

Deepali Files Nomination

Jharsuguda(KCN): Governing Biju Janata Dal (BJD) candidate Deepali Das today filed her nomination paper as a party candidate for the by-election to Jharsuguda assembly segment scheduled to be

Jena, Snehangini Chhuria, Rita Sahu and Sarada Nayak. Before proceeding in the procession, Deepali sought blessings of Goddess Pataneswari. Earlier on April 15, Deepali had received the

are debutants in the by-poll. The Jharsuguda by-poll is considered politically significant as it may be the last electoral; tussle among parties before the next general elections for Lok Sabha



held on May 10. Slain Minister Naba Kisore Das's daughter, Deepali went to the Jharsuguda Sub-Collector's office in a grand procession and submitted her nomination papers for the by-poll. This by-poll is being held following assassination of her father Naba Kisore Das on 29 January, 2023. Senior leaders and Ministers accompanied her during filing of nomination. The senior leaders included Prasanna Acharya, Debi Prasad Mishra, Pratap

party ticket from BJD President and Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik. "I will go to the people with the issue of development," she said, adding, "I will work under the guidance of the Chief Minister for the uplift and advancement of the women in the state." Prior to Deepali, BJP candidate Tankadhar Tripathy and Congress candidate Tarun Pandey have filed their nomination papers for the by-election. All the three candidates of the major political parties

and State Assembly scheduled to be held in 2024. Meanwhile, all the candidates have already started their campaigning for the 10 May by-poll despite scorching heat wave prevailing in Odisha's industrial town of Jharsuguda. While 20 April is the last date of filing nomination, the papers will be scrutinized next day and the last date of withdrawal of candidature is 24 April. Counting of votes to be held on 13 May, the a ECI notification said.



PRESIDENT OF INDIA IN SHIMLA; GRACES THE OPENING OF TULIP GARDEN AT RASHTRAPATI NIWAS MASHOBRA

CS Mantra For Zen Next

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Chief Secretary, Pradeep Kumar Jena graced a symposium on Disaster Management in Odisha held under "Zen Next-Democracy-Network" programme sponsored by the Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR), New Delhi. The Seminar was held on Monday at Convention Centre, Lok Seva Bhawan, in co-ordination with Odisha State Disaster Management Authority & 'SOA' University. Addressing to 26 delegates of eight countries i.e Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Croatia, Guyana, Mongolia, Portugal and South Africa participated in the seminar, Chief Secretary

Sri Jena shared about how Odisha has been able to manage disasters successfully under the visionary leadership of Chief Minister, Naveen Patnaik since 2000. Briefing the youth representatives of different countries, participated in the seminar, Chief Secretary said that, the Super Cyclone that occurred in 1999 caused us extensive damage. There was sketchy prediction about the cyclone at that time; we had inadequate preparedness and also lack of capacity to respond and no such disaster proof infrastructure. Stating the reason for damage caused during that Super Cyclone, CS



further explained that our ability to withstand 269 to 300 km wind speed at that time and lack of disaster resilient infrastructure led to the loss of about 10,000 lives. Also 18 lakh hectares of crops damaged and 20 lakh houses destroyed in that Cyclone in Odisha. Transport, telephone, electricity supply and roads were badly damaged. Since that

Super cyclone, we have faced 10 cyclones so far and learnt a lot. The experience of each cyclone was different. But due to our preparedness, we have been ensuring zero casualty since cyclone 'Bulbul' in 2019. Now, there has been paradigm shift in management of disaster. We have Robust Disaster Management Institutional mechanism; Impact based forecasting and targeted evacuation strategy and 879 multi-disaster resilient Multi Purpose Cyclone Centres/Flood Centres. With technology centric warning dissemination, pre deployment of NDRF, ODRAF, FIRE

Services are being ensured. Also advanced planning for restoration, pre-positioning of men, machine and material, involvement of elected representatives PRIs and empowered SHGs, Trained & resilient community have strengthened our Community led Disaster Preparedness. Besides, services of the Indian Defence Force at times of need is our core assets of our disaster management. "Our fight against COVID-19 was full of challenges," Sri Jena said, adding that Odisha was able to save many lives supplying Liquid Oxygen from to other States in times of dire need.

Odisha Accepts AFMS Docs

Bhubaneswar(KCN): In another significant step towards improving the quality of medical education in the State, Government has initiated steps for redeployment of superannuated teachers of Armed Force Medical Service (AFMS) in Odisha. This will be done in partnership with Ministry of defence, Ministry of Health and family welfare, and NITI Aayog. Engagement of these experienced teachers would add value to the excellence of medical education and health care services in Odisha. Secretary Health and Family Welfare, Shalini

Pandit wrote a letter to the Union Secretary H&FW stating the consent of State Government for acceptance of the scheme SRESTA (Scheme for redeployment of

Superannuated Teachers of the AFMS) in Medical College and Hospitals (MCHs) of Odisha. It may be pertinent here to mention that under this scheme, the retired medical teachers of the AFMS are registered in a national pool. The officers in this resource pool are known as SRESTA National Medical Faculty. Srimati Pandit said that the Director, Medical Education and Training was declared as Nodal Officer to carry forward this partnership on behalf of Government of Odisha.



Hanuman Jayanti Violence: VHP, Bajrang Dal Call For 12-Hour Bargarh Bandh Today

Bargarh(KCN): Following the recent attack on a faction of people during Hanuman Jayanti bike rally in Sambalpur, the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) and

Bajrang Dal today called for a 12-hour Bandh of Bargarh town on Wednesday, opposing the act. The call was later supported by local unit of Hindu Mahasabha.

Accordingly, all business establishments, marketplaces, shops, government & private offices and schools & colleges in the town will remain closed from 6 AM to 6 PM

tomorrow. Vehicular movements will be completely halted except the ones providing emergency services, a spokesperson of VHP stated. The 12-hour bandh

will be observed peacefully and a bike rally will be organised in Bargarh town later today to garner people's support in this regard. "It will be a complete ceasure," the leader added.



Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik at the Orientation Programme for newly appointed Inspector of Textiles and Auditors under HT&H Department through VC



Bureaucratic Reshuffle In Odisha; Indramani Tripathy Transferred, I&PR Deptt Gets New Director

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha Government today effected a bureaucratic reshuffle with transfer of an IAS officer and appointment of new Director of Information & Public Relations (I&PR) Department. As per the notification issued by General Administration & Public Grievance Department dated today, IAS Officer Indramani Tripathy presently serving as the Director of I&PR Department with additional charge of Director of SCSTRTI is appointed as Additional Secretary of ST & SC Development, Minorities & Backward Classes Welfare Department. The 2011-batch IAS officer is allowed to continue in additional charge of Director of STSTRTI, Bhubaneswar, the notification stated. Similarly, IAS Officer Saroj Kumar Samal was appointed as the Director of I&PR replacing Indramani Tripathy. The Government declared the post of Director of I&PR equivalent in status and responsibility to the post of Joint Secretary in IAS cadre of the state.

Will Mahanadi dispute end? Eyes on Tribunal's field visit; politics intensify in Odisha

Bhubaneswar: Amid the scorching heat and water crisis, the Mahanadi Water Disputes Tribunal is scheduled to undertake a field visit to Chhattisgarh starting tomorrow. The Tribunal team will visit several areas of Mahanadi upstream including the origin point, Sandur dam, Ravishankar Sagar and other major tributaries. The team will return to Delhi after taking stock at Samoda Dam on April 22. The second phase field visit is scheduled to start from April 29 and will continue till May 3, 2023. The Tribunal is likely to visit the Kelo Dam region on May 3, 2023. The team will take stock of the situation in the Hirakud dam's upper catchment areas including Kalma barrage and others between April 29 and May 3. There has been a constant drop in the water level downstream of Hirakud Dam. Most of the riverbed has completely dried up. "The Judges and other members of the Tribunal, legal teams of both states and other officials have a field



visit scheduled," said Anand Sahu, chief engineer of Hirakud Dam. Union Minister, Jal Shakti, Bisheswar Tudu said, "Odisha government is only shedding crocodile

tears. They have not asked me when I am here. They want to pass on the blame to the Centre." Meanwhile, the Opposition parties including the BJP and Congress have started

targeting the Odisha government on the Mahanadi issue. Odisha BJP General Secretary, Prithviraj Harichandan said, "It seems that the Mahanadi issue has

slipped out of Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik's hand. Now the government is trying to resolve the matter which seems to be difficult." According to Harichandan, the Centre had earlier offered to resolve the matter by mediating and even gave a proposal twice, but the Odisha government ignored it.

"Odisha government and the ruling BJD forgot about the Mahanadi issue and subsequent crisis soon after the 2019 elections. Even

though a field visit is being conducted, it may take a generation for the results to come," Harichandan added.

