

## Samal Draws Shah Attention

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Taking up the Sambalpur communal violence incidents to national-level, State BJP has sought intervention of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) demanding strictest action against the perpetrators. Senior BJP leaders from Odisha including State President Manmohan Samal have written a letter to Union Home Minister Amit Shah seeking his urgent and immediate intervention into communal attacks on Hanuman Jayanti Procession at Sambalpur and deteriorating law and order situation thereof. The BJP leaders informed Shri Shah about the precarious law

and order situation and communal clashes in Sambalpur resulting from orchestrated violent attacks by members of certain community on the bike rally on the eve of Hanuman Jayanti on April 12 to 14, 2023. The coordinated attacks have left various persons and dozens of policemen grievously injured, causing heavy loss to public property and torching of shops, vehicles, and private property, the party leaders said. A tribal youth was killed by the mob on the day of Hanuman Jayanti (April 14) while dozens of civilians were injured that day. While Curfew remains in force; internet services across the



district remain suspended till now, they said. "The violence and arson in Sambalpur during the Hanuman Jayanti procession and a day before has exposed the poor intelligence network of Odisha police and its lack of foresight in ascertaining the consequences of

inadequate security arrangement and ineptitude to follow the MHA Advisory issued on April 5, 2023 for Hanuman Jayanti," read the letter. Claiming that these attacks were pre-planned and organized, the saffron party leaders said the procession in Sambalpur was attacked at the same place where it was attacked during the last Hanuman Jayanti. The police also admitted the communal riot was a well-planned conspiracy by the community. Police were aware of sensitivity and chose not to act appropriately, they alleged. As reported by the Police themselves, there were open calls given for manslaughter, arson and

anti-national nature during attack the violent mob like "Kafir log, Sale logo ko kaat denge", "Salon ko India wapas nehi jaane denge". The BJP leader demanded the imposition of strict laws like UAPA and NSA against the perpetrators. The situation in Sambalpur is a result of callous police administration, which despite the advisory of the Ministry of Home Affairs, preferred not to make adequate security arrangements for the bike rally on April 12 that was to pass through a sensitive area," Shri Samal said in the letter. "We are appalled by the biased and negligent attitude of the

Government of Odisha in handling this incident. We wonder why the police did not arrest the conspirators beforehand, knowing their plot, especially when similar incidents have occurred in the past," he said. The BJP President further alleged that the conspirators have the backing of the ruling party of Odisha for their political motives. Instead, police have resorted to arrests of innocent members of the procession who are themselves victims of these attacks. The administration has ignored their anti-national activities, such as building huge structures on government land and

acquiring illegal weapons in their houses. Strongly condemning this heinous act of communal violence, the saffron party demanded impartial investigation by NIA to unravel the hatched conspiracy, and strict action against the perpetrators. They also demanded adequate compensation and relief for them. "We request you to intervene in this matter and direct the state government to take necessary measures to restore law and order, ensure communal harmony and prevent any recurrence of such incidents in the future. We will remain grateful for your timely intervention, and strictest action against the perpetrators," they said.

## Martyred Odia Jawan Debashish Biswal Cremated With Full State Honours

**Sakhigopal:** Odia Jawan Debashish Biswal martyred in a terrorist attack in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday was cremated with full state honours at his native in Sakhigopal in Puri district today. The mortal remains of the martyr were consigned to flames at his village crematorium in presence of army personnel and thousands of people. His elder brother lit his funeral pyre in the afternoon. Odisha Governor Prof Ganeshi Lal offered floral tribute to the deceased Jawan at the Biju Patnaik International Airport in Bhubaneswar in the morning. The martyr's wife paid him tribute at the airport. The mortal



remains were given the guard of honour at the airport before being taken to his village Khandayat Sahi under Alaguma Gram Panchayat near Sakhigopal in Puri district. His body was brought to his native in a grand procession. A sea of crowd gathered at the village to pay last respect to the departed soul. Entire village was reverberated with the slogan 'Amar Rahe Debashish'.

in Poonch area around 3 pm on Thursday. "Five personnel of Rashtriya Rifles Unit deployed in the counter terrorist operations lost their lives in the incident," Indian Army sources said. Another Jawan also sustained critical injuries in the incident and he was rushed to an Army Hospital for treatment. Debashish, the son Pratap Biswal and Mamata Biswal, had married Sushree Sangeeta and seven-month-old daughter. Sources said that terrorists had lobbed a grenade on the army vehicle by taking advantage of heavy rains and poor visibility

### Jharsuguda Bypoll: Nomination Papers Of 10 Candidates Declared Valid After Scrutiny

**Jharsuguda(KCN):** Following scrutiny of the nomination papers previously filed by as many as 14 candidates belonging to different political parties and the independent ones for bypoll to Jharsuguda Assembly constituency, the candidatures of at least 10 such contestants were declared valid today. An official source said that a total of 22 sets of nominations were filed by the MLA candidates and the papers of four of them were summarily rejected owing to various reasons. The papers of candidates fielded by the three major political parties in Odisha - Dipali Das (BJD), Tankadhar Tripathy (BJP) and Tarun Pandey (Congress) - are valid.

## 4 Dead, 2 More Critically Injured In Separate Road Accidents In Odisha

**Bhadrak/Talcher:** As many as four persons were killed and two others sustained grievous injuries in two separate incidents of road mishap which took place in Bhadrak and Angul districts, today. The first incident was reported in the afternoon from near a private college at Ranital locality on NH-16 under the Rural police limits of Bhadrak. Two youths were killed and one more was injured after an SUV in which they were travelling had a puncture on its front tyre leading to the fatal road mishap. Identities of the two deceased persons have not been ascertained yet, a police official said.

The ill-fated vehicle (bearing registration number WB-38 AS-2696) was on its way from neighbouring West Bengal to Bhubaneswar when it rammed into a truck from behind and met with an accident. However, the truck driver fled from the spot along with the vehicle soon after the mishap. Two boarders died on the spot and the third person is undergoing treatment in Bhadrak district headquarters hospital (DHH). Earlier in the day, a man and his son were killed on the spot and his nephew became severely injured in the road accident that took place near Godibandha of Talcher locality. The man was

identified as Mohammed Asif and his three-year-old kid as Mohammed Asbar and his nephew as Mohammed Kshiroddal. The trio was returning back home in Godibandha from a nearby market after shopping for some essential items. They were travelling on a motorcycle and the vehicle was hit by a speeding truck from behind near Bankadhara Chhak, an eyewitness stated. Some locals rescued the injured and sent him to a nearby hospital for treatment in critical condition, the eyewitness added. Police have registered separate U/d cases in connection with the mishaps and launched probes.

## IMD Predicts Rain, Thunderstorm In Odisha Till April 26

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Several districts of Odisha are likely to witness rain and thunderstorm till April 26, predicted the India Meteorological Department (IMD) today. Light to moderate rainfall has occurred at one or two places over the districts of Angul, Bargarh, Bhadrak, Bolangir, Jagatsinghpur, Jajpur, Kalahandi, Kandhamal, Keonjhar, Khurda, Mayurbhanj, Nabarangpur, Rayagada, Sambalpur and Sonepur in the last 24 hours, said the IMD regional centre here in its midday weather bulletin today. Maximum temperature came down at many places over the districts of Odisha due to the rain and thunderstorm in last 24 hours, said the bulletin. April 22: As per the IMD

prediction, light to moderate rain or thunderstorm is very likely to occur at a few places over the districts of South Odisha and one or two places over the districts of North Odisha. Thunderstorm with lightning and gusty surface wind speed reaching 40-50 kmph are very likely to occur at one or two places over the districts of Kandhamal, Kalahandi, Rayagada, Malkangiri, Koraput, Nabarangpur and Nuapada. Similarly, thunderstorm with lightning is very likely to occur at one or two places over the districts of Puri, Khurda, Nayagarh, Ganjam, Gajapati, Jagatsinghpur, Cuttack, Kendrapara and Boudh, predicted the IMD. As per the IMD prediction, hailstorm is likely to occur at one or



two places over the districts of Koraput, Kandhamal, Kalahandi, Gajapati, Ganjam and Nabarangpur. April 23: Light to moderate rain or thunderstorm is very likely to occur at many places over the districts of South Odisha, North Coastal Odisha and at a few places over the remaining districts of Odisha on April 23, said the IMD forecast.

The MeT centre has issued Orange warning for thunderstorm with lightning and gusty surface wind reaching 40-50 kmph at one or two places over the districts of Balasore, Bhadrak, Jajpur, Kendrapara, Cuttack, Jagatsinghpur, Puri, Khurda, Nayagarh, Ganjam, Gajapati, Dhenkanal, Kandhamal, Boudh, Kalahandi, Malkangiri, Koraput and Rayagada on April 23.

As per the IMD prediction, hailstorm is very likely to occur at one or two places over the districts of Dhenkanal, Boudh and Cuttack. "People are advised to keep watch on weather condition and take shelter at safer places during the thunderstorm activity to protect them from lightning. They are also advised to follow traffic advisories in

urban areas," said the weatherman. The IMD also issued a Yellow warning of thunderstorm with lightning for one or two places over the remaining districts of Odisha. April 24: The IMD predicted light to moderate rain or thunderstorm for many places over the districts of Odisha on April 24. It has issued an Orange warning of thunderstorm with lightning and gusty surface wind reaching 40-50 kmph at one or two places over the districts of Balasore, Bhadrak, Jajpur, Kendrapara, Cuttack, Jagatsinghpur, Puri, Khurda, Nayagarh, Ganjam, Gajapati, Malkangiri, Koraput, Rayagada, Kalahandi, Kandhamal, Boudh, Angul, Dhenkanal,

Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj. As per the MeT prediction, hailstorm is very likely to occur at one or two places over the districts of Angul, Dhenkanal, Jajpur, Boudh, Kalahandi and Kandhamal. Besides, heavy rainfall is likely to occur at one or two places over the districts of Cuttack, Jajpur, Dhenkanal, Rayagada and Koraput, said the IMD. April 25: Light to moderate rain or thunderstorm is very likely to occur at a few places over the districts of Odisha on April 25, predicted the IMD. Thunderstorm with lightning and gusty surface wind reaching 30-40 kmph are very likely to occur at one or two places over the districts of Koraput,

Rayagada, Gajapati, Ganjam, Nabarangpur, Kalahandi, Kandhamal and Nuapada, it added. April 26: As per the prediction, light to moderate rain or thunderstorm is very likely to occur at a few places over the districts of Coastal Odisha and at one or two places over the remaining districts of Odisha on April 26. Thunderstorm with lightning is very likely to occur at one or two places over the districts of Cuttack, Jagatsinghpur, Kandhamal, Rayagada, Nabarangpur and Koraput on the day, said the IMD. "Maximum temperature is very likely to fall by 2 to 3 degree C at a few places over the districts of Odisha during the next three days," said the IMD.

