

OFFICERS OF INDIAN CIVIL ACCOUNTS SERVICE CALL ON THE PRESIDENT

New Delhi: The officers of Indian Civil Accounts Service (2018-2021 batches) called on the President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan today (April 25, 2023). Addressing the officers, the President said that they would be playing an instrumental role in the financial administration of the country. As young Civil Servants they are expected to strive for excellence in public governance and uphold the values enshrined in the Constitution. She said that whichever organisation or department they are posted in, they should be aware of the purpose of their job. In following



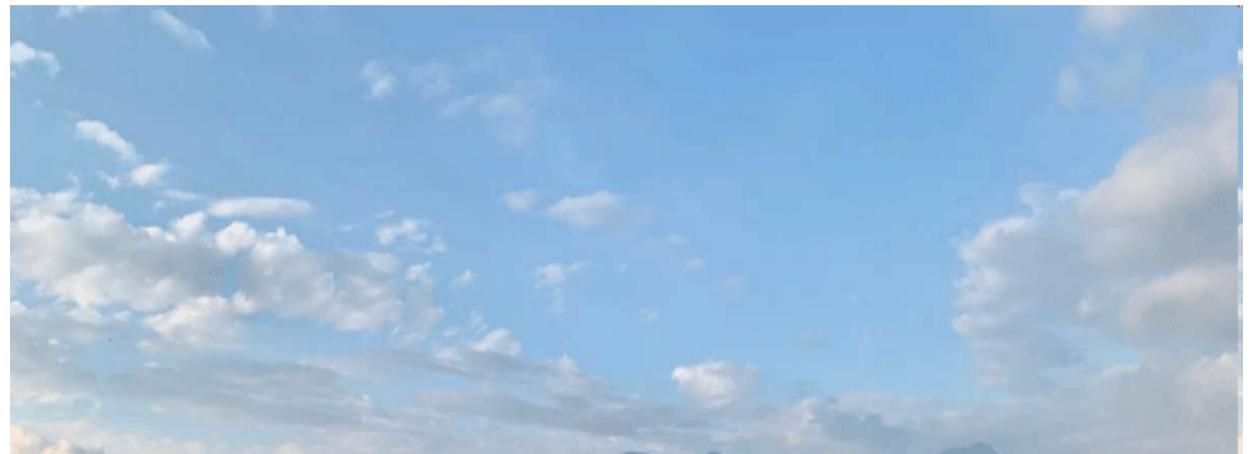
the process, the purpose should not get lost. She urged them to work with the aim of public well-being and inclusive development of the country. The President said that the Indian Civil Accounts Service has ensured that accounting processes and accounting reports become a tool for ensuring financial accountability in the

Government and bringing transparency in public administration. A sound system of Public Financial Management helps in promoting equitable and inclusive development in a country. As key drivers of Public Financial Management in the country Indian Civil Accounts Service officers would be expected to design, develop and implement systems

which become a model in the international arena too.

The President said that automation and use of technology have changed the paradigm of governance in the country. We have seen rapid enhancement in the use of technology in governance systems. Digitisation and online service delivery has to a great extent increased transparency and accountability in public administration. With the advent of new accounting softwares and cloud storage technologies, there is greater scope for accounting processes to become more seamless and accurate.

Cool Days Till 5 May



Bhubaneswar(KCN): There is less likelihood of the day temperature rising in Odisha till May 5 due to incursion of moisture laden wind from the Bay of Bengal caused by anti-cyclonic flow along the Andhra Pradesh and Odisha coast, Siksha 'O' Anusandhan (SOA)'s Centre of

Environment and Climate (CEC) here said on Tuesday. This anti-cyclonic flow has become favourable for availability of moisture over Odisha while local surface heating could cause sporadic norwester, also known as 'Kalbaisakhi', events, a CEC bulletin said.

But the day to day frequency of such events will be more in coastal and south Odisha districts, it said. The day temperature is expected to hover around 35 or 36 degrees C on most days barring four days between May 27 and 30 when the mercury could rise up to 38

degrees C in few locations in Odisha, the bulletin said. The frequency of 'Kalbaisakhi' is likely to intensify from May 1 due to combination of upper air trough from the west and increased flow of moisture from the Bay of Bengal, it said.

Guddu Muslim Hid In Odisha For 12 Days: Reports

Bhubaneswar: While the Uttar Pradesh police was yet to trace Guddu Muslim, an accused in the Umesh Pal murder case, media reports said his last location has been traced to Bargarh in Odisha.

Moreover, Guddu was in Odisha from April 2 to 13 as he had been hiding in the state for around 12 days, reports said, adding that he left the place leaving behind a bag containing his clothes.

UP Police's STF had questioned one Raja Khan, an associate of Guddu's driver, in Bargarh.

As per reports, Raja told the investigators that Guddu has grown beard to avoid detection by police.

The report further said

that Guddu has now fled to Chhattisgarh, as per police. The Odisha link of Guddu came to light after the STF visited Bargarh on April 18 and stayed there for two days. During the period, the



cops grilled Raja, a businessman who resides in Bargarh's Sohela. Confirming it, Bargarh SP Prahlad Sahai Meena had said, "A 5-member team of the STF had visited Bargarh for two days. They grilled a person in connection with their investigation." "The UP STF had come

here and sought assistance from the local police. The team carried out verifications in the area and returned back. We provided them necessary assistance. They examined a person. We are unaware about their course of investigation. No one was arrested," Northern Range IG Deepak Kumar had said.

Notably, Guddu is an aide of gangster-turned-politician Atiq Ahmed who was shot dead by three youths in Prayagraj while being taken to a hospital by the police for a medical check-up on April 15. Guddu, who is currently absconding, had bombed lawyer Umesh Pal to death on February 24. He was last seen in the house of Atiq's brother-in-law Dr Akhlaq in Meerut.

Fake certificate case: Three branch post masters sacked in Kendrapara



Kendrapara: Taking stern action in connection with fake certificate case, the India Post Department has sacked three branch post masters in Kendrapara district who had secured jobs by furnishing fake educational certificates, on Monday.

The three terminated post masters are Prassana Kumar Sethi, Soumya Ranjan Sethi and Mamashree Bharati, all from Bhadrak district.

According to sources, the trio has got the jobs by submitting fake certificates issued by the boards of other States.

The trio has been absconding after the racket came to fore, informed Kendrapara division postal superintendent, adding that, while one was working with the department for the last two years and the rest two have joined duties six months back.

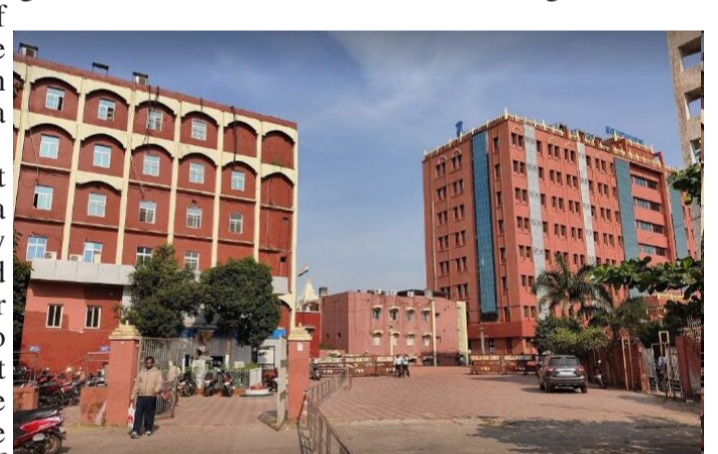
"Generally, we offer a job after certificate verification. During verification, the certificates of the three branch post masters were found to be fake and they were terminated subsequently. Further certificate verification is on," said Debaraj Sethi, postal superintendent of Kendrapara division.

Ratna Bhandar Key Missing: HC Issues Notice To Odisha Govt

Cuttack: The Orissa High Court today issued a notice to the State Government asking for response in connection with a petition pertaining to the missing of keys of Shree Jagannath Temple's Ratna Bhandar.

The High Court was hearing a petition filed by Puri-based social worker Dilip Baral who has sought directive of the court to make the report of Justice Raghurib Das Commission public. The court has directed the Chief Secretary and the Law Department Secretary

to submit response in this regard. "Though the Justice Raghurib Das Commission had submitted its report in 2018, it has not been



tabled in the Assembly. The report is yet to be made public," said lawyer Anup Kumar Mohapatra.

The State Government had in 2018 formed the commission led by Justice Raghurib Das, a retired judge of the Orissa High Court, to

probe the missing of the keys. The panel had submitted a 324-page report to the Home Department.

PM Modi Flags Off First Vande Bharat Train From Thiruvananthapuram

Thiruvananthapuram: While the regular commercial service will have stops at Kollam, Kottayam, Thrissur, Shornur, Kozhikode and Kannur and terminating at Kasargod, the inaugural special train flagged by Modi will stop at more stations.

PM Modi, who arrived at Kochi on Monday evening, reached the Thiruvananthapuram railway station this morning.

