly or when angry, the strength of the body is used more than necessary, due to which the health of a person is not only bad but also shortens the life. Success in business and colleagues To get love and respect, do not try to speak softly, but practice speaking sweetly. Stay up to date

Above all this is the rising art. A person who lives in the art of climbing even in times of happiness and sorrows, he can never fail. There are ups and downs in life, but if we give thanks with a ray of hope even in times of sorrow, then the difficult times will go away automatically. Life is the name of going on. He who loses courage loses the bet. Through determination and self-confidence A person who fights for life while living in the ascendant, success kisses his steps. Courage and enterprise can overcome every difficulty. No matter how thick the clouds are, the sun's rays are sure to shine. That's why you should never let discouragement get close to you. One should never take the

wrong path by being greedy. Every human being makes mistakes, but the one who goes ahead is the one who acknowledges the mistake and tries to correct it. Successful people have a flow like a river. Man to achieve success in life One should always be in a state of progress while doing real work. People who share happiness, help others in times of need, only they become the owners of charming personality. The pleasures of life can be bought with the earnings made in the wrong ways by falling into greed, but happiness and joy are not achieved. Always earn by working hard honestly.

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# The Future of Tourism Can be Dangerous



Globally, one of the most important issues is sustainable tourism. Developing and developed nations alike face numerous obstacles when it comes to sustainable tourism practices. There are various reasons why sustainability in tourism is crucial. Sustainable development is necessary for many reasons, including community upliftment, cultural preservation, economic rewards, and environmental protection. Tourism frequently has detrimental effects on the environment, such as pollution, habitat

damage, and resource depletion. By putting sustainable principles into practice, we may lessen these effects while preserving ecosystems and biodiversity. It is necessary to teach visitors how to safely use water and other natural resources. The degree to which a nation can sustain the small and local enterprises in the tourist locations determines the sustainability of tourism. Communities are placing a greater emphasis on tourism, and sustainable growth of this industry is becoming a top priority. It is necessary to investigate this important topic by finding out what sustainable tourism can give local communities as well as how they may contribute to it. It is suggested that a clearer grasp of the definition of "community" is essential to practical

implementation of sustainable tourist development. The tourist sector makes money from the money that people spend on travel, lodging, food, attractions, and other services. As a result of this infusion of income, local businesses can profit, jobs can be created, and the local economy can be encouraged. Tourism is advantageous to both locals and visitors as it typically leads to the development of infrastructure such as public amenities, airports, and highways. A greater interest in regional customs and heritage can help to maintain and promote historical sites, crafts, and cultural activities. The creation and administration of tourism-related projects can promote solidarity and pride in the

community. Residents can increase their employability and learn new skills by taking advantage of educational and vocational possibilities provided by the tourism sector. On the other hand unsustainable tourism management can put a burden on the environment and natural resources. A loss of local identity or the commercialisation of long-standing cultural traditions are occasionally consequences of increased tourism. The way that the advantages of tourism are distributed within a community may differ. Excessive tourism can strain the local infrastructure and badly affect the life of the locals. Global crises and changes in the economy can have an effect on travel in places where

tourism is a major source of income. To guarantee that the growth of the tourism industry is in keeping with the needs and values of the community, locals should be involved in the planning and decision-making processes. By putting eco-friendly principles into practice, tourism can reduce its negative environmental effects. By supporting and honouring regional customs and cultures, tourists can stop the loss of cultural diversity. Together with tourism, economic diversification can lessen reliance and increase the distribution of benefits. Policies and guidelines to control tourism's scale and impact are necessary to maintain a balance between visitor numbers and community well-being. In such cases the tourist destinations are facing the problem of

overtourism. When a place hosts more tourists than it can sustainably accommodate, it is said to be overtourism and can have detrimental effects on the environment, nearby communities, and the standard of the visitor experience. The development of transportation mainly of airways is making it easier for the tourists to visit well-known tourist destinations around the globe. Social media and the influencers marketing are doing wonders to attract more tourists. On Insta, Face book, You tube etc. one can get the pictures and unique locations it is drawing attention of large number of people who certainly wish to visit these spots for themselves. Nations are rushing to make more money from tourism industry without considering the long-

term implications. Many of the tourist destinations might not have the proper tourism laws and rules to control the number of tourists, to safeguard their natural resources, or to protect their cultural treasures. Regardless of the tourist destination's capacity, tourism stakeholders are doing aggressive marketing campaigns. These marketing strategies are making the potential tourist curious to add and visit the particular "trending" tourist destination. So, are we capable of formulating effective tourism strategies or providing the right direction to this industry? At this stage, it's a definite no. Otherwise, nations wouldn't face issues such as over-tourism, natural resource depletion, disrupted wildlife, pollution in tourist

Dr. Anukrati Sharma

## Remember - Rivers are going to decide our future

Dr Lokendra Singh Kot



How can we say that Chennai has become the first city in the country where underground water has been completely depleted. Due to the dwindling source of water taking a dig at the i n d i s c r i m i n a t e development done by us, we all have become dry once and for all. There was a time when water springs and rivers used to flow throughout the year in every village, but now the situation is opposite. The rain doesn't stop until the rivers and streams stop gurgling. The riverine region covers 26 percent of the country's landmass and is associated with about 43 percent of the population. Young scientist Shili David is doing research at the Center for Marine Tropical Ecology in Germany. Shili is doing research on the Pamba River in Kerala. Due to the fall in the amount of oxygen in the water, the ecosystem running inside the river starts dying. Scientific language after a certain limit. A river is declared dead. Once a river dies, it takes at least 30 to 40 years to make it healthy. Due to industrialization in the 18th and 19th centuries, many rivers in Europe have seen this condition. Even today, life has not fully returned to some rivers.

