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## BJD's Manjulata becomes Dy Mayor of Bhubaneswar, Sulochana takes oath

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): BJD corporator Manjulata Kanhar was on Saturday elected the deputy mayor of Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC). The 28-year-old tribal corporator was elected un-



Manjulata Kanhar and Sulochana

opposed. Both BJP and Congress were unable to field any candidate due to their insufficient numbers in the civic body. A postgraduate from Berhampur University, Manjulata lives with her

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## Rajnath Singh, Jaishankar arrive in US to attend 2+2 ministerial

WASHINGTON(KCN): Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar have arrived in the US capital to attend the India-US 2+2 ministerial dialogue in Washington on Monday - the first under the Biden administration. To be held under the shadow of the Ukrainian crisis, the 2+2 ministerial is reflective of the significance the two governments attach to this bilateral relation-



Flags of India and the United States

ship, which former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee described as natural allies.

In fact, President Biden has signalled to elevate the 2+2 ministerial by himself having a virtual meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi from the White House on Monday.

The two Indian ministers - Singh and Jaishankar - along with their American counterparts - Defence

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## Odisha celebrates Ram Navami with religious fervour

Puri(KCN): The famous festival of Ram Navami is being observed with religious fervour in the State after two years of strict Covid restrictions. Thousands of devotees have been seen in crowds in temples across Odisha on the auspicious occasion. Since last two years, the devotees were not allowed inside religious institutions in view of the spread of deadly



coronavirus cases. However, this year devotees were seen standing in long queues outside the temple since early morning. Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has wished the people of State and wrote "I greet the people of the state on the occasion of the ninth holy month of Ram. May the blessings of Lord Shriram make all people's lives prosperous and happiness, peace and prosperity," on his official Twitter account. On the occasion of Ram Navami, sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik has created a mesmerising sculpture of Lord Ram along with a miniature of Ayodhya's Ram temple. "I have made an idol of Lord Ram along with a miniature of Ayodhya's Ram temple, its height is 6 feet. I pray the temple is built soon," said Patnaik.

Meanwhile, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted "Happy Ram Navami to the countrymen. May everyone get happiness, peace and prosperity in life by the grace of Lord Shri Ram."

The President of India has also extended wishes to the people of the country. He took to his official Twitter account and wrote "Happy Ram Navami to all the countrymen. Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram's life, his conscientiousness and high ideals are the source of guidance and inspiration for the entire humanity. Let us all take a pledge to contribute to nation building by imbibing the ideals of Lord Ram in our lives."

Ram Navami is celebrated to mark the birth of Lord Ram to King Dasharath and Queen Kausalya in Ayodhya in Treta Yuga on the ninth day of the light half of the month of Chaitra.

This festival is widely celebrated by the performances of Ram Leela (the sport of Rama) based on the famous epic Ramayana. Beginning from this day the performances continue for over a month. The Ram Leela, held in Asureswar of Cuttack district and Dasapalla of Puri district are well known.

On this day, people visit temples dedicated to Lord Ram, who is also known as "Maryada Purushottam", and pray to him to show them the right path in life and conduct.

Lord Ram was the seventh incarnation of Lord Vishnu. He established a welfare state for his people and set an example for everyone to follow. He was devoid of greed, hatred and vices, and stood for what was right, against powerful adversaries, and protected the weak. Devotees pray for peace, wealth, and success on this day, and seek Lord Ram's blessings.

## Opposition fears power misuse by BJD govt to remove ULB chiefs

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): Even as the urban local bodies have formed their councils, the election laws empowering the State government to dismiss a directly elected mayor of Municipal Corporation or chairperson of municipality and notified area council (NAC) have run into controversy with Opposition political parties alleging they will be misused by the ruling party.

The power will be brought into effect where the council majority is with the ruling BJD and the chairperson belongs to Opposition, they alleged.

Of the 106 civic bodies, the BJP has 16 chairpersons, Congress seven and independents nine. The law provides that a resolution passed/supported by not less than two third of the total number of elected council is enough for the government to remove a chairman or mayor. The person holding the office of mayor or chairperson shall be deemed to have vacated such office with effect from the date the

resolution was passed and the same was published in the official gazette.

The apprehension of the Opposition is not without basis as it has happened in the past. In 1992, present BJPMP from Bargarh Suresh Pujari was directly elected to the post of chair-



Man speaking at a podium

man of Sambalpur Municipality as an independent candidate. The then ruling Janata Dal was in majority and the Congress had the second highest number of seats in the council. The two parties moved a no-confidence motion against Pujari just after completion of the mandatory two year

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## PM Modi and US President Biden to hold virtual meeting on Monday

NEW DELHI (KCN): an announcement on Sunday about the vir-

the Indo-Pacific region and global is-



Prime Minister Narendra Modi will hold a virtual meeting with US President Joe Biden on Monday to review bilateral cooperation and exchange views on recent developments in South Asia and the Indo-Pacific and global issues of mutual interest. The Ministry of External Affairs made

ment aimed at further strengthening the bilateral comprehensive global strategic partnership," it said in a statement.

The virtual interaction will precede the fourth India-US 2+2 ministerial dialogue in Washington on Monday.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will

**The two leaders will review ongoing bilateral cooperation and exchange views on recent developments in South Asia, the Indo-Pacific region and global issues of mutual interest, the MEA said.**

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est," the MEA said. "The virtual meeting will enable both sides to continue their regular and high-level engage-

hold talks with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Secretary of Defence Lloyd Austin on Monday.



## Kishorenagar-Kandarpur Journalists Association condemned the action of IIC Nilagiri

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Mr. Lokanath Dalai arrested by IIC Droupadi Das Nilagiri police station Balaasore for a silly incident. The matter is sorrowful that Mr. Lokanath was chained in his leg while undergoing treatment at District hospital Balasore. For this injustice mat-

ists Association submitted a memorandum addressing Honorable Chief Minister of Odisha through Kishorenagar Thahasildar demanding in order to FIR be register on the basic of complains made and appropriate time-bond strong action to be taken

incidents. The Kishorenagar-Kandarpur Journalists Association president Sarbeswar Mishra, Journalist Sayad Sajit Alli, Ratikant Pattanik, Vairab Sethi, Sarat Jena, Saroj Mallick, Sukanata Jena and other members were presents.

## Advanced Chopper For Coast Guard

Bhubaneswar(KCN): In a major boost to India's maritime security, the first Indian Coast Guard Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) MK III squadron was commissioned on Sunday. Indian Coast Guard Director General VS Pathania has

proress of the Indian Coast Guard at sea. These helicopters have powerful Shakti engines, full glass cockpit, high-intensity search-light, traffic alert and collision avoidance system, advanced communication systems, auto-

tensive Care Unit (MICU) to facilitate critically ill patients during operation. Out of 16 ALH MK-III aircrafts, 12 have been inducted in the Indian Coast Guard in a phased manner and 4 of these aircrafts are positioned at Bhubaneswar, cov-



launched the service here at ICG Air Enclave. The occasion was in presence of various civil and military dignitaries based at Bhubaneshwar and adjoining Region. The commissioning of this squadron earmarks a tremendous leap towards self-reliance in the field of search and rescue (SAR) and long-range maritime surveillance, in line with government's push towards "Aatmanirbhar Bharat". ALH MK III helicopters feature an array of state of art sensors, which add up to maritime

matic identification system, search-and-rescue homer and automatic flight control system, officials said. The advanced chopper is also fitted with modern surveillance radar/ electro-optical equipment, which enables them to undertake the role of long range maritime reconnaissance, in addition to providing long range search and rescue, both by day and night. The Helicopter is provided with a heavy machine gun to undertake constabulary missions at sea and also a removable Medical In-

entering the entire coast of West Bengal and Orissa under their surveillance efforts. Since induction the squadron has flown over 1200 hours and conducted numerous operational missions namely MEDEVAC of service personnel from CG afloat platform, afloat confirmatory trials, day/night ship helicopter operating limitations (SHOL) trials on board OPV class of ships, trial landings at dispersed helipads of Odisha and West Bengal region. The 4.830 Sqn (Chhattisgarh) is commanded by Commandant Anurup Singh, TM and manned by 11 Officers and 46 men.

