

## Alert for Medium Flood

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Due to intensity of rain has increased in parts of the state, including the upper catchment area of river Mahanadi, the state government is anticipating a "medium flood" this time, said

The SRC added that people have nothing to panic for now as the administration had handled a similar situation in August, 2019. Mr. Jena said as much as 9.5 lakh cusecs of water were currently

asked to evacuate people from low-lying areas. Mr. Jena, who reviewed the situation, said 22 rescue teams comprising the NDRF, ODARF and Fire Service personnel, have been sent

area received heavy showers in the last 12 hours. Official sources said that Mahanadi's tributaries such as Luna, Karandia, Chitroptala, Daya, Bhargavi, Rajua and Malaguni were also swelling.

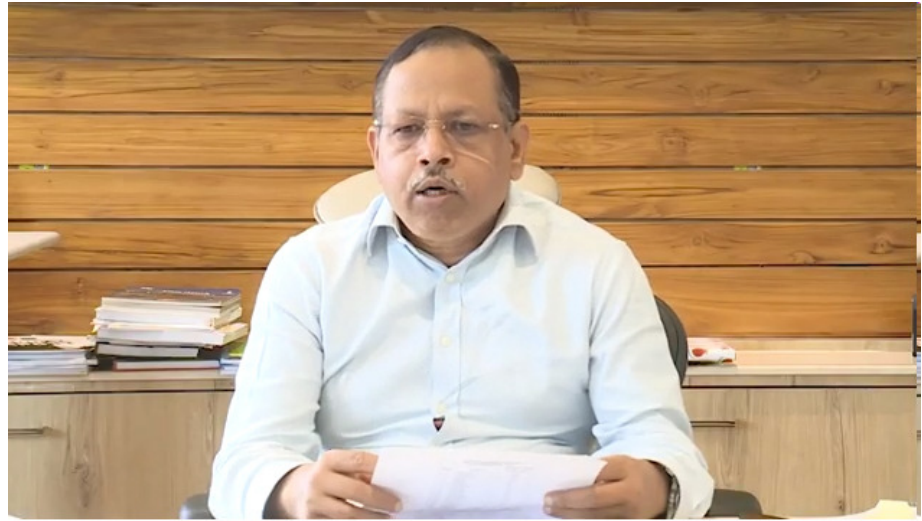
"Therefore, we cannot afford to open more gates of Hirakud now to discharge additional water," a senior official of the Department of Water Resources.

The SRC also informed that "There will be no flood in Baitarani, although the water level at Akhuapada was flowing at 18.06 metres against the danger level of 17.83m."

He pointed out that water level in Jalaka River at Mathani was also flowing at 6.39 metres, almost 0.9 metres above the danger level, but stressed that there was no reason to worry as of now.

In the last 24 hours till 8.30 am, Hemgiri in Sundargarh recorded 200 mm of rain, the

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Special Relief Commissioner (SRC) Pradeep K Jena. Mr. Jena said that "We expect a flow of around 10.5 lakh cusecs of floodwater at Mundali barrage near Cuttack by Monday evening. Accordingly, we are preparing for a medium flood in the Mahanadi system".

passing near Khairmal, downstream of Mahanadi, and that would require 24 hours to reach Mundali. "Therefore, we expect peak flood in Mahanadi by Monday evening when above 10 lakh cusecs of water will pass," the SRC said, adding that district authorities have been

to districts of Puri, Khurda, Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur and Cuttack, as these places were likely to be more affected due to the possible flood.

He also explained that 34 of the 98 Hirakud reservoir gates have been opened for discharging water, noting that the lower catchment

## I-Day celebration: 7,000 invitees expected at Red Fort, security beefed up

NEW DELHI(KCN): A multi-layered security cover has been put in place and facial recognition system (FRS) cameras installed at the entry point of the Red Fort from where Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the nation on Independence Day, officials said on Saturday.

According to the police, around 7,000

invitees will arrive at the Red Fort, while over 10,000 police personnel will be de-



ployed around the monument on Monday.

The Delhi Police has deployed over 400 kite catchers and fliers on rooftops and

threats from sub-conventional aerial platforms. A five-kilometre area around the Red Fort has been marked as a "no kite flying zone" till the tricolour is hoisted.

Anti-drone systems from Defence Research and Development Organisation and other security agencies are also being installed, police said. CONTINUED ON: P-7

## 'Overjoyed' by response to Har Ghar Tiranga: PM Modi

New Delhi(KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said he was "overjoyed and proud" of the "amazing response" to the "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign across the nation. He urged citizens to share their photos along



with the national flag on the official website dedicated to the campaign.

Apart from the BJP leaders, Union ministers and chief ministers of BJP-ruled states and prominent personalities from various sectors joined the campaign across the country as the three-day exercise began on Saturday to mark the 75th anniversary of India's Independence. "Overjoyed and proud of the amazing response to the #HarGharTiranga movement. We are seeing record participation from different walks of life. This is a great way to mark Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav," tweeted the PM.

Union minister Amit Shah and BJP president J.P. Nadda hoisted the national flag at their

residences and posted pictures on social media.

The BJP also held an exhibition on the eve of Partition Horrors Remembrance Day on August 14, at its office here.

"Attended the poignant exhibition on 'Partition Horrors Remembrance Day' at BJP HQ that reminds us all of the pain of lakhs of our brothers and sisters during partition. We must never forget the cost that politics of hate and divide, driven by personal selfish interests imposed on us," Mr Nadda said.

"I have always felt proud to hold the national flag and swear my unwavering loyalty to it. It is a great symbol of our freedom. On the occasion of AzadiKaAmritMahotsav I pray to God that all of us Indians fulfil the great ideal of living harmonious under the Tiranga," tweeted Mr Deve Gowda and also uploaded a video of himself with the tiranga.

Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman participated in a door-to-door campaign in Bengaluru to distribute the tricolour and interacted with the people and also. Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan celebrated the event with children in Bhubaneswar. Former union minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi participated in a tricolour kites festival in Uttar Pradesh's Rampur and inaugurated 'Amrit Sarovar' constructed as part of the Amrit Mahotsav.

## PM using traumatic events of partition as fodder for his political battles: Congress

NEW DELHI(KCN): The Congress on Sunday alleged that the real intent of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to mark August 14 as Partition Horrors Remembrance Day is to use the traumatic events as his current battles.

Congress secretary, Jairam Ramesh said the tragedy of partition, cannot be misused to fuel hate and prejudice. He said the politics of hate will be defeated and the Congress will continue its efforts



fodder for political

general

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## Odisha government approves Rs 998 crore for Lower Suktel project

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): The State govern-

ment has approved an underground pipeline project of Rs 998 crore for speedy completion of the Lower Suktel irrigation project in Balangir district. The much-delayed irrigation project has been targeted to be made operational by January 2024 with the State government reviewing the progress almost every month.

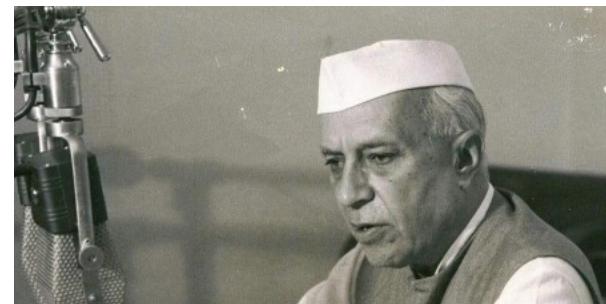


The survey for the project was conducted in

1979 but it got environ-CONTINUED ON: P-7

## Cong shares draft of Nehru's 'tryst with destiny' speech; he had written 'date with destiny'

NEW DELHI(KCN): The Congress Sunday shared former prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru's handwritten draft of his famous first Independence day speech in which he had written about the country's "date with destiny"



but delivered it as "tryst with destiny".

Congress general secretary, Communications, Jairam Ramesh also shared the video of Nehru's speech delivered at the midnight session of the Constituent Assembly as India achieved independence on August 15, 1947.

Ramesh said on Twitter, "75 years ago, a little after midnight, Nehru gave his immortal 'Tryst with Destiny' speech. Here's his handwritten draft dated 14.8.47. He had penned it as 'date with destiny', but in a moment of true genius delivered it as 'tryst with destiny'."

Nehru in his draft note wrote, "Long years ago we made a date with destiny, and now the time comes when we shall redeem our pledge, not wholly or in full measure, but very substantially. At the stroke of the midnight hour, when the world sleeps, India will wake to life and freedom."