The rivers of India are mainly fed by rain water. So how do they flow throughout the year, even in dry seasons, because of the forests? Trees play an important role in

ensuring that perennial rivers continue to flow even after the rainy season ends. Rivers are life giving. Our ancient civilization and culture developed near rivers. These rivers are the basis of the cultural, social and economic system of the country. It is strange that according to the Pollution Control Board, which monitors the water of 521 rivers in the country, only 198 rivers of the country are clean. Most of these are small rivers. Country's elder. The big rivers are maintaining their existence in some form or the other, but more than 4 thousand 500 small rivers supplying water to them have dried up and become extinct. According to WRI, India ranks 13th in the world in terms of water crisis. The challenge on this front is big for India as its population is 3 times more than the other 16 problematic countries facing water crisis. The definition of river says that "which keeps the snow, ground water source and rain water flowing from the origin to the confluence, which flows uninterruptedly, cleanly and freely and has been freely touching the sun, air and earth for centuries. What flows in a mutually complementary and nourishing relationship is a river. 70 percent of the rivers of the country are polluted and are on the verge of dying. Among these, Amlakhedi, Sabarmati and Kharai of Gujarat, Munsi of Andhra Pradesh, Yamuna in Delhi, Bhima of Maharashtra, Markanda of Haryana, Kali and Hindon rivers of Uttar Pradesh are the most polluted. Ganga, Narmada, Tapti,

Godavari, Krishna, Kaveri, Mahanadi, Brahmaputra, Sutlej, Ravi, Vyas, Jhelum and Chenab are also in poor condition. Believe it or not, both humans and nature are synonymous with each other. The biggest proof of this is that the Parliament of New Zealand gave the rights of an individual to Whanganui, the third largest river there. Just as the citizens there have rights, similarly the river was also given rights. This may seem strange but even today, not only in New Zealand but also in India, the tribals consider the rivers around them as their ancestors and worship them. After this, similar laws were made in different parts of the world, such as Colombia, Australia, America, etc. In India too, the Uttarakhand High Court, taking inspiration from this legal change in New Zealand, made provisions for the protection of Ganga, Yamuna, their tributaries, glaciers, gave the status of a living legal person to the catchment area that contributes the waters of springs and rivers, however, this order was later stayed by the Supreme Court of India. Because, the Uttarakhand government had appealed to the Supreme Court that this order of the Uttarakhand High Court would create many legal and administrative complications.

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through rivers and drains. In our cultural tradition, special attention was given to conserving rain water. Due to which ponds, ponds, stepwells, wells etc. were constructed at various places. In which rain water was collected and it was available to humans as well as animals throughout the year. Today the situation is becoming dire but our main focus is somewhere else. River is rarely heard in the manifestos of most of the political parties and this is the lack of our political consciousness. Now see, about the Ganga river, which is considered to be the most sacred river of the country, it is said that when the ships of the British East India Company used to travel, they used to carry Ganga water for drinking which did not spoil even after reaching England. The British Army also kept Ganga water with it during the war so that the wounds of the injured soldiers were washed. This did not cause infection in the wound. The river Ganga was supreme in the tradition of knowledge. Ganga water had the ability to destroy human germs. 17 types of germs were destroyed. But today the situation is such that the water of Ganga is not even potable in many places. We need to redefine development by considering our actions along with our emotions. Remember - rivers are going to decide our future.

Shahnaz Husain



nature will mildly scrub stains off your teeth and return your mouth's PH to normal levels.

You can make a simple

paste by mixing baking

least once.

soda with a small amount of water and brushing your teeth with it a few times a week.

Oil Pulling-----

Oil pulling is the term for washing the mouth with oil to remove dirt, bacteria, and debris.

Oil pulling is an ancient

Rinse thoroughly afterwards to remove any residue.

Mix activated charcoal

Mix activated charcoal with a small amount of water to make a mouthwash. Swish this

solution for 2 minutes and then spit it out. Rinse

your mouth thoroughly with water after using activated charcoal.

4--Peels----

Peels are also good for getting sparkling white teeth. Just rub the

inside of an orange, banana and lemon peel on your teeth for two minutes.

Make sure to thoroughly rinse out your mouth and brush your teeth afterwards.

You should repeat this

process two to three times a week. After a few weeks, you will be able to see results.

Dip your toothbrush in

water and then in the orange peel powder.

Brush your teeth gently

for 2 minutes. Rinse

thoroughly with water.

5--Activated charcoal-----

You can also dry the

orange peels and grind them into a powder to

add it to your daily teeth-cleaning ritual.

The peels of these fruits contain

citric acid, which

theoretically helps in teeth

whitening. Banana peels

contain manganese,

magnesium, and

potassium that help

whiten your teeth.

If you're having

sensitivity issues, In that

case, it's not

recommended to use this

remedy.