## Caste certificate row: Rashtrapati Bhawan asks Odisha govt to take action

JAGATSINGHPUR (KCN): The President's Secretariat, New Delhi has recently directed the Odisha government January this year. Das, in his complaint, had alleged that nearly 300 tribals belonging to Matya community in Odisso



to take appropriate action regarding the issue of caste certificates to tribals in Odisso village of Jagatsinghpur district, which has reportedly been stopped for a year now. Last week, Officer on Special Duty (OSD), Rashtrapati Bhawan RK Sharma directed the Chief Secretary to take appropriate action regarding the matter after a petition was filed by a Scheduled Caste leader Sankar Das seeking intervention of President of India in this regard, in

village under Jagatsinghpur tehsil were not being issued caste certificates since last year. Sources said, villagers of Odisso belonging to the Scheduled Tribes with sub-caste 'Matya' had applied for caste certificate in 1992 before tehsildar, Jagatsinghpur. They received the documents after due verification. However, last year local tehsildar Anjali Tarai denied issue of caste certificates to these tribals citing lack of clarity on their sub-caste.

## Written notice was not needed for Jharpada eviction: BDA

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): AS protests over demolition drive at Ganesh Bazaar haat in Jharpada intensified on Saturday, the Bhubaneswar Development Authority (BDA) claimed that a written notice was not required for eviction of encroachments. BDA Additional Commissioner for Enforcement Harish Chandra Nayak said mike (verbal) announcement, the usual practice, was made a day ahead of the eviction and ample time was given to the vendors to vacate the place. The officials said they will convene a meeting with the representatives of the market and officials of Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) on Monday to discuss rehabilitation of the evicted vendors. The meeting to be chaired by the BDA Secre-



tary will also be attended by representatives of BJP who are backing the evicted vendors. As many as three houses, 14 godowns, 25 polythene sheds and 97 shops - all tin structures - were razed during an early morning drive on Friday. Over 50 wooden/tin cabins were also pulled down by the joint enforcement squad of BDA and BMC in presence of Commissionerate Police during the drive despite stiff resistance from the shopkeepers and vendors. BDA, which cleared the encroachments on the basis of the requisition filed by the General Administration department, on Saturday started installing boundary walls around the 3.207 acre government land. Officials reiterated that the eviction was carried out as the plot had been allotted in favour of BDA for construction of a neighbourhood market. BJP leaders, however, continued to dub the eviction drive as a political vendetta as their party's Dharitri Jena won the corporator seat from Ward 33. An official from the BDA, however, said that the decision to carry out the eviction work was taken prior to the ULB elections.

## Center Favors Socially Secured Villages

Bhubaneswar(KCN): With at least 12 Union Secretaries advising the State Government to go for 'Socially Secured Villages' across the country, it seems the Union Government has started giving full emphasis for the overall development

and Entrepreneurship). While the Ministry of Rural Development is the Nodal Agency of the Union Government for this purpose, all other Ministries and Departments will provide full support under their ongoing

or social security systems, and ensure that no one is left behind," read the letter. If a Gram Panchayat (GP) chooses to become a 'Socially Secured Village', it would require full support of Ministry/ Departmental functionaries of Rural



of villages, which is reflected from recent letters written by the Centre to States including Odisha. Setting a new style of functioning at administrative level, it was seen that senior Secretaries of all related Ministries and Departments of the Government of India have joined hands to achieve the goal for development of the villages. Recently, seven Union Secretaries came together to make every village child friendly to meet the Sustainable Development Agenda (SDG)-2030. Now, 12 Union Secretaries have jointly written a letter to Chief Secretaries for development of Socially Secured Village to meet the SDG Agenda. The Union Secretaries are Sunil Kumar (Panchayati Raj), R. Subrahmanyam (Social Justice and Empowerment), Sudhanshu Pandey (Food & Public Distribution), Renuka Kumar (Minority Affairs), Anil Kumar Jha (Tribal Affairs), Anjali Bhawra (Empowerment of PwDs), Ajay Kumar Bhalla (Home), Rajesh Bhushan (Health & Family Welfare), Nagendra Nath Sinha (Rural Development) Dever Pandey (Women & Child Development), Anita Karwal (School Education & Literacy), and Rajesh Aggarwal (Skill Development

schemes to this effort at the Gram Panchayat and Village level. Keeping this aspect in view, Ministry of Panchayati Raj has initiated thematic approach of relevance for Panchayats and villages through aggregating 17 SDGs into 9 broad themes for localization of SDGs at grass-root level and their attainment through concerted and collaborative efforts of all concerned stakeholders, they said. These themes address more than one SDG and concern more than one Ministry/ Department. Theme 7 is Socially Secured Village addresses targets in SDG 1 - No Poverty, SDG 2 - Zero Hunger, SDG 3 - Good Health and Well Being, SDG 4 - Quality Education, SDG 5 - Gender Equality, SDG 6 - Clean Water Sanitation, SDG 7 - Affordable and Clean Energy, SDG 8 - Decent Work and Economic Growth, SDG 9 - Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, SDG 10 - Reduced Inequalities, SDG 11 - Sustainable Cities and Communities and SDG 16 - Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions. "As the local Panchayat representatives are present in the GP at all times, it is felt that GPs are best placed to address issues of vulnerability, provide for social protection

Development, Home Affairs, Social Justice and Empowerment, Tribal Affairs, Minority Affairs, Women and Child Development, Education, Health & Family Welfare, Skill Development, Panchayati Raj among others. In addition, if non-governmental organizations, college students, youth organizations such as Nehru Yuvak Kendra volunteers etc. are also involved in the task of facilitating the Gram Panchayat to become a 'Socially Secured Village', then the goal can be realized faster. The Secretaries suggested to all States and Union Territories (UT)s to organize meetings of all Gram Panchayats during the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) iconic week allocated to Ministry of Panchayati Raj between April 11 to April 17, 2022 followed by meeting of Gram Sabha on April 24 on the occasion of National Panchayati Raj Day wherein GPs may resolve to focus on any one or more of the Nine Themes identified for realization of SDGs. The GPs that decide to focus on attainment of Theme 7: Socially Secured Village would need to be encouraged with special hand-holding support to work towards that goal.



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## Chitah Yajnesh Shetty join hands with Pravin Shah and Sagoon Wagh of Time Group,

MUMBAI(KCN, Sanjay Sharma Raj): After 17 years, Time Group launched 8 films,



3 web series, Time Audio and Time Talent. For which a grand party was held at the Sahara Star Hotel in Mumbai on 8th April 2022. Out of which two films named 'Freedom at Mid Night' (Director Chandra Mouli) and 'Operation Khiladi' (Director Sanjeev Krishnamurthy) are being produced by Time Films, NH Studio, Triflix, Ninjoor Pictures. It will be made in Hindi, Kannada, Tamil and Telugu languages in which the banner of Ninjoor Pictures is owned by well-known martial arts expert Chitah Yajnesh Shetty. The shooting of both the films will start this year.