"Our moment comes, which comes but rarely in history, when we step out from the old to the new, when an age ends and when the soul of the nation, long suppressed, finds utterance. It is fitting that at this solemn moment we take the pledge of dedication to the service of India and her people and to the still larger cause of humanity." Nehru said in his draft note of August 14, 1947.

## CM Naveen Patnaik gives away Suraj Award

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Saturday awarded Suraj



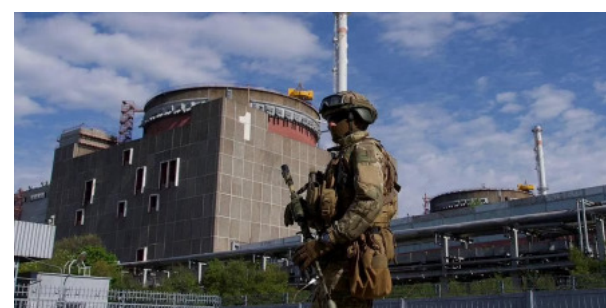
Award-2022 to the families of late Sushil Sahu of Aladi village of Jagannathprasad block and late Siddhi Samruddhi of Nilachal Nagar of Gopalpur area under Kanisi block of Ganjam district.

In a programme organised virtually Speaker Bikram Keshari Arukha presented cheques of Rs 5 lakh each to Sushil's widow Pinki Sahu and Siddhi Samruddhi's father Sapan Kumar Bindhani. Suraj award is being given since 2020 for donating life-saving vital organs such as heart, kidney and liver. This is the third Suraj Award.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Patnaik said that society is indebted to the parents of both Sushil and Siddhi Samruddhi. He urged people to do such good deeds and become inspiration for building a good society. Stating that organ donation has created new hope for several families, he said saving life of others is the noblest of acts.

## Ukraine nuclear plant standoff stirs Chernobyl nuclear disaster memories

VYSCHETARASIVKA(KCN): Anastasiya Rudenko clutches the



gleaming gold medal her late husband Viktor was awarded for working in the Chernobyl nuclear disaster zone.

He died in 2014 from bladder cancer

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### Message

The Kalinga Chronicle family wishes its readers, hawkers, advertisers, writers and well-wishers on the Eve of Independence Day.

- Editor-in-Chief

### Declaration

The Office will be off on 15 August, 2022. There will be no publication of The Kalinga Chronicle on 16.08.2022.

- Publisher

**Bangio Parishad,Barbil organised blood donation camp**

Barbil (KCN):To curb the existing shortage, a blood donation camp was organised at Vikas Mahal premises by Bangio parishad( Bengal community) of Barbil on Sunday. . The camp opened at 10.00am at the

members of parishad were active throughout the day and did not tire despite the long lines of people coming in to donate. The camp saw more than 40 donors coming forward to donate, The camp concluded at



hands of Sapan Ghosh, secretary in presence of Ranjit Chakrabarty,Asim Chakraborty and many other members. While Inaugurating the occasion ,Sapan said several banks in the district are facing acute blood crisis. Our this endeavour may plug the gap .The redcross team and all

1.00pm. Ranjit Chakrabarty extended his gratitude to the doctors, technicians and staff from redcross team as well as to the organizing team and congratulated the participants for coming forward to donate, while appreciating the hard work put in by all the volunteers in making the camp a huge success.

**Indian Agriculture needs reforms & investment to create jobs for inclusive growth : Ramesh Chand**

Kolkata (KCN): "Indian agriculture needs reforms and investment to boost jobs creation as well as for sustainable and inclusive growth " ,said by Prof. Ramesh Chand Hon'ble member of NITI Aayog who holds MOS status in Union Government and a noted agro-economist .

Ramesh Chand . Major challenge in Industry 4.0 is that growth can take place without increasing employment. He mentioned all those factors which enable good earning for people lead to Inclusive Development (ID). Ramesh Chand said " Agriculture



He was speaking on a special session on the theme, " India: The Road to Inclusive Growth" organised by Calcutta Chamber of Commerce in Kolkata on 13th August 2022 .

Prof. Ramesh Chand said a workable definition of Inclusive Growth has to meet two condi-

led growth followed by Industrialisation results in high per capita income and low poverty on sustained basis ... Agriculture led growth is inclusive but not sustainable if it is not followed by industrialisation. Inclusive Growth requires increase in per capita income thru economic growth which in turn necessitates job creation to match labour force.



tions : 1) everyone benefits from growth ,2 ) everyone participates in growth process . Ramesh Chand said "

'Inclusiveness' is not same as 'Inequality' . Peace and Harmony in any society depends upon level of well being of all sections of the society. Exclusion can cause regime change and political upheaval "

Chand mentioned Growth and Inclusive Development put together for the first time in the 11th plan.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi 's vision of "Sab ke Sath ,Sab ke Vikas " along with aim to create US \$ 5 trillion economy promote Inclusive Growth , stressed

Inclusive Growth depends upon employment. Employment creation now and in future requires relook as Industry 4.0 turning to labour saving technologies. "

Ramesh Chand said there is need to explore possibilities of decent jobs creation in post harvest agriculture and in around agriculture Earlier , welcoming the guests, President of Calcutta Chamber of Commerce Shrimati Shailja Mehta mentioned agriculture should be next growth engine for India to promote Inclusive Growth.

Senior Vice President of Calcutta Chamber of Commerce Mr. Kejriwal while giving vote of thanks called for more private-public partnership to promote Inclusive Growth.

**100-M-Long National Flag Exhibit by Prarambha Concept School**

Khordha (KCN): The Prarambha Concept School today Exhib-

Mahostav on Sunday. The Indian National Flag has been con-

mission as part of the "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahostav ". The chil-

this while addressing the children Princi- pal Prarambha Con- cept School

not be forgotten. Not only the country but the world also accept iron for these success.



ited 100-M- Long National Flag at Khordha, as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Many cultural programmes were organizes with swing on the occasion of Sawan Festival by Family Welfare Association, Manipur and Nagaland sector, CRPF

ceptualized and manufactured by the khadi and village industries and com-

dren of the school sing the patriotic song were attract the general public. During

Sradhanjali Pradhan said that " there have been great achievements in the journey of 75 years of Independence. The saga of achievements is very long, they can

The Vice-Principal of the school Geetanjali Sahoo, founder of the school Biswaranjan Dash and Soumya Ranjan Dash were encouraged the students.

Manipur (KCN): On 12/08/2022, many cultural programs were organized by the Family Welfare Association, Manipur and Nagaland Sector,CRPF, Imphal in the celebration of Sawan Festival with Swing. Smt. Rajni Dutta, CWA President,



congratulated everyone on the Raksha Bandhan festival and requested them to move forward with positive thinking and always being devoted to their family. He always suggested everyone to work for the welfare of the family. During the program Swing, Rangoli, music and dance were organized in which all the women participated enthusiastically.

**Har Ghar Tiranga campaign kicks off by JSW,Odisha at Barbil**

Barbil,13thAugust(KCN) Celebrating the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day, JSW Steel, Odisha Mines division commenced 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign on Saturday at its Bhadrasahi and Jajang offices.

The company's senior officials like operation head (Odisha) BRK Padhi, project head Ashesh Padhy admin and security head Arun



Rawat, HR head Srijit Mishra and others were present during the event. The 'Har Ghar Tiranga' was also observed at Bhubaneswar office. Earlier, the same was kicked off in Paradip office to mark the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. Last month, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had urged citizens to hoist national flags at their homes and also change their social media display pictures to embrace the spirit of Independence Day celebrations. As a part of the celebration, the campaign is to be celebrated from the August 13 to August 15. Senior officials handed over the national flags to the local staff and employees to mark the drive.

**Reckless driving of struck driver rammmed several electric pole**

Barbil (KCN):Parts of Kalinga Matkambada road in the district of Keonjhar , plunged into darkness after a truck driver lost control and rammmed to bringing down nine electric poles . As per report the speeding truck was heading towards the city keeping it's trolley carrier up. The driver lost control and rammmed Electric

the surrounding area was disrupted . Police detained the driver before cordoning off the area and alerting Electric department .Officials of Tata power ,Barbil jurisdiction rushed to the spot and disconnected power supply to avoid further damage. People demand to book the



wires poles remain across the road . As a result, nine electric poles were uprooted and there was severe damage in electricity transmission. Power supply to

driver for negligence.However the electricity department is working on it and the power will be restored soon. "says one official of Tata power.

