

People from all States are helping West Bengal- Chandrima Bhattacharya

Kolkata (KCN): People from all States are helping in growth of West Bengal, said Chandrima Bhattacharya, Minister of State for Finance (Independent Charge), Health, Land & Land Reforms, Govt. of West Bengal. She was speaking as Chief Guest in a programme organised by Churu Nagarik Parishad and Concern for Calcutta in Gyan Manch Hall on Sunday. In his address Narayan Jain, Social activist and programme Chairman, said that their organisations are with the Government for better environment, traffic and promoting business opportunities in the State. B.L. Soti said Churu Nagarik Parishad was founded in 1952 and provides free Homeopathy treatment as well as eye treatment at their place. Mamta Binani, former President of Institute of Company Secretaries highlighted the activities of Concern for Calcutta and its campaign against use of plastic carry bags and promoting cloth and Jute bags among shoppers. On this occasion Ramakant Burman, Vineeta Burman and Darsh Burman, of Greentech Environ Management were also felicitated for their outstanding services in the field of

Solid Waste Management. Dr. S.K. Sharma (former Sheriff of Calcutta), Rajendra Bachawat, Basant Parakh, Rajendra Khandelwal, Jagat Baid, KS Adhikari, Pawan Paharia, Prakash Parakh, Lekha Sharma were also present on the stage. CA B.G. Roy, Adv R.L. Auddy, Sharat Jhunjhunwala, K.C. Jain, Sudhanshu Gangwal, Adv RD Kakra, CA KN Gupta, Adv Kamal K Jain, CA Indu Chatrath, KL Banthia, Annapurna Mishra, Dr. DN Mishra, Joeeta Basu, Tara Chand Manot, Pawan Dhanuka, Sumit Seksaria, Dr. Anjula Binayakia, Sonali De, AA Sirazi, Mahesh Sonthalia, Seema Sonthalia, Rajendra Bardia, Dr. Pratibha Kothari, Ashok Pratibha Jain, JK Sharma, A.K. Jha, Rajendra Dadhich, CA Pawan Agarwal, Soumi Banerjee, Subhra Jyoti Ghosh, Ganga & K.P. Pachisia, Kaushalya Jain and others actively helped in making the programme successful. Th famous singers Kush & Anuradha Gupta and their son Ankush presented Ghazals, Bollywood & Sufiyana Songs. Interesting dances were also presented. All appreciated the programme.

Reflections of Freedom tales in ravana chhaya

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): When it comes to Ravana Chhaya, an ancient form of shadow puppetry in Odisha, the narrative is usually rooted in mythological tales, Ramayana in particular. But, for exponent Gouranga Charan Dash of Kutarimunda village in Angul district, it is an instrument of change - a medium to ignite nationalistic spirit among the people and inspire them to work for the good of the country along with eradicating social evils and practices. He has brought about a fusion of mythology, history, and the contemporary to make the art form more effective in spreading the message of social change and upliftment. In his most popular story titled 'Mahalaxmi Katha',



Dash juxtaposes the Purana with the Gandhian ideology of social equality and the freedom movement. The show that uses 250 puppets continues for 55 minutes and throughout touches upon three very important issues in society today - caste discrimination, women empowerment, and love.

Dash, who had first showcased the puppet play in Banaras in 2006, has staged it at least 40 times across the country. "Mahalaxmi Katha is one of the most loved plays in our repertoire and the audience has been a good mix of villagers, educated mass in cities and youth," says Dash who recently collaborated

Pak PM Imran advises President to dissolve assemblies, calls for fresh poll

ISLAMABAD(KCN): In a surprise move, Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan said on Sunday that he has advised President



Arif Alvi to dissolve the National Assembly and call for fresh elections, minutes after the deputy speaker rejected a no-confidence motion against the embattled leader. Prime Minister Khan, who had effectively lost the majority in

the 342-member National Assembly, made a brief address to the nation after a stormy parliament session was ad-

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Cameraman Manas Swain murder: Niranjn provided assistance to Sarmistha to flee, says Odisha Crime Branch

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): Retired Odisha Information Service (OIS) officer Niranjn Sethi had provided assistance to Sarmistha Rout after cameraman Manas Swain's murder in February.

The Crime Branch officers said Sarmistha, editor of Bhubaneswar based web-channel Sampurna, had visited Niranjn's house in Prasanti Vihar area of the City on March 8. He provided her Rs 10,000 cash and one car so that she and her associate Jhuna Bhoi could flee to Kaliapani in Jajpur district. During interrogation, the retired OIS official revealed that he used to regularly visit Dayal Ashram, a shelter home for elderly people run by Sarmistha in the City, and her office here.

Central Congress leaders ditched State unit during polls: Suresh

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): The rumblings in the Congress following the dismal performance of the party in the recent panchayat and urban local body (ULB) polls are growing more intense, with another senior leader Suresh Kumar Routray on Saturday accusing the Central lead-



ers of ditching the State unit completely.

Bureaucrats express concern over unviable populist schemes by states in meeting with PM Narendra Modi

NEW DELHI(KCN): In a marathon meeting of Prime Minister Narendra Modi with senior bureaucrats, a few officials raised concern over populist schemes announced by several states, claiming they are economically unsustainable and could take them down the same path as Sri Lanka, sources said on Sunday. Modi held the four-hour-long meeting with secretaries of all departments at his camp office at 7, Lok Kalyan Marg, on Saturday. The meeting was also attended by National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, Principal Secretary to Prime Minister PK Mishra and Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba along with other top bureaucrats of the Union government. During the meeting, Modi categorically told bureaucrats to come out of the mentality of managing shortages to the new challenge of managing surplus. He told them to give up the old story of citing "poverty" as an excuse for not taking up major development projects and asked them to adopt a bigger perspective, the sources said. Citing the teamwork shown by the secretaries during the COVID-19 pandemic, Modi said they should act as secretaries of the government of India and not merely as secretaries of their re-



spective departments and should work as one team. He also asked secretaries to give feedback and suggest loopholes in policies of the government, including those which are not related to their respective ministries. More than two dozen secretaries expressed their views and shared their feedback with Prime Minister Modi, who heard them with an open mind, the sources said. This was the ninth such meeting of the prime minister with secretaries since 2014. Two secretaries while citing a populist scheme announced in recent assembly polls in a state, which is in financially bad shape, and similar schemes in other states said they are economically unsustainable and could take the states down the same path as Sri Lanka, the sources said. Sri Lanka is currently experiencing its worst economic crisis in history. With long lines for fuel, cooking gas and essentials in short supply and long hours of power cuts the public has been suffering for weeks. Apart from such meetings, Prime Minister Modi has also constituted six-sectoral groups of secretaries to suggest new ideas for overall improvement in governance.

India Overshoots Export Target

New Delhi(KCN): Merchandise exports from India have reached USD 417.8 billion in the current financial year. This figure excludes the figures from non-EDI Ports and adding that, it is likely to exceed \$418 billion, an all-time high in India's export history. India has achieved highest monthly value of merchandise export in March 2022 amounting USD 40.38 billion, an increase of 14.53% over USD 35.26 billion in March 2021 and an increase of 87.89% over USD 21.49 billion in March 2020. The exports have witnessed a significant growth in non-petroleum goods also in April 2021-March 2022 which was USD 352.76 billion, an increase of 32.62% over USD 266.00 billion in April 2020-March 2021 and an increase of 29.66% over USD 272.07 billion in April 2019-March 2020.

Addressing a press conference here today, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Textiles,



Piyush Goyal said that India had truly gone from 'local to global' in response to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call. Union Secretary Commerce BVR Subramanyam and

Niranjn visited Sarmistha's office on February 7 evening. Manas was reportedly brought to her office after being kept in confinement in Dayal Ashram. He also thrashed Manas as he was reportedly in possession of a memory chip having some 'valuable' content related to the accused. Niranjn left



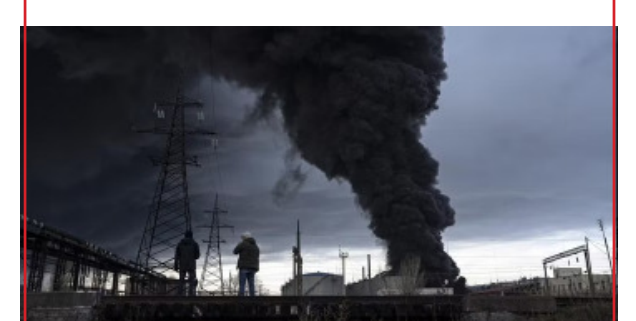
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Sarmistha's office at about 10 pm on February 7.

On the day, the agency's officers took Sarmistha and Niranjn to Sampurna's office near the Sundarpada area of the City. During his questioning on the spot, Niranjn informed the officers about the various persons present in Sarmistha's office on February 7 when the cameraman was brought to the City after being kidnapped from Bhadrak district. Crime Branch officers on Saturday also took Sarmistha to her rented accommodation near her office as part of their investigation. Meanwhile, the agency will produce Sarmistha, Niranjn, Jhuna and Ranjan Nayak in a court on Sunday after the end of their five-day police remand.

Ukraine war: Russia has pulled back from the north

KYIV(KCN): The Ukrainian military says Russian troops have completed their



tary said its airborne forces have taken full control of the town of Pripyat just outside the decommissioned Chernobyl nuclear power plant and the section of the border with Belarus. It posted a picture of the Ukrainian soldier putting up the country's flag with a shelter containing the Chernobyl reactor that exploded in 1986 seen in the background.

To escape fire, deer strays into village, rescued

BARIPADA(KCN): One of the three deer, which strayed into a human settlement on Saturday, probably to escape wildfire in Similipal forest was rescued by Nihanagundi villagers under Thakurmunda range in Karanjia division while being attacked by a pack of dogs. Two others were also sighted, and reportedly escaped to the nearby forest. Karanjia DFO Srikant Naik said wild animals were sighted near human settlements in the last few days but safely rescued and released into Similipal forest. However, he added that no fire points have been identified in Thakurmunda range of the division.