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beauty expert and

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queen of India

# One Nation, One Election—A Blatant Assault on India's Democracy: Bajwa

**Chandigarh (JAG MOHANTHAKEN), September 20:** Lambasting the BJP's One Nation, One Election (ONOE) proposal as a direct assault on the very essence of India's parliamentary democracy, Partap Singh Bajwa, Leader of the Opposition, Punjab said that the Modi-led NDA government's approval of the One Nation, One Election (ONOE) proposal is yet another desperate attempt to mask its colossal failures. Like the humiliating rollback of the farm laws, ONOE will meet the same fate.

The people of India, especially Punjab, who deeply value democracy and regional autonomy, will reject this ill-conceived scheme. This reckless proposal not only dismantles the constitutional pillars of our nation but will also backfire, forcing the BJP into another embarrassing U-turn, said Partap Singh Bajwa, the congress Leader. Bajwa alleged that instead of addressing the nation's burning issues—soaring unemployment, crushing inflation, and crumbling infrastructure—the Modi government is pushing this absurd plan, which the Election Commission itself struggles to manage on a smaller scale in a few states. The people of India are not blind to this distraction, Bajwa remarked, and the Congress party will ensure this regressive move is defeated.

Bajwa lambasted the ONOE proposal as a direct assault on the very essence of India's parliamentary democracy—accountability. Elections at multiple levels, including the Lok Sabha, state assemblies, and local bodies, ensure that governments remain

accountable to the people at all times. "Frequent elections are essential to keep governments on their toes, compelling them to deliver throughout their term," Bajwa asserted. However, ONOE threatens to erode this

vibrant democracy like India, such autocratic aspirations must be thwarted, he warned. Highlighting the attack on federalism, Bajwa said the ONOE proposal undermines India's very foundation. The country's strength lies in its diversity, and the federal structure ensures that both the central and state governments address the unique concerns of their populations. By synchronizing elections, Modi is trying to turn every election into a national referendum. "In this framework, the voices of the people in states like Punjab,

Karnataka, Telangana and many smaller states (North East) will be drowned out by the louder national rhetoric. Local and state-specific issues will be relegated to the background, as voters are swayed by larger national concerns," Bajwa emphasized. This is a blatant power grab by the BJP to consolidate its influence, trampling upon the constitutional rights of states in the process. Bajwa reminded the people that the framers of the Constitution never intended for India to be shackled by rigid electoral cycles. The

## Kirloskar Ebara Pumps Limited successfully executed pump installation for longest crude oil pipeline project in India

**Kolkata (AMBAR MUKHERJEE):** Kirloskar Ebara Pumps Limited (KEPL) announced the successful execution of 16 pump packages for the Paradip-Numaligarh Crude Oil Pipeline (PNCPL) Project. This ambitious project saw the installation of pumps from Paradip to Numaligarh, across four pumping stations, marking a significant milestone in India's energy infrastructure development.

The PNCPL Project, spearheaded by Numaligarh Refinery Ltd (NRL), is a critical initiative aimed at expanding NRL's capacity from the current 3.0 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA) to 9.0 MMTPA. This expansion is essential to meet India's increasing demand for petroleum products. A new crude pipeline has been developed to support this capacity enhancement, stretching 1,630 kilometers and encompassing four stations across multiple states.

The prestigious NREP

Project is the single largest investment in Northeast India as part of Government of India's 'Hydrocarbon Vision 2030 for North East India'. The pipeline passes through five States traversing numerous enroute crossings including all major rivers of East India, namely Ganga, Jia Bharali, Subansiri, Brahmaputra through a technique called Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) with intersection. The collaboration between KEPL and NRL significantly contributed to the successful outcome of this extensive project. The scope of KEPL's contribution included supplying and installing 16 high-performance crude handling pumps as a part of one of the longest crude oil pipeline projects in India. This project stands out as one of the most complex and critical specifications successfully undertaken by KEPL including High Torque (HT) drives, Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs), Leak Detection Systems

(LOS), Monitoring and Management Systems (MMS) as well as the integration of various state-of-the-art monitoring systems. The successful execution of the PNCPL Project demonstrates KEPL's expertise and reliability in handling large-scale, complex infrastructure projects in the industry. This achievement not only reinforces KEPL's reputation for excellence but also positions the company for future opportunities in even larger and more challenging projects. Established in 1988 as a joint venture between Kirloskar Brothers Limited (India) and Ebara Corporation (Japan), Kirloskar Ebara Pumps Limited (KEPL) has emerged as a global leader in specialised pump and steam turbine manufacturing. With a strong international presence, KEPL delivers innovative and sustainable solutions to industries including oil & gas, petrochemicals, power generation, process industries and water treatment.

## President to grace Pran Pratishtha ceremony at Noida Jagannath Temple

**New Delhi, (KCN):** President of India Draupadi Murmu will be the Chief Guest during the Pran Pratishtha ceremony of Four Deities at Lord Jagannath temple in Noida. Smt Murmu had given her verbal assurance to attend the Grand Celebration at the premises of Newly built temple at Sector- 121 in Noida on 2nd February 2025. A delegation of the Temple's Management Committee Sri Jagannath Samiti led by General Secretary noted Chartered Accountant Dr Manoranjan Mohanty met Smt Murmu recently at Rashtrapati Bhawan and formally handed over her the invitation letter. The other members of the delegation were Vice-President Pramod Bahal, Joint Secretary Dhaneswar Nayak, Treasurer Dillip Kumar Swain, Members Debabrata Mishra and Subrat Kumar Jena. Smt Murmu was very happy



to know about the construction of a Gigantic Jagannath Temple at Noida and expressed her keenness to take part in the mega religious fiesta. President Smt Murmu is scheduled to grace the Pran Pratishtha of Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra, Goddess Subhadra and God Sudarshan as main karta during the occasion. Pran Pratishtha is a significant and sacred ritual in hindu tradition of undertaking consecration of the