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# 'Was difficult to play an 18-year-old': Aamir Khan on 'Laal Singh Chaddha'

How close is Laal Singh Chaddha to Forrest Gump, of which it is an adaptation?

We have tried to make it as close to Forrest Gump as possible, but it's an Indianised version. Atul Kulkarni (scriptwriter) and Advait Chandan (director) have made a few changes, and we hope the audience loves it. The Hollywood version had a few adult scenes, but since we wanted to make a family film, we decided to do away with them. We wanted to retain the innocence of the character from the original version.

Did you actually grow a beard for the role?



I grew my beard six inches long. It took me almost six months. I met a Sardar at my gym and liked his look. I told him I wanted to have this look for my next film. I did grow a beard but also used extensions.

Your son Junaid gave screen tests for the film. What happened?

Junaid studied theatre at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts and did plays for a year. I told Advait to shoot a few test scenes with him for the film to see if he could handle it. We made him Laal Singh Chaddha and he shot for two weeks. That helped us gauge what Junaid had learnt at school. He was so good as the character that I was in a dilemma if Junaid should do the film. I showed (the tests) to all my close friends who don't give any leeway to my work. Only two people said no—Atul (Kulkarni) and Aditya Chopra. They said that since it was an episodic film, a newcomer should not do it. It's a star vehicle, which is why it was Tom Hanks who played the role in the original.

How did you convince yourself for the role? I prepped for the film, but it stayed in my mind that Laal is an innocent and pure character. I am 57 and an idealist. You learn a lot throughout life and that innocence does not remain. I had to finally use Junaid's instincts for the

role. I got the cue from his screen tests as Laal. You are 57 and the character's age spans from 18 to 50. What was the toughest part about it?

There were challenges during the run sequences. There were a lot of locations and I travelled a lot for one and half months. I don't look 18, but the technical team has done an amazing job with de-ageing. What was difficult was to mentally prepare as an 18-year-old.

You made Kareena Kapoor Khan, who you are working with after 12 years, audition for her role. Why so, and how was it working together again?

I watched her for the first time in Kabhie Khushi Kabhie Gham and I loved her. Then I did 3 Idiots and Talaash with her. She gets into the character completely and is a fantastic actor. She has never given a screen test, but she agreed for this one because we wanted to see how she would look in the film. After we did a reading with her, both Advait and I realised that she was perfect for the role. What qualities of Laal have impressed you? He is innocent, doesn't complain, and knows how to leave the past behind. If anyone speaks ill of him, he keeps quiet. He knows that you can't rewind the past. A lot of us don't accept that. Even if he feels bad, he just moves on with life. His mother has taught him that. My relationship with my Ammi has been the same. That's why I could relate to the film. I have learnt a lot in life because of her.

Are you doing Kiran Rao's next film, Lapata Ladki?

I gave a screen test for it, but she rejected me. Both of us felt that I was not the right fit for the role. I was also busy with Laal, so we decided that if she cannot find anyone, I will be there as a backup. Have you ever faced rejections in your career? I don't like rejections; they upset me. I was rejected from a Hindi play during my intercollege years, but when I went out, I saw a notice on the board about a Gujarati play. They wanted chorus players. I said to myself, "Don't give up." I went and

auditioned for the Gujarati play.



Do you plan to launch Junaid soon? He doesn't want me to launch him. He is making his own career.

## Actor Dhanu Harsha roped in for Diganth's 'Edagaiye Apaghatakke Karana'

Dhanu Harsha is the newest talent in Sandalwood, and she is set to play the female lead in Samarth B Kadkol's directorial, Edagaiye Apaghatakke Karana. A film that revolves around the problems of south-paws has Dhanu paired opposite Diganth. An official announcement of Dhanu, a runner-up of Fresh Face season 13, coming on board was announced on International Lefthanders day.



Dhanu, who has previously worked in English films, a Tamil independent film Irandha Kaalam, and a Kannada film Ariha, is excited to bag her first solo lead.

"The title, (Edagaiye Apaghatakke Karana) translates as 'Left hand is the reason for the problem to happen' is a concept based on 'Left handers'. I play the role of Radhika, who is a left hander, in her mid 20s, who goes through an unfortunate turn of events. The role is challenging, and it is something I haven't done before. It will be a different process for me to get into this character," says the actor, who will begin shooting for the film this month. Dhanu, who is still pursuing her education, says she has started loving this profession.

"At present, this medium has become my passion, and it will be amazing if I can do it full time," Edagaiya Apaghatakke Karana is jointly produced by Gurudatha Ganiga and Samarth Kadkol, and has cinematography by Abhimanyu Sadanand.

## 'We miss you Pappa': Genelia shares note, pics on Vilasrao Deshmukh's death anniversary

Bollywood actor Genelia Deshmukh, on Sunday, shared a heartfelt note to mark her father-in-law Vilasrao Deshmukh's 10th death

Riteish Deshmukh's sons Riaan and Rahyl which is directed by Shaad Ali and is scheduled to be seen sitting beside the picture of



anniversary. Taking to Instagram, the 'Force' actor dropped a couple of pictures, which she captioned, "Verified Dearest Pappa, Riaan and Rahyl asked me today. "Aai, if we ask Ajoba a question, will he answer??" Without a doubt my answer was, "He will answer, if you Hear him". I have honestly lived all these years speaking to you and getting every answer back, I know you have been with us through our toughest times and laughed with us through our lighter times, I know that you answer every doubt we have and I know even right now, you have read what I am writing to you..And I know it's your promise to us, that you will always be there, if we just keep our ears open to hearing you, our eyes open to seeing you and our hearts open to experiencing you. We Miss You Pappa P.s - Riaan and Rahyl insist that they are holding you on either side." In the first picture, Genelia and her husband

their grandfather. In another picture, shared by the 'Tere Naal Love Ho Gaya' actor, her kids can be seen seeking blessings from Riteish's father Vilasrao Deshmukh. Soon after Genelia dropped the pictures, fans flooded the comment section with heart emoticons. Vilasrao Deshmukh was a two-time Chief Minister of Maharashtra, and he passed away due to kidney and lung failure on August 14, 2012. Meanwhile, talking about Genelia, she has completed filming for 'Mister Mummy'



to release in the latter part of the year. Apart from 'Mister Mummy', she has also started working on a new project titled 'Trial Period', helmed by Aleya Sen. Manav Kaul is also a part of the film.

## Deduction from Capital Gains U/S 54 & 54F Part-1

The Income Tax Act provides deductions from capital gain tax under various sections. In this article we deal with deductions available under sec. 54 and 54F on sale of residential house.

1. Conditions for claiming exemption u/s 54 in respect of long-term capital gains on sale of a residential flat or house: Long-term capital gains arising from transfer of a residential house and land appurtenant thereto may be claimed as exempt u/s 54 by individuals and Hindu Undivided Family (HUF), subject to the following conditions:

a) The amount of capital gain is invested in another residential house or property. This investment must take place within one year before or within 2 years after the date of transfer in case of purchase of new residential house and 3 years after that date in case of its construction; Exemption in respect of the entire amount of capital gain is allowed in cases where the investment in new house or flat is equal to or exceeds the amount of capital gain. Otherwise, the gains in excess of the amount invested are brought to tax.

