



Nippon Steel Corporation President Mr Eiji Hashimoto meeting Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri. Naveen Patnaik in Tokyo.

## Odisha CM Naveen Meets Nippon Steel Corp President Eiji Hashimoto

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Wednesday met Eiji Hashimoto, Representative Director and President of Nippon Steel Corporation in Tokyo. The Chief Minister will be holding a one-to-one meeting with Hashimoto to discuss avenues of collaboration between Nippon Steel Corp and the Government of Odisha. The Ambassador of India to Japan Sibi George and officials of the Embassy gave a

warm welcome to the Odisha CM on his arrival in Tokyo along with the high-level delegation. The Chief Minister expressed his confidence that the visit would further strengthen the relationship between Japan and Odisha and provide an opportunity for both sides to explore avenues of mutual interest. Naveen also conveyed his appreciation for the warmth and hospitality extended by the Japanese government and people towards the

delegation and expressed his hope that the visit would contribute to strengthening the cultural ties between the two nations. Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik is leading an official delegation to Japan to attract investment to the state. The Chief Minister will meet industry captains and industry associations of Japan to showcase Odisha's conducive business environment and investment potential in different sectors.

## 3 Students Meet Watery Grave In Nalia River In Odisha's Bhadrak



**Bhadrak(KCN):** In a tragic incident, three students died after drowning in Nalia River here in the district today. The deceased youth were identified as Pranay Lenka, Smruti Ranjan Swain and Rajat Jena — all were the Plus 2 students of Charampa College in Bhadrak district. According to reports, five friends from Langudi area under Bhadrak Rural Police Station had been to the Nalia River near Haripur area under Bhadrak Block for taking bath today. After getting into the water, all five unfortunately drowned in the river. The locals managed to rescue all five from the water and admitted them to the Bhadrak District Headquarters Hospital for treatment. However, doctors declared three dead at the hospital. On receiving information, Bhadrak MLA Sanjib Kumar Mallick and Block chairperson reached the hospital to console bereaved families.

## Scores Of Tourists Feared Dead In Sikkim Avalanche

**Gangtok:** Scores of tourists were caught by an avalanche on Tuesday while taking photos along the snow-covered hill side of Jawaharlal Nehru Marg which connects Gangtok to the tourism spots of Tsomgo Lake and Nathula border. Casualties are feared even though relief and rescue operations are going on a war-footing to extract the trapped tourists under the avalanche. The initial estimate is that about 30 tourists were caught by the avalanche, as per the BRO. The calamity took place near 17th Mile of Jawaharlal Nehru Marg at around 12.15 pm, about 25 km away from Gangtok. As per information available, rescue and relief operations are being undertaken by



Sikkim Police, BRO, Army, government departments and tour operators. The figures of injuries and fatalities are not known immediately. Since past two-three weeks, the higher altitudes of Sikkim including Tsomgo Lake and Nathu La have received heavy snowfall. On many occasions, tourists returning from Tsomgo Lake and Nathu La had been stranded due

to afternoon snowstorm blocking the road. A tour operator informed that on Tuesday, tourists going to Tsomgo Lake had stopped near 17th Mile where the road was blocked with heavy snowfall. The tourists went walking to the hill side to take photos and enjoy the snow when suddenly an avalanche came down and washed away scores of tourists down the road.

**Videos** circulating in social media show some tourists being pulled out from the avalanche. Many tourists had been washed away down below the road into the gorge. Some could be seen lying unconscious on top of the snow below the road. A BRO source informed that 17 tourists have been pulled out from the avalanche and shifted to Army hospitals nearby. Meanwhile, about 350 tourists who were not in the avalanche zone are returning back to Gangtok after the BRO cleared the road towards the state capital.

## Man Suffers Critical Burns After Second Wife Sets Him Ablaze

**Bhanjanagar:** A man suffered critical burns after his second wife allegedly poured kerosene and set him on fire at Kulada village under Bhanjanagar police station limits today. According to reports, Prafulla Kumar Sabat, a retired forest guard of Kulada village, suffered critical burns after his wife, Pramita, poured kerosene on him and set him ablaze following a quarrel over family issues. Source said, the neighbours heard Sabat's screams and rescued him in a critical condition. He was admitted him to Bhanjanagar Community Health Center and after first aid, he was shifted to MKCG Medical College & Hospital in Berhampur. As per sources, Sabat had married Pramita after the death of his first wife.

## Fake Certificate Case: Crime Branch To Take Four Accused On 3-Day Remand

**Bhubaneswar / Bolangir(KCN):** The SDJM court in Bolangir allowed Odisha Crime Branch today to take the four accused persons on a 3-day remand starting from Wednesday in a fake certificate case. A source said that the key accused Manoj Mishra and his close aide Alok Ranjan Udgata will be taken on remand along with two candidates, who by utilising forged documents had applied for government jobs and were also arrested. The remand was sought in order to ascertain facts, elicit further information as well as ascertain the detailed modus operandi of crime, the source added. However, Crime Branch had prayed for 5-day police remand of the Undertrial Prisoners (UTPs) Manoj and Alok including the



candidates namely Tribihari Panda and Pares Budek. Allegedly, Manoj and Alok duped Rajat Kumar Nayak of Rs 5 lakh by promising him a job. The residential houses of Manoj and Alok were thoroughly searched for locating incriminating materials. During the investigation, the role of family members in assisting the accused in laundering money earned through fraudulent activities has been examined. Close family members of both Manoj and Alok

have been summoned for further probe. Worth mentioning, the State investigation agency previously registered two separate CID-CB PS cases [No-05/2023 and 06/2023 corresponding to Bolangir Town PS cases No-141, dated-24.03.2023 under Sections 467/468/471 and 34 of Indian Penal Code (IPC) and 143, dated-26.03.2023 under the Sections 420/465/467/468/471 and 34 of the IPC] respectively in this connection and launched a probe.

## KING OF BHUTAN CALLS ON THE PRESIDENT



**New Delhi:** His Majesty Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, the King of Bhutan called on the President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan today (April 4, 2023). Welcoming His Majesty to India, the President said that India and Bhutan enjoy a close partnership at all levels, based on mutual trust, goodwill and understanding. She added that India deeply values multi-faceted and unique partnership with Bhutan. She said

that as Bhutan's largest development partner, India is proud to support projects in Bhutan in sectors like health, education, agriculture, infrastructure, digitization and skill development. She assured that India's development partnership would continue to be guided by the priorities and aspirations of Bhutan. The President noted that this year Bhutan is set to graduate from the Least Developed

Country (LDC) category and embark on the path towards becoming a high income economy. She said that India would remain a reliable partner of Bhutan on this journey. The President noted that India and Bhutan have been also collaborating on the fin-tech, start-up and emerging technology fronts. She said that two countries should expand the ambit of this collaboration to properly utilize the energy and potential of our youth.

## BJD Observers For By-Poll

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Governing Biju Janata Dal (BJD) has appointed three senior leaders Prasanna Acharya, Debi Prasad Mishra and Sarada Prasad Nayak as observers for ensuing by-poll to Jharsuguda Assembly Constituency. Lawmaker and ex-Minister Sarada Prasad Nayak is the BJD's Jharsuguda district observer while Shri Acharya and Shri Mishra are veteran leaders and ace organisers. So, the party has appointed them for the crucial by-poll ahead of the 2024 general election. The BJD has fielded Dipali Das, daughter of slain Minister Naba Kishore Das, as its candidate for the bypoll. Now, appointment of observers. It seems that the ruling party is ahead

in the race for the seat. BJP and Congress have yet to announce their candidates for the by-poll. The BJP is also likely to nominate its youth leader Tankadhar Tripathy. Shri Tripathy has already started campaigning in the constituency. On the other hand, Congress has formed a committee led by senior leader and MLA Santosh Singh Saluja to select a suitable candidate for the by-poll. Shri Singh said the panel led by him will submit its recommendation to Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) President Sarat Pattanayak. After getting a nod from the All India Congress Committee (AICC), the candidate's name will be announced. "We have visited all



blocks under Jharsuguda constituency and discussed with the party workers. The prime objective of candidate selection is winnability and acceptance among the workers and people. We will recommend six names for the by-poll," Shri Saluja said.

On the other hand, Odisha BJP President Manmohan Samal said, "A candidate selection team comprises of senior leaders including Jual Oram, Suresh Pujari, Surama Padhi and Rabi Naik have submitted their report yesterday. We will submit our

recommendation to central BJP and they will take final call as time is there to file nomination." The BJP will adopt a specific strategy for Jharsuguda by-poll and people of the constituency will fight the poll, he said. The bypoll to Jharsuguda was necessitated after the murder of Naba Kishore Das on January 29. The by-poll will be held on May 10 while the result will be declared on May 13. Formal notification for the by-poll will be issued on April 13. Candidates can file nominations till April 20 while scrutiny of the papers will be done on the next day (April 21). Last date for withdrawal of nomination papers is set for April 24. The entire election process will be completed by May 15.