# ICC Odisha Gets New Team

**Bhubaneswar:** Senior Vice-Chairman & Vice-Chairman of Odisha State Council for the year 2023-24. New office-bearers of ICC Odisha vow to work closely with the Odisha Government to make the State a preferred destination for investors. Odisha is the manufacturing hub of East India, with the state GSDP growth surpassing the national GDP growth rate of India. It is the heartland of India's mineral deposits and one of



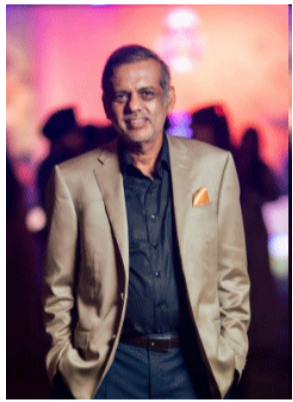
the most happening places for start-ups. Odisha is also recognized as a 'Leader' in the implementation of business reforms by DIPP and the World Bank. Robust Industrial Infrastructure, easy availability of industry ready work force and close proximity to the ASEAN creates a

harmonious synergy for growth and development for this coastal state. The Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) living up to its new theme of "Governance for Growth" actively promotes sustainable growth initiatives throughout the country and abroad, connecting the hinterlands of India

to the highways of Chemicals & Fertilizers, The Chamber actively engages with the government, academia and the public at large, to guide enterprises to do their businesses effectively, while becoming more conscious of their responsibilities. ICC works across sectors like Agro and Food processing, Capacity Building Initiatives, Coal, Energy, Healthcare, IT & ITes, Minerals & Metals, Plantation, Safety & Security, Banking & Finance, Construction & Real Estate, Environment, Infrastructure, Logistics, Oil and Gas, Retail and Tourism. ICC initiatives in Odisha pan the cross section of business and economic activities in the state. The Chamber takes pride in its association with the state government and pledges to actively work in sync with the state policy objectives to co-create the emerging Odisha of tomorrow.

## Rajib Sahoo New Sr.VC ICC

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Rajib Sekhar Sahoo, Ace Financial Expert and Eminent Chartered Accountant has been appointed as Senior Vice Chairman of Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Odisha State Council. Shri Sahoo, the Principal Partner of SRB & Associates, the leading Chartered Accountant Firm in the country has wide ranging experience in Banking and Financial Sector. Known as an Expert on Industry, Business, Banking and Corporate Sector, Shri Sahoo brings in knowledge and expertise for ICC, pointed out an Industry Observer. At present he is an Independent Director, Indraprastha Gas Limited, Independent Director SICOM Limited, Independent



Director, Kalinga Hospitals Limited and Director in Odisha State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd. (OSCSCLtd). Shree Sahoo is a Member in Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPF), Member of Laxmanrao Inamdar National Academy for Cooperative Research Development (NCCDC). He is Member in Company Law standing Committee and Member in CARO Review

Committee appointed by Government of India. Shri Sahoo is an Independent Trustee of Odisha Urban Infrastructure Development Fund (OUIDF) appointed by Government of Odisha. He is a Member of Fee Structure Committee for Professional Educational Institutions of Odisha appointed as per the direction of Supreme Court of India chaired by a Retired High Court Judge since 2007. Earlier Shri Sahoo was Trustee in Paradip Port Trust from the year 2008-10. He was Director in Andhra Bank from July, 2008 to July, 2011. He was Director in NTPC Limited a Maharatna Company of Government of India from August 2011 to August 2014, Hindustan Zinc Limited from

October 2011 to October 2014, THDC India Limited (Tehri Hydro Development Corporation India Limited) from November 2011 to November 2014 and he was Director Bank of Baroda, from December 2011 to December 2014. Shri Sahoo was a Co-opted Member to the Committee on Banking, Insurance and Pension of ICAI for the Council Year 2014-15. He was the President of Bhubaneswar Chapter of The Indus Entrepreneur (TIE) having head quarter in Silicon Valley, USA. His induction as Senior Vice Chairman of ICC Odisha State Council will not only help out the Organization, but also the State, which is eyeing for huge investments.

## Iftar-e-Aman and Eid Curtainraiser at The Lalit Great Eastern Hotel Kolkata

**Kolkata:** Iftar-E-Aman was the way Mr. Kamal Raza, the newly appointed General Manager of The Lalit Great Eastern Hotel Kolkata, on behalf of the hotel, in association with the all important Mr. Imran Zaki, ushered in the festive times of Eid, filled with love, peace and brotherhood. Among the selected guests from all walks of life in Kolkata, at the opulent and historic ballroom, there was actor/activist/teacher of Method Acting Mr. Bobby Chakraborty. He was all in praise about the warmth and cordiality of Mr. Raza, and of course the curator of the event Mr. Zaki, with whom he shares a long relationship of almost 15 years. Shri Bobby Chakraborty in his own words reiterated the fact that, "I have always believed that none of the money, power, designation, youth comes in comparison with good behavior. The former are all temporary, whereas good behavior between



two humanbeings is all that's going to stay on forever. But sadly that gets lost among the false sense of power, ego, money and designation. That's where Imran Bhai and Kamal Bhai strikes above all others" The ballroom was packed with distinguished guests among whom we could spot famous P.R. and event manager Ms. Supreeta Singh, Mr. Subir Das from Reliance group, Mr. Sujoy Biswas from Techno India Group, Politicians Mrs. Saira Shah Halim and Mr. Babun Banerjee (CM Smt. Mamata Banerjee's younger brother), Mr. Asif

Ahmed, owner of The famous restaurant Sanjha Chulha, Mrs. Suman Sood, Director of BD Memorial School, Teacher Mrs. Zeba Rehman and Father Dominic Gomes, Vicar General and Chancellor of The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Kolkata. After the prayers were offered the guests were welcomed with the best Middle Eastern Eid Cuisine, which was a gastronomic delight to say the least. May more such events of harmony between all faiths happen in a world filled with hate and

animosity. Shri Bobby Chakraborty supports all such programmes which support harmony and unity in society and country. He is in the forefront of the fight against Addiction. Leading de-addiction campaigns across educational institutions and collaborating with authorities to rid society of this menace. He is an actor and teacher of method acting. Above all Shri Bobby Chakraborty is a loving and dutiful son looking after his parents.

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**Ponniyin Selvan 2: Aishwarya Rai Looks Enchanting And Mysterious As Nandini In New Teaser**

The wait will soon be over. The trailer of Mani Ratnam's magnum-opus 'Ponniyin Selvan - 2' will be launched today. Now, just a day before the launch, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan took to Instagram and shared a teaser of the film. The actress looks enchanting and mysterious in the royal look. She is seen holding a lamp in her hand as the camera captures her mirror reflection. Fans of the actress were very excited to see her back on the screens and shared their love for her in the comments section. "No dialogue is needed her expressions say what she's going through," a user commented. "Literally Lived as Nandini," another user wrote. Earlier, she had shared a poster with Vikram in which she could be seen lighting the lamp while the latter's expressions were intense. The trailer of the second part will be launched at around 6 pm today, 29th March at Jawahar Lal Nehru Indoor Stadium in Chennai. Helmed by ace director Mani Ratnam, the historical drama based on Kalki's epic of the same name. The ensemble star cast of the film includes, Chiyaan Vikram, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, Karthi, Jayam



Ravi, Trisha, Aishwarya Lekshmi, Lal, and Sobhita Dhulipala, among others. The part one of the film had Bollywood actress Aishwarya Rai Bachchan's comeback to movies after a long hiatus. 'Ponniyin Selvan: I' was the first part of a two-part franchise that has been shot on a massive budget of 500 crore rupees. The soundtrack of the film has been composed by AR Rahman, while it has been shot by Ravi Varman. The film had turned out to be a massive success at the box office and raked more than Rs 500 Cr at the box office.

**'Adipurush' Director Om Raut, Producer Bhushan Kumar Seek Blessings At Mata Vaishno Devi**



On the auspicious occasion of Navratri, Producer Bhushan Kumar, and Director Om Raut sought blessings of Mata Vaishno Devi for the 'Adipurush' campaign that begins from Ramnavmi, March 30. The magnum opus, one of the most anticipated films of 2023, that prepares for a worldwide release on June, 16th, predominantly chronicles the story of Prabhu Shri Ram and celebrates the triumph of good over evil. Remarking on the creation of the universe and the beginning of the world by Maa Shri Durga, Chaitra Navratri holds immense significance in Hindu culture. With this belief and Shri Gulshan Kumar's immense faith in Maa Vaishno Devi, the makers seek divine blessings for Adipurush. The film revives a rich and historic Indian epic Ramayana in a magnificent manner starring Prabhas, Kriti Sanon, Sunny Singh, and Saif Ali Khan. Adipurush, directed by Om Raut is produced by T-Series, Bhushan Kumar & Krishan Kumar, Om Raut, Prasad Sutar, and Rajesh Nair of Retrophiles and will be releasing globally on 16th June 2023.