W.e.f. asst. year 2015-16, it had been provided that investment in new residential unit should be with respect to one unit only. However, w.e.f. asst. year 2020-21, section 54 has been further amended to provide that assessee can invest in two residential house property for claiming deduction under section 54. However, this relief of investment in two houses can be claimed only once in lifetime. To avail the exemption for reinvestment in two residential houses, the capital gains should not exceed Rs. 2 Crore.

b) The new residential house should not be transferred within 3 years of its acquisition, otherwise the capital gains exempted earlier is brought to tax. This is computed by taking the cost of acquisition of the new asset as reduced by the amount of capital gain exempted earlier. c) If the amount required to be invested in the new residential house is not so invested before the due date for furnishing the return of income for the relevant year, it must be deposited in a separate

bank account specified for this purpose, which

**Narayan Jain**

can be opened in any branch, other than a rural branch, of the public sector banks. There are two types of accounts for depositing the unutilised amount. 'Account A' is like the savings bank account in a bank where withdrawals are permitted from time to time. If any taxpayer wants to make the investment for a fixed term, he may deposit the unutilised amount in 'Account B'. Interest on deposits in 'Account A' is allowed like interest on saving account while in Capital Gain account B the rate of interest is comparatively higher. The amount utilised for acquiring the new residential house, if any, together with the amount of deposit is considered for calculating the tax exempt capital gains. If the amount deposited is not utilised wholly or partly for acquiring the new asset within the specified period, then the amount not so utilised shall be charged under section 45 as the income of the previous year in which the period of three years from the date of the transfer of the original asset expires. However, in case, the person claiming exemption u/s 54 by depositing the amount in capital gain account, dies without investing in a new residential house, no tax will be payable in the hand of the deceased or his legal heirs in respect of the unutilised amount.

d) In case of compulsory acquisition of an original asset under any law, if the amount of compensation awarded is not actually received on the date of such transfer, then, for claim-ing exemption in relation to such amount, the period for acquiring new asset being residential house (including land appurtenant thereto), as also the period for depositing or investing the amount of capital gain has been extended w.e.f. 1.10.1991. This extended period will be reckoned from the date of receipt of the amount of compensation. However, in relation to delayed receipt of compensation under compulsory acquisition where the compensation has been received prior to 1.4.1991, the aforesaid period, if expired would extend only upto 31.12.1991 (section 54H).

Alternatively, the assessee can avail exemption u/s 54EC or section 54EE (w.e.f. asst. year 2017-18).

2. Whether for claiming exemption u/s 54 the same money received as consideration, is to be utilised or assessee may utilize even the borrowed funds: The Kerala High Court in the case of ITO v. K.C. Gopalan [1999] 107 Taxman 591 (Ker.) has held that law does not insist that sale consideration obtained by assessee itself should be utilised for purchase or construction of new house property. Assessee is entitled to exemption u/s 54/54F, even though for the purchase or construction of new house, the amount that was received by way of sale of his old property/ asset as such was not utilised. Also refer: Gouli Mahadevappa v. ITO [2013] 356 ITR 90 (Kar).

The Mumbai Bench of ITAT in the case of Mrs. Prema P. Shah v. ITO [2006] 100 ITD 60 (Mum.) has held that for the purpose of claiming deduction u/s 54/54F, it is not essential to use the same fund received as sale consideration. It may use any fund, including borrowed funds. Similar view has been expressed in Bombay Housing Corporation v. ACIT [2002] 81 ITD 545 (Mum.).

It is immaterial that investment in new house or sec. 54EC bonds has been made not out of sale consideration but out of borrowed fund or own fund - Reji Easow v. ITO, Ward 3(5) [2022] 136 taxmann.com 111 (Mumbai - Trib.). However Mumbai Bench in the case of Milan Sharad Ruparel v. ACIT [2009] 121 TTJ 770 (Mum.) and Hansa Shah v. ITO [2018] 98 taxmann.com 393 (Mumbai - Trib.) held that deduction u/s 54 or 54F will be available only if the assessee invests either out of sale proceeds of the asset or his other personal funds but not from borrowed fund.

3. Where the assessee purchased new house property on credit or deferred payment, can he claim deduction u/s 54 or 54F: Sec. 54 or 54F requires the assessee to purchase or construct new residential house property within the prescribed time. If the assessee had purchased or constructed the new house property within the prescribed time he is entitled to claim deduction u/s 54 or 54F. It is immaterial that consideration for purchase is paid immediately or at a later date. As such house purchased on credit also qualifies for deduction - Gopal Sa-

ran Darbari v. ITO [2017] 77 taxmann.com 49 (Delhi - Trib.): [2017] 162 ITD 342 (Delhi - Trib.).

4. Where assessee deposited the sale consideration in the capital gain deposit account before the due date of filing of return and purchased the new house within two years. But the purchase consideration paid was not from capital gain deposit account but from loan, whether assessee is entitled to deduction u/s 54 or 54F: The Chennai Bench of ITAT in the case of P. Thirumoorthy v. ITO [2011] 7 ITR (Trib.) 10 (Chenn.) held that the provisions of the section have been complied by the assessee. As such deduction is available. Also refer Hansa Shah v. ITO [2018] 98 taxmann.com 393 (Mumbai - Trib.).

5. If an assessee purchases a house on a long term lease out of the capital gain arising on transfer of another house property, is he entitled to deduction u/s 54: ITAT Mumbai Bench in the case of Mrs. Prema P. Shah v. ITO [2006] 100 ITD 60 (Mum.), has held that if the house property is acquired under a long term lease, it shall amount to purchase of house property and exemption u/s 54 shall be available. Similar view has been expressed in N. Ramaswamy v. ITO [2020] 113 taxmann.com 289 (Chenn Trib.).

6. In case an assessee, after constructing or purchasing a new residential house, used the same for business or profession, whether he is entitled for exemption u/s 54 or 54F: This point came before Mumbai Bench of ITAT in the case of S.K. Luthra v. ITO [2007] 11 SOT 646 (Mum.) wherein the assessee after purchasing the new residential house utilised the same for conducting coaching classes and later let it out to another company who used the same for their business/profession. The Mumbai Bench held that once the residential house property is purchased within the prescribed time, the assessee is entitled for exemption u/s 54F. Subsequent use of property is not material.

(Contd.)

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## Independence Day is the glory of our Nation

On the auspicious occasion of 76th Independence Day I extend my heartiest greetings and good wishes to my respected readers.

Today, on this historic day, we attained freedom for our country following the path of Ahimsa is unique in the history of mankind. On this occasion we recall with pride the heroic struggle of our freedom fighters and nationalist leaders, whose relentless sacrifices brought us the most valuable gift of Independence. Let us pay together our heartfelt homage to our father of the nation Mahatma Gandhi as well as other great leaders like Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Ballavbhai Patel, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad and great patriots like Saheed Bhagat Singh, Chandra Sekhar Azad and many others who had made invaluable contribution with dedication and sacrifice for achieving this glorious feat.

But it is regretted that this year this Glorious Independence Day our country is facing economical crises since independence. The economy is in deep trouble, social and communal tensions have intensified,

Constitutional values and democracy are on retreat, health sector

has collapsed due to the onslaught of Covid-19 and our country is facing multiple challenges. This pain overshadowed the celebration of Independence. Yet independence brought new hopes and aspirations. Pandit Nehru addressing the

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continued to be the third-largest economy in the world but the country's global ranking in terms of human development is a pathetic 128. The country failed its under-privileged by not keeping up the promise of an economic development that would benefit single citizen.

Democracy does not mean just periodical



nation on 15th August delivered that 'the achievements we celebrate today is but a step, an opportunity, to greater triumphs and achievements that await us'. These words inspired millions of poor and the working class and hopes soared of a glorious future in Independent India. After 75 years of independence we felt that many of the promises made remain unfulfilled. There is an India with around ten percent of the top population whose life standards are comparable to the best in the world. While the Indian rulers are jubilant that the India

holding of elections. It also means justice and freedoms. In a country which is predominantly feudal, it was felt that democracy would not survive. The idea of construction of a just society no longer drives politics. Politics has become a business and career. Our Parliament and Legislatures are loaded with people with vested interests. More than 40% of our elected representatives have criminal records. After seventy five years of independence it appears that the criminals have found a safe heaven in the Parliament

and Legislature. In the last few years, we see a new developing trend where a Political party need not win elections to come to power. Even after losing the elections elected representatives have become commodities for sale and purchase. For a succeed democracy free press are absolutely necessary but today the government is trying to stoppage of utterance of press. The judiciary has failed to protect the fundamental rights of the citizens and from the excess of the executive. Now a days our free press has become the propaganda machine of the government. The people desired not just freedom from British rule but also freedoms to speak, think, criticise and break the stranglehold of prejudices. The constitution promised these freedoms but in reality such freedoms are elusive and judiciary is reluctant to protect such freedoms. After 75 years of Independence one who speaks and thinks differently or criticise the government or its leader branded as an enemy of the state. Today across the world a consensus is emerging that neo-liberalism has failed. The communal polarisation is continuing for electoral gains. The caste system is further entrenched and social discrimination continues unabated. This is the situation as India celebrates it 76th Independence Day.

