



PM attends the Bihu celebrations, in Guwahati

Mercury Crosses 40 Degree C At 25 Places In Odisha; Baripada Hottest With 44

Bhubaneswar(KCN):

As many as 25 places in Odisha today recorded the maximum temperature of 40 degree Celsius or above, said the IMD.

Baripada was the hottest place in the state with 44 degree C day temperature, followed by Jharsuguda (42.8).

The other places where the maximum temperature touched 40 degree C or above are Talcher (42.6), Boudh (42.5), Titlagarh (42.5), Sambalpur (42.2),



Bolangir (42.2), Angul (42.1), Sonepur (42.1), Sundargarh (42), Rourkela (41.8), Bhawanipatna (41.5), Cuttack (41.2), Keonjhar (41.2), Hirakud (40.6), Bhubaneswar (40.6), Dhenkanal (40.5), Chandbali (40.3), Nuapada (40.2), Paralakehmundi (41.1), Jagatsinghpur (40), Nayagarh (40), Jajpur (40), Bhadrak (40) and Jajpur (40).

Krishan Kumar Gets Rayagada

Bhubaneswar (KCN): Ace Mandarin, Dr. Krishan Kumar has been appointed as Central Prabhari Officer (CPO) for Aspirational District of Rayagada in Odisha. Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) has brought out a notification in this regard.



While there are 10 Aspirational Districts in Odisha, Rayagada is considered to be one of the backward districts with more tribal population, which requires attention for development. 2002 Batch IAS Dr. Kumar is at present serving as Joint Secretary in Ministry of Commerce. Dr. Kumar is now handling crucial sectors in Ministry of Commerce and coordinating G20 Trade & Investment Working Group (TIWG). Dr. Kumar is Chief of G20 TIWG, which has been created within Department of Commerce to look after and coordinate all matters related Trade and Investment Working Group. He is also in the Board of Directors of India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO). After his successful stint in Odisha Government in various Departments like Works, Industry, Cooperation, Revenue Administration, Law, Urban Development, Dr. Kumar went to serve in Government of India on 9 March, 2022 as Joint Secretary Commerce. Now Dr. Kumar will make regular visit to Odisha to cover Rayagada and to be briefed by senior officials of Government of Odisha on various development projects in the backward district. Earlier 1990 Batch IAS Gudey Srinivas and 1991 Batch IAS Satyabrata Sahu have served as Central Prabhari Officers of Rayagada Aspirational District. While Central Prabhari Officer will coordinate between District, State and Center on the issues of development in the Aspirational District, NITI Aayog will be kept informed about the progress in various sectors. NITI Aayog is coordinating and keeping a tab on all the Aspirational Districts and with BVR Subrahmanyam as CEO of NITI Aayog, more stress is being given for wellbeing of these backward districts, officials say.

Team Korea Crowned Champions At ITF Asia 14-U Development Championships In Odisha

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The ITF Asian (Jr) Championships Finals which commenced on April 4 concluded today with Team Korea emerging overall Champions of the tournament. Korea's Won Min Kim and Jiyun Oh were crowned the Singles champions in the boys and girls category respectively.



With athletes from 14 countries, the event saw Asia's finest junior tennis players battle it out for supremacy in Bhubaneswar, the capital city of Odisha. The award ceremony was graced by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik who presented the medals to the winners, in the presence of Sports & Youth Services Minister, Tusharkanti Behera and OTA President Asit Tripathi. Secretary to CM (ST) V K Pandian accompanied the Chief Minister for the closing ceremony. Congratulating the winners, the Chief Minister said, "It is a matter of great pride for

our state to host this prestigious tennis tournament. Congratulations to all the winners who have emerged victorious after an intense competition. It is our endeavour to promote sports in Odisha and I am happy to see such a large number of participants from different countries come together to compete in our state. I am sure that this event will inspire many young players of Odisha and beyond to take up tennis and pursue their dreams." President, OTA, Asit Tripathy presented a memento to the Chief Minister as a token of gratitude for the support

extended by the state government for the tournament. The excitement for the final match and award presentation was apparent in the days leading up to the final matches, with over 1000 students and athletes packed in the galleries to witness the high-octane Tennis action. Speaking on their achievements, Korean Tennis Prodigy Won Min Kim said, "I will always remember my accomplishments here, and I want to return soon for my next challenge. It's an incredible feeling to win my first tournament in this stadium." Complimenting on the

tenure spent at the tennis centre, Korean tennis woman player Jiyun Oh said, "We have been fortunate to play some of the best playoffs in this centre and the tournament has been extra advantageous for us to keep pushing our potential. We do look forward to get back to this court very soon." Asit Tripathi, President, Odisha Tennis Association reiterated the significance of the event and also lauded the state government for its efforts towards enhancing and promoting tennis in the state.

Odisha: Hanuman Jayanti Procession Taken Out Amid Tight Security In Violence-Hit Sambalpur

Sambalpur(KCN): As many as 43 platoons of police force were deployed in Sambalpur city of Odisha to prevent any untoward incident during the celebration of Hanuman Jayanti today.

Thousands of devotees participated in a religious procession to celebrate the occasion. The western Odisha city had witnessed a violent clash between two groups following a stone pelting incident during a rally ahead of the Hanuman Jayanti on April 12.

Several people, including some policemen, had sustained injuries in the incident.

As many as 43 platoons of police personnel, 26 DSP-rank officers, 30 inspectors, 70 Sub-Inspectors and Assistant Sub-Inspectors were deployed in Sambalpur city for smooth organisation of the Hanuman Jayanti procession, said a police officer.

At least 20 police teams conducted patrolling across the city to prevent any untoward incident during the celebration, he added.

"DIG Brijesh Rai and Sambalpur district SP B Gangadhar personally monitored the security arrangements. A drone was also used to keep tab on the anti-social elements," said the official.

Notably, the police had arrested as many as 32 people in connection with the April 12 violence in Sambalpur.



Y20 Consultations Kicks Off At KIIT DU

Policymakers Emphasised Role of Youth in Ensuring Sustainable Growth and Development

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): The Y20 Consultations, the two-day event organized under the aegis of G20, began at KIIT DU on Friday. Policymakers from around the world gathered to highlight the pivotal role of youth in building a prosperous and peaceful society. The event was inaugurated by Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, and Environment, Forest and Climate Change, who encouraged the younger generation to

emulate the life and principles of Swami Vivekananda and strive to make India a leading nation in the 21st century. Choubey emphasized, "Youths hold the future of this great nation. They have a crucial role to play in the development process that will bring peace and prosperity to society." He also applauded the accomplishments of KIIT and its students in various sectors. The participants were welcomed and felicitated by Dr. Achyuta Samanta, the Founder of KIIT and



The Y20 Consultations brought together students, educators, business leaders, and spiritual leaders from India and G20 countries. The forum provided a platform for

youths to raise awareness of global issues, exchange ideas, share innovative thoughts, engage in discussions, and negotiations, and reach a consensus. The

outcomes of the deliberations will be presented at the G20 meeting later this year, presided over by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi later this year.

Tusharkanti Behera, Minister of State for Home, Sports, and Youth Services, Government of Odisha, highlighted the importance of the theme of the Y20 Consultations, "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" (the world is one family), and emphasized the need for youths to come together and work towards preserving cultural heritage and promoting national integrity. Behera also lauded the sporting achievements of Odisha's youths, mentioning that three out of six students have been selected from the

state to participate in the NASA Rover Challenge 2023 in the USA. Meeta Rajivlochan, Union Secretary of Youth Affairs and Sports, expressed her admiration for the transformation of KIIT into one of the country's top institutes in just 25 years. She stated that KIIT was the "appropriate institute" to host the Y20 Consultations, as young people are shaping the future in various ways. The outcomes of the deliberations will be presented at the Y20 summit to be held in

Varanasi in August. The event saw speeches from prominent personalities such as Virendra Sharma, Member of Parliament from the UK; Robert Pittenger, Former US Congressman from North Carolina; Dr. Niklaus Samuel Gugger, Member of Parliament from Switzerland; Ricky Kej, three-time Grammy award winner and Prof. Sasmita Samanta, Vice Chancellor of KIIT DU. The vote of thanks was proposed by the Pro Vice Chancellor of KIIT DU Saranjit Singh.