The event was presented by Umesh M

Shetty of Laxmi Narayan Group of Companies. On this occasion, Chitah Yajnesh



Shetty said, "I am grateful to Pravin Shah,



Sagoon Wagh and their entire team of Time Video, they supported me a lot. Through Time Talent, we also train people in action, music, dance etc and will give them a chance in films. Thanks to Umesh Shetty of Laxmi Narayan Group of Companies for his sup-

port to us." Many veteran producers, directors, actors and



others from the film industry like Pravin Shah, Sagoon Wagh, Sridevi Shetty Wagh, Sohail Khan, Nana Patekar, Jeetendra,



Sukhwinder Singh, Jayantilal Gada, Rajat Bedi, Chitah Yajnesh Shetty, Sunny Singh, Gurmeet Choudhary, Rakhi Sawant, Isha Koppikar, Johnny Lever, Siddhant Kapoor, Arjun Bajwa, Mukesh Rishi, Kumar Taurani, Ramesh Taurani, Ganesh Jain, Umesh Shetty, Deviprasad Shetty, Manmohan Shetty, Satish Kaushik, Ashok Pandit, Anand Pandit, Narendra Hirwani, Ram Gowda, etc attended the party and made it successful.

## Mohanlal, Akshay Kumar to launch trailers of 'Marakkar: Arabikkadalinte Simham'



The highly anticipated trailer of Priyadarshan's 'Marakkar: Arabikkadalinte Simham' will be launched by

Mohanlal and Akshay Kumar on March 6 on their Facebook and Twitter pages at 5 pm. While Mohanlal will launch

the Malayalam trailer, Akshay will release the Hindi version.

ALSO READ | Mohanlal is

'Marakkar', but what about others in Priyadarshan's star-studded period drama?

Ever since the first

footage was shown at the Aashirvad event a few months ago, followed by the launch of the teasers, film buffs have been wait-

ing to take a look at a more elaborate trailer. The film's promotions are going on in full swing and the makers recently the Tamil poster featuring, in addition to Mohanlal, Manju Warrier, Keerthy Suresh, Arjun Sarja, and Prabhu.

Marakkar is set to have a grand release on around 5000 screens worldwide on March 26. The big-budget period epic also stars Suniel Shetty, Pranav Mohanlal, Kalyani Priyadarshan, Fazil, and Madhu among others. It is bankrolled by Aashirvad Cinemas, Confident Group, and Moonshot Entertainments.

## Kajol's short film 'Devi' hit with plagiarism allegation

MUMBAI(KCN): An ex-student has accused the makers of Kajol-starrer 'Devi' of plagiarising his short film "Four".

The film depicts how nine women belonging to different strata of society are brought together by circumstance and end up forming a sisterhood after they share their stories of abuse.

Directed by Priyanka Banerjee, the short is produced by Niranjani Iyengar and Ryan Ivan Stephen. In a Facebook post, Abhishek Rai alleged the movie has

"heavy resemblance" with his own short film, which he wrote and directed in 2018. ALSO READ | Devi short film review: 13 minutes, nine women and one stark reality "Here's something I'd like to bring to everybody's notice. We at AndaKurry Productions, made a short film when we were in film school, two years back called 'FOUR' that dealt with a premise of rape victims sitting together in a room when a new victim arrives. And yesterday, a film named 'Devi' was uploaded to LargeShortFilms's

YouTube channel that has heavy resemblance and the premise is also of the film we made," Rai said.

Here is the short film 'FOUR' by AndaKurry Productions: He said it is "ruthless" on the part of "Devi" makers to claim his work as theirs.

"Our film was a student (film) with very little production design, bad audio and stuff, but still it's a child of our own imagination and it's ruthless how anyone can just pick up a piece of thought and claim it to be theirs."

The film is an intellectual property of Asian Academy of

him regarding any kind of query. Now, I have not been

makers of the film regarding any kind of query," he claimed.



Film & Television. No one has contacted

contacted by large short films or the

The makers of 'Devi' remained unavailable for comment when contacted



# Relevance of Digital Evidence Part 3

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## 12. The sanctity and relevance of Digital Evidence:

As in the case of written or oral evidence, digital evidence can also be classified into three main categories:



**a) Material evidence:** Material evidence is any evidence that speaks for itself without relying on anything else. In digital terms,

this could be a log produced by an audit function in a computer system, the books of account maintained on a day-to-day basis on the computer, or any inventory management account maintained on the computer etc., if it can be shown to be free from contamination.

**b) Testimonial evidence:** Testimonial evidence is evidence supplied by a witness. This type of evidence is subject to the perceived reliability of the witness. But if the witness is considered reliable, testimonial evidence can be almost as powerful as material evidence. For example, word processor documents written by a witness could be considered testimonial as long as the author is willing to depose that he wrote the same.

**c) Hearsay:** Hearsay is any evidence presented by a person who is not a direct witness. Word processor documents written by someone without direct knowledge of the incident or documents whose authors cannot be traced fall in this category. Except in special circumstances, such evidence is not admissible in court of law. But even such evidence may constitute material and may be very relevant in Income-tax proceedings, which are not bound by technical rules of evidences. Otherwise also, they can provide important leads for further investigation. Accordingly, merely gathering electronic evidence is not sufficient. Efforts have to be made to corroborate the contents therein vis-à-vis other evidence such as material and oral. Preliminary and detailed statements of the persons in control of computers/ electronic devices are always very important.

## 13. Importance of standard procedures to deal with Digital Evidences:

From the above discussion on the nature and legality of digital evidence, it is clear that investigation in an automated environment require standard methods and procedures for the following main reasons:

- a) Evidence has to be gathered in such a way that the same would be accepted by a court of law.** This should be easier if standard procedures are formulated and followed. This would also facilitate exchange of evidence in cases having interdepartmental and international ramifications especially if investigators from other departments and countries collect evidence in similar manner. ii. Every care must be taken to avoid doing anything which might corrupt or add to the data, even accidentally or cause any other form of damage. The use of standard methods and procedures would diminish this risk of damage. In some cases, some data may be changed or over-written during the process of examination. Thus, there is need for a thorough understanding of technology which is being used by the investigator for examination and also need for its documentation so that it would be possible to explain the causes/ effects later on in a court of law. iii. Some of the most important reasons for improper evidence collection are poorly written policies, lack of an established incidence response plan, incidence response training and a broken chain of custody
- b) "Chain of custody"** is the roadmap that shows how evidence was collected, analyzed and preserved in order to be presented as evidence. Establishing a clear chain of custody is critical because electronic evidence can be easily altered. A clear chain of custody would demonstrate that electronic evidence is trustworthy. Preserving a chain of custody for electronic evidence, at a minimum, requires that;
- No data has been added, changed, deleted from the seized information evidence.
  - The seized /information evidence was duplicated exactly and completely.
  - A reliable and validated duplication process was used.
  - All media were secure and safe.

