

Rahul Gets Bail In Defamation Case, Next Hearing On April 13

Surat: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, who was sentenced to two years in prison in a criminal defamation case, was granted bail extension by a sessions court in Gujarat's Surat on Monday. The court will hear his appeal against conviction in the case on April 13.



Earlier, the former president of Congress, arrived in Surat to file the appeal in sessions court against a lower court's order that found him guilty of criminal defamation. The charges stemmed from a remark he made in April 2019 while campaigning for the Lok Sabha elections in Karnataka's Kolar. The court accepted Gandhi's petition and scheduled it for a hearing on April 13. However, he also faces another deadline to vacate his

official residence in New Delhi, which was allotted to him as an MP, by April 22. During his campaign, Gandhi stated that "all thieves have Modi surname", equating Prime Minister Narendra Modi with fugitives like Lalit Modi and Nirav Modi. On March 23, a lower court in Surat found him guilty of defaming the entire Modi community in a case filed by BJP MLA Purnesh Modi. The former Congress

president was subsequently disqualified from the Lok Sabha under a rule that bars convicted MPs from holding Lok Sabha membership. Gandhi was given the maximum 2-year jail term for his offence, but the sentence was suspended for 30 days for him to file an appeal against the order. If the conviction is not overturned, he will be disqualified from contesting elections for the next eight years.

CM Leads Japan Delegation

Bhubaneswar(KCN): In a continuing effort to be the country's leading investment destination, a high-level delegation led by Naveen Patnaik, Chief Minister of Odisha, will be visiting Japan from 4 April 2023 to promote investment opportunities in Odisha. The delegation includes the Minister of Industries, MSME, and Energy Pratap Keshari Deb, Chief Secretary, P K Jena, Principal Secretary, Industries, Hemant Sharma, Principal Secretary, Principal Secretary E&IT Manoj Mishra, and Managing Director, IPICOL Bhupendar Poonia. From the Chief Minister Office V K Pandian, Secretary to CM and R Vineel Krishna, Special Secretary to CM are accompanying the Chief Minister during



the Japan tour. A Business Delegation from Odisha, consisting of select industries in the Steel, Aluminium, Textiles, Food and Sea-Food processing, and Green Hydrogen and Green Ammonia sectors, will also accompany the delegation to explore opportunities for collaboration with Japanese business

houses. During their visit, the high-level delegation will conduct one-to-one meetings with potential investors, host the Odisha Business Meet Tokyo 2023, and hold an interactive meeting with the Odia Diaspora in Japan. The delegation will also make a visit to the Kimitsu Steel Works

and the R&D Center of Nippon Steel Corporation. Further, the delegation will also explore avenues of collaboration in the areas of skill development and high-tech start-ups. The state delegation will also hold a roundtable discussion in Kyoto on opportunities for collaboration between

Japan and Odisha in the Tourism sector, focusing on Buddhist and Eco-Tourism related sites in Odisha. Moreover, in view of the significant strides made by Odisha in development of the sports ecosystem, it is also planned to explore possible collaboration in training and development of sports talent in Odisha. The visit of the Chief Minister to Japan reinforces the commitment of the state government to promote Odisha as a favourable investment destination and strengthen the emerging economic and cultural ties with Japan. During the Make in Odisha conclave 2022, Japan was a country partner and the Ambassador to Japan in India participated in the plenary session and had invited Chief Minister to visit Japan.

KIIT Quizzing Society Organises National Open Quiz competition State Signs Pact With IRMA

Bhubaneswar, April 3: As many as 688 teams from across the country participated in the much-awaited National Open Quiz competition 'Udghosh' on Sunday, organised by Qutopia, Quizzing Society of KIIT under the G20 banner. The first prize was won by team 'Rasagolla Revolutionaries', represented by Piyush Kedia, Growth Executive at MX Player and Calvin, an employee at MasterCard. They won a cash prize of Rs 75,000. The second prize was won by the team 'Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance', represented by Navin Rajaram, working at Solar



HighTech Solutions and Jayakantan, working at TCS. The third prize was bagged by 'Caveat Attempor', represented by Jyotesh Singh, an executive at BCJ and Gokul S. from the Delhi School of Economics. The second and the third prize winners won a cash prize of Rs 50,000 and Rs 25,000 respectively.

The Best School award went to DAV Public School, Unit-8, Bhubaneswar. The participants exhibited exceptional quizzing skills, answering tricky questions in a highly competitive environment. The renowned quizmaster, Major Chandrakant Nair,

conducted and moderated the entire event, keeping the participants and the audience engaged throughout. The event was divided into a preliminary round and the final round. The finalists displayed good knowledge and quizzing skills, making the final round a neck-to-neck

competition. The event was open to people of all ages spread across schools, colleges, and the corporate world. The competition received an overwhelming response. The award function was attended by Jnyana Ranjan Mohanty, the Registrar of KIIT; Shyam Sundar Behura, the Dy Director of Student Services; Roshan Thakur, the Executive of KSAC and Anirudha Choudhury, the Society Faculty Incharge. They awarded the winners with their respective prizes and certificates, congratulating them on their impressive performance. The participants were also given coupons and participation certificates.

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha Government in Department of Co-operation has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Institute of Rural Management, Anand to scale up training and development in the Co-operative Sector. Principal Secretary Co-operation, Sanjeev Chadha signed the MoU on behalf of the Department of Co-operation, while Umakanta Dash Director IRMA signed the Pact on behalf of IRMA. Registrar Co-operative Societies of Odisha, Uddhab Charan Majhi was also present. IRMA shall be the Knowledge Partner for the Department of Co-operation to carry out research on project mode



in the Co-operative Sector Organizations in Odisha. IRMA shall design training, develop both short term and long term training and academic programs for the Co-operative Organizations. IRMA will help out the Department of co-operation for formulation of Policies for co-operative Sector. In fact Odisha Government is in the process of formulation of a new and progressive Co-operative Policy for

the State. IRMA will scale up training program across the State for the employees of the Department of Co-operation and other Co-operative Organizations. IRMA will strengthen the Institute for providing training in Co-operative Sector. IT will provide consultancy services to the Department of co-operation on Project Mode as and when there is a requirement, said a senior official.

Security Cooperation amongst BIMSTEC nations pivotal for sustainable economic cooperation

Kolkata(Partha Roy): A day long BIMSTEC Security Cooperation seminar was organised by Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Culture, Government of India in collaboration with Institute of Social and Cultural Studies(ISCS) Kolkata and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS) Kolkata at ICCR in Kolkata on 31st March 2023.

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BIMSTEC Security Cooperation seminar deliberated on Cyber Security, Counter - Terrorism, Energy, Disaster Management. Shri Arup Raha former Air Chief Marshal of India was the Chief Guest. Vice Admiral (Retired) Shekhar Sinha former Commander in Chief Western Naval Command India, Captain (IN) Alok Bansal Director India Foundation, Captain Sarabjeet S Parmar of National Maritime Foundation India, Commander Srikant Kesnur former Director of Maritime Warfare Centre India were among the galaxy of speakers from various BIMSTEC nations who participated in the seminar.

Shri Arindam Mukherjee Director ISCS stressed multi-sectoral traditional & non traditional Security Cooperations are key to sustainable economic cooperation in the region which catalyse economic growth and prosperity in the region. Shri Arindam Mukherjee emphasized day long seminar provided opportunity to exchange thoughts and notes on various security issues amongst security experts of BIMSTEC nations. Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh Director MAKAIAS mentioned under the leadership of visionary Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi's "Act East" policy BIMSTEC's multi sectoral security cooperations, economic



and trade development cooperation, Connectivity cooperation through road, rail, river, sea, air, cyber space, people to people connectivity, new path of healthy growth and

development and prosperity will be created in the region. Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi -sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) was established June

1997 with four founding member Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka and Thailand. Bhutan, Myanmar and Nepal joined the group later on. The pillar of security has been pivotal in

BIMSTEC's foundational multilateral structure of creating a regional organization encompassing South and South Asia. India being the lead country has been endeavouring to comprehensively manifest a three - fold approach of enhancing capacity building, sharing information for mutual cooperation for solutions, and forming a core group that would in turn lead to a "Track- I" fourm of implementations. Presence of transnational actors in this regional security realm emphasize on ever-present Sea Lanes of Communication (SLOC's). BIMSTEC as a policy

has taken initiative to enhance energy cooperation and expand electricity trade. BIMSTEC Centre on Weather and Climate being hosted in India is fully functional and provides early disaster warnings. Thailand, current Chair of BIMSTEC has taken initiatives to promote & facilitate implementation of Bio- Circular -Green Economy model by promoting regional renewable energy usage and biomass energy. As BIMSTEC is marking its 25th year, BIMSTEC as regional cooperation is instrumental in enhancing energy security as well as facilitating exchange of information and assess threat to retain development momentum in the region.