Indian Ambassador in Japan Sibi George welcomes Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Pattnaik in Tokyo

Jubilation marks 32nd Foundation Day at MCL

Sambalpur : Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) on Monday celebrated its 32nd Foundation Day with much fervour, celebrating a momentous performance during the last financial year. A series of events were organised at the company headquarters, beginning with a “Run For Excellence”, in which all the Functional Directors, former Chairman-cum-Managing Directors (CMD), employees and their family members participated. Shri OP Singh, CMD, greeted ‘MCL Parivaar’ on 32nd Foundation Day of company and appreciated one and all



for stupendous performance as a team during financial year 2022-23. “It is matter of great joy and satisfaction that our company has achieved all its targets much before time and contributed to ensure energy security in the country,” Mr Singh said,

congratulating all the employees of company and contractors’ workers. Expressing his gratitude to the former leaders of the company for their contributions, the CMD also thanked the Ministry of Coal, Coal India and Odisha state administration for supporting MCL in its

endeavours to help country meet the power demands. Former CMDs Shri SN Sharma, Shri AN Sahay, Shri BN Shukla and Shri PK Sinha, along with Shri Keshav Rao, Director (Personnel), Shri PK Patel, Chief Vigilance Officer, Shri JK Borah, Director

(Technical) and Shri Ajit Kumar Behura, Director (Finance) were prominent among senior officers participating in the celebrations. A customary lecture series on the occasion, a renowned motivational speaker Dr Sonu Sharma enlightened company employees on his “Nine Success Principles”. Employees from operational areas and trade union representatives also joined the session. Renowned playback singer from Bollywood, Ms Shilpa Rao starred at the live concert and mesmerised a large gathering of employees and other people with her popular songs in her velvet voice.

Guv Releases ‘My World Of Words’



Bhubaneswar(KCN): Governor Ganeshi Lal released a bilingual poetry book titled “My World of Words (MoMoSabdaVishwam)”, originally written in English by Insigtful Author Bishnupada Sethi and translated into Sanskrit by Rabindra Kumar Panda. In a simple ceremony at Raj Bhavan on 4 April Prof.Lal released the Book in presence of dignitaries, authors and writers. Shri Sethi, belongs to the 1995 batch of Indian Administrative Service

and currently serving as the Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Government of Odisha. His earlier works include ‘Beyond Here and Other Poems’, ‘Beyond Feelings’, ‘Where Shall I Go!’ apart from other research based works. Prof. Panda, the Vice Chancellor of Shri Jagannath Sanskrit University, Puri is an acclaimed writer in Sanskrit literature and has 45 numbers of books to his credit. He has got many accolades from organizations of national

and international repute. During the book release the Governor appreciated the book highly and was of the opinion that the book would definitely enrich modern Sanskrit literature. Dr Prasanna Patsani, Member, State Planning Board attended the function as a Guest of Honour and expressed his pleasure by saying that Sanskrit should not be considered as a dying language anymore. The Dev Bhasa is very rich in itself and good works of

other languages getting translated into Sanskrit is definitely an encouraging step in this direction. The Executive Director of Har Anand Publications, New Delhi, Asish Gosain attended the function along with other distinguished guests from all walks of life. The meeting was conducted by the PRO of Rajbhavan, Rakshak Nayak followed by thanksgiving by Sumitra Pattanaik, Registrar, Shree Jagannath Sanskrit University, Puri

Kazi Abdul Rahim Dilu MLA Baduria,North 24 Paraganas,West Bengal:-Duare Sarkar,an Unique Initiative by West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and the Government of West Bengal.

Kolkata: West Bengal Assembly MLA from the Baduria Constituency of North 24 Paraganas, Shri Kazi Abdul Rahim Dilu, as a grassroots leader and worker of the Trinamool Congress praised this unique initiative of Chief Minister of West Bengal and National Chairperson of Trinamool Congress Honourable Ms mamata banerjee. Shri Dilu Ji said,“West Bengal Government's Duare Sarkar has become a model System

of governance. Our system has created a mark, a system unique not only for India but also rest of the world. Guided by Respected Mamata Didi Ji, we have been immensely successful in delivering welfare services to all residents across Bengal. Everyone would be benefitted under our Honourable Chief Minister's guidance. Towards a prosperous future!Citizens of West Bengal would benefit from this people-centric

initiative.” Kazi Abdul Rahim Dilu is a second term popular MLA from the Baduria Constituency of North 24 Paraganas. Always working for the welfare of his constituents especially ,also in the health sector and other areas.His late father Honourable Kazi Abdul gaffar sahib was an immensely popular 8 times MLA from Baduria from 1967 till 2016. Duare Sarkar or 'Government at your doorstep' is an initiative of the West Bengal

Government. For Delivery of specific schemes at the doorsteps of the people through outreach camps.Organised at the gram panchayat and municipal ward levels. This scheme was launched on the 1st of December,2020 to ensure masses can more easily avail of government projects.Initiatives such as Swaasth Sathi (on health ),Kanyashree and other people -centric programmes directly available to the people in the areasthey stay.

Odisha: ED To Probe Cheating Cases Involving ‘Polygamist’ Ramesh Swain

Bhubaneswar: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) will look into the financial aspects involved in the cheating cases committed by conman Ramesh Swain of Kendrapara district in Odisha. Swain had grabbed the headlines across the country for allegedly marrying 27 women by impersonating a senior official at Union Health Ministry. The ED has registered a



case in this regard and sought information on all cheating cases registered against Swain by the Commissionerate Police. Swain allegedly had duped some MBBS students of Rs 2 crore by

promising jobs. He had also availed loans from some commercial banks by submitting forged documents. Besides, he had cheated huge sums from his 27 wives, sources said. According to police, Swain, who had not finished his school education, has married many educated and well-established women including lawyers, doctors and university teachers. Even one of the

cheated women is an administrative officer in Kerala and another is a senior officer in Indo-Tibetan Border Force (ITBP), police said. Swain (66) had been arrested by Odisha police in connection with a cheating case last year. The Commissionerate Police had formed a special team comprising officials from Mahila Police, Cyber Cell and Anti-Fraud Cell to probe the case.

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## Chris Hemsworth Unveils 'Extraction 2' Official Trailer And Fans Cannot Keep Calm, Netizens Tag It As 'Insane'

Hollywood star Chris Hemsworth, on Monday, unveiled the official teaser trailer of his upcoming action film 'Extraction 2'. Taking to Instagram, Chris dropped the trailer which he captioned, "You only get one shot at a second chance. EXTRACTION 2 debuts globally June 16, only on @Netflix. #TylerRakeLives."

In the trailer, the 'Avengers' actor shared a glimpse of a single-take-action sequence in which he could be seen fighting with the goons. Soon after the 'Thor' actor shared the trailer of 'Extraction 2' fans flooded the comment section with red heart and fire emoticons.

"Here comes the mighty Thor," a fan commented. Another fan wrote, "Woow woow y mas woow." "This looks so dope! I'm counting down the days," a user wrote. "Finally The Wait Is Over This Movie Will Be Insane," a user wrote. Helmed by Sam Hargrave, the film will premiere exclusively on Netflix on June 16, 2023. Released in 2020,



'Extraction' was a big hit. It featured black-ops mercenary Tyler Rake (Hemsworth) traveling

to Bangladesh to rescue the kidnapped son of a drug lord. At the end of the film, Tyler Rake

(Hemsworth) took a bullet to the neck while protecting the child. The climax made fans

wonder if Tyler Rake survived. Bollywood actor Randeep Hooda was also a part of the first installment of the film. Upon its release, the film was viewed on Netflix by an estimated 90 million households. Chris Hemsworth will reteam with director Sam Hargrave for 'Extraction 2' which is produced by Joe and Anthony Russo via their AGBO banner, from a script by 'Avengers: Endgame' filmmaker Joe Russo, who also penned the first installment of the film.

## Nani Starrer 'Dasara' Makers Reduce Hindi Version's Ticket Price To Rs 112 As Film Crosses Rs 87 Cr At Box Office

Nani's latest film 'Dasara' has been making waves at the box office with its outstanding success, crossing the milestone of Rs 87 crores gross worldwide. The movie has garnered immense praise for its gripping storyline, stunning visuals, and powerful performances. Overwhelmed by the love and admiration received from audiences, makers of 'Dasara' have reduced the cost of tickets for the Hindi version to just Rs 112/- from Monday to Thursday. Dasara becomes the only Pan India film to score the 2nd highest weekend



collection worldwide after 'Pathaan'. The success of 'Dasara' is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the team, who have strived to deliver quality

cinema to their fans. Hence to celebrate the magic of cinema at its best, makers announced the Hindi version tickets for 'Dasara' to be priced at Rs. 112/- from

Monday to Thursday, making it an affordable option for movie enthusiasts. Fans can now come and enjoy this cinematic magic at a pocket-friendly price.