The 3 day Fitness Fest concludes at Central University of Odisha amidst great student enthusiasm

Koraput:The 3-day Fitness Fest started on 11th April at the Central University of Odisha, Koraput under the Fit India Movement under the dynamic leadership of Prof Chakradhar Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, CUO and guidance of Dr. Jatin Soni, former Vice Chancellor, Swarnim Gujarat Sports University was concluded with a valedictory session on 13 April 2023. It was implemented by the Games & Sports

Committee, CUO in collaboration with the G20 Jan Bhagidari Cell of CUO. Prof. Tripathi addressed the session through video conference mode. He emphasized the role of sports in education in his address. He cited Swami Vivekananda who always gave great importance to sports. He stressed that a student who engages in sports is never depressed. He said that the students were transported to an entirely new world and thanked the organizers

especially Dr. Jatin Soni for the successful event. The valedictory session of the event started with opening remarks by Dr. Ramendra Kumar Parhi, Dean of Students' Welfare (I/C) & Chairman, of the Games & Sports Committee. Dr. Parhi described the various events like plogging run, chess, table tennis, campus run, throw ball, guided group meditation, fitness aerobics, fitness challenge walk for



faculty & staff and volleyball which took place over the last two days. An audio-visual presentation of the fest made by the Dep't of Journalism & Mass Communication was

screened which showcased glimpses of all the events that took place in the event. Prof Jatin Soni who mentored the Fitness Fest emphasized the importance of good

health and sports playing habits for the new generation. He urged everyone to take care of health and be fit. He praised the students for taking active participation and

making it a success. Prof N C Panda, Dean, School of Languages, CUO explained the sloka Samastiyam Yoga Manyate and expressed happiness that a huge number of students took part in the fitness fest. He hoped that Odisha will rise to the standards of Punjab & Haryana and win medals in sports taking training from University. In this context, he quoted Swami Vivekananda's Arise, Awake.... The Subhasish Ghosh & D

Department of Journalism & Mass Communication shared their feedback on participating in Fitness Fest. Certificates to all the participating students were awarded by the dignitaries. The session concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Mr. Biswajit Bhoi, Member Secretary, Games & Sports Committee, CUO. Around 1,200 students participated in the Fitness Fest with great enthusiasm. The Faculty and staff also participated actively.

Central University of Odisha celebrates 132nd Birth Anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar

Koraput:The Central University of Odisha celebrated the 132nd Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna, Baba Saheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar in its campus at Sunabeda. On this occasion, a special programme was organised by the Dr. Ambedkar Centre of Excellence (DACE) of the University. Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice-chancellor of the University inaugurated the Programme by lighting the lamp and paying floral tributes to Dr. B. R. Ambedkar. He addressed students, staff, and all other university stakeholders. He highlighted the relevance of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's contributions to contemporary India in his address. He emphasised that to forget the past injustice to marginalised communities and march towards a future India with mutual cooperation and co-existence. He advised the students to study and research on the contributions of the



father of the Indian Constitution, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar. DACE Coordinator Dr. B. K. Srinivas elaborated on the various areas of Dr. Ambedkar's contribution and highlighted the responsibility of youths towards the vision of Modern India. He also revealed the contributions of Babasaheb's contributions specifically towards governance, administrations, public policy, social justice and democracy. Prof. Himanshu Sekhar Mohapatra, Visiting Professor, Department of English, CUO pointed out the writing of Dr. Ambedkar and its contemporary relevance towards modern India. Particularly he emphasised the book

entitled 'Annihilation of Caste'. Dr. Kapila Khemundu, HoD (I/C), Department of Sociology pointed out that the caste system and untouchability practice is still prevalent in India but its perspective now has been changing. Dr. Chitrasen Pasayat, DACE-Teacher, CUO pointed out the role of Ambedkar and revealed Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's contributions and personality for a better India. Dr. Sourav Gupta, HoD (I/C), Department of Journalism & Mass Communication, CUO pointed out Dr. Ambedkar's role from a journalism and media perspective. Dr. Chandra Khemundu, DACE-Teacher, CUO in his address talked about Ambedkar's ideology and his vision for modern

India and revealed about Babasaheb's contributions towards the Indian Constitution and system of democratic government. Students from DACE expressed their views on Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's ideology and his contributions towards modern India. On this occasion, various competitions like Essay Writing and Debate were organised and prizes were distributed to the winners by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor. Finally, to conclude the programme Mr. Manish Tyagi offered a vote of thanks. In this programme, Dr Phagunath Bhoi, PRO, HoD (I/Cs) of various departments, staff of CUO and a large number of students attended and witnessed the programme.

Bengal Makes History with India's First Underwater Metro Line

Kolkata, (ADVAITA SETH):The first underwater metro line in India has accomplished its maiden test run in Kolkata recently, creating history. The train rake MR-612 of the Kolkata Metro Railway covered a distance of 520 metres underwater in only 45 seconds, travelling from Esplanade to Howrah Maidan beneath the Hooghly River at a depth of 32 metres. Kaushik Mitra, the Chief Public Relations Officer (CPRO) of Metro Railway, Kolkata, expressed that it is a significant achievement towards modernizing Kolkata's transportation system after surmounting several challenges. Kolkata was the first city in India to have a metro railway system in 1984, and this milestone adds to its feet. Once completed, the Howrah station will be the country's deepest metro station located 33



metres below the surface. The East-West corridor route will have 12 metro stations, including Howrah Maidan, Howrah Station, BBD Bagh (Mahakaran), Esplanade, Sealdah, Phoolbagan, Salt Lake Stadium, Bengal Chemical, City Centre, Central Park, Karunomoyee, and Salt Lake Sector 5. The project is expected to reduce travel time and connect suburban Kolkata to Howrah on the outskirts of the city. The metro will undergo trial runs for the next seven months before passenger services

commence. During the inaugural run, P. Uday Kumar Reddy, General Manager of Metro Railway, travelled on Rake No MR-612 to witness the historic moment, accompanied by H.N. Jaiswal, Additional General Manager of Metro Railway, Managing Director of Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (KMRCL), and other senior officers of Metro Railway and KMRCL. A puja was held at Howrah station to mark the occasion. Kolkata was the first city in India to have a metro railway system,

with the first line inaugurated in 1984. Since then, Kolkata's metro rail has come a long way, expanding to serve more than 700,000 passengers daily. The metro rail has been a game-changer for the city's transportation system, providing a comfortable and reliable mode of travel for residents and tourists alike. The addition of the underwater metro line is another significant milestone in Kolkata's metro rail history and is expected to further enhance the city's connectivity and mobility.



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Dr CK Ramesh Performs Kantara's 'Varaha Roopam' Song In Front Of PM Narendra Modi At Cultural Festival

Hombale Films 'Kantara' have made a lot of buzz with their success since their release. While the film has received a lot of love and admiration from all over the world, our honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 'Barisu Kannada Dim Dimava' cultural festival on Saturday, when Dr. CK Ramesh and his team performed on Kantara's Varah Rupam in front of him.

This cultural festival was held at Talkatora Stadium in Delhi at 5 PM. He also addressed the gathering in the evening. This cultural festival was organized to celebrate Karnataka's



culture, traditions, and history. It also drew parallels with the Prime Minister's vision of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'.



Set in the fictional village of Dakshina follows a Kannada, 'Kantara' Shetty, who comes to

loggerheads with an upright Forest Range officer, Murali (Kishore). Kambala is an annual race, held from November to March in coastal Karnataka, in which a jockey drives a pair of buffaloes, tied to the plough, through parallel muddy tracks. 'Kantara' was released in the Kannada version and Hindi version on 30th September and 14th October respectively. The film is written and directed by Rishab Shetty. Produced by Vijay Kiragandur and Chaluve Gowda, under Hombale Films, the film features Rishab Shetty, Saphami Gowda, and Kishore Kumar G in pivotal roles.

Pathaan Box Office Collections: SRK-Deepika's Film Continues Its Historic Run, Earns Rs 1016 Cr Gross Worldwide



'Yash Raj Films' 'Pathaan', directed by Siddharth Anand, is a historic all-time blockbuster and is already the highest grossing Hindi film worldwide with collections at Rs 1016 crore gross till today. 'Pathaan' is on a brilliant run at the domestic and overseas box office since its release. The film on its fifth Saturday was again rock-steady at the box office and held up strongly. It collected 1.98 crore nett in India (Hindi - 1.95 crore, All Dubbed versions - 0.03 crore). 'Pathaan' has now recorded \$46.58 million

in the overseas territories alone, while nett collection in India stands at 523.16 crore (Hindi - 505.05 crore, Dubbed - 18.11 crore). The total worldwide gross is an incredible Rs 1016 crore (India gross : Rs 633 crore, overseas: Rs 383 crore). 'Pathaan' stars superstar Shah Rukh Khan in the titular role while John Abraham plays the antagonist Jim. Deepika Padukone essays the role of ISI Agent Rubina Mohsin. Ever since its release, the film has been enjoying huge footfalls in cinema halls and has been a

massive success. 'Pathaan' marks Shah Rukh Khan's return to the movies after a long hiatus of four years. He was last seen in Anand L Rai's 'Zero' in 2018 alongside Katrina Kaif and Anushka Sharma, however, it had failed to impress the audience. Prior to the release of 'Pathaan', there was a boycott campaign against the film on Deepika Padukone's saffron-coloured outfit in 'Besharam Rang' song. However, all this did not affect its box office numbers as 'Pathaan' received a massive response from viewers.

'Raw, Uncontrolled, Craft Still Undefined': Shah Rukh Khan Reflects Back On 'Kabhi Haan Kabhi Naa'

He is a man of words and he never goes wrong with his words. Shah Rukh Khan took the internet by storm with his Sunday musing. He posted a still from 'Kabhi Haan Kabhi Naa' with

in India and a director who I miss every day! Taught me that sometimes u lose the moment.... but win everything else...I am sure somewhere, some world Sunil did too!!"