Utkal Diwas by The Neelam Foundation

Rourkela(KCN):The Odisha foundation carved of the then



day also known as Utkal Diwas is commemorated every year on 1st April in recognition of the creation of Odisha as

a separate state carved of the then Odisha province. He played a significant role in gaining a separate identify for the state. The Neelam Foundation celebrated the glorious past of Odisha on Utkal Diwas with the students, teachers and staff of Koel Saraswati Shishu Vidya Mandir. The secretary of the school Ganesh Jaisingh was also

urged the students to acquire excellence by remembering the rich culture and heritage of Odisha. The celebration started with the lighting of the lamp and offering of floral tributes to the Utkal Gauraba Madhusudan Das. Speeches of the eminent members and distribution of food packets. The Utkal Diwas celebration



present in the function who believes in instilling the rich culture of Odisha state in the students of the school. Vice Chairperson of the Neelam Foundation Ms Gracy David highlighted on the importance of Odisha in the ancient times and focused on the sacrifices of the great leader Madhusudan Das, Dr Amit Das Executive Member

was followed by a plantation drive to reinforce the idea of April fool rather than April fool. The TNF members, teachers, students, staff as well as the secretary of the school were equally enthusiastic to plant saplings inside the compound of the school. The program was well coordinated by secretary of TNF Abhilash Rout and the Chairperson Pratima.

JSW chips in to manifest 'Vibrant Odisha'

Barbil KCN) : JSW yet again becomes the single highest contributor to the total mining revenue earned by the Government of Odisha that is Rs 12,210 crore contribution in way of premium and other statutory dues this fiscal (upto March 31). The company has given returns to the tune of 11,686 Cr by way of bid premium alone to the State government in 2021-22. Last FY, the total mineral revenue contribution from the JSW was 3650 Cr, which has witnessed a significant jump in 2021-22. The revenue by means of premium and other dues from the auctioned captive mines of JSW Steel, translate to 52.5 % of the mining revenue of Rs 24,171 Cr earned by the state exchequer from auctioned mines. Speaking of 4Q 2021-22 revenue contribution, JSW, from its captive mines, has extended close to 3517 Cr with all statutory dues put together. It is to be noted that for the

month of March, it's revenue contribution from mines has surpassed 1900 Cr. Mining revenue has contributed to 90 % of the state's own non-tax revenue as per the recently tabled interim budget. Substantial mining revenue from the auctioned blocks have further strengthened the state economy in recent times. JSW particularly has championed the auctioning of mines in Odisha and has firmly upheld the vision of growth for the State and its people. Production from the auctioned mines of JSW stood at 24.1 MT and the despatch figure was 21.3 MT for current fiscal. In contrast, for 2020-21, production and despatch were 16.66 MT & 9.67 MT respectively. JSW launched mining operations in July 2020 amidst all supply chain disruptions during pandemic and has progressively ramped up production targets month on month to achieve the major

milestone of iron-ore despatch surpassing 1 lakh tonnes on a single day. Once operational with full capacity, these mines are expected to produce around 36 MT per annum. The State has collected over 48,000 Cr from mineral based revenue this year, which is inclusive of approximately 971 Cr from coal mining. In 2020-21, State had collected near about 13,800 Cr mineral revenue and there has been a significant jump. The projected mining revenue for the State for current fiscal is 46,000 Cr. JSW Group companies' cumulative contribution at Rs 12,683 Cr is 26 % of the mineral revenue earned by State. JSW would be stepping up production targets to have a solid partnership with the State and has set a robust target of 28 MT production for the current fiscal. Odisha is among the first few states to come up with a SDG linked budget, which would

translate to focused spending in sectors such as public health, education and so on. Owing to gains in mineral revenue Rural development outlay has witnessed a fillip in the interim budget. And JSW is proud to be associated in this vision of a vibrant Odisha.

World Autism Awareness Day -2022 Observed in DHH, Khordha

Khordha (KCN): World Autism Awareness Day is an interna-



tionally recognized day encouraging

measure to raise awareness about people with autism spectrum disorder throughout the world.



member state's of the United Nations to take

Today the world Autism Day -2022 ob-

that manifests during early childhood, irre-

Utkal Divas observed at DAV, Kalinga Nagar

Bhubaneswar(KCN): DAV Public School, Kalinga Nagar ob-

enthusiasm. The occasion started with a floral tribute to the

the great uprising to reconstruct and reor-

Odisha and a Quiz contest. In the for-



served the 87th great souls of



Utkal Divas amidst Odisha who were much fervour and the forerunners of

District Level Odisha Divas -2022 Celebrated in Khordha

Khordha(KCN): The District Level Odisha Divas Celebration was held Jayee Rajguru Town Hall,

Shree Rani Gumansingh, MLA, Khordha, Joytrindra Nath Mitra, MLA, Jatni Suresh Kumar

Rao reminded formation of Odisha State, later British's considered over claim and our state Odisha recognized identification in the yer-1936.

Das, Gopabandhu Dash, Gangadhar Meher, Fakir Mohan Senapati and those had fought immensely for establishing Odisha state



here on Friday. District Collector Sangram Keshari Mohapatra Chaired the Meeting accompanying Zilla Parishad President, Khordha, Mrs. Rupa

Routray and ADM, Khordha, Manoj Kumar Padhi, retired Prof. Dr. Narayan Rao attended the event as Chief Speakers. Addressing the gathering Prof. Dr.



Odisha become first state in country established on linguistic basis. Collector Mr. Mohapatra discussed prominent personalities as Madhu Sudan

86 years back. DIPRO, Khordha, Puspanjali Paikaraya proposed vote of thanks and Co-ordinated the meeting.

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Khordha (KCN): World Autism Awareness Day is an interna-

served in District Head Quatre Hospital (DHH) Khordha. Psychiatrist Specialist, Dr. Alok Joyti Sahoo preside over the meeting and said that " to make people with autism, foster worldwide support and inspire people, it is a day that spread kindness and autism awareness. Autism is a life long neurological condition

spective of gender, race or socio-econ-

CDM & PHO, Khordha, Dr.



economic status. Children and adults with a autism spectrum disorder have a wide range of abilities. Some people can not speak at all and many have delayed or limited verbal communication. Some are greatly impaired in their cognitive thinking while other are extremely gifted. Despite being a alarming issue autism awareness is severely lacking though its incidence has increase over the last decades". On this occasions

Artabandhu Nayak sharing a moments with autistic children and distributing sweet and gifts at DHH, Khordha. ADMO (F&W) Dr. Raghunath Nayak, Paediatric Specialist Dr. Pradeep Kumar Das and Dr. Prabodh Kumar Pal, Surgery Specialist Dr. Subhranshu Sahoo, Oncologist, Dr. Shyama Prasanna Mitra, ENT, Specialist Dr. Saroj Nayak, other doctors and nurse of DHH were present.

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Anil Kapoor celebrates 30 years of 'Beta'

MUMBAI: Actor Anil Kapoor on Sunday marked 30 years of his hit film 'Beta'. Anil Kapoor and Dixit-Nene commented, "Absolutely agree with you".



"Beta" and recalled how the 1992 film was the "biggest blockbuster" of the year. Directed by Indra Kumar, the drama also starred Madhuri Dixit-Nene, Aruna Irani, Anupam Kher and Laxmikant Berde.

Kapoor took to Instagram and shared the film's poster, along with pictures from an award ceremony. "It was a great feeling for us as actors when our film was the biggest blockbuster of the year 1992 and received so much love and all the accolades! Celebrating 30 years of 'Beta,'" the 65-year-old actor wrote.

The film's soundtrack, composed by Anand-Milind, featured chartbusters like "Dhak Dhak Karne Laga" and "Koyal Si Teri Boli".

"Beta" was Kumar's second collaboration with Dixit-Nene after their 1990 hit "Dil".

The actor-director also worked in the 1995 drama "Raja" and the 2019 comedy "Total Dhamaal".

Kapoor and Dixit-Nene were already a hit onscreen pair courtesy films like "Parinda", "Tezaab" and "Ram Laxhan", when they delivered blockbuster "Beta".

The duo last appeared together in "Total Dhamaal".

'What you make of Kuthiraivaal is what it is'

'What you make of Kuthiraivaal is what it is' Kuthiraivaal has convinced many and confounded many more. Here are the directors, Shyam Sundar and Manoj Jason, and the film's writer, Rajesh, in conversation about this fascinating film

What's the order of events in Kuthiraivaal? Is there a time-travel element in it? Does the protagonist really grow a tail or is it all in his mind? While you are left to make up your mind about these details, what's clear is that Kuthiraivaal is a film that's quite unlike anything you might have experienced in Tamil cinema. The story is almost indecipherable, and yet, this doesn't come in the way of the film's sensory, soulful pleasures. The film is rich with inventive imagery and sound complexity, and the material is deep in how it speaks of the nature of dreams without ever spoon-feeding information or intent. The ideas Kuthiraivaal handles



aren't easy to execute for the big screen, and when you consider that the filmmakers—Shyam and Manoj—have made their debut, it makes the effort all the more impressive.

Here are the film's directors, Shyam and Manoj, and the writer, Rajesh, in a casual, open conversation about the film's themes and what they believe the audience should support this film:

What is your motivation for straying away from conventional storytelling?

Rajesh: German philosopher Nietzsche famously declared that god is dead. I view god and stories to be the same. So, in a sense, stories are dead too. We don't need to tell stories anymore. It's enough if our storytelling contains fragments of stories—that's all they can be anyway. I realise that people have trouble when the three-act structure gets broken; I get that they are used to a certain pattern in cinema. We wanted to change these perceptions with this film.