After briefly interacting with a group of schoolchildren, who were given the opportunity to travel on the inaugural run, the PM got down and



flagged off the train. The train has 16 coaches of which two are executive with 104 seats. On its inaugural run, all the who's who in

the state capital drawn from various sectors of the civil society were invited and included religious leaders, businessmen and

technocrats who were spotted seated in the train since morning. Present along with Modi during the flagging off were Union Railway

Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Governor Arif Mohammed Khan, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, local MP-Shashi Tharoor among

others.

On April 17, the first trial run was undertaken till Kannur and after that a furore was raised on why Kasargod is being left out and soon numerous BJP and Congress leaders approached the Centre and then it was extended till Kasargod and then came cries of a stop at Shornur which was also granted.

But what has upset the Vijayan-led state government is that the Centre kept the clearance for the Vande Bharat train a top secret. No one had any clue till the train started from Chennai early this month to Kochuveli

station in the capital city.

With the media giving huge attention to its arrival, the cyber team of the CPI(M) and its close supporters have launched a massive campaign with some state minister's also joining stating that Vande Bharat is no replacement for Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's yet to be cleared pet project K-Rail.

The campaign gives a comparative table of Vande Bharat and K-Rail and the table gives all details except the cost factor of K-Rail which is close to Rs two lakhs crore.

Groom Arrested From 'Baraat' For Deceiving Youth Beaten To Death Over Suspected Extra-Marital Affair In Odisha's Bargarh

Bargarh: In a dramatic turn of events, a bridegroom was nabbed by Mahila police from his marriage procession on the charge of deceiving another woman in Bhatli tehsil of Bargarh district in Odisha on Monday night. The accused was identified as Aji Kumar Bhoi, a junior engineer at Odisha State Road Transport Corporation (OSRTC) Bhubaneswar. He was nabbed on the basis of a woman's complaint who alleged that Bhoi had deceived her after sexually exploiting her. As per reports, the woman had filed a complaint with Mahila Police a few days back,



alleging that Bhoi had intimate relations with her since last two years on the assurance of marriage but later decided to marry another woman. Basing on the allegations, a case was registered under Sections 376, 323, 294, 313 and 506 of the IPC. Acting on the complaint, Bargarh SP directed Bhatli police to track down the

accused. On Monday, Bhoi's baraat (marriage procession) was coming from Panigengutia village of Parjang in Dhenkanal to Behera Palli village under Bhatli police limits of Bargarh. Just as the procession reached, Mahila Police of Bhubaneswar Commissionerate led by Sub Inspector (SI)

Shubashree Nayak and Bhatli SI Padmabati Mirdha reached the spot and nabbed Bhoi. While the arrest led to chaos, the baraat, after much persuasion, agreed to hand over the accused bridegroom to the police. Sources said the bride's family had planned to gift a four-wheeler along with other expensive items to the bridegroom. Following his arrest, police recovered gold ornaments which he was wearing for the wedding. Police, meanwhile, informed that the accused will be brought to Bhubaneswar today and produced in court following a medical examination.

Marital Affair In Odisha's Mayurbhanj

Baripada: In a shocking incident, a youth was allegedly beaten to death over suspicion of having an extra-marital affair in Morada tehsil of Odisha's Mayurbhanj district here today. The incident was reported from Kenduchatia village of Bhaliadiha panchayat within Betnoti police limits of the district. The deceased was identified as Sunaram Tudu (25) of Gandigodha village of Sureidihi panchayat. He was allegedly tied to a tree and beaten up all night with wooden logs and bamboo sticks by one Jasaya Tudu and his son Bapun (Madhu) over suspected extra-marital affair with the former's wife.



As per reports, Jahira puja was observed in the village on Monday. Following the rituals, there was a customary dance during which Sunaram and Jasaya's wife participated but soon disappeared from the spot. Suspecting something amiss, Jasaya followed them where he

reportedly caught the duo in a compromising position at an isolated place. Furious, he along with his son Bapun caught hold of Sunaram and took him to the village where they tied him up to a tree with a rope and thrashed him mercilessly leading to his death on

the spot. On getting information, Betnoti SDPO Sudarshan Das and IIC Sasmita Mahanta along with a scientific team reached the spot and started investigation. "Police have detained both the accused for interrogation and probe is underway," they said.

SOA Pacts With UST



Bhubaneswar: The Siksha 'O' Anusandhan (SOA) Deemed to be University here on Monday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with UST Product Engineering, a company engaged in IT services and solutions, for mutual collaboration. As per the agreement, UST Product Engineering will facilitate industrial

training and visit of SOA's students to its group companies to enable them to get insight into latest developments and requirement of the industry and involve them in industrial training programmes. UST Product Engineering will also extend necessary support to hold lectures on technology trends and in house requirement and other student centric

activities like hackathon. Prof. Sitikantha Mishra, Pro-Vice Chancellor of SOA and Mr. S.Ramprasad, President, UST Product Engineering, signed the MoU. Prof. Manas Kumar Mallick, Director, Institute of Technical Education and Research (ITER), SOA's faculty of engineering and technology, Prof. P.K.Sahu, Dean of ITER, Prof. Debahuti Mishra,

Head of Department of Computer Science Engineering, Prof. Ajit Nayak, Head of Department of Computer Science and Information Technology, Prof. D.N. Thatoi, Additional Dean (Academics), Prof. R.K.Hota, Additional Dean (Placement) and Prof. Manoranjan Padhi, Coordinator, Data Sciences were present during the signing of the MoU.

Silver Jubilee celebration of Kandarpur Saraswati Sishu Bidya Mandir held



Cuttack Sadar, (KCN) : Sadar Kandarpur Saraswati Sishu Bidya Mandir silver jubilee ujjapani festival held with Honorable Governor Ganeshi Lal Ji joined as chief guest. The Honorable Governor delivered his valuable speech toward students, guide to the staff for their activities

dedicated to children's betterment and donate two lakhs for development of sishu mandir. In this function Honorable MLA of Cuttack Sadar Block Mr.Chandra Sarathi Behera as Honorable Guest, Editor of The Kadambini & The Kunikatha eminent social worker, renowned writer Dr.Iti Rani

Samanta as chief speaker.MLA Mr.Behera declared will built a room for students study.Parichalana Committee secretary Pravat deliver welcome speech and Pradhan Acharya Somanath Biswal read all story of Sishu Mnadir. The Governor inaugurated the school magazine The Dipika. In this great occasion

parichalana samiti president Prafulla Kar, vice president S a n t o s h Tripathy, assistant secretary Pravat Mallick, Presh Nath S a h o o , Pradeep Kar, Pradeep Swain, all guests ,all guardians & Sishu Mandir all staffs were present with make the programm grand success.

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Samantha Ruth Prabhu flaunts her muscles in gym after being called 'weak', says, 'Not so delicate'

Samantha Ruth Prabhu has left everyone impressed with her performance in 'Yashoda' and took over the entire social media universe by storm. Now, she is all set for her upcoming film 'Shaakuntalam'. There has been a lot of rumours about Samantha being weak or taking a break from work due to Myositis, however, the actress has time and again quashed such rumours. Now, recently, she took to her Instagram handle and posted a picture with her fitness trainer Junaid Sheikh which she captioned as, "Not so delicate." Recently, a verified



Twitter handle posted a picture of the actress from the trailer launch event of 'Shaakuntalam' and wrote on the picture: "Feeling sad for Samantha. She lost all her charm and glow. When everyone thought she came out of

divorce strongly and her professional life is seeing heights, myositis hit her badly, making her weak again." To this, she hit back by saying, "I pray you never have to go through months of treatment and medication

like I did...And here's some love from me to add to your glow." Samantha was diagnosed with an autoimmune condition called Myositis last year. The autoimmune disorder that makes a person's immune system attack

their muscles. It causes chronic inflammation - swelling that comes and goes over a long time. Meanwhile, on the work front, Samantha ruled the year 2022 with her dazzling presence in 'Oo Antava' song from 'Pushpa: The Rise' that truly went on to become a rage. Apart from this, she has been the reigning queen of a leading research report month after month in 2022, as she topped the study of India's Most Popular Female Stars. Further ahead, Samantha has an interesting slate of projects including 'Shaakuntalam' and 'Kushi', besides 'Citadel'.

Tiger Shroff hints at kickstarting his biggest film, is it 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan'?

Bollywood's action star Tiger Shroff enjoys a huge fanbase all across the world and has cemented his name in the hearts of the audience especially the kids with his power-packed action. Time and again the star has redefined the action in his films and seems like he is all set to take it to the next level in 2023 as he hints at kickstarting the highly anticipated film 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan'.



Taking to his social media, Tiger shared his video in which he can be seen performing a high jump kick. He further

jotted down a caption as he hints his fans about the commencement of the biggest film of his career. "Kickstarting'

one of the biggest films of my career can't wait for you guys to see this one?." As Tiger is eyeing up a

great lineup of films in the future, the expectation from him is subsequently on the next level. As the heartthrob

has now left us all thinking about the biggest film of his career, we can only guess it to be his next biggest two hero film after 'WAR', 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan' in which he will be coming up with Akshay Kumar, as he has already completed more than half of the shooting schedule of his upcoming 'Ganapath'. Meanwhile, on the work front, beside Bade Miyan Chote Miyan with Akshay Kumar, Tiger Shroff will also be seen in Ganapath next to Kriti Sanon.