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## Hyderabad awash with Tricolor on rooftops

Hyderabad: Some people displayed their pride in their country by wearing it on their sleeves, and many others did so by flying the Tricolour from their rooftops and balconies. Never have so many Tricolours fluttered triumphantly throughout the city. People from all walks of life were eagerly flying the Tricolour at their houses, hotels, temples, and eateries and places of worship, indicating a



wave of support for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's appeal for the "Har Ghar Tiranga" to celebrate 75 years of independence. The GHMC is distributing the Tricolour as part of the state government's Swatantra Bharatha Vajrotsavam. Sales of the National Flag have soared, and there was a rising demand for the Tricolour made of satin, according to traders. A wholesaler from Begum Bazaar who has been supplying National Flags for three decades said he has never before experienced such a high demand. Representatives from the government presented the first flag to Chilkur Balaji temple, also known as Visa Balaji Temple, on the outskirts of the city. Temple's chief priest, C.S. Rangarajan, said, "It is a proud moment for

every citizen of India, as the Flag is being installed on the 'gopuram' of this temple. We congratulate the government for taking up such a wonderful initiative."

"We are a combined family of 24 members, it was a proud moment for all of us. The Flag should be held high in honour as it is the symbol of national pride. This is the time for us to showcase our affection and patriotism for India," Abdul Saleem Khan, a resident of King Koti, said.

"In our neighbourhood, the Tricolour has been displayed in each home by all Christian families. We teach our kids about the hardship that freedom fighters went through to rid India of British rule," said Shanker Luke, a prominent member of the Christian community and a resident of Ramnagar. While remembering the sacrifices made by the freedom fighters, Arnaz Bisney, a Zoroastrian community member and resident of Bowenpally, stated that the people of the nation should comprehend the essence and concept of secular India that our forefathers strove to achieve. "We have the Tricolour flying on our homes. Every Indian feels a sense of pride as they hoist the Tiranga to commemorate the country's 75 years of independence," Arnaz Bisney said.

Jignesh Doshi, president of the Gujarati Society, said their community members, educational institutions, business establishments have hoisted the flag to mark the 75th Independence Day celebrations.

## 108-foot high flag installed by Army in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla

SRINAGAR(KCN): The Army on Sunday inaugurated a 108-foot high national flag in Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir. The tricolour was installed at

Hyderbaigh in Pattan in the north

Kashmir district, PRO Defence Col



Emron Musavi said. He said General Officer Commanding, Counter-Insurgency Force (CIF) (Kilo), Major General S S Slaria, dedicated it to the people of Kashmir. The installation of

## Nellore women who stole limelight during freedom struggle

NELLORE: Women of Nellore region did not remain behind in the freedom struggle. Many of them contributed in their own way, some donating their lands, most parting with



their jewellery and few turning radical; unmindful of British police taking action against them.

Speeches of Mahatma Gandhi during his visits to Nellore in 1920s inspired men and women alike in the region. Many women joined the freedom struggle. They raised funds for Handloom and Harijan funds.

One among the popular freedom fighters from Nellore was Ponaka Kanakamma. She had donated 13 acres of land for Pinakini Satyagraha Gandhi Ashram at Pallipadu. Kanakamma is remembered by both old and new generations. She contributed to starting of Sri Kasthuri Devi Vidyalayam, a popular girl's school of Nellore City.

Born in 1896, Kanakamma was a poetess and first woman president of Nellore Congress Committee. She took part in Vande Mataram and Salt Satyagraha movements. As a result, she had to go through incarceration in both Vellore and Nellore jails for more than two

years.

According to Volume 3 of Who's Who of Freedom Struggle in Andhra Pradesh, edited by Sarojini Regani and published by AP Government in 1982, as many as 25 women came out on to roads during the freedom struggle and jailed for fighting against the British in Nellore region.

One among them was 1900-born Paturu Balasaraswatamma. Inspired by the radical stance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, she handed

over all her gold ornaments to a group of people for purchasing materials to make bombs. She ran "Simhapuri" newspaper to highlight the news of independence struggle. She was jailed twice between 1930 and 1932. Other prominent Nellore women who participated in the freedom movement are Tikkavarapu Sudarshanamma and Bezawada Lakshmikanthamma. Sudarshanamma was the wife of famous freedom fighter Tikkavarapu Rami Reddy. She went house to house collecting foreign clothes and held their bonfires in streets of Nellore.

Lakshmikanthamma was the daughter of Rami Reddy and Sudarshanamma. A student of Shanthiniketan, Lakshmikanthamma was sentenced for three months and fined ₹500 in 1941 for individual satyagraha. She was the wife of late Bezawada Gopal Reddy, who went on to become a Governor of Uttar Pradesh in Independent India.

under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' initiative of the central government. Major Gen Slaria appreciated the efforts of all those involved in the completion of the project.

The high mast was completed in a record time of 30 days, he said.

The flag, constructed in collaboration with the Flag Foundation of India, not only instills a sense of pride and

honour among the people but also honours all the bravehearts who have laid down their lives towards eliminating terrorism, the PRO said.

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The people of Hyderbaigh Pattan also appreciated the district administration and the Army for this unique initiative, which will remain etched in the history of the area, the PRO Defence said.

## Doctor's consultation to go paperless in all healthcare centres of Bhubaneswar

BHUBANESWAR(KCN) : The long wait for

manner. Municipal Commis-

Steps will also be taken to launch the



doctor's consultation at government healthcare centres in the Capital city will soon be a thing of the past. The Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) has decided to implement paperless registration, prescription and patient calling system in all urban primary health centres (UPHCs) and urban community health centres (UCHCs) in the city in a phased

manner. Municipal Commissioner Vijay Amruta Kulange said the service has already been rolled out on a pilot basis in Ghatikia UPHC and will be extended soon to other UPHCs and UCHCs of the city. He said the civic body has developed a 'Mo Hospital' app to provide this paperless service to the citizens, which will be available for the android users to download on play store in a day or two.

app for iOS devices, he said. Kulange said after downloading the app on their smartphones, patients can book appointments online. Their entry details will go to the doctor and each patient will be given a token at the hospital counter. The patient's name and token numbers will be flashed on a screen in the waiting area. After check up, the

doctor will generate a computerised prescription that will be available on the app for the patient to view. It will also be made available at the Niramaya centres to help patients get their medicines using a token number. Kulange said it can also be directed to the diagnostic wing if needed.

For patients not able to book appointments on their smartphones, he said online registration will also be available at the health centres. Information such as the patient's name and medicine prescribed etc will also be available to help them during their further visit to the health centre. However, the BMC will provide a hard copy of the prescription to the patients who need it.



"Modiji's 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign is commendable." - Shradha Rani Sharma (Actress)

## Doordarshan to air 'Swaraj', a serial on comprehensive story of India's Freedom Struggle

Kolkata (KCN): A serial 'Swaraj: Bharat Ke Swatantrata Sangram ki Samagra Gatha' which happens to be a comprehensive story of India's Freedom Struggle will be broadcast on Doordarshan from August 14. The serial was earlier launched by the Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah at Akashwani Bhawan in New Delhi on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Swaraj is a 75-episode serial that will showcase India's historical journey from 1498 when Vasco-da-Gama first reached India to 1947 when the country got its independence. It will present a glorious history of India's freedom struggle and

lesser-known tales about Indian history. The serial will air every Sunday from 9 pm to 10 pm on Doordarshan National from August 14. It is being dubbed in nine regional languages namely Bengali, Assamese, Oriya, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi and Gujarati along with English. The dubbed versions will be broadcast on Doordarshan's regional channels from August 20. Popular actor Manoj Joshi is playing a stellar role as the narrator of this serial. The serial has a grand production quality and promises to be a visual treat. An audio version of this mega serial bringing stories of valor

and sacrifices of the freedom fighters will also be broadcast on All India Radio. Along with Swaraj, Doordarshan is also launching four other serials - 'Jai Bharati', 'Corporate Sarpanch' and 'Ye Dil Mange More' and these serials have messages of patriotism and women empowerment. These three will be telecasted at prime time on DD National from Monday to Friday starting from August 15<sup>th</sup>. Another serial 'Suron Ka Eklavya', a reality music show which pays tribute to Bappi Lahiri will be telecast on Saturday and Sunday at prime time 8 pm to 9 pm starting from August 14. Another exclusive show 'Startup Champions

2.0' is also coming up on DD News and DD National and will showcase journey and success of 46 National award winning Startups. It will be aired on DD News on Saturdays at 9 pm and on Sunday on DD National at 12 noon. Doordarshan is planning to revamp its regional channels and to connect to regional audiences, as a part of which an announcement of these serials was made during a program held in Kolkata in presence of Sudhanshu Ranjan, Additional Director General and other Doordarshan officials including Arunabha Roy and Rajib Kumar Bhattacharjee.