OTT platforms a melting pot for best creative minds, say Zoya Akhtar, Reema Kagti

MUMBAI: The past 10 years have seen a massive upswing in clutter-breaking stories that refused to bow down to market forces. The meteoric rise of such stories has been driven mainly by OTT platforms which gave filmmakers and writers with a unique voice an outlet to tell their stories and organically find their audience.

Zoya Akhtar and Reema Kagti are two such writer-filmmakers, who are also founders of Tiger Baby Films. They have brought unique stories on screen with films such as 'Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara', 'Talaash', 'Made in Heaven' and 'Gully Boy'.

'Made in Heaven' found its way into Prime Video and now, Zoya is working on her next project with Netflix, an OTT adaptation of 'The Archies' comics, which were set in an American high school in the 1960s. The series will see the launch of Bollywood's Gen Next, with Shah Rukh Khan's daughter Suhana, Sridevi and Boney Kapoor's younger daughter Khushi, and Amitabh Bachchan's grandson (and Shweta and Nikhila Nanda's son), Agastya Nanda.

From their vantage, Zoya and Reema spoke to IANS about the changes triggered by streaming platforms, the world becoming a more inclusive space and a melting pot of stories, and the undercurrents of change in the Indian content industry.

Zoya calls the process of working in the OTT space "very liberating". Furnishing the principal reason for this, she breaks it down saying: "A: It lends itself to long-format storytelling, so certain ideas can be explored well. B: It doesn't have rigid censorship, so one can have content that was earlier not accepted in the mainstream. And because we are on a world stage, filmmakers are being en-

abled to connect with a larger audience."

More importantly: "C. There is no box-office pressure, so the audience reacts purely to what they like and what they don't. And D: One need not have to cast stars to have her project green lit." Having been Zoya's creative partner for more than 15 years, and directed films such 'Honeymoon Travels Pvt. Ltd.', 'Talaash' and 'Gold', Reema can understand what it is that OTT platforms have changed. OTT, she says,



is "already on its way" to blur the lines between different film industries in India. "We've seen that happen with international cinema. We've seen changes in the length of formats, from feature films to short films and anthologies."

She maintains that OTT platforms give flexibility to the audience to consume content according to their inclination at a time that is convenient. "We've also seen talents from different regional cinemas collaborate on projects, and we've seen people from different time zones consume that content, so OTT platforms enable you to transcend the limitations of language, space and time."

Pointing to the examples of 'Money Heist' and 'Narcos', which are, in essence, regional projects that found takers around the world, Reema said it is happening with Indian content too. "The only line that will remain will

Mrunal Thakur: My parents and cat give me a sense of belonging

MUMBAI: Mrunal Thakur who recently appeared in the short film 'Jahaan' and is now gearing up for the feature 'Jersey' opposite Shahid Kapoor,

per 30', 'Ghost Stories', 'Toofan', 'Dhamaka'. While the short film 'Jahaan' talks about belonging, asked about her sense of belonging as



says despite all the fame, success, and multiple professional commitments, her only way to maintain her sanity is living with her parents and pet cat.

Starting her career with the television show 'Mujhse Kuchh Kehti... Yeh Khamoshiyaan', the actress gained her visibility with films including - 'Love Sonia', 'Su-

an artist, in conversation with IANS, Mrunal opens up.

Mrunal told IANS: "As artists, we are living with different characters because we are acting them on-screen. The process is quite overwhelming because we are getting into the skin of the character. Then a day comes when the filming gets over and we leave the character. At times that hurts too, emotionally, because sometimes a character impacts the actor."

She continued, "It might just sound insane...the only way to maintain sanity for me is to go back to my home, cutting off from that world. Now that I am doing good work, more than often I am asked why do I still live with my parents, far away from the city, instead of living independently."

"It is only my parents, sibling and my pet cat that gives me a true sense of belonging. I still love playing with my cats and my brother. I still am my father's daughter first, then a celebrity," Mrunal signed off. 'Jahaan' is streaming on Amazon miniTV.

be the one separating good and bad content," she said.

"Freedom is one thing that lies at the heart of OTT: freedom for the storyteller to tell a story of her choice, freedom for audiences to choose from the vast sea of content and freedom for content creators to transcend physical boundaries as content pieces are available for streaming across countries at the same time," Reema added.

Picking up the thought, Zoya said: "OTT platforms make room for all kinds of stories. Just the volume and diversity of content one sees across platforms is a source of constant disruption and reinvention. It is forcing filmmakers to go beyond formulaic tropes and actually focus on telling engaging and impactful narratives."

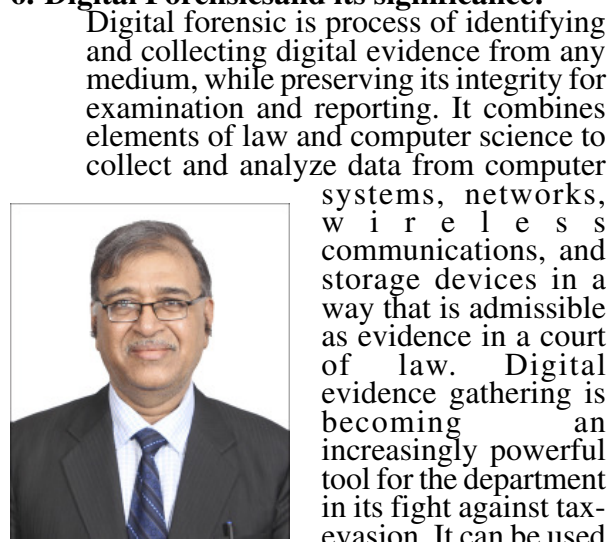
She continued: "It is also allowing the audiences freedom and giving them a varied choice they did not have before. Our content is no longer bound by geography, the streaming platforms have seamlessly allowed Indian cinema to travel and transcend borders."

More than often a boom settles down in the confines of rabid monetisation. Does Reema believe the same fate awaits OTT platforms? She said: "It would be hard to tell that at this juncture. One can only hope that it preserves the uniqueness of not having to be influenced by consumer engagement or numbers."

She concluded on a note of hope: "The content on OTT platforms always finds takers. How the platform chooses to monetise it is left to be seen. I do believe that OTT platforms come with the promise of a content revolution, making them a melting pot for the best creative minds in the business."

Relevance of Digital Evidence in Income Tax -Part 2

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6. Digital Forensics and its significance:



Digital forensic is process of identifying and collecting digital evidence from any medium, while preserving its integrity for examination and reporting. It combines elements of law and computer science to collect and analyze data from computer systems, networks, wireless communications, and storage devices in a way that is admissible as evidence in a court of law. Digital evidence gathering is becoming an increasingly powerful tool for the department in its fight against tax-evasion. It can be used individually as key evidence or alongside more traditional methods of evidence gathering, where it could serve as a complement to other types of evidence. Further, digital evidence may help in the course of investigation to prepare subsequent steps. In nutshell, the significance of digital evidence analysis is that it:

- a) Helps reconstruct past event or activity or transactions
- b) Shows the evidence of illegal activity
- c) Ensures the overall integrity of network infrastructure.

7. Branch of Digital Forensics: The branches of Digital forensics are classified as follows:

- a) **Disk Forensics:** It deals with extracting information from storage media in the form of active, deleted files and data from unallocated, slack spaces
- b) **Network Forensics** is a branch of Cyber forensics dealing with monitoring and analysis of computer network traffic for purposes of information gathering, legal evidence or intrusion detection
- c) **Database Forensics** is branch of digital forensic science relating to forensic study of databases and their related meta data. This helps in understanding the time stamp of the database data created to see whether any manipulations were done in the original database
- d) **Mobile device forensics:** It deals with examining and analyzing mobile devices to retrieve call logs, SMS/MMS, videos, audios, photos etc.
- e) **Email Forensics:** It deals with recovery and analysis of emails including deleted emails, calendars and contacts
- f) **GPS Forensics** deals with examining and analyzing GPS devices to retrieve Track logs, Track points, routes, stored locations, home offices etc.

8. Key Elements of Digital Forensics: These are as follows:

- a) **The identification and acquiring of digital evidence:** Knowing where the digital evidence is present, stored and

what are the processes that can be used to retrieve the digital evidences. It is noticed that usually in big corporations, where huge number of digital devices is present, identification of crucial digital evidences will save time in analysis of digital evidence and also cost. Many a times it is noticed that customized software like ERP/SAP are used and the strategy to retrieve the entire software is discussed with system administrator. It is also important to identify types of information stored and the appropriate technology that can be used to extract it. After evidence is identified the forensic examiner/investigator should image/clone hard disk or storage media

- b) **Preservation of digital evidence** should be done in a manner that there is no possible alteration, damage, data corruption or virus introduction during the process of examination.
- c) **Analysis of digital evidences** involves discovering all files on the subject system. This includes existing normal files, deleted yet remaining in Recycle bin, hidden files, password-protected files and encrypted files and temporary files. In business specific applications like customized jeweller software/real estate software, may give details of day to day functioning.
- d) **Report the findings** means giving the findings, in a simple lucid manner. The report should give description of items, process adapted for analysis, chain of custody on movement of digital evidence, hard and soft copies of findings, glossary of terms etc
- e) **The presentation and use of digital evidence in assessment order** and its presentation in court of law involves stating the credibility of the processes employed during analysis for testing authenticity of the data.

9. What Cyber Forensics can Reveal to Income Tax Department:

Digital Evidence actually has several advantages over physical evidence:

- a) **It can be duplicated exactly** and copy can be examined as if it were the original. Importantly, copies made following proper procedures have the same evidentiary value as the original. It is a common practice when dealing with digital evidence, to examine a copy thus avoiding the risk of damaging the original.
- b) **With the right tools it is easy to determine if digital evidence has been modified or tampered with** by comparing with the original.
- c) **It is possible to recover and analyze deleted files** that have not been overwritten, as well as carving out portions of files and text from unallocated and slack space.
- d) **It is possible to do String and Key word searching** for finding key files both

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present, and deleted files etc.