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## 14. Search and seizure of Physical Evidence vis a vis

Digital Evidence:

- a) The search & seizure action u/s 132 of the Income Tax Act is authorized when the designated authorities have reasons to believe that:**
- A person is in possession of **certain books of account/ documents** which are relevant for or useful to any proceedings under the Income-tax Act which the said person has not produced when asked to do so or there is a likelihood of such person not producing these documents/ books of account before Income-tax authorities, or
  - The person is in **possession of money, bullion, jewellery or other valuable article or thing** (assets) which represent wholly or partly some undisclosed income.
  - In the conventional search of a premises, the search team physically searches for the relevant documents/ books of account and assets in the premises. The relevant assets/ documents are also seized during the course of search. It is very easy to visualize the search operations involving a physical item including an asset or document other than an electronic document. The rules and procedures are also well laid out in respect of search and seizure of physical items. The authorized officers are also generally very clear about identification of relevant documents and assets which are required to be seized.
  - The widespread use of computers in recent years has led to a new type of situation in searches of data stored on computer hard drives and other storage devices. The question is, how should provisions of section 132 of the Income Tax Act apply to the **retrieval of data from data storage devices**. The dynamics of computer searches turn out to be substantially different from the dynamics of conventional searches. The entire-search, identification of evidence, **dynamic of premises searched is replaced by things like scan, acquisition, search and identification of digital evidence dynamics. Computer forensics analysis is typically performed subsequent to a search operation at the Income-tax Office or cyber forensics**

**laboratory.** Weeks or months after the computer has been seized from the target's premises, an analyst may go through the world of information inside the computer and try to find the relevant evidence. The computer search and physical search of a place are similar fundamentally because the search team attempts to find and retrieve relevant evidence hidden inside the computer. Search of a computer is easy as well as difficult for many reasons. There may be thousands of folders. The authorized officer may not know as to in which folder relevant documents/ information is lying. **He can however, acquire/seize entire data if he chooses to.** But identification of specific and relevant data is very time consuming job and possibly cannot be completed in the premise itself in most of the cases. The authorized officer's task, therefore is to first scan various devices to identify the device which may contain relevant evidence and acquire them, instead of acquiring each and every device containing digital evidence. It is required to be done in a manner that proper balance is struck between indiscriminate acquisition/ seizure of huge data which will make task of identification of relevant evidence tougher and at the same time ensuring acquisition of data from device wherever there is a possibility of locating relevant evidence. The copying procedure adopted by the Income tax department ensures that all relevant as well as irrelevant information stored on computer are acquired. Thus, identification of relevant devices is the key once a device containing relevant data is identified, copy of entire device is generally required to be made.

## 15. Recoding of Statement:

Statements of the persons in control of computers/ electronic devices (including system administrator) is recorded. In statements information regarding the hardware, operating systems, software and topography of the computers, various users and their roles and passwords are extracted. (Contd.)

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# The Modi-God dialogues: A Book that seizes our inner quest

Reading a book means capturing a world of knowledge. Books on spiritual thoughts are often chosen by people with spiritual pursuits.



I couldn't fit into the category of a spiritual seeker. But to know more about what the area of spirituality

envisions about the complexities of life was part of my personal curiosity. Probably this curiosity landed me to choose one of the most interesting books in the form of a dialogue that I ever came across. The Modi-God Dialogues by Mukundan. P.R, who authored many books on matters of scientific spiritual temper, is a unique work. The dialogue between Saint Modi and God reveals the facts that normal spiritual seekers wish to understand with no complexities pouring in. Mahatma Modi is a spiritual seeker in the caves of the Himalayas who happened to be blessed with the appearance of God and the duo goes on discussing matters associated with human life. The saint Modi in the book

has nothing to do with the Modi of India. The Modi in the book represents the genuine inquisitiveness that any common man possesses and therefore, he represents the common mind of any spiritual seeker who strives to find a solution for all the problems that the human mind faces. Giving a different spiritual outlook, the book, through its interactions between Modi and the God elaborates the possibility that spirituality is capable of, if genuinely followed without any hypocrisy and the world of commotions and bloodshed would find solutions for everything that it considers the most complex.

The book speaks of a new world order that goes beyond the settings of religious symbols and mere gimmicks of unreliable and misleading spiritual practices. Though the book narrates stories from various religious texts, the writer doesn't take them for granted and, throughout the book, the thought is seen to be going beyond the common perceptions that normal people get entangled in. The reader is drawn to a

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new world of understanding, that the writer is honestly creating in the book with an intellectual depth. The book also gives ample examples to accentuate the scientific background of a spiritual discourse that India promoted for ages and also criticizes the intellectual manipulation that the philosophical ambiance of India came across. Throughout the book the writer intelligently bridges the gap between the traditional and modern spiritual and worldly parameters with comprehensible verbal illustrations. He doesn't hesitate to question the spiritual bankruptcy with which people approach the theme of spirituality and advocates the need of the revival of ever-inclusive spiritual ethos of India in line with the requirement of a neoliberal world. In his message, Professor S.R. Bhatt, Chairman, Indian Philosophy Congress appreciates the author for his being eloquent about a virtuous society in this turbulent world. Nikola Anandamali Ristic the author of 'Spirituality for the Global and Digital Age' recommends this book for

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## No-confidence motion against Sri Lankan President likely on April 19

NEW DELHI: Amid the severe economic crisis, extreme shortage of essentials, and

its bid to continue assisting the Island nation. "I think India has

sis. India has already supplied over 270,000 MT of fuels to Sri

New Delhi's 'neighbourhood first policy.'

Sri Lanka is also facing a foreign exchange shortage which has limited its imports of essentials and they are now dependent on assistance from neighbours like India.

In February the country was left with only \$2.31 billion in its reserves but faces debt payments of \$4 billion in 2022 – this includes a \$1 billion International Sovereign Bond (ISB) maturing in July. ISB makes up the largest share of Sri Lanka's \$12.55 billion foreign debt. IMF is expected to initiate a loan to Sri Lanka during the course of this week. Meanwhile, there is a trickle of refugees too coming into India. Around 40 refugees have already come to Tamil Nadu. In addition, there are over 1 lakh Sri Lankan Tamils who live in India.



street protests, the Sri Lankan Parliament is likely to reconvene between April 19 to 22 in a bid to bring about a no-confidence motion against President Gotabaya Rajapaksha. "We have called a meeting with all opposition leaders and will take a day a final decision soon," said Sri Lankan opposition leader, Sajith Premadasa. Meanwhile, India has sent a consignment of food and vegetables to Sri Lanka today, in

helped the most, even in non-financial ways so we are thankful. No Chinese investments have been done yet, the only discussions going on with China are regarding the repayment of loans," said former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe. Wickremesinghe said during their rule there was a surplus on the primary budget and money to pay debts. The present government is responsible for the economic cri-

Lanka till now and granted \$2.5 billion line of credit. Sri Lanka needs an additional \$3 billion in funds to keep it afloat. ALSO READ | Learn from the decline of Sri Lanka. Meanwhile, Prime Minister, Narendra Modi had assured Sri Lankan Finance Minister Basil Rajapaksha (who visited India twice in recent months) that India would stand with Sri Lanka as it occupies a central role in

## Change of govt in Islamabad may provide window for India, Pak leaders to reset broken bilateral ties

ISLAMABAD: The change of government in Pakistan after the exit of hawkish Imran Khan and his likely replacement by hard-core realist Shehbaz Sharif may provide a little window of opportunity for the leaders of India and Pakistan to reset their nearly frozen bilateral ties, according to experts.

As the younger brother of former three-time premier Nawaz Sharif, Shehbaz over the years has earned the reputation of a

start talking.

"Since India suspended the talks, the responsibility for its revival also lies on India. No government in Pakistan has opposed a meaningful dialogue," he said. When Khan came to power in 2018, he promised to rebuild ties with India but soon the two countries came to blows in the wake of the Pulwama terror attack. Though the storm passed but left behind jarring gaps in the relations with no possibility of quick mending.

The revocation of the special status of Kashmir further alienated the two sides. Time went by with little effort by either side to unfreeze the icy ties until a no-confidence motion by the joint opposition changed the situation.