With breathtaking visuals and fantastic performances, 'Dasara' promises to deliver a unique cinematic experience that you won't forget. Dasara has been released in 5 languages including Telugu, Tamil, Hindi, Malayalam, and Kannada. The movie also stars Keerthy Suresh, Shine Tom Chacko, and Sai Kumar in crucial roles. Book your tickets now and join in celebrating the success of 'Dasara'.

## Tollywood Star Rana Daggubati, Father Named in Land Grabbing Case



Tollywood star Rana Daggubati and his father, noted film producer D. Suresh Babu, have landed in legal trouble in a case of alleged land grabbing here.

The 'Baahubali' actor and his father have been named in the case filed by local businessman Pramod Kumar, who has alleged that father and son are pressuring him to vacate land that belongs to him.

The third additional chief metropolitan magistrate court at Nampally in the city has issued summons to them in this matter. According to the complaint, the disputed land in Shaikpet was leased out to him in 2014 by Suresh Babu. When the lease ended, Suresh Babu allegedly decided to sell the property to him for Rs 18 crore and a deal was struck.

## Ranbir Kapoor, Deepika Padukone's 'Tamasha' to Re-Release in Theatres for Valentine's Week

Bollywood stars Ranbir Kapoor and Deepika Padukone's 2015 romantic drama 'Tamasha', directed by Imtiaz Ali, is all set for a re-release in cinemas to celebrate Valentine's week. 'Tamasha' is a film that portrayed the essence of



love in modern times from a whole new perspective. It is all set to hit the theatres across the nation with its release in all the PVR cinemas.

Nadiadwala Grandson Entertainment took to their social media and shared the poster of Tamasha while announcing the re-release of the film in the caption with: "This Valentine's week, celebrate their love story with your loved one! Tamasha re-releases in all @pvr cinemas official near you!" Nadiadwala Grandson Entertainment was established by Sajid Nadiadwala in 2005. The production house currently has 'Bawaal' and 'Satyaprem Ki Katha'.

Starkids and especially the younger ones have always been paparazzi's favourites to capture. And having said that, more often than not, the tiny kids couldn't really react or respond to the same. However, Kareena Kapoor Khan and Saif Ali Khan's kid Taimur recently yelled at the shutterbugs refraining them from clicking his little brother Jeh's pictures. After which his son was trolled and criticized by the netizens.

Now, his Uncle Kunal Kemmu came out to his support and shared, that a child cannot be blamed for a reaction to this. He also added that his wife Soha too keep their daughter

## Kunal Kemmu on his nephew Taimur yelling at paparazzi: Now if he doesn't like it he is gonna say it



away from the shutterbugs. When asked if the paparazzi should actually draw a line on this, Kunal replied in the

affirmative. He said that they surely must cut back on this and also added, it's also the people who sit there

wanting to comment, need to change. "It's very easy to sit and give comments. What I love about kids is they don't

care yeah and they don't have to be diplomatic. If they don't like something, they're like 'I don't want it'."

Kunal added that a kid is a kid at the end of the day and he can do whatever he wants, or whatever she wants. "Now if you are going to come into their face and take a picture, and now somebody has a problem with how the kid is behaving, then it's that person's problem". The Malang actor said that Taimur is a grown-up now and earlier he couldn't speak and he was in somebody's lap and somebody was clicking and he couldn't do anything. Now if he doesn't like it he is gonna say it.

## Priyanka Chopra is making temperatures soar with her latest pool pictures and Nick Jonas finds them fiery

Priyanka Chopra is enjoying her time in Los Angeles, most of which is spent lounging by the pool at her plush mansion. On Saturday, the actress blessed the gram with her latest pool pictures, wherein she slayed in two-piece gingham swimsuit. "Instagram vs reality," PeeCee had captioned the clicks. Nick Jonas was quick to drop a comment and wrote, "Damn" with a fiery emoji. Previously, Priyanka had shared a series of pictures and videos from the pool

while grooving to 90s music.

Earlier this year, Priyanka Chopra and Nick Jonas turned parents via surrogacy. The couple had announced in January, "We are overjoyed to confirm we have welcomed a new baby girl via surrogate. We respectfully ask for privacy during this special time as we focus on our family. Thank you so much." It was recently reported that Priyanka and Nick have named their baby girl Malti Marie Chopra Jonas. The



couple has taken inspiration from their own moms to name their daughter. 'Malti' comes from Priyanka's mother

Madhumalti Chopra while 'Marie' is inspired from Nick's mother Denise Marie Miller Jonas. However, the

couple is yet to formally announce their daughter's name.

On the work front, Priyanka Chopra will be soon be seen alongside Sam Heughan in 'It's All Coming Back To Me'. The film has been slated for release on February 10, 2023. Apart from this, Priyanka also has web series 'Citadel', which is helmed by the Russo Brothers. She will also be seen in Farhan AKhtar helmed 'Jee Le Zaraa', which also features Katrina Kaif and Alia Bhatt in lead roles.



# In the world of unmarried Christian priests



In this world where money matters more than everything for most of the people, some people are different. They believe that serving the society is paramount for them. They live far away from their abodes and live a very Spartan life. Welcome to the world of only unmarried Christian priests home in India. Well, it is in North Delhi's Civil Lines area.

Well, an eerie silence greets you when reach at your destination- The Brother's House built in 1925. The sound of silence there amidst old trees and manicured lawns looks so enchanting. The chirping of birds breaks the silence of the Brother's House though. Well, this is not another building. It has a very rich past.

As Good Friday and Easter are couple of days away, those who live at the Brother's House are praying more than doing anything else. Well, Brother's

House is the only abode in India of unmarried Christian priests. There is no place for married priests with families here. Prior to here, it was at near Delhi Junction. That's long time back.

Originally hailing from Tamil Nadu, Brother George Solomon has been

from Cambridge University to set down roots in India."

The venerable St. Stephen's College that has produced Indian president Fakhruddin Ali Ahmad and Pakistan President Zia ul Haq respectively was also established by the Delhi

prevention, vocational training, scholarly work, interfaith dialogue, night shelters.

Ian Weathrall was the last British national associated with DBS. He has died of cancer aged 91 couple of years ago. He was an outstanding example of an Anglican missionary, much

October and on Martyrs' Day on 30 January at the Rajghat and later Tees January Marg respectively. He recites verses from Bible during the all religion prayer. "Very honestly, it gives great joy and happiness when you take part in all faith prayers. It

author of numerous books. When not lecturing, writing, or studying Biblical Greek, he can be found at the Brotherhood House or some school run by the Delhi Brotherhood Society. Says Daniel, "I hail from Lucknow and I have been part of DBS for

Gandhi and identified with the Indian liberation struggle. He was instrumental in convincing Gandhi to return to India from South Africa, where Gandhi had been a leading light in the Indian civil rights struggle. He also taught in St. Stephen's college.

Stephen's College is moving towards Haryana after making a huge contribution in the field of education and nation building since 1881 in Delhi. Well, the Delhi Brotherhood Society is opening a school in Sonapat in Haryana from the next academic session i.e. 2023-24 and currently all the members of DBS are concentrating on this ambitious project. The School would be known as St. Stephan's School.

According to Brother George Solomon, "The construction work for the St. Stephan's School is going on in a very rapid pace. We hope that the school building would be ready before the start of next academic session. It would be a state of the art building with wonderful library and Science laboratories. Of course, our school would have a big play ground."

After spending around two hours at the Brother's House, you feel little surprised that in this world where money matters more than anything for most of the people, some people think and work for others selflessly.



living here since 1989, says, "Currently, only six unmarried priests live here at the Brother's House. The number is dwindling fast. There was a time when we had around ten or even one dozen priests staying here." According to him, "The Brotherhood of the Ascended Christ society, which is also known as Delhi Brotherhood Society (DBS) was started in 1877 based upon the vision of Bishop Westcott, initially under the title of the Cambridge Mission. Westcott's vision was for an Anglican community of celibate brothers

Brotherhood Society. Even St. Stephen's hospital was established by it. Both have been doing yeoman service for the society.

More often than not, all the brother's at DBS sit together during breakfasts and discuss everything under the sun. Apart from serving as priests in different churches, they are associated with various DBS institutions. Today, DBS operates 19 projects for the betterment of society, and is involved in women's empowerment, community development, education, abuse

loved and admired by the small community of Britons living permanently in Delhi and by the Indian Christian community. With today's emphasis on religious pluralism, missionaries are out of fashion, but Ian's life demonstrates the contribution they make when they are integrated in the country in which they work. In 1951 he joined a community of celibate priests in Delhi, and spent the rest of his life in India.