Deities idol. The schedule of the auspicious day will include performance of series of special religious rituals, cultural programmes and community gatherings culminating into the ultimate ceremony of Pran Pratishtha. The five days long Religious jamboree from 29th January, 2025 to 2nd February, 2025 shall witness congregation of religious and spiritual top brasses such as Sadhus, Santhas and Mahatmas from all

Devastanas in India like Ayodhya, Haridwar, Rishikesh, Puri, Banaras etc, known from temple sources. The majestic and marvellous Jagannath temple situated at the sprawling green landscape of A-1, Sector- 121 in Noida is relatively a modern structure in comparison to original ancient Jagannath Temple at Puri in Odisha. The core architecture of the temple reflects traditional Indian temple design featuring intricate



**Kalinganagar, (KCN):** Tata Steel today successfully commissioned India's largest blast furnace at Kalinganagar, Odisha. With a total investment of Rs 27,000 crore, the Phase II expansion at Kalinganagar will take the total capacity at the site from 3 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) to 8 MTPA. The new facility was inaugurated by T. V. Narendran, CEO and Managing Director, Tata Steel.

Managing Director, Tata Steel, in the presence of senior leaders of the Company. The new blast furnace will significantly boost the plant's overall production capabilities, allowing Tata Steel to meet the growing demands of various industries, including automotive, infrastructure, power, shipbuilding, and defence. It will also provide advantages in specific areas like oil & gas, lifting & excavation, and construction.

On this occasion, T. V. Narendran, CEO and Managing Director, Tata Steel, said: "The commissioning of India's largest blast furnace at Kalinganagar is a momentous occasion for the steel industry, setting new benchmarks in capacity, technology, and sustainability. A key enabler of socio-economic development in the region, the expansion not only strengthens Tata Steel's position as a leader in high-end, value-added steel segments but also showcases our advanced engineering prowess. It underscores our commitment to boosting private investment in India, aligning with the nation's

vision for self-reliance and sustainable industrial growth. On behalf of Tata Steel, I thank the Government of Odisha for their unwavering support and applaud the collective efforts of our employees, suppliers & vendor partners, and all other stakeholders in enabling this significant milestone." The new blast furnace, with a volume of 5,870 m<sup>3</sup>, is equipped with state-of-the-art features for long campaign life and an eco-friendly design to optimise the steelmaking process. This blast furnace will utilise four top combustion stoves, a first in India, along with two preheating stoves for optimum specific fuel consumption in hot metal

## Drama Competition on Environment



**Kolkata (KCN):** Concern for Calcutta organised Skit Drama Competition amongst school children on Environmental sustainability on Thursday evening. Concern was displayed over degradation of environment, use of plastic, wastage of water, Inadequate solid waste management, felling of trees. Chief guest Prof. Dr. Suman Mukherjee, Guest of Honour Deepak Jalan, Rajendra Khandelwal and Narayan Jain, Chairman Advisory Board gave

away the prizes to the students. The programme was supported by Roatary Club of New Alipore, Greentech Environ Management Sevices, Ostern, DBS Bank and Rabindra Sarovar Friends Forum. The Judges were Ramakant Burman, Saptarishi Maulick, Pradip Guhathakurta and Bindia Ghosh from acting and Cinema. The winning teams were School on Wheels run by Help us Help Them (First), BDM International School (Second) and Jatindra Nath Vidya Mandir (third). Ashok Purohit, President CC and Rotarian Alok Jhunjhunwala welcomed all. Joeeta Basu conducted the program. Lekha Sharma, Samir Dutt, Tapas Gooptu, Pawan Paharia, Hina Gorsia, KC Tewary, Indrani Netram, Sujata Thakar, Vivek Sharma, Sonali De, Arundhati Mukherjee and Subroto Sinha actively helped in organising the event. PL Shah and RK Sovasaria presented plants to all.

# Flood situation in Odisha's Balasore grim, several villages marooned

**Balasore(KCN):** The flood situation in Odisha's Balasore district continued to remain grim Thursday as Subarnarekha River flowed above the danger level and many villages remained marooned, officials said.

The water level in Subarnarekha, which has been flowing above the danger level for the last three days after depression-induced heavy rainfall, is, however, on a receding trend, an official in the Water Resources Department said.

The present water level at Rajghat was at 10.58 metres against the danger level of 10.36 metres.

Water Resources Department chief engineer Chandrasekhar Padhi said drainage of

water from flood-affected villages has increased.

"We hope water will recede from the villages in the next 24 hours," Padhi said.

Jalaka River was also flowing close to the danger mark but water level was in a falling trend, the official said. Meanwhile, the Balasore district administration has so far evacuated 21,076 people to safer places and provided them with shelter.

Many villages have been marooned for the last three days, with boats being the only mode of communication, another official said.

Around 35,654 people from 141 villages in five blocks of Baliapal, Basta, Bhograi, Jaleswar and



Balasore Sadar have been affected by the floods.

"The evacuated people

were being fed at 51 relief centres across Balasore district," an official at Special Relief

Commissioner (SRC) office said. The official said that 21 rescue teams, including

six from ODRAF, one from NDRF and 14 from fire services, have been deployed in the five blocks for rescue and relief operations.