- e) **It is possible to do time line analysis** to see when the digital evidence was created, modified, changed, merged with other files etc.
 - f) **It is possible to know manipulations in data by seeing changes done by unauthorized persons** in the data.
- 10. The challenges in dealing with Digital Evidence:**
- a) Digital evidence collected and presented should be admissible in law and steps should be taken to maintain integrity of the data.
 - b) Digital evidence, which is ephemeral, may pose problems in case of Survey, Search and Seizure. However, Income tax department has expert team to tackle such situations. Even they may access password protected data. The data can be viewed by the Income tax officials after applying proper procedures and processes for collecting evidence.
 - c) **Problems posed in recovery of deleted data/ evidence** are the challenges which law enforcement agencies are capable to tackle.
 - d) **It may be difficult to decipher the real information without knowing and getting password or without having the key to the encryption.** However now Income tax department has got technical experts to take care of such issues.

11. Legal Background:

11.1 The Information Technology Act, 2000 was enacted to provide legal recognition to transactions carried out by means of electronic data interchange and other means of electronic communication, which involve use of alternatives to paper-based methods of communication and storage of information. The same enactment has also brought amendments in a) the Indian Penal Code, 1861, b) the Indian Evidence Act, 1872, c) the Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891 and d) the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.

11.2 As far as Income-tax Act, 1961 is concerned, it has been amended thrice by way of Finance Act, 2001, Finance Act, 2002 and Finance Act, 2009 respectively. a) By way of first amendment by the Finance Act, 2001, section 2(12A) was inserted to give legal recognition to the books of account maintained on computer and section 2(22A) was inserted to provide definition of "document" which include electronic record as defined under Information Technology Act 2000.

Under Information Technology Act 2000 an electronic record has been defined to include data, record or data generated, image or sound stored, received or sent in an electronic form or micro film or computer generated micro file. This definition of electronic record is wide enough to cover person

in possession of computer, storage device, server, mobile phone, i-Pod or any such device. Thus the amended law has specifically given recognition to electronic record as admissible evidence at par with a "document".

Further, powers to impound/copy a document during a survey action u/s 133A and power to seize a document during a search and seizure operation u/s 132 has also been automatically extended to electronic records as a result of the amendment.

- b) Amendment by the Finance Act, 2002, inserted provisions of section 132 (1)(iib) facilitating access to the electronic devices including computer, containing document or books of accounts in the form of electronic records by making it obligatory for the person under control of such device to afford necessary facility to inspect such records.
- c) Finance Act, 2009, inserted clause (c) in Section 282(1) providing that service of notice in the form of any electronic record as provided in Chapter IV of the Information Technology Act, 2000 will constitute valid service.

11.3 Changes in Indian Evidence Act:

Under Indian Evidence Act there are several references to documents and records and entries in books of account and their recognition as evidence. By way of the Second Schedule to the Information Technology Act, the Amendments to the Indian Evidence Act have been brought into incorporate reference to Electronic Records along with the document giving recognition to the electronic records as evidence. Further, special provisions as to evidence relating to electronic record have been inserted in the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 in sec. 65A and sec. 65B. These govern the integrity of the electronic record as evidence, as well as, the process for creating electronic record. Importantly, they recognise faithful output of computer the same evidentiary value as original without further proof or production of original. Accordingly, while handling any digital evidence, the procedure has to be in consonance of these provisions.

11.4 Under Indian Penal Code several acts of omission and commission relating to various documents and records are treated as offences. By way of First Schedule to the Information Technology Act, Amendments to the Indian Penal Code have been brought in, so as to incorporate reference to Electronic Records along with the document. (Contd.)

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Prevention of Blindness Week from 1st to 7th April 2022

Blindness: the gigantic menace for children during COVID Pandemic

Is Blindness a sin? Is it exists within? Blindness is a lack of vision. In case of children it seems due to many reasons. It may appear for genetic mutation, premature birth, birth defects, infection, nutritional deficiency, injury, refractive error, vitamin A deficiency etc. The



reason of blindness among children whatever it may be, it affects their life a lot. Report says the number of children who suffer from blindness worldwide is approximately 1.4 million. 75% of the world's blind children live in Africa and Asia. A 2014 review indicated that an estimated 238,500 children with bilateral blindness (rate 1.2/1,000) live in the Eastern Mediterranean region. But in present context or after COVID pandemic, the myopia or nearsightedness, distance learning increased drastically. As per the report of American academy of ophthalmology, approximately 70% of mothers and fathers reported that their kids spend at least four hours a day on electronic devices; like, mobiles, PCs, TVs, tablets etc. Many children use devices around the clock for both school and play. That's why the children faced difficulties to a fair sight. On the other hand the parents who have more than one child or children residing in residential institutions, they used single devices if they would to respond for more than one child. The children who have not availed through online class they watched television collectively or individually to learn. Out of that the children were also engaged themselves in various online games, may serials, films on television to pass the time under lock down and shut down period. Severe vision loss or blindness can mean that some parts of your

child's development and learning will be slower than for other children. For example, you might notice that any child is slower in learning to roll over, crawl, walk, speak and be social with others. Statistically findings are shown that preferential use of smart phone for online learning was found to be significantly associated with eye pain and blurred vision. Recreational use of smart phones, tablets, and PCs and use of digital devices in a dark environment were found to be significantly associated with eye pain, headache, eye fatigue, eye redness, and blurred vision. As per the report, usage of display devices after 8:00 p.m. cause of headache, eye fatigue, and eye redness. Reliance on artificial light also showed a significant correlation with eye pain, eye fatigue, eye redness, and watering.

The most common symptom reported in the study was headache, which affected 52.2% of the respondents of a study. This was also the most commonly reported "severe" symptom. The results indicate that dryness-related symptoms are more common than those related to the screen time is increased. In the study found that spending more than 3 hours per day using a display device was found to be a significant risk factor for headaches. Eye pain, foreign body sensation, and watering were significantly associated with over 4 hours per day screen time, while spending over 5 hours in a day using a display device was found to be a significant risk factor for eye fatigue and eye redness. This study also exposes the increasing use of display devices and the higher prevalence rate among children due to online learning. This phenomenon will have important consequences for children's ocular health and public awareness must be raised. So blindness either partially or completely, it

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influence whole life of a person. But children facing more obstacles

for reading, writing or involve with any kind of activities. There are many schemes and yojanas implementing by Government including blindness control programmes and CSOs are also working of the children even affected partial or complete blindness. Time to time eye screening under health mission or department or through school is one of the best supportive mechanism for us. A special department also working for them to provide easy access to education, tools for use, various kinds of welfare benefits etc. Out of that humanity towards them is one of the vital and inevitable necessity for such children who are staying either in home or in hostel. The care givers, guardians, parents shall be given special attention to their safety security, their feelings, emotions to boost their mind and physique comfortable and strong. There are so many examples the blind people are working as teacher, administrator, doctor, nurses, counselors, motivational speakers, social workers etc. Though they are various instances food us but everybody should follow the preventive methods and measures not to hunt under blindness.

So the scientists suggested to getting Kids' Eyes Back on track after the Pandemic and to follow the recommendations. The bigger screens shall be used and position of screen shall be farther away from the eyes of children. A monitor placed at arm's length from the head is better than a phone or tablet held close to the face. Avoid using digital devices while lying down or reclining, which can cause neck and back aches, and can bring screens too close to children's eyes. Follow the 20-20-20 rule. Take breaks every 20 minutes, shifting eyes to look at an object at least 20 feet away for at least 20 seconds. Get outside for at least an hour per day. Exercise gives children's

eyes a break from digital devices. It's a chance to focus on different distances and be in the sunlight. Other strategies to help prevent eye problems which includes, Blink often to keep eyes moist. Put a sticky note on kids' digital screens to remind them to blink. Adjust screen brightness to match the level of light in the room. Increasing the screen contrast helps to reduce eye strain. Limit blue light at night, which can make it harder for children to fall asleep. Turning off devices one hour before bedtime also may help. Visit an ophthalmologist. Good vision is key to a child's physical development, success in school, and overall well-being. Don't skip regular vision screenings. If you see any signs of impairment or suspect vision problems in your child. Such recommendations are very important for every parents and every child. Even adult people can follow such kind of recommendations or advices of ophthalmologist to see and enjoy the beautiful world.

Once upon a time one youth suffered from Keratoconjunctivitis. He used some familiar eye drops, eye ointments on his own decision without consultation of an ophthalmologist. During the period he was also doing his regular work as well even outside. When he was visited to an ophthalmologist it was so late and the scar appears on his eyes. Doctor said that the scar may not go away and your eye gets blurred vision for ever. No caring of eyes during the infection for some days which leads the whole life to a difficult vision. So, the challenge shall never neglect so that the gigantic menace on behalf of our children with respect to any kind or stages of blindness can be controlled or eradicated.

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Samsung Ads partners with MiQ enabling advertisers to reach Samsung Connected TV households

Kolkata (KCN): MiQ, the programmatic partner for brands and agencies, announced its partnership with the Samsung Ads DSP (demand-side platform) to bolster



the reach of its solutions and video campaigns across Samsung's current device ecosystem. Through this partnership, brands and advertisers would have access to CTV inventory, as well as access to targeted audiences across Samsung TVs. The partnership is likely to help brands and marketers to increase their brand salience. By partnering with Samsung Ads' DSP, advertisers working with MiQ can target audiences against more data-driven insights through online programmatic channels. The partnership comes at a time when digital media prepares to move away from cookie-based targeting. Advertisers using digital media will have to make serious changes to their targeting strategies. With MiQ's solutions, managing the reach and the right frequency range can

be done seamlessly. Samsung can maximise its reach for a given target audience. This partnership allows MiQ to deterministically reach interest-based

partnerships to help organisations extract optimum benefits from their advertising spend."