George Solomon is also a peace activist and permanent face of all religion prayer for the last around two decades on 2

gives a strong message that we all have to live together to make India as a truly a secular country. Gandhi ji's came to know about Christian religion while he was in South Africa. There he met Christian missionary Joseph Doke, who wrote his first biography, and C.F. Andrews, a teacher in Delhi's St. Stephen's college," informs George Solomon, who is a priest in one of the Churches of Delhi.

A veteran of Brother's House, Monodeep Daniel is a Priest, Theologian, Educationalist and

the last over 30 years. We all live peacefully here and Brother's house is our world. We remain in touch with our families. We have given our lives to the cause of the Delhi Brotherhood Society. This is our chosen path."

Well, all those who are associated with DBS are proud of the fact that Charles Freer Andrews (12 February 1871 – 5 April 1940) was an Anglican priest and member of Brotherhood society. He was an educator and an activist for Indian independence. He became a close friend both Rabindranath Tagore and Mahatma

Those associated with DBS are called as Brother as they are part of the Brotherhood of the Ascended Christ society. It is later also called as DBS.

The unmarried priests of Brother's House get lunch and dinner apart from breakfast. They get some remuneration too for their day to day activities. With smile on his face, George Soloman says that they too enjoy Cricket and football matches together. "We have a TV in our Brother's house. There we watch big sport events together. And we celebrate Indian Cricket teams' victories in our own way."

Meanwhile, St.

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# The Politics and Ethics



The Globalisation of Democracy as a form of more legitimate representative Government has not been accompanied by genuine efforts to tackle the problems of democracy such as the lack of equilibrium between equality and liberty the dictatorship of the majority, the actual as well as manufactured disinterest on the part of the so-called citizens not participating on the electoral process, resulting in as much as 50 percent of them not fulfilling their constitutional obligation to vote the problems highlighted the thoughtful observation of Democracy. The current Indian Politics is marked by

communalism, Castism and annexation of vote bank by political parties. Ancient Political thinkers such as Plato and Aristotle looked at politics as something pious and ethical. Politics was regarded as part of ethics. They were not mistaken. After Independence till 1975 Indian Politicians cherished values based politics. They were committed to certain ideologies till the end of their life. In the current discourse on democracy, there is the valorisation of a false tension between freedom and equality. The dominance of the economics of liberalisation makes us believe that democracy as a political arrangement has nothing to do with the pursuit of welfare and well-being people in the context of a pervasive economic deprivation and inequality. But advocates of democracy have now to realise what Robert Dhal argues!" in an advanced democratic country, the economic order would be under

stood as instrumental not merely to the production and distribution of goods but to much larger range of Values including democratic values".

In the present political theatre of democratic societies the welfare class has become a "disposable subject of political dispensability." But in the mean time, in a country such as the United States, not only has the gap between the rich and the poor widened but even the middle class has fallen in to Poverty as a consequence of economic restructuring and de-Industrialisation. Thus people in need of social support in advanced Industrial Societies are not only the people who are the Vagabonds but also the middle class who are now "falling from grace". In this context, Democracy as Political Process cannot absolve itself of the responsibility of enhancing what Mr

AmartyaSen calls the "functioning and Capability" of individuals. The Collapse of Socialist economics has not vanished the problem of economic deprivation, and advocates of democracy have to support Programmes of well-being which contribute to 'human capital formation' rather than create perpetual dependency.

The Performance of government should tackling the problem of poverty has been dismal. The poor masses would therefore have to be kept in mind by politicians when squandering money on luxuries. So much for the Governments commitment to be eradication of Poverty! It does not even know the real percentage of the population living below the Poverty Line!. 2019-21 data observed 16.4% Indian population is poor out of which 4.2 % live in extreme poverty as their deprivation score is more than 50 per cent. Here was

the opportunity for every politicians committed to the welfare of the poor to grill the Government. But those out to bring down the Government could hardly have been expected to put it in the right track. India has not declared its poverty figures since 2011 measured on the basis of Consumer Expenditure Survey by the National sample Survey Organisation (NSSO). The agency was about to release one such survey in the 2017-18 but the government stopped its publication. In spite of this the survey data leaked to the Media showed that poverty had increased in India. Without official data on poverty in a country hosting the largest number of poor in the world. The politicians are actually not interested to reduce the poverty because they are their Vote Banks. Most of our leaders irrespective of their pretensions, tend to believe that it is not out of joblessness of the

times, but the fault of nature, and will name the person who has reduced the average Indian to penury and consequent neglect "What is the matter with the poor, is their poverty." Said Bernard Shaw.

Robert Bellash and his Colleagues argue in their provocative Book 'The good society that only as a moral quest, democracy can revitalise itself to-day, since it has taken itself to a blind alley in the sub-systems of money and power. As a moral quest and ethics, democracy is mode of paying attention to the needs of others and aspiration of the self. Many of the problems that individuals within a polity are faced with to-day. But such a move requires a reflective moral self which is aware of the limits of nationalism and the need for a transnational consciousness as the actors of politics and protagonist of democracy.

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## Letter To Editor

Dear Editor

Rural schools are not just centers of education in India; but also serve as venues for continuing adult education, state, central and panchayat election camps, emergency ration and relief centres and cyclone shelters during natural calamities. The rural schools also serve as make shift police stations station and security force camps under emergency situations. Furthermore, they also serve as village community centres, discussion platforms or meeting places for both government and non-government social workers, make shift medical dispensaries and rural health camps as well as emergency relief and medical support centres. Although, many of these services outside educational sector has been severely criticized; yet in a highly populous country with bare minimal infrastructure in remote locations schools serve important social services for the needy communities and has to be appreciated for those broader social roles and responsibilities.

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## China Releases 'New Names' For 11 Places In Arunachal Pradesh

**Guwahati:** China has released a set of new names for 11 places in Arunachal Pradesh as part of its efforts to reemphasize its claim over the state. This is the third time that China has 'renamed' places in Arunachal Pradesh, which it calls "Zangnan, the southern part of Tibet".

China's Ministry of Civil Affairs yesterday released a set of names in Chinese, Tibetan, and pinyin characters in what it claims was in accordance with regulations on geographical names issued by the State Council, China's cabinet.



The list of names released by China includes five mountain peaks, two land areas, two residential areas, and two rivers.

The first two such lists were released in 2018 and 2021. China issued a list of six names in 2017, while in 2021 it 'renamed' 15 places in

Arunachal Pradesh.

New Delhi had strongly rejected China's claims on both occasions asserting that the state has "always been" and will "always be" an integral part of India. "This is not the first time China has attempted such a renaming of places in the state of

Arunachal Pradesh." External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said in December 2021.

"Arunachal Pradesh has always been, and will always be an integral part of India. Assigning invented names to places in Arunachal Pradesh does not alter this fact," he had said. According to The Global Times, which is part of the ruling Communist Party's mouthpiece People's Daily group of publications in China, the Chinese authorities are calling this move 's t a n d a r d i s e d geographical names'.

## Those Born With Golden Spoon...': Devendra Fadnavis Slams Rahul Gandhi Over Savarkar Remarks

Mumbai: Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Monday mounted an uncharacteristically harsh attack on the Congress and its leader Rahul Gandhi for statements on late Hindutva ideologue VD Savarkar.

Addressing a 'Savarkar Gaurav Yatra' event in the metropolis, Mr Fadnavis used an expletive while referring to Congress leaders' remarks on Savarkar.

These leaders were not telling the public that Savarkar wrote to British authorities from jail not for himself but for fellow inmates.

Rahul Gandhi has often accused Savarkar of "apologising" to the British to get out of jail, and has routinely shot back at Bharatiya Janata Party demands for an apology by claiming he was a Gandhi and not Savarkar to seek mercy. "It was Savarkar who after returning to Ratnagiri from jail in the Andamans started several activities to bring about social reforms. Savarkar had said unless we abolish untouchability, we will never become a great nation.

"But those born with a golden spoon call him mafiveer (mercy seeker)," Mr Fadnavis said slamming Congress



leaders.

The senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader further claimed a congratulatory motion was moved for Savarkar post Independence in Parliament by a member from West Bengal, and the Congress opposed it except for one person from the party.

"His name was Feroze Gandhi, the grandfather of Rahul Gandhi," Mr Fadnavis told the gathering. Attacking Rahul Gandhi further, Mr Fadnavis said the former has taken a "fake surname" and that "you are neither Savarkar nor Gandhi".

Does he (Rahul Gandhi) even know the history of the country, Mr Fadnavis questioned.

