

## Mission Power House inaugurated in Kalaraba Role of women in development is important: Panchayatiraj Minister

Bhubaneswar (KCN): Manpur Model Village Retreat Mission House has been inaugurated today in the smart village of Kalaraba in Cuttack district. The mission was inaugurated at the Shakti House by Odisha Government's Minister for Forests and Environment, Panchayatiraj and Drinking Water and Information and Public Relations Department Pradeep Kumar Amat, State Ordinance, Literature, Culture, Tourism and Leisure Minister Ashwini Kumar Pange and Cuttack Sadar MLA Chandra Sarathi Behera. In this Cuttack District Governor Dr. Bhavani Shankar Chini, Achut Samantha, founder of Smart Village of Kalrab, was the chief guest. While Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has been emphasizing on women empowerment, he has aimed to build Mission Shakti



House in every retreat of the state for women self help groups. With the efforts of Mr. Samantha, this Mission Shakti House has been built in the Smart Village of Kalrab. A total of 49 lakhs of rupees has been spent on the construction of this 2100 square feet house. For this, the state government has provided 5 lakh rupees and the remaining 44 lakh rupees have been provided by Keet University CSR on the advice of Mr. Samantha. This Mission Shakti House has all kinds of modern facilities. On this occasion, the 94th birth anniversary celebration of late Nilimarani Samantha 'Neelima Festival 2022' has been held on behalf of Nilimarani Memorial Ser-

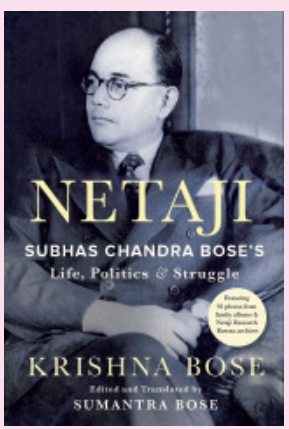
vice Trust. Attending it as the chief guest, Mr. Amat said that women have an important role

in the development of family, society, state and country. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has been emphasizing on social, economic and political empowerment of women. Minister Mr. Pan said, without the cooperation of women, development is impossible. Kalrab's Smart Village and Manpur Model Retreat are examples of this. He said that it has become possible today because of visionary women like Nilimarani. In this program, prominent social workers Arundhati Devi and Jhansi Singh were given the Nilimarani Social Service Award. As an honor, a letter of respect, a loan and a cash sum of Rs 50,000 each were given. Among others, MLA Mr. Behera, District Governor Dr. Chinese, Baba Ramnarayan Das paid his respects to Nilimarani. Among others, Nilimarani Memorial Service Trust President Antyarami Samantha, Kalraban Village Committee President Anjan Samantha,



Editor Abhinna Chandra Kesha and Kadambini Editor Dr. Many dignitaries including Iti Samantha, retreat representatives and students were present.

Sugata Bose said this has pained many in the Bose family immensely. "There is no doubt that he was killed in air crash," Bose, Gardiner Chair at Harvard University and former MP, told. Trashing theories about the patriot's mysterious disappearance after that date, Bose said the recently launched book by his late mother, Krishna Bose titled "The life and struggle of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose" which traverses Netaji's life from his childhood to his mortal end on August 18, 1945, CONTINUED ON: P-7



KOLKATA (KCN): Accusing opportunists of exploiting Netaji's popularity to peddle bogus tales about his "disappearance" in 1945 and his "non-existent after-life post-1945," Netaji Subhas Bose's grandnephew and noted historian

## East Coast Railway split a conspiracy against Odisha

Bhubaneswar (KCN, Bureau): The creation of South Coast Rly in the currently proposed form will sound the death knell for ECoR. The most efficient, profitable, employment-generating areas like Visakhapatnam complex with 2 Major ports, one major Steel plant, dozens of loading points, tourism points etc will be lost to ECoR. All the major wagon Examination points are in the Vishakapatnam area. So ECoR will immediately become dependent on the new zone for wagons for loading.



Both the biggest Loco sheds are in the Vishakapatnam area. So locomotive availability will also be the problem. A major chunk of revenue comes from the Vishakapatnam region with 2 big ports, one major Steel plant and multiple other wagon loading points. Now ECoR is the highest loading, highest revenue earning and most profitable zone of India. After the SCoR is carved out, it will not even be in the first 10 zones. So, the primacy will be lost. Naturally the investment by IR will reduce too. Around 8 to 10,000 odia employees of SCoR

will be stuck in Andhra. Inter Zonal transfer will be impossible. A new Bichhinnanchal ( Sadheikala/ Kharsawan) of Rly will be created. Will the Odias ever forget this ?

As Rourkela, Jharsugra, Jaleswar, Baleswar, IB etc are parts of odisha but in SERly, so there will be a natural question : why Andhra areas should go away from ECoR ? Are all the Rly zones created on the state basis ? The answer is NO. The Telugu speaking people already have a major Rly zone called South Central zone with HQ at Secunderabad.

It will be a net loss to BJP . No gains will accrue in Andhra. But A permanent grievance, talking point and electoral loss will happen to the BJP support base in odisha. Solution to the above Problems is Govt of india to create a South Coast Zonal office at Vishakapatnam but it's territory should be beyond Duvada statiin of vishakgapatnam .This model exists in SERly, Kolkata (Howrah excluded from SERly), NERly( Lucknow main station excluded from NERly) ,

## Balasore DM with SRC power

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Anticipating a massive flood in the Subarnarekha River system, the State Government on Sunday delegated Special Relief Commissioner (SRC) power to Balasore District Collector.

The Government has also placed a helicopter with the Balasore district administration for dealing with any emergency caused due to high flood. Mr. Jena said high flood is expected down stream of Subarnarekha following the release of around 6 lakh cusecs of water from Galudih barrage by Jharkhand through 16 gates following heavy rainfall. Subarnarekha is flowing above the danger level and is rising at Jamsholaghat. Against the danger level of 49.15 metres the river is flowing at 53.34 metre at Jamsholaghat and is rising at 12 PM.