Kundan Shah. Apart from Shah Rukh, Suchitra Krishnamoorthi, and Deepak Tijori, and Satish Shah played pivotal roles in the movie. According to

to win over Anna (Suchitra), but the girl fell for Chris (Deepak). Soon after Shah Rukh shared the post, celebs rushed to his comment section. Varun Dhawan wrote, "Fav." Vaani Kapoor, Rajkumar Rao and Shruti Haasan posted love emojis. Farha Khan wrote, "My favourite film! I miss the director too." Shah Rukh tasted a much-awaited success with the terrific run of 'Pathaan' at the box office since its release. The movie has already minted a thousand crore rupees globally. Celebrated as a romantic hero, Shah Rukh tried the action genre in this thriller, which is a part of the spy-verse created by Yash Raj films. Deepika Padukone and John Abraham also acted in the movie and garnered love from the audience.



deep thought. Shah Rukh wrote in the caption, "At that stage...in that age....raw....uncontrolled....craft s t i l l undefined....surrounded by the best cast and crew

The film still features Sunil (played by Shah Rukh in the film) playing the trumpet while his eyes are fixed on the sky. 'Kabhi Haan Kabhi Naa' is directed by

critics and movie-buffs, this 90s movie has an innate innocence and charm which was also embodied by Sunil, the character in the movie. Sunil tried every means

Director Aanand L Rai Expresses Gratitude As Kangana Ranaut-R Madhavan's 'Tanu Weds Manu' Clocks 12 Years

12 years ago as we transitioned into spring, Aanad L Rai & Colour Yellow Productions' most iconic film 'Tanu Weds Manu' starring R Madhavan and Kangana Ranaut witnessed a theatrical release that roared loud with its box office success. Kangana delivered yet another impactful performance and was applauded by the audience. R Madhavan once again won hearts with his stunning performance. The lead duo's on-screen chemistry was loved by the audience. The film received praise from critics & viewers alike. Aanand L Rai & Colour Yellow Productions' Tanu Weds Manu created a buzz like no other making it one of the most successful films of the year and the most iconic ones in Indian cinema. Speaking about the film, Aanand L Rai says, "The response this beautiful story received is unmatched. The film is



still relatable to a wide audience even today & that's what a beautiful story does. It leaves an impact every time. I can't believe the film has completed twelve years today. Gratitude only for all the love & support." The film has what it took to be a successful entertainer. It was a balance of comedy, romance, and drama which ran at perfect pace with the storyline written by Himanshu Sharma with interesting twists and turns. His latest venture into the regional cinema with Aatma pamphlet traveled across the globe & was screened at the Berlin Film Festival where a global audience

appreciated the brilliant storyline. Rai is pinning India on the global map with back-to-back creatively strong stories. Some of Aanand L Rai & Colour Yellow Productions' successful films include 'Ranjhanaa', 'Tumbbad', 'Happy Bhag Jayegi', 'Tanu Weds Manu', 'Shubh Mangal Zyada Saavdhan', 'Newton', and 'Manmarziyaan' to name a few. Following the success in the regional cinema is the recently announced second installment of one of the highest grossers of 2022, 'Jhimma'. Taapsee Pannu starrer 'Phir Aayi Haseen Dillruba' is also in the making.

Malayalam Filmmaker Joseph Manu James Passes Away At 31



Malayalam director Joseph Manu James is no more. He was reportedly undergoing treatment for hepatitis and unfortunately lost his life on February 24. He was 31. What's more shocking is that his demise comes just a few days before the release of his debut film 'Nancy Rani'. Aju Varghese, who worked with Manu James in 'Nancy Rani', paid his heartfelt condolences after learning about his untimely demise. "Gone too soon brother. Prayers," Varghese wrote. Ahaana Krishna, who starred in Manu James' first film, too reacted to the news. "Rest in peace Manu! This shouldn't have happened to you," she wrote on Instagram Story. Manu debuted in the entertainment industry as a child actor. He worked as a child actor in the 2004 film 'I am Curious' directed by Sabu James. Manu James has also worked as an assistant director in Malayalam, Kannada, and Hindi film industries. His funeral was held on Sunday. The last rites were held on Sunday at Kuravilangad of Kerala's Kottayam district. Starting off as a child actor in 2004 in 'I am curious', Manu Joseph went on to become an assistant director in Malayalam, Kannada, and Hindi movies. The Malayalam film fraternity has expressed shock and dismay over the demise of the young filmmaker. Joseph Manu James is survived by his wife Naina, and siblings.

Nicholas Lumb and the Female Goddess in Ted Hughes's Gaudete: A Study in the Light of Postanthropocentric Posthumanism



Bratati Barik Saikat Kumar Basu

Rosi Braidotti in her book, "The Posthuman" (2013) observes, 'The environmental alternative is a new holistic approach that combines cosmology with anthropology and post-secular, mostly feminist spirituality, to assert the need for loving respect for diversity in both its human and non-human forms' (Braidotti, 48). And Ted Hughes's presentation of Reverend Nicholas Lumb and his clone in his Gaudete, originally published in 1977 invokes a post anthropocentric posthuman who wipes out the fear of boundary and invokes a posthuman world that diffuses the position of human beings at the centre by dissolving boundaries and limitations against interconnectedness in his attempt to heal the unknown female goddess. Ted Hughes's Gaudete (1977), a kind of a play with a prologue and an epilogue begins with Reverend Nicholas Lumb, an Anglican Clergyman and vicar of a sleepy modern English village. Nicholas Lumb, abducted by the spirits, is taken to the underworld in order to perform the healing of a sick female figure. The spirits create a duplicate of Nicholas Lumb to take his place in the ordinary world and perform his work in this real world. The duplicate and clone of Nicholas Lumb to be called Lumb 2 henceforth. Although the appearance of Lumb 2, the clone resembles the original Nicholas Lumb, the character and his role of a clergyman undergoes a complete reversal.

Lumb 2 appears in the world as a fertility spirit, completely dominated by his sex drive. In an attempt to perform the dual role of the substitute vicar and that of a fertility spirit, Lumb 2 creates a new religion and forms a secret society with women where he preaches the doctrine of a new messiah to be born. Lumb 2's adventurous mission as to the creation of a new individual, reflects the bankruptcy of the prevailing Christian religion and looks forward to the inception of a new religion that would grow along with nature and would contest with the arrogance and aggression of anthropocentrism. Mark Jackson in "Coloniality, Ontology, and the Question of the Posthuman" (2013), shakes off anthropocentric fervour by declaring, 'Human thought and agency is comprised of the agencies afforded through, for example, bees (food and thus energy), bacteria (digestion), affects (sensibility and feeling), neurons (creative connections), geohistories (forces of production), silicone technologies (speed and connection), shared ideas (economics and connection), sunlight, and cosmological immanence" (Jackson, 8). Jackson's assertion reveals that human beings become parts of multiple things of the macrocosmic universe. In Hughes's Gaudete, Lumb 2 maintains a close relation with the agents of nature and challenges the notion of human supremacy. Lumb 2 places the human beings and all other

human and non-human agents on an equal plane and establishes post anthropocentric convictions. Lumb 2 attempts to dislocate the colonial atrocities of humans on nature by the creation of a new Messiah who will spread the predominance of nature. The setting in Ted Hughes' Gaudete predicts major issues concerning the contemporary discourse of posthumanism. Ekbart Faas in The Unaccommodated Universe (1980) observes, 'the landscape in which the drama takes place has a logical and consistent shape, and small details suggest that Hughes had a clear map of it in which to set the headlong narrative through which he wished to push his readers (Faas, 214)'. The amalgamation of the sounds, the smells and the heat of animal bodies amplify the sheer abundance of plant and animal life in the Springtime landscape that occupy the same level of existence like that of human beings. The presentation of landscape in Gaudete with clear indication of its existence at the equal footing with other aspects of nature and the human beings, in particular dissolves the sense of anthropocentric outlook and ultimately unifies all species. The landscape along with the bio-genetic clone of Lumb 2 enters into a biopolitics that displaces anthropocentrism and at the same time recognises the significance of life beyond human species. The basic interventions of Lumb 2 with regard to the landscape in Gaudete and the interactions with the animals, the nonhumans and the human beings in it, establish a trans species solidarity as the basis of our being environmentally

based, and that makes Lumb 2 a true embodiment of post anthropocentric posthumanism. Lumb 2, the clone of the original Reverend Nicholas Lumb is an advanced representation of the recent trends of the products of biogenetics. Lumb 2 invokes cultural dissemination by the transmission of the ideas, meanings and values of anti-anthropocentrism by extending and intensifying the social relations in conjunction with its relationship with the environment and earth science. Lumb 2, the clone, itself a product of biotechnological imagination counters the responsibilities of the original Reverend Nicholas Lumb by its mission of forming a new cultural set up that blurs the boundaries between the human and the nonhuman, the human and the technological, and the human and the environmental by making its association with other human beings, other animals and the subhuman creatures and the environment. Lumb 2 wins over the original Reverend Nicholas Lumb who is an embodiment of anthropocentrism, entrusted with the task of healing a female goddess in the underworld. The sense of victory of the clone, Lumb 2 over anthropocentrism is expressed through his self assertion in "Gaudete" from Ted Hughes: Collected Poems: A doctor extracted From my blood its tusk Excavated The mountain-root from my body Excised The seven-seas' spring from under my eye-tooth Emptied my skull Of clouds and stars Pounded up what was left Dried it and lit it and read by its flame A story to his child About a God Who ripped his mother's womb And entered it, with a sword and a torch