Luckily India appeared only briefly in the vitriolic-ridden atmosphere leading to the removal of Khan. Rather the Indian part was assigned to the US, which emerged as the whipping boy in the wake of a "letter" controversy. The change could be an opportunity for resetting the ties between Islamabad and New Delhi, as Shehbaz has been saying that Khan damaged Pakistan's foreign policy. The main reason for hope is that the new prime minister should be seen as a continuation of Nawaz Sharif who still makes all political decisions of PML-N, and whose chemistry of relationship with Prime Minister Narendra Modi is not a secret. There are also potential hurdles for Shehbaz and first of all he would be wary of being called as another 'Modi ka yaar' (friend of Modi). Shehbaz may hold the reins for a brief period because several opposition leaders have indicated that new elections would be held soon after enacting necessary reform, especially those related to elections. Any relaxation towards India in this short period would be blasted by Khan as a sell-out. But the real hurdle is the 'K' word and it would be difficult for any leader in Islamabad to offer anything in the absence



matter-of-fact person who makes no bones while performing onerous tasks. His realism is often rancorous for friends and foes alike.

When a Geo News TV anchor asked him a few days ago about terms of ties with the US under his leadership, Shehbaz responded: "Beggars cannot be choosers" – a remark instantly compared by his opponents with Khan's "honour in foreign policy" notion.

A man who can work across the aisles in Parliament as well as with the powerful establishment with equal ease, can Shehbaz's rise to power help to untangle the Indo-Pak puzzle? Samiullah Khan, a Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) lawmaker and close aid of Shehbaz, told PTI that his leader would chalk out a new policy for India.

"Pakistan under Shehbaz will come up with a new policy towards India. Basically, the Imran Khan regime had no or weak policy towards India, which allowed India to revoke the special status of Kashmir and Khan could only watch helplessly," he said. Leading political analyst Dr Hassan Askari said that first of all, Pakistan and India should start the dialogue which was suspended by India in 2014 because no forward movement is possible unless they

## Communal clashes in two cities in Gujarat during Ram Navami processions



AHMEDABAD: Communal clashes broke out between two communities in Himmatnagar and Khambhat cities in Gujarat on Sunday during Ram Navami processions, prompting the police to fire tear gas shells to control mobs who pelted stones at each other and damaged shops and vehicles at both places. The number of injuries, if any, is not known so far, of-

officials said. Members of two communities hurled stones at each other when a Ram Navami procession reached Chhapariya locality in Himmatnagar city in the Sabarkantha district in the late afternoon, a police official said. "Police fired tear gas shells to control the situation. Later, the additional police force was brought in from outside the city to bring the situation

under control," the official said.

In Khambhat town in the Anand district, a clash broke out during a Ram Navami procession wherein stones were pelted and shops and vehicles were damaged

by two groups, a control room official said, adding that tear gas shells were fired. The processions were taken out on the occasion of Ram Navami celebrated as the birthday of Lord Ram.

## 'Yatra' to Chennai from Coimbatore demanding cut in cooking gas price

COIMBATORE: Seeking to reduce cooking gas prices and to bring diesel and petrol under GST (goods and services tax), Tamil Nadu Congress

told reporters here on Sunday. A total of 56 Congress workers would take part in the yatra and local cadres would join it in the districts and distrib-



Committee (TNCC) would take out a march (padayatra) to Chennai from here on Monday. TNCC president K S Alagiri would flag off the march that would reach Chennai on April 28 after touching the districts of Tirupur, Erode, Salem, and Kanchipuram, chairman of the human rights wing of TNCC Mahatma Srinivasan

ute pamphlets condemning the BJP-led Central government for increasing the price of petroleum products thereby putting the common man to hardship, he said.

AICC secretaries Dinesh Gundu Rao and Srivella Prasad, and MLA Selvaperunthagai would be present during the flag-off, he added.

## Minor girl gang-raped and murdered in West Bengal; TMC leader's son booked

KOLKATA(KCN): A minor girl was allegedly gang-raped, who died later because of excessive bleeding, at a birthday party organised by the son of a local Trinamool Congress leader in Nadia's Hanskhali last Tuesday and the gruesome incident came to light after the victim's family lodged a complaint with police on Saturday night.

In a complaint lodged with Hanskhali police station, the family alleged the TMC leader and his associates forced them to cremate the body. Police arrested Brajagopal Goala, the accused and registered a case under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012. The accused, the son of a local TMC dominated panchayat, was slapped with the charges of rape, murder and suppressing evidence. Police are investigating to ascertain who were the others involved in the incident.

"The family members of Brajagopal informed the girl's parents that she fell ill at the birthday party. They were also told not to take the girl to any state-run hospital or private healthcare unit. The victim's family took her to a quack doctor where she died," said an officer of Hanskhali police station.



# Internal Fight Hits BJP Mayawati rebuffs Rahul Gandhi, advises him to put his own house in order

Bhubaneswar: In the immediate aftermath of BJD's sweeping yet another poll, i.e. the Rural and Urban Local Bodies elections, one thing about the party supremo has come out loud and clear: Naveen Patnaik always ensures that political opponents both inside the party

placed the Congress as the state's principal opposition party both in the Assembly and also outside. Though the saffron party's vote share has declined to 30 per cent from 32 per cent, Naveen appears not satisfied. The BJD supremo is optimistic that the BJP will face

friends and oppose each other only during the elections. This apart, neither the BJP nor the Congress have been able to take up any issue directly against the BJD President. Therefore, many BJP leaders believe that only beating around the bush will not install a safe-

to the BJP National President JP Nadda. The BJP delegation, however, did not reveal the subject of discussion they had with Nadda. But the message was clear which is evident from Aparajita's next move. The Bhubaneswar MP immediately sought

LUCKNOW: In a strong rebuff to former Congress president Rahul Gandhi's claims that the party had approached Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) for alliance in UP Assembly polls, BSP chief Mayawati on Sunday advised Gandhi to direct his concern on his own party rather than others.

Rahul Gandhi had claimed on Saturday that the Congress had even offered Mayawati the chief minister's post but she did not respond because she was under pressure from the Centre's investigating agencies like CBI and ED.

Accusing Rahul Gandhi of following his father and former PM late Rajiv Gandhi in tarnishing the image of her party and its leaders, Mayawati asked him first to put his house in order before preaching to others.

Refuting the claims of Rahul Gandhi out rightly, Mayawati said his remark was the manifestation of the Congress party's inferiority complex, casteist mindset and hatred for the deprived and downtrodden along with the BSP. "Before making any reference to my party, Rahul Gandhi should throw a glance at his house which is in disarray. Even the BJP is taking advantage of that," Mayawati said while interacting with media persons here on Sunday.

She further accused the Congress of blocking Dalit people's emancipation by denying them reservation benefits and diverting funds for the socially oppressed classes to other purposes. The BSP chief charged the Congress with trying every trick up its sleeves to weaken the movement for the downtrodden and deprived started by Dr BR Ambedkar and BSP founder Kanshi Ram. She reminded that once late Rajiv Gandhi had gone to the extent of calling Kanshi Ram a CIA agent. "He (Rahul) has only been following his father's footsteps by accusing BSP of having a tacit understanding with the BJP. This is completely unfounded," she said. Mayawati added that Congress' own record against the BJP had been dismal as the grand old party did not appear fighting against the

saffron brigade and Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), especially at a time when the ruling dispensation seemed to be eager to end democracy by making it a one-party system from panchayat to Parliament.

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liance offer in UP polls: Rahul Mayawati said that when BSP came to power with an absolute majority in 2007, the then Congress-led UPA government at the Centre created hurdles in various projects initiated by her government. Mayawati claimed that at the time of the High Court judgement in the vexed Babari Masjid-Ram Janmbhoomi issue, the Centre did not provide Central security forces to ensure security and maintain law and order. "That was an indication of a conspiracy against my government and then imposing President rule to govern UP from the back door," said the BSP chief. She even asserted that Congress's alliance with the Samajwadi Party in 2017 led to the meteoric rise of the BJP in UP.