AIIMS Bhubaneswar introduces Millets in diet of Students and admitted patients

Bhubaneswar(KCN): AIIMS Bhubaneswar has introduced Millets in the diet of its students and admitted patients here. In an aim to provide healthy and nutritious food to the students and indoor patients, the national institute has started millets into the diet. Executive Director Dr. Ashutosh Biswas started the initiative to mark the auspicious occasion of "Utkal Dibasa" and G20 Jan Bhagidari campaign. Dr. Biswas kickstarted the process of distributing millet added food items to the admitted patients. Also, the Executive Director had lunch with the students in the dining hall. The students and the admitted patients were very happy having millets as a part of their dietary plan. Executive Director Dr. Ashutosh Biswas on the occasion said, "We are



really enthusiastic to introduce Millets in the diet of our students and patients. We believe that it will provide the patients the essential fibres they need to recover quickly. We are committed to provide the best care to our patients and this is one of the many steps we are taking in that direction." Similarly, students will get rich nutrients and minerals from the ancient locally available food, which will take

care of their weight and immunity, added Dr. Biswas. Drawing inspiration from the Hon'ble Prime Minister's call to make 'Jan Bhagidari' a strong element of India's G20 Presidency, AIIMS Bhubaneswar has planned a series of programmes for the month. As a part of the noble campaign, AIIMS Bhubaneswar has introduced Millets in the diet of students and patients on "Utkal

Dibasa", informed Registrar of the Institute B B Mishra. To create awareness about the health benefits of millets and spread the message to the public, a meeting was organized at OPD foyer. A hand book on Millet "Millets on Health Benefits and Diseases" written by Executive Director Dr. Ashutosh Biswas and Head of Dentistry Department Dr. Ashok Kumar Jena distributed it to the public. Dietician of

AIIMS Bhubaneswar Soumya Sucharita Prusty told about the importance of millet in our day to day diet. Among others, DEAN(Academic) Dr. P R Mohapatra, DEAN(Exam) Dr. Soubhagya Jena, DEAN (Research) Dr. Satyajit Mishra, Medical Superintendent Dr. Dillip Kumar Parida, DDA(I/c) Rasmi Ranjan Sethy, student representatives participated in the programme. The introduction of millets in the diet of patients and students at AIIMS Bhubaneswar is a significant step towards raising awareness about the health benefits of millets. The initiative is expected to inspire people to include millet in their daily diet and promote the consumption of traditional foods that are both healthy and delicious.

Master Jaydeep Jena was awarded by National Children's Science Congress

Cuttack Sadar(KCN) : The 30th National Child Science Congress - NCSC - 2022(A Program of NCSTC - DST Government of India) was held at Ahmedabad for 5 days organised by the Gujarat Council On Science and Technology(GUJCOST) with nearly 850 students were presents and gets golden chance & opportunity to show there Project as scientific experiments at the Congress. In this national program "Matsya Blue Manure" project which based & prepared on Khata as made in fish waste materials, Crab cells, Lobster skin examined by Central & state recommended lab at Jagatpur Biochemical Lab, City lab etc and guided by Teacher Sudipta Das & entire project successfully



forecast there by Jayadeep Jena as scholar students of Guru Nanak Public School, Kaliaboda, Cuttack class 9th and from native place Cuttack Sadar Kadarpur. Ayatapur GP & Villageres of Danduashipada. He is the son of Social worker Jiban Jyoti Jena & pious lady Tapasha Jena. In the program Ishro adhakhya

S Somanath, Gujarat Governor Honorable Acharya Devvart, Scientist of SAC Dr. Nilesh M. Desai, some scientists & Government officers and professors were present. Moreover, This project was shown in the state level padarshani at Prabhujee English Medium School, Bhubaneswar with highly appreciated

Misuse of Power Or Ignorance about Rules & Regulations by District Administration!!

Bolangir (KCN) : Recently, the Bolangir District Administration demolished one costly & luxurious or Palatial Building which was situated at Industrial Estate, Bolangir on IDCO Land. No doubt that the Person concerned who took it from IDCO, Bolangir Division constructed a Palatial Building illegally or not obeying IDCO or Government Rules, Regulations and Guidelines. Here is a question mark that is there any provision for Demolition of any property which is not creating any obstacle for traffic & etc. Is it not misutilising of power?. Is it not an ignorance of knowing government rules, regulations and guidelines. It is sure that prior to demolish the Palatial Building, it came



to the Properties of the Government, so without demolishing, Government might have utilized for Government use like for Offices or government can sale to a right person for generating Revenue of Government. But, When a Palatial Building was demolished, it became Zero, it means that the District Administration of Bolangir made Zero

Rupee of that particular Palatial Building by demolishing it. Is it not a question mark for the sensitive and intellectual Citizens of India & Bolangir District. Peoples feel that British Rule is going on, the reason is that we have borrowed our Constitution, it is nothing, but a copy of British Constitution. Just it has been simplified and the

content is same or as it is. It needs badly changes, additions, deductions and amendment. We need another Freedom and we need our Indian Constitution for Corruption Free India. One can not make the private or Government Properties into Zero. There is a substitution, alternation, changes, modification, rectification and etc. It is nothing but misutilising of power and National Properties as well as ignorance in education, knowledge, experience, observation, finding and not through in Government rules, regulations and guidelines. A high level impartial enquiry and discussion in this regards is needed badly or urgently for rectification in future.

Annual Function of Vivekananda Siskhya Kendra, Satapada held

Satapada : Annual Function of Vivekananda Siskhya Kendra, Satapada of Krushnaprasad Block held on 1st April 2023. Above 500 student participants along with their parents, guardians participated in the programme cheerfully. At the outset, Mr Nalini K u m a r Badajena Secretary of the institution welcomed all the dignitaries on dice and Mr. Sambit Nanda, Manager, Odisha Gramya Bank, Satapada inaugurated the programme. Ms. Anjana Panda, Headmistress of the School presented annual activities and achievements of students as well as the school. Mr Subhanarayan Satapathy, Child Protection Officer joined as Chief Guest



and deliberated about child psychology, present education system, necessity of protection of rights of children at everywhere and role of stakeholders, parents, community. He was emphasized on realization of child psychology at school and home by the parent, teacher and all the persons who are always with the children. Chief Speaker Mr. Bibhudas Bhikari Charan

Jena, Ex-Headmaster depicted from education to development and home to school atmosphere for children. He was also focused on modernization culture of education and its effect on society. Among other Hon'ble Guests Mr. Prafulla Kumar Jena, Rtd Govt Official and Educationist, Mr. Basant Kumar Jena, Teacher, Janata ME School, Piriijpur and Mr. Mohan Sundar Barik, Mohan

Goswami UP School, Janhikuda attended the programme and delivered their speech towards children's best interest and education on the auspicious occasion of Utkal Dibasa. Mr. Santosh Kumar Nayak, Secretary, Ms. Jharashree Swain Headmistress and all teachers of Barapada VSK were joined in the programme and encouraged to the students. On this occasion 24 students felicitated and rewarded for their achievements in different fields like; sports, speech, song, dance etc. All the Teachers, Management Committee Members of the school extended all possible cooperation to make the event successful.

Narbheram Power and Steel steps forward for education of rural children



Barbil.(KCN): The Narbheram Power and Steel (P) Ltd is constantly endeavouring to address the multiple challenges being faced by people in it's project area and the company under the banner of Atha foundation develops and executes its programs based on ground reports and requirements of the communities in the areas of intervention out of which one of the greatest problem is education.

Though school are available in the area, parent donot think of giving them education. Tanto village under Bhadrashaahi Gram panchayat is a tribal dominant area and our initiatives are designed to offer sustainable solutions for their issues said Sadanand Rana Vice President of the company. A team visited to the door steps of villagers to motivate

them for school. The company will bear all expenses likely to incur in their academic career said Piyus Pandey, head H R of the company. There are 40 no's of school children get admitted in school. On the Eve of Utkal Divas company distributed School bags, water bottle, school uniform for the school children who get admitted in the school. Sarpanch Bhadrashaahi

Pramila Naik, Suresh Patra Naib Sarpanch, Thulu Patra were present. Sarpanch Pramila told one her opinion that marginalized children in the remote areas are immensely benefited by the school bags distribution program. Sadananda Rana, Piyus Pandey, Saroj Kumar Deo, Prasanta Mohanty and Prabhudatta Mohanty of Narbheram were also present

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Bholaa Box Office Collections: Ajay Devgn-Tabu's Actioner Picks Up Pace, Crosses Rs 30 Cr On First Saturday

Ajay Devgn and Tabu are back again with action drama 'Bholaa' after a successful time at the box office with Drishyam series. As the film released in theatres, the moviegoers were quite impressed with the amazing acting skills of Ajay Devgn and Tabu. In fact, a lot of the fans hailed the action scenes done by Ajay. The film has also been performing well at the box office and has picked up pace after a rather slow start. As we approach the weekend, the word of mouth for Ajay Devgn's 'Bholaa' has resulted in great footfall on its first Saturday. The film saw an upward trend on Saturday earning Rs 12.10 cr and a grand total of Rs 30.70 cr in three days.



The direction, action and performance of every actor have been a massive draw for the audiences. With this, the film is expected to further grow in



the coming days. The film is also competing with Ranbir and Shraddha's 'Tu Jhoothi Mai Makkaar' which has been running in the the-

aters for 3 weeks now. Rani Mukerji's 'Mrs Chatterjee v/s Norway' has also been doing well at the box office. However, 'Bholaa' is ex-

pected to perform well in the coming weeks considering that it's a mass entertainer. 'Bholaa' is an official Hindi remake of the

Tamil hit 'Kaithi'. 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." The original film revolved around an ex-convict, who decides to meet his daughter for the first time after being released from prison but gets caught in a face-off between police and the drug mafia. Bholaa marks Ajay's fourth directorial film after 'U, Me aur Hum' in 2008, 'Shivaay' in 2016, and 'Runway 34' in 2022. The film also stars Deepak Dobriyal, Sanjay Mishra, Vineet Kumar, Gajraj Rao and Tabu in pivotal roles and is all set to hit the theatres on March 30, 2023.