Congress MLA, Taraprasad Bahinipati said, "Odisha government lacks the commitment to resolve the Mahanadi dispute. It's already five years to the Tribunal. Odisha government had earlier told that the construction of barrages will have no impact, but now the Mahanadi has dried up downstream. Odisha will suffer if it doesn't

construct dams and barrages."

It is pertinent to mention here that Chhattisgarh has set up nearly 150 check dams for which the flow of Mahanadi water to Odisha has been affected.

Odisha Panchayatiraj Minister, Pradip Amat said, "Mahanadi is an inter-state dispute and the Centre has a major role. We have been saying that as several check dams upstream have been constructed by Chhattisgarh, there is less flow of water to Odisha downstream."

Bhubaneswar clocks 42.2 degrees Celsius by 2:30 PM; IMD issues heat wave, thunderstorm alert

Bhubaneswar: The residents of Bhubaneswar are now having a tough time coping with the extreme heat wave conditions that have been prevailing for the past few days. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) informed that Bhubaneswar recorded a maximum (day) temperature of 42.2 degrees Celsius by 2:30 pm on Tuesday.



Not only Bhubaneswar, but several parts of the state are also reeling under the scorching heat. Jharsuguda district recorded a maximum temperature of 42.6 degrees today (by 2:30 PM). "There will be no large change in maximum temperature during the next 2 to 3 days and fall by 2 to 3 degrees C thereafter at many places," said IMD. As per the IMD, the maximum temperature

is very likely to be 40 degrees Celsius and more and above normal by 2-3 degrees Celsius at many places over the districts of Odisha. Hot and humid weather conditions are very likely to prevail during the next 2 to 3 days in many places over the districts of Odisha.

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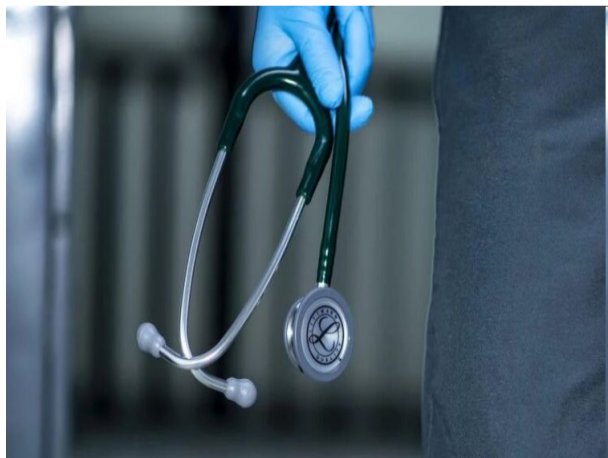
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Odisha Govt To Implement Scheme For Redeployment Of Superannuated AFMS Teachers

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha government today took initiative to implement the scheme for the redeployment of superannuated Armed Force Medical Services (AFMS) teachers in the State, as per provisions envisaged in Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas (SHRESHTA). Commissioner-cum-Secretary of Health and Family Welfare (H & F W) department, Govt of Odisha, Shalini



Pandit wrote a letter in this regard to the Union H&FW Ministry Secretary Rajesh Bhushan saying, "I am directed to say that the Government of Odisha after careful consideration have been pleased to adopt the 'Scheme for the redeployment of

superannuated teachers of the AFMS (SHRESHTA), developed by the AFMS in partnership with the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of H&FW and NITI Aayog." Odisha government will implement the redeployment

scheme in all Medical College and Hospital (MCH) of the State in order to improve the quality of medical education and healthcare services in such government-run MCHs apart from fulfilling the National Medical Commission (NMC) requirements.

"For the said purpose, the Director of Medical Education and Training (DMET)-Odisha has been declared as the Nodal Officer for implementation of the scheme in the State of Odisha," the letter read.

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Ram Charan Reveals He Wanted To Perform Naatu Naatu At Oscars, But Wasn't Approached

'RRR' star Ram Charan said he wanted to perform on the Academy Award-winning track 'Naatu Naatu' at the 95th edition of the Oscars. During Sunday's ceremony in Los Angeles, dancers belonging to different ethnicities performed on the foot-tapping number, sung live on the Dolby Theatre stage by singers Rahul Sipligunj and Kaala Bhairava. Charan said the dance troupe was "fantastic" with their performance. "I was 100 per cent ready to get that call but I truly don't know what happened. But let's not talk about it because the troupe who did it there, they were fantastic and they did a better job than us," the 37-year-old actor said. Charan, who landed in the national capital earlier in the day, was speaking at the India Today Conclave 2023. "I have done it so many times and on so many stages, now it's for us to relax and enjoy the show and see somebody else perform for India. I feel it is no longer our song, it is India's song. It's the people who have taken us to the carpet," he said at the event.

'Naatu Naatu', which was originally picturised on Charan and Jr NTR in the SS Rajamouli-directed period action film, created history after it won the Best Original Song Oscar. The trophy was received by composer MM Keeravaani and lyricist Chandrabose. Charan said the film's Oscar win is just "another feather on the hat" as he believes audiences love is the biggest reward. "I was just fortunate to be in the midst of that celebration. That kind of an event, we've been seeing it. I was a fanboy of the Academy since I was a kid. "But nothing is more than the audience and the theatre, that is my biggest award. What India has given us is my biggest award and rest everything was another feather on the hat," he said. The win for "Naatu Naatu" is a recognition for the collective Indian film industry, said the actor. "It is such an honour... What this acknowledgment did to us, not us, but for India, it's for technicians and directors, from Satyajit Ray to Rajamouli now,



we have all been recognised. "This is a unique acknowledgment our industry has got and for us to just represent that and be a part of it was definitely a responsibility. It was weighing on my shoulder but I was just enjoying the moment. That was more important than getting tense about the award." Charan believes the Academy and its voters have appreciated good cinema and "the excellence of director Rajamouli and his great team of MM Keeravani and Chandrabose". 'RRR' or 'Rise Roar Revolt' is a pre-independence fictional story following two real-life Indian

revolutionaries Alluri Sitarama Raju (Charan) and Komaram Bheem (Jr NTR) in the 1920s. Charan and Jr NTR had been friends before they worked on "RRR" and it needed somebody like Rajamouli to bring them together on the big screen. "If not for Mr Rajamouli, I swear I don't think we would have done this combination for any other director. Everything we have earned and built our careers... They used to say we were the rival families for 35 years but we never had it personally... "And to bring both of us together, to put our trust in somebody, it has to be Rajamouli and he knows

that. It will only happen because of him," he added. Charan, who earlier starred in Rajamouli's 2009 Telugu hit "Magadheera", said he enjoys working with filmmakers who are quite a taskmaster. "I like somebody who puts me on my feet... It keeps me up and going. Every time you think, 'Wow, I have learnt enough and I know it all', you work with Rajamouli and he will tell you it's just the beginning. "It's like going back to school. I always learn something new, he always gives the best career hits with every actor, be it Prabhas, Jr NTR or myself." Asked about movies

from the south having their big moment now, the actor said it all started with Rajamouli's two-part "Baahubali" series. At the same time, Charan believes stories rooted in Indian culture will always make an impact in western markets. "We have so many industries, from Bengal to Tamil Nadu in the south, we have fantastic directors. I feel what will make an impact with the West or in Japan or Australia is the stories of our soil that should come out. 'Magadheera' was like that. 'Lagaan' was like that. "India has so much of all of this, and the West and the global audience is ready to accept somebody who is original and India has many original directors, many states who have their own beauty, music and storytelling. That is what I feel will transcend," he said. The Indian film industry is one unit and "there's no more Telugu, Bengali or Bollywood, Hindi cinema", Charan said. "This is Indian cinema... I want the global audience to feel that all of us are one cinema," he added.

Salman Khan poses with Aamir Khan's family for an adorable picture as the Dangal actor turns photographer for them

As opposed to traditional Bollywood rivalry, the three Khans of tinsel town namely Shah Rukh, Salman and Aamir share a great camaraderie with each other and are deeply appreciative of each other's work. While Shah Rukh Khan is currently in the news with his movie Pathaan setting the box office on fire, Salman Khan, who has a cameo in the movie has been grabbing eyeballs too, with fans loving his role in the high octane spy thriller. On the other hand Aamir, who had announced that he is taking a break from the movies last year is now only seen at non Bollywood events such as his daughter's engagement and other private parties.