**'Nayanthara' 'Connect' emerges as a successful horror thriller as it brings audiences back to theatres**

Nayanthara brought an amazing gift to her pan-India fans with her Hindi debut in 'Connect'. While the audience has been encountering different kinds of horror with a blend of drama and comedy, 'Connect' came as a full-fledged horror thriller after a long time that attracted a lot of audiences in the theaters. Having brought a nail-biting horror thriller in the festive season and being a strong women-led film, 'Connect' is successfully holding its presence in theaters across the nation. As the film was released around the two big festivals while marking Christmas and New Year, it certainly came as a much-needed horror thriller for the audience to rush to the theaters to enjoy the thrill and a gripping story after a long time. Having seen the bookings of multiplexes, it is visible that the film is receiving a great response from the audience. Moreover, it's almost 10 days, since 'Connect' has released in Tamil, and ever since then it is collecting phenomenal reviews from the audience. Ahead of this, the debut of Nayanthara in Hindi was also been welcomed by the audience with open arms with the release of

**Jacqueline Fernandez Wraps The First Schedule Of Sonu Sood-Starrer 'Fateh' In Amritsar, Shares Memories**

After winning the 'Women of Excellence' award at the Annual Los Angeles Festival of Film, Fashion, and Art for her international film, 'Tell it Like a Woman', the sunshine girl Jacqueline Fernandez is gearing up for her next film. It's just been a while since we had seen her spreading the charm of her beauty at the Oscars and now the actress has wrapped the first schedule of her next film 'Fateh' in Amritsar and seems like she had a great time with the team in the city. As Jacqueline was shooting in Amritsar for her next film Fateh,



she brought some glimpses of her amazing time in the city for her fans. From receiving a sketch of herself from a fan to enjoying the lassi to eating delicious Punjabi food, the actress dropped some really amazing pictures on her

social media encapsulating her best shooting days in Amritsar. She further jotted down the caption, "Thank you Amritsar #fateh" Jacqueline was truly having the best of her time while shooting for Fateh in Amritsar.

The actress also visited the Golden Temple with her co-star Sonu Sood. Apart from 'Fateh' alongside Sonu Sood, Jacqueline also has 'Crack' alongside Vidhut Jammwal and Arjun Rampal in her future lineup.

**Megastar Chiranjeevi Honours 'Our Oscar winners' SS Rajamouli, MM Keeravani On Son Ram Charan's Birthday**

Star Chiranjeevi honoured filmmaker SS Rajamouli and music composer MM Keeravani at actor-son Ram Charan's birthday. He said that the win Telugu industry achieved for Indian Cinema shall remain etched in history. Chiranjeevi took to his Instagram page to share pictures. The image shows Chiranjeevi handing over a big bouquet of flowers and shawl to honour Rajamouli and his wife. In the

NTR Jr from the film 'RRR' made India proud as it won the Best Original Song at the 95th Academy Awards. Leaving behind names

already won a Golden Globe and a Critics Choice Award this year. 'RRR' stars NTR Jr., Ram Charan, Ajay Devgn, Alia Bhatt and



picture, MM Keeravani and his wife are being honoured with a shawl and a bouquet. Chiranjeevi wrote: "Honouring our Oscar winners in the presence of near and dear on @alwaysramcharans birthday! This feat Telugus achieved for the Indian Cinema shall remain etched in history." 'Naatu Naatu' picturised on Ram Charan and

such as Lady Gaga, Diane Warren and Rihanna, 'Naatu Naatu' made history after contending against songs such as 'Applause' from 'Tell It Like a Woman', 'Hold My Hand' from 'Top Gun: Maverick', 'Lift Me Up' from 'Black Panther: Wakanda Forever' and 'This Is a Life' from 'Everything Everywhere All at Once'.

'Naatu Naatu' has Shriya Saran and tells the fictional story of two real-life Indian revolutionaries, Alluri Sitarama Raju and Komaram Bheem and their fight against the British Raj. Set in the 1920s, the plot explores the undocumented period in their lives when both the revolutionaries chose to go into obscurity before they began the fight for their country.



## IMPACT OF ONLINE EDUCATION DURING PANDEMIC: A TRANSITION TO REMOTE LEARNING



Sagufta Sahin Saikat Kumar Basu

### Introduction

As a result of the outbreak of a worldwide epidemic, society has adapted to a quick shift to online schooling. The transition has been challenging for many families. Accessibility issues have disproportionately impacted lower-income families, who may lack access to two prerequisites for online learning: high-speed internet connection and a computer. According to a National Education Association (NEA) survey, 13.5 million students aged 5 to 17 do not have access to these tools. People have also struggled to grasp how online learning affects their children's education and development, as well as the general family relations. As schools and parents react to the turmoil produced by the epidemic, the benefits and drawbacks are becoming obvious. For example, according to a joint NEA/National PTA research on the impact of online education, most kids believe they are getting a good education, while experiencing pressure from learning, emotional, economic, and health pressures. Impact of Remote Learning on Child Education Individual learning styles, learning environments, and parental engagement are all factors that may influence how well a student's education performs during online learning. The following are the most typical reasons children have difficulty with the transition from the classroom environment: a) Inequity in digitalization: The students who have suffered the most do not have constant access to high-speed internet and a one-to-one device for online learning. Successful online learning is impossible without technology, which millions of students lack. b) Lack of structure: Many pupils function best in an organised atmosphere with a fixed schedule. These students may be more distracted at home. They may skip assignments or class sessions, which can have a detrimental influence on online education. Many parents work while their children learn online. These families, in particular, may struggle to provide the same amount of stability at home that children receive at school. c) Reduced engagement: Many students struggle with the loss of face-to-face connection with their lecturers and peers during online learning. Teachers may be unable to distinguish which kids

are on task and which require further assistance. Disengaged students may not participate in online class discussions, and if the entire class is disengaged, it makes for one silent, useless class meeting. While many students struggled with the transition to online education, others excelled. Educators and parents alike are taking note, with many wonderings how this may result in long-term changes when pupils return to school. Online learning has provided several benefits to teachers, parents, and students, including the following: a) Schedules with more leeway: Many students struggle with the rigorous schedule of an on-campus school day, which can have a detrimental influence on their grades and retention. These pupils may thrive on the flexibility that remote learning gives. b) More self-paced education: Some students may benefit from splitting work into digestible portions and taking breaks as required, benefits that are not always available in an on-campus setting. Students who learn online like to work at their own speed. c) Less distractions: Students who are easily distracted or worried may find it easier to concentrate and focus on academics at home. Shy kids may struggle to answer questions or interact in class, but they find it simpler to participate online. d) Improved self-control abilities: Students are working more independently by keeping track of their calendars, knowing when meetings occur, setting aside time during the day to concentrate on tasks, and keeping track of due dates. e) More rest: Students benefit from extra sleep as well. One obvious benefit of online schooling is that students sleep better, which enhances learning results. Impact of Online Education on Children's Development Beyond the educational effects of online learning, there are developmental effects. When children attend school in person, they learn much more than just reading and maths; they also gain crucial social and emotional skills that will serve them well in life. As with academic achievement, the transition to online education might affect children differently. Parents are justified to be concerned about their children's social and

emotional development. I. Social Development Online education does not provide pupils with the same social benefits as they do when they engage with peers or teachers. Many parents are realising the harmful consequences of school interruptions and are opting for online schooling. Children might be: a) Disengaged: Families are discovering that many children are skipping classes or playing video games instead of finishing their homework. Interacting with friends was the finest part of school for many children. Without that social connection, some pupils may struggle to stay interested at all. Students may also struggle to understand and communicate emotional cues via online video platforms. b) Isolated: Families are concerned that kids would become socially isolated while participating in online schooling. While many parents have sought to limit the amount of time their children spend in front of a screen, those youngsters may now spend several hours per day on a computer for school with minimal human connection. A lack of one-on-one engagement, in particular, might impede the development of social skills in younger children. c) Unmotivated: Peer ties can help people feel more motivated. It can be stimulating for students to collaborate on group projects or presentations, or simply merely engage in class discussions. They lose that motivation when forced to labour in alone. Other students may like the absence of social pressure that online learning provides. The social side of the classroom may be both a diversion and a source of concern for certain pupils. Many youngsters thrived during online learning because they were not subjected to the social pressures that come with being on campus. Children who have been bullied at school, in particular, have found online learning to be a pleasant break. Other children may feel relieved since they are no longer under pressure to appear nice or achieve specific social norms, and shy or timid pupils may find it easier to seek instructor assistance. A lack of social activities, such as clubs or sports teams, might also help students to concentrate more intently on their studies and enhance their study habits. II. Emotional Concerns Parents may be concerned about the emotional impact of online education on their children. The pandemic's uncertainty and disruption, along with the eventual change to online schooling, can have an emotional impact on children. Furthermore, according to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 3.7 million children ages 12-17 get mental health

services at school, implying that many youngsters may require support while they are not at school. The following are the most significant emotional concerns: a) Depression: A child's social isolation during online schooling might lead to depression. Furthermore, children who gain a lot of confidence at school may struggle without the individual feedback they normally get from teachers. b) Concerns about a pandemic: Children may be concerned about catching COVID-19 from themselves or family members. They may have loved ones who are infected with the virus, or they may have lost a family member to the illness. c) Concerns about money: Because of COVID-19, some parents have lost their employment or money, causing stress for everyone in the home, including children. Positive Impacts of Online Education The epidemic has prompted innovative approaches to online teaching and learning. While it was a little shift for some, it was a big change for others. Schools, colleges, and universities all across the world have adapted to the new trend by implementing cutting-edge technology in their educational procedures. Learning appears to have gotten simpler and safer for students from all over the world as a result of the benefits of online education throughout the epidemic. These are: 1) Restructuring of the education system have caused students to explore a highly advanced, technology directed educational platform with many facets to explore in the future. 2) Establishment of online education platform that helps in reaching a large number of target students with no need for basic building and classroom infrastructure, thus drastically cuts the cost of education significantly through online mode. 3) The importance of modern online and offline education, hybrid mode of education, online and offline distance education or correspondence courses has increased many folds. 4) The online education system has become extremely popular among students and has been accepted globally at all levels of education (primary, secondary and tertiary). 5) Tutorial based private parallel education system got further impetus through establishment of online education system; and this has marginalized conventional classroom based formal primary, secondary and tertiary education. 6) Time, money and efforts directed towards establishing online education has sidelined the classroom-based teaching approaches of