At Rajghat, Subarnarekha though is flowing below the danger level but is rising. At Rajghat the river is flowing at 9.62 metre

## Odisha police sub-inspector exam for 282 posts postponed again over tech glitch

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): The re-examination of Combined Police Service Examination-2018 (CPSE) paper I for 282 posts



of sub-inspector (SI) postponed on Saturday after glitches in the software were reported in a few centres, fuelling resentment among the candidates. Odisha Police Recruitment Board Chairman Sudhansu Sarangi said that the

against the danger level of 10.36 metre and is rising. At Panposh, the Brahmani river is flowing 177.65 metre against the danger level of 178.42 metre and is rising and at Jenapur the river is flowing 20.89 metre against the danger level of 23 metre and is rising. The SRC said the Budhabalanga is on a declining trend and hoped that it would not be a cause of concern. Similarly, Baitarani River is flowing at 18.95 metre at Akhuapada around one metre above the danger level and expected that the falling trend would start within two to three hours, he stated. He said 40 additional operational teams of NDRF, ODRAF, and Fire Services have been sent to Balasore and Mayurbhanj for relief and rescue operations. The impact of the high flood would be felt in Baliapal, Bhograi, Jaleswar and Basta. The high peak flood will remain till the evening of Monday, he said. "The impact of the flood will be more severe compared to the flood in 2008. There is a possibility of the situation getting worse, so we need to remain alert. Involve all PRIs (Panchayati Raj Institu- CONTINUED ON: P-7

## Monsoon fury: At least 50 dead in rain-related incidents in Himachal, other states in three days

At least 50 people have died in Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and Odisha over the last three days in flash floods and landslides triggered by intense monsoon rains, according to news agency Reuters. 22 people were killed and 12 injured in rain-related incidents in Himachal Pradesh on Saturday. The maximum damage was reported from Mandi, Kangra, and Chamba districts. Five people who went missing after heavy rains triggered flash floods and landslides in Himachal Pradesh remained untraceable on Sunday, State Disaster Management Department director Sudesh Kumar Mokhta told PTI. The five who went missing after a flash flood in Baghi nullah on the Mandi-Katola-Prashar

road in Mandi are still untraceable, he added. Several families fled their homes located



between Baghi and Old Katola after a cloud-burst in the area on Saturday and took shelter

at safer places. Mokhta said the Shimla-Chandigarh highway, which was blocked on Saturday evening following a landslide at Sonu Bangla between Shoghi and Tara Devi, has been cleared for vehicular movement. However, several roads, especially in Mandi, are still closed for traffic and work is on clear

said Rs 232.31 crore has been released from the State Disaster Response Fund to the affected districts. Two major rivers in Odisha breach danger mark In the state of Odisha, authorities in Balasore and Mayurbhanj districts have launched a massive evacuation drive in low-lying areas, officials said Sunday, as water in Subarnarekha and Baitarani – the two major rivers flowing through the region breached the danger mark at many places. As many as 58 rescue teams comprising personnel of the NDRF, ODRAF and Fire Service were deployed in Balasore and Mayurbahnj districts, Special Relief Commissioner Pradeep K CONTINUED ON: P-7

## Heritage Group of Institutions receives the award for 'The Pioneer of Avant-Garde Learning'

Proud to state that Heritage Group of Institutions, Kolkata, on 17th August 2022 received the award for 'The Pioneer of Avant-

ator Manish Pandey, Mr. Vikram Karvi, Vice President, Adfactors PR and many more. The summit also witnessed the interaction of



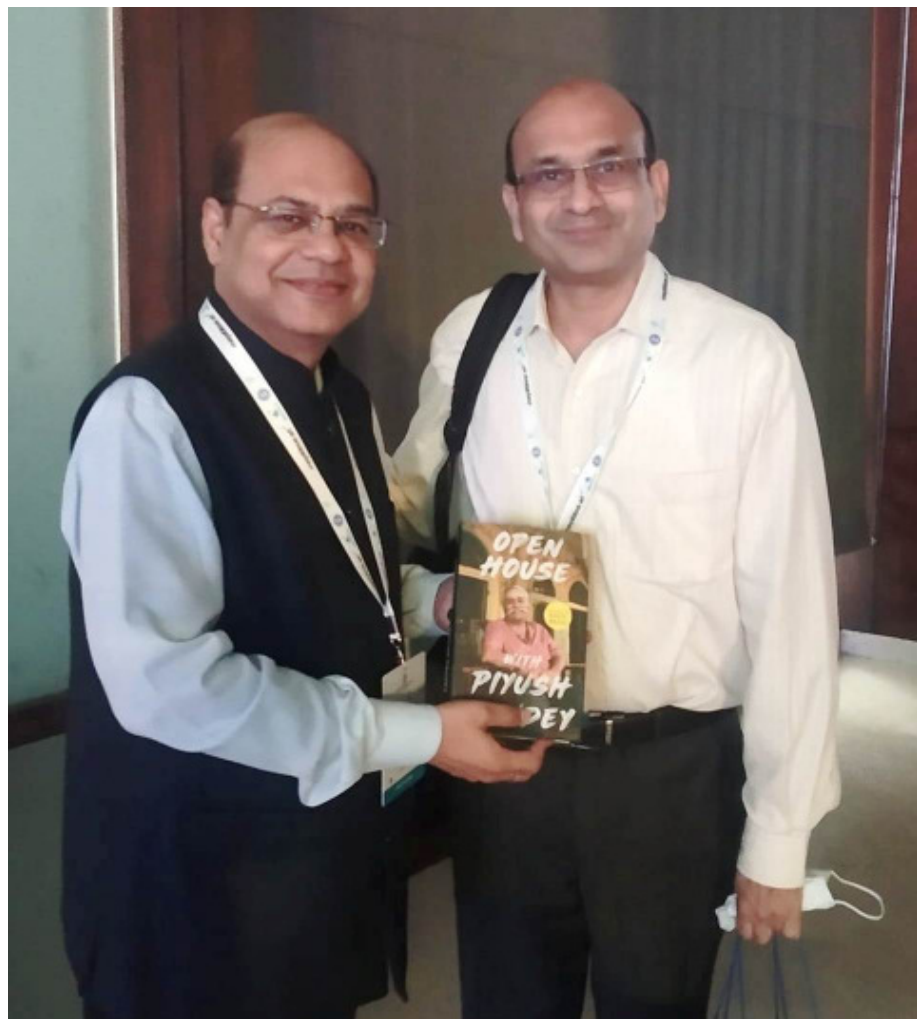
Garde Learning' at the PRSI Kolkata Brandedge Summit 2022 which was held at ITC Sonar Hotel.