To find a father. (Hughes, lines 188-89) Lumb 2 seeks to strike an alliance with the productive and immanent forces of life in its nonhuman aspects and this is evident from his assertion in "Gaudete" from Ted Hughes: Collected Poems where he forces his position on an equal level with that of the human beings and that too in combination with all other aspects of nature by declaring: The throat of strong water in the neck of the pool Is jabbering a babel, to which he listens. Voices shut him in. He sees up through a spiralling stair of voices Into the sun's blaze cupola. He recognises voices out of his past. Peremptory trivial phrases, Distinct and sudden, behind him and beside him. One voice is coming clearer, insistent. It calls his name repeatedly, searchingly. It is his own voice. As the other voices thicken over him He manages, as from his deep listening, to answer: 'I'm here. (Hughes, line 77) The adaptation of different cultures has made Lumb 2 an individual who partakes in extended social relations that cross the borders of human and the non-human. Cultural dissemination, involving the formation of shared norms and knowledge with which people associate their individual and collective cultural identities, provides the impetus for the creation and expansion of such relations and increases interconnectedness among different populations and cultures. The Epilogue, which begins with a picture of the returned Lumb on the west coast of Ireland, becomes the most important tramp figure of Hughes. He returns as a wandering Jew or the Ancient Mariner

or the fallen King Oedipus who are condemned henceforth or blessed to carry the burden of their experience on the fringes of society with the memories of failure that they encountered in the underworld. Lumb buried the memories of failure to heal the unnamed goddess and his experience with her. A remarkable change is noticeable in Lumb at his return from the underworld and a new Lumb re-emerges with different values, namely those of humility not violence, those of submission of the will, not of blind self-assertion. Lumb ultimately shares the fate of the woman goddess who have been victims of his cause. The failure to heal the unknown white goddess is a defeat of the anthropocentric Lumb who required a transformation into a post anthropocentric view in order to heal the unknown goddess who is an embodiment of feminist posthumanities. By refusing to be healed the female goddess actually questions the autonomy of anthropocentric and androcentric humanism that separates the human from everything that is non-human. The extermination of the female goddess reaffirms Darwin's concept of natural selection as the female goddess refuses to accept submission to the hands of androcentrism as represented by Nicholas Lumb. Darwin observed, "Though nature grants vast periods of time for the work of natural selection, she does not grant an indefinite period, for as all organic beings are striving, it may be said, to seize on each place in the economy of nature, if anyone species does not become modified and improved in a corresponding degree with its competitors, it will soon be exterminated" (

Darwin, 74-75). In Hughes's Gaudete, the female goddess is exterminated not by natural interference but the extermination occurs due to the infringement of her natural rights by the anthropocentric and androcentric interventions of Reverend Lumb. Ted Hughes in Winter Pollen: Occasional Prose reveals his observation on nature's course of action. He asserts, 'Nature's obsession, after all, is to survive. As far as she is concerned, every new baby is a completely fresh start. If Westernized civilized man, the evolutionary error, is still open to correction, presumably she will correct him. If he is not open enough, she will still make the attempt' (Scammell, 135). The transformed and submissive Lumb at the end of the epilogue testifies to the function of the female goddess for bringing about remarkable positive changes in Hughes' Gaudete. The female goddess is the mother Earth, the earth goddess and the genesis of all other creations. Lumb's attempt to heal the female goddess and his subsequent failure to do so is finally preserved in the in-between- state of

existence that remains as something beyond good and beyond evil. The question remains as to what extent is it life-advancing, life-preserving and species-preserving. The representation of Lumb 2 along with Reverend Nicholas Lumb and the female goddess in Ted Hughes's Gaudete invokes a biotechnological age that welcomes a metamorphosis of the present world with its reworking of the cloning of human life that seeks a post anthropocentric outlook by enhancing relationship and diffusing the boundaries between human and the nonhuman, between human and other species, between the environment and the earth in an all-consuming commodification of life that work in tandem with post-anthropocentric posthumanism.

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Letter To Editor

Sir, Manja string still being used extensively

Even though National Green Tribunal has imposed a ban on the "manja" string it is still widely and boldly being used in many states. Because "manja" is coated with glass, metal, and other sharp materials, these strings act as good conductors of electricity, making it more likely that a cut manja cord will snag on power lines, Keep kite flying and passers by away. Mangja maims and kills thousands of pigeons, crows, owls, endangered vultures and other birds each year, tearing their wings and sometimes cutting off their legs. Humans are not safe from deathcode either. Many people have had their throats cut while walking, riding a motorcycle or scooter, or getting into a car with their head stuck out the window. Also, when one of his power lines is cut by Manja, it can affect thousands of people. According to reports, it's hard to believe the authorities are still allowing manja in the country. Without laws banning their production, sale, and use, no one is safe from deadly sharp lines.

Vijaykumar H K Environmentalist Raichur, Karnataka

Centre Denies Permission To Prosecute 30 Armymen Over Botched Nagaland Op



Guwahati: The Centre has denied sanction to prosecute 30 army personnel allegedly involved in a botched counter-insurgency operation in Nagaland in December 2021, in which 14 young men were killed, according to the state police. The army men were named in a charge sheet filed by a Nagaland Special Investigation Team (SIT) that investigated the firing in Nagaland's Mon district. "The competent authority (Department of Military Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Government of India) has conveyed its denial to accord sanction for prosecution against all 30 accused," said a statement by the Nagaland police. The Union Defence Ministry's denial of sanction has been conveyed to a court, the

police said on Thursday. On December 4, 2021, six local coal miners at Tiru-Oting area of Mon district were killed by soldiers of the 21 Para Special Forces of the Indian Army. The army, which had fired at a pickup truck carrying the miners, claimed it was a case of mistaken identity. Soon after the incident, angry villagers set ablaze two security vehicles, sparking off another round of firing by the forces, in which at least seven villagers and one security personnel were killed. Amid tension and protests, another Naga youth was killed in firing by security forces in Mon town the next day. A special investigation team (SIT), headed by the Nagaland police chief, probed the incident and on March 24, 2022, sought the Union Defence Ministry's sanction to

prosecute the army men. The SIT submitted the names of 30 personnel of 21 Para Special Forces in its charge sheet in court on May 30, 2022. The charges against them included murder, attempt and destruction of evidence. The SIT said the miners were "shot with a clear intention to kill". The Centre's legal sanction is required to initiate any action against security forces for their actions while discharging duties under various laws, including the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA), which gives the forces sweeping powers in troubled regions. The Army also set up an independent Court of Inquiry into the incident, assuring action against anyone found guilty. However, the army said it could not take any action as the case was before the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court on July 19 paused any proceedings in the case after the wives of the accused security forces personnel requested it to cancel the Nagaland police FIR (First Information Report) and the report of the SIT.



PM attends Tamil New Year celebrations, in New Delhi

India Records Over 11,000 Fresh Covid Cases, 9% More Than Yesterday

New Delhi: India today recorded 11,109 fresh Covid cases, taking the active infections beyond to 49,622. The daily covid cases is the highest in 236 days, according to data by the Union health ministry. The death count climbed to 5,31,064 with 29 deaths.

While three deaths each were reported from Delhi and Rajasthan, two each were from Chhattisgarh and Punjab and one each from Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh besides nine reconciled by Kerala, the data updated at 8 am stated. Amid a gradual increase in the number of Covid cases, medical experts have said the virus' new XBB.1.16

variant could be driving the surge. However, they maintained that there is no need to panic and people should follow Covid-appropriate behaviour and get their booster shots.



They also said this rise in the number of cases could be the result of more people getting themselves tested for Covid as a precaution when they actually get infected with the influenza virus and develop fever and related symptoms. The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has said the rise in the number of influenza cases is due to the Influenza A sub-type H3N2. The H3N2 virus is leading to more hospitalisation than the other subtypes. The symptoms include a runny nose, persistent cough and fever.