Similarly, neighbouring Mayurbhanj district has also been affected by the

floodwaters of Subarnarekha, with 101 villages getting inundated. The district administration has evacuated 1,603 people living in the low-lying areas and housed them in four flood shelters, where cooked food is being served to the affected persons, officials said.

As many as 15 rescue teams, including three from ODRAF and 12 from fire services, have been deployed in Mayurbhanj district.

Similarly, some portions of Keonjhar, Bhadrak and Sundergarh districts have also been flooded, the SRC said in a report, adding that a total of 39,002 people have been directly affected in the ongoing flood while 499 houses have been damaged in the calamity.

## Tribals Gherao Police Station in Odisha's Rayagada

**Kashipur(KCN):** Scores of irate tribals, armed with traditional weapons, besieged the Kashipur police station in the Rayagada district on Thursday, protesting the arrest of a fellow villager. According to initial reports, the protesters including men and women gheraoed the Kashipur police station and set fire to tyres inside the premises, demanding the immediate release of Kartika Naik.

It is reported that the local population, predominantly from tribal communities, was demonstrating against the purported efforts of a contracting firm to take over the Sijamali mines in the district.

A protest was held on



Wednesday, after which one of the demonstrators, Kartik Nayak of Bantej Village, was apprehended in the Sunger area. More than 600 persons from Bantej, Sarambai, Kantamal and Bundel villages gathered in protest and gheraoed

Kashipur police station wielding traditional weapons. They protested by burning tyres and demanded Kartik's immediate release. The situation became tense, so the district authorities acted promptly, deploying police to restore order.

High-ranking officials also arrived at the scene to engage with the protesters.

Kashipur police station IIC Suryaprakash Naik and Rayagada SDPO Rashmiranjan Senapati were at the scene, till the last report came in.

## Prohibitory orders imposed in Bhadrak over clash between two communities



**Dhamnagar(KCN):** Prohibitory orders under Section 163 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNS) were imposed in the Gudupokhari area in Odisha's Bhadrak district following a violent group clash between two communities that left four persons injured including two critically.

According to Bhadrak sub-collector Manoj Mohapatra, the prohibitory orders will be effective between Thursday (2 pm) and Saturday (10 pm).

Sushant Behera, and Prashant Sahu, were seriously injured in a scuffle between two communities at Aruna Bazar near Gudupokhari of Dushri police station limits today.

During the observance of a community's religious celebration, members from Gudupokhari village erected flags on bamboo poles at Arun Bazar. The subsequent discovery of the torn flags on Thursday morning led to suspicions of another community's

involvement, escalating to a verbal altercation and physical assault. The conflict resulted in at least four individuals being injured, necessitating their hospitalisation at Dhamanagar CHC for initial treatment and later shifted to SCB Medical College and Hospital in Cuttack for further treatment.

On the other hand, three accused persons, Sheikh Abdul, Sheikh Abubakar, and Sheikh Nizamuddin, have been booked in this connection in Case No. 318/24. In view of the tense situation, 4 platoons of police force have been deployed in the locality. Dhusuri police station OIC Shantanu Jena, Dhamnagar police station IIC Fani Bhushan Naik, SDPO Trilochan Sethi, IICs of Bhandaripokhari, Agrapada, Bant police stations, senior police officials and Tehsildar Deepak Das were present at the spot. Later, SP Varun Guntupalli reached the spot and monitored the situation.



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## BB Medicare opens advanced Bio Compostable Bags Manufacturing Unit at Tangi



Bhubaneswar : BB Medicare thrilled to announce the inauguration of cutting-edge Bio Compostable Bags Manufacturing Unit, set to revolutionize the sustainable packaging industry. The grand opening ceremony took place on June 17, 2024. The new facility located in Haladibasanta, Tangi, Cuttack. This milestone marks a significant step forward in our commitment to environmental sustainability and

innovation. New manufacturing unit will produce high-quality bio compostable bags, designed to reduce plastic waste and its harmful impact on the environment. These bags are made from natural, renewable resources and are fully compostable, providing an eco-friendly alternative to traditional plastic bags.

The event was graced by Professor Pravat Kumar Roul, Vice Chancellor of Odisha University of

Agriculture and Technology, as the Chief Guest. Attendees had the opportunity to tour the facility and witness the advanced production processes. The manufacturing unit includes advanced Technology, utilizing the latest in eco-friendly manufacturing technology to produce durable and sustainable bio compostable bags such as grocery bags, garbage bags, pharmacy bags, shopping bags and carry bags. This unit expected to significantly reduce plastic waste,

supporting global efforts to combat environmental pollution. The facility will create numerous job opportunities, contributing to local economic growth. Its adherence to the highest standards of quality and compliance, ensuring our products meet international environmental regulations.

BB Medicare Pvt Ltd is dedicated to driving positive environmental change through innovation and responsible manufacturing practices. The launch of this manufacturing unit aligns with our vision to create a greener, more sustainable future for all.

BB Medicare Pvt Ltd is a leading company in the sustainable packaging industry, committed to developing eco-friendly solutions that help protect the environment. Our mission is to innovate and produce high-quality, sustainable products that contribute to a healthier planet.