The summit was inaugurated by Padma Shri Piyush Pandey, the Brand Guru launching his



venture capitalists with 25 start-ups where 8 start-ups were selected for funding to the tune of Rs. 25 crores. The entire event of funding was managed by FreeFlow under the leadership of Aaquib Hussain.

The award for being the Pioneer of Avant-Garde Learning at PRSI Kolkata Brandedge Summit 2022 was received by Shri P. K. Agarwal Chief Executive Officer, Heritage Group of Institutions from Melinda Pavak US Consul General in Kolkata on 17th August 2022.



book 'Open House with Piyush Pandey' among the PR and Branding experts who were present as the audience at the Summit.

The entire summit focussed on topics like Digital Branding, Content Marketing, inclusion in today's world of Branding, and Public Relations. Speakers like Padma Shri Dr. Niru Kumar, Mr. Sanjoy Roy, Managing Director, Teamworks Art, Award-winning Content Cre-

Other than this, the Shri Shikshayatan Foundation and OmDayal Group of Institutions were also felicitated in various other categories for their exemplary achievements. "Recently India completed Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav 2022 and such an award I dedicate to my country for which our students, alumni, and stakeholders have given their efforts making Heritage an integral part of India contributing towards nation Building," said Shri P.K. Agarwal, CEO, Heritage Group of Institutions Kolkata.

## First phase Plus II admission to be extended due to flood situation in Odisha

BHUBANESWAR: As flood situation continues to remain grim and Odisha braces for more heavy rains, the School and Mass Education department has decided to postpone admission to higher secondary schools in the State.

While the application process through Students Academic Management System (SAMS) has already started, the admission of candidates in the first selection merit list is currently scheduled from August 19-25. Online submission for 'slide-up' request form online by students who take admission in first selection will be done from August 19 to 27.

School and Mass Education Minister Samir Ranjan Dash informed this paper that as a lot of higher secondary schools are currently inundated in flood-hit districts, the admission process will be extended.

"We are postponing the first phase admissions by four to five days but the final dates will be announced by the Council of Higher Secondary Examination after analysing the flood situation," said the Minister. Sources in the



Council informed that the admissions might be extended till August 31. The first merit list was announced by the Directorate of Higher Secondary Education (DHSE) on Wednesday. According to reports of the DHSE, 4,04,400 students including 2.3 lakh girls have been selected for the first phase admission. Informing that a major-

ity of schools in flood-hit districts are currently inundated, the Minister said the extent of damage to schools can be known only after water recedes. He said that schools in Puri district will remain closed for two more days (Friday

and Saturday) in view of the flood situation. Similarly, 40 inundated schools in Jagatsinghpur district will remain closed for the next two days. OPSC postpones ASO exam, new date soon

The Odisha Public Service Commission (OPSC) on Thursday postponed the Assistant Section Officer (ASO) written exam that was scheduled to be held on

August 21 in wake of the severe flood situation in the State and heavy rainfall alert by the Indian Meteorological Department.

Tweeting about the development, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and Chairman of OPSC Satyajit Mohanty said OPSC will notify the rescheduled date and time of the exam shortly. Candidates from the affected districts of the State had been demanding to reschedule the examination (group-B of Odisha Secretariat Service).

Earlier, candidates had appealed the OPSC to postpone the written examination for ASO as its date clashed with other national-level tests. The SSC CGL (Tier-3), RRB PO and Railway Group D examinations will be held on August 21. The OPSC will conduct the examination for recruitment of 796 ASOs. The rescheduled written exam will be held at 33 zones across the State.

## Odisha floods: Government seeks damage report by August 30

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): The State government on Saturday asked 15 departments to furnish reports on damage to infrastructure in 11 districts battered by severe floods in the Mahanadi river system by August 30, 2022. In a letter to Additional Chief Secretaries of three departments and Principal Secretaries of 12 departments, Special Relief Commissioner Pradeep Jena said that an assessment of damages to public properties should be conducted and completed within seven days.

"Quick assessment of damage is required for timely submission of information on the total damages to infrastructure with financial loss to Government of India as well

as disbursement of funds for immediate

of public infrastructure such as roads,

sources, Forest and Environment, Rural



repair and restoration of infrastructure as per SDRF/NDRF norms," the letter said.

Asking the departments to maintain absolute transparency during assessment of damage, Jena advised to take photographic evidence of the damaged infrastructure and upload the same in the department websites.

On requirement of funds for immediate repair and restoration

community buildings, drinking water supply, irrigation, power, primary schools and public health centres, the SRC requested the departments to submit their estimates as per the norms of the disaster response funds of the State and the Centre in a prescribed format by August 30.

The communication has been intimated to Health and Family Welfare, Water Re-

Development, Panhayati Raj and Drinking Water, Housing and Urban Development, Energy, Women and Child Development, School and Mass Education, Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Resources Development, ST & SC Development, SSEPD Works and Handloom, Textile and Handicrafts departments.

## Odisha PSC exam rescheduled to August 28

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): The Odisha Public Service Commission (OPSC) on Saturday announced the new date for holding the Assistant Section Officer (ASO) exam. As per the rescheduled programme, the examination for the post in Group-B of Odisha Secretariat Service will be held on August 28. It was earlier scheduled on August 21 but was postponed in wake of the flood situation. The examination will be held in three sittings. While

the first sitting will be held from 9 am to 10.30 am (general awareness), the second (reasoning, mathematics) will be from 11.30 am to 1 pm. The third sitting (language) will be from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm. The differently-abled candidates will get a 30 minutes grace time to complete the test. The examination is being conducted for recruitment of 796 ASOs. The written exam will be held in 33 zones in the State.