'Chor Nikal Ke Bhaga' Actress Priyanka Karunakaran Lauds Yami Gautam, Says 'She Knows Her Work Around The Camera'



Actor Priyanka Karunakaran who plays an air hostess alongside Yami Gautam in Ajay Singh's directorial Chor Nikal Ke Bhaga is basking in the glory of the positive reviews that the film is getting along with her performance too. The debutant actor shared her experience on working with Yami Gautam. She said, "Yami as an actor on set is extremely focused. She is very subtle and will do

these small things that the camera captures and that is really beautiful. She knows how to work the camera. We were shooting in cold conditions and our uniform was a short skirt so we couldn't wear our thermals. The evacuation scene was quite tough to shoot but she did it with so much ease, I was inspired to because it was my first time on a film set and it was just encouraging to have a co-actor

like her around." Priyanka who has been a model for most of her career even spoke about her preparation work on the sets. She said, "The first half of the film was shot in a mock plane but it was lit so well that it looked as real as it could be. We had professional air hostesses who trained us, how to operate the galley, how to welcome people, body language of airhostess and just about everything that the job

entails. Being on the set really felt great as I felt that I was a part of something bigger. In this film every moment adds to the development of the story so in a sense every scene and every character is pivotal". She added, "One of my biggest lessons was to be focused in the moment but learn to have fun while the process is on. On day 1 I was full of excitement and completely charged up but by day 23 it got claustrophobic and tedious shooting inside the same plane, in a confined space and it was a challenge to keep oneself motivated. Later on, we did have location shifts and I felt a new energy rush". Priyanka earlier stated that playing a South Indian airhostess is poetic for her as her mother is a retired air hostess and their roots are in Kerala. Chor Nikal Ke Bhaga is currently trending on No 1 on Netflix.

'Dasara' Continues To Break Records, Mahesh Babu, Ravi Teja Laud Superstar Nani



Natural star Nani's recent pan-India release of Dasara has taken the box office by storm since its release on March 31, 2023. With a gripping storyline, stunning visuals, and powerful performances, the film has won the hearts of audiences across India. The film has surpassed an impressive gross of 53 crores on day two of its release. The film has garnered a lot of attention, not just from the audience but also from the film fraternity. Celebrities like Mrunal Thakur and Mahesh Babu have taken to social media to express their appreciation for the movie after taking time out to watch this cinematic masterpiece. South star Karthi also took to twitter and said, "@nameisnani, you are everywhere, and it is amazing to see your energy. More power to #Dasara". The praises have only added to the buzz surrounding the film. Additionally, Adivi Sesh also heaped love on Natural Star Nani. Nani, who is known for his impeccable acting skills, has once again delivered a stellar performance in 'Dasara'. His portrayal of the lead character has been lauded by audiences and critics alike. Superstar Nani's exceptional acting skills and the director's vision have made this movie a must-watch for everyone.

Vikramaditya Motwane Announces 'Jubilee Day' On Prime Video - Watch Celebration of Timeless Hindi Cinema Classics



After the grand trailer unveil of Amazon Original series Jubilee, Prime Video and the series creator and director Vikramaditya Motwane today announced a special initiative 'Jubilee Day' - a day-long film festival bringing back the magic of yesteryear blockbusters on the big screen. On April 6, four classic hits - Mr and Mrs 55 (1955), Pyaasa (1957), Aradhana (1969) and Kati Patang (1971) will be screened at PVR ICON, Andheri, Mumbai from noon onwards. Set in the early days of the Indian film industry, Jubilee is a thrilling tale woven around an ensemble of characters and the pursuit of their

ambitions and love, along with a celebratory ode to cinema. 'Jubilee Day' is an extension of that celebration, showcasing 'jubilee hits' - cinematic classics that back in the day had successful runs of as long as 25 weeks (silver jubilee) to 50-weeks (golden jubilee) in theatres. The rare chance to catch these classics will be open to all audiences. Vikramaditya Motwane, director and creator of series Jubilee said, "I have grown up watching and admiring timeless and classic films. Even before I became a filmmaker, movies have always played a pivotal part in my life. I have always wanted the audience to have a glimpse of the charming

world of the yesteryears of the Hindi film industry, which I have done through the series and I felt 'Jubilee Day' was a wonderful idea to strengthen that effort to pay our humble tribute to this magical industry where we work. We are thankful to Mr Sushilkumar Agrawal of Ultra Media & Entertainment Pvt Ltd and Mr Ashim Samanta for supporting this initiative and helping us bring these milestone films from the history of Indian cinema to audiences. I am hoping for audiences to take back some of the old-world charm of movies with this day-long festival."

Gaslight: Vikrant Massey Impresses Fans With His Performance As Real Estate Manager, Check Reactions

Vikrant Massey starrer mystery thriller 'Gaslight' has finally been released and the actor has yet again given a testament to his proficient acting. Vikrant can be seen playing a character named Kapil who dwells into different shades of a nice guy and the bad guy in the film. Starring with two strong performer ladies Sara Ali Khan and Chitrangada Singh, Vikrant very brilliantly marked his presence on the screen and has left the audience impressed who just could not stop flooding the internet with their praising comments for the actor. As Kapil, the estate manager in Gaslight, Vikrant Massey has yet again given a worthwhile justification to his character with his acting prowess and



indeed proved himself one of the most talented actors of his era. The actor has successfully kept the audience hooked to their seats till the end while his portrayal of the bad guy in the climax is loved immensely by the audience and critics. This has certainly made the netizens drop their praising comments for the actor

on Instagram as they wrote, "Ur hardwork will definitely pays off." "Great job." "All d best Vikrant... Our blessings and good wishes are always wd u... Ur film is going to b a super hit." "You have been one of the versatile actors of your time, m sure there must be versatility to this film as well?." "Excited to watch."

Letter To Editor

Sir,

Direct selling requires sway

So far, only eight states have formed committees in the country to monitor direct selling, as efforts to strengthen the regulatory framework to weed out entities operating fraudulent schemes and protect the interests of direct sellers and their businesses continuity. This will help protect the direct selling industry in the respective states and provide policy clarity for the industry. Rules and Regulations are required for direct selling companies to own, hold, licence a trademark/service mark for the goods or services in remaining states of the country. Furthermore, it requires direct selling companies to upload all important details such as balance sheets and FSSAI licenses, as well as appoint Grievance Redressal officers to resolve consumer complaints.

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Raichur, Karnataka**

Income tax related changes effective from 1st April 2023

Narayan Jain



The new financial year 2023-24, has begun from 1st April. Some changes will take effect from 1st April 2023. These are discussed here.

1. No Tax if income is only upto Rs. 7 Lakhs
Tax rebate under the new regime has been increased from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 7 lakh from assessment year 2024-25. Along with standard deduction, the tax-free limit for salaried taxpayers will be Rs 7.5 lakhs if they opt for the new tax regime. This also means that an individual with a salary of less than this limit will not have to make any investments to claim deductions.

Consequently, no TDS will be deducted if the income including salary income is within the limit of Rs. 7 Lakh.

2. Standard Deduction
The standard deduction of Rs 50,000 under the old regime shall also be available under the new tax regime. It is welcome.

3. New income tax regime will be default regime:

Now the new income tax regime will be considered as the default tax regime. However, taxpayers will have the option to choose the old regime or new regime if one is not having income from business or profession. If one is having income from business or profession, the tax regime once chosen cannot be altered till such taxpayer continues to have income from business or profession.

One is a salaried taxpayer, TDS will be deducted based on tax rates under the new

tax regime. Therefore, while declaring investments, you must carefully choose between the Old tax regime and the new regime.

4. *Life insurance policies taken on or from 1st April 2023 with aggregate premium of Rs 5Lakh* The proceeds from such policies will become taxable in case such policies are made on or after 1st April 2023 and aggregate premium is more than Rs 5 Lakh. This provision will not apply to the ULIP (unit-linked insurance plan). It may be noted that ULIP policy is one that offers the dual benefit of insurance and investment. A certain amount of premium is invested in market instruments like equities and debt, and the remaining is utilised for the life cover.

5. Tax on Online Gaming
A new section 115BBJ has been introduced to tax the winnings from online games. Various forms of winnings, such as cash, kind, vouchers, or any other benefit, from online gaming, will attract tax at a flat rate of 30%, which will be deducted at source at the time of receiving the winning amount.

6. Gains on Debt Mutual Funds to be taxed as Short Term Capital Gain
Investments in debt mutual funds will be taxed at normal slab rates as short-term capital gains. The move will deprive investors of the indexation benefits which made these investments popular.

7. Conversion of gold to electronic gold receipt to become tax-free
The Government has introduced a measure to encourage the use of electronic Gold by permitting SEBI-registered vault managers to convert physical gold into electronic gold receipts (EGRs) and vice versa, with effect from April 1. This conversion process will be exempt from capital gain tax, and it is anticipated that it will enhance the digital gold market in India and make gold investment opportunities more convenient.

8. Senior Citizens Savings Scheme
Senior citizens can now deposit up to Rs 30 lakh under the senior citizens' savings scheme. Earlier, the deposit limit was restricted to Rs 15 lakh. Likewise, the maximum deposit for the monthly income scheme has been increased to Rs 9 lakh from Rs 4.5 lakhs for single accounts. For joint accounts, the limit

has been raised to Rs 15 lakhs from Rs 7.5 lakhs.

9. Deduction under Section 54 and Section 54F will be limited to Rs 10 Crore
Taxpayers who sell their house property or any other capital asset and invest the capital gains or sale proceeds, as the case may be, in a new house are entitled to deduction under sections 54 and 54F. It may be noted that from 1st April, 2023, the incentives will be restricted to investment in new house property upto Rs 10 crores only. Any long term gains above that will be taxed at 20% (with indexation benefit).

10. Gifts received by Resident but non-ordinarily residents (RNOR) Such gifts received by an RNOR over and above Rs 50,000 will be taxable in the hands of recipient.