## Nexus Select Malls unveils Purple Weekend across portfolio

Bhubaneswar : As the summer holidays draw near and individuals prepare to embark on a shopping expedition in preparation for their forthcoming sojourns, Nexus Select Malls unveils its latest initiative, "Purple Weekend," a weekend event featuring special offers, unforgettable entertainment, and an unparalleled shopping experience. The endeavor centered around "Savings & Excitement," is scheduled to kick start on April 19th, 2024 throughout all portfolio malls and will mark the beginning of a recurring monthly tradition wherein Nexus Esplanade will curate a unique weekend to present an ample selection of enticing discounts, deals and curated offers from a



diverse array of categories including fashion, food and beverage, electronics, movies, and hypermarket products with the intention of accommodating each customer. Don't miss out on the inaugural Purple Weekend event! Mark your calendar, gather

friends and family and head to Nexus Esplanade between April 19th to April 21st.

As part of the Purple Weekend initiative

Nexus Esplanade will host a variety of entertaining activities to captivate the shoppers during their retail therapy. Marks and Spencer's invites customers to enjoy discounts of up to 50%, while Reliance Trends treats you to an exciting gift with purchases worth 3999 and above. Mia dazzles with flat 50% off on diamond jewelry and 10% off on gold. Helios offers up to 40% off on stylish timepieces, and Carat Lane tempts with a flat 20% off on diamond prices among many other brands offering huge discounts. Consistent with the overarching motif, Nexus Esplanade will embellish itself with a resplendent purple visual aesthetic that further complements indelible shopping experience.

## Gensol Engineering Ltd. emerged as a successful bidder for GUVNL's 250 MW (500 MWh) Battery Energy Storage Project worth INR 1340 Crore

Kolkata (AMBAR MUKHERJEE): Gensol Engineering Ltd. (BSE: 542851) (NSE: GENSONL), a pioneer in solar power engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) services and electric mobility sector, has emerged as a successful bidder for 250 MW/500 MWh standalone Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) project from Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (GUVNL). The project will supply electricity on an "On-Demand" basis to Gujarat State's DISCOMs during peak and off-peak hours, thereby extending renewable energy

availability beyond solar hours, fulfilling Energy Storage Purchase Obligations, and enhancing grid resilience. The project will deliver 250 MW/500 MWh energy for two charge/discharge cycles per day. There is a greenshoe option of awarding second tranche of 250 MW/500 MWh at the discretion of GUVNL. This landmark for GUVNL BESS project not only highlights Gensol's expertise and reliability in the renewable energy sector but also sets a clear direction for our future endeavors. It aligns with Gensol's commitment to supporting India's energy transition goals through innovative and sustainable solutions. The BESS market in India is poised for exponential

Purchase Agreement (BESPA) tenure. Expressing his optimism about the future of BESS in India and Gensol's pivotal role in propelling the growth of this sector, Anmol Singh Jaggi, Managing Director, Gensol Engineering Limited said, "It's a proud moment for Gensol. This landmark for GUVNL BESS project not only highlights Gensol's expertise and reliability in the renewable energy sector but also sets a clear direction for our future endeavors. It aligns with Gensol's commitment to supporting India's energy transition goals through innovative and sustainable solutions. The BESS market in India is poised for exponential

growth, and Gensol is at the forefront, ready to lead this transformation. Securing this project enables us to make a significant impact on the Indian energy market while solidifying our position as a leading industry player in the renewable energy landscape, propelling the future of BESS in India."

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combined with advanced

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ensuring compliance with

rigorous availability and

## Capri Global Capital Ltd announces Stock Split and 1:1 bonus

Mumbai (KCN): Board of directors of Capri Global Capital Ltd (CGCL), a diversified Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) with a presence across diverse segments like MSME, Affordable Housing, Construction Finance segments among others has approved stock split and 1:1 bonus issue. The company board also approved issuance of Non-Convertible Debentures through Public issue/private placement for an amount up to Rs. 500 crore in tranches.

Company has inducted Mr. L V Prabhakar, Mr. Shishir Priyadarshi, and Ms. Nupur Mukherjee as additional independent directors on its Board of Directors subject to shareholder approval.

Capri Global is a diversified Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) with a presence across diverse and high growth segments like MSME, Affordable Housing, Construction Finance segments, and Car Loan distribution. Company also forayed into Gold Loans in Aug 22. Company is promoted by first generation entrepreneur, Mr. Rajesh Sharma and listed on BSE and NSE. With 917 branches in 14 states & UTs across North and West India and over 10,150 employees, company has reported AUM of Rs. 124 billion in Q2FY24. Promoter Group holds 69.89% stake in the company as on 31st Dec 2023. Going forward company is targeting AUM of Rs. 300 billion and earning target of mid-teen ROE over medium term with a strong focus on the business segments including Gold Loan, Affordable Housing and MSME loans.

The Board of directors at its meeting held on January 27 has approved sub-division of one equity share of the face value of Rs. 2 each fully paid-up into two equity shares of the face value of Re. 1 each fully paid-up. Company board also approved 1:1 bonus issue i.e. one new fully paid-up bonus equity share of face value of Re. 1 each for every one fully paid-up equity share of face value of Re. 1. Company has fixed the record date as Tuesday, March 5, 2024, for the stock split and bonus, subject to the approval of shareholders at the ensuing Extra-ordinary General Meeting of the Company scheduled to be held on Thursday, February 22, 2024.