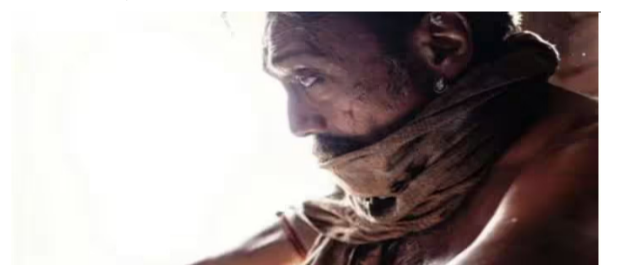


Recently, Salman Khan was seen visiting Aamir's house, a day before Pathaan's release. While the purpose of his visit was not clear, it seems like he was warmly welcomed by Aamir's family as he posed for a pic with Aamir's sister Nikhat Hegde, his mum Zeenat

Hussain and the rest of the family. Nikhat, who incidentally has a cameo in Pathaan too, shared the image on her insta handle, that showed her brother Aamir clicking the adorable pic. Sharing the same, she wrote, "For those who were missing Aamir?" On the workfront,

Salman will be next seen in Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan with Pooja Hegde and Shehnaaz Gill. He also has Tiger 3 with Katrina Kaif in his kitty. Aamir on the other hand, as mentioned earlier is currently on a break and hasn't signed any new movies after Laal Singh Chaddha.

Jackie Shroff Joins Rajinikanth's 'Jailer', Shares Intense First Look Poster



Actor Jackie Shroff shared his look for the upcoming film 'Jailer' on Sunday. Taking to Instagram, Jackie posted the look with the caption, "Repost from @sunpictures, Jackie Shroff from the sets of #Jailer." In the frame, Jackie's face is half covered with a torn scarf. Jackie's rugged look intrigued his fans and followers. Jackie's wife and Ayesha Shroff and daughter Shroff posted fire emojis on his post. Starring Rajinikanth in the lead role, this movie also includes stars like Ramya Krishnan, Priyanka Arul Mohan and Shiva Rajkumar and Tamannaah Bhatia. The 'Lingaa' actor has teamed up with filmmaker Nelson Dilipkumar for this project. In the poster, Rajinikanth was seen wearing off-white shirt and khaki trousers. He was also seen keeping his hands at the back and a full-sleeved off-white shirt. Turning 66 this year, Jackie will be next seen in 'Baap' alongside Sunny Deol, Sanjay Dutt, Jackie Shroff and Mithun Chakraborty.

Pepsi Announces 'KGF' Star Yash as Their Brand Ambassador, Rocky Bhai adds Another Feather to his cap!

The way Yash has redefined the statement of stardom with the super success of 'KGF 2' in the post-pandemic era is truly exemplary. The success of the film not only introduced the audience to a new cinema but it has also given them a new superstar to look up to that resulting in filling up the theaters with a huge crowd of audience. But of course, as it's a long time now since the film has been released, the audience surely has very less of him on the big screen which has resulted in rising

curiosity to watch him in the films. However, the Rocking star also couldn't stay apart from his fans for a long while he certainly made an appearance in a television commercial as a brand ambassador. Superstar Yash has recently come on board with Pepsi for a commercial as he has been announced as their Pan India brand ambassador. The superstar has himself taken this to his social media, to bring this news to his fans. Yash has certainly shot a commercial for Pepsi



and must say there couldn't be any big reason for his fans to celebrate. It is indeed a treat for Yash's fans who are eagerly

looking forward to watching him on the screen after 'KGF 2'. Be it creating a trend in the market with his style in the film to

taking the Kannada industry on the world map, Yash holds all the credit to create examples of success that no one has done

before. The superstar today enjoys a fan base all across the nation and on the global front as well who adore him also for the trends, he started for having the perfect beard and being dressed as a perfect gentleman always well suited. No doubt, his sheer belief in making films for the fans that appeal to the larger audience, is a base that has made him what he is today. Moreover, the success of 'KGF 2' broke several records at the national and international box office, yes, the man behind all this is Yash.

TURKEY TAKES IN

By Ashok Thakur

“War is the realm of the unexpected”, said the noted British military theorist, Basil Liddell Hart, years ago. Russia’s war on Ukraine is certainly proving him right. Who would have thought only a few months or so ago that the US would be cosying up to Venezuela, a top Putin ally in Latin America? Or that UK’s Prime Minister Boris Johnson would be rehabilitating Mohammed bin Salman, previously accused of ordering the murder of the dissident Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi, with his servile visit to Saudi Arabia? The reason in both cases, of course, is oil. After all, if you want to reduce your dependency on Russia, you need to get your oil from somewhere else. And for this to happen, you have to set aside little things like crimes against humanity. It’s called ‘realpolitik’.

But what do you do if two of your partner-countries go to war with each other? Which do you support? This is the problem currently occupying many minds in Ankara, Turkey’s capital. For a long time, Turkey has profited from strong ties with both Moscow and Kyiv. Although Turkish President Recep Erdogan and Russia’s President

Putin often compete, they have also partnered in operations in Syria, Libya, and the Southern Caucasus. In 2019, Turkey procured the S-400 ground-to-air missile system from Russia, a decision that poisoned its relations with the US. Turkey also trades heavily with Ukraine and before the current war had ambitious plans to foster defence-industrial cooperation between the two countries. It has not gone unnoticed that the Turkish-made drones have been used with a devastating effect by Ukraine against its Russian invaders. But there’s an even deeper relationship between Turkey and Ukraine. Not only has Ankara repeatedly and vehemently denounced Russia’s ‘illegal annexation’ of Ukraine’s sovereignty and territorial integrity should be respected, but Turkey has unique historical relations and ties with the Tartar people of Crimea. Ever since the 2014 annexation, Turkey has complained that the leaders of the Tatar community have not been allowed to enter their ‘historical homeland’, and that ‘unjustified legal procedures and illegal detentions targeting Tartars of Crimea are intensifying’. Add to

all this the fact that Turkey is a member of NATO and a regional heavyweight, Ankara is under great pressure to pick a side. But which? Early signs indicated that Turkey was siding with Ukraine, when President Erdogan agreed to Ukraine’s request to close the Bosphorus and Dardanelles straits to naval shipping. This, however, was largely symbolic as, although it prevented Russia from sending extra ships to attack Ukraine, its Black Sea Fleet was already deployed. But Turkey has not given up on Russia. Since it is not a member of the European Union, it’s not bound to observe the EU sanctions on Russia, arguing that it was essential to protect its own economy and it would also keep the door open to a dialogue with Russia. Since the fall of the Soviet Union, Russia has become a major source of tourists to Turkey’s Mediterranean resorts as well as a lucrative market for exporters and construction companies. Turkey also turned to Russia for energy, not only getting the majority of its natural gas, but also signing a deal with Russia’s state-owned

Rosatom to build Turkey’s first nuclear power plant at Akkuyu, due to come online next year. Of all the countries in the region, the war in Ukraine has put Turkey in the most difficult geopolitical position. Turkey has so much at risk because it isn’t just balancing its strategic partnership with Ukraine and its complex relations with Russia, it is also walking a tightrope to balance its NATO commitments and its security concerns in the region. This balancing act risks becoming unravelled by Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. Since the 2014 Maidan revolution, Turkey and Ukraine’s developing strategic partnership, based around defence cooperation, hasn’t set well with Russia. Last October, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov commented on the deployment by Ukrainian forces of the Turkish-made Bayraktar TB2 drone to strike a position in eastern Ukraine controlled by Russian-backed separatists. “We have really good ties with Turkey, but in this situation, our fears are unfortunately being realised that the deliveries of these types of weapons to the Ukrainian military can potentially

destabilise the situation,” Peskov told reporters. Neutral observers have noted that nothing has ‘destabilised the situation’ in the region more than Russia’s unprovoked attack on Ukraine. As if to send Moscow a clear message that he would not be pressurised into curtailing Turkey’s relationship with Ukraine, President Erdogan visited Kyiv on 3rd February this year to sign a series of new agreements, including a long-awaited free trade agreement aimed at boosting annual bilateral trade from \$7.5 billion to \$10 billion and, crucially, an agreement to jointly manufacture the TB2s in Ukraine using Ukrainian engines.

It was, of course, just three weeks after Erdogan’s visit that Putin ordered his troops into Ukraine, an act which will do no favours to Turkey’s economy, which only recently bounced back from the COVID-19 pandemic. Inflation hit nearly fifty percent in January, following Erdogan’s series of unorthodox interest rate cuts. The current conflict has only added to the economic headwinds as it will contribute to keeping inflation in Turkey high for longer and

threaten to weigh on the tourism recovery. Travel and tourism accounted for more than twelve percent of Turkey’s GDP in 2019, and about a quarter of Turkey’s tourists are Russian or Ukrainian. Just one reason why this war is a disaster for Turkey.