Tabu all set to return as a cop as Ajay Devgn unveils her first look from 'Bhola'

Actor Ajay Devgn, on Tuesday, unveiled the first look motion poster of actor Tabu from their upcoming action thriller film 'Bhola'. Taking to Instagram, Ajay shared the motion poster which he captioned, "Ek khaaki. Sau shaitaan. #TabuInBhola."

In the motion poster, Tabu could be seen donning a cop avatar and exuding major lady boss vibes. Soon after Ajay shared the motion poster, fans flooded the comment section with red hearts and fire emoticons. "Tabu ji fir se ek baar Box office pe bawal machane ko taiyar hai," a fan commented. Another fan wrote, "Blockbuster



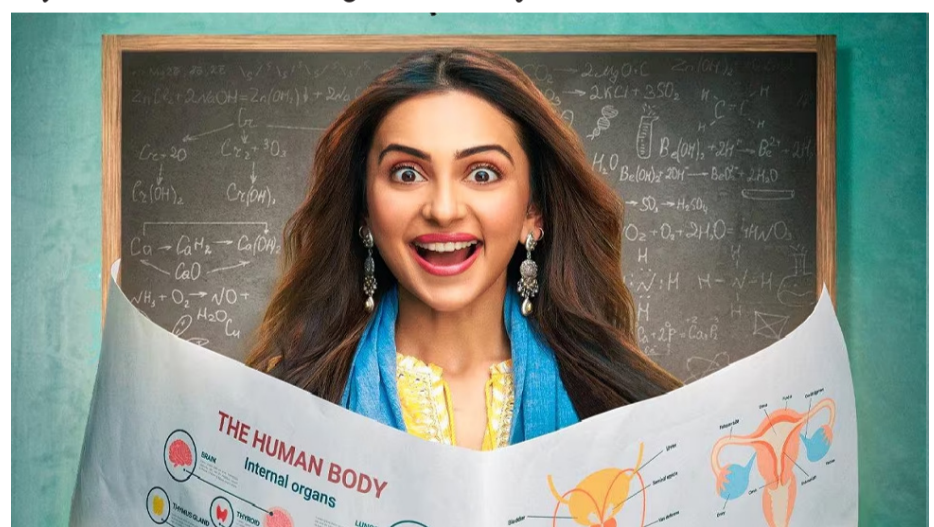
loading." Makers recently wrapped up the shooting of the film. 'Bhola' is an official Hindi remake of the Tamil hit 'Kaithi' and Ajay has directed it. It has been styled as the story of a "one-man army, set in one night, fighting a multitude of enemies in various forms, human and otherwise."

Ajay has helmed the film, which will also feature Tabu, Sanjay Mishra, Deepak Dobrial, Raai Lakshmi, and Makrand Deshpande in prominent roles. It is all set to hit the theatres on March 30, 2023. 'Bhola' marks Ajay's fourth directorial film after 'U. Me aur Hum' in 2008, 'Shivaay' in 2016, and 'Runway 34' in 2022.

Meanwhile, Tabu recently gathered a lot of praises for her performance in the action film 'Kutney'. She will also be seen sharing the screen space with Kareena Kapoor Khan and Kriti Sanon in a new film titled 'The Crew'.

As per a statement, 'The Crew' is touted as a laugh-riot, set against the backdrop of the struggling airline industry. Three women, work and hustle to make it in life. However, their destinies lead to some unwarranted situations and they get caught in a web of lies.

'We used to giggle and shy away from sex education class,' says Rakul Preet Singh ahead of 'Chhatriwali' release



Actress Rakul Preet Singh, who is gearing up for her upcoming streaming film 'Chhatriwali', spoke about her experience with sex education when she was in school.

The film talks about the inhibitions around male contraceptives and safe sex. However, the actress said that it is a family drama and can be watched with parents as well.

She said: "It's a family film, a film which I can watch with my family or parents or my father sitting right next to me because not one dialogue in the film is creepy or has double meaning. Everything is a matter of fact, and it is the need of the hour."

"In 2023, we need to have conversations which are important and highlight topics which are important and there is nothing in the film which could have

caused any inhibition. It's a story of a girl and how she realises the importance of safe sex and why she takes the onus upon herself of speaking about it freely and openly," she added.

The actress, who is known for her work in Bollywood and South cinema and was seen in films such as 'Doctor G' and 'Thank God', spoke about the taboo around discussing sex education.

"When I was in 9th/10th grade and whenever sex education class used to happen, as teenagers, we used to giggle and shy away from this topic and find excuses to bunk these classes because somewhere knowingly or unknowingly, there is a taboo around this conversation," she confessed.

"I feel it's absolutely normal to discuss this because if we can

discuss heart health then why can't we discuss uterus health or STDs. It's part of our health, so we shouldn't shy away from speaking about this topic openly," the actress further mentioned.

She shared her hope from the movie and said that people who watch the film will have a change in approach.

"The motive of the film is entertaining people, and I feel that if through entertainment you can change people's ideology and set them on the right path, that's a bonus. And if ten people change their way of thinking, it's an achievement for us."

Produced by Ronnie Screwvala and directed by Tejas Prabha Vijay Deoskar, 'Chhatriwali' features Rakul Preet Singh and Sumeet Vyas. It will be released on January 20 on ZEE5.

Salman Khan Drops Happy Photo With Chotu Motu Gang

Superstar Salman Khan is currently in Dubai and he received a cute welcome from a bunch of kids there. Taking to Instagram, Salman dropped an adorable picture which shows him sharing smiles with children.

"Chotu Motu," he captioned the post, adding his song 'Let's Dance Chotu Motu' from the film 'Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan' to the story. 'Let's Dance Chotu Motu' shows Salman and his co-stars grooving to nursery rhymes



with rapper Honey Singh. Salman goes through nursery rhymes like Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, Jack and Jill and Humpty Dumpty in the track, making it a perfect song for kids.

Salman's 'Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan' arrived in theatres on Eid. However, the film not receive great reviews from the critics and audience. Helmed by Farhad Samji, the film also stars Pooja Hegde, Shehnaaz Gill, Palak Tiwari and Venkatesh Daggubati in pivotal roles.

In the coming months, Salman will be seen reprising his character in 'Tiger 3', which is directed by Maneesh Sharma. The film will release in Hindi, Tamil and Telugu this Diwali.

The upcoming actioner also stars Katrina Kaif and Emraan Hashmi.

Tarek Fatah- A Tribute

Pratap Kishore Mohanty



Tarek Fatah identified himself as a "Indian born in Pakistan" and a "Punjabi born into Islam." He was renowned for his harsh criticism of Islamic fundamentalism and the actions of the Pakistani government. The Canadian-based columnist passed away on Monday following a protracted battle with cancer, according to his daughter Natasha Fatah. He was 73. In addition to being a strong opponent of Islamist terrorism and extremism, Tarek Fatah was well recognised for his opinions on Islam, secularism, and liberal democracy. He has a reputation

for being divisive; some have accused him of Islamophobia, while others have praised him for his support of liberal and secular principles. A Punjabi Muslim family gave birth to Tarek Fatah in Karachi in 1949. After Partition, his family moved from Mumbai (then Bombay) to Karachi. According to a report in the media, he started his career in journalism in 1970 as a reporter for the Karachi Sun. According to the report, he was accused of sedition in 1977 and was forbidden by the Zia-ul-Haq government from working as a journalist. In 1987, Tarek Fatah moved to Canada. Fatah was well recognised for holding opposing views to the policies of the Pakistani government. He has been outspoken in his criticism of Pakistan's blasphemy laws, how it treats

religious minorities, and how it backs terrorist organisations. Fatah has authored a number of publications, including "The Jew is Not My Enemy: Monday, tributes poured in. Fatah's politics were controversial. He lamented the Partition and questioned the Pakistani military's influence over the immigration curbs for countries harbouring Islamic terrorists. He wrote several books on the subject, including "Chasing a Mirage: The Tragic Illusion of an Islamic State"

and "The Jew is Not My Enemy: Unveiling the Myths that Fuel Muslim Anti-Semitism". He criticised American funding of terrorist groups in Saudi Arabia during the Afghan war, while supporting both Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders for the 2016 presidential race; recommending

government, and was outspoken against Islamic extremism. He criticised the government, and was outspoken against Islamic extremism. He criticised American funding of terrorist groups in Saudi Arabia during the Afghan war, while supporting both Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders for the 2016 presidential race; recommending

dead. When he visited India in early 2015, Fatah is also credited with the suggestion for renaming Aurangzeb Road in Delhi. He mentioned at a lecture the significance of Indian Muslims in eradicating the feared ISIS (Islamic State). You are the

only ones who can defeat ISIS, he declared. But there is one thing you must do. Are you willing to change Aurangzeb Road's name to Dara Shikoh Road? But what made Fatah unique was his ability to stand up to the fanaticism in Islam. He was a staunch critic of it. Not only that, Fatah often showed his respect for Hinduism and took pride in Indian civilization. Despite being on the receiving end for his progressive views on Islam, fugitive don Dawood Ibrahim's aide Chhota Shakeel even engaged two persons to assassinate him in 2017, Fatah remained undeterred as he fearlessly put his thoughts through his writings as well as speaking sessions. Fatah went on to write several books on the subject of Islamic fundamentalism and its impact on Muslim communities around the world. Some of

his famous books on the subject include Chasing a Mirage: The Tragic Illusion of an Islamic State and The Jew is Not My Enemy: Unveiling the Myths that Fuel Muslim Anti-Semitism. While one can describe him in many words, perhaps Fatah himself has the last words on the 'subject', "I am an Indian born in Pakistan, a Punjabi born in Islam, an immigrant in Canada with a Muslim consciousness, grounded in a Marxist youth. I am one of Salman Rushdie's many Midnight's Children: we were snatched from the cradle of a great civilization and made permanent refugees, sent in search of an oasis that turned out to be a mirage."