Prabhvir Sahmey – Senior Director (India & South East Asia), Samsung DSP added, "We look forward to working closely with MiQ, a company known to combine industry knowledge with excellent technology and analytics solutions. Global brands can now have widespread reach across device platforms. It is now for the first time that along with MiQ; we are able to bring deep TV insights programmatically via the Samsung DSP." MiQ helps brand marketers to:

- + Increase ad efficiencies for both buyers and sellers.
- + Transparently optimize their ad spends.
- + Build effective cross-device campaigns.
- + Leverage unique data sets, both first- and third-party.
- + Reduce campaign launch time.
- + Collect greater insights to understand customers.
- + Develop capabilities to plan and execute programmatic campaigns in-house.

About MiQ: Set up in 2010, MiQ (www.wearemiq.com) is a global leader in digital marketing, a programmatic partner for marketers and agencies. It combines industry knowledge with technology and data analytics to offer better connected marketing solutions for over 1,000 clients globally. We are

experts in data science, analytics, and programmatic trading, and are always ready to solve challenges quickly, and ensure our clients always spend their media investments on the right things in the right places. MiQ is present in 22 locations across 9 countries, and has a Center of Excellence in Bengaluru, India which is its global technology and analytics hub, with over 300 data scientists, analytics experts, and engineers. We're recognized as a Great Place to Work and are among the Top 11 best firms in India for data scientists to work for by Analytics India Magazine.

About Samsung Ads: Samsung Ads delivers Advanced TV advertising at scale. Our advertising solutions are built on a unique source of TV data from millions of Smart TVs globally. Brands turn to our managed service and programmatic offerings to achieve incremental reach, compliment linear TV campaigns, manage frequency, find difficult-to-reach audiences and most importantly, measure outcomes. Samsung Ads provides the holistic view connecting linear, OTT, and gaming to help brands see the total advanced TV picture. Launched in 2015, Samsung Ads has offices in the U.S., Canada, UK, Germany, Australia, India, Brazil & Mexico and South Korea. Samsung Ads is a division of Samsung Electronics and is the #1 TV manufacturer globally.

Congress Parliamentary party to meet on April 5

NEW DELHI: A meeting of the Congress Parliamentary party will be chaired by the party's interim President Sonia Gandhi on April 5 at 9.30 am in the Parliament. This comes as seven key Bills, including



"The Criminal Procedure (Identification) Bill" and "The Delhi Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill", have been listed on the agenda of the Rajya Sabha for the last week of the ongoing Budget session. Six of the seven Bills listed on the agenda of the Rajya Sabha have already been passed by the Lok Sabha.

"The Criminal Procedure (Identification) Bill, 2022", passed by the Lok Sabha last week, proposes to authorise the police to take measurements of convicts and accused for the purposes of their identifications and investigations in criminal matters to preserve records.

The second half of the Budget session commenced on March 14 and will conclude on

April 8. The first half of the Budget session began on January 31 and concluded on February 11.

Moreover, these days, the Congress party is lashing out at the Centre against the fuel price hike that is reverberating across the country. Fuel prices continue to rise with petrol and diesel rates rising by another 80 paise per litre each on Sunday, taking the total increase in rates in less than two weeks to Rs 8 per litre.

Congress on March 11 saw a significant defeat in Punjab wherein the new entrant Aam Aadmi Party snatched power from Congress in the state. The party also failed to make a mark in Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Manipur and Goa.

Keeping in view of this development and ahead of the upcoming Assembly Elections slated to be held this year in Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat, wherein Bharatiya Janata Party is in power, the meeting called by the Congress party hold crucial importance.

Notably, the Congress party is in power in five of the total states. It has chief ministers, however, only in two states: Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh. In the other three -- Jharkhand, Maharashtra, and Tamil Nadu -- the Congress is a junior partner.

Sagarika welfare trust celebrated Utkal Diwas

Rourkela (KCN): Sagarika welfare trust its glorious culture and historical signifi-



observed Utkal Diwas on 01 April and the members distributed Umbrellas to old age people at Pradhanpalli of Rourkela. The program was well organized by the President and Social Worker Jayanti Das. The people in Odisha celebrate the day of 01 April as Odisha Day, commonly known as Utkal Divas, to foster the remembrance of the struggle in gaining a separate political identity and to encourage the spirit of unity among the inhabitants. The state celebrates Odisha day as a restricted holiday and it is also known as Vishuva Milan. Odisha is famous for

AAP slams Centre over rising fuel prices

CHANDIGARH: Punjab's ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Sunday slammed the BJP-led Centre over "exponential" increase in fuel prices and accused it of "looting" the public. Punjab Finance Minister and senior AAP leader Harpal Singh Cheema said, "By constantly increasing

there have been repeated mentions of this state in Mahabharata. In ancient history, it has been known by different names like Kalinga, Utkal, Udra, Toshali and Kosala. The state got its new name from the Odra tribe that lived in the central region of Odisha. The state was originally called Orissa but it was renamed after the Lok Sabha passed the Orissa Bill, and Constitution Bill in March 2011. Odisha, the land of Lord Jagannath, celebrates its 87th foundation day on 1 April, 2022. Around a decade before India's independence, the In-

Cheema said Prime Minister Narendra Modi talked about public interests in his speeches during the recently held polls.

"He pressured the oil companies not to increase prices to fool the public and took electoral advantage of it. Now after winning the elections, they are showing



the prices of petrol and diesel just after the assembly elections in five states, the Modi government is looting the general public."

"The common people of the country are already facing the brunt of inflation. Crores of people are not able to afford basic amenities. But it is very unfortunate that instead of providing relief to the public in such times, the central government is increasing the troubles of the common people by increasing the prices of petrol-diesel, cooking gas and other essential items," Cheema said in a party statement here.

their true anti-people colours," Cheema alleged.

Meanwhile, former Punjab Congress chief Navjot Singh Sidhu also hit out at the Centre for the rising prices of fuel and asked whether the minimum support price (MSP) of crops and daily wages increased in the same proportion.

"Diesel goes up 10% in thirteen days ... prices go up directly proportionally! Has the MSP of farmers and daily wages of the labourer gone up in the same proportion? 90 % Indians suffer as the value of there earnings depreciates...Govt turns blind eye," Sidhu tweeted.

dian state of Odisha province on 1 April, came into existence 1936 after a long



as an independent province in the year 1936. Under British rule, Odisha was a part of the Bengal Presidency. The state was separated from the Bengal and Bihar

struggle of three centuries. Since then, 1 April is marked as Odisha's foundation day as on this day it became a separated state.

Odisha Ex-MLA Anup Sai gets lifer for double murder

JHARSUGUDA (KCN): A Chhattisgarh court on Saturday sentenced former Brajarajnagar MLA Anup Sai to life imprisonment for the murder of a 32-year-old woman and her 14-year old daughter in 2016.



MLA Anup Sai The Raigarh sessions judge sentenced him to life imprisonment under section 302 and seven years under section 120B. He has also been imposed a penalty under each section. However, another accused in the case, Burdhan Toppo, has been acquitted by the court. Toppo was then working as the driver of Sai. Both Sai and his driver were arrested by the Chhattisgarh police on February 13, 2020 on charges of murdering one Kalpana Das and her daughter Bubby. Both were murdered on May 5, 2016, and their bodies were recovered near Hamirpur forest in Raigarh district of the State. The post-mortem report of the deceased revealed that they were first hit with a blunt object before being run over by a vehicle to pass it off as a road accident. When mobile phone calls of Kalpana were traced, suspicion turned toward Sai. The police found evidence against the former MLA in 2017, and it took them three years to arrest him.

Briefing mediapersons following the judgment, public prosecutor Deepak Sharma said, "The accused former MLA Anup Sai was booked under section 302, 201, 120(B) and 34 of the IPC. The trial began in 2020 and the court has recorded the statement of 50 witnesses on the basis of which Sai was found guilty in the double murder." However, the driver of the ex-MLA, Toppo was acquitted from all charges on the benefit of doubt, he added. On the other hand, Sai's lawyer Asish Mishra said, "The prosecutor failed to establish the involvement of the driver in the case due to which he has been acquitted. However, the district court has sentenced our client to life imprisonment. We are discussing the matter and will appeal in the higher court."

Anup Sai gets lifer for double murder According to reports, Sai was allegedly in a relationship with Kalpana since 2011 but conspired to eliminate her when she insisted on marriage and also demanded a share in his property. As per Chhattisgarh police, Sai was staying with Kalpana and her daughter in a three-story building in Bhubaneswar as a family. She also wanted the building, purchased by Sai, to be transferred in her name. That is when Sai conspired to eliminate the two.

On May 5, 2016, the former MLA took Kalpana and Bubby in his car to Raigarh on the pretext of marriage. But on the way, he fatally assaulted both and to make it look like an accident mauled the bodies under his vehicle several times before fleeing to Odisha via Hamirpur. Sai was elected to Odisha Assembly consecutively from Brajarajnagar constituency for three terms from 2000 to 2009 on a Congress ticket. He joined BJD in 2014 and fought the elections, but lost. He was suspended from the party and removed as the chairperson of Odisha State Warehousing Corporation after his arrest.