conventional schools; making students free to explore new alternatives available on this platform. 7) The new system being gadget based has increased virtual student-teacher, student-student, and teacher-guardian meetings, exchanges and communications. This has increased traffic flow in the virtual academic world. 8) The evaluation of OMR sheets, online assignment and declaration of online results has been fast and efficient. 9) Online education emphasized upon the western home-schooling method. 10) Specially asked children who could not move out of house for getting education could use online Education opportunities seamlessly from the comfort of their home. 11) Online education platforms open up the training opportunities for future entrepreneurs and business operating classes to e-communication (email and various social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, WhatsApp, Winchat, Snapchat, Telegram, Signal etc), e-commerce, e-banking, telemedicine, online payment modes, data delivery and data retrieval to improve future trade, commerce and business management. 12) This education system being completely online claims to be an environment-friendly approach as there is no need for paper, pen and pencil and that helps conserve tress and reduces plastic pollutions. 13) Once installed properly this is a bit cheaper compared to long distance travel in vehicle. 14) It has opened up learning opportunities for all such as all professionals, previous dropouts who want to complete their incomplete education, homemakers, prisoners, people in service all could benefit from this education system as they do not need to attend this program and could still compare their courses saving time and money. 15) Online education trains students well in working from office environment to serve a wide clientele. 16) Thus, students undergoing online education will be more benefited in future and in achieving better salaries and positions. 17) Online education connects the entire globe through this high technology platform. 18) A student in India can now easily attend the class of a distinguished professor in premier universities like Harvard or Princeton, Oxford or Cambridge without any problem. This will further enhance their knowledge and skill levels; and better equip them with the changing global economics. 19) The process of communication is always at a very high speed in online education system.

20) Online education has provided higher communication between participants of national or international webinars, discussions, seminars, symposium, colloquium, workshops and business meetings changing the world of communication forever. Negative Impacts of Online Education Covid-19 has wreaked havoc and devastation in ways that no one could have predicted. The entire globe came to a halt in some way. Life as we knew it was altered. And this shift became the new normal. Educational institutions began to use online instruction. With not having to hustle and get ready to come to the institutions, and being in the comfort of their homes, the beginning of this transformation seemed quite appealing to the students. This calm, however, did not endure as long. Online education has had a significant impact on both students' and instructors' mental and physical health. The shift to online learning has ramifications not just for professors, who must modify their courses, but also for students, who must adjust to the new learning environment. Educators and parents are taking note, and many are wondering if the transition to online education will result in long-term effects for kids who leave the classroom. One of the most significant repercussions of the shift to online learning is the effect on students' health and sleeping patterns. Other negative impacts of online education are: 1) Lack of teacher-student face to face interaction. 2) Students that are not exposed to the technology platform found themselves alienated and marginalized. 3) The online education system turned to be more useful for students from urban affluent families across different major towns, cities and municipalities. 4) Students from poor rural background who lack this new technology platform are thus subjected to educational discrimination and lagging behind at primary, secondary and tertiary levels of education. 5) Absence of regular school hours also hampered the mid-day meal distribution system on which students from poor families were heavily dependent. This has accelerated the number of dropouts from the school system across the country. 6) Nutritional deficiencies and malnourishment have been reported in many children. This has been due to the disruption of mid-day meal services; the as this has been one of their major meal providers in remote rural areas with poor infrastructure and high rates of unemployment. 7) Lack of physical activity due to long term school closures impacted physical health of both urban and rural students

due to non-participation in exercises, sports activities; laboratory-based activities or participation in face-to-face project works 8) Online education system was more readily accepted by high- and middle-income group families; but, rejected by low-income families and for communities still living under the poverty line. 9) Lack in cognitive and social skill development due to home isolation, depression, frustrations and anxiety. 10) Inappropriate virtual meetings with friends and relatives, deteriorating their creative potential and shifting focus to improper content on the internet detrimental to both student mind and body. Many students have transformed into internet addict Siri g this phase. 11) Lack of emotional bonding between teachers and students as well as among students from the same class or level or sections, is quite alarming. Acute laziness and withdrawal from society has been reported with very low motivation towards learning and attending home assignments. 12) Student learning has been found to be too mechanical with lack of proper understanding of the subject matter. 13) The full potential of online education was not realized by parents and guardians in both rural and urban areas. As a matter of fact, the system has been abused by the students by not attending virtual classes since no effective monitoring online system is not available. 14) The students have been found to move away from the classroom based REAL WORLD towards the VIRTUAL WORLD. 15) demonstrated more interest on regular basis in visiting restricted pornography pages and sites, movies, soap operas, serials and OTT based platforms but not really the school, college or university education. 16) College and university students handled the transformation better than school students. 17) Infrastructural challenges such as lack of availability of broad band internet as well as poor connectivity impacted online learning significantly. 18) Teachers with no training in online education tools and softwares suffered due to their unfamiliarity with the system and their delivery was quite poor even with number of gadgets made available for use. 19) Social distancing between students in a very negative form have evolved with a negative boost to both superiority and inferiority complexes among them further departing them from one another. 20) Increased urban-rural divide observed among students due to factors discussed above. 21) Students demonstrate a trend of moving away from story books towards more het based

entertainment opportunities; reducing their reading and writing skills as well as poor communication. 22) Lack of any effective parental support in the online learning mode in economically backward poor families and marginalized communities impacted the learning process. 23) The economic pressure on the communities as been severe fruiting the pandemic. Many lost their jobs. It was impossible for them to buy cell phones or laptops r other gadgets to help in the learning process of their some and/or daughters. Conclusion Globalisation has raised the threats we confront. In recent years, the entire globe has been confronted with the challenges and repercussions caused by Covid-19. It has afflicted people of all nationalities, levels of education, income, and gender. Following the COVID-19 pandemic emergency and the mandated lockdowns, educational boards made online programmes at the school, college and university levels mandatory. Covid-19 brought about a significant transformation in the educational system not just in India, but around the world. Educational institutions in India and throughout the world have abandoned physical classrooms in favour of virtual education. The pandemic Covid-19 has drastically altered the educational system. The pupils are putting forth a lot of effort for this epidemic cause. Due to the pandemic Covid-19, all schools have been closed. As a result, regular schooling affects nearly 1.2 billion youngsters. However, we use technology to push the education system to a higher level. The emergence of e-learning coincided with the emergence of a pandemic condition. There are several advantages to having online sessions since they are flexible, instructive, take less time, are safe and secure, and many more. As a result, every parent wants to register their child in a good college that provides the best value for online education. The abrupt transition from face-to-face to online learning has created various issues for students, instructors, administrators, and educational leaders. Therefore, we can conclude that online education brings both the positive and negative impacts in our life. We have accept and utilize the positivity and try to over come the negative impacts in our daily life specially in our education systems.

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# The two day Global Buddhist Summit 2023 concludes on April 21st with New Delhi Declaration

**New Delhi:** The two day Global Buddhist Summit 2023 concluded successfully in New Delhi today with the New Delhi Declaration. Earlier on 20th April 2023, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the summit. The Declaration reinforces the points highlighted by the Prime Minister in his opening address. The focus of the Global Buddhist Summit was on modes of disseminating and internalizing universal values and to find ways to work together, to address the burning challenges both within and globally and offer a sustainable model for future of the world.

There has been general agreement that the basic fundamental which can provide inspiration and guidance in the light of Buddha's message of Peace, Well-being, Harmony and Compassion for Universal Peace need to be highlighted and worked upon as follows:  
**Aim:** In the present world scenario, the human race has been in great need to be free from conflict, ill-feeling, greed, selfishness and uncertainty of life. We are in dire need of peace and harmony both, in our personal life and at the global level. The texts, doctrines and



philosophy of Buddha Dhamma are best guide for inter-faith dialogue, harmony and universal peace.  
**Peace:** We recognize that peace is the foundation for human happiness and well-being, and that conflicts and violence are a significant threat to peace. We call upon all

nations, organizations and individuals to work towards creating a world free from conflict, violence and war.  
**Environment Sustainability:** We recognize that environmental degradation is one of the most pressing challenges facing

humanity today. We affirm our commitment to protect the environment and promote sustainable development. We urge governments and individuals to take action to reduce carbon emissions, protect biodiversity, and preserve natural resources for future

generations.  
**Wellbeing:** We acknowledge that true happiness arises from inner peace and contentment. We encourage individuals to cultivate mindfulness, compassion, and wisdom, which are essential for promoting happiness and well-

being.  
**Buddhist Pilgrimage as Living Heritage:** We recognize the significance of Buddhist pilgrimage as a living heritage that promotes spiritual growth, cultural understanding and social harmony. We call upon governments to preserve and protect the sacred sites of Buddhism and promote their accessibility to people of all backgrounds.  
**Recommendations:** There is a crucial need for a paradigm shift in human attitude towards nature. Drawing upon the Teachings of the Buddha for the welfare of all sentient beings,

Members of the Sangha, Buddhist leaders, Scholars, followers and institutions can play a significant and effective role in addressing this multi-faceted crisis. Continuation of annual Global Buddhist Summit is one such important step in this direction. Nalanda, one of the greatest seats of Dhamma education for nearly 700 years between the 5th and 12th centuries AD, precedes the modern system of university education. It was famous for value education and character building. These values need to be inculcated among youths to rejuvenate the society towards "Vasudeva Ku'umbakam".