## Not all is lost with Odia cinema: Khatua

Bhubaneswar (KCN): National award-winning filmmaker Himanshu Khatua is the new Director of Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute, Kolkata, the first Odia and also the first Film and Television Institute of India alumnus to hold the prestigious post full time. He speaks to Diana Sahu about his plans for the institute and also suggests ways to

more film and television institute in the North East and this will be the third such institute in India. We will offer under-graduate courses in film-making and other aspects of it in the new institute. This new institute is important because there is a shift in film-making now with the introduction of OTT platforms. With people preferring digital



platforms over theatres, we have to shift the entire process of film-making to the digital side.

Coming to the Odia film industry, where do you think it stands today? The Odia film industry is today focusing on making more films that are commercially viable. But in the process, it has lost focus on

quality. It is absolutely okay to make cinema from the business point of view but we should not forget that our cinema should not only look and feel good, it should also be meaningful for the society.

Do you think the Odia film industry can be revived?

Having answered the previous question, I feel nothing is lost for the Odia film industry yet. There is no dearth of talent here, all we need to do is polish our films further. The government and private stakeholders should focus on building the film-making infrastructure in the State. We are a culturally rich State with rich creative resources that can be used for making good cinema not just by filmmakers of Odisha but also outside. This will put the national focus on Odia cinema. The industry also has to work on marketing its films well outside Odisha to bring in a universal appeal. Are you working on any new films?

I was involved in directing a biopic on sprinter Dutee Chand. Currently, I am involved in it as a creative producer. Despite being in academics, my foremost priority will always be making good cinema.

revive the Odia film industry which is fast losing its sheen. What are your plans for Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute? After a very long time, a regular director has been appointed to the Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute (SRFTI). My immediate priority would be to convert this institution into a centre of excellence and research. There are some problem areas in the institution like faculty crisis and infrastructure. I have started the process for identifying these problems and resolving them in a timely manner. As a filmmaker, what do you feel about film education in the country? I strongly believe that anyone who wants to make cinema has to be educated in film-making. This is very important. We already have national-level institutions like Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) and Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute which are doing really well. To meet the growing demand of students who aspire to become filmmakers, we at SRFTI have decided to set up one

## Congress to launch 'Mahangai pe Charcha' programme in Odisha

BHUBANESWAR: The Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) on Saturday announced the



party will launch a week-long campaign from August 17 to 23 on rising prices of essential commodities and growing unemployment in the State. Announcing this at a news conference here, OPCC

president Sarat Pattanayak said the programme, 'Mahangai Pe Charcha' will cover all the blocks of the State. Criticising the Centre for its anti-people policies, Pattanayak alleged that mismanagement of the economy by both the Centre and State government has pushed youths of the country towards an uncertain future.

Pattanayak gave call for 'Delhi chalo' to the Congress leaders and workers from the State to attend the 'Mahangai pe Hallabol programme' of the party at Ramliila Maidan to be addressed by Rahul Gandhi. Meanwhile, a second batch of Congress leaders resigned from the party intensifying the dissident movement in the party against the OPCC president. First batch of around 30 leaders had resigned from the party a week back.

## It's Har Din Tiranga in Odisha's Berhampur town

BERHAMPUR(KCN): A group of men in this southern Odisha town are hoisting the national flag every day for the last four years to cre-

ate awareness about the patriotic spirit among the people. The group members assemble near the Jagannath temple in Kamapalli area in the city every day at about 8 am where they hoist the national flag and salute it before commencing their daily work, since August 15, 2018. "Not even a single day passed without hoisting the national tricolour, despite the rains and lockdown period", said Ram Kumar Patra, who initiated the practice. Patra, a social activist said they decided to hoist the tricolour every day to create awareness about the patriotic spirit among the people.



among the people by hoisting the flag daily," said Subash Chandra Sahu, a doctor in the city, who hoisted the flag on Saturday. Before 2018, they had only planned to hoist the national flag on Independence and Republic Days each year, said Ashok Nimai, who is participating in the flag hosting every day. "We feel very much proud of the country, when we hoist and salute the flag", added Maheswar Pani, the temple priest, who hoisted the flag several times. Patra said one of the members of the group was assigned to down the flag before the sunset, as before the amendment of the flag code, allowed that the tricolour could be hoisted between sunrise and sunset. He said they used the flag made in khadi and changed it every fortnight or month, when its colour faded or turned dirty due to dust. "We have decided to continue it every day in future", said Bapini Panda, another member of the group.

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# Rakesh Jhunjhunwala: A plain-speaking billionaire who knew his bets 'correctly'

MUMBAI: Much before he decided to ferry air passengers, Rakesh Jhunjhunwala (62) was moving equity markets and stock prices with his conviction bets, and loads of money that

which cannot be undermined in investing. His time-tested approach and his portfolio are followed religiously by many. Investors tried to follow his buy and sell calls, some even



he made trading/investing in the market. Known by many sobriquets like Big Bull and India's Warren Buffett, Jhunjhunwala started investing in the equity market during his college days in the 1980s and over the next 35 years went on to build a portfolio worth over Rs 30,000 crore. He is among the top 500 richest people in the world, according to Forbes, with a net worth of USD 5.8 billion.

He learnt the tricks of the (investing) trade not in any Ivy League management institute, but by going through the grind of taking investment bets – some of which also failed – very early in his career. Of course, him being a Chartered Accountant might have come in handy as an investor, but it was more his tenacity to stick to conviction bets, remaining patient in adverse market conditions and the market wisdom acquired by investing that did him good in his career.

Though known for his long-term bets – Titan Company and Apteck – Jhunjhunwala was also not shy of short-term bets. His investments spread across listed and unlisted companies. ALSO READ | Jhunjhunwala's last public appearance was at Akasa Air's inaugural flight Conservative yet very secure in his approach when it comes to picking companies for investment, Jhunjhunwala believed positive cash flow is a sacred cow the sanctity of

## PM using traumatic events of partition as fodder for his political battles: Congress

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to unite India while upholding the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, and Sardar Vallabhai Patel.

Prime Minister Modi had announced last year that August 14 will be observed as Partition Horrors Remembrance Day in memory of the struggles and sacrifices of people.

"The real intent of PM to mark August 14 as Partition Horrors Remembrance Day is to use the most traumatic historical events as fodder for his current political battles. Lakhs upon lakhs were dislocated and lost their lives. Their sacrifices must not be forgotten or disrespected," Ramesh said in a series of tweets.

"The tragedy of partition, cannot be misused to fuel hate and prejudice. The truth is Savarkar originated 2-nation theory and Jinnah perfected it. Sardar Patel wrote, 'I felt that if we did not accept partition, India would be split into many bits and would be completely ruined'," he also said.

The Congress leader also asked, "Will the PM also recall today Shyama Prasad Mookherjee, the founder of the Jan Sangh, who championed the Partition of Bengal against the wishes of Sarat Chandra Bose, and who sat in free India's first Cabinet while the tragic consequences of Partition were becoming evident?"

Alleging that the "modern day Savarkars and Jinnahs" are continuing their efforts to divide the nation, Ramesh said the Indian National Congress will uphold the legacy of Gandhi, Nehru, Patel and many others who were untiring in their efforts to unite the nation.

"The politics of hate will be defeated," he asserted. Prime Minister Modi on Sunday paid homage to all those who lost their lives during partition, and applauded the resilience as well as grit of those who suffered during that tragic period of history. Pakistan was carved out as a separate country after the division of India by the British in 1947.

Millions of people were displaced and many lakhs of them lost their lives in the communal violence that followed.

tried replicating his portfolio.

Known for his candour and straight talk, Jhunjhunwala minced no words while taking political stands or airing his views on sectors/companies. Jhunjhunwala did not try to delve into sectors that he did not understand, and he had famously said he did not need to invest everywhere.

Top five listed bets of Rakesh Jhunjhunwala Stocks Current value (In Rs crore)

Titan Company Ltd	11,087
Star Health and Alliance Insurance	7,017
Metro Brands	3,348
Tata Motors	1,731
Crisil Ltd	1,301

So, when as an investor he decided to give the recent buzz around technology IPOs -- the likes of Zomato --- many thought the Big Bull had lost his Midas touch. When we see those stocks now, we know he hadn't lost his touch. He was a bigger Bull when it came to the India story. He was an eternal optimist about the prospect of India and its economy, and he was not deterred by the minor hiccups that the country's economy had seen in the last few years. Always known for his calculated risks and bold bets, Jhunjhunwala took his one last bet in the Indian airlines business with the recently launched Akasa Air – a low-cost airline. The airline took off for its first flight from Mumbai to Ahmedabad on August 7, 2022. Seven days later, its promoter took off, of course, for a new beginning, and better abode.