Babasaheb's Birth anniversary Celebrated

Ranchi(KCN) : Baba Saheb's dreams of building an egalitarian society and social justice are unfulfilled even after 75 years of independence. To fulfill this, the government and all Dalit and native organizations should come forward so that Baba Saheb's dreams can be fulfilled :- Vijay Shankar nayak



The above mentioned things today said By Jharkhand Bachao Morcha's Central Convenor former MLA candidate Vijay Shankar Nayak * while offering garland to Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar somewhere in Doranda Ambedkar Chowk * He also stated that even after 75 years of independence, today the entire Dalit society Marginalized today despite having their rights in the constitution Whether it is the field of education, the field of employment, the social field or the political field, today the Dalit community is standing at the last position. He said that Babasaheb Ambedkar's dreams of building an egalitarian society and social justice have remained unfulfilled even after independence. Inhuman atrocities are still happening with Dalits. Due to which there has been as much development as in independent India it was supposed to happen, it didn't happen even today and today they are lagging behind day by day in all fields. Mr. Nayak further said that in order to fulfill the dreams of Baba Saheb, we have to come together, especially the Dalit tribal organizations, to put

pressure on the government for not fulfilling the dreams seen by them, only then it will be good for the society sitting at the last rung. It is possible But it is unfortunate that in spite of having thousands of organizations from Dalit tribal natives in independent India, this society is still backward, for this we need to think

and meditate. Mr. Nayak further said that even today in Jharkhand Scheduled Castes Commission is not formed, along with Scheduled Castes, their development is being stopped by stopping their constitutionally given rights by the government Students at the right time Scholarship is not being given to Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Pardesi Not a single

scheduled caste student and students are deliberately selected in the scheme, promotions are being kept hanging for years for the officers and employees of scheduled castes and tribes, if there is a promotion then they are not being posted, today Scheduled Castes Tribes and Natives in the State The society is standing on the margins today, in the wreath laying program, senior leaders of Jharkhand Bachao Morcha Ranjit Oraon, Vicky Pahan, Anand Tamba, Deepak Paswan, Mantu Ram, Ajay Nag, Ashok Paswan, Sanjay Ghosh, Kundan Kumar Sinha, Mohammad Parvez, Deepak Ram, Pappu Singh, Rajendra Munda and others were present

Bharat Ratna Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's 132nd Birthday Celebrations at NIT Warangal

Warangal (KCN): Bharat Ratna Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's 132nd birthday celebrations were organized by Ambedkar Learning Center and SC, ST Cell, NIT Warangal Prof. C. Krishna Mohan, IIT Hyderabad, Dr. J. S. Paranjyothi, Chairman, Oasis Educational Institutions, Prof. N. V. Ramana Rao, Director, NIT Warangal, Shri. S. Govardhan Rao, Registrar, NIT Warangal and Prof. S. Anuradha, Liaison Officer, SC/ST cell have participated in the event.



Prof. C. Krishna Mohan stated that Dr. B. R. Ambedkar is an inspiration for him. He said he was a great

parliamentarian and a great human being. He said all of us should follow his principles to lead a better life. Dr. J. S. Paranjyothi said, Dr. Ambedkar was a life long learner and has contributed in many ways to the society. Prof. N. V. Ramana Rao said that Dr. B. R. Ambedkar was the

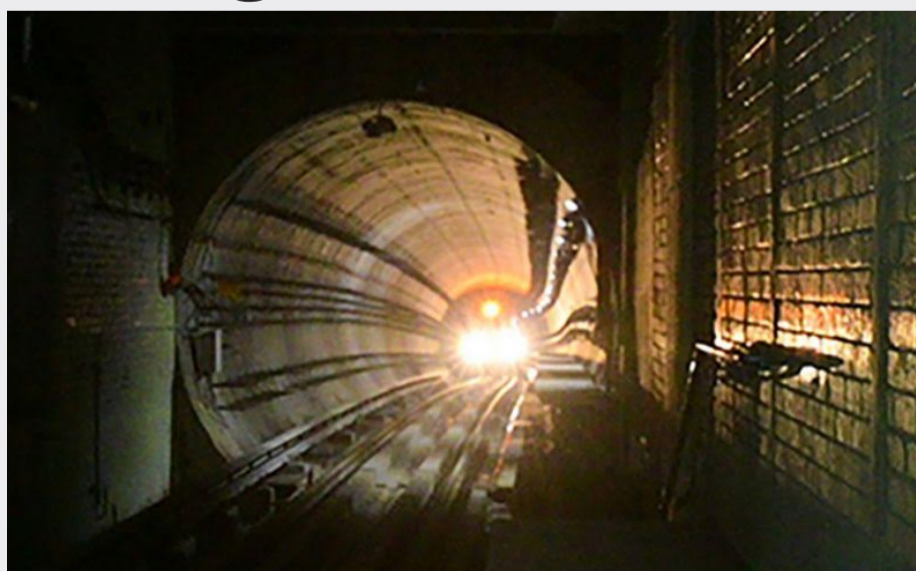
reason behind the financial system and RBI establishment. He believed education can only transform society and he urged the students to find inspiration and follow such a wonderful leader. Shri. S. Govardhan Rao, spoke on the contributions made by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar to

the society. He said Ambedkar was a great leader and on this day it important for us to not forget to follow his principles. Prof. S. Anuradha briefed on the activities being conducted in the SC/ST cell. She said Government of India is giving out various facilities and she urged students to make use of those facilities. Later on, events like essay writing, quiz were conducted for students and Prizes were distributed. Mr. Thota Madhu, Mayaram Ade, Adarsh, Shakar Nayak, Chandar, Videsh Ram, Deva Raj, Lok Nayak and Yakub from students coordinated the event.

DVC Achieves Record-Breaking Performance and Sets Ambitious Growth Targets for the Future

Kolkata,(ABHIJIT SETH): During a press conference held recently at DVC Towers, Kolkata; the Chairman of Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) - Mr. Ram Naresh Singh shared that Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) had an exceptional performance in all of its business verticals, concluding the last fiscal year on a trailblazing note. DVC achieved the highest operational parameters in terms of PLF and transmission system availability, and plans to increase production

capacity to over 15,000 MW by 2030, including around 6,000 MW in renewable energy. The press conference was also attended by Shri M. Raghu Ram, Member (Technical), Shri Arup Sarkar, Member (Finance), and Dr John Mathai, Member-Secretary. DVC's captive coal mine in Tubed, Latehar district, Jharkhand has started production, enhancing the fuel security of the organization's thermal power plants. DVC also exceeded the Ministry of Power's capital expenditure target, reaching 102%



utilization, with FGD projects progressing well and expected to be completed ahead of schedule. DVC's R&D division is also contributing to growth

through Waste to Energy projects, in collaboration with NIT, Jamshedpur. DVC's decommissioned 210 MW Units of BTPS

will be dismantled soon, making way for new-age power solutions as the technical feasibility study for Green Hydrogen and Battery

Energy Storage System projects was successful. The organization is hopeful that its upcoming projects will create numerous employment opportunities. The Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) is a government-owned power utility company in India that was established in 1948 as the first multipurpose river valley project of independent India. It is headquartered in Kolkata and operates in the states of Jharkhand and West Bengal. The primary objective of DVC was to harness the water and power potential of

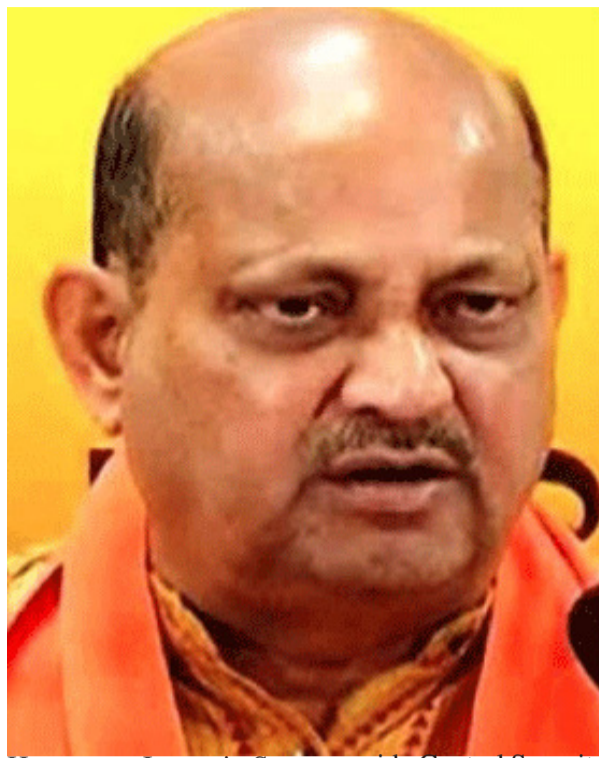
the Damodar River to provide irrigation, flood control, and electricity generation. Over the years, DVC has played a significant role in the economic development of the region, providing reliable and affordable power to industries and households. Today, it is one of the largest power utilities in India, with a diversified portfolio of power generation sources, including thermal, hydro, and renewable energy, and a total installed capacity of over 10,000 MW.