But using the principle that in every crisis lies an opportunity, Turkey’s unique position in having good ties with Russia and Ukraine, countries that it can speak to and have respect from both sides, allows it to use the current crisis to achieve some leverage on issues it cares about. Ankara alienated many countries in the Middle East because of its role in Syria, and also NATO because it purchased the S-400 system. If President Erdogan can argue that he is doing something pragmatic and playing a positive role, he could seek to use this to turn over a new leaf – possibly even with the US. This is why Turkey is a key interlocutor between the Russian and Ukrainian sides. It was in the Turkish resort town of Antalya that the Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavussoglu brokered a meeting between Foreign Ministers Sergei Lavrov of

Russia and Dmytro Kuleba of Ukraine early last month, a meeting which ‘did not yield any concrete result’. The following week, Cavussoglu travelled to Russia and Ukraine for talks with Lavrov and Kuleba, afterwards telling reporters that there had been “rapprochement in the position of both sides on important subjects,” diplomatic speak for “there’s still a huge gap between the two sides.” Undeterred, Cavussoglu remains optimistic that Turkey can bring the two sides together, recently publishing statements such as “Russia and Ukraine are nearing agreement on critical issues.” President Erdogan, a past master at playing his friends off against each other, has repeatedly said Turkey will not abandon its relations with Russia or Ukraine, saying that Ankara’s ability to speak to both sides was an asset. His dilemma is that if he supports a solution to save Putin’s face, this could rock the boat with his NATO allies, and vice versa. At last week’s NATO summit, it was mooted that if Turkey gave the Russian-made S-400 air defence system to Ukraine, it would obtain equivalent US Patriot missiles in

return. The added sweetener was that Turkey would also return to America’s F-35 fighter programme, from which it was excluded as a punishment for the S-400 purchase. Tempting though this might be, it is likely to be a step too far for Ankara as it would destroy Erdogan’s relationship with Putin. Four weeks into a war that has seen a quarter of Ukraine’s 44 million people driven from their homes and Russia failing to capture a single major Ukrainian city, there is no obvious end to the conflict. Courted by both Washington and Moscow, Turkey finds itself between a rock and a hard place, desperately trying to find a solution that will retain its political and economic investment in Russia while keeping its NATO membership intact. Only by forcing the clear red lines between the two warring sides to converge, can Erdogan find a solution, which currently looks impossible. But as the old saying goes, ‘the difference between the impossible and the possible lies in a man’s determination’, and Erdogan, with crucial presidential elections due in June next year, has plenty of that.

FARMERS' DATA NEEDS TO BE PROTECTED

By Swarup Kalluri

Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar’s statement that data pertaining to as many as 8.5 crore farmers will be digitised by December attests to the seriousness with which the Centre is pushing ahead with its IDEA - the ‘India Digital Ecosystem for Agriculture’ - which is being built by global tech giant Microsoft under the aegis of the department of agriculture & farmers’ welfare (DoAFW). The National Farmers Database is part of ‘Agristack’, a collection of technologies and digital databases focusing on India’s farmers and the agricultural sector. The database, which will include farmers’ digitised land records, is purported to help offer proactive and personalised services to farmers, increase their income and improve the efficiency of the agriculture sector. The national

farmer database is being created by taking data from existing schemes like PM Kisan, soil health cards and the insurance scheme PM Fasal Bima Yojana, seeding it with Aadhaar and linking it with the land records database to create an FID, or a farmers’ ID, linked to land records to uniquely identify each farmer. The digital database, according to the government, will help accurately target subsidies and ensure better delivery of services and policies, the government has claimed. Under the programme, each farmer of the country will get what is being called an FID, or a farmers’ ID, linked to land records to uniquely identify them. The database will enable ‘single sign-on’ for access to all services offered by the government, such as direct benefit transfers, soil health cards and plant health advisories,

weather advisories etc. The government’s argument is that this unified database will help deliver seamless credit and insurance services to farmers, as well as information related to fertilisers, pesticides and seeds. On the face of it, the need for such a database is unexceptionable. India has more than 140 million operational farm holdings. An integrated database will help give unique insights into land usage, cropping patterns, usage of agricultural inputs like seeds, fertilisers and crop chemicals, and thus help create

evidence-based policies for the agricultural sector. It is also expected to enhance market efficiency by enabling better demand and supply forecasts, as well as price estimates for farm output. There are, however, several areas of concern which have been noted by a wide-ranging array of interest groups, from data privacy activists to farmer groups. Indian digital liberties organisation Internet Freedom Foundation, in an open letter to the government, has flagged several areas of concern. These include non-consultation with

farmer organisations, increased reliance on computerised algorithmic decision-making without traceable accountability for decisions and serious concerns about the privacy of farmers’ data being given to the private sector in the absence of a data privacy law in India. It has argued that the Agristack could be misused for purposes such as predatory lending or land grabs. Aadhaar and mandatory authentication leads to exclusion from welfare measures and agricultures services for those on the wrong

side of the digital divide. There are also concerns about the potential impact on legal rights through databasing and surveillance. Farmer groups have flagged the lack of transparency and the government’s refusal to share details about the project as issues of concern. Since the database covers only those farmers with landholdings, it automatically excludes tenant farmers and sharecroppers, who form a significant proportion of small and marginal farmers in the country. By linking it to land ownership, the move

automatically excludes tenant farmers, fisherfolk, livestock and dairy farmers without land, and those who collect forest produce. Farmer groups have pointed out that in most agricultural families, the land titles are typically in the name of the male head of the household. This leaves out women, who, according to a recent Oxfam survey, form as much as 75 per cent of the full-time labour on farms. It also leaves out landless agricultural labour. While cleaning up India’s messy land records is an undoubted necessity, experience so far has shown that the process has many pitfalls. Even a simple data entry error can lead to major problems, as anyone who has had to rectify any error in an official database can attest. Linking it to all assistance provided to farmers can also give the power of an ‘off

switch’ in the hands of government officials, who can freeze all subsidies and assistance to targeted farmers if they so wish. With the government taking an increasingly hardline stance with farmers who are opposing its reform measures, such omniscient powers lead to justified fears of misuse and arbitrary application. There is also the clear intention to privatise government services extended to farmers, such as extension services. The Centre would do well to not repeat the mistakes it made with the farm laws by trying to ram through such sweeping changes without consulting and onboarding the widest range of farmer groups. It also needs to set aside its contempt for political consultation and engage with political parties across the spectrum to develop consensus on these reforms.





Meeting of Transport Ministers of all States and Union Territories under the Chairmanship of Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways

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The Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Shri Nitin Gadkari chaired a meeting of Transport Ministers from all States and Union Territories (UTs) under Ministry of Road Transport and Highways at Vigyan Bhawan, in New Delhi

Anti-Terror Agency NIA To Probe Protest, Long Queues, Excitement As Apple Vandalism At Indian High Commission In London Set To Open Its First India Store

New Delhi: The National Investigation Agency or NIA will probe the case of protests and attempt to vandalise the Indian High Commission in London last month, officials said today. The NIA will take over the case from the special cell of the Delhi Police which had registered a case under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and the Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act as it involves unlawful activities carried out by certain people holding Indian nationality abroad. According to officials, the NIA is mandated to probe any terror case that takes place in foreign land following amendments to the law governing the anti-terror probe organisation in 2019.



Pro-Khalistani protestors tried to vandalise the Indian High Commission in London and pulled down the national flag while holding protests outside the High Commission complex on March 19. It happened a day after the Punjab Police launched a

crackdown against radical preacher Amritpal Singh in Punjab. The Counter-Terrorism and Counter Radicalisation unit of the Ministry of Home Affairs handed over the case to the NIA and the decision was taken after Union

Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla held a meeting with representatives of the British government last week. In the London incident, the national flag flying atop the Indian High Commission was grabbed at by a group of protesters waving

separatist Khalistani flags and chanting pro-Khalistani slogans, leading to an arrest. Officials from the mission said the "attempted but failed" attack had been foiled and that the national flag was now flying "grander". The

Metropolitan Police said two members of security staff sustained minor injuries which did not require hospital treatment. India had summoned the British deputy high commissioner based in New Delhi and demanded an explanation over the complete "absence of security". In a strongly-worded statement, the Ministry of External Affairs had said India finds "unacceptable" the indifference of the UK government to the security of Indian diplomatic premises and personnel. Union Home Secretary Bhalla flagged the issue with a UK delegation which was led by Permanent Secretary, Home Office, Sir Matthew Rycroft and "specifically" conveyed New Delhi's concerns on the misuse of UK's asylum status by pro-Khalistani elements to abet terrorist activities and requested better cooperation, increased monitoring of extremists and take proactive action.



