

## BJP steps up attack on BJD over Kotia issue; BJD says Opposition doing high drama

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):**The Odisha Assembly on Friday witnessed uproarious scenes with the members of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Congress creating ruckus over Kotia issue.

During the Zero Hour in the Assembly, leader of opposition (LoP), Jayanarayan Mishra raised the Kotia issue. He said the Andhra Pradesh government has been wrongfully trespassing into Kotia and interfering in 21 other villages.

"Andhra Pradesh continues to trespass into Kotia region. The villages bordering Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and West Bengal also wish to merge with their neighbouring States. Specifically, the district Collector of



Parvathipuram in Andhra Pradesh has been visiting Kotia region time and again and creating awareness among the people about the schemes of Andhra Pradesh government. Similarly, their Deputy Chief Minister has also been visiting regularly. But, the Odisha government has been a mute spectator to all these happenings," said Mishra.

"Our Chief Minister had announced a special

package for the region. I wanted to know the present status of the announcement. And most importantly, the Chief Minister has not visited the disputed area even once. He has time to visit Japan but not Kotia," Mishra added. Mishra also wanted to know about steps the government has taken with respect to the disputes with other states. Senior Congress leader Narasingha Mishra too targeted the government

over the Kotia issue.

In its response, the ruling Biju Janata Dal (BJD) said the Opposition party is only doing high drama over the Kotia issue.

"I want to ask the LoP and his party that they have eight MPs and three Ministers. They are in power for the last nine years. But they have not, even for once, taken up the matter with either the Prime Minister or the Home Minister. In case of inter-state disputes, the Central government plays a major role in resolving the dispute. So I want to tell them that they should visit Delhi and meet the Prime Minister and the Home Minister and try their level best to end the inter-State dispute," said BJD MLA Arun Sahoo.

## Odisha: Additional Responsibilities To 2 Senior IAS Officers

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Revenue and Disaster Management department Additional Chief Secretary Satyabrata Sahu has been given the additional charge of Additional Chief Secretary to Forest, Environment and Climate Change department of Odisha government. A notification in this regard was issued by the General Administration of Public Grievance department today. Sahu, a 1991-batch IAS officer, is also holding the additional charge of Additional Chief Secretary to Odia Language Literature and Culture department and Special Relief Commissioner of Odisha. Similarly, Special Secretary to Planning and Convergence department Chitra Arumugam (a 1995-batch IAS officer) has been assigned the additional charge of Principal Secretary to the Public Enterprises department in Odisha, said the notification.

## UVP felicitated to State BJD President Mr.Manmohan Samal at Bhubaneswar



**Cuttack Sadar (KCN) :** Leading Social organization of Cuttack Sadar Block Utkal Vikash Parisad (UVP) felicitated to newly selected State BJD President of Odisha renowned politician Honorable Mr.Manmohan Samal

at Bharatiya Janata Party(BJP) state party office at Bhubaneswar.UVP president eminent s o c i a l worker, columnist Er.Prakash Chandra Sethi & all team present in this feliciating program

with courtesy meet to Honorable Central Minister of Tribal affairs Mr.Arjun Munda & discussed.Moreover UVP is doing many s o c i a l works,awareness for betterment of society.

## Bhubaneswar-Dubai Direct Flight From May 15; Odisha CM To Launch Ticket Booking On April 1

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):**The direct flight service between Bhubaneswar and Dubai will commence on May 15, said Odisha's 5T Secretary VK Pandian today.

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik is scheduled to inaugurate the ticket booking for the direct flight service between Odisha capital and Dubai on the occasion of Utkal Diwas on April 1 (tomorrow), added the 5T Secretary. The direct flight service between Bhubaneswar and Dubai was scheduled to begin on the occasion of the birth anniversary of former Chief Minister Biju Patnaik on March 5. However, the commencement of the direct flight service was delayed due to the reconstruction work at Terminal-2 of Biju Patnaik International



Airport (BPIA) here. The Terminal-2 of BPIA has been designated for international flight operations. The Airport Authority of India (AAI) had initiated reconstruction work at the terminal a few months ago. The work has reached its last phase, said an official. The first flight on the route will take off from BPIA on May 15, he added.

Notably, several outfits of non-resident Odias had urged Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik to take steps for commencing direct flight service

between Bhubaneswar and Dubai during the latter's visit to the Middle East last year. The state Cabinet headed by the Chief Minister on December 27 last year had approved the bid of Indigo Airlines to operate direct flights to Dubai, Singapore and Bangkok, sources said. According to the bid proposal, a 186-seater flight will be operated from BPIA thrice a week. The state government will bear the expenditure of the flight operations and retain the revenue generated through ticketing, sources added.

## BJD Picks Dipali

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** As expected, Governing Biju Janata Dal (BJD) has nominated slain Minister Naba Kishore Das's daughter Dipali Das for the crucial by-election to Jharsuguda Assembly Constituency. BJD President Naveen Patnaik has issued an order in this regard on Friday. The by-poll will be held on May 10 while the result will be declared on May 13. Dipali has already begun campaigning in the Assembly segment following the demise of his father. Thanking the CM for choosing her, Dipali said, "Our Chief Minister has reimposed faith on me. With the blessing of the CM and all supporters of my father, I will work for the development of Jharsuguda."

BJD has always stood strong with the women and this was again proved today, she said. BJD is also likely to nominate its youth leader Tankadhar Tripathy. Tripathy has already started campaigning in the constituency. On the other hand, Congress has formed a committee led by senior leader and MLA Santosh Singh Saluja to select a suitable candidate for the by-poll.

Notably, Minister Naba Das was killed by police ASI Gopal Das (now sacked) on January 29. The cop had fired a bullet on the chest of the BJD leader from a very close range. Though the police arrested the accused from the spot, it is yet to find-out the motive behind the high-profile murder case.



## Rashmika Mandanna, Tamannaah Bhatia, Arijit Singh Set Stage On Fire In IPL 2023 Opening Ceremony



**New Delhi:**The 16th edition of the Indian Premier League got off to a brilliant start, on Friday evening in Ahmedabad, with stunning performances by three of India's biggest movie and singing stars - Rashmika Mandanna, Tamannaah Bhatia and Arijit Singh.

It was singing sensation Arijit who started the opening ceremony. He sang all his popular numbers from the movies Brahmastra, Pathaan, Ye Jawaani Hai Deewani and Bhediya among other albums. Arijit finished his 25-minute singing show at the Narendra Modi

stadium in Ahmedabad with the 'Jeetega Jeetega India Jeetega' song from the Kabir Khan-directed film 1983. Tamannaah set the stage on fire next with her breathtaking moves on various tracks from across India. She also danced to the iconic 'Oo Antava' track from Pushpa: The Rise.

## Odisha To Observe 'Zero Fatality Week' To Curb Road Accident Deaths

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** With an aim to prevent road accidents and related casualties, the state government will observe 'Zero Fatality Week' from April 1 to 7 in Odisha.

The Commerce and Transport Department has issued a standard operating procedure (SOP) to all the stakeholders including government departments, district Collectors and SPs / DCPs for smooth observance of the drive.

Odisha witnessed 11,663 road accidents with 5,467 fatalities in 2022. The number of fatalities in road

accidents went up by 7.60 per cent in 2022 in comparison with the figure in 2021. Many lives could have been saved if these accident victims were rushed the nearest health care facility in the Golden Hour.

Describing road accidents as a big challenge for Odisha, Commerce & Transport Department Principal Secretary Usha Padhee said, "Every life is precious. Road safety is a high priority area for our government and we are taking lot of initiatives for reduction of road accidents in the state. The state government has

adopted a fourfold strategy-Education, Engineering, Enforcement and Emergency care to ensure zero death during the week. There is nothing more

important and pious than saving the life of a person who has met with an accident." In the SOP, the department has specified the responsibilities for all

the stakeholder Departments: Home (Police), H&FW, Works, Rural Development, Housing & Urban Development and urged them to take all possible measures to

achieve zero casualty during the week.

The Health and Family Welfare (H&FW) Department has been requested to sensitize the people concerned who would support the drive with arrangement of blood for the accident victims. Trauma Care Centres have been instructed by the H&FW Department to remain prepared for round the clock service. While the H&FW Department and NHAI will ensure deployment of ambulances in accident prone areas and highways, Works Department and road owning agencies have been requested to

install adequate signage and repair potholes and roads in the state. They have also been requested to ensure proper traffic control measures.

Housing and Urban Development (H & UD) Department has been requested to restrict movement of stray animals on the road and removal of encroachments from NH and SH to ensure non parking of vehicles.

Enforcement wing of RTOs along with Police personnel will conduct stringent enforcement throughout the week. Besides, OSRTC, Bus Owners' Associations

and Truck Owners' Associations, Auto Rickshaw Owner's Associations have been asked to sensitize drivers about good driving behaviour and help accident victims if they come across on the road.

NGOs and first responder groups (Rakshak) have been requested to stay alert and help in the zero fatality mission. With the cooperation and coordination of citizens and all the stakeholders we can reduce the number of deaths due to road accidents significantly, said an official of the department.





Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan calls Odisha 'lawless', BJD hits back CM Naveen Patnaik to leave for Japan trip from April 3

**BHUBANESWAR(KCN):** Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan once again targeted the state government over the law and order situation following the abduction and murder of a teenager in Jharsuguda district for ransom. Pradhan, who is on a three-day visit to the state, expressed concern over the murder of 15-year-old Samarth Agarwal, son of a businessman, within two months of the daylight killing of minister Naba Kishore Das. Taking to Twitter, Pradhan said, "Lawless Odisha is a reality. High-time people in power recognise the fault-lines in the law and order situation in the state." "Murder of young Samarth exactly within two months of



the broad daylight killing of Minister Naba Das exposes Odisha govt's tall claims on rule of law," he also said. The minister said that no one is safe, neither the public nor the public representatives of the state. Such gruesome incidents, particularly in Jharsuguda, has shocked everyone and weakens their trust on the state government and its law and order machinery.

"No amount of empathy will bring solace to young Samarth's family. The Odisha government must pull up its socks to ensure rule of law and safety of citizens," Pradhan tweeted. Earlier, Pradhan had launched an attack on the state government for its failure to protect one of its minister who was shot dead by a police officer on duty on January 29 in Brajarajnagar. He had

also been rasing the Mahanga double murder case, Anand Toppo murder case and the alleged sexual harassment case against a BJD MLA. A war of words broke out with BJD Rajya Sabha MP Sasmit Patra accusing Pradhan of tarnishing the image of the state for petty political gain and explaining the minister the difference between lawlessness and law and order situation. In a series of tweets, the BJD MP said lawlessness is when during a GST raid at Padampur hundreds of BJD leaders and workers storm in forcibly and snath papers from the raiding party in a bid to help the businessman who had cheated in paying tax. It is law and order

situation when 500 people block national highway between Sambalpur and Cuttack due to central neglect and delay in completion of work for many years or thousands of farmers protest against central neglect for not lifting surplus paddy. The BJD leader said crime is committed by a group or individual which is investigated and the guilty are brought to justice. He alleged that BJP-ruled states like UP, MP, Maharashtra, Assam and Haryana have reported more rape cases and some of them have reported more murder cases as per the NCRB report of 2021 and requested Pradhan not to mislead the people of the state and do politics on sensitive matters of crime.

**BHUBANESWAR:** Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik is likely to leave on a week-long visit to Japan to seek investment for the state from April 3 amid the budget session of the Assembly. He will return to Bhubaneswar via New Delhi on April 9, sources said. As per the tentative schedule of the chief minister, he is expected to attend a business meeting and some other programmes in Tokyo on April 5. After staying in Tokyo for two days, Naveen will leave for Osaka where he is also scheduled to attend different programmes, business and official meetings. The chief minister is also expected to visit Kyoto to attend



some programmes. An official and a business team are also likely to accompany him. However, the chief minister's office is yet to release the final schedule nor there is any official confirmation about the visit. The chief minister's proposed visit had come in for discussion in the Assembly with the Congress advising him to postpone his visit till the session is over on April 6. Important discussions on the Mahanadi river water

dispute between Odisha and Chhattisgarh, central neglect of Odisha and several bills will take place between April 3 and 6. Sources, however, maintained that the state is expecting to receive huge investment proposals during his meeting with top investors in Japan. Japan had partnered in Make-in-Odisha (MIO) Conclave, the state's flagship business summit, in 2018 and last year.

R N Singh Deo Remembered

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Maharaja R N Singh Deo was a democrat who always had the welfare of people in mind, said Prafulla Samal, Veteran Lawmaker and Former Minister. Speaking at the garlanding ceremony at a function organised to commemorate 111 birth anniversary of the late Maharaja, here on Friday Morning. Anang Udaya Singh Deo, former MP and Minister chaired the ceremony. Shri Samal recalled the welfare measures taken up by Maharaja in the Patna Estate and later for the entire State as the Chief Minister. He said that Maharaja did not believe in words and set examples through his work. Shri Samal said such was his popularity in the Western Odisha districts that he along with Kalahandi Maharaja could limit Congress to some coastal Odisha pockets in 1957 polls. Stating that the Maharaja was the first to sign the merger document during the visit of Sardar Ballabhbhai Patel to Cuttack,



Shri Samal said he also handed over the keys of the treasury to Patel unlike heads of many other princely states. Chairman Odisha state Housing Board, Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo graced the occasion. His son and former Minister A U Singhdeo said that Maharaja as Chief Minister had taken many pioneering steps to make the administration corruption-free, adding he was perhaps the first among the Maharajas to fight against untouchability. Chairman Odisha State Housing Board, Kalikesh Narayan Singhdeo gave the welcome address and lauded achievements of his Grand Father, whom he termed as "A Pioneer Of Democracy, who ushered in excellent administration and reforms during his Chief Ministership of the State". People across the state garlanded the Statue of R N Singh Deo. Department of Odia Language, Literature and Culture organized the show in a befitting manner.

Social Wisdom Starkly Lacking on the Part of Gujarat BJP & Cong MLAs - FPI

**Bhubaneswar:** There is no Law permitting Child Marriage in India. Only adults have the legal Right to Marry. But Freethought Party of India (FPI) deplors the lack of Social Wisdom on the Part of the BJP and Cong MLAs of Gujarat Vidhan Sabha. These MLAs do not have the right understanding of the humanistic provisions contained under Art. 21 of the Constitution of India (Right to Life and Right to Personal Liberty). A young woman who is above 18 years of age is a voter in India. She is eligible to have her marriage independent of her parents. Justice Dipak Misra, Retd. Chief Justice of India, while deciding the Kerala Hadia case

emphatically said on March 8, 2018, that : "Every woman, 18+, enjoys absolute autonomy over her person". Her decision to marry a person is final. It can not be over-ruled by anyone of her parents. Besides, unless Adult Women have the Freedom to Marry on their own choice, India will continue to be Medievalistic and Caste-Creed-Status ridden. So we can not Annihilate Caste or we can not make India Caste-Free unless young women are given the Freedom to choose their respective Life Partners. This is the stand of FPI (Freethought Party of India) for the good of India. "BJP legislator Mr Fatesinh Chauhan and Ms Geniben Thakor of the Congress Party

demandd on 17.03.2023 in Gujarat Vidhan Sabha that signature of parents be made mandatory when adult children choose their own partners. They also want to ensure that such marriage be registered in the same taluka where the man or woman lives". It shows that both the National Parties Congress and BJP are on the same page of Social Conservatism. There is no material difference between PM Modi on one hand and the Congress leader Mr Rahul Gandhi on the other so far socially issues including Love and Marriage are concerned, adds FPI General Secretary B.Ramchandra CST Voltaire. The BJP as a National Party, rules the state of Gujarat. It is being led

by PM Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah. They should have not given Party Tickets to persons who are not well-educated and who are not aware of the Social Freedom that the young men and women enjoy in this country to enter into Love Relationship and Family Life, states Mr Voltaire. Since Parents are having the 17th Century Mind of the Caste system, the young woman in question must have to do the Elopement; otherwise she would be killed in the name of Family Honour in the same Taluk area. Each and every MLA, Lawmaker in India must have progressive social mind whatever may be the name of his or her Party, asserts FPI General Secretary B.Ramchandr CST Voltaire.

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Chatrapathi Teaser: Bellamkonda Sreenivas Impresses Fans With His Action Avatar

Makers of the upcoming Hindi remake of SS Rajamouli's 'Chatrapathi' unveiled the teaser of the film on Thursday. Taking to Twitter, Bellamkonda Sreenivas treated fans to the teaser video. Sharing the video, he posted, "Let the ACTION begin! #ChatrapathiTeaser out now! Written by #VijayendraPrasad, directed by #VVVinayak. #Chatrapathi in cinemas on 12th May, 2023." The action-packed teaser of 'Chatrapathi' introduces audiences to the key character essayed by Bellamkonda. He is seen donning an intense avatar and performing some high-octane action and jaw-dropping stunts. 'Chatrapathi' marks the Bollywood debut of Telugu actor Bellamkonda Sreenivas, who is known for his performances in films like 'Sita', 'Alludu Adhurs', 'Kavacham' and many more. The Hindi remake is helmed by V.V. Vinayak and is all set to hit the theatres on May 12, 2023. 'Chatrapathi' tells the story of a protagonist who rose against oppression to become a saviour of immigrants that suffered massive exploitation. It also stars Nushratt



Bharuchha, Bhagyashree, Sharad Kelkar, Sahil Vaid, Amit Nair, Rajendra Gupta, and Shivam Patil, among others.

On his experience working in the film, Sreenivas Bellamkonda said,

"I'm happy to make my Bollywood debut with a special film like 'Chatrapathi' which is a highly thrilling and engaging mass action entertainer. Every moment working on this film was as exciting as it was

challenging and we are happy to finally present it to audiences across India." Producer Dr Jayantilal Gada added, "SS Rajamouli's Chatrapathi was an ideal project to reimagine for a Pan-

India audience. Apart from introducing the extremely talented Sreenivas Bellamkonda to an entirely new market, the film also has all the essential components of a mainstream entertainer. We at Pen Studios are overjoyed to bring 'Chatrapathi' to cinema enthusiasts all around the nation. "The film is an official Hindi remake of a Telugu film with the same title which was helmed by the 'RRR' director SS Rajamouli and starred Prabhas and Shriya Saran in lead roles. Released in 2005, the action-drama film gathered positive reviews from the fans.