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# India in pole position after 17-wicket day in Chennai

**New Delhi:** On a 17-wicket Day 2 in Chennai, the most that have fallen in a day at the venue, Jasprit Bumrah's four-wicket haul led a collective bowling performance from India as they bowled Bangladesh out for only 149 after folding for 376 earlier in the day. India lost early wickets in their second innings but they remain in firm control of the first Test, having reached 81/3, leading by

reached 31/3, leading by 308 runs. Bangladesh suffered early setbacks in their innings after bowling out India early. Bumrah decided to change the angle, coming from around the wicket to see Shadman Islam shoulder arms to a delivery that came in as he was bowled for 2. Zakir

between Shakib Al Hasan and Litton Das ensued, with the pair batting watchfully initially before starting to play their shots. They struck eight fours between them to lead a mini recovery but India hit back with Ravindra Jadeja dismissing both. Hasan Mahmud and Mehidy Hasan Miraz scored a few boundaries but the former fell to Bumrah on the brink of Tea to leave Bangladesh eight down. Mehidy and Taskin Ahmed kept India waiting for a while with a partnership worth 18. But Bumrah, who bowled a few short deliveries to Taskin, got him bowled eventually with a yorker. Mehidy tried to farm the strike as much as possible while batting with Nahid Rana,

and even hit Ashwin for a six. Rana managed a couple of boundaries off Bumrah and Akash missed the chance to run the No.11 out. But Siraj came back and had Rana bowled to give India a 227-run lead.

Yashasvi Jaiswal helped India start positively as he struck two fours in the first over off Taskin, while Rohit Sharma also

got off the mark with a clip off Hasan Mahmud for a four. Taskin, though, ended the Indian captain's stay, getting one to move away late to find the outside edge. Jaiswal was the next to fall, edging Rana to the 'keeper. Shubman Gill played a few lovely shots, with Virat Kohli supporting him from the other end.

Kohli struck a fine pull off Mehidy but fell soon after, trapped in front while attempting to flick a full delivery. He chose not to review but replays later revealed that there was an inside edge. Rishabh Pant hit a four off Shakib for his first boundary and followed it up with a six as India extended their lead past 300. Pant and Shubman

were unbeaten, having added 14 runs.

Earlier, India's innings was cut short by Taskin, who bagged three quick wickets while Mahmud became the first Bangladesh pacer to bag a five-wicket haul. India folded quickly on Day 2, adding only 37 runs to their overnight total. It was still a remarkable performance from India's lower order, led by Ashwin's 113 and Jadeja's 86, as they added 232 for the last four wickets having been reduced to 144/6 on Day 1. Taskin, who began with the second new ball at the start of the day, had Jadeja poking at a delivery outside off to dismiss him for his overnight score of 86. R Ashwin, meanwhile, edged one off Mahmud

for a four, and Akash struck a flurry of boundaries off Mahmud. Akash contributed 17 in a 24-run stand with Ashwin before he fell to Taskin looking for a big shot. Taskin then ended a fine innings from Ashwin, who looked to go over the top but ended up handing a catch to Najmul at deep mid off. Bumrah was the last to fall, as Mahmud finally bagged his fifth wicket. Brief scores: India 376 (R Ashwin 113, Ravindra Jadeja 86, Yashasvi Jaiswal 56; Hasan Mahmud 5-83, Taskin Ahmed 3-55) & 81/3 (Shubman Gill 33\*; Nahid Rana 1-12) lead Bangladesh 149 (Shakib Al Hasan 32, Mehidy Hasan Miraz 27\*; Jasprit Bumrah 4-50, Ravindra Jadeja 2-19, Akash Deep 2-19) by 308 runs.

## Head, Labuschagne cap off Australia's facile win in opening ODI

**New Delhi:** All-round efforts from Travis Head (154\* & 2-34) and Marnus Labuschagne (77\* & 3-39) gave Australia a comfortable seven-wicket victory over England in the opening ODI at Trent Bridge.



Chasing a target of 316, Head notched up his sixth ODI hundred, his highest score in the format, as the visitors raced past the target with six overs to spare. Head and Labuschagne put on an unbeaten 148-run partnership off just 107 balls for the fourth wicket, leaving captain Harry Brook scrambling for a breakthrough on his England captaincy debut. Australia lost their captain Mitchell Marsh to Matthew Potts early, but Head went on to form crucial partnerships of 76 with Steve Smith and 73 with Cameron Green. The left-handed opener, who hit 20 fours and 5 sixes, reached his hundred off 92 balls before accelerating further with Labuschagne, who looked comfortable against the spinners on a late-season dry Nottingham pitch. England's bowling struggles were epitomized by Adil Rashid's wicketless outing (0-59), while Australia's spinners made the difference after debutant Ben Dwarshuis was unavailable due to a pectoral muscle injury. Australia were also without Josh Hazlewood

and Mitchell Starc, who were sidelined by illness. Jofra Archer, who made a comeback in ODIs after 18 months on the sidelines, had figures of 0-53 in his six overs. England appeared strong at 213/2 in the 33rd over after Brook opted to bat, but an inspired bowling change from Marsh saw Labuschagne come on and change the course of the innings. Labuschagne, introduced in the 33rd over, struck with his fourth delivery, removing Ben Duckett caught-and-bowled. He followed it up by dismissing Brook

(caught-and-bowled again) in his next over and went on to add Jofra Archer's wicket, capping an innings-turning spell that prompted Marsh to employ over 30 overs of spin, the third-most Australia have bowled in an ODI. Australia didn't bowl a single over of pace after the 32nd, relying on Travis Head (2-34) and others to close out the innings on a decent batting wicket in Nottingham.