"Some people's party is run on the money provided by the Chinese government. But they

call Savarkar a mafiveer," he said in a swipe at the Congress.

"Savarkar endured harsh suffering, poor quality food and all kinds of harassment from the British at the jail in Andamans," the deputy CM said.

He also attacked Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Uddhav Thackeray for allying with the Congress, which routinely "insults" Savarkar.

"I want to ask Uddhav Thackeray whether Rahul Gandhi has deleted any of his tweets that insulted Savarkar. Thackeray even offered flowers to the photo of Rajiv Gandhi, former prime minister and father of Rahul Gandhi. But has there ever been a single such gesture by Sonia or Rahul Gandhi towards late Balasaheb

Thackeray," he asked.

The BJP-Shiv Sena has latched on to the remarks against Savarkar to attack the Congress and also put Uddhav Thackeray on the backfoot since the undivided Sena under Balasaheb Thackeray regularly demanded the Bharat Ratna for the late Hindutva ideologue.

The ruling alliance plans to carry out such yatras in all 288 Assembly seats in Maharashtra.

The Eknath Shinde government also plans to organise a 'Veerbhoomi Parikrama' at Nashik, Ratnagiri, Sangli, Pune and Mumbai to from May 21 to 28 to mark the birth anniversary of Savarkar.

The state government has said it will build a museum dedicated to Savarkar in Bhagur in Nashik.

## Follow Party Values: JP Nadda To BJP Social Media Cell

**New Delhi:** BJP president JP Nadda on Tuesday asked the party's social media teams to follow the organisation's values and refrain from indulging in lowering the standard of political discourse, "irrespective of what narrative the Opposition chooses".

Mr Nadda was addressing a workshop organised by the party for its state social media teams.

He also spoke about the role of the BJP karyakartas (workers) in the organisation and said the party not only has "the largest but also the most talented" volunteer network to take the message of development, carried out under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to the public.

This "bank of talent" should be tapped further by the social media teams to come up with



authentic and engaging content for such platforms, the BJP president added.

The day-long workshop was conducted by BJP's national general secretary (organisation) B L Santhosh, national general secretary Vinod Tawde and in-charge of the organisation's Social Media & IT department Amit Malviya, party leaders said.

The session was attended by BJP social media teams of all 36 states and Union territories, they said.

Speaking during the event, Mr Nadda emphasized on the importance of social

media and its widespread usage amongst a large section of society including youths, the party leaders said.

He also underlined how social media has become the primary tool for timely responses to contemporary issues.

"BJP president J P Nadda exhorted the state teams to follow the party's values of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas, and asked them not to indulge in lowering the standard of political discourse, irrespective of what narrative the Opposition chooses," a party leader said.

## SMP, Kolkata Handles Highest Ever Rail-borne Cargo

### An All Time Record Cargo Handling in 2022-23 at SMP, Kolkata after 1870

**Kolkata,:** In its 153 years history, the Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata (SMP Kolkata) including Kolkata Dock System and Haldia Dock Complex, for the first time, handled 65.66 million tonnes of cargo in 2022-23, recording an all time high throughput, which is a 12.87% increase from the previous record of 58.175 million tonnes moved in 2021-22.

In 2022-23, SMP, Kolkata recorded the highest ever growth of Traffic of 7.5 million tonnes, in comparison to previous years, which is the highest quantum growth achieved in its history.

SMP, Kolkata had earlier surpassed the Ministry's target of 61 MMT collectively and individually both at its twin dock systems, viz. HDC (44.50 MMT on 3.3.2023) and KDS

(16.50 MMT on 22.03.2023).

Shri Haranadh remarked, increasing cargo throughput was driven by various measures undertaken by the port to improve productivity, safety, business development capacity utilisation, etc. It is worth mentioning that SMP, Kolkata got elevated from sixth position to fifth position in cargo handling among all the major ports of India for the year 2022-23. Cargo handled at HDC is 48.6 MMT and KDS is 17.05 MMT, thus surpassing the previous year's throughput with growth rate of 13.37% and 11.47%, respectively.

SMP, Kolkata handled the highest ever rail-borne cargo (34.6 MMT) for the financial year 2022-23.

Shri Haranadh further commented that the port

registered strong financial performance in 2022-23 by posting a net surplus of Rs. 304 crore i.e. net surplus improved by 150% compared to the previous years.

To augment capacity of the port, SMP, Kolkata is stressing on the PPP projects in a big way. During the financial year 2022-23, the port has awarded three major projects with investment of Rs.730 crore through PPP Mode. These three projects are expected to increase capacity by 6.7 MMT.

The port has to reduce the congestion of the port and increase its capacity. Accordingly, the SMPK is planning to develop an extended port gate system at Balagarh with an investment of about Rs.445 crore, out of which around Rs. 343 crores will be invested through PPP.

The Port plans to

develop the land parcels owned by it in a systematic way. The detailed master plan is being prepared by SMP, Kolkata which will be completed by June, 2023. It has already floated EoI for developing a multi-modal logistic terminal near the port on about 60 acres of land which is only 2 km from Kolkata Dock. These projects would facilitate warehousing, cold storage, Truck Terminal, Rail and Road connectivity, etc.

SMP, Kolkata is targeting to start night navigation of the vessels destined to/originated from Kolkata Dock System, in association with Antwerp Port, Belgium and IIT Chennai. It has planned to bring small vessels upto 100 m by August, 2023 and all vessels by March, 2024 which will reduce turnaround time of the

vessels substantially increasing the capacity of the port.

Shri Haranadh expressed his gratitude to Shri Sarvananda Sonowal, the Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Shri Santanu Thakur, the State Minister and Shri Shripad Naik, the State Minister and Sri Sudhansh Pant, Secretary, PSW for their continued guidance and support which helped this port achieve highest ever cargo growth.

He congratulated all the officers, staff and unions, PPP Operators, Stevedores, Stakeholders, etc. for working like a team to produce the spectacular performance.

Shri Haranadh also thanked the Indian Railways, Department of Customs, Government of West Bengal, NHAI and other organisations for their continued support.

## "Let KCR Disclose His Certificates If He Has Guts": Telangana BJP Chief

**Hyderabad:** Telangana BJP president Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Tuesday demanded Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao to disclose his post-graduate degree certificates, before talking about the educational qualifications of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Reacting to the comments of KCR and

his Minister son K T Rama Rao on Modi's educational qualifications, the BJP leader said the Prime Minister had read the entire Indian society and was leading the country in the path of progress. Modi brought India to No. 5 position in the world in terms of development, he claimed.

"KCR has claimed to

have completed his MSc in Political Science. Let him disclose his certificates if he has guts, instead of making a hue and cry over the educational qualifications of the Prime Minister," Mr Kumar said while speaking to media after inspecting the arrangements for Modi's public meeting schedule to be held here on April



8.He said Modi would be coming to Hyderabad to flag off Vande Bharat

Express, besides kickstarting the modernisation works of

Secunderabad railway station and other projects.

"The Prime Minister would be addressing a rally at Secunderabad parade grounds at 10.30 AM and I request all sections of people to attend his meeting in big numbers," the BJP leader said.

Stating that KCR had allegedly converted a revenue surplus State

into one with ? 5 lakh crore debt, Kumar said the BRS party has become an acronym for "beer, rum and scotch party" and is a gang of "international dacoits", who looted the State through various schemes and scams.

The BJP leader charged that while there have been a series of leaks of question papers, the Chief Minister and his

family members are parking their ill-gotten money in foreign countries.

Mr Kumar reiterated his demand for the resignation of KCR and sacking of his son K T Rama Rao from the Cabinet for the leakage of question papers of Telangana State Public Service Commission (TSPSC) and class X exam.



# Pre-diabetes Matter of Concern, Adopt Lifestyle Changes, Says KIMS Super Speciality Doctor

**Bhubaneswar, :** Sedentary lifestyle without any physical activities often lead to many diseases. However, as India currently harbours the second-largest population of people living with diabetes, the precursor to it, Prediabetes, has become a concern across the nation. Prediabetes is a state, just before diabetes. It gradually progresses to clinical diabetes mellitus, if not checked at the right moment. "Individuals in the prediabetes state have a 3.6-8.7% chance of progressing to diabetes with each passing year. All the cardiovascular adverse events increase steadily in the

prediabetes range of blood glucose and so are the chances of a heart attack. But fortunately, the prediabetes state is reversible or at least checked, if intervened properly," said Endocrinologist Dr. Sambit Das, Professor and Senior Consultant, KIMS Super Speciality Hospital and a Fellow of the American Association of Clinical Endocrinology. Comprehensive diabetic treatment at KIMS Super Speciality: The Department of Endocrinology at KIMS Super Speciality Hospital is run by highly qualified and trained endocrinologists, offering a holistic approach to the

management of various types of diabetes: Endocrinopathies like thyroid disorders, short stature, Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS), osteoporosis, metabolic bone disorders and various pituitary, adrenal, parathyroid and gonadal disorders comprehensively and effectively. It also has all the clinical, diagnostics and other multi-disciplinary support to deal with all critical cases.