Adipurush New Poster: On Ram Navami, Netizens Give It A Big Thumbs Up

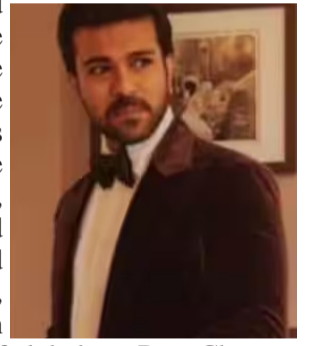


Gearing up for the mega release of period drama Adipurush, the makers are all gung-ho about the movie and the response it will garner. On Ram Navami, a brand new poster featuring the lead cast of Prabhas, Kriti Sanon, Sunny Singh and Devdatta Nage was shared online and needless to say that it became a top trend. Adipurush is slated to release across the globe on June 16, 2023, and the makers launched the divine poster on the auspicious occasion of Ram Navami earlier in the morning. Within hours of its launch, the fans showered praises and adulation across platforms. Depicting Prabhas as

Raghav, Kriti Sanon as Janaki, Sunny Singh as Shesh, and Devdatta Nage bowing down to them as Bajrang, the audience is surely big thumbs up to this new poster. Not only that, Prabhas' solo post on Instagram has already garnered 1 million + likes making it the most-liked poster shortly after its divine

Ram Charan Fans Organise Blood Donation Camps To Celebrate His Birthday

Air plane displays, blood donation drives, live concerts, and more! There are viral videos of this kind. Fans from across the world took to the streets, created chants, organised concerts, conducted airplane displays, organised blood donation drives garlanded posters of global star Ram Charan.



In a truly overwhelming display of love, affection for the star who has impressed the world with his sheer talent, humility, style game and more. The videos have been trending on social media, a record in itself! All the notable events were taking place in India, USA, Japan simultaneously. After a whirlwind of a week, right from the pre birthday celebrations on the sets of 'RC 15' now titled as 'Game Changer', to the concert with thousands of fans in a live audience, to the first party that brought the entire film industry after the mammoth Oscar win under one roof, a suave looking Ram was then seen jetting off from Hyderabad airport with his wife, Upasana and cute doggie Rhyme yesterday. Ram Charan turned 38 years old on March 27, 2023. The actor is famous for his role as Alluri Sitaram Raju in SS Rajamouli's 'RRR' in which he starred alongside Jr NTR.

Young actors who relocate from smaller towns to Mumbai to pursue showbiz, need a reality check: Indira Krishnan on Tunisha Sharma case and other suicides in tellyland

The past few years have seen many TV actors ending their lives by suicide. In some cases, it was to do with their careers, while in a few, it was to do with love, like in the recent case of Tunisha Sharma. Actress Indira Krishnan, who has been a part of the telly industry for more than two decades, feels very sad when she hears such incidents. She feels young actors who move from smaller towns to Mumbai to pursue their dreams need a reality check. Indira says "We have seen some young actors take extreme steps due to depression. I feel it is important that they understand the nature of showbiz. These youngsters have not lived in Mumbai and come from smaller towns in search of a career. After they bag a lead in a TV show, they experience stardom overnight and get a good pay packet,



and they start leading a high class lifestyle. They also spend 12-14 hours on the set and get attached to their co-actors, thinking that it will last forever, which is often not the case."

She adds, "Most young actors are not mature enough and their attachment to fame, a boyfriend or a girlfriend, wealth, a

high-class lifestyle brings heartbreak and disappointment when the show wraps up. Also, they don't get another show soon and that adds to the frustration. We have been born and brought up in Mumbai and have witnessed lifestyles and careers of actors. But those who relocate are seldom aware of the

hardships." She has some advice for the new breed of actors. "My message to young actors is that they should work hard and never give up. They should also not get swayed by the temporary lifestyle they start living," she says. Quoting her own example, Indira shares, "There were

times when I didn't have work after a show ended. But instead of getting insecure, I just waited patiently for another role. That's the nature of the job. Actors who are from Mumbai are lucky to have a support system here, but it's tougher for those who come from outside because their friendships and connections end when a project wraps up." Talking about Tunisha Sharma, she says, "At 20, she had already worked with big stars and had bagged some interesting shows. The reason for her death has not yet been revealed by the police, but my concerns here are about young actors and the temporary bonds that they form at their workplace, the unrealistic dreams they have... hence I say they all need a reality check," says Indira, who is currently seen in Saavi Ki Savaari.

Samantha Ruth Prabhu Reveals She Was Told Not To Do 'Oo Antava' During Separation From Naga Chaitanya

Samantha Ruth Prabhu who will soon be seen in 'Shakuntalam' is known for her acting prowess, honest and blunt opinions and has been quite vocal of the issues has been facing. Recently, in an interview with entertainment portal Miss Malini, Samantha revealed that all of her family members asked her to not do item song 'Oo Antava' as she was going through separation at that time. "When I was offered 'Oo Antava', it was in the middle of the separation (from Chaitanya). After the announcement came, every well-wisher and every family member was like 'You will sit at home, you will not do an item song just when you have announced the separation'. Even my friends, who always encouraged me to challenge myself, told me, 'Do not do an item song'. But I was like, 'Ok, I am doing it.' Adding further, she said, "I just thought, 'Why should I hide?' I did not do anything wrong."



## Judgements of the Supreme Court are no law of the land but only precedents, binding only if it is not per incurium/ Repeal Article 141 to bring an end to the tyranny and abuse of precedents



Law is a simple subject. It ought to be simple because it is all about regulating the conduct of our society, institutions and government. It does not require a great intelligence to understand that it cannot be as complex as rocket science. However, if you enter a lawyers chamber you will find large volumes of law reports, text books and commentaries. Judgments in simple cases, for instance, arising out of a dishonor of a cheque, matrimonial dispute, bail, recovery of debt due to a bank, etc sometimes one will find running into hundreds of pages. Often a litigant, unfamiliar, finds for instance involved in a cheque bounce case or a motor accident case or a matrimonial dispute, that in a judgement running into more than a hundred pages there is hardly any discussion regarding his case but extraction after extraction, pages after

pages of cases decided in the past between third parties. The litigant is aghast, he wonders why the judge has taken so much time to discuss about some past cases where he has discussed practically nothing about his own case. However, lawyers and judges find nothing wrong. Why the lawyers and the litigants perceive things so differently? The reason is simple. The lawyers from the very first day of their practice find their seniors citing large number of judgements in support of their respective cases and the judge listening to them patiently and religiously referring to the judgements that were cited, nay, quoting them extensively. He would have found the seniors are unable to argue more than one or two minutes without citing judgements even on a simple issue as non observance of principles of natural justice. There are only two principles of natural justice- a) hear the other side, b) nobody shall be a judge of his own cause. But there are thousands and thousands of reported judgments on the

same issue enough to fill many almirahs. We, lawyers and judges find nothing wrong because precedent is one of the major source of law. The founding fathers by virtue of Article 141 gave it further sanctity. Our justice delivery system is paying a great price for what the founding fathers did with a laudable objective namely, to ensure consistency and certainty in law. However, they will be turning in their graves because of the violence we have done to Article 141. Article 141 did not mean that judgements of the Supreme Court are the law of the land. It did not confer any power on the Supreme Court to make a law but only to declare law. They do not mean that the judgement of the Supreme Court will be binding on those who were not party to it. On the contrary, the founding fathers had only meant that the record of the court will be binding only between the parties whereas the record of the Parliament (legislation) will be binding on all because we are all parties to the record of the Parliament. The founding fathers

### Mathews J Nedumpara

had only meant that the principle or ratio of a judgement of the Supreme Court will be binding on those who were not party to it, nay, future litigants as a precedent. The founding fathers couldn't have ever imagined that a day will come when the lawyers and judges fail to notice the distinction between the concept of res judicata and precedent. For the benefit of the reader, I must add that res judicata means even an erroneous decision of a court is binding between the parties namely, if in a case between A and B, the majority in a bench of 5 judges hold that goat is a dog, that is final, authoritative and binding between A and B. What is determinative is the majority opinion. However, so far as precedent is considered the strength of the bench is wholly irrelevant. The reason alone is relevant. However, the powerful lobby of lawyers in Delhi to suit their vested interests created a myth, namely, that judgements of the Supreme Court is the law of the land and the determinative test is the strength of the bench and the majority

view of the bench. I don't think it is an innocent mistake. If it were so that is the failure to notice the difference between doctrine of res judicata and stare decisis (precedent). Their agenda was to rule the country using judiciary as a pawn. They emasculated the Parliament by asserting that the judgment of the Supreme Court in Kesavananda Bharati is the law of the land, binding on the citizens who were not parties to the case and the posterity. The powerful lobby in Delhi further usurped to themselves the executive and legislative powers of "we the people", using PIL as a tool. A powerful lawyer in Delhi, a PIL Petitioner today claiming himself to represent the people of this country file PILs and decide what falls in the province of the executive and legislative policy. They using PIL even rewrote the constitution and decided that judges shall appoint themselves. The

constitution does not contain any provision for Collegium. They created it by further cementing the myth that judgements of the Supreme Court are law of the land which will prevail over the written constitution. Alas, in the NJAC case, the Supreme Court held that a judgement of the Supreme Court in Judges 2 case is the basic structure of the constitution and it cannot be dismantled even by a amendment. I know for certain that the elite class of lawyers staunchly support and safeguard the myth which best serves their vested interests, the judgements of the Supreme Court is the law of the land. Because an all powerful Supreme Court would mean that they could bring everything under the sun to the jurisdiction of the court and make rich dividends. There is another class of lawyers, the vast majority who genuinely believe that the judgements of the Supreme Court, a large mass in terms of numbers and volume contain new principles of law which the court has evolved for the first time where none