## In islands of Hirakud, birds find a happy ground to nest

SAMBALPUR: Over half a dozen islands, nestled in the sprawling water sheet, have

emerge into life. For the terns, such as river tern and little tern mothers, the

keep human footfall to the minimum in these islands as well as Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary abutting the reservoir.

"There are about 1,200 fishermen from Sambalpur, Bargarh and Jharsuguda districts who fish in Hirakud. They are sensitised

these islands as well as shoreline of Debrigarh sanctuary which helps the birds. Besides, amphi-terrestrial species are being restored. With undisturbed grasslands, birds have clear surface for ground nesting," Das explains. All these showed re-



turned safe haven for at least 15 to 20 species of birds in Hirakud reservoir, now grabbing headlines for the floods. Clear of predators and invasive plant species as well; and having human settlements relocated, the islands provide for a picture perfect camouflaging ground for hundreds of nesting waders which increasingly flocked the reservoir as would a recent documentation reveal.

Little ringed plover There are about eight islands inside the reservoir which expose themselves during the February-June window providing excellent field for the "ground nesting" phenomenon. Protection apart, natural camouflage comes handy for the wader species. Like the stone curlew finds the rocky spaces perfect for laying eggs and nurturing the hatchlings after they

sandy shorelines act as perfect ground to hide in plain sight.

The clutches of ground nesting birds are such that they merge with the background and provide protection from predators. Forester Bhubaneswar Patra who has tracked these waders says the patterns on the eggs and camouflage the islands provide help the mother birds to stand guard against predators like raptors.

Besides, the islands help the birds secure themselves against heat of the summer. "We have noticed how the birds would use their bellies to wet themselves to control body heat and also kneel on the eggs and chicks to regulate temperature during peak months of May and June," he says. Advantage of the natural setting aside, the Hirakud Wildlife Division has put in extra yards to



and trained to stay clear of nests. Tourist boats are diverted away from these places during mating and nesting seasons," says Divisional Forest Officer of Hirakud WL Division Anshu Pragyan Das.

With three villages relocated from Debrigarh, the shoreline of Hirakud from Zero Point to Patharsahi Temple towards Chhattisgarh side is sans human settlement which mean dogs and cattle no longer pose threat to birds.

"We have also cleared 160 hectare of ipomoea carnea, an invasive toxic plant, from

sults in last census. From 1.24 lakh head count of the winged guests in 2021, the number rose to 2.08 lakh comprising 104 species this time. Species such as red wattlebird, little ringed plover, oriental pratincoles, black winged stilt and small pratincoles were sighted. "We saw Indian skimmer nesting this summer which means our efforts are bringing results," says the DFO under whose watch the division carried out one of the largest relocations of human settlements of the State from Debrigarh.

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**On the occasion of Release Day of the film DOBAARAA, Taapsee Pannu and Pavail Gulati visited Kalighat Temple to seek blessings of the Goddess for their movie. Neeraj Bharadwaj is shooting for web series 'Saazish' in Bhopal**



Mumbai (KCN, Sanjay Sharma Raj): Film and TV veteran and famous actor Neeraj Bharadwaj is shooting for the web series 'Saazish' in Kalua Khurd, Bhopal, which will soon be airing on Disney Hotstar. It is produced by Col. S S Pattnaik and the director is Hiralal Khatri. About which

Neeraj Bharadwaj says, "I am playing the role of city's famous lawyer Abhay Pratap Singh, who gets the brother of villain Shahbaz Khan punished. After that Shahbaz Khan commits a lot of oppression on my family and me. I am not able to do anything. After that conspiracy is

hatched and then what happens is still a secret. My role in this is different, I hope people will like it, and just like before, I will definitely be able to make a place in the heart of the audience with my performance." By the way, Neeraj Bharadwaj will soon have a webseries named



Madgaon ...A Murder Case. Its shooting has been completed. The main cast of the web series 'Saazish' are Mugdha Godse, Shahbaz Khan, Raza Murad, Mustakh Khan and Dev Manaria

with Neeraj Bharadwaj. Its screenplay and dialogues are by Vinod Vats, Vikas Vashisht and Ajay. Its cameramen are Manish Vyas and Amar Vyas, music is by M a n i s h Bhanushali. It is

produced by Col.S S Pattnaik, co-producer Dev Manaria and executive producer is Anu Madras. It will be coming soon on Disney Hotstar. Its shooting is going on in Bhopal followed by Vadodara.

## Deduction from Capital Gains U/S 54 AND 54F Part-2

(Contd. from 15.08.2022)

**7. Whether after purchase of a residential house, expenditure made on making the house habitable would qualify for deduction u/s 54 or 54F:** Mumbai Bench of ITAT in the case of **Saleem Fazelbhoy v. DCIT [2006] 9 SOT 601 (Mum)**, has held that expenditure incurred in making the house habitable after its purchase will also qualify for deduction u/s 54 or 54F. An inhabitable premise cannot be equated with a residential house. If one person cannot live in a premise then such premises cannot be considered as a residential house. In the modern age the builder may provide semi-furnished house or complete house depending upon the price agreed to between the parties. In case of semi-furnished house, purchaser will have to invest on flooring, wooden work, sanitary work etc. to make it habitable. Therefore investment becomes complete only when such house becomes habitable.



Where a house is acquired in dilapidated condition, the expenditure incurred to make it habitable will also qualify for deduction u/s 54 or 54F - **Rustom Homi Vakil v. ACIT [2016] 69 taxmann.com 42 (Mum - Trib)**. Earlier in **Mrs. Sonia Gulati v. ITO [2001] 115 Taxman 232 (Mum.) (Mag.)**; **Mrs. Gushanbanoo R. Mukhi v. JCIT [2002] 83 ITD 649 (Mum.)** and **Jt. CIT Spl. Range 40 v. Smt. Armeda K. Bhaya [2005] 95 ITD 313 (Mum.)** also it was held that expenditure incurred in making the house habitable after its purchase will also qualify for deduction u/s 54 or 54F. In **DCIT v. Mrs. Anne Wright in its Order dated 11th May, 2007** in ITA No. 1841/K/2006 also the ITAT, 'C' Bench, Kolkata has held the same view following the decision in **Mrs. Gushanbanoo R. Mukhi v. JCIT [2002] 83 ITD 649 (Mum.)**.