## Odisha government approves Rs 998 crore for Lower Suktel project

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mental clearance in 1998. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik laid the foundation stone for the project when its estimated cost was Rs 217 crore. However, the project cost has now escalated to over Rs 2,500 crore because of the delay in progress.

Official sources said that the underground pipeline system has been introduced in place of conventional open canal flow system for having higher irrigation efficiency, minimum water loss, equitable water distribution through effective rotation, minimum land acquisition with better control and management through SCADA (Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition) system. Under the project, water from the Lower Suktel reservoir will be taken through intake well/channel and subsequent lifting of water through pressurized underground pipeline network to right command area of Balangir district. The project is planned to be completed in 30 months.

The project will provide irrigation facility to 27,000 hectare of CCA (Culturable command area) in Balangir district along with 17.89 million cubic metre drinking water to the people of Balangir town. Meanwhile, the State government has also decided to appoint project management consultant (PMC) underground pipeline distribution system of irrigation project. The PMC will provide latest technical assistance, regular MIS activities, design and planning coordination and monitoring of construction for smooth implementation of the project. The government will spend over Rs 115 crore for the PMC for the Lower Suktel Irrigation Project along with other in-stream projects.

## In first two years of corporate tax cut, govt suffers Rs 1.84 lakh crore loss

NEW DELHI (KCN): Government suffered a revenue loss of Rs 1.84 lakh crore in 2019-20 and 2020-21 due to reduction in corporate tax rates effective from 2019-20, according to a report by the parliamentary committee on Estimates. In the first year when the corporate tax rate was reduced, that is 2019-20, the overall loss was Rs 86,835 crore, followed by a loss of Rs 96,400 crore in 2020-21. Recently, finance ministry sources said that following the 2019 corporate tax cuts, total corporation tax collections in 2019-20 declined by nearly 16% to Rs 5.57 lakh crore, compared to Rs 6.63 lakh crore in 2018-19.

## I-Day celebration: 7,000 invitees expected at Red Fort, security beefed up

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"We have installed high resolution security cameras at and around the Red Fort and their footage is being monitored round the clock. This time, the number of invitees has increased to 7,000. FRS cameras have also been deployed at the entry point of the Mughal-era monument," a senior police officer said.

Lunch boxes, water bottles, remote-controlled car keys, cigarette lighters, briefcases, handbags, cameras, binoculars, umbrellas and similar items will not be allowed at the Red Fort premises, he said.

Dependra Pathak, Special Commissioner of Police (Law and Order) said provisions of Section 144 have already been instituted in Delhi. Anyone seen flying kites, balloons or Chinese lanterns from August 13 to August 15 till the end of the programme at Red Fort will be punished.

"Kite catchers have been deployed with necessary equipment on strategic locations and they will prevent any kind of kite, balloon and Chinese lanterns from reaching the function area. Radars will be deployed at Red Fort to counter any threats from sub-conventional aerial platforms and manned or unmanned flying objects," he said.

On Friday, the Delhi Police had recovered over 2,200 live cartridges near Anand Vihar Inter State Bus Terminal and arrested six people in this connection.

Police are also carrying out massive checks for Improvised Explosive Devices. The personnel is being briefed about adequate security, training and deployment as per plans, they said.

Further, around 1,000 high-specification cameras will be installed in the North, Central and New Delhi district units to contain aerial objects. These cameras will also help monitor the VVIP route to the monument, they said.

The Delhi Police has also intensified patrolling and anti-sabotage checks. Hotels, guest houses, parking lots and restaurants are being checked and verification of tenants and servants is being carried out, the officials said.

The police had on July 22 issued an order prohibiting the flying of aerial objects such as paragliders, hang gliders and hot air balloons, and this will remain in force till August 16, they said

## Alert for Medium Flood

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highest in the state, followed by 168 mm at Astaranga in Puri, 167.4 at Rajgangpur in Sundargarh.

The entire coastal belt received above 100 mm precipitation on average during the period.

Very-heavy rain battered Cuttack, Sambalpur, Kandhamal, Jagatsinghpur, Subarnapur and Mayurbhanj districts, the Met office said.

Twenty-one stations received over 115.6 mm of very-heavy rain, while heavy showers of 65-116 mm occurred at 73 places across the state. An intense spell of downpour lashed Bhubaneswar in the morning.

IMD has issued a red alert of extremely-heavy rain of over 204 mm till Monday morning for 11 districts – Angul, Bolangir, Bargarh, Deogarh, Jharsuguda, Kalahandi, Keonjhar, Nuapada, Sambalpur, Subarnapur and Sundargarh.

An orange alert of very-heavy rain has been sounded for the rest of the 19 districts, including Bhubaneswar, Balasore, Cuttack, Puri and Khurda, during the period.

IMD predicted heavy rain in Sundargarh, Jharsuguda, Bargarh and Nuapada on Monday.

It also sent out an alert of local cautionary signal number three (squally weather due to depression) in all the ports of Odisha.

Fishermen have been advised not to venture off the coast of Odisha, West Bengal and northern Andhra Pradesh till Monday as the sea can be very rough, with a wind speed of 45-65 kmph expected over the northern and west-central Bay of Bengal.

## Ukraine nuclear plant standoff stirs Chernobyl nuclear disaster memories

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-- perhaps a result of radiation, she thinks. Now she mourns his loss in the Ukrainian village of Vyschetarasivka, across the river from the Zaporizhzhia atomic power plant.

Kiev and Moscow accuse each other of shelling near the facility. Rockets have struck a radioactive waste storage area and monitors warn of a "grave" crisis with potential for catastrophic fallout.

Across a 14-kilometre (nine-mile) stretch of the Dniro River, the station's hulking silhouette is clearly visible from the village where Rudenko handles paperwork proving her partner's fateful role in history's greatest nuclear calamity.

"We could have the same fate as the people of Chernobyl," the 63-year-old told AFP.

"There's nothing good in what's going on, and we don't know how it will end."

In 'the zone'

Ukraine remains deeply scarred by the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear catastrophe, when a Soviet-era reactor exploded and streamed radiation into the atmosphere in the country's north.

Russia captured the site when it began its large-scale invasion of Ukraine in late February, stirring safety fears, but it was abandoned within weeks when Moscow failed to take Kyiv.

The Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant in southern Ukraine was also occupied in the early days of the war but it has remained in Russian hands ever since.

Ukraine says enemy troops are launching attacks from the facility -- Europe's largest -- and its own military cannot return fire.

The escalating situation brings dark echoes from the past for those with close links to Chernobyl.

Anastasiya's husband Viktor worked as one of the 600,000 "liquidators", tasked with painstakingly decontaminating the "Chernobyl exclusion zone," where high radiation levels forced civilian evacuations.

The official death toll of Chernobyl remains just 31, however that figure is hotly contested with some estimating that thousands of liquidators may have suffered fatal doses of the invisible rays.

Viktor drove a truck in "the zone" for a total of 18 days. A gold service ribbon awarded by the Ukraine Chernobyl Union shows atoms swirling around the "bell of Chernobyl", a symbol which has become a ringing reminder of the event.

A brittle document from Ukraine's defence ministry archives certifies Viktor's work and the dose of radiation he absorbed -- 24.80 roentgen.

"When I see my husband's papers, I feel pain," explained Anastasiya. "Many people died or were permanently injured."

"When the Zaporizhzhia plant is being shelled we can see it quite well," she added. "People are rumouring that there is something leaking, but they avoid publicly admitting it."

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Living liquidators

Vasyl Davydov says there are three "liquidators" still living in the village of Vyschetarasivka, a bucolic collection of garden-fringed bungalows with a hazy view of the Zaporizhzhia plant's six reactors and twin cooling towers.

He is one of them. He spent three and a half months working on Chernobyl decontamination, with 102 trips to "the zone" operating a crackling dosimeter to measure levels of radiation and razing tainted homes to the ground.

In his garden the 65-year-old unpacks his own service medals onto a refrigerator lying on its side, used as a makeshift table. One depicts the figure of Atlas holding the world, the image of a globe supplanted by the Chernobyl plant.