## How to know about prediabetes?

According to medical literature, when fasting blood glucose in an individual is greater than 100 mg/dl (milligram per

decilitre) and less than 126 mg/dl, it is known as impaired fasting glucose (IFG) and when to postprandial sugars after 75 gram of glucose load is greater than 140 mg/dl and less than 200 mg/dl.

is known as impaired glucose tolerance (IGT). Both IFG and IGT are known as prediabetes. Nowadays glycosylated haemoglobin (HbA1C) level between 5.7% to 6.4% is also taken as prediabetes or borderline diabetes.

However, Dr Das explained that since the condition of prediabetes is clinically asymptomatic, it needs regular screening of



people who are at maximum risk. Testing should be done for people who are more than 45 years.

People of any age who are overweight or obese with any of the additional risk factors like -- physical inactivity, family history of diabetes, high-risk ethnic

population, women who delivered a baby weighing >9 pounds, hypertension, low good cholesterol (HDL cholesterol level <35 mg/dl) and/or high triglyceride level >250 mg/dl, should also be screened. If results are normal, testing should be repeated at least at

three-year intervals. The senior endocrinologist of KIMS Super Speciality Hospital added that a healthy lifestyle, that includes healthy food, regular exercise and maintenance of ideal body weight can reverse or at least halt the progression of this condition. In very high-risk patients a drug known as metformin is also added to the lifestyle changes, but it should be taken only when prescribed by your doctor.

## Ways to avoid prediabetes:

Moderate physical activity of at least 150 min/week significantly reduces the progression to frank diabetes. Brisk

walking of 20-30 minutes a day is strongly recommended for people with this condition.

A regular and moderate diet low in calories and low in fat should be followed. One should stay away from junk food, sweets, bakery products, nuts, ghee or butter, red meat, all sweetened aerated beverages and fresh fruit juices.

A person's food should be rich in dietary fibres like -- fresh fruits, salads, vegetables and sprouts. Beverages like clear vegetable soups, tender coconut water, skimmed buttermilk, rasam or red tea can be taken any time of the day without adding any calories.

# Mantra To Expedite Spending

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Following the passage of Appropriation Bill 2023 allowing the State Government to use Rs 2.30 lakh crore from consolidated fund, Principal Secretary Finance, Vishal Dev has instructed all the departments to expedite the pace of expenditure during the first quarter of the financial year before the onset of the monsoon.

In a recent letter to all department, Principal Secretary Shri Dev said, "The departments should carefully chalkout their work programme from the beginning of the financial year and make available the provision made in the annual budget to the spending



units in the month of April 2023 itself."

The departments were asked to give priority to capital assets creation and completion of ongoing projects. Funds should be released according to a definite action plan for achieving the quantifiable physical targets fixed for the year. The secretaries

of administrative departments were advised to review physical achievement against expenditure by 15th of every month against monthly/quarterly targets.

The Principal Secretary has further advised the departments to incur expenditure upto 50 percent of the provision made under Centrally Sponsored Schemes in the Budget, in case of urgent necessity.

Shri Dev also asked the departments to furnish utilisation certificates and statements of expenditure in time to the respective ministries of Government of India. If any department will delay in paying taxes, electricity dues, water

charges and rents, the head of the office or DDO will be personally responsible for that, he said.

In any circumstances, the budgetary funds will be transferred to civil deposits, warned the Principal Secretary Finance.

For the 20 departments coming under Cash Management System, Principal Secretary Shri Dev said the minimum level of expenditure upto the third quarter must be 60 per cent including Programme Expenditure and Transfer from State. The Programme Expenditure must be 60 per cent. Less than of the target os non-negotiable, he added.

# CUO Conducts Seminar on 'Conservation of Biodiversity: Need of the Hour'




Koraput: The Central University of Odisha (CUO) organized a Seminar on 'Conservation of Biodiversity: Need of the Hour' on 3 April 2023 under the G20 Working Group of Education Programme. The CUO has been selected as an Anchor Institution under the G20 Working Group of Education Programme. The Programme was inaugurated by Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University. He highlighted the importance of traditional knowledge and adhyatmikata in our country. The special lecture was

delivered by two eminent scientists Prof. Sudhendu Mandal, Advisor, Academics & Administration, CUO and Prof. Siba Prasad Adhikary, former Vice Chancellor, Fakir Mohan University, Balasore. Prof. Tripathi while delivering the Chairman's address, said that every species is born on the earth for a special purpose. The conservation of biodiversity is maintained depending on the existence of the species. So conservation of biodiversity is the need of the hour, he said. Our tradition always tries for its conservation but the Western countries spoil it and cry for

conservation at the international level. Prof. Mandal in his talk focused on biodiversity and food security. He said that if biodiversity equivalence is destroyed, it will lead to food shortage. So conservation is essential. Prof. Adhikary, in his talk, said that Koraput is a biodiversity hotspot and we should make more research on finding out new areas of biodiversity development in undivided Koraput. Prof. Sharat Kumar Palita, Dean, of the School of Biodiversity & Conservation of Natural Resources gave a brief

introduction to the theme. Dr. Pradosh Kumar Rath, Nodal Officer for CUO G20 Working Group delivered the welcome Note and Dr. Debabrata Panda, Asst. Professor BCNR proposed the Vote of Thanks. Along with the students, research scholars, and faculty members Prof. N.C. Panda, Dean, School of Languages; Dr. Pradosh Kumar Swain, HoD I/c. and Dr. Alok Baral, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Odia Language & Literature, Dr. Sourabh Gupta, HoD I/c, Journalism and Mass Communication and Dr. Phagu Nath Bhoi, Public Relations Officer were present on the occasion.



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## Magik Lighting aims to be market leader in Smart & LED Lighting category in Odisha

Bhubaneswar: Magik, the LED lighting brand promoted by Century Ply and Star Cement, has undertaken an aggressive marketing plan aiming to be the market leader in the Smart and LED lighting category in Odisha by the end of the current financial year.

Magik has a very strong distribution network in Odisha. Presently it is available in more than 1800 retail outlets through 32 distributors in the state. The brand is also approved by Roads & Building department, Government of Odisha for providing lighting solution for both office and outdoor. The company targets to expand its retail and distribution network chain and aims to have 3500 retail outlets and 45 distributors in the State of Odisha within 2022 – 23.

Magik Lighting is the leading LED lights manufacturer in Eastern India which provides next-gen LED lighting solutions and smart solution ranging from consumer lighting to professional lighting solutions. Magik provides an exclusive collection of products that have an aura. Headquartered in Kolkata, it strives to

understand customers' need and offer solution-based products, which is best in class, consumer-centric. The Company undertakes constant evolution of technology to meet the needs of customers. Along with providing the best technology, focus is also on providing personalized solutions, and ensuring the highest degree of productivity, convenience and efficiency for the customers.

Keeping in line with the vision of 'Make in India' initiative, most of the products are manufactured at their own manufacturing unit, located in West Bengal. It is Eastern India's largest state-of-the-art LED manufacturing unit producing more than 750 wide range of products comprising of indoor, outdoor and smart lighting solutions. The manufacturing unit houses a NABL accredited laboratory, that contains the capability of providing ample, variety testing; thereby the company continues to maintain high-quality product standards. Multiple production lines availability has enabled the factory to simultaneously produce a wide variety of

products.

Each production line is geared with highly sophisticated machines that boosted quality and efficiency.

Regarding expanding the market reach in Odisha, Mr. Jay Prakash Mohanty, Senior Vice President and SBU Head – Lighting, Century LED said, "Lighting is a very important thing in everyone's life. With the evolution of technology, the demands of the customers also keep on evolving. We at Magik are constantly in touch with the customers through our distribution channel network to understand their needs and present the most smart, affordable lighting solutions. We aim to be the market leader in Smart and LED lighting solution category in Odisha through our innovative products and strong distribution channels network."

The company has recently roped in Sourav Ganguly as the brand ambassador of Magik to reach out to the audience at large across geographies. Magik is present in all the geographies with more than 17,000+ outlets, along with 315+ channel partners and planning to expand further in 32000 outlets though 500 distributors across India.