Similarly in the case of **CIT v. Mathavan Pillai (A.R.) [1996] 219 ITR 696 (Ker.)** it was held that the language of section 54 shows that it cannot be restricted only to new construction

but must be extended to constructions which are in the nature of remodelling.

**8. After selling a residential house, if assessee purchases two residential houses within the prescribed time, whether he will be entitled for deduction u/s 54 and 54F with respect to cost of both the houses:** W.e.f. asst. year 2020-21, assessee is entitled to invest in two residential houses for claiming exemption u/s 54 provided the capital gain does not exceed Rs. 2 crore. This exemption with regard to purchase of two residential houses is available only once in lifetime. However the entitlement of acquiring two houses for claiming exemption under long term capital is available u/s 54 and not u/s 54F.

**9. Where an assessee purchases a flat combining four flats originally planned by the promoters, whether he will be entitled to deduction u/s 54/54F:** In this case assessee has purchased one residential unit. He will be entitled to deduction u/s 54/54F. It is immaterial that the residential unit was made combining and rearranging four flats originally planned - **ACIT v. Sanjay B Pahadia [2017] 49 CCH 0007 (MumTrib)**. (also see last para)

**10. Assessee sold a residential house property and derived a long term capital gain of Rs. 2 crores. He purchased another house property jointly with his son and daughter in law at a total cost of Rs. 2.40 crores and invested Rs. 80 lakhs from his account. Later within time prescribed u/s 54 assessee purchased share of son and daughter in law in said flat by paying them Rs. 1.6 crores. Can he get deduction under sec. 54 on investment of Rs.1.6 crores:** Since the assessee has purchased one flat within the prescribed time he is entitled to claim the deduction of entire Rs. 2.4 crores - **ITO v. Narinder Kaur Bhatia [2014] 41 CCH 0306**.

**11. Where assessee maintains one kitchen for more than one flats in a building, can it be said that it is one residential house property for the purpose of deduction u/s 54/54F:** Where assessee has purchased four flats but maintains one kitchen and a common ration card, the same can be said to be single residential unit and deduction u/s 54 and 54F is allowable though the flats are on different floors - **Vyas (KG) v. 7th ITO [1986] 16 ITD 195 (Bom)**. Likewise, assessee purchased 2 flats, one on ground floor and another on second floor, but maintains one common kitchen only, the same has been held to qualify as one residential house - **ITO v. P.C. Ramakrishna (HUF) [2007] 107 TTJ (Chennai) 351**. Similarly, where assessee purchased two adjoining flats and converted into a single residential unit, the deduction u/s 54 or 54F is allowable - **ACIT v. Leela P. Nanda [2006] 286 ITR (AT) 113 (Mum.)**; **CIT v. D. Ananda Basappa [2009] 309 ITR 329 (Kar.)**. SLP of the department was rejected in **[2010] 320 ITR (St.) 19**. Further where four flats in a house have been purchased Karnataka High Court in the case of **CIT v. Smt. K.G. Rukmini Amma [2011] 331 ITR 211 (Karn.)** held that where all the four flats were situated in one residential building, these residential flats constituted 'a residential house' for the purpose of sec. 54. Similar view has been expressed in **ACIT v. Sudha Gurtoo 7 ITR (Trib.) 653 (Del.)** and **CIT v. Gita Duggal [2013] 357 ITR 153 (Del)**, **CIT v. Syed Ali Adil [2013] 33 taxmann.com 212 (AP)**. ITAT, Hyderabad in **N. Revathi v. ITO in ITA No. 67/Hyd/2013** held that law is well settled that 'a residential house' does not mean a single residential house. Even where the assessee constructs or receives a number of flats adjacent to each other or in different floors of the same building then also the assessee would be entitled for exemption u/s 54F.

W.e.f. asst. year 2015-16, section 54 and 54F specifically provides that the exemption shall be available only on purchase or construction of one residential house. (also see para 8 and next para)

**12. Whether an assessee can claim deduction u/s 54/54F on investment in a residential house consisting of more than one independent residential units or two adjacent bungalows:** Delhi High Court has held in **CIT v. Gita Duggal [2013] 30 taxmann.com 230 (Delhi)**, and some other cases are as under:

(a) Section 54/54F requires the assessee to acquire a 'residential house';

(b) So long as the assessee acquires a building, which may be constructed, for the sake of convenience, in such a manner as to consist of several units which can, if need arises, be conveniently and independently used as an independent residence; the requirement of the section should be taken to have been satisfied. It has been further held by the Madras High Court in **CIT v. Gumanmal Jain 98 CCH 0093 (Mad)** that it is immaterial that flats are situated in different blocks or different towers. It has been further held by the Madras High Court in **CIT v. Minal Nayan Shah v. PCIT [2019] 111 taxmann.com 516 (Ahmedabad - Trib.)** that so long there is one address and part of one housing complex, requirement of sec. 54/54F is met.

(c) There is nothing in these sections which require the residential house to be constructed in a particular manner, therefore, the income-tax authorities cannot insist upon that requirement;

(d) One may build a house consisting of four bedrooms (all in the same or different floors) in such a manner that an independent residential unit consisting of two or three bedrooms may be carved out with an independent entrance;

(e) One is unable to see how or why the physical structuring of the new residential house, whether it is lateral or vertical, should come in the way of considering the building as a residential house; and

(f) Thus, the residential house consisting of several independent units can't be permitted to act as an impediment to the allowance of the deduction under section 54/54F. Ahmedabad ITAT held that two bungalows adjacent to each other are to be treated as one for relief u/s 54F though two different registries were done - **Mohammadaniif Sultanali Pradhan v. DCIT [2020] 114 taxmann.com 508 (Ahmedabad - Trib.)**. W.e.f. asst. year 2015-16, section 54 and 54F specifically provide that the exemption shall be available only on purchase or construction of one residential house. (also see para 8 for 2 houses). (Contd.)