## "Gangster Was About To Reveal Secrets, Opposition Killed Him": UP Minister

**Sambhal, Uttar Pradesh:** Uttar Pradesh minister Dharampal Singh on Saturday alleged that the opposition parties got gangster-politician Atiq Ahmad and his brother Ashraf killed, fearing that the duo would reveal their secrets. Atiq Ahmad (60) and his brother Ashraf were shot dead at point-blank range by three men posing as journalists in the middle of a media interaction on the night of April 15 while 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 truth is that the opposition is involved in getting Atiq killed. Some serious secrets were about to be revealed, that's why the opposition got

him murdered," said Dharampal Singh, the state animal husbandry and dairy development minister, who arrived here on Friday to attend the BJP workers' conference for the Chandausi civic polls. The three assailants of Atiq had posed as media persons to commit the crime. They were arrested by the police after the incident. The Uttar Pradesh government has constituted a three-member judicial inquiry commission to probe the matter.

## "Price For Speaking Truth": Rahul Gandhi After Vacating Delhi Bungalow



**New Delhi:** Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said on Saturday that he was ready to pay any price for speaking the truth, after he vacated his official residence in New Delhi following his disqualification as a member of Parliament. Mr. Gandhi, 52, who had been living in a government bungalow at 12 Tughlaq Lane since 2005, was disqualified from the lower house of Parliament last month after he was convicted and sentenced to two years in prison by a court in Surat, Gujarat, in a defamation case for a comment seen as insulting to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and those who share his surname during an election rally in 2019. Today was the last date for Rahul Gandhi to vacate his bungalow after being disqualified

from parliament. Mr. Gandhi, who had appealed the verdict in a court in the state and lost on Friday, said he was targeted by the ruling BJP for his forceful attacks on PM Modi. The former Wayanad MP will now have to appeal in the Gujarat High Court or the Supreme Court against the Surat court's order to retain his Lok Sabha membership. "People of Hindustan gave me this house for 19 years, I want to thank them. It's the price for speaking the truth. I am ready to pay any price for speaking the truth...", Mr. Gandhi told reporters outside his bungalow before leaving in a car. He said he was shifting his belongings to his mother Sonia Gandhi's residence at 10 Janpath, where he

would stay for now. His sister and Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra was seen helping him move in the morning. The Lok Sabha Secretariat had issued a notice to Mr. Gandhi on March 27 to vacate his bungalow by today, as per the rules that disqualify lawmakers convicted of crimes and sentenced to more than two years in jail. The Congress party and other opposition parties have condemned the court's verdict and Mr. Gandhi's disqualification as a "political vendetta" and an "assault on democracy" by the BJP-led government. The BJP, however, has defended the court's decision and accused Mr. Gandhi and his party of questioning the judiciary and disrespecting the law.

## Revival Of Kashi-Somnath Is Example Of "Growing India": Minister

**Somnath, Gujarat:** Union Minister Piyush Goyal on Saturday lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi and said that the revival of Kashi and Somnath is an instance of the "growing and upcoming developed India". Piyush Goyal said that the Prime Minister's efforts to "unite the nation" during his ongoing tenure at the Centre are reflected in the Saurashtra Tamil Sangamam which is being held at Gujarat's Somnath in Gir Somnath district. The two-week-long event was inaugurated on April 17. The Union Minister

said that Saurashtra Tamil Sangamam reflected the true spirit of oneness, togetherness and greatness. "I am very happy to welcome all the women from Tamil Nadu who have reached here for Saurashtra Tamil Sangamam. This program (Saurashtra Tamil Sangamam) reflects the true spirit of oneness, togetherness, and greatness," he said. "Prime Minister Modi's efforts to unite the nation in the past 9 years are reflected today in this program. Prime Minister Modi and Home Minister

Amit Shah gave an appreciable new form to Somnath. This revival of Kashi-Somnath is an example of the growing India and upcoming developed India," The Union Minister said. Notably, the Prime Minister had inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of multiple projects in Somnath in August 2021. He had also inaugurated Shri Kashi Vishwanath Dham in Varanasi in December 2021. The Saurashtra Tamil Sangamam event was inaugurated on April 17 in the presence of Defence Minister

Rajnath Singh and other dignitaries. In the inaugural event, Rajnath Singh emphasised the need for "cultural security" in India. "Besides the security of borders, there is a need for cultural security," said Rajnath Singh. "You are aware of economic security, social security, food security, energy security, environment security and cyber security. Besides these, there is a dimension that also needs security. I will call this dimension cultural security," said Rajnath Singh. The minister further said, "This confluence

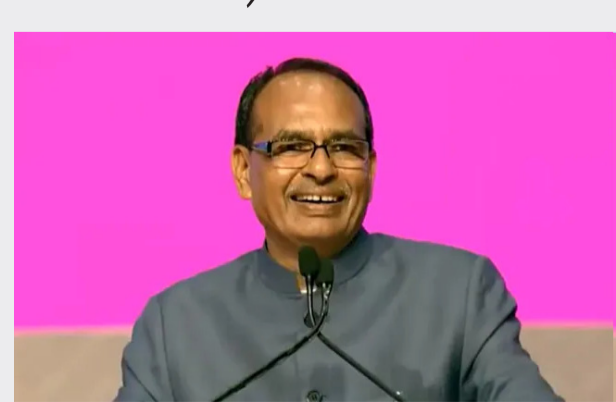
of Saurashtra and Tamil Nadu is not just a meeting of the people of the two states, but it is a holy festival of cultural prosperity of India." In reply to a tweet by Union Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, the Prime Minister on March 20 tweeted: "The #STSangamam celebrates an ancient bond between Gujarat and Tamil Nadu. Centuries ago people from Gujarat made Tamil Nadu their home and embraced the local culture. The Tamil people also welcomed them with open arms. This Sangamam celebrates 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.'"

## "Jyotiraditya Scindia Isn't A Traitor, He's Self-Righteous": Shivraj Chouhan

**Bhopal:** Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has slammed the Congress party for continuously making remarks against Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia and has said that Mr Scindia is not a traitor but a self-righteous leader. Chief Minister Chouhan made the

remark while talking to news agency ANI in the state capital Bhopal on Saturday. "Scindia is not a traitor, he is self-righteous. After all, how much insult he tolerates from the Congress party. The Congress fought the election in the name of Scindia but made elderly Kamal Nath the Chief Minister of the

state. Even the government was also being run by former Chief Minister Digvijay Singh and Nath was just a face only," Mr Chouhan said. Time and again Mr Scindia (when he was in Congress party) and his companions were drawing attention of Kamal Nath towards the public problems, but Mr



Nath's arrogance was so high that when Me Scindia said to do work

or else he would protest, then where Nath did not paid attention to it, the

Chief Minister said. He added that Mr Nath's ego was such that he would drop him (Scindia) in another party by car. How could Mr Scindia tolerate it? After all, how much he would get humiliated? he asked "I want to say one more thing that if they (Scindia and his companions) were wrong then how would

the public make them win by thousands of votes in by elections. Those who won by 1000 or 2000 votes by staying in Congress, they won by 50 to 60 thousand votes in the by-poll. We are not running the government because of someone's favour, they resigned, contested elections and came back victorious,"

Mr Chouhan said. There is a competition of pettiness going on in Congress, the Chief Minister said. "Every congress leader wants to make a statement to belittle the other leader and even Kamal Nath and Digvijay Singh are also involved in it. God knows what will happen to the Congress," the Chief Minister added.

# Mantra For Mandarins

**Bhubaneswar:** Chief Minister, Naveen Patnaik advised the Civil Servants to act with accountability, integrity and sincerity by keeping the citizen satisfaction as utmost priority following the principles of 5T and to work towards empowering the person at the last mile. He was addressing the Civil Services Day Celebrations held at the Convention Hall, Lokaseva Bhawan, today organized by Gopabandhu Academy of Administration, for the first time in the State. As the Chief guest of the occasion he greeted all the Officers of Civil Services of the State for their dedication, commitment and contribution in making Odisha a progressive State. Chief Minister said, 'According to our Constitution, "Citizens are the fundamental building blocks of our

country, and as such, they must be the focal point of governance. The goal of our government is to promote the welfare of our citizens, in a transparent, accountable, and responsive manner. I have been emphasizing on "Transformative Governance" which is primarily aimed to bring about fundamental changes in the system and society by addressing the root causes of issues rather than just treating the symptoms'.

CM also said, in Odisha, the approach of civil services has been improving, both in terms of attitudinal change and adapting to new technologies making them more responsive, accountable, and efficient. Our initiatives of 5T and Mo Sarkar are aimed to bring about real transformation in people's perception of Governance. While, Civil Services



were traditionally structured in a top-down approach, this approach is being increasingly replaced with growing recognition for more citizen-centric governance. This shift is being driven by factors, such as advances technology, changing public expectations, and the recognition that citizens are the ultimate

beneficiaries of governance. Our government has been emphasizing the need for a more citizen-centric and outcome-oriented approach to governance. The government has also been promoting greater collaboration between different departments and stakeholders, as well as leveraging technology and data analytics to

improve decision-making and service delivery. Our aim of "transformative governance" shall fructify when civil servants appreciate that in changing times, there is an urgent need for shift in the mind-set and culture of the civil services towards being more proactive, creative, and flexible, CM added. Raj Kumar Sharma, Director General,

Gopabandhu Academy of Administration, gave the welcome address and set the context for the celebration of the Civil Services Day - 2023 in Odisha. Chief Speaker, Amarjeet Sinha, IAS (R) - an eminent and celebrated civil servant of the country gave a special talk on "Preparing the Civil Services for Transformative Governance".

He spoke very high about the growth and achievements of the State in the recent years, and mentioned about the administrative reforms through the '5T' initiatives, effective disaster managements, Mission Shakti, sports sector successes, and MSME policy of 2022, etc.

He also urged the State Government to invest on its human capital for faster development and bridge the historical development divide. The address was followed by an interactive session moderated by Anu Garg, Development Commissioner.

Pradeep Kumar Jena, Chief Secretary, Odisha, gave the concluding remarks and vote of thanks. He praised Shri Sharma, DG Gopabandhu Academy of Administration for organizing such an

important event for the first time in the State. He suggested the Academy to make it an annual event. While acknowledging the hard work and efforts of the officers of all civil services of the State, he emphasized on adherence of '5T' model which would lead to enhance the quality of life of each citizen of the State.