Samal Questions Silence

Bhubaneswar: State BJP President Manmohan Samal on Thursday questioned the silence of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on the communal violence erupted in Sambalpur last evening. When the motorcycle rally organized for Hanuman Jayanti yesterday in Sambalpur was going peacefully, the manner in which some anti-social Muslims pelted stones, attacked with swords, hit them with lathis, and burnt the vehicles was very painful and condemnable, Shri Samal said. More than 10 policemen and some Hindus participated in the procession were injured in the incident. "Who is disturbing peace-loving Odisha and how the State Government is tight-lipped is a big question," the BJP President said. Though 12 hours have

passed since the incident, why is the Chief Minister, who is holding the Home department, sitting silent without giving any explanation?, he questioned. The failure of the Police Department in the incident is visible. Before the procession, the Hanuman Jayanti Samanoya Samithi had urged the District Administration to deploy more police personnel in communally sensitive areas where there was a risk of such incidents. Why did the State Government not pay attention to that direction?, he further questioned. Though few policemen were deployed for the rally, all remained silent spectators during the violence, he alleged. "What the State Police doing? It is very surprising that under what circumstances, a large amount of stones were

stored on many houses by anti-social Muslim youths and how the intelligence system doesn't have any clue about it?," Shri Samal asked. Many videos are going viral in the media and social media where it is clear who is attacking the Hindu youths. However, the police are not arresting them, he further alleged. Manmohan asked whether there is pressure on the police not to arrest the rioters from the ruling party or the government. Hundreds of bikes of the Hindu brothers involved in the procession have been attacked. Many, including Hanuman Jayanti Co-ordinating President Damdor Kar, are still in critical condition, he said, adding, "Common people in Sambalpur are now in terror." Tomorrow is the holy



Hanuman Jayanti. So, the government should take efforts to ensure that the common people can celebrate the Jayanti peacefully, he added. If the Police is incapable, he urged the State Government should immediately request the Central Government to

provide Central Security Forces. The BJP State President demanded that the State Government should set up a high-level committee to investigate the incident and arrest all the rioters within 24 hours. Calling violence as a "Governance Deficit", senior BJP leader and Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan alleged that the law and order situation has completely collapsed in Odisha. He described the violence in Sambalpur as an "Unfortunate" incident. Shri Pradhan said that he was pained that the police personnel were targeted and 10 of them were injured besides a large number of civilians. Police personnel getting injured in the clash is a classic case of deterioration in law and order situation" in the state, he said, adding that the state government has failed to maintain order in Sambalpur, the city where Hanuman Jayanti celebrations are being held for a long time. Apart from the police, a lot of poor and innocent people were also attacked and left injured, he said. BJD Spokesperson

Shreemayee Mishra urged Shri Pradhan not to politicise the law and order situation in Odisha. "Such law and order situations are much more in BJP-ruled states like Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra and even in Madhya Pradesh from where you are elected to Rajya Sabha," she said. Such incidents are sensitive matters and should be dealt with restraint rather than by politicizing it, Shrimati Mishra said. To handle the law and order situation firmly all necessary steps have been taken to ensure normalcy and peace which is evident to everybody, the BJD leader added. Meanwhile, Sambalpur SP B. Gangadhar said 43 persons have been detained in the incident, of which 26 have been forwarded to Court after getting evidence against them.

The police conducted a flag march from Zilla School Chhak on Thursday to maintain law and order in the town. Sambalpur District magistrate Ananya Das and SP Shri Gangadhar participated in the flag march. Shrimati Das assured a peaceful procession on Hanuman Jayanti scheduled to be observed on April 14. "We discussed with both the groups and they have assured us to conduct the Hanuman Jayanti procession in a peaceful manner. We have taken strong action against the people involved in yesterday's violence," said the District Magistrate. More number of forces have been deployed on the ground and made requisitions for additional platoons of police force for Hanuman Jayanti procession tomorrow, she said.

Harishchandra Aid Hiked

Bhubaneswar: Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Thursday enhanced the assistance being provided to perform last rites under Harishchandra Sahayata Yojana. Earlier, Rs 2000 was given to the next of kin of a deceased person for performing last rites of the deceased in rural areas. This has been enhanced to Rs. 3000. Similarly, the amount of Harishchandra Sahayata has been enhanced from Rs 3000 to Rs 4000 for urban areas and Puri Swargadwar. It is to be noted that



financial assistance is provided to poor people for performing the last rites of their deceased relatives. The fund is given from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund. A revolving fund of Rs 15,000 has been sanctioned for each

Gram Panchayat for the above-mentioned assistance. Hence, for the Revolving Fund of panchayats across the State, an amount of Rs 10.19 crore has been sanctioned. To monitor this new process either the extension officer of gram panchayat or any other block-level officer will be given charge. To meet the change, the necessary changes have been made in the software and the list of panchayats has been prepared.

SOA On Next Gen



Bhubaneswar: Delegates from eight different countries, presently on an exposure trip to India to learn about the country's democratic governance structure, will be attending a seminar on the subject to be held at Siksha 'O' Anusandhan (SOA) here on April 15. The Gen-Next Democracy Network program, as it is known, which has been organised by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) as part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', would enable the visiting delegates to get a comprehensive overview of India's democratic traditions, cultural heritage and developmental initiatives. The delegates, who

arrived in India on Monday, would be briefed about India's governance structure at the central, state and local government level as also the country's progress in economic sectors, in the field of science and its technological capabilities. Twenty-six of the delegates, comprising lawmakers, businessmen, journalists, scholars, activists and youth leaders drawn from Portugal, South Africa, Mongolia, Croatia, Guyana, Brazil, Belgium and Bulgaria would be visiting Odisha on a four-day trip from Friday. They would attend a seminar on 'Democracy and Governance' to be held at SOA on April 15. SOA would also organize cultural evenings for the visiting delegates from


April 14 to 16 to provide them a peek into the state's rich cultural heritage. Besides making trips to places of importance in and around Bhubaneswar, the visitors would also interact with cultural groups, research forums, academia, think tanks and other relevant stakeholders. They are also scheduled to call on the Governor, Ganeshi Lal and Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik. According to ICCR, the objective of the visit was to share India's democratic values with other countries across the globe as the country celebrated 75 years of independence and provide an understanding of India's democratic journey.

President, PM, Odisha CM Greet People On Odia New Year

Bhubaneswar: President Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik today wished the people of the state on the occasion of Odia New Year. "On the occasion of this Odia New Year, I extend my heartfelt greetings and wish prosperity and happiness to the beloved people of Odisha," the President tweeted. G20 Finance Ministers agree to address debt stress, discuss Ukraine and crypto assets. Sitharaman lists progress on key G20 issues during India's presidency. "Happy Maha Bishuba Pana Sankranti and Odia New Year. Have a healthy and happy year ahead," the PM said in his tweet. "May the immense grace of Lord Jagannath bring new opportunities and possibilities for everyone in this New Year," tweeted CM Patnaik. Renowned sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik sculpted a sand art of Lord Hanuman on the occasion at the Puri beach to greet people.



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Vitesco Technologies aims to achieve 100% carbon neutral production by 2030

Pune : Vitesco Technologies a leading international manufacturer of modern drive technologies and electrification solutions recently celebrated the second anniversary of its Pune facility. Dr. Hans-Jürgen Braun, Senior Vice President of Operations at Vitesco Technologies, visited the facility to commemorate the occasion. The facility is spread across 20 acres and contains more than 17580 m² of manufacturing space, including over 900 employees.

The Pune plant, like all Vitesco Technologies facilities, serves its grid demand entirely through renewable energy sources. Furthermore, the site generates sustainable electricity. All new photovoltaic systems have been built

in the Talegaon facility, generating 03 GWh of electricity from solar energy. The installed capacity is currently 2.6 MW, with the company aiming to increase it to 3.6MW by the end of the year. The facility is also strongly driving automation, digitization, and Industry 4.0, with over 25 cobots and robots installed on the production lines and shopfloor. During his tour of the facility, Dr. Hans-Jürgen Braun, Head of Operations at Vitesco Technologies said, "We have a clear vision of the key characteristics of the plant of the future, which are sustainable, smart, and predictive. And our plant in Pune already embodies these qualities with highly automated production lines, state-of-the-art Industry 4.0 solutions and a strong

focus on sustainability. But what is most important for me is the highly motivated team, because I genuinely believe that people, not only technology, will shape the plant of the future. I am very impressed with India's business competency and the employees' enthusiasm to support us on this journey.

Dr. Braun further highlighted that "The carbon footprint must be dramatically decreased to combat climate change, which is one of the major issues of our time. We must take on responsibility for our environment. As a result, the plant of the future must be climate-neutral in operation. That is why I am proud that the plant in Pune has truly established itself as a driver of sustainability."

Spice Money nearly doubles its nanopreneur (Adhikari) network hitting 1 million milestone in FY22

New Delhi: Spice Money, India's leading rural fintech that is revolutionising the way Bharat banks, achieved the significant milestone of 1 million Adhikaris (nanopreneurs) in FY22, growing by nearly double over the last financial year. Spice Money's strategy, to provide the first-of-its-kind zero investment model, continues to yield results and growth in Adhikaris. This network is spread across rural India covering more than 95% rural pincodes, 700+ districts serving a base of over 100 million consumers, through the Spice Money app and web portal.