**New Delhi:** Hasan Mahmud seems to have started from where he left off in the tour against Pakistan' Former Bangladesh star-turned-commentator Athar Ali Khan exclaimed as Mahmud dismissed Virat Kohli on the first morning in Chennai. Mahmud bowled devastating opening spell of six overs, that included the wickets of Kohli, Rohit Sharma and Shubman Gill. After Lunch, the right-arm quick removed Rishabh Pant to justify - to an extent - the decision of Bangladesh captain Najmul Hossain Shanto of bowling first on Thursday. Mahmud is the slowest of the three pacers that Bangladesh unleashed in the opening Test. He began his Test career with the Sri Lanka series at home earlier this year, and has predominantly been known for his

make sure that he could bowl long spells. We designed his training accordingly," he said. "The line varies in different formats. We worked with him and made him realise that he needs to make sure that he bowls fuller more often than not, considering he can swing the ball and can be dangerous if he manages to bowl in the right areas. He executed the plan quite well in Pakistan and looked to do the same today against India," he said. Mahmud consistently bowled at a good length, and earned the reward of Rohit's wicket who nicked a full ball bowled with a wobble seam. He had the rub of the green with Gill's wicket as the No.3 batter nicked one down the leg side. Kohli pushed at a ball bowled outside the off-stump while Rishabh Pant nicked a cut shot to Litton Das behind the stumps.

# High stakes for Australia on the road to CT 2025

**New Delhi:** In exactly two months' time, Australia would have completed an entire year as men's ODI world champions for the sixth time in history. No cricket fan in India of course has forgotten the events of November 19, 2023, quite yet. But the last 10 months since that incredible evening in Ahmedabad have slipped by so inconspicuously for the Australian ODI team, that you'd think some sections of the cricket audience in Australia might need a reminder. Especially since we are in September, and it's finals season for all the major football codes around the country. Maybe it's also a sign of our times where ODI cricket simply doesn't garner the kind of attention it used to. Or perhaps it's just the amount of other forms of cricket that have been played in the interim, not to forget another World Cup, this time in a T20 format.

When they step out on Thursday (September 19), it'll only be the fourth ODI that Australia would have played since reclaiming the throne last November. It'll also be the first appearance in 50-over cricket for a few of their World Cup stars since November 19, starting with current captain, Mitchell Marsh, while Pat Cummins gets himself ready for the Test summer back home.

For the record, Australia have already played five games of international cricket, with one getting washed out, in the United Kingdom over the last few weeks. After trouncing Scotland by a 3-0 margin, they drew level with England in the T20I series. Even if the two series didn't

quite make the headlines all that routinely, the fact that white-ball cricket is not broadcast on free-to-air TV in Australia might play a role in it too, alongside the matches starting at a late hour in this part of the world.

You'd expect the five ODIs against England to stir up a little more interest. It'll help firstly that the matches will start a lot earlier, so that most Aussies will be able to catch most of the first innings before heading to bed. There'll certainly be more relevance to what happens over the next couple of weeks, starting with the opening game Nottingham. There's a Champions Trophy after all to look forward to in five months' time. It's a tournament that the Aussies have historically not had a lot of success in, having won only once back



in 2009. And there's been quite a bit of chatter from the powers that be in Australian cricket, about wanting to focus on the eight-team tournament that is scheduled for February. It's also led to some of the senior players sticking with the format, despite having had the opportunity to retire from it on a high, like David Warner had done in Ahmedabad. He even teased a comeback, simply for the Champions Trophy, a few months ago.

The virus that has spread through the Aussie camp in the past few days and has ruled out a handful of key players for the start of the series doesn't help. But it looks like captain Marsh will be the immediate replacement for Warner at the top of the order, having been an integral part of the top-order during Australia's success in India last year. With Steve Smith, who captained the team against the West Indies in February on home soil, having committed to continue playing ODIs, he will remain as the mainstay of the middle-order with Marnus Labuschagne as always shoring it up at the other end. Cameron Green might get a bigger role moving forward, after having been in and out of the team during the ODI World Cup last year. At least for the start of the series, he's slated to come in at No 4, which on paper

looks like an ideal spot for the all-rounder. While Josh Inglis and Glenn Maxwell might miss out in Nottingham because of illness. They will likely be replaced therefore by the returning Alex Carey and the impressive Matt Short, they will be looked at as being key figures in the lower-order, as they were in India. Marcus Stoinis, who was left out of the playing XI for the business end of the tournament last year, is the one missing out, which will keep the likes of Short and even Aaron Hardie in the mix, with performances of note in England sure to enhance their chances for the Champions Trophy.

Adam Zampa, the star for Australia in both their World Cup wins over the last three years, will kick off the series by playing in his 100th ODI. He has averaged 21.71 with the ball over the last four years and been quite

clearly the best spinner in white-ball international cricket for a while, on par perhaps with Rashid Khan. And the pace attack, like it did in India, will rotate around him with Starc and Hazlewood both keen on trying to add a little more silverware to their burgeoning cabinet before moving on from 50-over cricket. The door remains open however for the fourth fast bowler's spot, a role that Sean Abbott has generally played with success. With a number of fast bowling options currently on the bench owing to various injuries, these five ODIs will be a great chance for one of those on the outer to challenge Abbott and break into the side, including the bolder selection, 19-year-old Mahli Beardman, who for now remains a reserve in the squad.