Inauguration ceremony of Pointers Business Forum (PBF) Expo 2022

Kolkata(KCN): Bengal means Business, taking the queue from our Honorable Chief Minister Smt. Mamata Banerjee, Pointers Business Forum (PBF) is organizing an expo titled "The Dialogue: Business Beyond Boundaries – Essentials for Supercharged Growth" to bring together the entrepreneurs of Bengal, who are alumni of South Point, from all across the globe held at Offbeat, Kolkata. The Pointers Business

Ajay Wadhwa, MD, Indo – Rama Group; Suparna Pathak, Eminent Veteran Journalist; Arna Seal, Social Development Consultant, Early Childhood Development Expert and many others. The members of Pointers Business Forum (PBF) represent the business and independent professionals' community from across the globe consisting of alumni of South Point High School with over 400

existence and collaboration and support are the new ways to sustain especially in light of the unprecedented uncertainty that the world is going through with the advent of Covid 19 pandemic. The plan is to create a platform for Business Showcase and engaging in meaningful dialogue exchange with Domain experts and Dignitaries across diverse fields and leveraging that knowledge for supercharged growth beyond bound-

est in the state of West Bengal, India planned in a way that issues and deliberations are practical oriented and the Conference should turn out to be a fruitful, enlightening and educative experience for all the participants and a feast of knowledge is enjoyed by all." "South Point alumni from all around the world will be assembling online and in person in Kolkata to thank UNESCO for according the 'Intangible Cultural Heritage' tag to Durga Puja. This session on cultural tourism will effectively explore the economic possibilities of the Durga Puja as a global tourism destination to the benefit of thousands of families involved in it in some way. We couldn't possibly have a better set to talk on this subject." said by Anirban K u m a r Mukhopadhyay, Director- Heritage Bengal Global & PBF Member. Speaking on this occasion, Atin Dutta, Director and Trustee George Telegraph Group said, "All schools have alumni associations but our Pointers Business Forum, opened during the pandemic to support each other, is an amalgamation of ex Pointers who have their own businesses, or independent professionals. Almost all schools have their own alumni body but PBF, with 400+ members may be the first such chamber of commerce exclusively formed by the alumni of a school.- on top of that this is the first time even within South Point, that the global alumni network, from Japan to UK to US and indeed all over India have joined hand to deliver an event which was just in its first edition." "At, Pointers Business Forum, we have repre-



Forum Expo 2022 was inaugurated by: Krishna Damani, Trustee & Secretary, South Point Education Society & Vice Chairman, South Point High School and was attended by: Dr. Suborno Bose, Chairman and CEO IIHM & Indismart Group Worldwide and CEO, International Hospitality Council, London & PBF Member; Debanjan Chakrabarti, Director British Council East and Northeast India; Adris Chakraborty, Founder of LykStage & PBF Member; Anirban K u m a r Mukhopadhyay, Director- Heritage Bengal Global & PBF Member; Dr. Sanjukta Ghosh, Artistic Director, SOAS South Asian Institute, University of London; Sandip Chaudhuri, Head of Investment, British Deputy High Commission, Kolkata; Deepak Pramanik, Founder & Chief Strategy Officer, AIDIAS Consulting Group; Dr. Saptarshi Basu, Eminent Consultant Physician; Maitreyee Mallick, Healthcare Entrepreneur & PBF Member; Raj Adhikary, President-CEO- Japan Education Center and Information & PBF Member; Dr. Arnab Basu, Co-Founder & CEO, Yancha Positive Parenting LLP & PBF Member; Pradip Chopra, Director, PS Group; Sanjay Guha, F o u n d e r - C E O , Acquist Global & PBF Member; Atin Dutta, Director and Trustee George Telegraph Group; Sandeep Sengupta, Director - Indian school of Anti Hacking Regional Committee member – Nasscom; Ajanta Chakraborty, Renowned Journalist; Jack Gillingham, Business Manager – India & MEA, Berkeley Group Plc., UK;

active members spread across the world and primarily serving business interests in the State of West Bengal, India. This is a unique Business group being brought together by the Alumni of a School during the Pandemic and now having strong ties with international markets like the UK, USA and Australia. This expo is being organised to showcase and represent the various businesses of all the group members and also to invite the business community to create a platform for Business Showcase and engaging in meaningful dialogue exchange with Domain experts and Dignitaries across diverse

aries. Especially this program also wants to bring in people from across the globe to highlight and create opportunities and attract investments in Bengal and promote it as the next Startup Destination in India. This is also slated to be the teaser and precursor for the Bengal Global Business Summit planned next by Government of West Bengal and together we want to highlight Bengal's untapped opportunity in this sector and create a stepping stone for supercharged growth of Business and in turn generate plethora of employment in the State. The details of highly accomplished people from diverse backgrounds and across the



fields and leveraging that knowledge for supercharged growth beyond boundaries. We do also confirm that all covid precautionary measures and protocols will be maintained. The objective of the Pointers Business Forum (PBF) Expo 2022 is to create a roadmap of collaboration & co-creation, developing an ecosystem & culture of strong association to drive value creation opportunities & developing deeper bonds to contribute together since change is the essential form of

world attending the program are also mentioned in the attached note. Speaking on this occasion, Sanjay Guha, Founder-CEO, Acquist Global & PBF Member said, "Pointers Business Forum (PBF) represents the business and independent professionals community from across the globe consisting of alumni of prestigious South Point High School, Kolkata. We are proud to have over 400 active business members spread out across the world and primarily serving business inter-

presentations from diverse domains and expertise, starting from Retail, Hospitality, Real Estate, Education, Ed Tech. Also, Healthcare, Digital Solutions & Transformation, Analytics, Cyber Security and also in niche areas like Behaviour Development & Parenting, Human Interaction Experts & Leadership Trainers using nuances of Yoga and Tai Chi and beyond." said by Dr. Arnab Basu, Co-Founder & CEO, Yancha Positive Parenting LLP & PBF Member.

Poshan Abhiyan -2022 and Awareness Programme held in Kuradhmal

Khordha (KCN): Poshan Jagrukta Abhiyan (Nutrition Awareness Campaign) Programme and free Ayush health check up camp held in Kuradhmal GP under Khordha Block. The programme was organized in association with eastern division, Bhubaneswar. National Ayush



Mission Government of India, Director of Ayush health and family welfare department government of Odisha. The programme was formally inaugurated S a r a p a n c h a Kuradhmal, GP, Sriram Prasad Mohanty. The programme was Co-ordinated by Homeopathy Doctor, Dr. Banashree Lenka. On this occasions Chief District Homeopathy Officer , Dr. Sumana Kumari Panda, Chief District Ayurvedic Officer, Dr. Renuprabha Mohapatra attended as guest of honour. The objective of the programme is to take the message of Poshan to the grassroot level, increasing awareness on good nutrition practices and behaviours to ensure enhanced uptake of services and early identification of children with severe acute maninutrition/moderate acute maninutrition and severely underweight children which will help in initiating early treatment and referral of such children. Focused intervention

from conception till the child attains 2 years of age for ensuring health and nutrition outcomes for the ensuring health and nutrition outcomes for the mother and child. The frontline workers counsel the pregnant women on Antenatal care, postnatal care, optimal breastfeeding and complementary feeding. Mobilising the PRI members for nutrition will help in achieving the desired outcomes. This is a unique activity aimed at encouraging local engagement and support for nutrition. Homeopathy and Ayurvedic specialist's diagnosed more than 300 patients and free medicine were also distributed to the patients who visited the camp. Health awarness programme was also conducted during the medical camp. The renowned Homeopathy doctor, Dr. Abhamayee Nayak, Dr. Arun Kumar Mallick, Dr.



Chinmayee Sahoo, Dr. Nibedita Mishra, Ayurvedic Doctors, Dr. Subrat Chhotray, Dr. Susanta Bisoi, Dr. Dhaneswar Sahoo diagnosed the patients. Social activists Prakash Chandra Parida, Sriranjana Mangaraj, Ganeswar Parida, Kailash Chandra Samantaray, Deepak Samantaray, Homeopathy assistant Prabhjanani Patra, Rashmita Swain, Kulu Charana Mapista and Ayurvedic assistant Subhashree Priyadarsini, Himangini Patra among others were assist the programme.




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People from all States are helping West Bengal- Chandrima Bhattacharya

Kolkata(KCN): People from all States are helping in growth of West Bengal, said Chandrima Bhattacharya, Minister of State for Finance (Independent Charge), Health, Land & Land Reforms, Govt. of West Bengal. She was speaking in a programme organised by Churu Nagarik Parishad and Concern for Calcutta in Gyan Manch Hall on Sunday. In his address Narayan Jain said that their organisations are with the Government for better environment, traffic and promoting



business opportunities in the State. B.L. Sotisaid Churu Nafarik Parishad was founded in 1952 and provides free Homeopathy treatment as well as eye treatment at their place. MamtaBinani highlighted the activities of Concern for Calcutta and its campaign against use of plastic carry bags and promoting cloth and Jute nags among shoppers. On this occasion Ramakant Burman, Vineeta Burman and Darsh Burman, of Greentech Environ Management were also felicitated for their outstanding services in the field of Solid Waste Management. Dr. S.K. Sharma, Rajendra Bachawat, Basant Parakh, Rajendra Khandelwal, Jagat Baid, KS Adhikari, Pawan Paharia, Prakash Parakh, Lekha Sharma were also present on the stage. BG Roy, R.L. Auddy, Sharat Jhunjhunwala, K.C. Jain, Sudhanshu Gangwal, RD Kakra, KN Gupta, Kamal K Jain, InduChattrath, KL Banthia, Annapurna Mishra, Dr. DN Mishra, JoeetaBasu, Tara Chand Manot, Pawan Dhanuka, SumitSeksaria, Dr. AnjulaBinayakia, Sonali De, AA Sirazi, Mahesh Sonthalia, Seema Sonthalia, Rajendra Bardia, Pratibha Kothari, Ashok Pratibha Jain, JK Sharma, A.K. Jha, Rajendra Dadhich, Pawan Agarwal, SoumiBanerjee, Subhra Jyoti Ghosh, Ganga K.P. Pachisia, Kaushalya Jain and others actively helped in making the programme successful. Th famous singers Kush & Anuradha Gupta and their son Ankush presented Ghazals, Bollywood & Sufiyana Songs. Interesting dances were also presented. All appreciated the programme.