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"The law is an ass - an idiot"

By Mathews J. Nedumpara



In G.W. Paton's "A Textbook of Jurisprudence" 4th Edition, at page 223 it is said "In America the increase in the number of reported cases has led to a modification of the concept of stare decisis - by 1940 the total number was nearer the two million mark and the flood is more than human ingenuity can cope with".
2. The American Constitution has no equivalent to Article 141 of the Indian Constitution which states that "the law declared by the Supreme Court shall be binding on all Courts and Tribunals". Recently, a Bench of Hon'ble Justice Khanwilkar held that even short judgments of the Supreme Court shall act as binding declaration of law. In the continent of Europe and elsewhere where the common law is followed, the concept of binding precedent has no application and a lower Court can depart from the decision of the superior Courts which are not absolutely binding. The historical reason for this

difference between countries which follow the civil law and those which follow the English common law is that in the European continent the laws were codified while in the common law countries codification of law was far less comprehensive in nature.
3. In so far as no legislative draftsman can foresee the problems which may crop up in future for adjudication, no legislature or Court can be exhaustive or complete and there will be innumerable situations where Courts have to fill up the gaps, in other words, legislate in the interstice. While entirely admitting the validity of the doctrine of stare decisis and the need to honour judicial precedents, a time has come, nay, it is too late, to acknowledge the absurd limits to which the concept of precedent has reduced our justice delivery system. We do not have any exact statistics as to the number of reported judgments of the Supreme Court, High Courts and Tribunals in our country. It may be, I am made to believe, not less than five millions. How many pages those reported judgments would run into is beyond anybody's imagination, for, judgments of the

Supreme Court in Keshavananda Bharati had exceeded 5 lakh words. The judgment in the NJAC case rendered in 2015 has almost half a million words, the judgment in N.S.P. Gupta is not too far behind, and the like.
4. In Europe, Justinian codified the law in the form of a digest, which was nothing but the opinions of jurists and lawyers of his time. The British, after taking over the administration of India from the East India Company, went on codifying the common law into Acts of Parliament for the better administration of justice in India. The consolidation and codification of laws were intended for securing greater certainty of laws so that a law-abiding citizen is able to know what the law of the land is; he can arrange his affairs in accordance therewith; he would know what is permissible in law and what is not; so too the outcome of a litigation. During the last 70 years since independence, the legislature and Courts in India have enacted so many legislations. The Courts came out with legislations and decisions running into thousands and thousands of pages and we have reached a

situation where nobody knows what is the law.
5. What is a stare decisis or a precedent, strictly speaking, is the reason for the decision which a superior Court has evolved for the first time for resolution of an issue before it for which no principle was available. That principle is binding on Courts subordinate to it and even on itself, subject to its overruling by a superior Court itself. Though lawyers rely on judgments running into thousands of pages in support of their respective pleas, one would not have ever come across a single principle which the Supreme Court of India and High Courts have evolved where none existed, with the sole exception being the doctrine of basic structure of the Supreme Court in its judgment in Keshavananda Bharati. Though the judgment in Keshavananda Bharati is hailed as the Fundamental Rights case, but for which the freedoms and liberties of the citizens of the country would have been buried, it is contrary to the first principle of jurisprudence. Before Keshavananda Bharati, one could have invoked Article 32 of the Constitution only if his/her fundamental right is

infringed/violated. After Keshavananda Bharati, the so-called self serving activists invoked the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court under Article 32 asserting no violation of fundamental right, but abrogation of basic structure. The judgment in Judges-2 case is the classic example. It is worth remembering that it was only after the judgment in Keshavananda Bharati that Emergency was declared, which meant the destruction of the very basic structure of the Constitution. But it was not the Supreme Court which saved the fundamental rights, nay, the basic structure, but the common man through the ballot, by throwing Indira Gandhi out of power.
6. The concept of stare decisis/precedent is founded on the principle that the gaps in the legislations be supplied with the literal interpretation of the legislations eschewing absurdities and that uniformity and certainty of law is achieved by following settled principles. However, all those laudable principles are absolutely lost. A Judge certifies his judgment to be reportable not because he has been able to discover any new principle where none existed, so that the new

principle so evolved by him could be followed as a precedent in a subsequent case, but out of his anxiety to be seen to be contributing to the "growth of law". In India, the Chief Justices of India have often a short tenure and in their anxiety to deliver as many path-breaking judgments as possible, they constitute Benches on a war footing to hear cases which have no real urgency, nay, if decided, rather than making peace will lead to social unrest. The judgment in Sabarimala case is a classic example.
7. Today litigation is an absolute gamble with millions of reported judgments rendered without even referring previous judgments on the subject, often which cannot stand together. This has resulted in such a situation that for any absurd proposition one will have a long line of decisions to support. To cite an example, where a statute does not expressly cast an obligation on the authority whose decision is likely to adversely affect the interest of a party before it, such party ought to be heard, there are any number of judgments to be relied on. However, ignoring such settled proposition of law, Courts hold that even a person whose very residential home is to be

dispossessed has no right to be heard; that he has no locus even, again citing large volumes of judgments. A proceeding under Section 14 of the SARFAESI Act is a case on hand.
8. The situation today is far worse than when Charles Dickens said "Law is an ass, an idiot". Judgments are read as statutes, nay, even in substitution of statutes. A judgment today is considered as having far greater authority than even the Constitution. The classic example is the judgment of the Supreme Court in the NJAC case where it held that the Constitution (Ninety-ninth Amendment) Act, 2014 is unconstitutional because it is contrary to the judgment in Judges-2 case. Everywhere else in the world, if a judgment is in conflict with a statute, the statute will prevail and if one were to say that a judgment will prevail over a Constitution, its sanity will be doubted.
9. The scenario today is that in our Courts Acts of Parliament, even constitutional provisions, carry little respect. What is authoritative and binding is the precedent. Judgments, unlike statutes, are not in concise form. The principle of law has to be culled out from a judgment having

hundreds and hundreds of pages. Nobody has time for that. A lawyer, like a magician, would draw out from his pocket, often without giving a copy thereof to the opposite party, and read one or two sentences asserting that to be the law. If the lawyer is one who has got good equations with the Judge, a judgment is granted in his favour relying upon the judgment so cited. If the lawyer is not in the good books of the Judge, the Judge will brush aside whatever citation is sought to be relied upon. In other words, the Judge is free to decide in whatever way he likes, no matter what the statute says, with a judgment cited or handed at the Bar. The only solution one could ever imagine to avert such a situation is video-recording of Court proceedings and access to such proceedings to the parties to the litigation and the public at large, which will also mean some sense of transparency and fairness.

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Inter-college Competition on Prototype Design for Mankind organized by Heritage Institute of Technology, Kolkata

Kolkata: To celebrate World Creativity & Innovation Day, the Department of Applied Electronics & Instrumentation Engineering (AEIE), Heritage Institute of Technology, Kolkata (HITK) organized an Inter-college Competition on Prototype Design for Mankind on 25th April at The Heritage campus. The inaugural session of the competition was addressed by Mr. Nirjhar Chakravorti, GM, Johnson Controls as the Chief Guest and Dr. Tapas Chakravarty, Principal Scientist, TCS Research, Kolkata, as the Guest of Honour. Mr. P.K. Agarwal, CEO, of Heritage Group of Institutions, Kolkata, and Prof. Basab Chaudhuri, Principal, of Heritage Institute of Technology, Kolkata, also addressed the inaugural session. The event witnessed the participation of various engineering colleges across the city like Heritage Institute of Technology, Techno Main, Future Institute of



Engineering and Management, University of Calcutta, The Neotia University, Meghnad Saha Institute of Technology, Asansol Engineering College, RCC Institute of Information Technology and many more. Nearly 65 projects were received by the Institute and out of them 45 projects were selected and were invited for display. The engineering students showcased their projects on Smart Glass, Rain Detecting System, Jacket for the Military, Smart Home Automation System, Cash for Bottles, Smart

Management System, Smart Washing Machine, Third Eye for blind people, Fire Detecting System, Diabetic Foot Ulceration Detection and many more. The concluding ceremony of the event witnessed a talk by Dr. Subhrangshu Sanyal, CEO, of IIM Calcutta Innovation Park, followed by the Award ceremony to recognize the winners and the runners-up teams. Heritage Institute of Technology secured the first position for their project on Smart Washing Machine,

Bengal Institute of Technology secured the second position for their project on Sign language recognition (progressive web app) for specially-abled people and RCC Institute of Information Technology secured the third position for their project on Diabetic foot ulceration detection using FSR. Apart from this, 5 consolation prizes were given to Asansol Engineering College for their project on Aadhar based voting system, Future Institute of Engineering and Management for their project on Smart Drone Management system, and third and

fourth consolation prizes were bagged by Heritage Institute of Technology for their projects on IOT based clean smart grid system and Fintrack respectively. "This is for the 6th time we are organizing such an event under our Department of AEIE, Heritage Institute of Technology, Kolkata. We have provided a platform for the young techies who have done some brilliant works which help mankind and improve the lifestyle of the people. Such affordable solutions to various problems faced by people show our Country is rich in talent and can be a hub of innovation in the future. Already India is now a part of G20 and such a phenomenal achievement of our Country is cherished by our Institute as well while spreading knowledge to our students," said Prof. Madhurima Chattopadhyay, Head of the Department, Department of AEIE, Heritage Institute of Technology, Kolkata.