Mumbai: About 200 Apple fans hoping to be among the lucky few to enter the tech giant's first retail store in India gathered from early on Tuesday outside the shop in Mumbai. People came from different parts of the country to catch a glimpse of Chief Executive Tim Cook, who is set to inaugurate the 28,000-sq-foot (2,600-sq-m) store later in the day, and open it to the public. "The vibe here is just different," said 23-year old Aan Shah, who travelled from the Ahmedabad to attend the launch. "It's not like buying from some normal store. There's just

no comparison. It's so exciting." His love for Apple has earlier taken him to store openings in New York and Boston, where he once got a chance to meet Cook. Apple has previously faced hurdles in opening physical retail stores in the country, but its products have been available on e-commerce websites, while its online store opened in 2020. The new store, located in the premier Reliance-owned Jio World Drive mall, underscores Apple's growing ambitions for India, where, despite a market share of just 3%, it has been expanding iPhone assembly via contract

manufacturers, and also boosting its exports. The store was opened for bloggers and tech analysts at a private event on Monday, while many film and television celebrities were seen meeting Cook that night. A second store in Delhi is set to open on Thursday. As Apple pushes to make India a bigger manufacturing base, some of its products, including iPhones, are being assembled in the country by Taiwanese contract electronics manufacturers Foxconn and Wistron Corp. It also plans to assemble iPads and AirPods in India.

Human Rights Body Issues Notice To UP Police Over Gangster's Murder

New Delhi: The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has issued a notice to the Uttar Pradesh Police over the killing of gangster-politician Atiq Ahmed and his brother Ashraf when they were being escorted by police in Prayagraj, officials said on Tuesday. In its notice to the Director General of Police of Uttar Pradesh and the Commissioner of Police of Prayagraj, the commission sought reports from them within four weeks. The reports should cover all the aspects leading to the killings, copies of medical-legal certificates of the dead, inquest report, post-mortem report, video cassette/CD of post-mortem examination, site plan of scene of occurrence of



the crime, and magisterial enquiry report, it added. Atiq Ahmed and Ashraf Ahmed were shot dead at point-blank range by three men posing as journalists in the middle of a media interaction on Saturday night when police personnel were escorting them to a medical college in Prayagraj for a checkup. They were brought to Prayagraj from Gujarat and Bareilly prisons for interrogation in connection with the killing of Umesh Pal and

his two police security guards earlier this year. The brothers were in handcuffs when they were killed in full view of camera crews. The horrifying visuals were circulated widely on social media platforms and television channels. The last rites of Atiq Ahmed's son Asad, who was gunned down in a police encounter in Jhansi on April 13, were performed in Prayagraj just hours before the shooting. NHRC issues notice to UP Police over killing of Atiq Ahmed, brother

Amid Row, Gujarat Chief Minister Says No need To Boycott Amul In Karnataka

Surat: Amid the Nandini versus Amul battle in Karnataka, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel stressed on Monday that there is no need to boycott Amul in the southern state. The row involving the two unions -- Nandini and Amul -- started recently, after the latter announced that it would supply its milk varieties in Bengaluru. "There is no need to boycott Amul in my view. You keep doing what you want to do. If Amul is snatching something, it is a matter of protest," Mr Patel said. The opposition Congress and Janata Dal (Secular) in Karnataka have alleged that the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party



(BJP) wants to "kill" Nandini by allowing Amul in the southern state. They have also expressed their apprehension that a scarcity of Nandini products would be created to make way for Amul to take over. The Basavaraj Bommai-

led BJP government in Karnataka has, however, denied the charge, saying there is no threat to Nandini from Amul. Interacting with reporters here, Mr Patel also said Surat has good town planning schemes. Noting that there has been an increase in the

demand of water and electricity in the city, he said they are moving towards renewable energy to meet the power demands. "Water is equally important for people and business activities. We have to see what more we can do," the chief minister said.

He also said Gujarat is moving towards natural farming. "During Covid and post-Covid, we have seen how people aged between 40 and 50 years are going for full-body checkups since diseases like cancer and diabetes are increasing. Earlier, people would think about full-body checkups after turning 50. Similarly, chemicals are destroying the health of the land," Mr Patel said. Stressing that natural farming is the way ahead, he said even though opposition parties might be raising questions about farming, no farmer has any complaint. "The farmers are not supporting them. They (opposition parties) can say anything," the chief minister said. P

Odisha government to provide high-end medical facilities for early detection of hemophilia

BHUBANESWAR: With blood disorders like hemophilia becoming major public health concerns, the Odisha government has decided to provide high-end medical equipment and sophisticated laboratory facilities for early detection of carriers and prenatal diagnosis. Since hemophilia is a hereditary disease and may affect future generations, the government plans to make the screening of pregnant women, whose family

members are hemophiliacs, mandatory through chorionic villus sampling or amniocentesis to check the carrier status and whether the foetus is affected with hemophilia. A health official said women are asymptomatic carriers of hemophilia. Screening and confirmatory tests are essential for early diagnosis. This will help prevent the future generation from suffering from this genetic disease, he said.



The state government has already made factor concentrates available free of cost to persons suffering from hemophilia. The highly purified factor VIII and IX concentrates, which are considered the

safest and purest treatment options for hemophilia, are now available in all medical colleges and seven district hospitals with maximum hemophilia patients. Odisha is the first state to include factor

concentrate and factor VII (required for hemophilia patients with inhibitors) in the essential drug list and has been procuring the life-saving drugs on a regular basis without compromising the quality.

Urging hemophilia patients to take advantage of the facilities available, head of the department of clinical haematology at SCB MCH Prof Rabindra Kumar Jena said factor replacement should be done regularly to maintain the effective factor level to avoid any bleeding and ensure a normal and productive life. "Hemophiliacs with high level of factor can lead a normal, healthy and productive life. Apart from regular checkup for

development of inhibitors (anti factor anti-bodies) followed by proper management with suitable therapy or desensitisation, the patients should also avail physiotherapy and vocational rehabilitation," he said. Recently, the hemophilia treatment centre (HTC) at the clinical hematology department of SCB MCH has completed a three-year twinning programme in collaboration with international hemophilia experts

from Detroit, which was supported by the World Hemophilia Federation (WFH). The doctors, nursing officers, laboratory technicians, physiotherapists and paramedical staff have been educated and trained by global experts and it has helped in improving the holistic healthcare services of hemophilia patients. The state has around 1200 registered hemophilia patients and 50 per cent of them are from Cuttack alone.

One more village partially demolished for Lower Suktel dam project in Odisha

BALANGIR: To make way for the Lower Suktel dam project, authorities of land acquisition department of district administration partially vacated the Chudapali village on Balangir-Patnagarh road here on Monday.



Sources said around 42 per cent of Chudapali's population was displaced in the demolition drive conducted on the day. They have meanwhile received due compensation for the same and many already moved to new locations or built homes in nearby areas. This is reportedly the third village to be rehabilitated for the project. The department has so far vacated Paradhia Pali and Khutpali villages for the purpose. Residents of these villages were given

land at Larkipali area of Balangir town besides compensation. Many have built homes and a new township has come in place starting from CRPF camp area to Larkipali and Sadeipali. Though 13 out of the 29 villages affected by the said project opposed the dam construction few years back, they all gave in after receiving compensation and

rehabilitation facilities. While the project was initially scheduled to be completed by 2023, sources said soil filling work is yet to be taken up and so completion of the dam might be extended by a period of one year. The dam project has meanwhile evoked mixed reactions from the locals. "We are certain the dam project will be

completed before 2024 general elections. However, it will be of no use since the administration is yet to acquire land for canal or underground water supply system. Without these facilities, the dam will only act as a reservoir and fail to extend support to farmers who need water for irrigation purpose," said a local of project-affected Barapudugia village Syama Naik.

Ganjam wins big at national panchayat awards 2023




BHUBANESWAR: Ganjam, the home turf of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, was awarded the best district panchayat or zilla parishad and Hinjilicut the best block panchayat or panchayat samiti in the country at the National Panchayat Awards-2023 in New Delhi on Monday.

The awards were given away by President Droupadi Murmu to Ganjam collector Dibya Jyoti Parida and other officers of the districts. While Ganjam zilla parishad was awarded Rs 5 crore, Hinjilicut block received Rs 2 crore. Under Hinjilicut block,

Kanchura and Syasan Ambagam gram panchayats received the 'healthy panchayat' (second position) and 'clean and green panchayat' (second position) awards respectively. With all the 6,200 persons above 18 years of age from 1,800 families having enrolled themselves under the central government sponsored old age pension scheme, life insurance and accident insurance schemes, Kulada GP under Bhanjanagar block of Ganjam district was awarded second position as a 'socially secured


panchayat'. The three panchayats were conferred the Deen Dayal Upadhyay Satat Vikas Puraskar by the Union Minister of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Giriraj Singh. Under the special category of awards, Bonaigarh gram panchayat in Sundargarh received the Gram Urja Swaraj Vishesh Panchayat Puraskar and Carbon Neutral Vishesh Panchayat Puraskar. It was selected for the awards for innovatively reducing power consumption of

individual users by erecting solar panels and exemplary work towards achieving Net-Zero carbon emissions. Ankuli panchayat in Ganjam was also presented the Gram Urja Swaraj Vishesh Panchayat Puraskar. The National Panchayat Awards honour the best-performing panchayats (local self-government bodies) across the country by assessing their performance in attainment of SDGs. The awards were first instituted in 2011 and have since been held every year.