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Lord Mahavira: The Founder of Universal Religion



bear the sufferings. One who can maintain equanimity, restraint and balance even in adverse circumstances, who is ready to practice silence and heat the body. In whose mind there is a feeling of coexistence towards the whole being. One who not only knows how to change his destiny through effort, but also wishes for a bright future for the entire humanity. Mahavira was born centuries ago, but his life and teachings are more effective and relevant in today's time of crisis and many diseases. Mahavira is a wave of health-evolution, a smokeless crest of healthy life-light. There is an unnamed river of courage and restraint. There was a hint of eternity in his dialogues. His lifestyle was so dominant that he would have been bound by a once-living. There was such brilliance in his eyes that the one who saw him once could not forget. There was such an invitation in his call for a healthy life that it could not be ignored. His guidance was so perfect that the one who found him could never go astray. His presence was so inspiring that one would get transformed. He said 'a p p a n a sacchameseja' - find the truth yourself. He did not make anyone run with the help of

crutches. If you have the ability to walk on your feet, then you can walk whenever you want and reach wherever you want. He not only illuminated the way, but also created the inner light. These are all the reasons that remind us of Mahavira. Mahavira believed in a healthy life. They

- Lalit Garg -

also the final point. This is the first understanding of health and the final conclusion. It is the shield for emergency situations involving the body. It is the use of stress-immersion and is free from all sorrows. Mahavira's sadhana period lasted twelve and a half years. In it

life by being absorbed in expansive meditation. The person who wants to get rid of various kinds of diseases, wants to become healthy and has to take medicine in the form of Kayotsarga. Mahavira had the science of medicine

the basis of this concept, it seems difficult to stop the restlessness of the mind. In the practice of Kayotsarga, words like relaxation, shavasana or relaxation for the body are used. Kayotsarga is such a door, from where one can get a glimpse of the soul, a feeling of existence apart from the gross body. In Kayotsarga, the body and mind get complete relaxation. There are many misconceptions about Jainism in the public. Jainism is a religion that hurts the body. Mahavira talks of giving rest to the body. How can the principle of suffering be valid in such a situation? Any austerity or penance does not mean to cause pain to the body, but to cultivate the body. The mind cannot be controlled without the body. Therefore, through yogic processes, a way has been made to cultivate the body. Kayotsarga has a special significance in the field of spirituality. Its usefulness in medical science is also undeniable. Kayotsarga also plays a big role in various investigations done by the modern equipment of medical science. In every medical examination, it is advised to leave the body a little loose and slow down the breathing, it is said to

leave the mouth loose even during the extraction of teeth. In case of high blood pressure, it can be balanced by kayotsarga. Unbalanced lifestyle and stress are the major problems of this time. Small and big, rich and poor, everyone is surrounded by this tension. This is a problem for which doctors do not even have a cure. Kayotsarga can be a permanent solution to the problem of stress and fear. If Kayotsarga is done regularly, then there will be no leave for tension and fear to arise. Through Kayotsarga, both body and mind can be kept healthy. Kayotsarga is a mantra for self-meditation, in the same way, health is also a mantra for spiritual practice. In modern life, the practice of silence, mantra cultivation and restraint is very useful. Silence gives rest, happiness comes. But the glory of silence that is accompanied by Kayotsarga is different. Be it silence, meditation, fasting or any other restraint ritual, all have a useful place in getting rid of diseases. Those who want physical, mental and spiritual health, want to avoid epidemics and diseases, they should use this great mantra Kayotsarga of

Mahavira. Kayotsarga is medicine and highway to health. Anyone following this can lead a healthy life. Lord Mahavira is truly a shining beam of light and the founder of universal religion. He is the savior of the human mind of this creation. Mahavira had given maximum emphasis on fasting, restraint and character. Mahavira's entire life is the culmination of austerity and meditation, so he is self-motivated. The teachings of the Lord are life-giving in which the solution of life's problems is contained. Lord Mahavira is Chinmaya Deepak (a lamp that has the never lasting illumination light) The lamp removes the darkness, but the usefulness of the Chinmaya lamp to defeat the darkness of ignorance is undeniable. In fact, Mahavira's discourses and teachings are millions of beams of light. In order to be flooded with the rays of knowledge, it is necessary to immerse in them, only then will we be able to move towards a healthy life.



lived on their own. He also taught others to live in himself. They were healthy. No disease could touch him. He gave many sources of health. One of them was the formula - Kayotsarga. Kayotsarga means purification of the body, maintenance of the body, purity and restraint towards the body. Kayotsarga is also the starting point of sadhana and it is

he repeatedly used kayotsarga. The wearer of protective armor or bulletproof jacket does not have the fear of being shot, similarly after going into deep Kayotsarga, the effect of adverse conditions of major diseases and deadly and life-threatening attacks is attenuated. Like Mahavira, one who practices Kayotsarga becomes healthy-hearted, becomes light and can lead a happy

whose constituent elements are not mentioned in medical science, he gave such an unfading system of health, which is as easy as it is difficult. Kayotsarga is a type of penance. In which physical restlessness and anger etc. have to be immersed. The focus has to be on the breath. Is the mind fickle or the restlessness of the mind is the mind. On

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Nothing done By BRS Government for Tribal people

Warangal(KCN) : Telangana Bharatiya Janata Party president Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Sunday demanded that chief minister K Chandrasekhar Rao should come out with a white paper on what his government had done for tribals in the last nine years. Addressing the BJP booth committee members at Mulugu, Sanjay said before the assembly elections, KCR had promised to implement 12 percent reservations for Scheduled Tribes, but had not done it deliberately by linking it to the reservations to the Muslims. It was a conspiracy to hoodwink the tribals. If the chief minister is sincere, he should promulgate a special ordinance and implement 12 percent quota for the STs. Does he have the commitment to do so?" he asked. Sanjay accused KCR of cheating the tribals once again by dodging on providing title deeds for Podu lands. Even for establishment of a Tribal University at Mulugu, the chief minister has not been allotting lands for



years together, he said. "Do we re-elect this chief minister who had spent crores of rupees to defeat an Adivasi woman Droupadi Murmu fielded by the BJP in the last Presidential elections? While as many as 12 STs were accommodated in the Narendra Modi cabinet at the Centre, KCR has inducted just one ST in his cabinet," he said. Alleging that KCR and his family, which was confined to a residential building at Nandinagar, had amassed huge wealth running into thousands of crores, the BJP president said the family was running liquor trade with hundreds of crores

and parking thousands of crores in foreign countries like Dubai and Muscat. He said KCR had made Telangana a bankrupt state by resorting to borrowings of over Rs 5 lakh crore. "If he is voted to power again, he would borrow another Rs 5 lakh crore and make the people of state beggars," he said. Sanjay further alleged that the Bharat Rashtra Samithi was ruling Telangana on the lines of Bengal, terrorising the opposition leaders who question the atrocities of the KCR government. "Hundreds of BJP leaders were thrown behind the bars. Yet, we are not afraid of

jails. Very soon, we are going to establish Rama Rajya in Telangana and we shall drive away KCR and his family," he challenged. He pointed out that KCR had sent his entire cabinet to Delhi to save the skin of his daughter Kavitha who was caught in the Delhi liquor scam and was trying to save his son K T Rama Rao in the TSPSC question paper leakage scam, at a time when the future of 30 lakh unemployed youth in jeopardy. Sanjay asserted that the BJP was working for converting the entire Hindu society into a strong vote bank. "We shall not tolerate anybody who pose a threat to the

existence of Hindus and we shall strongly retaliate if there are any attacks on Hindus. We countered the challenge of AIMIM president Owaisi by holding the BJP meetings in the old city of Hyderabad," he said. Stating that the BJP would fly the saffron flag in all the areas where there are green flags, Sanjay asked the people whether they want the BJP which celebrates the victories of India or the BRS which celebrates the victory of Pakistan. He alleged that the BRS, the Congress and the Communists were colluding to defeat the BJP and prevent it from coming to power in the state and at the Centre. "The Congress high command itself is in favour of an alliance with the BRS, as those who got elected on the Congress ticket are getting sold out to the BRS," he said. Sanjay reiterated that the BJP would not have an alliance with any party. "We are like a lion which prefers to go it alone. We shall come to power with the blessings of the people," he asserted.

Utkal Diwas celebrated by Utkalika Ranchi



Ranchi(KCN) : On 1st April, Utkalika a socio cultural organisation in Ranchi, celebrated the foundation day of Odisha state. On 1 April 1936, this state was established for the first time as a linguistic state in India. On this occasion, the children of Utkalika family presented a mesmerising cultural program. Through a play, the children gave a message to save the culture of the state of Odisha. Along with this, the children presented melodious tunes of Odia music on musical instruments, children performed dance and recited poetry in Odia language. Childrens of Utkalika family exhibited paintings on this occasion. J h a r k h a n d ' s distinguished social worker and eminent

entrepreneur Mr. Ramesh Singh joined as the chief guest in this occasion. He spoke on the old relationship between Odisha and Jharkhand. He also expressed his feelings and devotion towards Lord Jagannath. In this program Mrs. Meera Shahadeo, a renounced educationist of Ranchi and the founder of Springdale Group of schools, joined as the guest of honor. She praised people of Odisha working in Ranchi a lot. On this occasion, the patrons of Bharat Jodo program in Jharkhand, Bharatiya Janata Party's Jharkhand Pradesh President-cum-Member of parliament Shri Deepak Prakash and State Organizing General Secretary Shri Karmaveer Singh explained about the concept of "Ek Bharat

Shreshtha Bharat" appreciated Odia culture and traditions. In this program, vice president of Utkalika Mr. Hemant Das introduced the guest and offered the welcome address.. advisory member Dr. Mukhtikant Senapati explained about the brief history of Odisha. Secretary Dr. Ashok Acharya explained about the vision of Utkalika, Treasurer Mr. Prabhat Rath along with other members were present on this occasion. Mr. Debasish Pattanayak offered vote of thanks. Utkalika is a reputed Socio cultural Organization established in 2018 in Ranchi. This Utkal Diwas - Foundation day of Odisha State was celebrated at Audrey House, Ranchi.