Changed Prison Rules, Ex MP's Release, And Controversy For Nitish Kumar

New Delhi/Patna: The Bihar government today notified the release of 27 prisoners, days after amending the Bihar Prison Manual that triggered a massive opposition backlash. Among those who will be released is former MP Anand Mohan Singh who was convicted in the 1994 murder of bureaucrat G Krishnaiah, then Gopalganj District Magistrate, was killed by a mob allegedly provoked by Anand Mohan Singh. The gangster-turned-politician was sentenced to death in 2007 by a lower court in Bihar. The Patna High Court, however, commuted it to life imprisonment; that order was upheld by the Supreme Court in 2012. Earlier this month, the Bihar government had removed the clause which had forbidden the remission of jail term for those convicted of murdering a public servant on duty. In its notification, the state's law department said that the new rules were for prisoners who have served the actual sentence of 14 years or a sentence of 20 years with remission. "In light of the Bihar state sentence remission council meeting on April 20,



the decision was taken for the release of prisoners having served actual sentence of 14 years or sentence of 20 years with remission," the notification said. The change in rules and Anand Mohan Singh's release has stirred up huge controversy, with Mayawati's Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) terming the change in rules as "anti-Dalit". "The move by the Nitish government to prepare the release of Anand Mohan after changing rules in the case of the brutal murder of extremely honest IAS officer G Krishnaiah, who belonged to a poor Dalit family from Andhra Pradesh's Mehboobnagar (now in Telangana), is being discussed for negative and anti-Dalit reasons in the whole country," Ms Mayawati tweeted on Sunday. She asked the Nitish Kumar government to reconsider the decision, saying that Anand Mohan Singh's release would anger

the Dalit community. BJP's IT Cell head Amit Malviya also hit out at Nitish Kumar. "Can someone who is leaning on a criminal syndicate, to hold on to power, be the face of India, even as opposition leader?" Mr Malviya tweeted on Monday. The ruling Janata Dal (United) hit back at the BJP, with a "B-team in UP" jibe also at Mayawati. In a tweet, JDU leader Rajiv Ranjan Singh said that the change in rules was aimed at getting the common man and special prisoners on a uniform platform. The change in the Bihar prison manual benefits Anand Mohan Singh, a Rajput leader with considerable influence on his caste voters. For the last two years, several politicians from the Rajput community have been demanding Singh's early release. Even Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has on multiple occasions hinted that he "stands by his former colleague".

Medical camp at Muddunoor Village by NSS and Institute Health Centre



Warangal (KCN): Medical Camp by NSS in collaboration with Institute Health Centre, NITW, in Muddunoor village, adopted village of NIT Warangal, has received a lot of positive feedback from the community. The event saw active

participation from the villagers and was successful in identifying and addressing several health issues, particularly leg pains, Blood pressure and diabetic problems. Prof. Puli Ravi Kumar, Dean Student Welfare, NIT Warangal was the chief guest for the event

and Prof. G. Siva Kumar, Faculty Advisor, NSS NIT Warangal, Prof. I. A. K. Reddy, Sarpanch Surender Reddy, Dr. Pradeep, Dr. Anchoori Karthik, Dr. Karthik Chintala and technical staff and NSS Student Volunteers actively involved in the camp. The camp started at 10am in the morning and continued till 5pm. Around 200 villagers had their health check up in the camp. After health check up, doctors provided the villagers with appropriate medicines.

Former British PM Boris Johnson paid his respects at Adhya Shakti Mataji Temple in Uxbridge.

New Delhi: Former British Prime Minister Honourable Boris Johnson paid his respects at a revered Indian Temple in his Parliamentary Constituency of Uxbridge and South Ruislip. During his visit Honourable Mr Boris Johnson said, "My thanks to everyone at the Adhya Shakti Mataji Temple in Uxbridge. For the warm welcome. I was deeply honoured by your blessings and generous hospitality. It was a great pleasure to talk with so many members of the Hindu community in my constituency."



Yogi Adityanath Receives Death Threat, Case Registered: Cops

Lucknow: A case has been registered against an unidentified person in Lucknow after a death threat was received for Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, the police said on Tuesday. The threat was received via message on 'Dial 112' (a number launched by the Uttar Pradesh government for the emergency services), in which the person stated, "I will kill CM Yogi soon". After receiving the threat, the Operation Commander of '112' filed a case in the police station Sushant Golf City. A case has been registered under the Indian Penal Code (IPC) Section 506, 507 and IT Act 66. "Case has been registered under sections 506 and 507 IPC and 66 IT Act in PS Sushant Golf City against an unknown person after 'Dial 112' receives death threat for Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi



Adityanath," the police said. In an unrelated incident on Sunday, the police arrested the person who wrote a letter threatening to launch a suicide bomb attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit to Kochi scheduled for April 24. The accused has been identified as Xavier, said the police. On Saturday, Kerala BJP chief K Surendran said that he received a letter last week about a conspiracy to assassinate Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

While talking to ANI, Kochi City Police Commissioner, K Sethu Raman said, "The person who sent the threat letter against the Prime Minister was arrested. Xavier, the accused was arrested yesterday. The reason is personal enmity. He wrote the letter to trap his neighbour. We found him with the help of forensics." "Tight security has been arranged for the Prime Minister arriving in Kochi. 2060 policemen have been appointed for this purpose. As part of this, traffic control has also been imposed from 2 pm," the Commissioner added.

Mathematics is the oldest science, I cannot think of any other branch without mathematics: Dr SK Joshi, Retired IAS



Warangal (KCN) : Mathematics is the oldest science, I cannot think of any other branch without mathematics Retired IAS Dr. SK Joshi said under the auspices of the Ponnala Foundation, Prof. G.P. Rajasekhar was the chief guest at the Mathematics of the Year 2023 award program and after lighting the lamp, he said that keep the mental skills intact and that is the real mathematics. SK Joshi said that he is proud to participate in this program. Keep the

mental skills intact and that is true mathematics. He said that mathematics is the oldest science and without mathematics the existence of other branches is unthinkable. It is said that all the scientific and technological progress achieved by modern man is largely dependent on mathematics, in which Indians have made an enormous contribution to mathematics. On this occasion, he reminded that ancient Indians were the pioneers of mathematics. Later, by

the hands of the chief guest, Professor of Mathematics of IIT Kharagpur, G.P. Rajasekhar was presented with the mathematics of the year award. It is questioned whether the same process can be continued from mental faculties to mechanical ones. He said that keeping the mental skills intact is the real mathematics and he said that he will always be proud that Indians are leading among them. Ponnala Foundation Chairman, Former

Minister: Ponnala Lakshmaiah said that mathematics is universal. He said that almost all sciences are related to mathematics. Remember that there is mathematics in the rhythm of music. They want to work hard and increase knowledge as talent is not inherited by anyone. He said that he was a politician professionally but mentally he was a mathematician and said that he traveled miles and kilometers to school with the inspiration of the teachers. He said that he

was passionate about mathematics and worked in many organizations such as NASA. On this occasion, he said that today's generation is the future and they should be recognized in the field of mathematics. Mathematics is the language of science, the better you understand the language, the better you can communicate. Mathematics provides an opportunity to analyze reason and express it logically. In this program NIT Director NV Ramana Rao Registrar S. Govardhan Rao, Dean Y.N. Reddy, Raga Sudha, Ponnala Foundation members Ponnala Arundhati, Ponnala Subhodana, E. V. Srinivas Rao, retired professor Pandu Ranga Rao and others participated. In this program Nitya Saravanti: A group of disciples performed a dance performance in the presence of Taduru Renuka.

Odisha Water Gets 5th Place

Bhubaneswar: Odisha, which is a very-rich with natural resources, has found places in top 5 positions in the first-ever Census of water bodies conducted by the Ministry of Jal Shakti. The Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD & GR) under the Ministry of Jal Shakti has conducted the Census in convergence with the 6th Minor Irrigation Census in order to have a comprehensive national database of all water bodies. As per the report, the top five States in terms of number of water

bodies are West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Assam which constitute around 63% of the total water bodies in the country. In terms of ponds, Odisha has remained at No 4 at all India level while the State is at third position when water tanks are counted. Odisha has remained at fifth position in census of lakes and fourth position in reservoirs, the report says. In the first Census of water bodies, 1,81,837 water bodies have been enumerated in the State of Odisha, out of which 97.9% (1,78,054) are in rural areas and the remaining 2.1%



(3,783) are in urban areas. Similarly, 50.9% (92,575) water bodies are privately owned whereas the remaining 49.1% (89,262) are under public ownership. By location, 31.3% (56,900) water bodies are located in tribal areas and the remaining 68.7% (1,24,937) are located in areas under Drought Prone Area Program, flood prone areas, Naxal-

affected areas and other areas. The Census also found that 89.2% (1,62,207) water bodies are in use whereas the rest 10.8% (19,630) are not in use on account of drying up, siltation, salinity, destroyed beyond repair and other reasons. Out of 'in use' water bodies, a major proportion of water bodies are used in pisciculture followed by irrigation.