There are pictures too. Of Davydov as a handsome uniformed serviceman, posing with comrades and in front of a patriotic sign declaring: "Soldier! We will revive life on the grounds of Chernobyl."

"I was there. I saw it all, and I saw the scale," he said.

Just days after Russian troops took the plant iodine tablets, to block a certain kind of radiation, were handed out in the village in case of emergency, according to Davydov.

But his time working in "the zone" seems to have injured him to a fear of living opposite the Zaporizhzhia plant, even in a moment of crisis.

"If you believe everything, then you can go crazy," he said. "So you filter everything through your experience."

"What will my fear do?" he asked. "How can it help me?"

## Nikhat gifts PM Modi boxing gloves, Hima gives traditional gamocha

NEW DELHI: Indian athletes expressed their elation at being honoured by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for their superlative showing at Birmingham Commonwealth Games with Nikhat Zareen gifting him her boxing gloves and sprinter Hima Das giving the traditional Assamese gamocha.

Modi, on Saturday, hosted the Indian contingent at his residence to felicitate the players.

The Indian athletes produced a sensational show



in Birmingham, claiming 61 medals, including 22 gold, 16 silver and 23 bronze.

A great day spent with my fellow athletes who have made the country proud. pic.twitter.com/AOYtOujUA

The star boxer, world championship gold medalist, won the yellow metal in her weight category at the Games.

Fortunate to have presented him with our traditional gamcha, wrapped with immense gratitude

from all of Assam."

Champion weightlifter Mirabai Chanu, who won the gold medal without breaking a sweat, a year after her historic silver at the Tokyo Olympics, thanked the PM for his words of encouragement. "Honoured to meet & interact with our Honourable Prime Minister @narendramodi Sir. Thank you so much sir for all your support & encouragement. Jai Hind," Chanu said.

The golden period of Indian sports is knocking on the door, said the prime minister as he hailed the fine show of the Indian contingent.

"Thank You Sir for sparing your valuable time and inviting us over to your residence. It was like always a delight to speak with you," wrote shuttler Chirag Shetty on the microblogging site.

His young badminton colleague Lakshya Sen, who won the men's singles title in spectacular fashion, too expressed his gratitude at being honoured by the PM.

"What a great day for all the Athletes #gratitude. Thank you so much Sir for appreciating our hard work and for your words of encouragement. We are all very grateful for your support. Will continue to make our nation proud. Jai Hind!" Sen tweeted.

Star Indian para table tennis player Bhavina Patel, who won the gold medal in the women's singles class 3-5, called the interaction with Modi motivating.

## Don't pay too much attention: Sunil Chhetri tells football players on FIFA ban threat

BENGALURU: Seasoned striker Sunil Chhetri on Sunday advised fellow players to continue giving their best on the pitch and not worry about FIFA's threat of suspension on Indian football.

Earlier this month, world football governing



body FIFA had threatened to suspend the AIFF and strip off its right to host the women's U-17 World Cup in October due to a third party "influence", the warning coming just days after the Supreme Court's directive to hold elections of the national federation.

The SC-appointed Committee of Administrators (CoA) has since, though, started the electoral process.

The elections are slated for August 28.

"I've spoken to the boys and my advice is to not give it too much attention because it is out of your control," Chhetri said during a virtual media interaction organised by his club Bengaluru FC in the build-up to the new season.

"People who are involved are doing their best to make sure that we are going to come out with the best results possible. Everyone is working hard towards it. As far as players are concerned we are going to make sure that we do our work properly. We have to make sure you better yourself as a player. Whenever you get an opportunity to represent your club or your country, put your best foot forward. All other verticals in the AIFF are trying to fix as much as possible to make sure that they come out with flying colours," he said.

India is to host the FIFA women's U-17 World Cup from October 11-30 and the Union Cabinet last month approved the Signing of Guarantees for hosting the women's age group showpiece in Bhubaneswar, Goa, and Mumbai.

The Durand Cup will kick off the season in Kolkata on August 16 and Bengaluru FC will take on Jamshedpur FC on the second day of the tournament.

READ HERE: FIFA threatens AIFF ban, stripping of right to host women's U-17 World Cup

Having won every major national title since the team came into existence in 2013, the Blues will be desperate to add the missing Durand Cup to their trophy cabinet.

For Chhetri too, it's "very, very special" as he also has not won the oldest football competition in Asia, whose 131st edition will be held this year.

"It's very, very special. It is one of the oldest tournaments which in itself is very big. But more so for me. As a club, we have not won and individually I've not won the Durand Cup. I've been fortunate to win a lot of tournaments, almost

all the tournaments that one can in India, and the Durand Cup is missing. So, for me it's an added motivation. We as a club will try our best. Last year our young boys gave a good account of themselves, we want to better that." For the first time, all the 11 Indian Super League (ISL) clubs will participate in the tournament.

Trophy-less for the last couple of seasons, the BFC has had some interesting signings in former ATK Mohun Bagan marksman Roy Krishna, Javi Hernandez, Probir Das and Sandesh Jhingan.

Chhetri's pairing with Fijian star Roy Krishna may have become the talk of the town, but the India skipper tried to play it down.

"I think the pairing is over-hyped. It's not the pairing, it's just Roy. I'm just happy with Roy. We are just going to make sure that this lad is happy because we know what he can give. He has been outstanding in training. He has troubled us a lot in the last couple of years, so to have him wear our jersey is a pleasant feeling. We are going to sit back to keep him happy and rest we all know what he can do on the pitch. He's trying his best to be a part of the team, making sure that he talks to all the youngsters. He's been very chirpy. With so much experience he doesn't shy away from voicing his opinion. He's making sure that everyone is happy around him," Chhetri said. Chhetri will reunite with India teammate Sandesh Jhingan at the club as the centre-back returns five years after winning the Federation Cup with the team.

Terming it a "welcome addition", Chhetri said: "I wish him all the very best. I want to assure him that we are going to give him all the support he needs and also know that he's going to give everything he has for us to do well."

## Hockey forward Jyoti credits seniors for guiding her in crunch moments

NEW DELHI: The Indian women's hockey team returned to India on August 9 after clinching a memorable Bronze Medal at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, ending a 16-year medal drought at the quadrennial event for the Indian Women's Hockey team.

The medal was a poignant achievement for an upcoming ace of the Indian women's hockey team, Jyoti because it was her maiden appearance at the illustrious mega sporting event.

When asked about the historic Commonwealth Games campaign in Birmingham, the 22-year-old said, "Commonwealth Games was especially important for me because this was my first appearance for the team at a multi-discipline event. Winning the Bronze Medal filled us up with an immense sense of pride and joy and is a true reward for everyone's efforts connected to the team. The Bronze Medal has surely made this outing doubly special for me."

The Sonapat native went on to add, "My whole experience of the Games was amazing. We won our matches against Ghana, Wales and Canada but lost to England in the group stages. I also understood that losing and winning will always be an important part of any tournament. We were not favourites for a Medal at the CWG 2022, but we were able to clinch the Bronze Medal despite all the external doubt that is why this achievement is so special as we exceeded everyone's expectations."

The rising star of the Indian women's hockey team also spoke about the strides she has made since becoming part of the squad, "The players and coaching staff have really helped me improve my game. Now I feel a lot more confident while carrying the ball and my off-the-ball movement has im-

proved drastically. The coaching staff have also given me a lot of confidence to try something different and creative on the field."

Jyoti also talked about the influence of Chief Coach Janneke Schopman, "Janneke has helped me improve my game. She has taught me how to make the game simple and easy for myself, I do not ponder on the ball anymore and look to move it as swiftly as possible. Her hands-on approach during practice sessions has bought out the best of my abilities."

The young star also spoke briefly about how she dealt with the pressure that comes from being part of the Indian Women's Hockey team at a mega sporting event, "The CWG 2022 was the biggest



tournament of my life yet, and there is always added pressure you have to deal with at this level, but the senior members of the team really helped me and guided me. Now before getting on to the field, I take a deep breath to compose myself and focus myself to complete the

task at hand."

Jyoti went on to express how this has also helped her improve as a person, "I have become a very positive person over the last few years, and that can be attributed to social media, books and music, which help me keep an optimistic mindset. It has really helped me evolve my perspective to concentrate on the 'here and now'. This has in turn helped me improve as a player also as I now can focus on tasks much better whether I am on the field or off it."

"It is an honour for me to be part of this Indian Women's Hockey squad, and I hope we keep improving so that we can do even better at the next tournament," she said.




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