existed. I have been a doubting Thomas for pretty long and particularly since 1994 when I went through the Judges-2 case to my great shock. The question which I have been raising, which no one has answered till date, if Article 141 means reason for the decision, a principle as a precedent, tell me one principle which never ever existed in common law which the Supreme Court has evolved for the first time. Nobody has been able to cite any principle except the basic structure and PIL, both has no foundation for jurisprudence. The British had codified common law principles into statutes, a mammoth task which they undertook soon after they took over the governance of India in 1858. There is no need for us to unduly cite large number of decisions in the course of the hearing and for the judges to refer them in their judgements because it is absolutely counter productive and meaningless. That will make the judgements break and the decisions less perverse and intelligible to the litigants. It will certainly mean a great disadvantage to the lawyers who make

huge amounts of money and cause enormous waste of judicial time. To part with, the solution I suggest is completely dispense with the practice of needless citations and long judgements. There are judges and lawyers who believe that they become immortal by using difficult and uncommon words by extensively relying on dictionaries and books on synonyms and idioms and phrases. We must consciously propagate that the best legal literature is the simplest one and our real model are the likes of Lord Dennis, Benjamin Cardozo, Vivian Bose, K.K. Mathew and not those who use flowery and bombastic languages. The recent judgement of Supreme Court in Pattaswami (right to privacy) is a classic example of how a subject which Justice Chettor Shankaran Nair in Madhavi vs Tilakan has dealt with in 4 pages being made incomprehensible one by a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court by a judgment running into hundreds of pages.

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## Homemade hair rinses during Summers



Find it tricky to style your sweaty hair during the summer?

Although it's a wonderful season filled with sunshine, the worst thing about summer is the heat. Not only does it do a number to our skin, but it also damages the hair greatly. Summer spells disaster for your precious tresses. As

if the sweat and grime weren't causing enough trouble to your scalp, the sweltering heat can end up frying your hair and creating loads of hair problems. Hair care can be tricky during summer because not one size fits all. Hair problems like dandruff, frizz, dryness, flaky scalp, and hair fall are very common during summer since your hair comes directly in contact with dust, sunlight, pollution, and nasty chemicals. And that is why having a tried-and-true hair care regimen is important for maintaining its health and shine. A hair rinse is an essential part of any hair care routine and can solve many of your hair problems during Summers. A hair rinse is essentially the last step of washing your hair. It's super simple and hardly takes a couple of extra

minutes. 1----Apple cider vinegar rinse: It works by balancing the scalp and hair pH, removing product build-up, and treating dry hair and dandruff. Apple cider with its acetic acid excellently removes the build-up of residue on the scalp. It works for your hair if they are too dry or too oily. It also seals the hair cuticle, helping hair to retain moisture and in turn, allowing the hair to shine to its full potential. Simply dilute 2 tablespoons of apple cider vinegar with 2 cups of water and use it as a last rinse. Your hair will shine! After doing your usual shampoo and conditioning regimen, pour the Apple cider vinegar into your hair and let it sit for about 30 minutes to an hour, depending on your scalp requirements. Rinse with cool water and scrub well to get

the vinegar scent out. You can use it twice a Month 2---Beer: Even teetotallers can't deny the beauty benefits of beer. This fizzy, alcoholic drink is a tried-and-tested remedy for giving body and shines to your hair. Flat beer is a popular rinse to get glossy locks due to its sugar and alcohol content. Once you have shampooed, Rinse your dull, unmanageable hair by pouring the flat beer throughout your hair right from the roots. Let it sit for a few minutes and wash it away with cold water. Make sure you thoroughly wash off the beer or else you will end up smelling like a brewery when it dries. Lemon: Add the juice of one lemon to a mug of water

and use it as a last rinse. This helps to reduce oiliness and adds shine to the hair. Marigold (Gaienda flowers): Add a handful of fresh or dried marigold flowers to two cups of hot water. Allow it to stand for one hour. Strain the water and cool it. Use it as a hair rinse. Hibiscus (Javakusuma): Javakusuma, which is also called "gurhal," has been traditionally used for hair care. The leaves and flowers can both be used. Make cold and warm air rinses. Hibiscus not only conditions the hair and adds lustre, but is particularly useful in preventing dandruff. For hot infusions, add the flowers and leaves to hot water and leave them for 10 hours. Strain and use the water as a last rinse. For cold infusions, the flowers and leaves are allowed to stand in cold water in a

ratio of one to six. They are then lightly crushed with the fingers in the water and strained. The water may then be used as a rinse. Tea & Lemon: To add shine, you can give the hair a tea-water and lemon rinse after shampoo. Boil used tea leaves again in enough water. After boiling, you should have about 4 cups of tea-water. Cool and strain it. Then add the juice of a lemon and use it as a last rinse after shampoo. Tea contains tannin which adds shine to the hair and makes it silky. Fenugreek (Methi) Seeds: If there is dandruff, there is nothing like a fenugreek or methi seed rinse. It is also said to help hair growth and add shine. Soak 3 tablespoons methi seeds in a mug of water and soak overnight. Next morning, strain the

water and use it as a last rinse. Neem leaves: Add two handfuls of neem leaves to four cups of hot water. Let it stand overnight. Next morning, strain the water and use it to rinse the hair. It relieves itching and keeps the scalp healthy and free from infections. It is useful in dandruff. To remove odour from the hair: For a fragrant hair rinse, add the juice of a lemon and half a cup of rose water to a mug of water and use as a last rinse after washing the hair. Diet: Include fresh fruits, raw salads, sprouts and curd in your daily diet. Sprouts are very important for healthy and shiny hair. They contain amino acids, which are very beneficial for good health and healthy hair.

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### Letter To Editor

#### Sir, Chinese Spy ships

China regularly sending its navy ships to the Bay of Bengal, Indian Ocean, and Arabian Sea in order to capitalise on these seas and oceans in the future. A Chinese "spy ship," Hai Yang Shi You, was spotted close to the Indian coast - nearly 150 nautical miles off the coast of Paradip in Orissa last week which is clearly appears to be highly suspicious one. The ship was found roughly northeast of the port of Paradip and is now in the Bay of Bengal. Even though the "research vessel" was tasked with gathering surface-level information such as depth and salinity in parts of the Bay of Bengal, one can easily say that it is closely monitoring Indian navy's and other activities. Therefore Indian defence and regime has to swiftly take necessary actions to regulate these miscreants activities carried out by Chinese in the name of research in seas and oceans.

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# Work Life Balance seminar at Raja bazar Science College, Kolkata

**Kolkata (Saikat Kumar Basu):** Work Life Balance, a seminar organized by North Kolkata Chaturangan Academy in collaboration with West Bengal State University at the prestigious N. R. Sen auditorium, Rajabazar Kolkata on the evening of March 29/2023. It was indeed a great evening that included a series of erudite lectures along with passionate and engaging discussions on multiple aspects of mental health issues. The event was a highly successful one with excellent interactions between the speakers and the audience. The seminar was attended by over 50 participants in spite of traffic related issues in the city that evening. The program was initiated by Dr. Amit Krishna De, the Secretary of the North Kolkata Chaturangan Academy and chaired by the eminent psychiatrist of the city, Dr. Amarnath Mallick. The two eminent speakers who shared spotlight of the seminar included Professor Anindita Mukherjee, Department of Psychology at the Sister Nivedita University; and Dr. Moumita Das, Department of Applied Nutrition and Dietics, Sister Nivedita University. Both speakers were introduced by Dr. A. K. De followed by a short welcome speech by Dr. Mallick. Professor Anindita Mukherjee highlighted upon the need for a healthy balance of our professional and



personal lives; and to keep them separate from one another to the best of our abilities. She emphasized upon building a positive relationships with our immediate supervisors, colleagues and friends and to maintain healthy distance from difficult individuals in professional and personal lives to avoid unwanted and unnecessary

confrontations to minimize our mental stress levels. She stressed upon the fact that our mental well-being is as important as our physical wellness; and that both are closely associated with one another. A healthy life style intermixed with regular work, breaks, intimate family ties and the positives bondage of friendships are important factors that keep us going in

our life's journey. On the other hand Dr. Das provided an interesting lecture on the importance of quality diets on our mental well-being. She stressed upon the do's and don't's of the healthy diet choice and encouraged the audience to focus more in home made food over junk food and carbonated beverages for maintaining better

health. She warned about the excess use of salt, sugar, oil and butter in our cooking process and discouraged addictions to tobacco based products and excess consumption of hot beverages like tea and coffee. Rather her suggestion has been to include more on high quality plant proteins, fresh green vegetables, fruits and nuts in our diet with

reduction in carbohydrate consumption. She suggested in taking timely meals and in avoiding skipping meals on a regular basis; and suggested people to follow intermittent starving for better digestion and absorption of food into our body. Both speakers emphasized on including a regular exercise program or simply walking to stay physically and mentally fit. Next, Dr. Mallick highlighted on our social behaviour related to our present day life style patterns, addictions and weaknesses. He nicely illustrated how our thinking process, cognitive behaviours, negative attitude, lack of communication, addictive nature and

too much dependence on gadgets is limiting our life from better exploration and understanding our own psychological and emotional needs. The fast pace of our life together with lack of empathy for others and our selfish needs and greeds are inviting host of metabolic diseases impacting the quality of our life. Dr. Gauri De, the President of the North Kolkata Chaturangan Academy shared her views on how to improve our mental health by changing our attitudes and accepting the truths of life. De. A.K.De finally delivered the vote of thanks at the valedictory session by thanking both speakers as audience fir their positive interactions and kind participation in the seminar.