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## Who can file a pil?

1. With the Supreme Court and High Courts entertaining PILs and sometimes instituting suo motu PILs and coming to the rescue of the common man against every form of injustice and corruption, the new jurisprudence evolved by the Supreme Court in the early 1980s became extremely popular. The scenario today is that Chief Ministers, nay, even the Prime Minister could be at the mercy of the PIL petitioners/the Court in the face of allegations of corruption which even CMs are not immune from. Still worse, in moments of crisis as in the recent past where people in Delhi were in panic owing to shortage of oxygen, even the Prime Minister, Hon'ble Shri Modi, was at the mercy of the Supreme Court for he could have ill afforded adverse criticisms at the hands of the Court. The Government of my home state of Kerala which faces serious allegations of corruption is in an unenviable position, it being criticized by the court day in and day out, for many an administrative failure. Many of my fellow lawyers in hushed voices lament that the judges hold the Government at ransom for fleeting publicity. Even the lawyers and a section of the general public, the great supporters of the "PIL jurisprudence" are weary, for every day they hear PIL petitioners being imposed with costs, reprimanded and ridiculed, at times, for taking up causes which many consider to be upright.



2. In my practice spanning over almost four decades, innumerable people, including lawyers, have approached me for filing PILs. The question I ask them invariably is, What is your right? In what manner has your right been infringed? If one's right is infringed, even in a situation where the rights of many others similarly situated are infringed, one can institute a petition in one's own name, as a person aggrieved. Even in situations where a citizen is not directly affected, nay, does not suffer any specific personal injury, for example, inaction on the part of the police to register an FIR where a crime has been committed and investigate the same, any citizen can set the criminal law in motion by demanding investigation and in appropriate cases, by filing a petition under Article 226.

3. But in situations where a citizen has not suffered any specific injury, exclusively to himself, and where the injury which he complains of is out of a legislative or executive policy, then it cannot be said that he is a 'person aggrieved'. He has therefore, no right to go to a Court. To anyone who doubts the correctness of this proposition, all that I have to remind is that there can be no legislative or executive action which will in no way affect rights, nay, even fundamental rights. During the pandemic severe restrictions were imposed on our various rights, which undoubtedly

fall within the ambit of fundamental rights. With the Supreme Court holding that the right to sleep in a public maidan during a protest (Ram Dev's case) is also an essential ingredient under Article 21, I cannot imagine of a right which does not, today, fall under the ambit of the fundamental rights. Fundamental rights can be taken away, not necessarily by a constitutional amendment or a statute, but even by an administrative order, without any statutory force. There is nothing illegal about it, provided, there exists sufficient reasons to do so.

4. Most of the PILs filed today are filed in challenge of legislative and executive policies which are not justiciable at all. The Courts have been mindlessly entertaining such PILs complaining about violation of the fundamental rights on account of infrastructure projects, mining, and the like. Even the NJAC, a mechanism for appointment of judges of the superior courts by a transparent means, was challenged, curiously enough even without there being a complaint of the violation of the fundamental rights. One would find it incredulous that even the National Tax Tribunal contemplated by the Central Government, was struck down without there being a whisper about the violation of fundamental rights. A few vested interests got it struck down using the Madras Bar Association as a pawn.

5. Before the PIL era, the law was certain as to who could go to a court. Any person whose rights are infringed. In other words, a person aggrieved. If what was infringed was an individual's fundamental rights, Article 226, nay, even Article 32, as a matter of right, was available. After the much hailed, but laughable theory of the "basic structure", one could go to the Supreme Court, as was done in the case of the NJAC and numerous others, asserting that no fundamental right is infringed but violation of the basic structure.

6. With the concept of PIL and basic structure, even the Constitution of India has lost its sanctity. What is important today is not the letter of the constitution, but the incredulous interpretation thereof by the Supreme Court as in the Judges-2 case and the NJAC case. A 5-judge bench in the NJAC case said that what binds them is the opinion of the 9-judges in the Judges-2 case and not the will of the people reflected through the constitutional amendment.

7. With the Supreme Court becoming so powerful and Articles 141 and 142 being interpreted in such a ludicrous manner and where the Court acts even suo motu and pass orders which are nothing but legislations, everyone wants to approach the Supreme Court by way of PIL and bring everything under the sun for the court's decision. The top lawyers of the Supreme Court and the elite represented by them, face no scare because the Court will entertain them. But for the lesser

mortals, it is a nightmare, it is an extremely risky gamble. The court may reject their petition outright, impose costs and admonish them ruthlessly.

8. The High Courts follow the suit of the Supreme Court. In some High Courts there are more than two benches of senior judges who exclusively hear PILs. For some, PILs are entertained and orders are passed demolishing the homes and shanties of the poor and middle-class without even a single affected person being on the party array. In Mumbai, in Mumbai, a PIL petitioner sought the demolition of 9 multi storied buildings where more than 4000 people reside without a single one among them being on the party array. Still worse, the Court entertained the petition and asked for a report on the action taken.

9. The answer to the question, who can file a PIL, is simple. Nobody has a right to go to a court unless he has suffered a specific legal injury. The sole exception is a 'qui tam action' for a writ of mandamus. 'Qui tam action' means suing on behalf of the King as well as for himself. All PIL as in practice today, is in ignorance of basic jurisprudence, absolutely illegal and unconstitutional. Judges have been promoting it because it gave them power and fame without there being any accountability. But the judges fail to realize that the publicity so gained is fleeting and in the long run will destroy the very institution itself.