## New range of ACs to keep you cool this summer!

**Kolkata, (-ADVAITA SETH):**A leading air conditioning company Blue Star Limited has recently launched a new series of air conditioners, just in time for the upcoming summer season. This range includes both affordable and premium models, with a total of 75 different options to choose from, including inverter, fixed speed, and window ACs to cater to all consumer segments. Blue Star Limited is a strong supporter of the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan and has established a cutting-edge manufacturing facility at Sri

City, which began commercial production of room ACs in January 2023. Some of the new products will be sourced from this facility. The new range of air conditioners features 3-star, 4-star, and 5-star inverter split ACs that come in a range of cooling capacities from 0.8 TR to 2 TR at attractive prices starting from Rs 29,990. These ACs are equipped with 'Hot & Cold Inverter Technology,' which allows them to function even in extremely low temperatures. The company has designed a model that can operate at ambient temperatures



of down to -10°C, specifically for markets such as Srinagar, and another range that can operate at ambient temperatures of down to -2°C for locations in the rest of the country that face harsh winters. Speaking to the Press at a conference held in Kolkata, B. Thiagarajan, Managing Director, Blue Star Limited, said, "With a strong focus on self-reliance, by aligning ourselves to the 'Make in India' initiative and leveraging on the

PLI scheme by the Indian Government, we take immense pride in the fact that Blue Star Climatech Limited's new automated and smart plant at Sri City is now operational. With this Plant in place, Blue Star intends to leverage synergies between the Company and this Plant, to enable Blue Star to further accelerate growth in the room ACs segment, especially in Tier 2, 3, 4, and 5 markets, apart from Tier 1. Blue Star will continue to invest in expanding distribution footprint, enhancing R & D capabilities and brand building".

## A report on Kalajyoti Mahotsav 2023 in collaboration with The Ministry of Culture, Government of India

**New Delhi: 24th MARCH, 2023** at 6.30Pm velvet pink curtains opened to Kalajyoti Mahotsav 2023 in collaboration with The Ministry of Culture, Government of India. Decorated with ethnicity, the stage reminded of a traditional Mandap with Holy essence. Kalamandap – The Ethnic Theater was inaugurated by the executive members of Kalajyoti headed by the founder director and Guru of Odissi Dance Nrutya Shri Monalisa Ghosh. Cradled by greenery and flowers, the Mandapa and the auditorium one immediately feels the deep harmony between art and nature.

On behalf of the executive members of Kalajyoti senior Anchor Sri Nimai Mondal extended hearty welcome to an Indian Cultural festival which is the result of huge and sincere effort by Founder Director Guru Monalisa Ghosh and Executive Members Smt. Sarbari Das, Sri Amit Biswas and Sri Indraneel Das. An unique concept of building this Ethnic Theatre – Kalamandap, amidst bounty of Nature, like a traditional Asram. President Kalajyoti Smt. Sarbari Das and founder director and Guru Monalisa Ghosh Felicitated Regional Director ICCR, Ms. Minakshi Mishra and the Lamp lighting ceremony was performed in a devoted way with offering flowers to Lord Jagannath. Guru



Monalisa Ghosh has engaged herself in philanthropic activities globally, since decades. The Mahotsav began with a heart touching presentation by specially abled children from Sahaj Path, guided by their mentor Smt. Sumana Dutta Gupta and Suvojit Dutta. The presence on stage amongst audience was so important for them and their parents. Presentations by talented young performers included SRIJANI BISWAS, MRITTIKA Dhar and RITWIK A Dutta, Smriti Majumdar, Rachana Kar in Gaudiya Nritya, as well as she supported as an anchor and web designer.

20 Disciples of Guru Monalisa Ghosh, groomed in Kalajyoti – presented Shiva Panchakshra Stotra, a dynamic choreography of Monalisa Ghosh presented with apt energy and grace. Veteran Bharatnatyam exponent and Guru Sri Rahul Dev Mondal and Anasua Sur Mondal stole the heart of audience in a Duet Bharatnatyam Recital.

Sangeet is complete with the union of Nritya, Badya and Geet. Hence Kalajyoti introduced Classical Vocal performance for the first time presented melodiously by Suman Mukherjee. Kalajyoti Mahotsav 2023 was honoured by the soul stirring trio presentation by Pandit Indrajit Basu, IPS, in Flute, Pandit Amlan Halder in Violin, and Pandit Subrata Gupta in Tabla.

25TH MARCH at 6.30pm was the continuation of the Mahotsav 2023, the second day. The evening began with felicitation of the President of Surnandan Bharti, Sri Riteish Ranjan Chakrabarty, a dedicated personality in the field of promoting and propagating Indian Traditional Culture by the the executive members of Kalajyoti including Guru Monalisa Ghosh. Sri

Chakrabarty surprised the audience by presenting a book Edited by him – Stories of Refulgent Luminaries – where Guru Monalisa Ghosh featured. The outstanding achievement of this Mahotsav was that young talents came from far and wide with their parents and families for performance. Tanwee Bhowmik presented Odissi Dance travelling from Jalpaiguri, North Bengal.

Sumana Kandar presented a captivating Bharatnatyam recital. TAPASH GHOSH from Falakata, North Bengal presented a semi Classical recital. Saveri Pallabi in Odissi style was presented by Kalajyoti's senior Ensemble – Suvojit Dutta, Tanusree Mullik and Atasi Biswas. A big applause was sounded for Swetha and Shivani and their Parents for coming all

the way from Hyderabad to present their talent at the Kalajyoti Mahotsav an example of pure respect and love for Indian Classical Dance and Music. They presented A semi classical Dance portraying the divine love of Lord Krishna with goddess Radha famously known as the Raas Leela. The seniormost exponent of the evening was Sri Arrghha Chatterjee in Odissi recital. Audience highly appreciated his Durga – a composition by Padmavibhushan Guru Kelucharan Mahapatra. The vivacious and brilliant presentation of Dance Drama Jatayu Moksh by Kalajyoti ensemble, choreographed by Guru Monalisa Ghosh remained the star of the evening. 26TH MARCH – the concluding day extended a warm welcome to PRAPTI BASU in Kathak,

### Bharat Bill Pay to offer recurring payments to farmers across India in collaboration with FAARMS

Mumbai : Bharat Bill Payment System, the one-stop platform for facilitating all recurring payments across categories has collaborated with FAARMS to enable the recurring payments facility for all the farmers across India. Through the FAARMS app, farmers can easily access a complete spectrum of products and services that include seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, animal feed, and more products

delivered right at their doorstep. This collaboration will help to create a marketplace for the farmers across India wherein they can purchase products as well as manage various recurring payments like electricity, loan repayments, water bills, etc. on the same app.

In its continuous endeavour to support the Government of India and RBI's vision for a cash-lite economy, Bharat Bill Pay has continuously strived to collaborate with

new partners and facilitate digital inclusion by making recurring payments easy for the end-users. With this collaboration, Bharat Bill Pay will help in hand-holding, enabling, and driving each Indian household towards a seamless digital journey.

Currently, Bharat Bill Pay offers recurring payment services to customers across categories such as electricity, telecom, DTH, gas, education fees.

## FC Goa fans excited to see the return of Carlos Pena

**Goa :** FC Goa's appointment of former club icon Carlos Pena as the head coach heading into the new season seems to have been a shot in the arm for the morale of their fans following a disappointing ISL campaign which saw the Gaurs miss out on the playoffs only for the second time in eight years. Pena takes over the reins at FC Goa just two years after bringing down the curtain on his playing career after spending his last two seasons as a Gaur – both of which brought him silverware at the Club.

In Pena, the FC Goa fans found a leader on and off the pitch - his

presence in the backline bringing a sense of calm to the proceedings. And fans are looking forward to ushering back the good times with his return to their Club.

"It's always an exciting story to hear a former player taking charge of the club and taking it to glory, and here with Peña at the club it's not different. I have heard about his fiery motivational talks in the dressing room and with the players, how he breathes life into dead wood," remarked Ashlesh Ajgaonkar.

"As a player he always gave everything and I am sure as coach, the kind of personality he has, he will

put his all in."

Season ticket holder Sameer Shirodkar also is also looking forward to seeing Carlos Peña back in FC Goa colours and believes his leadership will be very crucial to the Club's upcoming season.

"I'm really looking forward to having Peña back at FC Goa, because we all know his presence in the dressing room is going to be very impactful," opined Shirodkar. Gautham, an FC Goa fan from Trivandrum also feels that the positive winds will be back in FC Goa's sails in the coming season with the return of the Spaniard to Goan shores. "I remember the days Carlos Peña hung up his boots.

## TATA PLAY announces their Binge starter pack starting Rs.49

Bhubaneswar: Tata Play, (formerly known as Tata Sky) has released an amazing new offer with the Binge Starter Pack, which allows users to view a variety of OTT content. The new Binge Starter Pack includes access to four streaming services and can be utilized with the Tata

Play Binge app on any device. Here is everything you need to know about the plan. The Tata Play Binge Starter pack costs Rs 49 and is valid for 30 days after you recharge. A seven-day free trial is also included. The pack will include up to three mobile devices and four

streaming services - Eros Now, Hungama, Shemaroo Me, and Zee5. The plan allows streaming on mobile devices and is only available to Tata Play subscribers. Activate your Tata Play Binge starter pack at just Rs.49 now and start bingeing now!