## People In Pakistan Unhappy, Believe Partition "Was A Mistake": RSS Chief

Bhopal: Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat on Friday said people of Pakistan were not happy after more than seven decades of Independence and they now believe the partition of India was a mistake. He was speaking at a function to mark the birth anniversary of teen revolutionary Hemu Kalani, which was attended by Sindhis from different parts of the country. "It was Bharat before 1947 (Partition). Those who broke off from Bharat, are they happy

still? There is pain out there," Bhagwat said in an apparent reference to Pakistan. However, in a reference to the acrimonious relationship the two nations have now, Mr Bhagwat underscored the fact that India did not belong to a culture that calls for attacks on others. "I do not mean to say Bharat should attack Pakistan. Not at all. We don't belong to that culture that calls for attack on others," he said. "We are from the culture that gives a befitting reply in self-defence,"

Mr Bhagwat said apparently referring to the surgical strikes on terror camps in that country, adding "we do it and we will keep doing it". "People of Pakistan are now saying the division of Bharat was a mistake. All are saying it was a mistake," Mr Bhagwat asserted. Hailing the Sindhi community, most of who arrived here during Partition, Mr Bhagwat said they had come "from that Bharat to this Bharat for the sake of your rich Sindhu culture and values".



The Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting, Youth Affairs and Sports, Shri Anurag Singh Thakur with the Officers on the occasion of the valedictory ceremony for Indian Information Service Officers of 2018, 2019 and 2020 batches at IIMC, in New Delhi

## Mamata Banerjee vs BJP Over Clashes During Ram Navami In Bengal's Howrah

**Kolkata:** Both the Trinamool Congress and the BJP have shared videos as evidence to show who is responsible for the violence in West Bengal's Howrah on Ram Navami. A large police force was deployed following the violence between two groups. They had gone on a rampage, burning vehicles, throwing stones and damaging shops. The BJP shared videos showing some men vandalising shops and throwing stones at the Rapid Action Force (RAF) and the police. In the videos shared by the Trinamool Congress, the party of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, red circles are drawn over some men to highlight them as they are seen holding guns and other weapons at the Ram Navami procession, which allegedly took an "unauthorised route to target and attack one community", according to Ms Banerjee.

"The BJP is instigating violence in Bengal. Videos show men carrying guns at Ram Navami rally," Trinamool MP Abhishek Banerjee said. "A criminal has no religion... He meets Union Home Minister in Delhi and then returns to Kolkata. He holds a public meeting the next day and says 'watch TV tomorrow'. The next day there are riots. Aap chronology samajhiye (understand the chronology)," said Mr Banerjee, the nephew of the Chief Minister, alluding to Bengal BJP MLA Suvendu Adhikari's meeting with Amit Shah and Mr Shah's well-known "aap chronology samajhiye" barb often thrown at rivals. Mr Banerjee alleged the BJP has approached the high court seeking a probe by the National Investigation Agency, a central body, as they want to avoid being

investigated in the state to "escape action". "They know they will be caught if the probe happens here," he said. Mr Shah today dialled Bengal Governor CV Ananda Bose and state BJP chief Sukanta Majumdar to assess the law and order situation after the Ram Navami clash. The Governor, who will soon be visiting the riot-hit areas, is believed to have given Mr Shah details about the violence and the present situation. The Bengal Chief Minister has accused the BJP for allegedly trying to stoke communal tension during the procession. She alleged the BJP had hired goons from other states to orchestrate communal riots. BJP MP Locket Chatterjee alleged that "Hindus in Bengal are under threat" and accused Ms Banerjee, who is also the state's Home Minister, of appeasement politics.

## Women Achievers of this Generation Support Joining Hands to Lift Women Up for Achieving Success

**Kolkata:** They are achievers in their own fields and they excel in their professions also. They are also achievers in their homes also, as they successfully reared up their children, did the duties of home as a wife, succeeded to be an able daughter-in-law, daughter or sister. They today turned up in a programme 'Meet the Achievers' at Press Club, Kolkata, today, to speak in favour of the parts to be played by women themselves to lift women of the grass-roots level up, as a part of celebrating the International Women's Day, two days before the actual date, hosted by Press Information Bureau, Kolkata. They are Dr Dhriti Banerjee, Director, Zoological

Survey of India (ZSI), Dr Shanta Dutta, Director, ICMR-National Institute of Cholera and Enteric Diseases (NICED), Dr Madhumita Dobe, Former Dean, Director, Professor and Head of the Department of Health Promotion and Education, All India Institute of Health and Public Hygiene (AIHPH) and Smt Tahrina Nasrin, the only Muslim lady to cross English Channel in 2015 in 12 hours 38 mins and Gibraltar Channel in 2022 in 4 hours 23 mins. An Income Tax official, she annihilated all social criticisms, a very common village custom to achieve her goals, to be a swimmer of national and international repute

even hailing from a small village in Uluberia, Howrah. While speaking in the Programme Dr Shanta Dutta opined that apart from Government initiatives, there ought to be non-governmental initiatives also to lift women of grassroots level up from the social and cultural drudgeries. The outlook has changed a lot regarding women and there is a requirement of more positivity, while we consider the abilities of the women she said. Dr Dhriti Banerjee spoke in favour of the positive initiatives to be taken by women to lift the women in totality and referred to Darwin's theory of evolution by natural

selection. She said, women now are endowed with multi-abilities, On one hand she is mother, on the other, she is wife, daughter, daughter in law, sister, sister-in-law and an able employee of an organisation. And she performs all the duties with elan, which is quite unlikely in males. Dr Madhumita Dobe dwelt on the scientific truth that the life-span of women are somewhat more than men and they are really empowered as multi-taskers. What is required, she said, is the change in the outlook of the society at large as she referred to the various Government initiatives available to

empower women more. Smt Tahrina Nasreen stated the social environment from which she hails, and described her long fight annihilating the tides of deprivation, under the guidance of her mentor Masadur Rahman Baidya. She has completed her Masters in English major from Vidyasagar University, as she came out with flying colours as an able swimmer to cross the seas, especially that of the tides raging above 6.9 metres in height of English Channel, making a record as the first Muslim woman to do so, despite her surrounding people's frowning which hints at the backwardness of the community.



# No New Liquor Shops!

**Bhubaneswar:** Respecting the demands of people especially women in rural areas, the State Government has decided not to grant new liquor shop licenses in rural areas during the year 2023-24. In its new Excise Policy for the year 2023-24, the State Government said, "No new application for 'ON' shop license shall be accepted for rural areas in 2023-24." Similarly, there will be no increase in the number of FL-OFF, premium FL-OFF & CL shops for the year 2023-24. The license of existing FL-OFF & CL (ENA based) EP holders

would be renewed for a period of one-year ie. up to the end of March, 2024. However, in urban areas, a new 'ON' shop license can be granted for only star hotels and other hotels having such a minimum number of rooms to be decided by the Excise Department. For new 'ON' licenses to be renewed in urban or rural areas, shops must adhere to basic infrastructure and hygiene requirements from a consumer point of view. The Government has taken this move keeping in the interest of women groups, those raised the issue in different rural areas of the State in the recent

past and respecting their demands, officials admit. "ON" license may be granted to Odisha Tourism Development Corporation (OTDC) and India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) Hotels at half the rates applicable as above for license fee, based on where the said hotels are located. No such concession is allowed for OTDC or ITDC hotels leased to private individuals. Like last year, the State Government has decided to provide temporary licenses for liquor sale to OTDC at the eco-retreat venues at a



promotional rate. For the purpose of tourism promotion, serving of liquor in Beach Shacks is now allowed in Odisha. The license for location and the number of Beach

Shacks allowed for serving liquor will be based on the approval given by the Government in the Tourism Department. As per the Policy, the Beach Shacks will be allowed to operate

throughout the year or for a period as decided by the Tourism Department, depending on climatic conditions. The operations of the beach shacks will be either through OTDC

directly or through Beach Shack operators engaged by OTDC. The Annual 'ON' license fee for each Beach Shack will be Rs.50,000 per annum and will be granted to OTDC, which will select the beach shacks operators through an appropriate method. OTDC would also be responsible for ensuring that only Odisha registered duty paid liquor is served in such Beach Shacks. Common infrastructure for the beach shacks such as power connection, water supply, sewerage connections, solid waste management etc. will

be provided by OTDC or the relevant agency. The Beach Shack license will be treated as a special category of 'Restaurant ON' license. OTDC as a licensee will be responsible for ensuring compliance to all the licensing conditions as per the statute. Beach shacks to water bodies in the hinterland of Odisha are applicable to different water bodies such as rivers, lakes, dams, etc. New beach shack license to OTDC cannot be sanctioned unless the existing IMFL Hotel/ Restaurant/ Beer Parlour ON licenses of OTDC at the same location is renewed.