Crime Rates Are Increasing In The Nation



Warangal (KCN) : Self Defence Workshop, Pre Spree event was organized today evening at the stadium, NIT Warangal. Dr.C.Suresh Babu, Coach of the Indian kickboxing team and Mr C R a m a n j a n e y u l u , president of Telan gana

Kickboxing Association were the guests for the event. Dr.C.Suresh Babu said that the crime rates are inc reasing in the nation and it is important to have formal training in self-defence. Around 70 students of NIT Warangal participated in the

workshop where they were taught the basics off self-defence by Dr.C.Suresh Babu and Mr.C.Ramanjaneyulu. Later, the guests were felicitated. Prof. M. Heeralal, faculty advisor and other faculty and student coordinators participated in the event.

Ramakrishna Math & Mission Vice President Swami Prabhanandaji Maharaj passed away in Kolkata

Kolkata(Partha Roy): Ramakrishna Math & Mission announced the passing away of revered Swami Prabhanandaji Maharaj, Vice-President, Ramakrishna Math & Ramakrishna Mission, at Seva Pratishthan, Kolkata, today (Saturday, 1 April 2023) at 6.50 pm. He was 91. His mortal remains will be kept at Belur Math (Cultural Hall) from 6.00 am to 8.00 pm tomorrow (2nd April) for the devotees and admirers to pay their homage to the departed soul. Cremation will start at about 9.00 pm on Sunday, 2.4.2023 at Belur Math. Homage to the departed soul of Swamiji is being paid by followers of Ramakrishna mission & Math across India and around the world



Independence and National Day of Bangladesh celebrated in Kolkata

Kolkata(Partha Roy): Independence and National Day of Bangladesh was celebrated in Kolkata on 28th March and 29th March 2023 by Bangladesh Deputy High Commission in Kolkata. Independence of Bangladesh was declared on 26 March 1971. The Independence Day of Bangladesh is celebrated on 26 March when Sheikh Mujibur Rahman declared the Independence of Bangladesh from Pakistan. On 28th March, Nobonita Chowdhury famed singer & public orator of Bangladesh gave solo performance at ICCR Kolkata. Nobonita Chowdhury performed folk songs from different regions of Bangladesh. She sang songs of Rabindranath Tagore, Lalon Fakir, Hasan Raja Abbasuddin Ahmed and also narrated stories around each song. The performance by Nobonita Chowdhury showcased beauty, strength, and philosophy of folk of Bangladesh. The musical concert was attended by Janab Andalib Elias Deputy High Commissioner of Bangladesh in Kolkata and other diplomats and other staff members of Bangladesh Deputy High Commission in Kolkata, Ms. Minakshi Misra Head and Zonal Director of ICCR Kolkata, top Diplomatic representatives of Russia in Kolkata and other dignitaries. On 29th March 2023, Bangladesh Deputy High Commissioner Janab Andalib Elias hosted "



Reception" to celebrate Independence and National Day of Bangladesh at ITC Sonar Hotel in Kolkata. Janab Andalib Elias addressed the august gathering and informed the guests about historical journey of growth path of Bangladesh since its inception and its futuristic outlook. National Anthem of India and Bangladesh were played. Additional Chief Secretary of Government of West Bengal representing Indian side spoke on historical connections between people of Bangladesh and India. Nobonita Chowdhury also enthralled the audience with her mellifluous voice.

The objective of 'Press Academy' is the welfare and skill development of journalists

Warangal : Training classes for skill development of journalists for days Press Academy for the welfare of journalists with 42 crores funds Houses should be provided to deserving journalists with MLA's equanimity Journalists should inform the people with equanimity The use of vulgar language in newspapers should be reduced Singareni Illandu club for journalists Allam NaraYana, Chairman of the Press Academy who started the training program said .that the Press Academy works with the objective of improving the skills and welfare of the journalists. On Saturday, local MLA Gandra Venkataramana Reddy, District Praja Parishad organized a two-day training program for the journalists of the district at Singareni Illandu Club House.

Chair person Jakkula Sriharshini started by lighting the Jyoti. On this occasion, Press Academy Chairman Allam Narayana said. that journalists are working from the village level to the state level and they are selflessly working for the welfare of the people by bringing out the issues happening in the villages. He said that there are more than 32 thousand accreditor journalists in Telangana state like no other state in the country and the government has recognized journalists from mandal level and issued accreditations. He suggested that the journalists should write news giving full details related to mandal level problems, hopes and aspirations of the people, development issues happening there, injustice and irregularities happening to the people. About 15,000

journalists are working without salary in Telangana state, they have to compete with the competitive world to gather news, press academy conducts training sessions to develop their skills to be useful for journalists, training classes have been completed within the joint districts, JayashanKar is currently in Bhupalapalli district for two days. He asked the journalists to take full advantage of this as training is provided by the staff. For the welfare of journalists, the Telangana government has set up a press academy like no other state and has allocated 42 crores of funds, 2.5 lakhs have been given to each family as financial assistance to the families of more than 500 journalists who have died through the press academy in the state, and



about 7 crores have been given to 4000 journalists during the time of corona. He said that journalists should be ethical and inform the public about the facts, and he suggested that journalists should work with sincerity to prevent the spread of misinformation and false news. He suggested that the state government will take steps to provide house plots to journalists, already in many districts, after spending time with the local leaders, they have selected and distributed the house

plots to the eligible journalists, similarly, while meeting with the MLA in Bhupalapalli, he suggested that the journalists should work in coordination to get the house plots to the deserving ones. BhupalPalli MLA Gandra Venkatara Mana Reddy, who participated in the program said that during the Telangana movement, he played a vital role in the development of the state by writing news in a way that affected the people. He said that the state of Telangana was formed

based on the aspirations of the people on the basis of the constitution written by Babasaheb Ambedkar, and then under the leadership of Honorable Chief Minister Chandrasekhara Rao, special attention was being given to journalists. He said that media friends should write news in a way that affects the governments and different from writing in newspapers during the movement. Corana. He expressed his concern that although many countries have gained independence in addition

to India, the freedom in the constitution written by Baba Saheb Ambedkar is not found in any other country, and some media friends are misusing that freedom and trampling on the values ??of the press. Leaders of political opposition parties However, he suggested that through this training, the fact that every sentence spoken by the leaders of the ruling party is often hurt by writing, such words should not be used. The MLA has assured the media friends of Bhupala Palli district that I will provide my full assistance in the matter of distribution of house plots. Zilla Praja Parishad Chairperson Jakkula Sriharshini, who participated in the program, said that training will be provided on the procedures to be followed after winning as MLAs. Similarly, she suggested that they

should take advantage of the skill development training provided by the Press Academy on the role of journalists, the work to be done to inform the public and other issues. Academy O.SD Rahman, Manager Venkatesham Journalist Leaders genral secretary Maruthi Sagar, Vishnuvardhan Reddy, B.R.Lenin, Venkanna, tadka Rajanarayana V.Venkataramana, Vamsi Krishna, Shyam Adhya Pakulu, Senior Journalists Mr. Chilla Malleham, Mr. Buchchanna Muncipal Chairman Smt. Seggam Venkata Rani Siddhu, District Library Association Chairman Burra Ramesh, Vice Chairman Kallepu Shobha, Muncipal Chairman Mrs. Seggam Venkata Rani, Kataram Society Chairman Challa Narayana, District Media Representatives and others participate

Politics Takes A Turn

Bhubaneswar: Odisha Politics seems to have taken a turn and the opposition BJP and Congress are no more silent, not frustrated or sitting idle. With the General Elections to Lok Sabha and Odisha Legislative Assembly barely left in just one year, the opposition parties have pulled up their socks. The state's principal opposition party quietly changed its Odisha Unit President. The name of Manmohan Samal was announced when neither the media nor the political circle made any guess. Shri Samal, a two-times former State President is given the opportunity for the third time as he is considered as the one who could take all factions under one umbrella. He has an absolutely good relationship with Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and at the same time with BJP MPs Jual Oram and Aparajita Sarangi.

That the saffron brigade is now spirited to give a befitting fight to the 'Mighty BJD' is evident from the recently concluded budget session of the Assembly. The entire session was dominated by BJP which launched attacks on the BJD Government and its governance style on a daily basis while the Treasury Bench was absolutely in defensive mode. Though the BJD Members raised the Mahanadi water dispute issue to corner the BJP and Congress, the opposition parties turned the situation into their favor.

They demanded a discussion on the River Mahanadi issue through a motion. The governing party which initially raised the issue preferred to backtrack, probably realizing that the BJD government has hardly done anything to resolve the crisis other than moving to the Court and now Tribunal. The two committees, one headed

by the leader of the House and the Chief Minister and another chaired by Speaker, have not held any meetings though the panels were constituted five years ago in 2017.

The political analysts, however, said that the BJD was initially not interested in raising the Mahanadi issue, but to divert the attention of the House from the law and order situation. Senior Treasury Bench Member Debi Prasad Mishra tried to present facts effectively however Opposition was adamant on allegation that the BJD government has failed to set up a single barrage to regulate the water in the river Mahanadi which is being drained to the sea. Finally, on the concluding day of the session Minister Water Resources Tukuni Sahu assured the House to protect the interest of the State. However Treasury Bench could not gain politically from the Mahanadi issue.