In FY23 Spice Money aims to expand into other digital and financial services. The company will consolidate its ATM, banking and payments

business, while scaling its enterprise Cash Management Services (CMS) business. The company, additionally, will be introducing a financial products & services marketplace which will offer solutions such as insurance, credit etc. Considering the crucial role agriculture plays in the rural economy, Spice Money will also venture into digital solutions for the industry. With the country emerging from the pandemic, Spice Money will expand its travel tech platform, Travel Union, to offer a first-of-its-kind solution for all travel agents in semi-urban and rural India. Through its phygital super app, the company will disseminate multiple digital services including education, e-commerce

and healthcare to the masses. On this occasion, Dilip Modi, Founder, Spice Money said "FY22 has witnessed commendable growth, with Spice Money showcasing consistent double-digit growth over the past eight quarters.

We continue to remain bullish about rapid adoption of digital services in rural India, as we aim to foray into new business segments in FY23. Spice Money's phygital super app will further help rural communities get essential services like basic banking, payment services, financial services, travel services and entrepreneur solutions along with healthcare and e-commerce at their doorstep, assisted by Spice Money's 1 million+ Adhikaris.

Sterlite Power wins orders worth INR 1600 crores

New Delhi: Sterlite Power, a leading power transmission developer and solutions provider, has secured multiple orders worth ~INR 1600 crores across its Solutions business in the domestic and international markets.

The company has secured orders from customers like Power Grid Corporation of India (PGCIL), Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC), and West Bengal State Electricity Transmission Company Limited (WBSETCL) in the MSI (Master System Integrator) segment. The orders are for the installation and supply of high-performance conductors and reconductoring solutions for transmission projects. In the Products segment, Sterlite Power has acquired strategic maiden orders of EHV cables for state transmission utilities in Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Karnataka and orders for overhead lines from large and reputed international

customers in North America and CIS regions.

Commenting on the order wins, Mr. Manish Agarwal, CEO - India Transmission Business, Sterlite Power, said, "We are happy to win these new orders across our Solutions business which significantly adds to our robust orderbook. Our integrated model provides us with a strategic advantage in delivering complex projects successfully while also diversifying our revenue base."

As part of its Solutions business unit, the company manufactures and sells a diversified portfolio of products, covering high performance conductors, OPGW and EHV power cables, to international customers, including central and state electricity transmission companies, transmission developers and transmission engineering, procurement, and construction ("EPC")

contractors. Further, its MSI sub-unit is a provider of specialty contracting services, delivering bespoke solutions for the upgrade, uprate and fiberization of brownfield transmission infrastructure projects. In addition, the company also offers underground EHV turnkey services including cable laying and substation development.

Under its infrastructure business segment, where the company bids to develop transmission projects, it has recently won inter-state transmission system projects in J&K as well as north-east India which will play a pivotal role in connecting clean and green power to the national grid. The Kishtwar transmission project is based in Jammu & Kashmir and comprises a 400/132kV GIS substation at Kishtwar and 400 kV Kishenpur - Dulhasti LILO (Line in Line out) transmission line.

Fire Service Week started by CISF

Talcher(KCN) : Fire Service Week celebrations have been started by CSF Unit NTPC Kanihan on Friday, 14.04.2023 from 14.04.2023 to 20.04.2023. The function was inaugurated by the chief guest Mr. Ashok Kumar Sehgal, GM (O&M)NTPC Kaniha Plant. Other General Managers Shri RN Das, Shri Y.M. Murali Krishna were present in the function. Mr. S. Ramakrishna and other senior officers Mr. P. A. Barik, Guru Brahmachari etc. and CSIs Sunil Kumar, District K. Dheer, B. Biswal and other officers and jawans



were present. After this, Deputy Commandant Brij Mohan Singh welcomed all the visitors and explained the purpose of celebrating Fire Services Day and Week in his address. Along with this, various programs to be organized during the

Fire Service Week were told. After this, the Chief Guest and the present visitors paid tribute to the firemen who sacrificed their lives during the fire fighting by offering flowers at the martyr's memorial pillar. After that two minutes silence was observed for the peace of the

souls of the martyrs. After this, oath was taken by the chief guest to all the people present to be aware of fire and a leaflet related to prevention and prevention of fire was released. After this, the chief guest, through his speech, inspired to be aware of the cause of fire and its prevention.

Along with this, he told that every year the incidents of fire are increasing in the country, so all the people should be alert and aware about the fire. At the end of his speech, the chief guest praised the devotion to duty and bravery of the CISF jawans. After that, Assistant Commandant / Agni Prem Chand Sharma thanked the chief guest and all the visitors present through his closing speech. The stage was conducted by female constable Upma Devi. At the end of the program, the chief guest flagged off a fire brigade along with a fire tender for Prabhat Pheri.

Lifestyle announces launch of Miss Raja Season 2 contest to celebrate Raja Parba in Odisha

Bhubaneswar : Lifestyle, India's leading fashion destination, announces its second season of Lifestyle Miss Raja in Bhubaneswar, to celebrate the occasion of Raja Parba. The #LifestyleMissRaja2022 contest aims to showcase the passion and unique fashion sensibilities of the city's young women. The three-day festival in Odisha, which is a celebration of womanhood, will be commemorated by Lifestyle through its 2nd season of Miss Raja Parba contest. Popular Ollywood actress Bhoomika Dash announced the contest on 27th May on her social

media #LifestyleMissRaja2022 welcomes young women from Bhubaneswar to participate in the contest by uploading their most stylish picture on Instagram using the hashtag and tagging @LifestyleStores. The entries would be evaluated on the basis of the stylish look created, and the number of likes garnered on the post. 10 pre-finalists will be announced on the 9th of June and invited for a stylish makeover in Lifestyle's newest trends by an industry expert and photographed professionally. These images will be further posted by the pre-finalists on their Instagram page for a voting round. The

contest will culminate on the 15th of June with the announcement of the winner with the highest votes. The grand finale will be conducted at the Lifestyle store in Esplanade One Mall and will have none other than the popular actress Bhoomika Dash announce the Lifestyle Miss Parba of 2022 and hand over voucher worth Rs. 50,000. The contest is being aggressively promoted through different online and offline avenues.

All the young fashionistas of Bhubaneswar who aspire to be successful models, #LifestyleMissRaja2022 provides a perfect platform to be recognized

for one's great fashion sense.

Announcing the contest, celebrity Bhoomika Dash said, "I feel glad to be associated with Lifestyle for the 2nd season of #LifestyleMissRaja2022 contest. This is a great way for the brand to connect with the young women of Bhubaneswar. Lifestyle is best known for its latest and trendy fashion collection across all categories with an affordable price range. Do visit the Lifestyle store at Esplanade mall for your Raja Parba shopping!"

Rohini Haldea, Assistant Vice President - Marketing, Lifestyle said,

"Celebrating the Raja Parba Fest in Bhubaneswar has been a great experience for us. The passion and enthusiasm of the participants truly fuel the energy of the contest. Lifestyle, with its trendy festive collection and #LifestyleMissRaja2022, proudly celebrates the festival with the young women of Bhubaneswar as a true ode to womanhood."

Lifestyle offers a great range of ethnic wear with vibrant colours and modern silhouettes that perfectly capture the vibe of the festive season.

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

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

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

EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCES AWAIT SINGAPORE AIRLINES CUSTOMERS

Singapore: Airlines (SIA) today unveiled its all-new flagship SilverKris and KrisFlyer Gold lounges at Singapore Changi Airport Terminal 3, following a S\$50 million re-design, upgrade, and expansion project. This will further enhance the on-ground customer experience at the Airline's main hub, and comes as the demand for international air travel from and through Singapore takes off once again.

The Private Room, the First Class section of the SilverKris Lounge, the Business Class section of the SilverKris Lounge, and the KrisFlyer Gold Lounge can collectively accommodate around

1,150 customers within their 6,100 square-metres, translating to 30% more seats and space. This also doubles the capacity that was available during the pandemic while the upgrading works were going on. The Airline has created a sanctuary that has been thoughtfully designed to enhance the comfort and convenience of diverse groups of travellers, and meet their evolving needs in the coming years. Customers will be able to enjoy world-class products and services, as well as enticing food and beverage options, around the clock at the lounges before their flight.

Mr Goh Choon Phong, Chief Executive Officer, Singapore Airlines, said:

"Extensive customer engagement and research have gone into the design of the new SilverKris and KrisFlyer Gold lounges. Customers will enjoy thoughtfully curated product offerings and experience the signature Singapore Airlines hospitality, all within a comfortable and restful environment, ensuring that they are refreshed and ready for their journey.

"Opening these lounges at this time signals our commitment to SIA's premium brand and growth strategy. It reinforces our position as Changi Airport's anchor airline, and reflects our confidence in Singapore's future as a pre-eminent global air hub."