## A lonely miser



Once upon a time, an old man lived in a large mansion at the heart of a locality. When sharing is human and all kindness and generosity were going around the world, the man strictly believed the principle: 'All take and no give'. Despite being wealthy, he was a miser. He lived all alone, as all his family members had moved away because of his miserly ways. He had no friends, nor well-wishers because he trusted no one. 'They are after my money!' he would say to himself and turn away anyone who tried to be friendly with him. He was so mean that he never invited anyone to his house, never presented anyone a gift and never done any charity. In reality, he went out once a year to collect taxes from the poor peasants who worked in his land in the downtown. The old man slept in one of the many towers of the mansion, and spent his days counting his money, gold, and valuable things what he loved more than anything in the world.

Everyone knew him as the most miserly man who ever existed. "Oh, he wouldn't give a tiny piece of diamond to a single Star to help it twinkle," one neighbour said. "Nor give the Moon a tiny piece of silver to make it shine," another neighbour said. "He'd deny the Sun even a

gram of gold to make it glow," another neighbour said. The Stars, the Moon and the Sun, heard the comments and got upset. They were generous with their light for ages and never asked anything from anybody in return. The millions and billions of Stars twinkling in the night sky helped travelers to reach their destination and unknown sailors to navigate through sea. Since ages, they helped the scientists to explore the Universe. The Moon illuminated the forest path in the darkness of night for people and animals. Moonlight exposure relieved anxiety, stress and relaxes humans. Full moon made kids to smile. Her light illuminated our quietest and most romantic hours. The Moon fuelled the imaginations of poets, artists, and musicians since the beginning of time. Sun happened to be the source of all energies on earth. Plants grew in Sunlight. Animals, humans, needed plants for food and the Oxygen they produced for breathing. Without heat from the Sun, Earth would have be frozen and there would be no wind, no ocean currents, no rain, and no trace of life on earth. Who was this human who would dare deny them? They decided to test him. That evening, one Star, disguised as a charming little girl, knocked at the rich man's door with her sparkling smile. She sweetly said, "Sir, please donate a piece of diamond to the 'Twinkling Star Fund'. It will help millions of Stars twinkle in the night sky." The miser

shook his head and said, "Absolutely not. Get out of here!" The next evening, the Moon went to his door disguised as an old woman with long silver hair and long white dress. She held a silver bowl with her pale hands and said, "Please donate a piece of Silver to the 'Moon-glow Fund'. The Moon will shine brighter with your donation. No donation is too small." "Not even a piece of copper! Go away," shouted the miser and closed the door. The next day, early in the morning, Sun in the disguise of a spirited youth with long red hair, red attire, cheerful smile and healing warmth, knocked at the door of the miser. He held a bright yellow bowl in his sunburned hands and said, "Would you care to donate little gold to the 'Sunshine Fund'?" "I don't care if Sun does not shine in the sky. 'Get out of here!' said the miser and shut his doors. The Star, Moon and Sun brought their complaint about the miser to the Supreme Council. The charges were serious. The councillors deliberated a lot about what to do with a man so stingy that he did not care for golden Sun's rays, silver Moonlight, or twinkling of Stars? "Turn him into a frog," shouted one councillor. "An insult to frogs!" interrupted another. "Frogs love warmth of Sunshine, sing for the Moon and Stars. In fact, all living species love Sun, Moon and Stars. I think, a rock would suit him, turn him into a rock."

Another council said, "No, No! Rocks absorb the Sun's warmth and slowly radiate to spread the warmth to sustain life on Earth and nothing looks better than a rocky mountain in silvery Moonlight." The members of the Supreme Council agreed that every living and non-living entity in nature appreciated the Sun, Moon and Stars more than the miser. The Council considered that there was nothing in the world the miser could be turned into that was worse than what he already was. The wisest councillor of the Supreme Council finally spoke, "If a rock loves the rays of the Sun and the miser does not, if a frog appreciates the light of the Moon and this man does not, if a child wishes on a twinkling Star and he cannot, isn't the miser the most unhappy man on earth?" The miser has already locked himself up in his inner prison of greed, fear, depression, anxiety and fantasies of disaster. He will spend the rest of his days in extreme misery, as he will not be able to enjoy either his life or his wealth. He will end up alone guarding his immense wealth he saved and all his possessions will end up in the hands of someone else. The rich miser will die penniless as no matter how much money he had, will become worthless for him. So, let this poor soul remain confined in his inner prison of greed, anxiety, narrowness, turmoil and loneliness; that is the greatest punishment on earth." **Ashis Kumar Panda**



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## CarDekho's launches 2nd Mega Refurbishment Centre for Used Cars

**New Delhi :** CarDekho, India's leading auto-tech company, has opened its mega refurbishment centre in Mumbai for Used Cars. This is the company's second mega refurbishment centre in the country after NCR. The Mumbai centre will take full control of the refurb process and set quality benchmark through advanced state-of-the-art infrastructure while optimising cost through scale of operations. The company plans to open 20 such refurbishment centres across India in near future.

With 1000 cars monthly refurbishment capacity, the centre will employ 100+ employees once fully operational. As a result of having best-in-class inhouse refurbishment centers, Cardeko ensures that all vehicles sold on its platform are of the

highest quality.

CarDekho offers a 7 days 'No Questions Asked' money-back guarantee on all cars where customers can test-own the car and return it if not satisfied. Also included are 6 months of warranty, and complementary Pan-India roadside assistance (RSA) for all car buyers. A free insurance package and RC transfer are also included with the car.

Sharad Saxena, CEO - Used Car Business, CarDekho Group, said, "The opening of our mega refurbishment centre in Mumbai marks another milestone for the company in its quest to provide the best pre-owned vehicles to its customers. The cars refurbished at this centre will carry CarDekho's trust that offers reliability, affordability and unmatched satisfaction. This centre

integrates the Group's best know-how and reinforces our vision to disrupt the personal mobility space in India. We want our customers to live our promise of 'Bharosa Kar Ke Dekho'."

The refurbishment centre is equipped with State-of-the-art Brake, Suspension & Side Slip Tester, Hitech Pneumatic Tools & Equipment, 3D Wheel Alignment, Wheel Balancing, Air Conditioning Service, Injector & Spark Plug Cleaning and a fully mechanised Bodyshop with Electric Dent Pullers, Double action sanders with vacuum extractors, Infrared heating Machine & full functional heated Downdraft Paint Booth along with inhouse paint mixing facility for high-quality painting.

## Odisha records 20x growth in job applications in the last 90 days

**Bhubaneswar:** As one of the fastest-growing states in terms of economy in India, Odisha has been witnessing a steady growth in job opportunities across sectors and industries and has emerged as a popular destination for job seekers. apna.co - India's largest jobs and professional networking platform - recorded 20x quarter on quarter growth in job postings in the state's capital, Bhubaneswar in the previous quarter. The platform has also noted increased job openings for multiple roles in the last three 90 days.

After recording an economic rating higher than India's GDP, Odisha has become a promising destination for employers to invest in, strengthening the state's economy and creating more job opportunities. apna has become a trusted partner for various popular companies such as Zomato, Bharti AXA, Burger King, TeamLease, Byjus, and Delhivery amongst others in the state to fulfill their hiring requirement. In the last quarter, there has been an increased hiring momentum for roles such as telecallers/BPO, sales, computer/data entry operator, delivery persons, and business development executives amongst others. The capital city continues to be one of the top commercial hubs in Eastern India.

With more than 25 percent female users from Bhubaneswar, apna has become a default partner for women to build their professional networks and participate in helping India unlock its economic potential. According to the platform, there has been a quarter-on-quarter increase in women joining the workforce from the state and participating in uplifting Odisha's economy. Telecalling and business development have consistently been the most popular role amongst women in Bhubaneswar followed by data entry operators. Interestingly, women also opted to get on the field by joining the sales workforce for various organizations after COVID cases dropped drastically.

Commenting on the growth, Manas Singh, Chief Business Officer, apna.co said, "Odisha is witnessing tremendous growth in the past quarter, emerging as one of the key markets with a rise in both workers and employers on apna. We will continue creating more hyperlocal opportunities to help accelerate the economic growth of Bhubaneswar."

## FURO Sports Shoes welcomes Shahid Kapoor as its Brand Ambassador

**Bhubaneswar:** FURO Sports Shoes, (from the house of Red Chief Shoes), is thrilled to announce its much-coveted collaboration with the Bollywood Superstar, Shahid Kapoor. Shahid's youthful and sporty personality of an affable boy gels with the aspiring core values and ethos of FURO Sports Shoes. Shahid appeals to a wider audience across all age groups. While his exceptional fitness lifestyle, dancing prowess, and romantic-action-oriented movies attract the youth, his responsible family guy persona connects with relatively mature age groups as well. Mr. Manoj Gyanchandani (Managing Director) expressing his views on the collaboration, shares, "We are extremely honored to welcome Shahid Kapoor as the newest FURO family member. We couldn't have asked for a better partner in 2022 who comes with such high credible energy which is much needed in such dynamic times to inspire the youth towards athleisure lifestyle. We look forward to a successful partnership with him and hope to have a mutually beneficial long-term relationship."

Mr. Rahul Sharma, (Marketing Head) further shared "To continue leveraging our association both in mass media & digital platforms - Shahid would be part of our forthcoming Brand campaigns, which are back to back lined up starting few weeks from now."