Similarly, the session was also dominated by ex-Minister Naba Das's assassination case. The opposition was seen in an advantageous position and alleged that the law and order situation has deteriorated. However Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik presented an argument that how do investors make a beeline in Odisha if there is lawlessness in the state? Treasury Bench Members' submission that Leader of opposition Jaynarayan Mishra having criminal cases against him did not cut much ice as the

opposition brought out a list of Treasury Bench members having criminal cases against them. Even CLP leader Narasingha Mishra repeatedly went on alleging that the state government was trying to prove Naba Das murder case accused Gopal Das as mentally unstable. The opposition created ruckus on day to day basis demanding a transparent probe into Naba Das murder case.

This is for the first time in the Assembly that the Congress members were also furious against the government over the alleged officer raj as the

LoP quite often raised the issue of governance and questions on several initiative's accountability to the people. Jaynarayan Mishra raised the issue very often to the displeasure of the Treasury Bench many times leading to pandemonium in the House. Interestingly, the farmers issue, which often dominates Assembly sessions, this time did not prominently figured and the entire focus was on the law and order situation in the backdrop of the Naba Das killing. Meanwhile, Manmohan Samal has also intensified

the BJP campaign when Jaynarayan Mishra emerged as an able Leader of Opposition in the recent times due to his straight attack on the government, the ruling party and also Chief Minister.

The Governing BJD, despite having 112 members in the House of 147, was seen in defensive mode while the BJP (22) and Congress (9) continued to attack the ruling dispensation. Barring Debi Prasad Mishra, Arun Kumar Sahoo and few others, the Members of Treasury Bench remained cool in the House this time. Even CPI(M)'s lone member Laxman Munda was seen active.

Anyway, with elections left for about one year, Odisha politics seems to be taking a turn. The opposition is in an offensive mood and spirited to fight against the mighty BJD. The political situation across the state is likely to be hotter in coming days and BJD may also make a direct

attack on the BJP. Though BJD criticizes the Odisha BJP, its leadership seems soft towards the saffron party's central leadership. The BJD has so far not made the price rise as a major issue, which is the sore thumb of NDA Government.

While BJD Leadership is cool towards the BJP's Central leadership, its' silence on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's disqualification from Parliament has now added confusion in the minds of people that the regional party is still in cordial relationship with the National BJP.

Whatever may be the relationship between two parties, it seems BJP Central Leadership has given 'Green Signal' to 'Go Ahead' with strengthening the party in Odisha as the National Leadership wants more Lok Sabha Seats from East. Also they are eyeing to get more Assembly seats. Obviously political scenario is changing and getting hotter.

Power Dues 10 K CR!

Bhubaneswar: Electricity dues worth Rs 10,266.73 crore have been pending against different types of consumers including industries in all four distribution company areas of Odisha.

This was informed by Energy Minister Pratap Keshari Deb in the State Legislative Assembly on Friday.

In a written reply to a question of Nityanand Gand, the Energy Minister said highest Rs 4578.93 crore electricity dues is pending against the consumers in Tata Power Western Odisha Distribution Ltd (TPWODL) area while Rs 3115.17 crore pending in Power Central Odisha Distribution Limited (TPCODL).

Similarly, electricity dues worth Rs 1782.57 crore pending in Tata Power North Odisha Distribution Limited (TPNODL) and Rs 750.06 crore pending in the Tata Power South Odisha Distribution Limited (TPSODL).

As per the statement of



Deb, Rs 7872.95 crore electricity bills were pending against the domestic consumers in the four discom areas, of which highest Rs 3650.14 crore pending in TPWODL area, while Rs 2231.44 crore pending in TPCODL area, Rs 1298.35 crore in TPNODL area and dues worth Rs 693.02 crore pending in TPSODL area.

Similarly, a total electricity duty of Rs 386.04 crore pending against industries and Rs 996.98 crore pending against different commercial establishments.

In another reply to the House, the Energy Minister informed that a total of Rs 739.92 crore electricity duty is pending against closed industrial

houses including those who were having captive power plants.

A total of Rs 112.52 crore electricity dues yet to be paid by the closed down captive power plants having a capacity of more than 1 megawatt while Rs 627.40 crore pending against 14,053 industries unit, which are in defunct stage, he added.

Among the closed industrial units, electricity dues of Rs 44 crore pending against Action Ispat & Power Pvt Ltd, Jharsuguda, followed by Rs 26.99 crore pending against Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd, and OCL Iron & Steel Ltd (Rs 22.60 crore).

As per an information given by Government of India in Parliament, the four power distribution

companies (before Tata Power took over) or power distribution utilities have incurred a loss of Rs 5899 crore in a period of six years (from 2014-15 to 2019-20).

The four discoms—CESU, NESCO, SOUTHCO and WESCO have reported loss to the tune of Rs 882 crore in the year 2014-15, Rs 931 crore in 2015-16, Rs 913 crore in 2015-16, Rs 792 crore in 2016-17, Rs 1539 crore in 2017-18 and Rs 842 crore in 2018-19.

In terms of the company, CESU suffered a heavy loss of Rs 2323 crore during the six years, followed by WESCO which reported a loss of Rs 1464 crore, SOUTHCO (Rs 1284 crore) and NESCO (Rs 827 crore). Now, Tata Power has taken over all discoms in Odisha.

Fly Direct Dubai

Bhubaneswar: The much-awaited direct international flight service from Bhubaneswar to Dubai will take off from May 15.

Ahead of the direct international flight operation Biju Patnaik International Airport here, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Saturday launched ticket sales on Saturday, on the day of Utkal Diwas.

Shri Patnaik said, "Connectivity is key to development and it has been a focus area of our government. Direct connectivity with Dubai which is one of the

biggest aviation hubs will open up a direct gateway to the world." Not only it will provide seamless connectivity but also it will have a huge multiplier effect on investment in Odisha in sectors like IT, manufacturing and tourism, he said, adding, "This is the aspiration of New Odisha and I am very happy to open ticket sales for the Dubai Flight."

The CM handed over the first eight tickets to Mission Shakti women, sportspersons, tribal leaders, skilled in Odisha students and artists. While attending Make In

Odisha Conclave in Dubai, the Chief Minister had assured the investor community and Odia diaspora that direct flight will commence to ease travel from the Middle East. Naveen had also given approval to completely fund the flight operations.

Dubai being one of the biggest travel hubs, commencement of direct flight connectivity will open-up new avenues for investment, trade and tourism.

It will also offer a convenient option for leisure travellers from across the world, looking to visit Odisha.


Further, within 2 weeks of the launch of direct flight to Dubai, international flight operations will commence to Singapore and Bangkok realizing Odisha's vision to become the gateway to the East, he said.

Direct connectivity to aviation hubs like Dubai, Singapore and Bangkok will give a huge boost to connectivity facilitating travel for investor communities, tourists as well as seamless and economic travel options to Odia people working in these regions.

Indigo Airlines has recently won the bid to operate direct flights to these three important gateways.



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Capri Global Appoints Coaching Beyond as Consultant for UAE ILT20 League

Mumbai: Capri Global has announced an association with Coaching Beyond, a premier cricket coaching institute, as a consultant for the franchise team of the UAE ILT20 League. The institution will assist Capri Global in appointment of coaching staff and matters related to cricket operations. R Sridhar, former fielding coach of the Indian Cricket Team and one of the founding members of Coaching Beyond, will be the Director of Cricket for Capri Global during the UAE ILT20 League. Capri Global intends to strengthen the cricket ecosystem on the global platform by engaging the right sporting talent and nurturing them. The company aims to play a vital role as an enabler by empowering deserving talent to showcase their sporting strength to the globe. Speaking on the association, Mr. Rajesh Sharma, Director, Capri Global, said, "Capri Global aims to reinforce the visibility and

popularity of sports nationally and globally and popularize homegrown sports to create opportunities for aspiring talent. We are pleased to associate with Coaching Beyond, a brainchild of sports stalwarts who will assist us in evaluating the deserving talent and offer state-of-the-art sports training infrastructure, world-class technology, and training to sportspeople. Mr. Sridhar's experience as a player and coach is almost unrivaled and his strategic insights, coaching approach, and collaborative style will be invaluable for our franchise team. We see great synergy coming through this alliance, including a host of exciting moments that are set to elevate the cricketing experience for the Indian audience on the global platform." Coaching Beyond is a premier cricket coaching institute in India that provides performance-driven

cricket coaching, training, and education to individuals, teams, and coaches from the grassroots to various experience levels. It has recently launched its first high-performance cricket academy in Hyderabad and is on track to launch its second project in Chennai by August. R Sridhar, Co-Founder of Coaching Beyond, said, "We are delighted to announce our partnership with Capri Global for the upcoming UAE ILT20 League. It is an exciting opportunity to work and do justice to the enormous cricketing talent and add value to the international platform. With a focused team effort, inclusive vision, and holistic approach, we can achieve consistent success during the tournament. We are confident that the League will be a grand success and are looking forward to a successful season".