Pak PM Imran President to dissolve assemblies, calls for fresh poll

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eign conspiracy". "The nation should prepare for the new elections," he said, adding that the no-confidence was actually a "foreign agenda". Khan said he has advised President Alvi to dissolve assemblies. "Prepare for elections. No corrupt forces will decide what the future of the country will be. When the assemblies will be dissolved, the procedure for the next elections and the caretaker government will begin," the 69-year-old cricketer-turned-politician said. Earlier, Deputy Speaker Suri dismissed the no-confidence motion moved by the Opposition against Prime Minister Khan, terming it against the Constitution and rules of Pakistan. "The no-confidence should be according to the Constitution of and rules of the country. Since it is not as pointed out by the Law Minister, so I reject the no-confidence motion," Suri ruled, amid vociferous protest by Opposition lawmakers. Suri chaired the crucial session after Opposition parties filed a no-confidence motion against Speaker Asad Qaiser. As the crucial session began, Law Minister Fawad Chaudhry said that it has been established that through a "letter" that the on-confidence motion was being used to bring a regime change on the behest of a foreign power, so it was against Article 5 of the constitution of Pakistan. "It is an effective operation for a regime change by a foreign power. It is not an issue of no-confidence but Article 5," he said and urged the chair to give ruling on the legality of the no-confidence move. Consequently, Deputy Speaker Suri issued his ruling, rejecting the no-confidence motion and adjourning the session. No Pakistani prime minister has ever completed a full five-year term in office. The opposition announced to challenge the ruling of the speaker and advise to dissolve the assembly in the Supreme Court. "We are going to challenge the ruling by the deputy speaker and advice by the prime minister to dissolve parliament in the Supreme Court," said Shehbaz Sharif, Leader of the Opposition in the parliament. Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar, a Pakistan Peoples Party leader, said that the opposition would hold a sit-in protest inside the parliament and would not leave its premises. "What Imran Khan has done is against the laws. We're approaching our layers. The speaker has also done an undemocratic work. Imran Khan has exposed himself through this move. We will be present inside the National

India, Australia set up committee to start negotiations for expanding interim pact into CECA

NEW DELHI: After the signing of the interim trade agreement between India and Australia, a committee formed by the two nations will start talks within two-and-a-half months for transforming the early pact into a full-fledged comprehensive economic

Reflections of Freedom tales in ravana chhaya

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with the Sangeet Natak Akademi to host the play again at a two-day puppet festival 'Putul Utsav' celebrating the 75th year of Independence at the Kandhei Ghara museum on the premises of his Sriram Institute of Shadow Theatre at Kutarimunda.

A PhD holder in Ravana Chhaya, he says improvisation is important to keep the art form alive without changing its traditional elements. Dash, who retired as the HoD of Odia department of Ravenshaw University in Cuttack, says he uses the craft to make the younger generation aware of the great leaders of the country, the Gandhian philosophy of life, and problems that haunt the society even after seven decades of Independence.

Some of his contemporary works with Ravana Chhaya include 'Bapu Katha', 'Srikhetra O Bapu', 'Visit of the Legend' (depicting Gandhi's visit to Angul), 'Jawahar: The Apostle of Peace', 'Vriksoham' (I Am Tree), 'Mahanadi Katha', 'Chandalika', and 'Vande Maataram'.

Citing the example of 'Chandalika' which he has adapted in Ravana Chhaya for Sangeet Natak Akademi, he says the dance drama was authored by Rabindranath Tagore to promote social equality and eliminate the discrimination of people on the basis of their caste. Mahatma Gandhi is central to many of his works as he believes following his principles is the need of the hour.

Hailing from Angul, which is home to the art form, his tryst with shadow puppetry began early in life. It was in 1992 when he was approached

cooperation agreement (CECA), according to official documents.

The interim pact or India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA) was inked by Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal by Kapila Vatsyayana, one of the greatest doyens of Indian art and culture, to do a play using Ravana Chhaya on Mahatma Gandhi for Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA). He staged two plays on Gandhi in 1995 using shadow puppetry.

Dash does not only manipulate the puppets but also creates them. What makes the Ravana Chhaya puppets unique, he says, is that they are made from a single piece of untanned animal hide and have no joints unlike puppets in other forms. They are linear-cut into varied shapes and sizes and manipulated by the puppeteers with the help of bamboo sticks attached to the bottom.

Over the years, the number of Ravana Chhaya troupes in Odisha has been reduced to two including that of Dash and the other being, Ravana Chhaya Natya Sansada in Odash village of Angul.

But the craft is not dying considering the demand for shows from connoisseurs and the general public, says the artist who has been staging shows at many prestigious platforms and institutions of repute throughout the country. Pre-Covid, he used to stage at least 40 plays in a year. He has also trained a number of students of IITs in the art form.

Trivia

Jivan Pani, an exponent of dance and theatre, in his book 'Ravana Chhaya', has claimed that the art form existed in Odisha in the 3rd century BC and during this time, shadow theatre had travelled from Kalinga to Southeast Asian countries

Ravana Chhaya uses lyrical Odia poetic rendition of Bichitra Ramayana written by Biswanath Khuntia in the 18th century

India Overshoots Export Target

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Director General Foreign Trade (DGFT) Santosh Sarangi and others were present in the Press Conference.

The Minister said that every Indian should be proud of the pace at which India is achieving 'atmanirbharta' while ensuring that every Indian benefits from this progress. He added that India has been able to achieve this spectacular target under the leadership of the Prime Minister.

Expressing confidence that India's economy is poised to break a number of records, Mr.Goyal said that PM Modi had set lofty goals for India and that our nation is extremely capable of achieving such immense goals. To make Possible the Impossible, tirelessly strive for it and collectively work towards it, he added.

Mr.Goyal said the 'never say die' spirit of our exporters, the relentless effort by EPCs and Industry Association, the coordination among different GOI Departments and state governments reflecting the 'whole of government approach' has resulted in this stupendous achievement.

Every sector of the economy, every farmer, every entrepreneur, every MSME and state governments worked together to achieve this lucrative goal, he said.

India's diversified export portfolio in 2021-22 show India's manufacturing abilities as well as growth in hi-tech goods, electronics and agricultural products.

Exports of major commodity that recorded a positive growth during April 2021-March 2022 over April-March 2020-21 are Petroleum Products (152.1%), Cotton Yarn/Fabrics/Madeups, Handloom Products Etc. (55.1%), Other Cereals (52.2%), Gems and Jewellery (49.6%), Man-Made Yarn/Fabs/Madeups Etc.(46.9%), Engineering Goods (45.5%), Coffee (49%), Electronic Goods (40.5%), Jute Mfg. Including Floor Covering (36.2%), Leather and Leather Manufactures (32.2%), Organic & Inorganic Chemical (32.0%), Plastic and Linoleum (31.1%), Marine Products (30.0%), Rmg Of All Textiles (29.9%), Handicrafts Excl. Hand Made Carpet (22.0%) and Cereal Preparations and Miscellaneous Processed Item (21.9%) recorded a positive growth of, and 21.9% respectively over April 2020-March 2021.

Apart from diversified range of merchandise goods exported during 2021-22, India's merchandise exports have also seen a significant increase to different countries, especially, developed countries. Exports to USA, UAE, Bangladesh, Netherlands, Singapore, Hong Kong, UK, Belgium and Germany grew by 46.4%, 66.9%, 64.5%, 90.5%, 26.8%, 7.8%, 28%, 90.4% and 21.1% respectively over April 2020- March 2021.

Mr.Goyal said, notwithstanding the challenges posed by successive waves of Covid (2nd and 3rd wave), India's merchandise trade performance has shown impressive growth and exports remained above USD 30 billion for twelve consecutive months during April 2021 to March 2022.

The Prime Minister called for 'local to global'

and Australian Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment Dan Tehan on April 2. According to the text of ECTA, both countries have established a negotiation sub-committee which shall be composed of government representatives of both sides.

Central Congress leaders ditched State unit during polls: Suresh

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leader of the Congress (from the Centre) turned up to campaign in support of our candidates," he said and added that some leaders had to manage several constituencies at a time.

The former minister said that he will continue to speak the truth and raise his voice against the indifference of the Central leadership to Odisha despite the possibility of disciplinary action against him. The statement of Routray came a day after Congress legislator Tara Prasad Bahinipati targeted the president of the Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) Niranjan Patnaik for the party's debacle in the recent polls. Bahinipati had alleged that Patnaik falls ill whenever there is an election and does not provide any funds to the party candidates.

Routray, however, came to Patnaik's defence stating that it is not fair to blame only him for the debacle. "At least, the State president went to some places to campaign for the party candidates and encouraged them. He also provided funds to some candidates from his own purse," he told mediapersons.

A churning is going on in the State Congress after the panchayat and ULB elections. Congress managed to win only seven out of 108 ULBs, down from 13 in the 2013-14 polls. Of the total 1,716 councillor posts across the State, the party could win only 134.

In the panchayat polls a month earlier, the party had put up a similar performance by winning mere 37 of the 853 zilla parishad seats. In the 2017 elections, the party had won 60 seats. Zilla Parishad seats. In the 2017 elections, the party had won 60 seats.

and today India's products are in great demand all over the world. This is a testament to the strength of leadership. PM now focuses extensively on 'whole of nation approach', he said. One of the impressive growth has been seen in Agriculture sector and especially during the pandemic India emerged as a major global supplier of food / essential agriculture products. Agriculture exports buoyancy is driven by commodities such as rice (both basmati and non-basmati), marine products, wheat, spices and sugar, among others, recording the highest ever agricultural products export in 2021-22. Higher agricultural exports signify the ability of Indian farmers to meet the requirement of 1.35 billion population and yet produce a surplus to export to rest of the world. Integration into global market will allow our farmers to be more competitive, quality conscious and at the same time realize better prices for their produce. When we set a target of \$50 billion exports of Agriculture produce, then few imagined this would be possible. But today I want to congratulate our farmers who have grown more produce despite the Covid-19. The exports growth has helped farmers and labour intensive sectors and MSMEs. The government places special emphasis on these sectors, Mr.Goyal said. The Minister also assured that India will step up wheat supplies to countries hit by the Ukraine War.