WHEC recognizes Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham as excellence worldwide in Gender Equality

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

education to ensure sustainable development for the planet and humanity, as well as to define and prepare a roadmap for a new era of higher education. As the world comes out of COVID-19, the WHEC's goals and strategic scope remain, and the new timeframe represents an opportunity to deepen and expand common efforts of knowledge

production, policy dialogue, exchange, and networking. Swami Amritaswarupananda Puri, President of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, participated in a round table called "Universities' Contribution to Gender Equality: A global perspective". Adding to his views Swami Amritaswarupananda expressed how Amrita is

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

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

Dhoni injury not a worry for CSK; Stokes likely to miss three more games

Chennai: Chennai Super Kings management is confident MS Dhoni will continue to play despite being restricted by an injury. The franchise captain is nursing a knee injury with his movements restricted. However, the management says its longest-standing captain has not indicated that this'd force him to miss games in IPL 2023. "He will play," confirmed CSK CEO Kasi Viswanathan. "It is true that he has an injury to his knee but he has not told us otherwise." On Wednesday, the franchise felicitated him for leading the side for the 200th occasion. Dhoni's injury was revealed by coach

Stephen Fleming after the side's home match against Rajasthan Royals. "He is nursing a knee injury, which you can see in some of his movements. It's hindering him somewhat. His fitness has always been very professional. He comes a month before the tournament starts. He's a great player. We have never doubted him. He's just amazing," Fleming said.

Having retired from international cricket, Dhoni is his own man and he can continue to play on despite not being 100 percent, something he often does for CSK. Meanwhile, it has been revealed to Cricbuzz that Ben Stokes is likely to

miss at least three more games. The CSK official told this website that the England all-rounder and Test captain will require one more week to be fully fit to return to action. He is believed to have sustained the injury on his left toe while bowling.

"Ben is doing well, he is recovering fast, and should definitely be fit for the April 30 game," CSK CEO Kasi Viswanathan said. That is an afternoon match at the Chepauk against Punjab Kings. "He could even be ready earlier, maybe by the April 27 game," the CSK official added. The April 27 contest is a return match against Rajasthan Royals, against whom



the Chennai team lost narrowly at Chepauk on Wednesday night. Stokes, bought for Rs 16.25 crore, has played two games and missed as many so far. He managed scores of 7 and 8 in the two games and bowled only one over so far, without much impact. Deepak Chahar, another key player for the franchise, will take longer to recover and according to the management hopes he could be available at some stage during the season's campaign, possibly in the first week of May. "He will take longer than Ben to be back in action. Hopefully, he will be ready by the first week of May," Viswanathan said.

Chahar, the team's spearhead, walked off the field after bowling just one over against Mumbai Indians at the Wankhede last week. Both Stokes and Chahar will continue to travel with the side with the franchise support staff attending on them. The franchise will also be without Sisanda Magala, who could not complete his quota of overs against Rajasthan Royals and the CSK management says the South African will take at least a week to be ready for match play. CSK have two wins and two losses so far in IPL 2023 and they next play an away game against Royal Challengers Bangalore on April 17.

Van Niekerk officially calls time on stellar career

New Delhi: Dane van Niekerk ended her international career on Thursday, six days after her wife, Marizanne Kapp, hinted on social media that the decision was imminent. Van Niekerk leaves a skills, experience, leadership, character and personality void and a string of stellar stats, but also controversy over the circumstances that led her to walk away from South Africa's teams at the age of 29.

Just five players have scored more runs for South Africa in ODIs than Van Niekerk, and only Lizelle Lee has made more in T20Is. Van Niekerk is third among South Africa's ODI as well as the T20I wicket-takers. She is one of six women players worldwide with more than 1,000 runs, 50 wickets and 50 catches in ODIs. She won 29 of her 50 ODIs as captain, and half of her 30 T20Is. She



led South Africa to the World Cup semifinal in July 2017 and to the T20 version in March 2020. She played 193 white-ball internationals and one Test in a career that started in March 2009.

But Van Niekerk didn't play for South Africa after September 2021. She fractured her ankle in a fall at home in January last year, put on weight during her downtime, and was

ruled out of the T20 World Cup in February because she failed CSA's stringently applied fitness test - she was 18 seconds too slow in her two-kilometre run. Her axing divided opinion in the game in South Africa and beyond. In an interview with Cricbuzz published on Monday, Van Niekerk admitted that she had succumbed to "20,000 beers and KFC for no

particular reason" while she was away from the game. It would have been bittersweet for her that South Africa reached their first senior World Cup final, by a women's or a men's team, in her absence: Sune Luus was in charge of the side that went down to Australia by 19 runs at Newlands on February 26. "We are merely custodians of this sport; I hand it over

knowing I have given it my everything and that women's cricket is in a better place than when I arrived," Van Niekerk was quoted as saying in a CSA release on Thursday. "That must be the responsibility of the new group, to always make sure you are improving and making a difference. It is time for me to support the new leadership and wish them all the very best." To my amazing family. Thank you for your incredible love and support. From the age of four, you have seen the potential and did everything and anything to help me exceed. I will forever be grateful.

"My wife, Marizanne, you stood by my side since day one. Thank you for putting up with me and all that came with it, but yet, here you are. You are at the pinnacle of your career and it is my time to support you, the way you have supported me. I love you."

Trisha Chetty announces retirement from professional cricket

New Delhi: Trisha Chetty, the South African wicketkeeper-batter, announced her retirement from professional cricket. A recurring back problem forced the decision, bringing to an end a 21-year career in domestic and international cricket. The 34-year old, who made her international debut in 2007, featured in 134 ODIs and 82 T20Is as well as two Tests, finishing close to 4000 runs in international cricket. With 184 dismissals, Chetty ended her career as the wicketkeeper with most dismissals in women's ODIs while she also finished with 70 dismissals in T20Is. "I can still remember the incredible feeling I had back in 2007 as I walked over the boundary rope, dressed in green and gold for the first time. For the past 16 years, it has been a privilege to represent my country and play for the Proteas, and that feeling has never gone



away - each time I pulled on my South African kit I felt honoured to be doing so," Chetty said in a statement released by CSA on Friday (March 17). "But now, due to a recurring back injury for the past 5 years, the time has come for me to hang up my boots and let the gloves catch dust. I have tried everything to keep playing and have pushed as hard as I can but my body is signalling that it has no more to give and it is time to retire from all forms of cricket. "This was not an easy

decision for me, and even now, I can't quite believe my career is over. However, my cricket career has been a life-changing experience and I look back with no regrets and a full heart...Cricket has taught me about life, being disciplined, what it means to be professional and how to be a team player. For this, I will always be grateful. And I choose to continue to be grateful for cricket as I retire and transition into the next chapter of my life," she said.

I've been practising the same thing for three-four years - Tewatia

New Delhi: It got a bit too close for comfort for the Gujarat Titans, who took until the fifth ball of the final over to get over the line in a chase of 154 against Punjab Kings. A well-set Shubman Gill was dismissed off the second ball by Sam Curran, who gave away only three runs off his first four deliveries to leave the Titans needing four off the last two balls. But the calm head of Rahul Tewatia helped them prevail as he played a clever scoop shot to strike the winning boundary. That it came to the last over was thanks to some tight bowling from the Kings, with Harpreet Brar (1-20)

doing a good job in the middle overs to contain the Titans, who had a positive start in the powerplay. They got to 56 in the powerplay but managed only 55 runs in the next nine overs, which left them needing 43 off the last five overs. With Arshdeep not conceding a boundary in the 19th over, the pressure was on the Titans but they held their nerve to register their third win in four games.

While crediting the Kings bowlers for getting their team back in the game, Tewatia said he was well-prepared for the situation despite the old ball making it



difficult to find the boundaries at will. "Targets like these, sometimes they become one-sided games. The kind of start given by Wriddhiman Saha and Shubman Gill, they opened up the

match but they [PBKS] came back and bowled well in the middle overs, they did not concede boundaries for three-four overs. Credit should be given to them for pulling it back. Towards the

end it was reversing and it became difficult to hit at will. But this is cricket - they came back well but we finished the game to be on the winning side," said Tewatia. "When Shubman got

out and was coming back, he told me that the ball was reversing a bit. So it was a good thing, getting the information from a set batsman when I was going in to play two-three balls. So knowing before-hand that the ball was reversing kept me prepared," Tewatia said. "I had two things on my mind. The leg-side is a bigger side and I thought I could take a couple but I felt it was slightly risky and with two deliveries remaining I thought that was a better shot. The ball was also reversing. I backed myself and executed the shot. Finishing the game is not a new thing for

Tewatia, who has been at it since being given the role at Rajasthan Royals. This was the 11th time in 12 matches that the Titans emerged successful in a chase, with nine such chases being completed in the final over. Tewatia, who has played a key role in the Titans' success, spoke about his preparation for such situations. "Nothing happens overnight. I was given this role in 2020 when I was with the Rajasthan Royals. When they gave me the role, there was clarity. Batting at No.6 or No.7...obviously you have 14 league games and you get to bat eight or nine times in this situation. It's a different thing if your

team collapses and you get to bat in the 10th or 11th over. So most of the time you get to bat only after the 13th or 14th over. I have been practising the same thing for the last three-four years. "I give myself targets, I play a lot of match simulations - which gives me the idea when I can take the chance and how I can finish the match. According to me the most important thing is you need to know the right time and the right bowler. It's not like you can finish all 10 out of 10 matches but yes, you will finish the majority of the matches, which GT has been doing from the last season," said Tewatia.