Mayawati even took a jibe at Rahul Gandhi for hugging PM Narendra Modi in Parliament saying her party did not believe in dramatics as was done by Rahul Gandhi. In the recently concluded Assembly elections, the BSP stands decimated with just one seat and a vote share of a little over 12.9 per cent registering a decline of 9.35 per cent as compared to 2017. Similarly, the Congress party has also turned into a non-entity in the state which it ruled till 1989. The party could win with just two seats of 403 with a vote share of 2.33 per cent in 2022.



and in opposition are finished at the earliest. And he has done it successfully leading to BJD's consecutive five victories in the state.

Incidentally, Congress which remained in power in Odisha for several decades before losing its principal opposition status post 2019 general elections for Lok Sabha and State Assembly, has been losing its vote share since 2000 and its ratio falling with every election. The Congress vote share in 2000 was 35 per cent and in the 2019 Assembly polls it came down to 16.12 per cent votes. In the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, Congress secured 13.81 per cent of the votes against 26.38 per cent in 2014.

In the recent rural and urban polls, the Congress vote share has further declined to about 12 per cent thus virtually eliminating the old party from the political scenario of the state. Now, the Congress is no more a threat to Naveen's BJD.

The infighting within the party was one of the factors for the fall of Congress in the state. The party leaders ensured that they pulled down each other before the party finally lost the confidence of the people and became a sign-board party. Therefore, Naveen has reasons to be happy as Congress reduced itself without any efforts from the ruling party.

Now, the BJP has re-

the same fate as that of Congress, since the infighting within the BJP came to the fore during the recent polls.

It is now evident that Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan is considered as the face of the BJP and he has a pan-Odisha network while some other senior leaders are not ready to accept it. The party now has senior leaders like Aparajita Sarangi, Suresh Pujari, Pratap Sarangi, Baijayant Panda, Jaynarayan Mishra and above all Bijay Mohapatra.

All the senior leaders are hesitant to endorse Dharmendra's softness towards the BJD Government in Odisha. Some believe that the party cannot grow in the state unless it adopts the West Bengal approach. Many of them feel that the BJP should rise to the occasion and give an impression to the people that they are the real opposition and there is no shadow boxing between the BJD and the BJP. They are restless for real political fights.

The BJP which won 297 Zilla Parishad seats in 2017 panchayat elections, ended up with just 42 seats in 2022. Similarly, the party also performed miserably in the urban polls thus indicating that the BJP's acceptability to the people has declined in comparison to the 2019 elections. Political observers feel that people at large are under the impression that the BJP and BJD are

fron government in the state.

Bhubaneswar MP Aparajita Sarangi was the first to blame the BJP's state leadership following the saffron party's debacle. Aparajita's attack was directly against Samir Mohanty, the state BJP president.

Mohanty, in fact, operates on the line of Mr. Pradhan's dictum and therefore, identified with one group while others prefer to remain sidelined and do not put their best efforts for the party during the elections. Though Aparajita expressed her views in public, others preferred to remain silent and did not oppose her statement which indicated that they tacitly support her. It is said that "Moune Sammati Lakshnam" meaning 'silence indicates support'. Neither Baijayant Panda, nor Pratap Sarangi or others spoke on the issue.

However, it was Bijay Mohapatra, who was sidelined in the party for a long time, said the dismal performance of the party in the panchayat elections was expected. However, Samir Mohanty was out to reject Mohapatra's statement and said the party still holds 30 per cent of the vote share and therefore, not rejected by the people.

Though Mr. Mohanty did not publicly oppose Aparajita's statement, he led a delegation of lawmakers to Delhi and apprised everything

an appointment with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and met him for apprising the situation in the state. Aparajita, called it a courtesy call. And there is no secret on Aparajita's move because her timing was just immediately after Mohanty's meeting with Nadda.

Aparajita, who resigned from the elite All India Civil Service, had joined the BJP with the blessings of PM Modi and it is obvious for her to draw the PM's attention when she faced problems within the party in Odisha. As such she was not made a Minister in the Modi government even as her batch mate Ashiwini Vaishnav got the economic portfolios like Railways, IT and Communications. She is of strong view that the BJP can replace Naveen from the government for which well-planned strategy along with proper coordination of all the senior leaders are most essential. What Aparajita feels may be genuine, but keeping in view the prevailing political situation, Modi can hardly annoy Naveen!

The weakening of BJP in Odisha has made Naveen inter-nally happy and he has to do less efforts to win the next polls in 2024. He knows that a faction-ridden party cannot win elections, which has happened in the case of his legendary father Biju Patnaik, who lost the elections in 1995 despite remaining at the height of popularity.




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## Sharma Urges Upon Enterprise Spirit

Bhubaneswar: Principal Secretary, Industries Hemant Sharma on Sunday urged to bring in the enterprising spirit among youth in the State as Odisha offers abundant opportunities in

a significant allocation to the mining sector. He highlighted that the business models should be sustainable with adopting more green initiatives. He also mentioned resource



every sector.

FICCI and other industry associations need to play a very crucial role in engaging members about various available opportunities, he said addressing the first meeting of FICCI Odisha State Council here recently.

The industry bodies also play a leading role in bridging the gap between the Industry and Government, Principal Secretary mentioned. Mr.Sharma said the State government would organize Make in Odisha with the active involvement of FICCI as the national industry partner.

The FICCI Odisha State Council would be focusing on mining, energy, tourism, education, skill development and MSMEs sector in the state.

The interactive session was organized for the State Council Members with the senior government officials of the Industries department. MD IPICOL Bhupendra Singh Poonia highlighted the business opportunities for both the large and MSMEs enterprises

Chairman, FICCI Odisha State Council & COO JSW Steel Odisha Ranjan Nayak applauded the Odisha Budget announced recently. He said, Government of Odisha made

nationalism, digitalization and geo-political factors that influence business in recent times. Former Chairperson Monica Nayyar Patnaik highlighted the activities done by FICCI Odisha State Council across the sectors during the difficult times.

She urged the industries to work in synergy to take Odisha to new heights.

During the open house discussion Industry members discussed various issues and challenges during the pandemic and put forth their views to strengthen the efforts of the government.

Senior industry members Co-Chair, FICCI National Tourism Council and CMD Swosti Group JK Mohanty, Managing Director, SNM Group Prabodh Mohanty, Chairman, Taskforces on Exports, FICCI Odisha State Council and Commercial Director, B1 Business House Pvt.Ltd Rajen Padhi and Shashi Bhushan Upadhyay, Chief Resident Executive, Jindal Stainless Steel were among those who participated in the interactive session.

The interactive session was represented by 30 Industry members.

Sanjeev Kumar Mohanty, Head, FICCI Odisha State Council moderated the session.

## FAQ on taxation of crypto, virtual digital assets in works: Official

NEW DELHI: The government is working on an FAQ on taxation of cryptocurrencies, which will give a nuanced clarification on

legal sanctity, law ministry's opinion is being sought to ensure that there is no loophole," the official told PTI. The DEA, Revenue

manner as the tax law treats winnings from horse races or other speculative transactions.

The Budget 2022-23 also proposed a 1 per

2022, while the gains will be taxed effective April 1.

From the GST perspective, the FAQ is likely to provide clarity on whether cryptocurrency is goods or service.

Currently, 18 per cent Goods and Services Tax (GST) is levied only on service provided by crypto exchanges and it is categorised as financial services.