There are a total of 7,109 natural and 1,74,728 man-made water bodies in the State. Out of 7,109 natural water bodies, 97.3% (6,915) are located in rural areas whereas the remaining 2.7% (194) are located in urban areas. Out of 1,74,728 man-made water bodies, 97.9% (1,71,139) water bodies are located in rural areas and the remaining 2.1% (3,589) are

located in urban areas. Most of the man-made water bodies have original cost of construction upto Rs. 50,000. During the Census, out of 1,81,837 water bodies, the information on 'filled up storage capacity' and 'status of filling' was collected for 1,76,881 water bodies, of which 46.0% (81,350) water bodies had fully filled up storage capacity, 42.0% (74,362) water

bodies had storage capacity filled upto three fourth level, 8.7% (15,400) water bodies had storage capacity filled upto half level, 1.7% (3,081) water bodies had storage capacity filled upto one fourth level whereas 1.6% (2,688) had nil/negligible storage capacity. Based on the criteria of filling up of storage capacity during last five years, out of 1,76,881 water bodies, 48.1% (85,008) water bodies are found to be filled up every year, 43.8% (77,547) are usually filled up, 6.5% (11,497) are rarely filled up and 1.6% (2,829) are never

filled up, said the Census Report. In terms of storage capacity, 51.5% (93,706) water bodies have storage capacity between 1,000 to 10,000 cubic meters whereas 23.8% (43,268) have storage capacity more than 10,000 cubic meters. The Census said that only 3% (5,445) of the water bodies in Odisha are covered in the District Irrigation Plan/ State Irrigation Plan. Among these, 44.9% (2,444) are tanks, 39.1% (2,129) are ponds and the remaining 16.0% (872) are lakes, reservoirs, water conservation schemes/percolation tanks/check dams etc.

Erratic Power Cuts In Odisha; Here's What Minister Clarifies

Bhubaneswar: As the unbearable blistering heatwave increased consumption of electricity, people in many parts of Odisha experienced tormenting summer due to erratic power cuts in last few days. Despite Government's announcement that there will be no power cut in Odisha during summer, several complaints came both from urban and rural areas alleging interrupted power supply. Speaking over the issue, Energy Minister Pratap Keshari Deb clarified,



"There is no power cut, rather it is power trip. It is happening due to electric overload." He admitted that power outages in some parts are affecting people during the summer. "There is no shortage of power supply in Odisha. But, we cannot call it

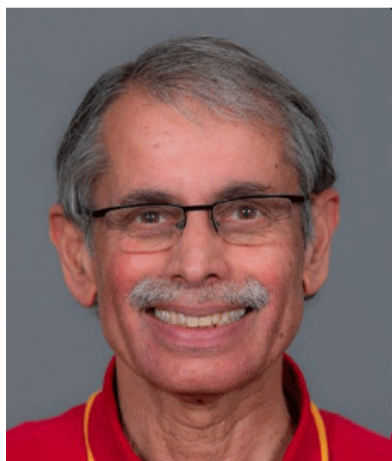
power cut, sometimes the power gets tripped due to overloading. A few days ago, power got tripped frequently at Saileshree Vihar and VSS Nagar areas in Bhubaneswar where 33 KV wire could not be able to bear the load. The demand for

electricity is increasing with soaring heatwave and as per the government report, the highest demand for electricity consumption was made on April 20 in peak hours since Independence," Deb said. "Once a 33 kv power gets tripped, it takes 6-7 hours to address the issue in Bhubaneswar. As the restoration work is done manually, it becomes time consuming. So is the condition in rural areas where staff take a little more time to change the wire after receiving power trip complaints," he said.

Misra New Director NIFA

Washington: Today, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the appointment of Manjit K. Misra as the new Director of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). The NIFA Director leads the agency's work in advancing agricultural research, education, and extension to solve societal challenges. Dr. Misra will start his new role on Monday, May 8, 2023. "Dr. Misra is an esteemed scientist and educator whose devotion to studying and sharing his knowledge of seeds with the world will benefit society and inspire generations to come," said Secretary Tom Vilsack. "I am confident he will bring strong leadership and expertise to USDA as we continue our work to invest in and grow initiatives that ensure the long-term viability of agriculture and food systems." "We are excited to add Dr. Misra's leadership and expertise to our team as we continue to transform our nation's food and agricultural system," said Chavonda Jacobs-Young,

USDA Chief Scientist and Research, Education, and Economics Under Secretary. "NIFA, with its unique research, education, and Extension partnerships, and the



current unprecedented investments we have toward building the next generation of ag professionals, is well positioned to address the complex challenges we face in agriculture." Prior to joining USDA, Dr. Misra served as a Professor of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering at Iowa State University. For more than 30 years, he was Director of the university's Seed Science Center. The center has administered the National Seed Health System, authorized by

USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, since 2001. Dr. Misra also was founding Director of the Iowa State's Biosafety Institute for Genetically Modified Agricultural Products. In 2012, Dr. Misra was appointed Chair of the USDA National Genetic Resources Advisory Council (NGRAC), a position he held until 2017. Misra has served on more than 60 local, national, and international boards and committees. These include the Steering Committee for the Food and Agriculture Organization's (FAO) International Conference on Biotechnology, the Scientific Advisory Council of the American Seed Research Foundation, the Board of Directors of the Iowa Seed Association, the Iowa Crop Improvement Association, and the First the Seed Foundation. Dr. Misra is the recipient of several awards for leadership, including the

"Distinguished Service Award" from the American Seed Trade Association, the "Order of the Knoll Faculty Award" from Iowa State University, the "Global Agricultural Leadership Award" from the Indian Council of Food and Agriculture, the Sukup Global Food Security award, a certificate of appreciation from the Secretary of Agriculture and the AE50 award from the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE). Dr. Misra earned a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering in India, a Master of Science and a Doctor of Philosophy in Agricultural Engineering at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He is a researcher with 137 publications and an innovator with ten patents. During his tenure as the Director of the Seed Science Center, the faculty and staff conducted seed programs in 79 countries, including 34 countries in Africa.



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Odisha Governor Prof Ganesh Lal Visits KISS

Indresh Kumar instills sense of patriotism through interactive speech with KISS students

Bhubaneswar, April 25: Governor of Odisha Prof Ganesh Lal and National Executive Member of

of love and respect for all. He said KISS not only gives education to the tribal students but protects them from

time. He also praised the efforts of Dr Samanta and KIIT-KISS in shaping a bright and prosperous

“We were tribals, we are tribals and we feel proud to be tribals. We are all one”. Calling upon the students to

Dr Samanta said this is the second visit of Indresh Kumar to the KISS campus and said the tenets of



RSS Indresh Kumar on Tuesday visited the KISS campus and encouraged the students to foster deep bonding with the motherland, spread the message of unity and brotherhood to build a strong India. The Odisha Governor praised Dr Achyuta Samanta, Founder KIIT & KISS for promoting the concept

negative forces. He asked students to be true Indians to uphold the cherished values and principles of this nation. Indresh Kumar sought to instill a sense of patriotism among the students and develop a love for nature through a unique presentation that was interactive and engaging at the same

future for the tribal students and the tribal families. He said KISS is spreading the wonderful philosophy of promoting cleanliness, discipline, amity, and togetherness and developing among them a positive attitude towards life. He said, this country belongs to the tribals.

follow the principles of ‘nation first, nation always, nation last’, he said that by fostering this mindset, this country can be made stronger and more prosperous. In this regard, he reminded the students of the importance of mother and motherland which has solutions to all problems in life.

KISS align with RSS in matters of promoting disciplines, being self-dependent, serving the community and the nation and believing in the principles of selfless service. Spiritual leader Baba Rama Narayan Das also graced the occasion along with KISS Vice Chancellor Prof Deepak Kumar

I look forward to further strengthening the Olympic Movement in our country: Mrs. Nita Ambani

Mumbai: IOC Member, Mrs Nita Ambani lauded the launch of India’s first ‘Olympic Values Education Programme’ (OVEP) by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) today in Odisha, emphasising that OVEP combines the twin powers of education and sport in instilling the core values of Olympism. The OVEP is a practical set of resources designed by the IOC to introduce young people to the Olympic values of excellence, respect and friendship. The programme aims to disseminate this values-based curriculum to help children become active, healthy and responsible

citizens. A landmark initiative in India’s Olympic movement, the launch of OVEP comes as a build-up to the prestigious IOC 2023 Session. Earlier this year, Mrs Ambani led a delegation for India’s bid to host the IOC Session in 2023, where India was near unanimously awarded the rights after a gap of 40 years. The IOC Session in India marks a new era in Indian sports history, giving a boost to India’s ultimate Olympic aspirations with a sports ecosystem in the country which would encourage and empower the youth to hone their skills and bring global laurels. Mrs Ambani is part of

multiple Olympic Movement commissions and OVEP which falls under Olympic Education is especially close to her heart as it helps inculcate core Olympic values in children. “India is a land of great opportunities and infinite possibilities,” said IOC member Nita Ambani. “We have over 250 million children in our schools, brimming with talent and potential. They are the champions of tomorrow, the future of our nation. Only a small number of children in the world may become Olympians, but every child can be touched by the ideals of Olympism.