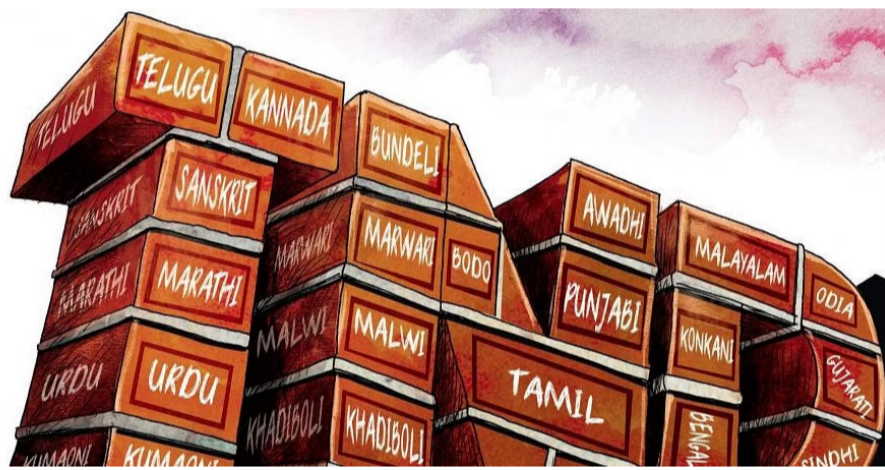
He narrated Odisha's journey from 1999 Super Cyclone where 10,000 deaths were reported to zero casualty in disasters of high magnitude in the recent years. He reiterated the messages of the honorable Chief Minister to ensure a citizen centric governance.

Sunil Bansal, DG Police, and Debidutta Biswal, PCCF graced the occasion as the Guests of Honour.

## 'Shift to local language should be gradual'

**BHUBANESWAR:** Even as University Grants Commission (UGC) has asked universities to support teaching-learning in the local languages to enhance gross enrollment ratio (GER), stakeholders in Odisha's higher education system feel the shift should be gradual and not an additional burden on the faculty-starved public universities in the state. The UGC recently asked vice-chancellors (VCs) of all universities to use local language in the teaching-learning process and promote translation of original writing into local languages besides allowing students to write exams in the local language even if the course is offered in English medium.

Even as academicians welcomed the move, they said given the current circumstances it cannot be done overnight. "None of the three directives seem feasible unless the universities decide to open separate translation



units with subject matter specialists from each department and fill up all vacant teaching positions with faculty who have the knowledge of Odia," said vice chancellor of Fakir Mohan University, Santosh Tripathy.

At present, not all faculty members in universities have reading and writing skills in Odia. Even Odia departments, which will play an important role in translation of books in social sciences and humanities, in universities are facing a faculty crisis. Except Fakir Mohan University, others have 50 per cent faculty strength in their Odia departments and the vacancies have existed for

last over two to five years. Vice chairperson of Odisha State Higher Education Council Ashok Das said the shift to teaching-learning in regional language was discussed in the vice chancellors' meeting in November last year. "Though a well-intentioned move, it will require a lot of time and many things have to be taken care of before the actual translation begins, particularly for science subjects," he said. Das added the focus would also be on ensuring supply of good quality translated books because there is every possibility the local publishers will try to

randomly translate reference books and sell them to students. As far as higher education is concerned, at the UG level, students of humanities and social sciences are being allowed to write their examinations in Odia language. This apart, AICTE had released 20 engineering books in Odia last year. The UGC has urged the state universities to submit a list of discipline-wise availability of faculties, subject experts and scholars who can translate textbooks, reference books and study materials in local languages in their institutes.

## Setback for Congress as Jharsuguda leader joins BJD ahead of bypoll


**BHUBANESWAR:** In a jolt to Congress ahead of Jharsuguda bypoll, Mahendra Naik, the party's candidate in the 2019 election, joined BJD on Friday. Naik formally joined BJD in the presence of Rajya Sabha member Manas Mangaraj at a 'mishran parva' (joining ceremony) organised at the party headquarters here. He had finished third after Naba Kishore Das of BJD and Dinesh Kumar Jain of BJP in 2019 by polling 18,823 votes.



Sources said though Naik was a strong contender for a ticket for the bypoll, the party ignored him and fielded Tarun Pandey from the seat. Tarun is the son of the late Biren Pandey, who was elected to the Assembly thrice from the seat on a Congress ticket in 1980, 1985 and


1995. Political observers believe Naik's desertion will affect the prospects of the bypoll as he belongs to Gond community which has around six per cent votes in the constituency. Naik quitting the Congress ahead of the bypoll is a repeat of 2019 election

when former Health and Family Welfare minister Naba Kishore Das had resigned from the party to join BJD. Das won the seat for BJD. However, the seat fell vacant following his murder by a police ASI on January 29. President of Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) Sarat Patnaik, however, said Naik's desertion will have no impact on Congress. "These things continue in Congress. So many people resign, so many come in," he said.



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## Hindware's New TVC campaign '5 Star Hotel Like Bathrooms' featuring cricket stars from Punjab Kings and Royal Challengers Bangalore

Bhubaneswar: Hindware Limited, a leader in complete bathroom solutions, today launched its new television commercial (TVC) campaign, 'Hotel Like Bathrooms', featuring some of the biggest names in cricket. The campaign highlights the aspirations of today's traveller, who aspires to have the same experience in bathroom as they get in

a 5-star hotel. The TVC campaign features prominent players from Royal Challengers Bangalore & Punjab Kings. The campaign aims to showcase the high-quality bathroom products and solutions from Hindware Italian Collection that offers to create an elegant and comfortable bathroom experience similar to a luxurious hotel. It showcases products

like Element Plus wall mounted and tankless closet, over the counter basin – Amazon and Fonte and Hues collection from Hindware Italian Collection. The campaign will also be supported by an extensive 360-degree promotion outreach including digital, social, OTT, print, radio, and out-of-home activations.

Commenting on the

announcement, Mr. Sudhanshu Pokhriyal, Chief Executive Officer, Bath Business, Hindware Limited, said, "As a leading player in the bathroom solutions market, we are always looking for innovative ways to connect with our customers. We are excited to launch our latest TVC campaign, '5-star Hotel Like Bathrooms', which highlights the

importance of creating a luxurious bathroom experience. Our products are designed to offer a premium and relaxing experience to our customers, and we believe that this campaign will resonate with them. Furthermore, our campaign features cricket phenoms who are the heartline for some many cricket fans. We are confident that with is

collaborated TVC we will be able to connect with wider audience and reinforce our brand's position across Indian markets."

Commenting on the announcement, Ms. Charu Malhotra, VP & Head of Marketing, Hindware Limited, said, "We are delighted to launch our new TVC campaign '5-star Hotel Like Bathrooms', which features some of the biggest names in

cricket. The collaboration between Hindware and Royal Challengers Bangalore and Punjab Kings is expected to bring increased brand exposure, stronger brand positioning, enhanced customer engagement, and subsequently increased revenue for the brand. The TVC will be followed with this 360-degree integrated campaign which

comprises print, radio, digital, OTT, OOH & robust social plan as we aim to leverage the one of the biggest sporting extravaganzas – IPL and connect with millions of cricket fans across the country." The TVC campaign has been conceptualized by MullenLintas, one of India's leading creative agencies, and will be aired on leading television channels and digital platforms across the country.

## Mo School partners with British Council to skill children through sports

Bhubaneswar: The government of Odisha initiative Mo School Abhiyan and UK based international organisation for educational opportunities and cultural exchange British Council signed an agreement to work together on a pilot programme designed to promote sports in school education. The one-of-its-kind initiative will support primary school teachers and coaches to improve learning outcomes of students by inculcating physical and health education to further boost holistic development of children. The programme will be piloted in 30 selected government schools of Odisha which are covered under the Mo School initiative.

The Operational Alliance Agreement (OAA) has been signed

by Sri Anupam Saha, SPD-OSEPA & Member Secretary, Mo School and Rittika Chanda Parrukh, Director Education India, British Council in the presence of senior officials of Government of Odisha and British Council. The agreement will complement the existing overarching agreement between the Government of Odisha and British Council India to work together for strengthening school and mass education in Odisha.

Speaking on the new partnership, Smt. Susmita Bagchi, Chairperson, Mo School said, "We are looking forward to the collaboration with British Council as we want to equip our teachers and trainers with better tools for promoting sports activities right from the school. The collaboration will help our students to build their career in sports

and deliver quality education by giving additional focus on students' health and wellbeing. By skilling them through this programme we hope to afford them a chance to demonstrate improved skills and knowledge while also increasing awareness about how sports can be used as a tool to bring transformative change."

Alison Barrett MBE, Director India, British Council, said, "We are excited for delivering on the MoU we have with Odisha, and working again with Mo School Abhiyan for physical health and wellness of school going children. Prior to this partnership, we worked with Mo School for an English language development programme when Mo School was launched.

## Stay in Charge – the OnePlus 10R 5G Launches in India

**Bhubaneswar :** Today, global technology brand OnePlus officially launched the OnePlus 10R in India. The OnePlus 10R is equipped with 150W SUPERVOOC Endurance Edition – the fastest wired charging ever in a OnePlus smartphone and one of the fastest wired charging standards in the industry. The device is powered by the customized and exclusive MediaTek Dimensity 8100-MAX chipset and has a 120 Hz Fluid AMOLED display, along with the largest and most advanced cooling system in any OnePlus device to date.

"The OnePlus R series exists to make the seamless integration of top-of-the-line hardware and software more accessible to a wider audience of gaming enthusiasts. The OnePlus 10R takes this concept to the next level by offering industry-leading technologies like 150W SUPERVOOC Endurance Edition at a competitive price point," said Navnit Nakra, India CEO and Head of India Region, OnePlus India. "Our fastest ever charging technology, combined with the MediaTek Dimensity 8100-MAX chipset, a high refresh rate display, and an advanced cooling system enable the OnePlus 10R to deliver truly exceptional performance."