The GST law does not clearly mention classification of cryptocurrency.

In the absence of a law on regulating such virtual digital currencies, the classification has to take into account whether the legal framework categorises it as 'actionable claim'.

An actionable claim is a claim which can be made by a creditor, for any type of debt other than a debt secured by mortgage of immovable property. Separately, the government is working on a legislation to regulate cryptocurrencies, but no draft has yet been released publicly.

Department and the Reserve Bank are working to ensure that the taxation aspect is clear both for field tax offices as well as those who deal with cryptocurrencies and other virtual digital assets.

The 2022-23 Budget has brought in clarity with regard to levy of income tax on crypto assets.

From April 1, a 30 per cent income tax plus cess and surcharges will be levied on such transactions in the same



the applicability of income tax and GST on virtual digital assets, an official said. The set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), which is being drafted by the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), RBI and Revenue Department, would also be vetted by the law ministry, the official added.

"FAQ on taxation of cryptocurrency and virtual digital assets is in works.

Although FAQs are for information purposes and do not have

cent TDS (tax deducted at source) on payments towards virtual currencies beyond Rs 10,000 in a year and taxation of such gifts in the hands of the recipient.

The threshold limit for TDS would be Rs 50,000 a year for specified persons, which include individuals/HUFs who are required to get their accounts audited under the I-T Act.

The provisions related to 1 per cent TDS will come into effect from July 1,

## Gross revenue collection jumps 34 per cent in FY22

NEW DELHI: India's gross revenue collections for the financial year ending March 31, 2022, exceeded the budget estimates and revised estimates indicating a strong economic recovery, Revenue Secretary Tarun Bajaj said Friday.

As per the Government data, the gross revenue collection grew by nearly Rs 5 lakh crore to Rs 27.07 lakh crore, if compared with the budget estimates. The revised estimates for FY 22 were at Rs 25.16 lakh crore.

The tax collected in FY22 was 34% higher than the previous year. According to the Finance Ministry, 2021-22 marks the highest tax-GDP ratio of 11.7%, with direct tax to GDP ratio at 6.1% and indirect tax to GDP ratio at 5.6%.

"The tax buoyancy is at a very healthy figure of 1.9, with 2.8 for direct taxes and 1.1 for indirect taxes. The ratio of direct to indirect taxes recovered back to 1.1 in 2021-22 from 0.9 in 2020-21," the Secretary said while in-

### 30 APR For Property Return Submit

Bhubaneswar: As many of its employees are busy discharging election duty, the State Government has given another month's time to them to submit their property return details. Now, the government officers can submit their asset details before 30 April. The General Administration and Public Grievances Department has issued a circular to all the Departments, RDCs and District Collectors. The last date of submission of Property Statement by all the State Government employees for the period from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 was extended up to March 31, 2022. However, it has come to the notice of the GA&PG Department that some of the employees could not submit their annual property statement, due to their preoccupation in the last Election to Panchayati Raj Institutions and Urban Local Bodies or some other difficulties, it said. Considering such difficulties, the Government has pleaded to allow extension of the timeline for submission of property statements online (Using HRMS portal) for the period upto 30 April, 2022, the circular said.

The senior officers have been requested to inform all of their subordinate offices about the extension of the deadline. The employees have been directed to not to wait till the deadline comes closer and file their property statement ahead of the timeline.

Earlier, the Government had extended the deadline thrice in view of the prevailing Covid-19 situation.

To pave the way for compulsory submission of property statements by all Government employees, the State Cabinet in its meeting held June 9, decided to amend Odisha Government Servants' Conduct Rules, 1959.

As per the provisions prescribed under Rule-21 of the Odisha Government Servants' Conduct Rules, 1959, every Government servant is required to make a true and complete declaration of all his assets movable and immovable and the value thereof.

However, with the amendment, now the statement can be placed in the public domain for information of the general public. A copy of the property statement will also be forwarded to the Lokayukta for his information.

### Opposition fears power misuse by BJD govt to remove ULB chiefs

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period. He was removed from the post of chairman with two-third members recording their lack of confidence on him.

"Chances of dismissal of three mayors appear thin as the BJD has majority in all the three municipal corporations, but there is every possibility that the State government may encourage undemocratic process to remove the chairpersons from Opposition in those municipalities or NACs where the BJD is in majority," Pujari said.

The BJP parliamentarian said he had then questioned the legality of his removal when he was directly elected by the voters of the municipality. Since the members of the council had not elected him as chairman, they had no right under the law to remove him.

Senior Congress leader and former Finance minister Panchanan Kanungo, however, said the government always has the power to remove a directly elected mayor or chairperson. "It is to be seen if the government is following the due process of law in letter and spirit or bending the rules to oust the chairman on political grounds," he said adding, there should have a provision to recall as the civic bodies chiefs are directly elected by the people.

teracting with the media. The gross corporate taxes during 2021-22 stood at Rs 8.6 lakh crore



as compared with Rs 6.5 lakh crore in the previous year.

During the year, the Income Tax department gave refunds of Rs 2.24 lakh crore. "During last two years, the effort has been to clear backlog of refunds to infuse liquidity into the hands of businesses. During the year, 2.4 crore refunds were issued that included 2.01 crore related to the year 2021-22, for which the returns were filed till March 31, 2021," the Finance Ministry official said.

With regard to indirect taxes, GST saw a robust growth during 2021-22 despite two waves of the Covid pandemic. CGST revenues grew from Rs 4.6 lakh crore last year to Rs 5.9 lakh crore in 2021-22. The average monthly gross GST revenue in 2021-22 was Rs 1.23 lakh crore as against Rs 94,734 crore in 2020-21 and Rs 1.01 lakh crore in 2019-20.

### BJD's Manjulata becomes Dy Mayor of Bhubaneswar, Sulochana takes oath

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husband Sourav Jani in Bharatpur slum in the city. While Sourav is a government employee, Manjulata was a tailor prior to joining politics.

A first timer, she won the corporator seat in the recently concluded polls by defeating her nearest BJP rival with 476 votes. Manjulata who left behind many heavyweights in the race to deputy mayor post is said to have been picked up by the BJD as an acknowledgement to the 'unwavering support' the ruling party received from the slum dwellers in the urban elections.

She thanked Chief Minister and BJD supremo Naveen Patnaik for trusting her with the important role. She said she will work for the progress of the Capital city and address waterlogging and drainage issues on priority basis.

With the election of Manjulata, Bhubaneswar for the first time will have women as mayor and deputy mayor. Women also comprise a majority of the corporator seats in the BMC. The elected representatives took oath of office on the day at the BMC headquarters here. Sulochana Das was also sworn in as the first woman mayor of BMC.

Director of municipal administration Sangramjit Nayak administered the oath to Das and other newly elected representatives in presence of BMC Commissioner Sanjay Kumar Singh.

### Rajnath Singh, Jaishankar arrive in US to attend 2+2 ministerial

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Secretary Lloyd Austin and Secretary of State Antony Blinken - are slated to participate in the virtual meeting from the White House.

The day would begin with Singh being given a red-carpet welcome at the Pentagon by Austin and Blinken meeting Jaishankar at the Foggy Bottom headquarters of the State Department.

Thereafter, the four ministers would drive to the White House for the Modi-Biden virtual meeting.

During the virtual meet, Biden and Modi will discuss cooperation on a range of issues, including ending the COVID-19 pandemic, countering the climate crisis, strengthening the global economy, and upholding a free, open, rules-based international order to bolster security, democracy, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific. White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki said.

The 2+2 ministerial along with the respective delegations would take place at the State Department in the afternoon.