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Modicare Limited launches Blue Light Shield range under its color cosmetics brand, Urban Color London

New Delhi: Modicare Limited, one of India's leading direct selling companies, recently launched Blue Light Shield, a gender-neutral and efficacious skincare range to combat the harmful effects of Blue Light rays. Owing to the pandemic and the work-from-home culture, the average screen-time has significantly increased, raising concern over Blue Light rays' adverse effects on the skin. Since it has the ability to penetrate deeper into the skin, excess exposure to Blue Light rays can lead to a number of skin concerns, including premature ageing and hyper-pigmentation. Urban Color London's Blue Light Shield range leverages innovation and technology to offer the

consumers a 'Screenguard' against the high energy Blue Light emitted from digital devices and provides modern day solution to the new-age skin concerns. The range comprises of a meticulously designed five-step regime—Gentle Face Wash, Resurfacing Gel Scrub, Deep Clean Coffee Masque, Reset Serum Oil and Moisturising Crème. The products have been formulated using Urban Color London's proprietary technology that neutralises effects of Blue Light rays. The hero ingredient in the range is Carotolino* Active, a combination of Beta-Carotene, Carrot Root Extract and Carrot Seed Oil that unite in a perfect base to provide complete protection

from Blue Light rays and promoting overall skin health. The range is 100% vegan, paraben & cruelty free and dermatologically tested. Announcing the launch, Mr. Samir Modi, Founder and Managing Director, Modicare Limited said, "Our skin is constantly exposed to invisible Blue Light rays emitted from the several digital devices we use like smartphones, laptops, televisions, tablets etc. Most of us do not even know the implications of this. Blue Light tends to affect our skin's natural barrier function and accelerate signs of ageing. Keeping this in mind, we are launching Urban Color London's Blue Light Shield range. This is one of the world's best formulations.

Milma All Set To Revamp Its Brand Image To Face Competition

New Delhi: The Kerala Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation (KCMMF), known by the brand Milma, is all set to revamp its brand image through the 'Repositioning Milma 2023' campaign, which would bring uniformity in packaging and products. The move is aimed at equipping Milma to meet challenges from domestic and global dairy brands and firm up its position as the market leader, an official said here on Monday. Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan will launch the 'Repositioning Milma 2023' initiative at Edappazhanji near here on Tuesday. Noting that the makeover of products is intended to meet the challenges in the dairy



sector in the prevailing scenario, Milma Chairman K S Mani said that the project had been finalised after more than one year of preparations, including a comprehensive market study. Milma has to embrace a new packing standard and marketing strategy to compete with big domestic and global brands, he said at a press

conference here. As the first step, uniformity would be followed in the quality, design, and production process of the liquid milk, curd, set curd, flavoured milk, and ghee sold in the market by Milma and its regional milk unions, he said. Conceived with the financial and technical assistance of the

National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), the 'Repositioning Milma 2023' campaign envisages a holistic change and uniformity in packaging, design, quality of the dairy products, and price to compete with other brands. The project also aims at extending the marketing

network of Milma and ensuring the availability of all dairy products of Milma in remote areas across the state, the Milma chairman said. Through this long-term plan, there will be a notable change in the main functional areas like production, quality, and marketing of federation and regional milk unions. Minister for Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development J Chinchu Rani will be presiding over the inaugural function, Mani said. Opposition Leader V D Satheesan will deliver the keynote address at the function where Transport Minister Antony Raju, MP Shashi Tharoor, and NDDB Chairman Meenesh C Shah will be the chief guests.

SpiceJet and Axis Bank launch co-branded credit card

GURUGRAM: SpiceJet, the country's favourite airline and Axis Bank, India's third largest private sector bank, have partnered to launch the most rewarding co-branded credit card, powered by Visathat will offer a host of privileges and benefits to customers. The card comes in two variants – SpiceJet Axis Bank Voyage and Voyage Black, and is aimed at facilitating a superlative travel experience for flyers through SpiceClub, the first frequent flyer program by a low cost carrier in India.

Through this collaboration, the two brands hope to capitalize on the resurgent demand for travel following two years of stagnation caused by the pandemic. Further, with the shared goal of expanding their reach to Tier 2 & 3 cities and other synergies, the brands are committed to serving a much larger populace.

SpiceJet Axis Bank Voyage & Voyage Black credit cards were officially launched at Indira Gandhi International airport in the presence of Ajay Singh, Chairman and MD, SpiceJet and Amitabh Chaudhry, MD & CEO, Axis Bank,

where they unveiled a special SpiceJet-Axis Bank credit card livery on a SpiceJet Boeing 737 MAX aircraft. The products are designed to enable customers use the rewards earned on their daily spends for booking flights and add-ons, thus encouraging both travel and digital payments embedded with benefits of SpiceJet's frequent flyer program, SpiceClub. Customers can earn benefits up to 7% on the Voyage Black credit card which is a Top-tier offering in the travel credit card segment. In addition, the redemption

of earned points does not have any limitations on blackout dates, festival demand, and are on first-come basis. Cardholders would get exclusive SpiceClub membership with direct entry in either Silver or Gold tiers, and special benefits like complimentary or discounted travel add-ons, priority check-in, SpiceMax upgrade, preferred seat selection, complimentary meal etc.

Ajay Singh, Chairman and Managing Director, SpiceJet, said, "I am delighted to announce the launch of the SpiceJet-Axis Bank co-branded Credit Card. This card will make every customer journey an even more rewarding one. We are the pioneers of the frequent flyer program for budget airlines in the country and this partnership with Axis Bank significantly strengthens the value offering of SpiceClub. Our association with Axis Bank – founded on the shared vision to offer unparalleled customer experience – is yet another innovative step towards creating a world class travel experience. I hope to see our customers enjoying the benefits of this rewarding collaboration as much as they love to fly with us."

The Price Band of the Offer has been fixed at ₹39 per Equity Share to ₹42 per Equity Share of face of ₹10 each. Bids can be made for a minimum of 350 Equity Shares and in multiples of 350 Equity Shares thereafter.

The Issue offer comprises (i) fresh issue of equity shares face value ₹10 each share aggregating to ₹10,040

PARADEEP PHOSPHATES LIMITED INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING TO OPEN

Mumbai: Paradeep Phosphates Limited (The "Company") to open its initial public offering (the "Offer") on May 17, 2022. The Anchor Investor Bid/Offer Period is one Working Day prior to Bid/Offer Opening Date, that is, May 13, 2022.

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million (The "Fresh Issue") and (ii) Offer for Sale up to 118,507,493 equity shares by Promoter Selling Shareholders and GoI Selling Shareholder (The "Offer for Sale").

The Company intends to utilise net proceeds from fresh issue towards (i) Part-financing the acquisition of the Goa Facility; (ii) Repayment/prepayment of certain of our borrowings; and (iii) General corporate purposes. The offer for sale comprises of up to 6,018,493 equity shares by Zuari Maroc Phosphates Private Limited and up to 112,489,000 equity shares by The President

of India, acting through the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Government of India. (The "Promoter Selling Shareholders" and GoI Selling Shareholder)

The Equity Shares offered in this Offer are proposed to be listed on both BSE Limited ("BSE") and the National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE", together with BSE, the "Stock Exchanges").

Axis Capital Limited, ICI Securities Limited, JM Financial Limited and SBI Capital Markets Limited are the Book Running Lead Managers to the Offer.

JSW Infrastructure begins commercial operations at Paradip East Quay Terminal in Odisha

Paradip/ Bhubaneswar : JSW Infrastructure, India's leading ports company and part of US\$ 13 billion JSW Group, has begun commercial operations at Paradip East Quay Coal Terminal in Odisha. This is a fully-mechanized terminal at Paradip Port Trust with an annual coal handling capacity of 30 million tons. The coal terminal has been built as a cape compliant terminal and will handle capesize vessels once the dredging at Paradip Port is completed. The terminal has capacity to unload 25 rakes per day and can load two vessels simultaneously. The infrastructure of the terminal is built to ensure higher productivity while reducing overall logistics

cost to power producers. The company has invested approximately Rs 1,300 crore to establish this terminal at Paradip Port. Paradip Port Trust awarded JSW Infrastructure to develop a fully-mechanized coal terminal on Build, Operate & Transfer basis for 30 years. Following the commissioning of this coal terminal, JSW Infrastructure's current cargo capacity crosses 150 MTPA. It aims to have a total cargo handling capacity of 200 MTPA by FY24.