The OnePlus 10R with 150W SUPERVOOC Endurance Edition can deliver a day's power after just 10 minutes of charging and its 4,500 mAh battery can be recharged from 1-100% in 17 minutes. 150W SUPERVOOC Endurance Edition is TÜV Rheinland certified for safe fast charging, meaning it has gone through rigorous testing to ensure the device delivers a charging experience that meets OnePlus' high standards.

## JSW Paints launches its innovative product that focuses on consumers' health & well-being at home

**MUMBAI :** JSW Paints, India's environment-friendly paints company and part of the US \$13 billion JSW Group, has launched its product campaign focusing on the Halo Aquaglo range. JSW Paints Aquaglo is India's first water-based paint for wood & metal surfaces with Germ Block Zn2+ ion technology. Previously, Indian consumers were using solvent-based enamels, popularly known as "Oil Paint", for painting wood & metal surfaces. These contain chemicals and solvents that have a strong odour and have a high VOC (Volatile Organic Content). As a result, these paints are not recommended for kids and people with health

conditions as the solvents pollute the home with their unhealthy fumes post-application. Such paint products also take a relatively long time to dry, creating inconvenience for the family at home and can be smelly for a week or two. On the other hand, JSW Paints Aquaglo is 100% water-based, has low odour, dries quickly and is completely family-friendly. Due to its quick-drying benefit, it enables the painting to be finished in a very short time as well. It also retains its shine for a longer period.

The Aquaglo campaign brings the focus back on consumers' overall health and well-being through the Bollywood

star and JSW Paints brand ambassador, Alia Bhatt, as she urges consumers to #PaintKaGKBadhaao. The campaign also includes well-known artist and stand-up comedian Atul Khatri and brings to life the mass hysteria related to a new idea. Alia's reaction to the strong smell of solvent-based paint being used on her newly painted door results in a social media tsunami and a cascade of jokes & banter with everyone joining in for a laugh, misconstruing Alia's point that the oil paint on the door causes pollution, as doors cause pollution. This highlights the low level of awareness among consumers about the

availability and benefits of water-based paints for wood and metal. Aquaglo is also the first paint for wood & metal in India with Germ Block, making it very safe for the family. The campaign is on air across leading TV channels across India and Disney+ Hotstar streaming platform. The campaign is conceptualized by TBWA India According to Anuradha Bose, Chief Marketing Officer of JSW Paints, "Following the successful disruption of our Any Colour One Price initiative, we are now delighted to launch our thoughtful product innovation, Aquaglo. It aims to change yet another convention in paints of using only 'oil paint' for wood & metal.

Our new campaign draws consumers' attention to the clear benefit of adopting a water-based Aquaglo range of paints for painting wooden doors, metal grills and other such surfaces in their homes. Paint Ka GK badhaao is a clear call to action to make India sit up and choose wellness and comfort."

Speaking about the Aquaglo campaign's attempt to change Indian paint consumers' expectations, Govind Pandey, CEO, TBWA India said, "Paint category has been dominated by the same market leaders for decades without any real challenger. JSW Paints is the disruptor that is questioning the status quo prevailing in the industry.

## Tata Steel dedicates bridge over river Suna to the community in Joda

**Joda:** With an objective to provide better commuting facility to the residents of Keth Hutting and nearby villages, Tata Steel dedicated a bridge over river Suna connecting Bichakundi with Keth Hutting on Saturday.

Smt Minakshi Mahanta, Hon'ble MLA, Champua graced the occasion as Chief Guest along with Shri Atul Kumar Bhatnagar, General Manager (OMQ Division), Tata Steel, Shri Saroj Kumar Banerjee, Chief (Joda), Tata Steel and Shri Rajesh Kumar, Chief, Tata Steel.

Among others present on the occasion were Ms Tulasi Bobanga, Sarpanch, Bhuiyan Roida, Ms Bilasini Oram, Sarpanch, Loidapada, Mr Narendra Munda, Sarpanch, Jalahari, Ms Subhakanti Soy, Sarpanch, Jurudi, Ms Priyanka Majhi, Sarpanch, Jajanga, Mr Arun Munda, Sarpanch, Palsa, Ms Laxmi Champia, Samiti

Sabhya, Jalahari, Ms Rajani Penthei, Samiti Sabhya, Jurudi, Mr Mahendra Majhi, Samiti Sabhya, Palsa, Mr Manbodh Oram, Ex-Sarpanch, Bhuiyan Roida and Mr Jatish Chandra Naik, Ex-Sarpanch, Bhuiyan Roida, along with senior officials of Tata Steel, and officials of Tata Steel Foundation.

The construction of the 91 feet long and 12 feet wide bridge allowing movement of light motor vehicles was completed in a record time of four months. To enhance the safety standard of the bridge technical interventions like RCC (Reinforced cement concrete) pillars, etc. have been used. Apart from this, to promote sustainability, Tata Steel Foundation (TSF), the CSR arm of the Company, has also installed two solar-powered streetlights near the bridge that will enable the villagers to safely commute at night. More than 10,000

people residing in Bhuiyan Roida, Malda, Loidapada, Jalahari, Jurudih and Guali panchayats along with Joda Municipality will be benefitted by the bridge which also connects Keonjhar district with Sundargarh district.

TSF has undertaken various developmental initiatives towards socio-economic development of the people in the peripheral areas of operations around Joda, focusing on health, education, infrastructure development, livelihoods, skill upgradation and women empowerment among others. Infrastructure being a very crucial sector for the overall development of any society, the Company has undertaken many infrastructure development initiatives in the region including construction of community centres, deep bore wells, infrastructure for schools, etc.

## Jio tops 4G download speed chart in April: TRAI Data

**Bhubaneswar:** Reliance Jio continues to lead in the average 4G download speed chart published by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) for the month of April. Jio achieved 23.1 Mbps average 4G download speed in the month of April, witnessing an improvement from 21.1 Mbps in March this year.

As per the data published by TRAI on its MySpeed portal, Vodafone Idea, Airtel and BSNL network registered 17.7 Mbps, 14.1 Mbps and 5.9 Mbps average download speed respectively in the month

of April. While Airtel registered marginal improvement in average download speed from 13.7 Mbps in the month of March, performance of both Vodafone Idea and BSNL dipped in April. The download speed helps consumers in accessing content from the internet, while upload speed helps them in sending or sharing pictures or video to their contacts.

In the average upload speed chart, Vodafone Idea topped with average upload speed of 8.2 Mbps in April, followed by Jio with 7.6 Mbps, Airtel with 6.1 Mbps and BSNL with 5.0 Mbps average upload speed.

In Odisha, Jio also topped the average 4G download speed chart with 46.3 Mbps average download speed followed by Airtel with 15.1 Mbps and VI with 12.7 Mbps average download speed, as per data published on MySpeed portal of TRAI. In average upload speed VI achieved 9.1 Mbps average upload speed followed by 8.2 Mbps of Jio and 4.9 Mbps of Airtel.

It is worth mentioning here that the average speed is computed by TRAI based on data it collects with help of its MySpeed application on a real-time basis.

## Apeejay Education and AWS announce new accelerator program

**Bhubaneswar :** Apeejay Education, an academic institution in India established for more than 50 years, and Amazon Web Services (AWS), an Amazon.com company, today announced the launch of the National Education Policy Accelerator Program (NEPAP), an initiative to

enable academic institutions in India to align with the technology requirements documented in the Government's National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020). This is the first program in India to support the technology transformation of education institutions as

per the NEP 2020. The NEP 2020 aims to strengthen India's education sector that directly contributes to the country's growth and development, demonstrating the need to integrate technology in education to improve learning and teaching at all levels. The

accelerator program will address two key tenets of the NEP 2020 – on the extensive use of technology in teaching, learning, education planning, and management; and in the creation of open, interoperable, evolvable, public digital infrastructure in the

education sector to support multiple platforms and point solutions.

The accelerator program will guide academic institutions on multiple aspects of the NEP 2020. It will support academic institutions by conducting digital innovation workshops to focus on

identifying and prioritizing unique challenges of the academic institutions, and co-building solutions or proof-of-concepts (POCs) using technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML). AWS will drive these workshops based on the Amazon Working

Backwards innovation methodology, which uses design thinking to identify and define a customer-focused problem or opportunity and develop prototypes. Through the accelerator program, AWS and Apeejay Education will support academic institutions with AWS credits, capacity

building workshops, and access to dedicated resources, to build and implement the POCs. Apeejay Education will bring expertise on the use cases of digital solutions in the education sector, and support with testing the solutions to extend the reach to other institutions across India.

# Warner finally manages to break free

**New Delhi:** David Warner has been a consistent performer for Delhi Capitals in this edition of the IPL, despite their streak of losses. Against Kolkata Knight Riders on Thursday (April 20), Warner registered his fourth fifty-plus score in six games and while comparing this knock to his previous outings, there were a few contrasts. The most obvious one was that it finally came in a winning cause for the Capitals. The other major difference was his approach. All his previous 30-plus scores came at a strike rate of under 120 but in this game, Warner finished close to 140.

The main reason Warner was able to strike at a quicker rate was that he capitalised on the powerplay, which in turn was possible as the Capitals did not lose wickets in a flurry at the start of their innings unlike some of their previous games. On a wicket that slowed down

as the innings progressed, Warner scored 45 off 25 in the powerplay, with DC managing 61/1 in the first six.

"We didn't lose three wickets in a row. There are going to be a lot of critics out there to suggest that I haven't been batting the way I normally bat. But when you lose three wickets in a row in two overs, and I faced three balls, what can you do? You can't really do anything. You have to have some sense of responsibility. Just like little Bangalore. You know (if) I get out, people would have criticised me getting out but that's just the game, that's how it is," Warner said at the press conference when asked about the criticism he has faced over his strike rate. "For us it's about backing yourself and coming out and executing your skills. Today I felt like my match-ups were there and I'll take the powerplay on. And we didn't lose wickets in clumps in the first two

overs. So that plays a big role as well. But for me I felt that I had my rhythm back again, I had a good couple of net sessions. I was probably a bit tentative losing a lot of wickets in the first couple of games but for me it's about going out there and just playing like the way I do and the way that I know, and then it's going to be better off for us and the team."