A joint press conference has been scheduled at the conclusion of the 2+2. It would be addressed by Singh and Jaishankar along with Austin and Blinken.



## Indian women hockey team's Pro League matches against England cancelled

BHUBANESWAR: The Indian women hockey team's two FIH Pro League matches against England, which were earlier postponed due to Covid-related issues in the English side, have been cancelled, handing the Savita-led side the top position in the standings. The two matches were initially sched-

2 and 3 April in Bhubaneswar, India, but postponed due to a high number of COVID cases and injuries affecting the English team, will unfortunately be cancelled, eventually," the world governing body said in a statement. "Indeed, despite all efforts from Hockey India, England Hockey and FIH, no

points. The Dutch are second at 19 points while Germany (13) are third. India had beaten the Netherlands 2-1 in the first match of the two-legged tie here on Friday before losing 1-3 in the shootout in the second game on Saturday.

Speaking about her team's performance in the home matches

Schopman said that despite putting pressure on their opponents, her side neglected to create more outcomes.

"I think we played well for most of the game. In the first three quarters, we put a lot of pressure on them, but we neglected to create more outcomes. We little bit rushed in the end phase, and unfortunately, we didn't score PCs today. "And, in the fourth quarter, we lacked a little bit composure and lost the ball towards them."

Captain Savita admitted Netherlands played better than in their first match which India won 2-1. With less than 100 days to go for the FIH Women's World Cup to be held in Spain and Netherlands, Savita said that the Pro League experience will help the team prepare for the marquee event.

"We've played our Pro League matches against quality teams, and it's been great learning for us. It is really helping us prepare for the upcoming tournaments, especially the World Cup," she signed off.



uled for April 2 and 3 at the Kalinga Stadium here but postponed due to a high number of Covid-19 cases and injuries in the England team. The Indian team has now been awarded six points -- three each for a match -- for the two cancelled games.

"The FIH Hockey Pro League matches between India and England (Women), initially scheduled on

dates could be found to reschedule the matches in India. Consequently, it has been agreed between the FIH and the 2 nations that the 6 points available for these 2 matches will be awarded to India."

With six points from the two cancelled matches, India leaptfrogged Olympic champions Netherlands to occupy the top position in the standings with 22

here, India chief coach Janneke Schopmanof said, "If we look at the initial games we played against China in Oman and then here against Spain, we made a lot of steps, a lot of things better as compared to initial matches, but still lots to learn, lots to improve.

On the match India lost in the shootout against Netherlands on Saturday,

## Ronaldo sorry for "outburst" after United loss to Everton

MANCHESTER: Cristiano Ronaldo apologised Saturday for what he described as an "outburst" after Manchester United's 1-0 loss to Everton in the Premier League. Footage shared on social media showed Ronaldo apparently slapping a phone out of a

supporter's hand as he left the field at Goodison Park. In a post on Instagram, Ronaldo said: "I would like to apologise for my outburst and, if possible, I would like to invite this supporter to watch a game at Old Trafford as a sign of fair-play and sportsmanship."

## Dream return for squash star Dipika

CHENNAI: Just last October, squash ace Dipika Pallikal was blessed with twin sons. Barely five months later, the Chennai girl is back doing what she does best. Along with

as this was the first time a doubles pair from the country had struck gold at this event. There was more joy to come for Dipika. Just a few hours later, she was back on court along



another Chennai girl in Joshna Chinappa (women's doubles) and Saurav Ghosal (mixed doubles), she returned with two gold medals at the WSF World Doubles Squash Championships in Glasgow on Saturday.

Pallikal, in fact, was making a comeback to competitive action for the first time since featuring at the US Open in October 2018. She could not have hoped for a better return.

It all began with the mixed doubles event. Dipika and Ghosal, who were seeded No 2, beat English pair Alison Waters and Adrian Waller 11-6, 11-8 in the summit clash. That incidentally was a historic moment for India

with Joshna. The duo did just about enough to edge second seeds Sarah Jane-Perry and Alison Waters of England in the title decider. They won 11-9, 4-11, 11-8. "Just happy to be back on court. I trained hard (for comeback). I was quite edgy at the start of the tournament but got better as I played more matches," Dipika said.

Shot in the arm

This return is a big kick for the squash stars ahead of CWG and Asian Games. "The competition is more or less the same (here and CWG) and we know more about our rivals," Dipika said.

## IPL 2022: Nightmare comes true for Kolkata

CHENNAI: Kolkata Knight Riders' strength this season have been their pacers picking wickets in powerplay and spinners — Varun Chakravarthy and Sunil Narine — choking the run-rate in middle-overs.

Umesh Yadav had bowled 11 overs for 51 runs, taking six wickets in the four games so far. Chakravarthy had operated at 6.43 runs per over while Narine had conceded only 4.75 runs per over. But, as they went up against Delhi Capitals, it seemed like the best of their attack could be playing into the hands of their opponents.

For starters, it was a day game, which meant the pacers had no help whatsoever from the conditions. Then there was Prithvi Shaw, the best batter in the first six overs this season — 76 runs in three innings while striking at 161.7 up until this clash.

If all this wasn't enough, they couldn't use spin against David Warner like other left-handers early on as he feasts on them. Warner averages 87.28 against spin in their powerplay with a strike rate of 139.81 across 80 innings. It seemed like the battle was lost on match-ups before the contest even began. And that is exactly what happened as Warner and Shaw tore apart the Shreyas Iyer-led side at Brabourne stadium after being put into bat on Sunday afternoon. While the latter took a particular liking to Umesh, hitting 20 runs in his first two overs, Warner took care of his Australian counterpart, Pat Cummins, welcoming him with back-to-back boundaries. Shaw continued his onslaught, pulling Cummins over square-leg to bring up the 50-run stand in just four overs.

Sticking to their game plan, Shreyas brought on Chakravarthy next. But, Warner, as expected, was all over the mystery spinner. It took just one delivery for the veteran to deposit Chakravarthy into the stands. As Delhi were flying at 11.8 runs per over, Shreyas had just one trump card in his pocket — Narine.

But much to Kolkata's misery, the West Indian was up against the two batters, who have dominated whenever they faced him: Shaw

(166.66 SR, 0 dismissals) and Warner (average 83, SR 156.6). The duo brought out the reverse-laps and sweeps, taking on one of the best spinners in the history of the league. It felt like Kolkata's worst nightmare came true.



Shreyas had nowhere to go at this point. All that was left in his armour was Andre Russell and Venkatesh Iyer. Delhi kept the momentum going as Shaw brought up his half-century first in 27 balls. He eventually got out to Chakravarthy, but the damage was done as they had cruised to 93 for nil in 8.3 overs. Rishabh Pant wasted no time in settling down, smashing a 14-ball 27. Narine made inroads at the other end, but Warner was going strong, registering his first fifty of the season. Kolkata did manage to take a few wickets against the run of play. At one point, they had pulled things back a bit. Delhi were 167/5 after 17 overs with Shardul Thakur and Axar Patel in the middle. It seemed like Kolkata still had a chance.

But, as seen in the past, Kolkata's best bowling phase was done and dusted. Their death bowling record is no secret — 11.06 average economy in overs 16-20 this year. And Sunday was no different. By the time Thakur and Patel helped Delhi register the highest total of the season so far 215/5, scoring 48 runs from the last three, the contest was all but over unless Russell pulled off a heist. Delhi managed to prevent that as Kuldeep took a four-fer against his former team, helping them win by 44 runs.

Brief scores: DC 215/5 in 20 ovs (Warner 61, Shaw 51) beat KKR 171 in 19.4 ovs (Shreyas 54; Kuldeep 4/35).

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