Commenting on its coal terminal at Paradip, Mr Arun Maheshwari, Joint MD & CEO of JSW Infrastructure said, "Paradip Port continues to be an attractive sea route for coal movement. With the

commissioning of this terminal, India can now offer cape size shipments with efficient operations. During the last few months, steam coal prices globally have witnessed sharp increase forcing thermal power plants and other coal based industry to switch to domestic coal. Start of this coal terminal has come at the right time to fill up the demand gap of domestic coal. Through high productivity and larger shipment size, we hope to reduce overall logistics costs for our coal cargo customers. As the country pursues PM's vision of Atma Nirbhar Bharat, the total thermal coal demand in India is expected to remain strong and our endeavor would be to maximize fulfilment by domestic producers.

Sony announces the Next-Gen Smart BRAVIA 32W830K Google TV

Bhubaneswar : Sony India today announced the launch of BRAVIA 32W830K television with attractive picture quality and life like sound. The all-new 80 cm (32) HD ready Google TV lets you enjoy movies, games and shows from apps or broadcast in an instant with advanced voice controls and built-in Chromecast.

Now seamlessly integrate Google TV and bring together more than 700,000 movies, shows, live TV and more from apps and subscriptions and organize seamlessly. With BRAVIA 32W830K, browse content from across your apps, intelligently organized just for you. Customers can easily find something to watch with personalized recommendations and bookmark shows and movies by adding a watchlist from phone and watch it on TV to keep track of what to watch. Users can even add to their Watchlist from their phone or laptop with Google Search and find everything in one place. BRAVIA 32W830K supports Apple Home Kit and AirPlay that seamlessly integrates Apple devices like iPads and iPhones with the TV for effortless content streaming. Easily control your TV with Hands-free voice capabilities. The hands-free voice control is built into the TV, no need to reach for the remote every time to search for entertainment, get answers, or control the TV and smart home devices. Simply say, "OK Google" to issue a voice command.

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Mumbai : Reliance Nippon Life Insurance Company Limited, a JV between Reliance Capital and Nippon Life of Japan, announced its financial results for the year ended March 31, 2022. The key performance highlights as on March 31, 2022 include: Commenting on the company's strong performance in FY22, Mr. Ashish Vohra, ED &

CEO, Reliance Nippon Life Insurance said, "FY22 continued to pose its own set of challenges with the outbreak of the second, and then the third wave of the pandemic. We are grateful for the support we have received from our customers, employees, distributors, service providers and their families, that powered our journey of providing maximum

value to each one of our stakeholders." Mr. Vohra further highlighted that in a volatile economic environment of today, there is a heightened appreciation of Life Insurance for ensuring certainty of life coverage as well as financial investments. These guarantees are designed to drive durable long-term returns and to help customers fulfill their

life goals and form the bedrock of our business model. The company paid death claims, maturity and survival benefit payouts of over Rs. 1,877 Cr in FY22 and achieved an impressive claims settlement ratio of 98.7% for FY22, up from 98.5% in FY21. The company expeditiously settled 3,517 Covid related claims worth Rs. 117 Cr. within an average period

of 9 working days. Mr. Vohra further commented, "A death claim is the ultimate test of a Life Insurance product, and it is the 'dharma' of a Life Insurer to honour all such claims with speed and accuracy. We continue to be fully committed and financially stable at 235% solvency (against the regulatory requirement of 150%), to meet all customer claims that may arise in the times ahead."

Sunstone expands its presence in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar : Sunstone, one of India's leading higher education service providers with presence across 25 cities in 30+ institutions, expanded its network of campuses with the onboarding of Centurion University of Technology and Management, Odisha.

Centurion University of Technology and Management (CUTM) is duly recognized as a pioneer in 'Skill Integrated Higher Education'. Its unique model lays specific emphasis on creating sustainable livelihoods on a national scale in

challenging geographies through education that results in employability and sparks entrepreneurship. This model has been recognized by multiple Governments (Central and State), International Organizations such as UNESCO and the World Bank as well as Policy Think-tanks such as the Niti Ayog.

Centurion University has continually strived to be a best-in-class human resource development hub that builds employable, enterprising and society centric youth through industry relevant education, skill

development, new ventures, production, and technology development.

The founders, faculty and staff are fully committed to its credo: Shaping Lives. Empowering Communities.

With this addition, Sunstone advantage would now be available with B.Com, BCA, B.Tech, MBA-Maritime Management, BBA-Health Care Management, MBA-Health Care Management and MBA courses offered by Centurion University.

Experian launches new cloud-based decisioning solution –PowerCurve® Strategy Management

MUMBAI: Experian, the world's leading global information services company, has launched a new PowerCurve® Strategy Management solution, a powerful decisioning solution delivered as software-as-a-service via cloud. The solution is designed to help organisations leverage data and make faster, secure, and informed business decisions.

PowerCurve® is a unified platform that helps businesses understand and leverage their data across the entire customer life cycle – be it acquisition, retention or growth – to make fast, efficient decisions that support their strategic goals. With the new solution, businesses will be able to swiftly adapt their decision-based strategies at lower operational cost

while harnessing the power of cloud. Neeraj Dhawan, Managing Director, Experian India, says: "Financial institutions in India are looking for more agile and scalable decisioning solutions. To fulfil their needs, we have come up with a comprehensive suite of solutions to help businesses make better decisions and stay one step ahead."

CSK prevail over RCB in Chinnaswamy six-fest

New Delhi: Despite a superlative batting effort from Glenn Maxwell (76 off 36) and Faf du Plessis (62 off 33), Chennai Super Kings prevailed in a high-scoring six-fest at the Chinnaswamy stadium to hand Royal Challengers Bangalore their third defeat of the season. CSK were first carried to their third-highest IPL total through Devon Conway, Ajinkya Rahane and Shivam Dube's exhilarating shot-making before the bowlers dragged the game to their corner in the dramatic death overs.

The game was on the knife's edge when Dhoni brought back Tushar Deshpande in the 17th over with RCB needing 46 off 24 and having Dinesh Karthik to essay the finisher's role. He started the over with a four and was then dropped by Rituraj Gaikwad at long on. He pulled one next ball for another four to dwarf the equation further but was dismissed right after, when he hit one straight to Theekshana in the deep. Karthik walked off for a 14-ball 28. Pathirana then bowled an

exceptional 18th over, which he started with the wicket of Shahbaz Ahmed and conceded just four runs to leave RCB to chase 31 off 12 balls. Suyash Prabhudessai got a six off Deshpande in the penultimate over but RCB were still left with a herculean task of getting 19 off the last 6. Prabhudessai kept the game alive with another six - a reverse-ramp over the keeper - but Pathirana executed his yorker next ball and mixed up with a slower one after that to deny RCB a late chance

to turn the game on its head again. In the end, RCB fell eight runs short. After Virat Kohli and Mahipal Lomror fell early, there was only one way to go about the chase for the two RCB stalwarts. After CSK had smashed as many as 17 sixes, it was the turn of this duo to clear the boundary at will in a scintillating 126-run stand off just 61 balls. Du Plessis, who hurt himself on the field, was running gingerly but it didn't affect the manner in which he swung for

the fences. He hit two fours and a six in a 17-run Deshpande over to get a quick move-on from the early wreckage. Maxwell was in on it too as he began by hitting two sixes off Akash Singh. Du Plessis smashed another six and two more fours while Maxwell laid into Theekshana in the final over of the PowerPlay to drag RCB to 75/2 in 6 overs. Ravindra Jadeja bowled a fine seventh over - full of singles - but that was an anomaly in an otherwise showcase of

brutal batting from both sides. Du Plessis and Maxwell just never took their foot off the pedal, as they took the team to 121/2 at the halfway stage with Pathirana and Jadeja also getting a taste of manic hitting. Even as Du Plessis appeared to slow down, Maxwell kept at it in an essay that included eight sixes. The pair had brought the equation down to 86 off 48 balls when Theekshana struck gold. Maxwell, who was looking to hit every ball in his sight, miscued one

finally - the leading edge flying high. Dhoni stepped forward, called for the catch, signalled for his fielders to move out of the way and completed the catch to put the first big dent in RCB's chase. In the following over from Moeen Ali, Du Plessis fell - in similar fashion as he too mistimed an attempted slog sweep and once again Dhoni came forward to take a high catch under pressure. The departure of the RCB captain was

perhaps the start of the turnaround for CSK. Mohammed Siraj started well in the PowerPlay once again, and even dismissed Rituraj Gaikwad, albeit off an innocuous ball. But CSK were buoyed by Ajinkya Rahane's midas touch in the PowerPlay as he peeled off inside out cover drives, disdainful pulls in the company of Devon Conway, who made a fiery start himself. The pair took CSK to 53 for 1 in 6 overs.