## BOB Financial crosses the 1 Million Credit Cards mark

**Mumbai:** BOB Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bank of Baroda (Bank) that issues and manages Bank of Baroda Credit Cards, has crossed the 1 Million Credit Cards mark.

As per Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data, Bank of Baroda Credit Cards have grown 9X over the last four years - from 0.12 million cards in March 2018 to over 1.1 million cards in March 2022. Further, the monthly spends on credit cards have grown 10X over the same period - from Rs.80 crore in March 2018 to Rs.830 crore in March 2022.

In CY2022, cobranding with IRCTC, HPCL, Defence Services, and partnerships with fintechs have been some of the key initiatives in the ongoing transformation journey.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Shailendra Singh, MD & CEO, BFSL said, "In 2017, we started on a journey of transforming BOB Financial into a leading credit card issuer in India. Crossing the 1 million credit cards mark is an important milestone. However, while we celebrate this achievement, our ultimate aspiration is to become one of the largest Credit Card issuers in the country, serving customers of every demographic and socio-economic classification."

BFSL has been focusing on investing in people, processes and technology to enhance customer experience.

## OP Jindal remembered on his 19th death anniversary



**Bhubaneswar:** Whole JSW family including employees, workers and people from the periphery villages paid their homage to the architect and founder of Jindal Group, Om Prakash Jindal on his 19th death anniversary here in every location in Odisha. All of them paid floral tribute to the divine soul. Humanitarian work were also conducted in different locations.

A memorial service was conducted here at Jatadhar Bhawan

Office in Paradip. All employees paid floral tribute to the legendary visionary. There was also a two-minute silence prayer for the peace of departed soul. In addition, food was also distributed here at Santoshi Jorashrama and Bijaychandrapur under Paradip Municipal Corporation.

Moreover, same memorial event was also held in Bhubaneswar office and Bhadrasahi central office, Barbil. The employees paid tribute

to the divine soul.

Shri OP Jindal is not only known as a business tycoon and reputed industrialist of India, but also he is famous for his social service activities. He was serving as a Minister of Power in the Government of Haryana at the time of his death. He was also a Member of Parliament to 11th Lok Sabha and been conferred with the prestigious 'Life Time Achievement Award' for his outstanding contribution to the Indian Steel Industry.

## Flipkart clocks over 200 Million Fashion products in the Spring-Summer

**Bhubaneswar:** As the Spring Summer season 2022 draws to a close, Flipkart, India's homegrown e-commerce marketplace, has recorded a sale of over 200 million fashion products across close to 19,200 pin codes. The Spring Summer Season also played a key role for customers and sellers and saw close to 175,000 fashion sellers participating. These sellers came from not just metros but from tier 2 and tier 3 towns as well. Customers shopped for fashion and lifestyle products including sarees, men's t-shirts, watches, sunglasses, women's kurtis and footwear, from national, international and homegrown fashion brands.

The season saw customers shopping for fashion products from across the country including metros and a majority of these customers also from tier 3, 4 and 5 cities shop for fashion products from cities like Ranchi, Ernakulam, Kanpur,

Medinipur, Cuttack to name a few; and a substantial number of the overall customer base were first-time fashion shoppers.

Sandeep Karwa, Vice President, Flipkart Fashion, said, "We are extremely delighted with this overwhelming response from the customers, who consistently choose Flipkart for all their fashion and lifestyle needs. This year's spring-summer season saw a resurgence in consumption on the back of renewed economic recovery post-pandemic and we are pleased that lakhs of sellers saw a phenomenal response during this season. It is also a testament to our efforts to bring unparalleled value in fashion shopping to our customers. With a range of technology-led innovations that are making shopping experiences personalised and seamless for our customers, we are bringing India and Bharat closer ushering in considerable growth

opportunities for lakhs of sellers and brand partners."

Ayush Baid, a Flipkart Fashion seller who sells Women's ethnic wear from Surat, Gujarat, said, "We have grown on Flipkart by 500% during the spring-summer season and this was possible due to the technology and power of ecommerce. Growth on Flipkart has led to the overall growth of the company."

Harish Dadwani, a Flipkart Fashion seller partner from Agra, Uttar Pradesh, said, "It has been 4 years since I joined ecommerce and through the Flipkart platform have seen a growth of over 10X since then.

I had launched several new products in the spring-summer collection which has seen a 50X growth spike. I am very positive to set new milestones and garner new opportunities in the coming years and feel that I can achieve much more through ecommerce, technology and Flipkart."

## IIT Delhi Student Wins Coveted TCS CodeVita Season 10

**MUMBAI:** Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) (BSE: 532540, NSE: TCS), announced the winners of Season 10 of its flagship global coding contest, TCS CodeVita, at a virtual grand finale. CodeVita, holder of the Guinness World Records™ title as the world's largest computer programming competition, has been inspiring students across the world to build and test their coding expertise for the past 10 years. The contest promotes programming as a sport and encourages participants to pit their skills against each other and solve intriguing real-life challenges.

The winner claimed the grand prize of \$10,000, while the first and the second runners-up were awarded \$7,000 and \$3,000 respectively. In a first, the third runner up, Michal Stanik from Czech Republic, was also recognized by TCS with a prize of \$1,000. Moreover, all four winners earned an internship opportunity with TCS' Research & Innovation organization. Registration for Season 11 of TCS CodeVita will commence soon.

"Season 10 of CodeVita has been remarkable in harnessing the passion for coding among the youth. We were thrilled to see how the four finalists

solved all the 10 problems, which has never happened before. I am happy to see CodeVita is encouraging youngsters to write good code and apply it to solve challenging problems," said K Ananth Krishnan, Chief Technology Officer, TCS. Winner Kalash Guptasaid, "Thank you so much, it's unbelievable! When I started with the contest, I never thought I would even be in the top 3 but this is a very humbling experience. I'm very excited about the prize money. Initially I was not confident, as I took longer than I expected to solve the first problem.

## Ambuja Cements introduces Cool Walls, a special product that keep homes cool in summers and hot in winters

**Mumbai :** Ambuja Cements Ltd, one of India's most sustainable cement manufacturers, is now offering an innovative green solution for constructing strong walls. Ambuja Cool Walls is a unique wall solution that keeps the house cool during summer and retains inside temperature to make the house warmer in winter. Ambuja Cements is among the first Indian cement companies to offer this unique block and mortar solution to individual house builders.

Ambuja Cool Walls is a sustainable product made with an innovative heat-barrier technology that is far superior to any other products available in the market. The 'heat barrier technology' of this product helps to maintain inside temperature of any house lesser by 5°Celsius as compared to external temperature. These innovative heat barrier

technology, consistent quality and enhanced strength (>5 MPa) are the main differentiators of this product.

Ambuja Cool Walls is an innovative solution to the problem faced by traditional construction with non-sustainable products. The challenge posed by traditional construction today are efflorescence on walls, termite attack, water absorption and highly prone to earthquakes. Ambuja Cool Walls along with unique jointing mortar makes the wall stronger and eliminates the problem faced by traditional construction practices. This helps the consumers in cost saving on electricity due to thermal insulation, low frequency of repeat painting because of no efflorescence, lesser repeat maintenance and lower construction cost. Additional benefits include noise reduction,

high fire resistance etc. Also it enables speedy construction and reduces project completion time by ~ 30%.

Ambuja Cool Walls is a sustainable product as it consumes large volume of fly ash in its manufacturing. The walls does not require curing during construction and thus saves 5000 liters of water for a 1000-square feet house. Mr. Neeraj Akhoury, CEO India Holcim and MD & CEO of Ambuja Cements Ltd., said, "Ambuja Cements has always pursued innovation to provide customers with eco-friendly solutions for a better and a greener future. It's our endeavor to provide world class solutions to customers in India. Ambuja Cool Walls is a testimony to our commitment to provide sustainable, high strength and durable solutions to our customers".

## KiiT International School becomes the only school from Odisha to win at Toycathon

**Bhubaneswar:** The revered founder of KiiT International School, Shri Achyuta Samanta, has always inspired and encouraged the youth to think outside the box. This motivation has led to an immense achievement for the school. A game, 'Untold Stories', designed by Shree Roy, a 10th Grade student of KiiT International School, has been selected as one of the top 7 winning games at Toycathon, an inter-ministerial initiative of GOI, in association with AICTE.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Mona Lisa Bal, Chairperson, KiiT International School said, "This is an extremely proud moment for KiiT International School family. I congratulate Shree for her endeavours. This is an

accomplishment not just for her but the entire school. We always nurture our students to think beyond their textbooks and take interest in activities outside their classroom. I am glad that this morale-boosting has steered us to achieve this great honour. I firmly believe that these leaders of tomorrow can drive us towards a better tomorrow with proper education and guidance."

Shree's game 'Untold Stories' is a multiplayer game where one must answer questions about India's heritage to move on to the next level. With this game, Shree intended to revive the art and culture of India. With modernization and technology, most youngsters are glued to their smartphones and the internet. Shree designed this

game with the help of the school's research wing, Inspiron, in a pursuit to move them away from this exposure while enhancing their knowledge on India's art, history, and culture. From over 14 lakh online entries, 200 games were chosen for the physical edition of Toycathon. Untold stories was the only winner from Odisha among the top 7 felicitated games.

Under the 'Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan' initiated by our Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri. Narendra Modi, Toycathon is conceived to challenge India's innovative minds to conceptualize novel Toy and Games based on Bharatiya civilization, history, culture, mythology and ethos.