Utkal Sanskritika Samaj in Vizag Celebrates Odisha Day



Vizag: 88th Odisha Formation Day was celebrated in the city of destiny with pomp, splendour and much fanfare. Hosted by Utkal Sanskritika Samaj in its premises at scenic Dasapalla Hills, the Mega Event was witnessed by thousands of Odias and Odisha lovers. The Ceremony venue was decked up aesthetically with hues of colourful cottons, flowers and lights befitting to the Grand Occasion and was wearing the elegant look of Mini Odisha. The entire ambience of the meeting venue was agog with Festive fervour. Lots of excitements and enthusiasms were clearly visible among the large chunk of youths gathered to take part in the Gala cultural Jamboori specially organised to mark the high voltage celebration. The Programme commenced with lighting of ceremonial lamp and garlanding on the portraits of illustrious sons of mother Odisha by the Invited Guests. Addressing the gathering, Chief Guest, Principal Commissioner of Income Tax Asit Kumar Mahapatra highlighted on the rich art, vibrant culture and lofty tradition of Odisha. Gracing the celebration as Guest of Honour and Chief Speaker DRM of Waltair Railway Division Anup Kumar Satpathy elaborated on the essence, excellence and Fragrance of the solemn soil of Odisha. Delivering their

speeches President of the Utkal Sanskritika Samaj Jitendra Kumar Nayak and Secretary Bimal Kumar Mahanta, emphasised on the prideness of Odias and vastness of Jagannath Culture. The Annual Souvenir of the Samaj entitled "Arunima" was released by the dignitaries with the presence of Chief Editor Rajendra Prasad Sahu. On 1st April 1936, Odisha was formed as a separate State on linguistic basis carving out from erstwhile Bengal - Bihar - Odisha province being first of its kind in the Country. Since then this special day is being observed as Utkal Divas to showcase Odisha's exemplary Journey of accomplishments and to pay tribute to the contributions and sacrifices of the heroes behind the attainment of statehood. The Special attraction of the Celebration was Odia Food Festival containing mouth watering traditional Odia recipes like Dahi Bara, Aloo Dum, Chhena Poda, Manda and Kakara. Inaugurated by the Samaj's President J.K.Nayak the Food Fiesta attracted huge crowds and was an instant hit among the visiting Odia families. Noted Odissi Dancer Mamata Ojha and her troupe representing Art Research Institute enthralled the audiences by their spectacular presentation of Dance

Drama 'Kanchi Bijay'. Other highlights of the Supersonic Show were the Dance performances on the tunes of popular Folk Song Rangabati and other Sambalpur numbers under the supervision of Seema Mohanty. **Chandigarh:** Suryajyoti Kala Kendra is a dance institute mainly focused on learning Odissi; which is one of the most beautiful manifestations of dance among the all other traditional dance forms. This dance institute is being founded by an eminent Odissi dancer, Mrs. Jyotirmayee Das, who is also empanel artist of the Eastern Zonal Culture Center (EZCC); also a national senior scholarship holder from the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India. She is the senior disciple of Guru Shri Durga Charan Ranbir. Under his able mentorship and guidance, she completed 'Sangeet Bhaskar' in Odissi dance from Prachi Kala Kendra, Chandigarh. Being a passionate dancer, she performed at various festivals at the state and national levels. Recently, she got selected for the prestigious 'Vande Bharatam Nritya Utsav 2023' under the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India; through which she will be performing Odissi abroad too. Her tremendous interest and passion along with

AirAsia India launches Splash Sale with fares starting at Rs1,620

New Delhi: AirAsia India announced the launch of a splash sale with fares starting at ₹1,620, while riding on the launch of its loyalty marketing campaign and inviting flyers to sign up on its website or mobile app to "make the most of fast bookings, fab deals and fantastic value" with the NeuPass. Special sale fares are open for advance booking till 3rd June for travel from 20th June till 14 Dec 2022 and include fares such as Bengaluru-Chennai at Rs1,620. The sale fares are bookable on AirAsia India's website www.airasia.co.in, mobile app and partner booking channels. As reported by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), AirAsia India topped the charts with 94.8% On Time Performance while also having the lowest cancellation percentage (0.00%) in April 2022.

Get your daily grocery needs fulfilled during Super Value Days on Amazon Fresh

Bhubaneswar: Get ready to shop for daily grocery essentials during Amazon.in 'Super Value Days' till 7th June, 2022. Customers can avail up to 50% off on fresh produce, daily and household essentials, packaged foods, personal care, baby products, pet care essentials and much more. They can enjoy grocery deals starting at ₹1 and free delivery for prime members. Customers can also avail great prices and fresh offers from popular brands including Daawat, Fortune, Tata, Nestle, Godrej, Cadbury, and Himalaya among others at convenient delivery slots options from a single online destination. Credit card holders can avail of an instant discount of 10% by using SBI Bank Credit Card and Credit EMI with a minimum transaction of INR 2,500, and discounts up to INR 300 till 3rd June 2022. From 4th to 7th June 2022, customers can avail of an instant discount of 10% by using ICICI Bank Credit Card and Credit EMI with a minimum transaction of INR 2,500, and discounts up to INR 500.

Union Bank of India signs MOU with SIDBI for Co-Financing arrangement of MSMEs

Mumbai: Union Bank of India today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) for a Co-Financing arrangement for MSMEs. The MoU was signed by Shri Lal Singh, Chief General Manager, Union Bank of India and Shri Vivek Kumar Malhotra, Chief General Manager, SIDBI. SIDBI is country's principal financial institution engaged in the Promotion, Financing and Development of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME). Under the MoU, Union Bank of India would consider Joint financing/Co-Financing with SIDBI to Projects/Units in the MSME. This MoU would help the Banks to increase their customer base, while helping the MSMEs to meet their funding requirements. The key highlights of the

NTPC Ramagundam distributes desk-cum-benches to government schools



Peddapalli, April 3: "The initiative is intended towards extending infrastructural support to nearby government schools that would further enhance the learning experiences of the students," said Executive Director of NTPC of Ramagundam and Telangana Sunil Kumar. Participating as the chief guest at a

programme organized on Monday by the Employee Development Centre of NTPC, Ramagundam, Sunil Kumar distributed 240 desk-cum-benches in 17 government schools of nearby areas covering more than 2500 students as part of Community Development under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR-CD). Stating that 500

desk-cum-benches have been procured from the District Prison of Karimnagar, Sunil Kumar motivated the students to be serious about their studies. The event was graced by General Manager of NTPC Ramagundam, Head of HR and Principals and teachers of government schools.

Suryajyoti Kala Kendra: A beautiful dream of an Odissi dancer



flawless performances had earned a bouquet of various prestigious awards to her crown. To name a few, 'Odissi Shree', 'Odissi Jyoti', 'Gopikrishna National Award', 'Nritya Sadhana Award' and 'Adi Guru Charan Das Award', etc. With a vision and a dream of passing on the cultural heritage of Odissi dance to her young generations, she started taking classes for kids in the last five years. All her dreams came true when 'Suryajyoti Kala Kendra' was established as a dance institute on 20th June 2022. The name of the institute carries forward the passions of its founders

Jyotirmayee Das and Suryakanta Swain; her soulmate; who not only encouraged her to continue her passion after marriage but also became an integral part of her dance journey. It's almost a year since Suryajyoti Kala Kendra being functional with a motto to make Odissi dance a part of each and everyone's life. Jyotirmayee had a dream to teach Odissi to specially those students who are interested to learn Odissi but could not pursue the same as of financial issues. So, she encouraged those parents to send their kids to the institute and she takes care of all their

finances. Presently, almost 85 students are enrolled in this institute. "Dance cannot be bound by any age bars"- a very unique concept she carries in her heart; which makes this organization also unique in its way. Under the flagship of this dance institute, a wide range of age groups; starting from 3 years to 55 years old; students are learning Odissi and Sambalpur folk dances too. She inspired not only the kids but also their mothers; as a result, she has become a successful mentor of seven senior students (~30-55 years) to date. Although Suryajyoti Kala Kendra

is at its infancy stage, the achievements and recognitions it has received during the past six months; tell its success story. The very first feather of success came into its cap when, in the month of October, about 35 students of this institute participated in a very famous dance competition named 'ANJALI' under various age groups of Solo and Group Dances and bagged awards in all the categories too. The tiny tots of Suryajyoti Kala Kendra left their footprints in the famous state-level 'Itikili Mitikili' competition of dance when they received all

three awards in the category of the nursery to KG 2 group; which was profoundly appreciated by all. In the month of January, all the students of this academy performed on the stage of 'Sisir Sarasa'; when the city of Bhubaneswar witnessed a colorful evening of Odia culture in the form of Odissi and Sambalpur folk spanning about one and half hours. In a nutshell, in recent future, Suryajyoti Kala Kendra is going to be a popular and favorite destination for Odissi as well as dance lovers. As the institute is stepping into one year of its functioning; it's going to organize its very first 'Annual Function' where it will showcase the talents of its little ones. The institute would also go on to release its first 'Dance Magazine' which is named 'Souraprava' to spread the knowledge of Odissi among common people and inspire more kids to learn the same. Last but not the least, it seeks blessings from all Gurus and senior artists from Odissi; the elderly, and near and dear ones so that it can flourish in recent future.

Kusal Perera wants Sri Lanka batters to provide momentum in T20Is

New Delhi: Sri Lanka's top order hasn't had the best time on tour so far, but in Auckland on Sunday, they finally clicked into gear. Pathum Nissanka may have fallen first-ball, but Kusal Mendis scored 25 in just nine balls, Dhananjaya de Silva 15 in 10, and then Charith Asalanka and Kusal Perera raced at nearly 10-an-over during a century-plus stand. It helped Sri Lanka tie the game and then score their first win of the tour in the Super Over. For Perera, playing his first competitive match for some 15 months, the intent shown by all those batters should be the

blueprint going forward for success in the format. "It's hard to play a T20 without momentum, and to win in T20 cricket you need a batter to provide that momentum," Perera said after the game. "I went ahead with a positive mindset, I wasn't thinking about how long I had been out. Likewise, all the other batters also went out with a positive mindset, and that's how we managed to capitalise on the conditions." As for his own game, while he wasn't completely at his destructive best, Perera was hopeful that with more consistent game time a more familiar "match rhythm" would return.