"We will continue to export wheat in a big way to meet needs in countries who are not getting supplies from conflict areas. We are likely to exceed our wheat exports over 10 million tonnes in 2022-23. Our farmers are focused on increasing production," he said.

The government has been working around the clock to provide a conducive environment and infrastructure for our industry and exporters to enhance their export performance. Policies and schemes aligned with the goal are being introduced and implemented for their benefit. The smooth roll out of RoDTEP and ROSCTL even in the midst of the pandemic reflects the strong resolve of the government to walk the talk. The Interest Equalisation Scheme has been extended to exporters and is likely to benefit a large number of MSME exporters. Mr.Goyal said the Government is now working on rolling out the District Export Hub Initiative to strengthen the export infrastructure, logistics at district level to facilitate exports.

"We have succeeded in creating awareness about exports in every district through ODOP and PLIs," he said. Rigorous efforts for domestic capacity enhancement for deepening integration in the Global Value Chains are being made by working in close partnership with the industry to identify areas where India's competitive advantages lay. The Government is working on strengthening our capabilities and create for the world on the lines of Make in India. Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes for 13 key sectors of manufacturing starting from FY 2021-22 have been announced.

CWC 2022: Invincible Aussies show roadmap to success for the world to follow

RIDICULOUS (KCN): If there's a word to describe Meg Lanning's side from the start of the ODI Championship cycle in 2017 up until the semifinal of the 2022 ODI World Cup, that is it. 39 wins and two defeats in five years: that's how good they were. And Sunday was expected to be no different. If anything, they took it up a notch, with one of the most ridiculously good batting performances in a World Cup final ever. Australia's total of 356 for seven, the highest in a Women's World Cup final, was largely because of one batter — Alyssa Healy, who smashed 170 runs, the second-highest individual score in a World Cup knockout game. It was her rise as a dominant opening batter that marked the start of the Australian dynasty that was established on the ruins of that 2017 World Cup exit.

Healy wants to use the word 'reinvent' to define the turn of events, not just for her, but for the team as a whole.

"We came together as a squad and said, this is how we want to play our cricket from now on. And this is — we're going to be the best team in the world and for all 15 people in our squad and I think the girls outside of the squad that have come in and contributed to be able to buy into that has been unbelievable. And I think that's a culture created by the lady sitting next to me (Lanning) and Rach (Rachael Haynes) and Motty (Matthew Mott)," she said after the match on Sunday.

She wasn't exaggerating. Up until then, Healy

Qatari official: Rainbow flags may be taken to protect fans

DOHA: Rainbow flags could be taken from fans at the World Cup in Qatar to protect them from being attacked for promoting gay rights, a senior leader overseeing security for the tournament told The Associated Press.

Major General Abdulaziz Abdullah Al Ansari insisted that LGBTQ couples would be welcomed and accepted in Qatar for the Nov. 21-Dec. 18 FIFA showpiece despite same-sex relations remaining criminalized in the conservative Gulf nation.



But Al Ansari is against the overt promotion of LGBTQ freedoms as symbolized by the rainbow flag that FIFA and World Cup organizers had previously said would be welcome across Qatar's eight stadiums.

"If he (a fan) raised the rainbow flag and I took it from him, it's not because I really want to, really, take it, to really insult him, but to protect him," Al Ansari told the AP. "Because if it's not me, somebody else around him might attack (him) ... I cannot guarantee the behaviour of the whole people. And I will tell him: 'Please, no need to really raise that flag at this point.'"

Al Ansari is director of the Department of International Cooperation and chairman of the National Counterterrorism Committee at the Ministry of Interior where he discussed World Cup planning for an hour with the AP.

"You want to demonstrate your view about the (LGBTQ) situation, demonstrate it in a society where it will be accepted," he said. "We realize that this man got the ticket, comes here to watch the game, not to demonstrate, a political (act) or something which is in his mind. 'Watch the game. That's good. But don't really come in and insult the whole society because of this.'"

The potential confiscation from supporters was condemned as "deeply concerning" by fan and anti-discrimination campaigners.

"Often, so-called 'protections' are in fact smokescreens to cover up human rights violations," said Julia Ehart of the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association and Ronain Evain of Football Supporters Europe in a joint response. "FIFA and Qatar must address these concerns immediately, and show the world there is a chance of carrying out a rights-respecting and safe tournament for LGBTIQ fans."

was hovering in the middle-order, averaging 15.96 from 52 matches. With the license to play her natural attacking game at the top, she is the leading run-scorer for Australia in the format, averaging 52.29 while striking at 102.29 in the 42 matches since.

And it wasn't just her. As Healy mentioned a large pool of young players came through the system that is in place, taking to international cricket like fish to water. Case in point: fast bowler Darcie Brown and leg-spinner Alana King. While Brown made her debut last year, King broke onto the scene in January 2022 and had a great debut World Cup, including a three-fer in the final.

"I think the base and platform that we've got in domestic cricket is really strong," said skipper Lanning, before adding, "the WBBL has played a massive role in setting players up to come into international cricket and perform straightaway and they're under the pump in that competition. They're put in big game situations and that's what's required at a World Cup."

But is it just about creating the system? Definitely not. Small things like domestic contracts,



reducing the wage gap, grassroots pathways, providing the male and female cricketers with similar infrastructure matter. In 2017, Cricket Australia provided female athletes an average pay raise of 125%.

Three years later, for the home T20 World Cup, the cricketing body took it upon itself to ensure that the prize money for the men and women's events were the same by chipping in an extra US\$600,000. Where Australia are right now in world cricket and the 'winning mentality' with which they take the field every time — knowing that they would run over any team they are up against — didn't come into being overnight. It's the result of years of investment, exposure and consistency in the selection process.

England aren't far behind either. To lose the first three games before winning five on the trot to reach the finals doesn't happen without a system in place. Ask Heather Knight how someone like Charlie Dean came into the set up less than a year ago and owned the big stage, she'd credit the domestic contracts that were introduced in 2020 and the role of The Hundred in helping the off-spinner prepare for pressure situations.

"I think the changes that have been made in the structure back home have really helped, I think

it's in a good place. I think things will only improve over the next couple of years. There'll be a few more domestic contracts I imagine and a few more sort of season pros and as high as the standard that we can get that competition as possible... Australia obviously started the domestic setup and the investment in the women's game a little bit earlier than we did. But hopefully it will bear fruit in the next couple of years," Knight said in the post-match press conference. Coming back to the final, Natalie Sciver, the extremely talented cricketer that she is, might have played out of her skin to score an unbeaten 148, making the game look like a close contest. But it never really was. Not for one minute did Australia look like a team that could be beaten in this World Cup. While the world celebrated when India ended their 26-match winning streak in September, they have since begun a new streak, notching up 12 wins in a row.

Which is why, when the comparisons arise between Meg Lanning's side and Ricky Ponting's Australia of the 2000s, it is more than fair to say that this women's side is equal to, if not better than, that men's team with respect to the way they dominate limited-overs cricket. Two T20 World Cups and an ODI World Cup in a span of four years is no mean feat.

What's scary is that the gulf between Australia and the rest could only widen from here. Perhaps, this is a wake-up call for other cricketing bodies to take a good look at what Australia have done behind the scenes to become invincible. They have plenty of catching up to do.

FIFA President Gianni Infantino said this week in Doha that "everyone will see that everyone is welcome here in Qatar, even if we speak about LGBTQ."

Al Ansari said he was not telling LGBTQ fans to stay away from Qatar or warning them of facing prosecution.

"Reserve the room together, sleep together -- this is something that's not in our concern," he said. "We are here to manage the tournament. Let's not go beyond, the individual personal things which might be happening between these people ... this is actually the concept."

"Here we cannot change the laws. You cannot change the religion for 28 days of World Cup."

When it was pointed out that visiting fans and teams could take offence to the comments, Al Ansari said he did not view himself as being discriminatory. "I am risking ... a minority view against a majority," he said. "We have to be close to the problem before it erupts and gets out of control. ... If somebody attacks you, then I have to get involved and it will be too late."

FIFA chief social responsibility and education officer Joyce Cook told the AP in 2020 that "rainbow flags, T-shirts will all be welcome in the stadium — that's a given. They understand very well that is our stance." World Cup chief executive Nasser Al-Khater also said "we will respect" FIFA guidelines on allowing rainbow flags.

But Al Ansari's comments about the confiscation of fans' rainbow flags have created confusion for activists, including Chris Paouros, a member of the English Football Association's inclusion advisory board and trustee with the anti-discrimination group, Kick It Out, which wanted a safe and inclusive tournament.

"This inconsistency and the continued lack of detail in terms of how that will be provided beyond the rhetoric of 'everyone is welcome' is concerning to say the least," Paouros said. The FARE network, which monitors games for discrimination, called for the freedoms of fans to be respected at the World Cup.

"The idea that the flag, which is now a recognized universal symbol of diversity and equality, will be removed from people to protect them will not be considered acceptable, and will be seen as a pretext," FARE executive director Piara Powar said. "I have been to Qatar on numerous occasions and do not expect the local Qatari population or fans visiting for the World Cup to be attacked for wearing the rainbow flag. The bigger danger comes from state actions."

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