10. Again, who can file a PIL? The answer is simple. Only the Attorney General and Advocate Generals who represent the sovereign, nay, the Executive which is accountable to the legislature, can file a PIL and none else. In many other jurisdictions, class action petitions are common. The CPC and the Companies Act also provides for the same in the form of a representative suit/action. The current practice of so-called activists, very often extortionists, self-appointed guardians of public interest, motivated and funded by private interests, being allowed to assert that they represent the public at large cuts the very concept of democracy at its roots. The only forum which can decide matters concerning the public at large is the Parliament where, as Thomas Fuller has said, every citizen is symbolically present and the decision taken is with the consent of all. The decision of a court is between the parties and it binds them and cannot bind the public at large. To make the public at large bound by a decision of a court of which they were not parties and had no opportunity to participate is against the very first principles of natural justice and jurisprudence. It is unjust, unethical and undemocratic.

11. The question is, how come our lawyers and judges allowed themselves to be so badly misdirected and hail something as legally and morally outrageous as PIL. The simple reason

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# State needs Disaster Budget

Bhubaneswar: Whenever there is a natural disaster, the entire Odisha stands on its toes to protect human lives and the state government ensures its "Zero Casualty" policy is enforced. This fool-proof approach has won for the Naveen administration recognition from the United Nations and other international organisations. Odisha's response to disasters is second to none, but unfortunately the calamity-prone coastal state has yet to develop a sure-fire disaster resilience and mitigation mechanism. The award winning state for saving human lives, has utterly failed to protect its assets and livelihoods.



Odisha has a long way to go to prepare a robust policy for disaster resilience and mitigation. This is not that the state does not have funds or experience to deal with the issue, but what it lacks is will power and attitude. It appears that nobody has ever put a thought for developing robust disaster resilience and mitigation methods.

It is true that other states follow Odisha's disaster response approach. Now, time has come for the state to establish it as a model for disaster resilience and mitigation too. We cannot pat our own back for years for saving lives during disasters. The state must now graduate to excel in managing the aftermath of a disaster with minimal loss.

The Odisha government has achieved many firsts like agriculture budget, gender budget and nutrition budget and others. However, there is no thought to manage disaster. A disaster budget could show the way to the administration where all the departments would focus on disaster resilience and mitigation while making capital expenditure on different projects.

For instance, the government undertakes different construction of roads, buildings, bridges, power lines, and other critical infrastructure. If one adds the concept of disaster resilience and mitigation in the project, the final product could be different. The construction of roads, bridges, buildings and others should have the ingredient of disaster resilience so that they can withstand the calamities like flood and cyclone.

One can get a cue from the railways. When most of the infrastructures like platforms, buildings, rail line and even electrification of the railways mostly remain intact during the disasters, similar construction by the state agencies get damaged due to lack of disaster resilience concepts. For instance, the Urban and Housing Development Department should also adopt the disaster resilience initiative so that no flood water will enter into apartments and major housing complexes like one that recently happened at Sundarpada area in Bhubaneswar. All the development projects need to have a disaster resilience concept. This idea needs to be implanted in the minds of the planners and policy makers in the administration.

Making a hue and cry during the calamity and forgetting it afterwards is no solution to the problem. It is a fact that none can stop the disasters and calamities. Floods, cyclones, earthquakes will continue to happen and their frequency will also increase in wake of the climate change.

## Heavy rain forces temporary suspension of Vaishno Devi pilgrimage

JAMMU: The yatra to the Vaishno Devi shrine atop Trikuta hills in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir was temporarily suspended on Friday evening following heavy rain, officials said. Chief Executive Officer of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board Anshul Garg said the situation was under control and there was no report of any casualty or damage.

Several videos shared on social media show flood-like situation on the Vaishno Devi track. An official said heavy rains lashed Katra, the base camp for the pilgrims visiting the revered shrine, for several hours in the evening, prompting the authorities to suspend the yatra as a precautionary measure till 5 am on Saturday.

But, one can certainly evolve a mechanism to protect the livelihood as it is done for saving human lives by putting in place the proper policy. The state already has OSDMA, ODRAF and some other agencies to respond to the disaster, but one beautiful experience like setting up Odisha Distribution System Strengthening Project (ODSSP) created after Cyclone Phailin in 2013 has added resilience to the power structure. Similarly, State Capital Region Improvement of Power System (SCRIPS), under the project, the electric connections in Bhubaneswar have been done in cabling mode so that the people can get power within hours of the end of cyclone or flood.

It may not be possible to ensure underground cabling for power supply in the entire state. But, what the state can develop is that it can erect disaster resilience electric poles so that they can withstand high speed wind like one the Railways and ports have.

It is, however, a fact that making disaster resilience infrastructure is a costly affair. On the other hand, one must consider that the state loses an average of around Rs 5,000 crore due to disasters every year. Instead of spending money on repair of roads, bridges and other infrastructures every time after the calamity, the state can make a policy where more investment could be made during the construction stage.

Even the disaster resilience embankments are possible with use of technology to check breaches during floods and tidal surge. The Odisha government can procure modern technology used by Japan, China and some other countries for making the disaster resilience infrastructures. India too has expertise in making such infrastructures.

Be it a flood or cyclone, the agriculture sector is the biggest victim and farmers are the worst sufferers. Take for instance hundreds of vegetable cultivation of Athagarh, Banki and other places were completely damaged in the Mahanadi floods. The SDRF has specific norms under which the farmers can be compensated. But, the assistance is too small in comparison to the loss.

Therefore, the state must take initiative and ensure that the disaster insurance is incorporated with the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana. Even the banks and other finance agencies should have the provisions of compensating the loans taken by the calamity-hit farmers and MSMEs. Unless this insurance is included, no amount of government assistance can compensate the farmers and small businessmen. It is high time for a state like Odisha to come up with a Disaster Budget and make Odisha a developed state in disaster resilience and mitigation. Odisha has all the qualities to develop, but it only requires a proper attitude, will power, planning and policy to emerge as a strong state in this area. The contractors, engineers and other small-timers have made their lives out of disasters in the state for decades. Now time has come for a change. By becoming a leader in disaster response, Odisha has won a third of the battle against calamities, another two thirds is left and we have to achieve it. It will be good if the central government accords Odisha as a Special Focus State for being the "Zone of Disasters." If not, we too can do it in an effective manner. It may take some time, but Odisha can do it with Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik at the helm.