"Of course being out there in the middle and playing, I'm very happy with my performance. More than that I'm happy

that the team won. That said I know there's room for improvement and that will only come as I improve my match rhythm."

Now 32, Perera is one of the seniors in the squad, and his 45-ball 53 where he batted through the innings highlighted his

evolving role in the side. Whereas once he was the player the side looked to for impetus, now he's seemingly content to bat

deep and allow the likes of Mendis and Asalanka to take on the bowling. In this game, Asalanka scored 67 off 41 in their 103-run partnership. "A lot of the batters showed good initiative, but batting with him [Asalanka] was easy as he took the strike and took on the bowling. That took the pressure off me, and what I tried to do from that point was turn over the strike and bat deep. When you have an innings like that [of Asalanka's], more often than not you're going to be nearing 200." The action now moves to Dunedin and Queenstown thereafter, where the weather is expected to be much colder. Perera believes overseas tours such

as these, in unfamiliar situations and conditions, will provide invaluable experience to younger members of the squad. "We know that the next venue is going to have different conditions, we just need to figure out how to be as competitive as we were today." For me, experience means knowing how to handle certain situations. There are a lot of young players in the squad, and what I've told them is you have start learning now how to handle uncomfortable situations. Bowlers aren't going to bowl how you like, they're going to analyse you and be aware of your strengths and weaknesses. We need to be smart in those situations."

Mitchell puts emphasis on 'winning little moments' with young team after Super Over thriller

New Delhi: Losing in a Super Over can be hard to take, but to keep doing it, well, you'd have to ask New Zealand. Even so, Daryl Mitchell took a more dispassionate view of New Zealand's latest Super Over defeat, this time to Sri Lanka in the first T20I at Eden Park. Mitchell, whose 44-ball 66 had laid the foundation for New Zealand's chase of 196, chose instead to centre attention on the fact that a youthful New Zealand outfit - Henry Shipley and Chad Bowes were both making debuts - had run the Asian champions so close. Not to mention, they gained invaluable international experience in the process. "We love to win series for our country, but at the same time, it's about getting better as a group," Mitchell said after the game. "We know we've got a young group here at the moment, one that hasn't played a lot of international cricket." "I guess to push the Asia Cup champions to a Super Over is really



cool to see for some of the younger guys who haven't played a lot of cricket. For us, we're just really proud to be representing our country and try and make sure we concentrate on winning the little moments and doing the things that we believe as Black Caps are our values." Of the game itself, Mitchell was again content with how they had approached proceedings and the chase in particular. With rain on the horizon - in fact, a fair bit of drizzle did appear towards the end of the game, though not enough to warrant

stopping play - New Zealand's chase was always augmented by the spectre of the accompanying DLS target. But despite losing wickets - including two inside the first two overs - along the way, and a stiff required rate on the cards, New Zealand were ahead of the DLS target pretty much throughout the chase. Much of this was down to important cameos from the likes of Tom Latham, Mark Chapman, James Neesham and Rachin Ravindra, all of whom ensured the Lankan bowlers were never allowed to get on top.

"For us... we make sure we concentrate on winning the little moments and doing the things that we believe as Black Caps are our values." Mitchell after the Super Over loss "At Eden Park, the deeper you take it, the more chance you have at the end of catching up, and we were really happy with where we were in staying with the DLS total the whole way through," Mitchell said. "That's sort of an indicator of where we wanna be when chasing. I thought we were in a great position, and it was really cool to see the likes

of Tom Latham and Mark Chapman come out with that intent right through the middle, and then Rachin (Ravindra) and (Ish) Sodhi do a job at the end. "I think they'll take a lot of confidence away from doing that job and, yeah, it was really good to see those guys stand up." In the end, it wasn't enough but for Mitchell, this was more a case of fine margins rather than anything particularly systemic that needed to be addressed. "I thought the way they bowled their [Super] Over was very good, and I guess, when you do lose a wicket early in the over it makes it challenging in terms of trying to make sure you get enough runs to be competitive," he said. "And I thought the way [Adam] Milne bowled... that six [off the second ball], if it was two metres shorter it's a wicket and it's game on. So that's the game that we play and, yeah, we were just a couple of small margins off today. "But it's a sport, there's a winner and a loser, and we were on the other side today."

Williamson ruled out of IPL 2023 with right knee injury



New Delhi: Gujarat Titans batter Kane Williamson has been ruled out of IPL 2023 with a knee injury he had sustained in the opening game of the tournament, against Chennai Super Kings in Ahmedabad. Williamson will head home next week and be seen by relevant medical specialists to establish a treatment plan, according to NZC. "It is sad to lose Kane to injury so early in the tournament. We wish him a speedy recovery, with the hope of seeing him in action very soon," Titans' director of cricket Vikram Solanki, said in a statement. In what was his debut

game for Titans, Williamson had landed awkwardly - with his right knee buckling under his weight - while attempting a catch at the deep square leg boundary in the 13th over of Super Kings' innings. He had leapt to intercept a ball headed for six off Ruturaj Gaikwad's bat. He managed to save two runs, palming the ball into the field of play before it bounced onto the boundary boards, but by that point Williamson was on the ground clutching his right knee. Despite receiving treatment for some time, he could not return to the field, with Titans bringing B Sai Sudharsan on as

substitute fielder first and later swapping the two in the XI via the new Impact Player rule. It remains to be seen for how much longer after the IPL Williamson will be out of action, but New Zealand coach Gary Stead had called the injury "a big blow" for Williamson and the team. New Zealand are currently playing T20Is against Sri Lanka at home after the Tests and ODIs, and will then fly to Pakistan for five T20Is and as many ODIs. Williamson was missing both those tours for his participation in the IPL. Williamson had only recently fully recovered from a long-standing elbow injury, which had plagued him over the past two years.

Jannick Sinner Beats Carlos Alcaraz In Thrilling Miami Open Semifinals After Three-Hour Slugfest

New Delhi: Tenth-seeded Jannick Sinner of Italy stunned top-ranked Carlos Alcaraz in the Miami Open semifinals, rallying from a set down to beat the defending champion, 6-7 (5), 6-4, 6-2 in a three-hour thriller. Sinner ended Alcaraz's winning streak at 10 matches on Friday night. Sinner's powerfully steady baseline game wore down Alcaraz, who appeared to be cramping early in the decisive third set while he also dealt with an apparent finger injury. He will lose the No. 1 ranking to Novak Djokovic. Sinner, the 21-year-old who made the Miami

Open final last year but hasn't been past the quarterfinals of a major, will face fourth-seeded Daniil Medvedev of Russia in the championship match Sunday. Medvedev has beaten Sinner in all five meetings. Alcaraz had been so dominant recently, he hadn't lost a set since February before Sinner's rally in the Miami humidity. The Alcaraz hype train has been so breakaway NBA stars Luka Doncic and Jimmy Butler showed up to watch the Spanish star from the teal seats. Alcaraz also fought Sinner in Indian Wells in the semifinals, and it

was a taut match but not quite like this. These two young guns are poised for a long and spectacular rivalry. Sinner's victory ended Alcaraz's hope of becoming the first man since Roger Federer in 2017 to win the Sunshine Double of Indian Wells and Miami. Medvedev beat fellow Russian Karen Khachanov 7-6 (5), 3-6, 6-3 on the same day. Wimbledon announced Russians will be allowed back. Medvedev has won 23 of 24 matches - the lone loss to Alcaraz - and is in his fifth straight final.

Wood five-for, Mayers 73 stud Super Giants' win

New Delhi: A n explosive 38-ball 73 from Kyle Mayers on IPL debut and a blistering spell of fast bowling from Mark Wood, who was featuring in only his second IPL game, razed Delhi Capitals in Lucknow. Mayers might not have even played this game for Lucknow Super Giants had Quinton de Kock been available for the franchise. He was dropped on 14 by Khaleel Ahmed and in the powerplay, he managed only a run-a-ball 17. The left-handed batter then lined up Capitals' left-arm spinners Axar Patel and Kuldeep Yadav to finish with almost two runs a ball; Super Giants finished

with an above-par 193 for 6 on a challenging pitch. Wood then took the pitch out of the equation and knocked over Prithvi Shaw and Mitchell Marsh with 147kph thunderbolts. He went on to become the second England player after Dimitri Mascarenhas to bag a five-wicket haul in the IPL. Though Capitals' new captain David Warner made a half-century, he couldn't keep in touch with the mounting asking rate. Capitals eventually fell short of their target by 51 runs. After Khaleel finished his four overs with the ball, Capitals replaced him with Aman Khan. Aman, who is arguably a better fielder than



Khaleel, patrolled the boundary in the last over of Super Giants' innings. Then, when he came out to bat at No.7 for Capitals, their chase had already spiralled out of control. With just one ball left in their innings, Super Giants roped in allrounder K Gowtham as an Impact Player in place of Ayush Badoni, who had just holed out for 18 off seven balls.

Gowtham launched his first ball - and the final ball of the innings - for six and then gave up just 23 runs in his four overs. Warner, in particular, struggled to get Gowtham away, managing only seven off eight balls from him. The Ekana pitch was a strange one. The green patch offered some extra bounce while the drier areas assisted turn. At the

post-match presentation, Warner felt that they were playing on two different surfaces from either end. Mayers didn't take too many risks in the powerplay, where Super Giants crawled to 30 for 1. But then he went on a boundary-hitting spree against Kuldeep and Axar. All up, he smashed them for 42 off 17 balls. It needed a ripper from Axar to bowl Mayers in the 12th over. Mayers' early success in the IPL will leave Super Giants' management with a happy headache once de Kock links up with the side after the final ODI against Netherlands, which is on April 2.