A clinical performance with the ball, led by two-wicket hauls for Ishant Sharma, Anrich Nortje, Axar Patel and Kuldeep Yadav, helped the Capitals restrict the Knight Riders to 127 after a delayed start due to rain in Delhi. Comfortably placed in the chase at one point, the Capitals did lose wickets before scampering over the finish line in the final over with four wickets in hand.

"Chasing 128, that's quite a low total, there can be...I wouldn't say nerves, can be a bit scratchy," said Warner. "Being 0-5, they (low-



scorers) are games that are sometimes hard to win. But the way that our bowlers bowled today was amazing and absolutely exceptional, on that wicket. I didn't feel like that wicket was a 130 wicket, it looked like a 155-165 kind of wicket. Look, we lost wickets again, too many consecutive - we have to work on that - but little things can happen when we are chasing small totals."

About Ishant, Warner said was in contention to

play the previous game at the Arun Jaitley stadium but missed out eventually as he was unwell. He was sick the last game. He was probably going to be playing the last game but he was sick. That was unfortunate, he had a bit of a fever. So he couldn't play. After the first game that we played here and it swung and seamed, he was definitely going to be in contention to play."

Warner also said they'll have to re-look their bowling combination

once Khaleel, recovering from a hamstring injury, is back in the mix. "The other thing you got to think about is Khaleel Ahmed as well. He is a very good new-ball bowler. With Khaleel out, Ishant obviously came in today and bowled exceptionally well. And then we have to have that good, hard think about when Khaleel is fit, what team we're going to go with.

"The guys are bowling really well. Mukesh, he

nailed his yorkers. To keep Andre Russell at bay - yeah, maybe get one or two (where) he hit off, but that's fine - to keep him there and execute his yorkers, that's skill. Credit to Ishant, the way he came out of his bed with his sickness, and he bowled exceptionally well. But that's the depth we have with our bowling."

Some of the Indian batters in the Capitals' line-up have struggled against pace and short-pitched deliveries. Especially Prithvi Shaw, who has been dismissed thrice by pacers in the earlier matches and has managed only 47 runs in six matches at an average of 7.83. When asked if Warner had any discussions with his team-mates on how to counter pace and short-length deliveries, Warner replied in the negative and said it's up to the individuals to level up the skills.

"To be honest, we don't have too many discussions because

you have to back your skill, I can't tell people how to back. You have to actually work it out. If you're going to face fast bowling, you're going to come up against guys who are bowling 150 (kph), you have to have a technique and a method to score. If they're going to keep coming at you and bowling at your rib cage, you have to find a way to score, and that's the game."

"If you keep looking to score off those lengths, and score one boundary, they are going to bowl the ball to your areas. In the nets it's very difficult to practice. Even in Australia we don't practice short balls. It's something that I feel - if you're practising the short ball all the time, in the game you start to be tentative. It's a reaction skill. And you have to remember that the bowlers are allowed to bowl only one (short ball in an over) in this format. That's a good thing for the batsmen," said Warner.

## UEFA Europa League 2023: Sevilla Thrash Manchester United To March Into Semifinal

**New Delhi:** Six-time champion Sevilla eliminated Manchester United from the Europa League on Thursday after a 3-0 victory in the second leg of their quarterfinal. United had beaten Barcelona and Real Betis earlier in Europe's second-tier competition but couldn't keep up with Sevilla — currently 13th in the Spanish league — at the Ramón Sánchez-Pizjuán Stadium.

Forward Youssef En-Nesyri scored twice and Sevilla advanced to the semifinals 5-2 on aggregate after last week's 2-2 draw in the first leg at Old Trafford.

"This is a team that's used to greater things," Sevilla coach José Luis Mendilibar said. "We came from an awkward situation in Manchester, where we drew 2-2 without doing things right, and people believed that we could do it. In the end we did it. It's surprising for us to win a game against Manchester United without struggling and with such forcefulness, it's not easy."

Under pressure, United defender Harry Maguire lost the ball outside the area and En-Nesyri scored on a low left-footed shot into the corner past goalkeeper



David de Gea in the eighth minute. Defender Loïc Badé headed home two minutes into the second half and En-Nesyri made it 3-0 late on after De Gea's blunder.

United manager Erik ten Hag didn't blame the injuries of some key

players for the loss. "It is about the players on the pitch. They have to perform. I believe in them and trust them. Today, we were not good enough," he told BT Sport. "Tonight, and on some other occasions, we were not ready for the

game and that can't be when you are playing for Manchester United."

The Spaniards also eliminated United in the semifinals of the same competition in 2020. Sevilla will face Juventus in the last four following the Italian team's 1-1 draw at Sporting in Lisbon for a 2-1 aggregate victory.

Ten Hag made only one change to the squad that beat Nottingham Forest 2-0 in the English Premier League on Sunday. Marcel Sabitzer replaced playmaker Bruno Fernandes, who was suspended after an accumulation of yellow cards.

## Chennai, Ahmedabad to host playoffs and final of IPL 2023



**New Delhi:** The venues for the Playoffs and final of IPL 2023 have been announced with Chennai and Ahmedabad sharing the four games. The first Qualifier and

Eliminator will be held on back-to-back days on May 23 and May 24 respectively.

Like in 2022, Ahmedabad gets to host two games including the final on May 28

along with the second qualifier preceding it on May 26. Chennai last hosted an IPL Playoff game in 2019 when Mumbai Indians beat Chennai Super Kings in Qualifier 1.

## Clinical CSK register fourth win with ease

**Chennai:** Led by Ravindra Jadeja's 3 for 22 and Devon Conway's unbeaten 57-ball 77, Chennai Super Kings registered a seven-wicket win over Sunrisers Hyderabad in Chennai, on Friday. The visitors were restricted to 134 for 7 after being put in to bat, a total that was chased down with eight balls to spare. Despite the win, CSK remain in the third spot on the points table, behind Rajasthan Royals and Lucknow Super Giants only on Net Run Rate.

In a bizarre change, SRH opted to open the batting with Abhishek Sharma and Harry Brook. There was a bit of movement on offer for the pacers, but SRH made a steady start. There were regular boundaries flowing in each of the

first four overs, before Brook fell for 22 and Devon Conway's unbeaten 57-ball 77, Chennai Super Kings registered a seven-wicket win over Sunrisers Hyderabad in Chennai, on Friday. The visitors were restricted to 134 for 7 after being put in to bat, a total that was chased down with eight balls to spare. Despite the win, CSK remain in the third spot on the points table, behind Rajasthan Royals and Lucknow Super Giants only on Net Run Rate.

While Abhishek Sharma kept the scoreboard moving at a decent pace, Rahul Tripathi was struggling to get going against the spinners. A six and a boundary off Moeen Ali aside, he was struggling to rotate the strike and score boundaries off the others. By the end of the ninth over, when the first Time Out break was taken, SRH was comfortably placed at 70 for 1.

However, soon thereafter, the collapse began. In successive overs,

Jadeja dismissed Abhishek and Tripathi. While the southpaw holed out pulling the spinner to Ajinkya Rahane in the deep, Tripathi top-edged a sweep to short fine leg.

Maheesh Theekshana applied pressure from the other end with a carrom ball, inducing an outside edge off Aiden Markram to the 'keeper. MS Dhoni was back in action again in the over after that, stumping Mayank Agarwal - who had walked in to bat at No 6 - off Jadeja. In a span of 28 balls, SRH slipped from 71 for 1 to 95 for 5.

Despite some batting credentials in SRH's lower order, they struggled to get a move on. Pathirana and Theekshana kept Heinrich Klaasen, Marco Jansen and Washington Sundar in check as the trio



managed to help the side only to 134 for 7 - a total way below par.

In need of early wickets, SRH bowlers couldn't pose ample trouble. With a low target to chase, Gaikwad and Conway even cut down on their risks. Despite that, they managed to score five boundaries in the first 14 balls of the chase. While

Gaikwad kept the scoreboard moving, Conway slowed down briefly and was scoring at less than run-a-ball till the end of the fifth over, unbeaten on a 19-ball 18.

However, in the last over of the powerplay, he took down Jansen, stroking four boundaries - a pull and a lap through

backward square leg, followed by two more guided through the region behind square on the off side. Sandwiching the four boundaries was a top edge that flew for a six behind the 'keeper. That assault, in a way, ended SRH's hopes as CSK powered to 60 for no loss by the end of the powerplay. The visitors needed a

bit of luck to end the first wicket stand, which had swelled to 87 by the 11th over. They got in the form of a run out at the non-striker's end when Umran Malik failed to grab a straight shot from Conway and let it slip and hit the stumps while Gaikwad was short of his crease while backing up.

However, Mayank Markande struck twice in quick succession - dismissing Ajinkya Rahane and Ambati Rayudu - and even tightened the scoring rate through his four overs. Rahane got a top edge to the slip fielder while Rayudu - who had survived a legbefore appeal on umpire's call earlier in his innings - was cleaned up with a googly.

The dismissals were unlikely to trouble the

hosts, but with Moeen Ali also struggling to middle the ball, CSK did reach a tricky position briefly, needing 11 runs off the last 14 balls and were unable to close the chase as easily as it seemed earlier.

Nonetheless, Conway released the pressure by cracking boundaries off the last two balls of the 18th over. Washington Sundar tried to delay the inevitable with three tight deliveries, but Moeen ended the contest with a swipe for a boundary over mid on. Brief Scores: Sunrisers Hyderabad 134/7 in 20 overs (Abhishek Sharma 34, Rahul Tripathi 21; Ravindra Jadeja 3-22, Akash Singh 1-17) lost to Chennai Super Kings 138/3 in 18.4 overs (Devon Conway 77\*, Ruturaj Gaikwad 35; Mayank Markande 2-23) by 7 wickets