New Zealand overcome Iftikhar blitz to register narrow win

New Delhi: Tom Latham's half-century and a collective effort with the ball helped New Zealand stay alive in the series against Pakistan as they overcame a terrific knock from Iftikhar Ahmed to register a narrow four-run victory in the third T20I in Lahore on Monday (April 17). Latham struck a 49-ball 64 while Daryl Mitchell and Mark Chapman came up with useful knocks down the order to help New Zealand to 163/5. Pakistan were reduced to 88/7 at one point in the chase before Iftikhar led a brilliant fightback, scoring a 24-ball 60 which included six maximums. The hosts, needing 15 off the final over, remained in the hunt as Iftikhar struck a six and a four off James Neesham. But his dismissal off the fourth ball and Haris Rauf's wicket off the final ball meant that Pakistan ended up short. A superb catch from Rachin Ravindra resulted in Babar Azam



falling in the second over of the chase to Adam Milne, who started with a wicket- maiden. Mohammad Rizwan was run out soon after and Pakistan managed only 35/2 in the powerplay. New Zealand continued to strike at regular intervals to leave the hosts struggling at 54/4 at the halfway stage of the innings. New Zealand continued to chip away and Pakistan were left needing 87 off 35 deliveries with only three

wickets remaining. But Iftikhar, who had already struck two sixes in a Ravindra over, took the attack to Neesham and Milne, and received good support from Faheem Ashraf, who struck 27 off 14 in a 61-run eighth wicket stand that came off only 26 deliveries. Iftikhar brought up a 20-ball fifty but Faheem fell in the penultimate over to Matt Henry, who conceded only 8. Iftikhar then found long-on in the final over trying to clear the

fence, and Rauf couldn't get the job done in the end. Earlier, after opting to bat, New Zealand had a slow powerplay too as they managed only 35 runs and also lost the wicket of Chad Bowes early. Latham had scored only 19 off 21 deliveries while Will Young had a slow start too. A maximum for Young off Shadab Khan and a couple of boundaries in the eighth over off Ashraf helped New Zealand up the ante but

the legspinner ended the No.3's stay in the ninth over. At the end of the 10th over, New Zealand were 64/2, with the onus on Latham and Mitchell to lead the team towards a good total. Latham, who was on 34 off 32, switched gears with a four and a six off Imad Wasim in the 12th over. Mitchell took on Shadab to score a six and two fours as New Zealand crossed the 100-run mark. Latham got to a 41-ball 50 and then struck a six off Shaheen Afridi but Mitchell was snapped up by the left-arm pacer, ending a 65-run stand. Latham fell to Haris in the 17th over but Neesham and Chapman scored three fours and a six between them to help New Zealand past 160, which just about proved sufficient. Brief scores: New Zealand 163/5 in 20 overs (Tom Latham 64, Daryl Mitchell 33; Haris Rauf 2-31) beat Pakistan 159 in 20 overs (Iftikhar Ahmed 60, Faheem Ashraf 27; James Neesham 3-38) by 4 runs.

New Delhi: The Caribbean Premier League (CPL) will kick off on August 16, just three days after the India-West Indies series is scheduled to end in Florida, US. The CPL will run till September 24. The India tour itinerary has not been announced but Cricbuzz understands that it will end on August 13 with a Twenty20 game at Central Broward Park & Broward County Stadium in Florida. This August 13 game will be preceded by a T20I on August 12. As earlier reported, the last two games of the series will be held in the US. In all, there will be two Tests, three ODIs and five T20Is with the tour set to kick off in the second week of July, most likely on July 12 with a Test. A Cricket West Indies (CWI) official said the India fixtures will be out soon. It will be the 11th edition of the CPL and is being planned, as usual, in a caravan model. The



tournament will move from one centre to another with the league starting in Saint Lucia and ending in Guyana. The tournament gets underway in Saint Lucia with six matches at the Daren Sammy Cricket ground between August 16 and 20 with home side, the Saint Lucia Kings, appearing in four of those fixtures. From there the tournament moves to St Kitts & Nevis with six matches at Warner Park between August 23 and 27 with four games for the home team, the Patriots. The next leg of the tournament will take place in Barbados with

the CPL returning to the country for the first time since 2019. Six matches are scheduled at the Kensington Oval with four home games for the Barbados Royals. The matches will take place in Barbados from August 30 to September 3. From September 5 to 10, the league will be in Trinidad & Tobago. There will be four home games for the Trinbago Knight Riders and six matches in total. The final leg of the tournament will take place in Guyana with the matches running from September 13 to 24. The knockout stages will be in Guyana, which hosted the final last season as well.

Different guys standing up at different times - Boult on RR's win

New Delhi: Ahead of the first meeting in IPL 2023, Gujarat Titans and Rajasthan Royals had faced off against each other three times, with the Hardik Pandya-led team emerging victorious on all three occasions - including the Qualifier 1 and the final. Skipper Pandya and David Miller had essayed key roles in the three wins and they were at it again in the Ahmedabad game on Sunday (April 16). The Titans posted a competitive 177/7, thanks to Miller's 46 and useful contributions from the rest of the batters. They targetted the Royals spinners as R Ashwin, Yuzvendra Chahal and Adam Zampa all went in excess of 30 runs from their quota of overs while Trent Boult also proved expensive. The Titans then came up

with a clinical show with the ball in the first half of the chase. With key incisions from Mohammed Shami, Hardik Pandya and Rashid Khan, the Royals were reduced to 55/4 in the 11th over. But the Royals staged a brilliant comeback. Captain Sanju Samson's 32-ball 60 revived the chase before Shimron Hetmyer finished it off with four deliveries to spare, scoring an unbeaten 56 off 26 deliveries. Between them, Samson and Hetmyer struck 11 sixes, with 10 of them coming in the second half of the chase, as the Royals turned it around to register their first win against the Titans. "It was a significant win. The history between the Titans and us, they have got out number in that

respect. Any game we come from behind and absorb a bit of pressure, take the game deep like that and be on the right side, is very satisfying. There is some good vibes in the change room and that feels good to come out on the right side of the result," said Boult in the post match press conference. Boult observed that the Titans pacers hit the right lengths and made things difficult for the RR batters but they managed to hang in there and hit back, not succumbing to the pressure. "It's hard to pinpoint a certain moment in the game but that's the nature of T20 cricket - you are never out of the game and just having the belief that you can win from anywhere. The amount of meetings every teams has, and our team specifically,



and talks about tactics, it was nice to go out there and put some of the stuff in play. "Obviously picking 12 overs of spin, I thought they pulled it back very nicely and every over counts but Sandy [Sandeep Sharma] closed that innings out nicely. 175 [177], pretty good wicket, they bowled very well on it,

showed us how to bowl with the lengths and some good swing on offer there. Once again, just absorbed that and got ourselves in a position where a couple of boundaries and it swung back to us. We got some very talented batters in our side and I think the real positive is seeing guys stand up at different times. Jos [Buttler] is

obviously a massive player for us and I'm sure he'll be frustrated to miss out on some runs tonight. But the hunger from the rest of the batting unit to want to contribute, it's different guys standing up at different times," added Boult. Afghanistan's Noor Ahmad, who came in as an impact player, had an expensive start

but he accounted for the key wicket of Samson, dismissing him in the 15th over to leave the Royals at 114/5. They needed 64 to win off the last five overs when Hetmyer cut loose, and with help from Dhruv Jurel and R Ashwin, took the Royals over the line, scoring a six off Ahmad in the final over. Ahmad gave away only eight runs in the 17th over but Alzarri Joseph, Shami and Rashid ended up conceding 49 in their three overs combined in the death. The Titans' director of cricket, Vikram Solanki, defended the choice of bowlers used in the death, and also sprung to the defence of Ahmad who ended up with 1-29 from 2.2 overs on debut. In the last four overs, I think if you think of

how Mohammed Shami bowled in his opening spell...Mohit Sharma was an option. The last over, with seven runs to defend, it was important to try and take a wicket. Noor broke that partnership for us and actually brought us back in the game (with the wicket of Samson). I thought he was brilliant. I suppose it becomes a line call to see if he can try and take a wicket at that stage. "I just think what a wonderful debut for Noor, to have taken that important wicket, under pressure, to come in and do what he did, was exceptional. It speaks volumes of his character. And the fact that Hardik had the confidence in him, to bowl him in those difficult phases, speaks about the confidence that he has," said Solanki.