Paree Sanitary Pads initiative

Bhubaneswar: Paree Sanitary Pads, a homegrown brand by Soothe Healthcare has been actively working towards pedastalizing the issue of menstrual health of women in India. Continuing with the same promise of prioritizing menstrual needs, the brand on Menstrual Hygiene Day increased its support towards Female Police Officers under their initiative Paree #ChampionforChampions. Through this initiative, Paree collaborates with and salutes the real champions who work tirelessly for our safety with their heavy-duty performance.

As per data on Police Organizations compiled by Bureau of Police Research & Development, only 10% of police force in the country is females and through this initiative Paree aims to reach out to approximately 20,000 female police personnel. As a brand, the aim is to support the working conditions of the female police officers and at the same time highlight and improve their sanitization needs.

This year for Menstrual Hygiene Day, Paree Sanitary Pads collaborated with female police departments of more than 50 cities to provide them with the right menstrual protection and promote the message of menstrual hygiene across the nation. In the state of Odisha, thousands of female officers have joined hands with the brand for the awareness drive. With #ChampionFor Champions, Paree salutes the officers for their service and contribution to the society that makes them the true champion.

AU Bank extends its top-of-the-line AU Royale programme

Mumbai: AU Small Finance Bank, the largest Small Finance Bank and one of the fastest-growing retail Banks in India, has launched two new products under its affluent banking programme AU Royale – ‘AU Royale Salary’ and ‘AU Royale Business’ Current Account.

The affluent segment in India is consistently growing. As the Hurun India Wealth Report 2021 estimates, Indian millionaire (USD) households are set to rise by 30% over the next five years. As this segment is experiencing a steady growth, its expectations from banking are ever evolving. Considering this, AU Bank had launched its Royale programme designed specifically to cater to the everyday banking requirements of this segment. While the Bank was already offering customized premium products for HNIs and NRIs, now it has launched niche products, ‘AU Royale Salary’ and ‘AU Royale Business’, specially curated for the salaried and business class respectively. Commenting on the launch Mr. Uttam Tibrewal, Executive Director, AU Small Finance Bank said, “Over the years, we have seen growing interest from the affluent segment towards our personalized services and higher returns

Tata Steel Foundation organises Awareness Session on ‘World Malaria Day’



Kalinganagar, April 25, 2023(Sapan Kar):- Tata Steel Foundation (TSF) commemorated World Malaria Day, 2023, by organising an awareness session in collaboration with District Health Authorities and National Vector Borne Disease (VBD) Control Programme at Salijanga Panchayat Office under Danagadi block of Jajpur district on Tuesday.

Apart from the awareness session intended to raise awareness among the community, 13000 mosquito nets were distributed to all the residents of the panchayat. The initiative is in consistency with the Foundation’s overall strategy to enhance public health. Dr Sibashis Moharana, Chief District Medical & Public Health Officer, Jajpur graced the occasion as chief guest along with Dr Pradipta Kumar Sahoo, Additional District Public Health Officer (ADPHO), VBD, Jajpur, Mr Sunil Kumar Mahato, Consultant, Vector Borne Disease Control Programme, Ms Bijaylaxmi Dash, Sarpanch, Salijanga Panchayat, Dr Neelima Turkey, Lead, Public Health Odisha, TSF, Mr Akshya Ku Nayak, Manager, Community Health Initiatives, TSF and other senior officials of District Health Department and Tata Steel Foundation. The theme of the event - Time to deliver zero malaria: invest, innovate, implement – is part of Tata Steel Foundation’s commitment to creating

healthy communities and address the issue of several mosquito-borne diseases such as malaria, dengue, filariasis, Japanese encephalitis, etc., which continue to be a significant public health issue and a cause for deaths and disease in the communities. Resonating his thoughts on the initiative, Dr Anuj Bhatnagar, Head, Public Health at Tata Steel Foundation said, “Tata Steel Foundation, as part of its commitment to create healthy communities, has undertaken to address the issue of several mosquito-borne diseases such as malaria, dengue, filariasis, Japanese Encephalitis etc which continue to be a major public health issue and a cause for deaths and disease in the communities.

Parle Agro builds further growth opportunities for Farmers and its Fruit Processing Partners across India

Bhubaneswar : India’s largest beverage company, Parle Agro has always been at the forefront of innovation in the development of iconic fruit-based beverages like Frooti and Apy which have captured the hearts of India. In order to cater to the massive demand of their products nationally and globally, Parle Agro

is focused on updating their internal infrastructure and also aggressively building capabilities and capacities of their fruit processing partners across India. Since 1985, Parle Agro has worked consistently with Fruit Farmers and Processors within India with a vision to encourage their

development and give them opportunities to elevate their earnings. Parle Agro continues on this path and has invested heavily in their processing partners to help them extract their highest potential. Subsequently, the company has taken a determined stand to source 100% from India itself.

Johnson & Johnson Vision’s new campaign film #DekhteRehJaoge inspires India’s youth to follow their passion

Bhubaneswar: Johnson & Johnson Vision India, a division of Johnson & Johnson Private Limited, recently launched its latest campaign #DekhteRehJaoge. The campaign stands out for featuring real users of ACUVUE® lenses and highlighting their experiences as they take on new challenges fearlessly and making their vision their very identity. The film gives a sneak peek into the lives of different ACUVUE® Contact Lens users on their journey to explore their creative freedom, encouraging the Gen Z and millennial audience to keep hustling. It reflects ACUVUE®’s vision to influence consumers to be bold in owning up to their true personality. The quirky reimagination of the iconic song ‘In aankhon ki masti’ makes the film captivating, providing a compelling background to the narrative. ACUVUE® Contact Lenses are designed to

offer clear vision with comfort and the confidence to go out and push boundaries instead of holding back. Talking about the launch, Tiny Sengupta, Business Unit Director, Vision Care India, Johnson & Johnson Vision, adds, “Our aim at Johnson & Johnson Vision is to give India’s youth a confident new perspective of looking at the world with the contact lenses that complement every aspect of their personality. We are excited to see these lenses be a part of our consumers’ lives and break myths and apprehensions around contact lens usage. ACUVUE® is the #1 selling brand family of contact lenses worldwide* and through this campaign we want to encourage more people to go and fearlessly face the world with confidence. Contact lens usage is still low in India. Our aim is to get more people to try our lenses, realize the ease and

comfort of wearing them, and get hooked onto the confidence it builds! We are aiming to increase contact lens penetration in India and get new wearers into the category, simultaneously promoting eye health awareness”. Speaking about the importance of routine eye check-ups Ashok Pandian, Optometrist and Consultant- Professional Education & Development, Vision Care India, Johnson & Johnson Vision, adds, “Regular eye examinations with an optometrist are important in ensuring good eye health. It is especially important now, given the current context of increased screen time as we continue to work from home. Another important consideration here is embracing contact lenses to address vision corrections or even to enhance one’s looks. It can also improve all aspects of quality of life, including work, leisure and sports.

LG INTRODUCES GAME-SHIFTING TECHNOLOGY WITH 2022 OLED TV LINEUP IN INDIA

Bhubaneswar: LG Electronics, India’s leading Consumer Durable brand today announced the availability of its highly anticipated 2022 OLED TV lineup. Widely praised at CES 2022 for their outstanding picture quality, enhanced performance, and sleek designs, the latest products also promise an incredibly seamless experience with blazing and immersive visuals. The 2022 OLED lineup introduces the widest range of OLED TVs, from the world’s biggest 1 OLED 246 cm (97) extending to the world’s first 106 cm (42) OLED TV that is perfect for smaller room spaces and ideal for every corner

that seeks to be closer to the action. In addition to this, LG is also introducing the LD OLED evo in their C2 series. Attributed to LG’s OLED leadership, this has enabled the invention of the first Rollable OLED TV, the LG Signature R OLED that pushes the boundaries of engineering and user-centric design to enhance any space and complement any lifestyle. OLED TV price range starts from INR 89990 and Rollable OLED TV is priced at INR 7500000. Hak Hyun Kim, Director-Home Entertainment, LG Electronics India said, “This year marks 25 years of our commitment to the Indian market

demonstrating our continuous efforts to amalgamate technology and design innovations to meet the evolving needs of our consumers. The unique offerings of our latest lineup demonstrate our perseverance to deliver differentiated user experience and a new way of thinking about our consumer’s home entertainment space while once again confirming LG’s leadership in the premium TV market. OLED TV portfolio is expanded to address various segments of consumers and with our new line up we are confident of strengthening our market leadership in OLED TV.”