## Virat Kohli Earns 12 Times More Than Babar Azam, Half Than Sanju Samson



**New Delhi:** The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has recently announced the annual central contracts for the senior men's Indian team, which brought good news for many cricketers financially and in terms of job security. While Ravindra Jadeja, Hardik Pandya, and Axar Patel got promotions, some players such as KL Rahul got demoted. In addition, new players like Sanju Samson, Arshdeep Singh, and

Deepak Hooda received their maiden annual BCCI contracts. Jadeja, who was previously in Grade A with a salary of INR 5 crore, was upgraded to Grade A+ with a salary of INR 7 crore. This grade had only been occupied by Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, and Jasprit Bumrah for the last couple of years. Meanwhile, players in Grade C, such as Samson, Hooda, Arshdeep, Ishan Kishan, Kuldeep Yadav (returning after

a one-year gap), and KS Bharat, will all earn INR 1 crore. Interestingly, even players in Grade C will earn more than what Pakistan players in the top bracket earn. The players in the top bracket for Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) earn 1.25 million PKR per month, which translates to INR 43.44 Lakh per year. This is 12 times less than what Kohli, Rohit, and Bumrah earn and even less than half of what Samson will earn in

Grade C. Only Babar, Mohammad Rizwan, Hasan Ali, Shaheen Afridi, and Imam-ul-Haq are in the top bracket of red and white-ball contracts for PCB. However, there were also some demotions in the contracts. Rahul, who was recently stripped of vice-captaincy in ODIs and Tests, has been demoted from Grade A to Grade B with a salary of INR 3 crore. Dhawan, who has lost his place in all three formats, stayed in Grade C. Shardul Thakur was also demoted from Grade B to Grade C. Overall, the BCCI's announcement of the annual central contracts for the senior men's Indian team brought good news for many cricketers, especially financially. The upgrades, promotions, and maiden contracts show the potential for newer talents in the Indian cricket team.

## Lionel Messi Breaks Another HUGE Record With Hat-Trick For Argentina Against Curacao

**New Delhi:** Lionel Messi scored a hat-trick and surpassed 100 career goals for Argentina with three in the first half of Tuesday's (March 28) international friendly against Curacao. The World Cup winners beat the Caribbean side 7-0 in their second match since clinching the trophy in December.

The 35-year-old Messi opened the scoring against Curacao in the 20th minute with a right-foot shot from the edge of the box to reach the 100-goal milestone. Nico Gonzalez added another three minutes later with a header from close range. Messi then scored his 101st for Argentina in the 33rd minute with a crossed shot to the right of the goalkeeper and his 102nd in the 37th after an easy run to score. Two minutes earlier he had assisted Enzo Fernandez's blast from the edge of the box. The Argentine



captain trails only two players on the list of most goals scored for national teams in official matches; Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo, with 122, and Iran's Ali Daei, with 109. The tributes continue to pour in for Lionel Messi following Argentina's FIFA World Cup 2022 triumph. South American football's governing body on Monday (March 27) presented the 35-year-old Argentine star with a statue, which will be placed in the

CONMEBOL museum next to those of legendary players Pele and Diego Maradona. Messi also received replicas of the World Cup and the Finalissima trophy, which Argentina won against Italy, during the ceremony before the Copa Libertadores draw. His teammates and coach Lionel Scaloni received miniature trophies as well, including that of the 2021 Copa America lifted in Brazil. "We are living a very

special and beautiful moment, getting a lot of love," Messi said during the tribute. "It was time for a South American team to win the World Cup again." Argentina beat Panama 2-0 on Thursday in Buenos Aires in its first international friendly since winning the World Cup title in Qatar last December. Scaloni's team will face Curacao on Tuesday to celebrate with its fans in the countryside city of Santiago del Estero.

## Sunil Chhetri Becomes Fifth Highest Goal-Scorer In International Football As India Beat Kyrgyz Republic To Win Tri-Nation Tournament

**New Delhi:** India played some inspiring football against higher-ranked Kyrgyz Republic to snatch a 2-0 victory and bag the Hero Tri-National International Tournament Trophy with an all-win record in Imphal on Tuesday (March 28). India had earlier defeated Myanmar 1-0 on March 22. Captain Sunil Chhetri scored a record 85th international goal in India's win.

With the goal, Chhetri overtook Hungary's Ferenc Puskas as the fifth-highest goalscorer in the history of football. Chhetri is overall third in the list of active footballers with the most goals, behind only Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo and Argentina's Lionel Messi. Chhetri has scored the most goals in international football against Nepal and the Maldives. He has eight goals after playing six matches against the Maldives. And against Nepal, Chhetri netted eight goals after featuring in 12 matches. The Indian skipper found the back of the net six times against Bangladesh and Chinese Taipei. The Bengaluru

FC striker scored five goals against Cambodia and Tajikistan. Chhetri played just two matches against Kenya but managed to score four goals against the African nation. But against Afghanistan, he needed seven matches to earn four goals. His strike on Tuesday was his fourth against the Kyrgyz Republic. The Indian legend scored three goals against Myanmar, Bhutan, Vietnam and Guam. Chhetri has two goals to his name against countries like- Syria, Lebanon, Malaysia, Oman and Thailand.



The opening goal on Tuesday came from centre-back Sandesh Jhingan, who found the target in the 34th minute. India added

insurance in the 84th minute with Sunil Chhetri firing home from the spot. Midfielder Brandon Fernandes put the ball in

front of the rival goal off a free-kick and Jhingan pounced on it to find the back of the net to open India's account in the first half. If the Kyrgyz

Republic goalkeeper Tokotaev Erzhan thought the tall Indian defender would go for a header, he was mistaken as Jhingan waited for the ball to land and then swung it with a deft touch into the goal. India kept launching attacks whenever they had the opportunity, and one such move in the 84th minute saw the Kyrgyz Republic defence crumble under pressure as Naorem Mahesh Singh was brought down inside the penalty box by Davydov Nikolai. The ensuing spot kick saw Chhetri score his 85th

international goal. The striker stepped up to take the kick and tucked it into the corner of the net. This was India's fifth straight win on home turf. Stimac made six changes from the team that started against Myanmar, but it didn't break their rhythm one bit. If preparations for the AFC Asian Cup in January next was the main purpose of hosting the tournament, then it was a success. The Indians showed that they are growing in confidence before they go for the a l l - i m p o r t a n t continental challenge.

## Hazlewood to miss initial stages of IPL 2023

**New Delhi:** Josh Hazlewood will not be available for the initial stages of IPL 2023 as he continues to recover from an injury. The Australian pacer, who is currently in Sydney, will consult with Cricket Australia's medical staff before joining Royal Challengers Bangalore for the 16th edition of the T20 league. Hazlewood, who was picked up by RCB for INR 7.75 Crore, was sent back home midway during the Test series against India as he was recovering from Achilles tendinitis, having picked up the injury during Australia's home summer. While he



played in the third Test against South Africa in January, he missed all the four Tests against India and also the three ODIs that followed. With Australia set to play the World Test Championship final and the Ashes shortly after the conclusion of the IPL, Hazlewood's fitness will be top priority for CA, who will monitor the 32-

year old pacer closely. Meanwhile, Glenn Maxwell is uncertain to feature in RCB's opening match against Mumbai Indians on April 2 as he continues to recover from a leg injury he sustained in a freak accident at a birthday party in November. Maxwell played the opening ODI against India but missed the subsequent matches.

## Second Edition of Hybiz.tv Telangana Tea Championship 2023

**Hyderabad (KCN):** The quintessential Tea can do wonders. The Man who sold tea become the Prime Minister of the largest democracy in the world and Tea fuels the minds of the Indian techies that have made their mark in the international arena. Celebrating the wonderful beverage Tea, Hybiz TV has launched and organized one-of-its-kind wonderful programme. Tea Championship in 2022. It has now come up with the Second edition held at HICC, Novotel, Hyderabad. The second edition is supported and approved by Tea Board India & Ministry of Tourism Government of India. The Second edition of the Tea Championship held at HICC Novotel, has



taken the competition to the next level with the Union Ministry of Tourism and the Tea Board India throwing their weight behind the competition, among others. There was a heavy rush for nominations and there was no entry fee, giving a chance to every woman who is happy to make a cup of chai.

A team of highly respected and experienced professionals from the Hospitality community have selected the list of awardees. The jury's decision was final as always. In all more than 200 women participated in the event. Ms Prabha won the first prize of Rs 1 lakh. Ms. Potluri

Madhavi won the second prize of Rs 50,000 and Seetamaraju Naga Kamala won the third prize of Rs 25,000. Five women won consolation prizes of Rs 10,000 each. "Our day begins with Tea and there is no doubt that Tea helps in finding solutions to many of our societal problems," Union

Minister for Tourism G Kishan Reddy who was the Chief Guest of the evening noted. He congratulated Hybiz.tv management for bringing all the talented women onto one platform. He reminded everyone about the power of tea by saying: "The man who sold Chai has become the Prime Minister of the Country" Shri Falguni Banerjee, Deputy Director of Tea Development, Tea Board India, Darvesh Anees Ahmed, Managing Partner, The Nilgiri Tea Emporium (Lasa Lamsa Tea) M Rajgopal, Managing Director Hybiz.tv, and Mrs. Sandhya Rani, CEO of Hybiz.tv were among other participants.