### Union Bank of India goes live on Account Aggregator Ecosystem

Mumbai : Union Bank of India becomes the first public sector Bank to go live on the Account Aggregator Ecosystem for participating in Govt. of India's Digital Initiatives.

The Account Aggregator Ecosystem

helps the Lenders to leverage on Digital data acquired with the consent from the Customers for providing them a seamless journey and eliminating the need of physical documentation.

Financial Information User (FIU) can request for data from the Financial Information User (FIP) based on a simple consent given by the Customer on their Account Aggregator handle.

Union Bank of India

endeavors to work both as FIP and as FIU enabling its Customers to share Data digitally on real time basis. Union Bank has implemented the technology stack as per the Reserve Bank Information

Technology (ReBIT) guidelines.

The Account Aggregator (AA) Ecosystem which went live in September 2021 has seen active participation from Banks/NBFCs in the country.





MS Dhoni has a laugh with Mark Wood after the game

## MCA to create a memorial of Dhoni's World Cup winning six

**Mumbai :** Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) has decided to immortalize the winning six by MS Dhoni in the 2011 World Cup final. It will create a memorial of the title-winning hit by the former India captain, who sealed the World Cup triumph with a massive six at the Wankhede Stadium.

"We will install a memorial at the very place where the six had landed in the stands," MCA president Amol Kale told Cricbuzz after a meeting of its Apex Council in Mumbai on Monday. The meeting, incidentally, took place just a day after the 12th anniversary of the final (on April 2, 2011), against Sri Lanka. "It would be a fitting



tribute to MS Dhoni's match-winning innings and we hope it will inspire many youngsters to follow the footsteps of Captain Cool in cricket," MCA secretary Ajinkya Naik said. Dhoni dispatched Sri

Lanka pacer Nuwan Kulasekara for a six in the Vithal Divecha Pavilion. "It is difficult to identify exactly on which seat the ball had landed. We have identified three-four seats and we will install the memorial at that very

spot," Kale further said.

Dhoni, the captain of Chennai Super Kings, will be in Mumbai for an IPL match against Mumbai Indians on April 8 and during that time, the MCA will felicitate the World Cup winning captain.

The memorial, however, will take time to be installed and will be inaugurated by Dhoni himself when that is complete.

The MCA decision on the memorial comes close on the heels of another similar call of building a statue of cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar at Wankhede Stadium. Meanwhile, recalling the win on its 12th anniversary, Tendulkar said, "The trophy doesn't just belong to the team it belongs to the nation; 2nd April, 2011, was the best cricketing moment of my life. It has been 12 years of that golden moment. To me that was the reason my journey started," Tendulkar said on Sunday.

## Shakib Al Hasan opts out of IPL 2023

**New Delhi:** Shakib Al Hasan has pulled out of the IPL 2023. The Bangladesh all-rounder has formally informed the Kolkata Knight Riders franchise of his unavailability for the season. International commitments and personal issues are believed to have been cited as the reasons for his absence for the league, which is in its first week.

Litton Das, the other Bangladesh player in the franchise, however, is expected to join the side sometime later this week. Cricbuzz understands that Shakib (36), bought by the franchise for his base price of Rs 1.5 crore, is understood to have called the KKR management and wanted to be excused for the season, contrary to speculation that he has been released by the franchise. For the record, once a player has been bought in the auction, he



cannot be released by a franchise. It can be done only after a season. It is understood that the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has refused to release the two players, Shakib and Das, insisting that they be available for the Test taking place in Mirpur although the initial impression that the franchise had was that they could take part in

the IPL immediately after the white ball series that ended March 31. It must, however, be mentioned that BCB had informed the BCCI that its players will be available for the IPL for only a limited period of April 8 to May 1. The BCCI note to the franchises on the Bangladesh players was, "Limited Availability. Players selected for

Ireland series will be available from 8 April to 1 May." With the BCB insisting on the two IPL recruits to be part of the April 4-8 Test, Shakib could have come for the IPL only for 20 days. But he seems to have some personal commitments to his family which lives in the US. Considering all that, the veteran all-rounder has requested the KKR

management to excuse him for the season. He has played 51 games in four seasons for the Kolkata franchise. Das (28), bought for the base price of Rs 50 lakh, has informed the KKR management that he will show up for the league. He is expected in Kolkata by April 10. Incidentally, Das has been named vice-captain to Shakib for the Ireland Test.

Meanwhile, the Knight Riders, who will be playing their first game at the home ground of Eden Gardens in three years, are expecting a full house for on Thursday, when they take on Royal Challengers Bangalore. The KKR officials are keen to make a huge spectacle of their homecoming. They will be hosting a slew of Bollywood stars, with owner Shah Rukh Khan present for the game. It will be their second game of the season.

**New Delhi:** Tom Latham has been named the captain of New Zealand's ODI team for the tour of Pakistan later in the month. The squad also sees two new names in Ben Lister and Cole McConchie included for the first time in the format.

Latham led the team to success in the recently concluded ODI series against Sri Lanka at home and will continue with that role in Pakistan. The likes of Glenn Phillips, Finn Allen and Lockie Ferguson are missing from the list as they are featuring in the ongoing Indian Premier League.

Former Pakistan offspinner Saqlain Mushtaq has also been named as the Assistant Coach for the tour while Adam Milne and James Neesham have also been included.

"We've enjoyed a number of exciting matches against Pakistan



across both white ball formats in the last season home and away. They are a tough team no matter where you take them on," said head coach Gary Stead.

"The successful ODI Series earlier this year in Pakistan provided big learning opportunities for the players and having more ODI match experience is fantastic in a World Cup year. "Having someone with Saqlain's experience is a big boost for the group and we are looking

forward to the insights he can offer us to aid our preparations for local conditions, and in particular the assistance he can provide to our spin bowling group," added Stead.

Squad: Tom Latham (c), Tom Blundell, Chad Bowes, Matt Henry, Ben Lister, Cole McConchie, Adam Milne, Daryl Mitchell, Jimmy Neesham, Henry Nicholls, Rachin Ravindra, Henry Shipley, Ish Sodhi, Blair Tickner, Will Young

## Australia Women set to earn big in historical MoU

**New Delhi:** Australia Women will see a massive AUD 53 million increase in pay as per the new five-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) struck between Cricket Australia and the Australian Cricketers' Association.

According to the new MoU, the Australian male and female professional cricketers will share a projected AUD 634m over the next five years, which is a 26 per cent jump from the existing agreement. In a major move, the country's female cricketers will now be paid from a AUD 133 million pool, as compared to

the AUD 80m previously. While the minimum and average women's contract will see a 25% jump, the number of contracts too have been increased from 15 to 18.

As such, the annual earnings of a top-flight centrally contracted female Australian cricketer can cross AUD 800,000 on an average for the next five years, including their WBBL contract, match fees and marketing payments, with potential to cross the 1 million barrier with further earnings from India's Women's Premier League and UK's The Hundred. At the domestic level,

the minimum WBBL retainer has seen an immediate hike of 30 per cent. The average WBBL retainer will now approximately double from AUD 26,900 to 54,200. With up to two additional contracts being offered per state going forward, there will be up to 130 contracts available across the national and domestic sides and another 120 in the WBBL. Overall, the deal will make the country's female cricketers the highest-paid women's athletes in Australian team sport. "This MOU represents another major step forward in the rise of



women's cricket, with significant increases in remuneration for the inspirational role models of the world champion Australian Women's team and the WBBL who are driving substantial

growth in female participation," CA chief executive Nick Hockley said. "At the same time, we have recognised the need to ensure that the BBL remains highly competitive in a

changing global cricket landscape and we're confident this agreement will help maintain its place at the heart of the Australian summer." The per year salary cap for the WBBL

teams has doubled to more than AUD 732,000, while for BBL the annual total payment pool now stands at 3 million (up from 2m) per team, meaning top players in the men's competition can potentially make AUD 420,000 per season. The average retainer is now at AUD 167,000 while the minimum contract has seen a 20 per cent increase. A central aspect of the MoU negotiation for men was to ensure that the BBL, going forward, could offer lucrative paycheque to retain cricketers amidst the sprouting leagues around the

globe. Recognising the number of players selected nationally across formats, the no. of men's contracts are set to jump from 17-20 to 20-24. Centrally contracted men will get a hike of 7.5 per cent when new deals are announced later in the week, to an average of AUD 951,000. This will see a further boost of 2 per cent per year, meaning the contract value would stand at AUD 1.2m annually in 2027-28.

The previously agreed 30% player share of revenue - as signed in the 2017 MoU - has been