Bowlers give DC a second successive win

New Delhi: Delhi Capitals' bowlers, led by their spin duo of Axar Patel and Kuldeep Yadav, were pivotal in their successful defence of 144, that gave them a much-needed win and drew them level on points with their opponents SRH, who made a meal of the chase. Sunrisers Hyderabad got off to a rather watchful start, with Harry Brook struggling to get the boundaries initially. Mayank Agarwal was the quicker one in comparison but SRH managed only 36 in the Powerplay while Brook fell, missing a scoop against Nortje. The pattern continued with Rahul Tripathi and Mayank being choked by the spinners. The run-rate kept shooting up, but SRH only managed to stitch together a partnership that was worth 38 in as many

balls. This, eventually, proved to be the pivotal point in the game. Axar Patel (2/21 in 4) and Kuldeep Yadav (1/22 in 4) were the ones to turn the game around, especially in the middle overs that left the pacers with more to play with later in the innings. Axar picked up the crucial wickets of Mayank (holing out to long on 49) and Aiden Markram (chopping on) while Kuldeep and Ishant Sharma struck in between to trigger a stunning collapse as SRH went from 69/1 to 85/5. SRH mounted a challenge with 56 needed off the final five overs as Heinrich Klassen and Washington Sundar found timely boundaries late in the innings. But as Klassen holed out to the deep, Washington was left with a target of 13 in the final



over. But Mukesh Kumar managed to nail his yorkers and angles to perfection in that over, closing out a small redemption for him having conceded 15 in

his previous over. Loud, boisterous cheers turned out to be quite sweet thanks to his bowlers. For nothing went right

with the bat. Having made the decision to bat, he saw his new partner (Phil Salt in for the dropped Prithvi Shaw) depart for a duck in the first over, and saw the

rest of the batters huff and puff through the innings. Because SRH made it difficult for them right through. And DC helped that cause. Just As

Mitchell Marsh, fresh off a 19-run over from Marco Jansen, was beginning to tee off when he was trapped LBW on review by T Natarajan. That put the brakes on the DC train. DC could have still made their way to a bigger total had it not been for the hara-kiri committed in one over, the 8th of the innings bowled by Washington Sundar. First Warner went for a big slog sweep, and holed out to fine leg before Sarfaraz mirrored the dismissal a ball later. The new batter Aman Khan proceeded to loft without looking in successive deliveries, only to be caught off the second. At 62/5, DC looked down and out. The innings could have spiraled out of control at that point but their experience helped them out of it. Manish Pandey and Axar Patel put on a

69-run stand that not only rescued DC from the dumps, but also pushed them towards a competitive total. The duo did not take any undue risks but were efficient in stitching the runs together, before DC stuttered again. SRH were clinical on the field inflicting as many as three run outs, including that of Manish Pandey. In between this was the brilliance of Bhuvneshwar Kumar who finished with 2/11 in his four overs, including the wicket of Axar. With both set batters unavailable for the finish, DC meandered to a middling total of 144. Brief Scores: DC 144/9 (Manish Pandey 34, Axar Patel 34; Washington Sundar 3-28) beat SRH 137/6 (Mayank Agarwal 49; Axar Patel 2/21) by 7 runs

I Am Not Here To Take Over From Rafa Nadal: Carlos Alcaraz Wants To Build His Own History

New Delhi: Spain's young tennis sensation Carlos Alcaraz has said he is not planning to take over from Rafael Nadal and intends to build his "own history". Alcaraz capped a perfect week at the Barcelona Open on Sunday by outplaying Stefanos Tsitsipas 6-3, 6-4 with a high-quality championship match display at the ATP 500 and claimed his ninth tour-level crown and third of the season. The Spaniard's remarkable achievements at a young age have led to comparisons with Nadal, who like Alcaraz, clinched his maiden Grand Slam title at the age of 19. "As I've always said on more than one occasion, I don't want to take over from



anyone. I feel lucky to have so many people supporting me behind me, transmitting that positive energy from the first game," Alcaraz was quoted by Eurosport. (World No 1 Novak Djokovic Loses To Serb Countryman For First Time In 11 Years) "Speaking of this week, it's been two years that Rafa hasn't

been there, I've been lucky, or let's say I won't win the title. But as I've always said, I've always wanted to play against the best. It is a pity that we have not been able to enjoy Rafa these last two years. Let's hope he continues playing for a long time and we can enjoy his tennis, but obviously, we're not here to take over from

anyone, but to build our own history," he added. Bjorn Borg, Rafael Nadal, Mats Wilander, Boris Becker, and Andre Agassi are the only five players in ATP history who have won more titles as a teenager than Alcaraz. The Spaniard will have the chance to add a 10th title to his

career at the Madrid Open, where he is a defending champion and will be a strong favourite in the absence of Nadal and Novak Djokovic. "We always go to each tournament thinking that we can win, trying to do our best. Not winning Madrid (Open) would not be a failure for me, it depends on the level I have shown and the matches. All the players are very good, they can all win the title and they can beat me. For me, failure would depend on the level I show and the way I play," he said. Alcaraz is the top seed in Madrid and has received a bye in the first round. He will open against either Ugo Humbert or Emil Ruusuvuori.

WFI Sexual Harassment Case: Delhi Police Seeks Report From Probe Committee Investigating Chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh



New Delhi: Delhi Police has sought a report from the probe committee set up by the Ministry of Sports to investigate the sexual harassment allegations against Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, a senior officer said on Monday. The officer said that so far seven complaints have been received against the Wrestling Federation of India President and all of them are being

investigated. An FIR will be registered after concrete evidence comes to light, he said. "As part of inquiry, we have sought a report from the probe committee set up by Sports Ministry to look into the allegations of sexual harassment allegations levelled against WFI chief," he said. Several national medal-winning wrestlers have been protesting at Jantar Mantar demanding the government to make public

the findings of the oversight panel that investigated the sexual harassment allegations against Singh. Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur had announced the five-member oversight committee, headed by legendary boxer MC Mary Kom, to look into allegations against Singh, a BJP leader and a muscleman with criminal history.

Chapman hits stunning ton as New Zealand square T20I series

New Delhi: Mark Chapman smashed a 57-ball 104* as New Zealand came roaring back, in the match and the series, to share the T20I spoils with Pakistan. The visitors seemed done for in the fifth T20I at Rawalpindi when they were reduced to 73/4 at the half-way mark of New Zealand's response to 193. But Chapman and James Neesham (45* off 25) joined forces for an unbeaten whirlwind century stand that rendered the chase into a run-a-ball affair in the final two overs. They eventually closed it out with four balls and six wickets to spare. Looking to close out

the series against a depleted side that was missing as many as eight players to IPL duty, Pakistan started well with the ball after Mohammad Rizwan's 98 had powered them to a strong total. Imad Wasim was excellent once more in the PowerPlay and Shaheen Afridi was back to his first-over exploits by dismissing Tom Latham with the opening delivery and Will Young of the fifth ball of the chase. Daryl Mitchell made a painstaking 15 off 18 before Imad had him succumbing to the scoreboard pressure and holing out to long on. The comeback began in the 11th over, the



first after the drinks interval, when Chapman hit Faheem Ashraf for three fours in a 14-run takedown. The tide turned, the next four overs brought New Zealand 63 runs with every

Pakistan strike bowler - Shaheen, Shadab Khan and Haris Rauf - copping punishment at the hands of Chapman and Neesham. Chapman received a reprieve when on 69 as he drilled a high full

toss from Shaheen but Shadab failed to hold on to a running catch despite getting both his hands to the ball. When Neesham took down Ihsanullah for 18 runs in the 15th over,

the equation reduced to a very gettable 44 off 30 balls. And that meant, New Zealand could afford two relatively quiet overs - eight runs each - in the 16th and 17th and still be left to get 28 off the final three. Chapman then crunched three boundaries through the offside off Shaheen to effectively close the game. There was another reprieve for the left-hander on 98 when he mistimed a pull but Shaheen, running back, couldn't complete the caught & bowled. It allowed Chapman to hark back for a second and complete a deserved hundred. Earlier in the game, Rizwan had been on the cusp of a century

himself but Pakistan seemed too consumed by the milestone that they failed to give their total heft that would have been crucial. Rizwan smashed four sixes - the same number as Chapman - but found only one boundary from his final 13 deliveries faced. At the other end, Imad was dismissed trying to steal a bye to get Rizwan on strike while Faheem settled for a single off the penultimate ball when two had been on offer. As it turned out, Rizwan could not complete the milestone and remained unbeaten on 98. It was a pity considering it had been an excellent effort from

him until the final phase of an innings that saw Babar Azam scratch around to an 18-ball 19 before becoming the first of three batters to be dismissed in the space of four deliveries as Pakistan slipped to 52/3 in the seventh over. Iftikhar Ahmed (36 off 22) and Imad (31 off 14) essayed fine hands but Pakistan, asked to bat first, ended with a total that was just not Chapman proof. Brief scores: Pakistan 193/5 in 20 overs (Mohammad Rizwan 98, Iftikhar Ahmed 36; Blair Ticker 3-33) lost to New Zealand 194/4 in 19.2 overs (Mark Chapman 104*, James Neesham 45*; Imad Wasim 2-21) by six wickets.