Thousands of pilgrims were present at the shrine when it started raining heavily and continued till midnight, the official said, adding, the Himkoti (battery car) track was accordingly suspended.

"As a precautionary measure in the interest of safety, the upward movement of yatra has been stopped from Katra.

"Priority is being accorded to yatri, currently in Bhawan area, coming down towards Sanjichatt and then Katra under close watch of Shrine Board staff, police and CRPF officials and the overall supervision of Additional Chief Executive Officer Navneet, who is stationed at the Bhawan," the official said.

# Ramoji Rao invites Amit Shah to RFC; may try to mediate for a return of TDP into NDA

HYDERABAD: Film producer and media baron Ramoji Rao has invited Union Home Minister Amit Shah, during his one-day visit to Telangana to address a public meeting Munugode, to Ramoji Film City (RFC), where he is likely to try to broker a deal between Nara Chandrababu Naidu and the BJP leader for TDP's return into the NDA.

According to reports, the deal between N. Chandrababu Naidu, who has been grappling in Andhra Pradesh politics without any traction, after a crushing defeat in 2019 at the hands of YSRC chief Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, is trying to get back into the NDA, and Amit Shah is being reached out to Sunday evening for the purpose.

Shah, who will be addressing a massive public rally in Munugode, is scheduled to have a 45-min pitstop at Ramoji Film City before reaching the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport in Shamshabad.

This meeting will be significant for the TDP chief as the yellow party has been trying desperately to return into the NDA fold. Historically, TDP under Chandrababu Naidu has never won any election alone. After winning in 1999 elections as a partner of the BJP and as part of the NDA, Naidu began his second term of Chief Minister of the then united Andhra Pradesh. But the alliance bit the dust after calling for early elections in 2004.

Naidu spent a decade in hibernation in the opposition space. After quitting the NDA after the 2004 defeat, TDP tied up with the TRS for the 2009 elections but failed to come back to power.

Post bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh, Naidu stitched an alliance with the BJP under Modi, and Tollywood actor turned politician, Pawan

Kalyan, (whose Jana Sena did not contest), in 2014. He came to power but ditched the NDA again. When he fought the polls alone in 2019, Naidu was trounced. The TDP is again looking for a lifeline, ahead of 2024 polls.

Despite being in the fourth year of power, there is not enough anti-incumbency against the Jagan government for the TDP to sense a return to power alone. Thus, the TD is trying to claw back its way into the NDA.

TDP chief N. Chandrababu Naidu has already shown his support to the BJP by supporting the party's candidates in the recently held



President and Vice-President elections. But the BJP is wary of any friendship with Naidu, who is seen in the saffron party as a "betrayer". Besides, the BJP has a good chance in Telangana and won't want to spoil its chances by appearing friendly with the TDP. In 2018, the Congress party was picking steam before they allied with Naidu, and bit the dust in Telangana.

Neither the BJP nor the TDP sources have confirmed any meeting between Mr Shah and Mr Naidu.

In other related reports, Amit Shah may likely meet Tollywood star NTR Jr for dinner. According to sources, NTR will be among several other prominent people who have been invited to have dinner with Mr Shah, before he leaves for Delhi later tonight.

## Political temperature rises as Amit Shah set to address rally in Munugode

HYDERABAD: Munugode, a nondescript Assembly constituency in Telangana, has become the cynosure in the state political arena as political bigwigs descend on the town to woo voters. Munugode Assembly segment in Nalgonda district fell vacant after sitting legislator K Rajgopal Reddy

the Assembly elections come.

It may be noted that securing second position will be a significant one as the party which comes in the second position can claim that it is the principal challenger of the winner.

Rajgopal Reddy will be joining BJP in the pres-



tendered his resignation.

The town is all set to witness a public rally by Amit Shah on Sunday, a day after Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao tore into the BJP in a meeting. Rao, in his address, challenged Shah to answer as to why the Centre has not yet decided the Krishna river water sharing formula for the state. He alleged that the Centre has not decided on the share of river water even after eight years since Telangana's formation.

Political temperature has raised in Telangana as the outcome of the upcoming bypoll to Munugode Assembly segment is expected to give a perceptual edge to the winner ahead of next year's Assembly elections.

As Congress decided to fight tooth and nail to retain the seat, the BJP on the other hand wants to prove that it is the "alternative" to the ruling TRS by clinching the segment.

The TRS on its part was pooling all resources to win Munugode seat to prove a point that people of the state are with the ruling party no matter when

ence of Shah, sources in the saffron party said adding Reddy would be contesting as its candidate as and when bypolls are held thus having a head start. Both Congress and TRS are yet to decide their candidates.

The BJP in Telangana is already on a high after winning two Assembly bypolls and putting up a decent performance in the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) elections during the last two years.

While the saffron party banks on anti-establishment votes and alleged "family rule" of Rao, the TRS is confident of winning the seat by showcasing the welfare and developmental schemes that the state government has been undertaking for the past eight years.

As per the 2018 Assembly Poll statistics, Munugode has 2,17,791 voters. Rajgopal Reddy polled 97,239 votes defeating his nearest TRS rival K Prabhakar Reddy by a majority of 22,552 votes. BJP candidate G Manohar Reddy secured 12,725 (6.4 per cent of the total votes polled).

# State Monitoring on River Swell

Bhubaneswar: The State Government has put Subarnarekha and Budhabalanga rivers under close monitoring for next 30 hours as Balasore, Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj received heavy rain on the previous night, said Special Relief Commissioner (SRC) Pradeep Kumar Jena here on Saturday.

Heavy rain lashed out the north Odisha dis-

tricts due to the deep depression. Jharkhand has also received heavy rains due to the system, Mr. Jena said.

The water is likely to reach Odisha in the next 30 hours. Due to this, a minor flood is anticipated in Subarnarekha and Budhabalanga rivers, he said. Seven gates of Galudih Barrage in Jharkhand have been opened in view of heavy rainfall. Around four lakh cusecs of water are being released through the barrage. He said that two stations in Odisha received extremely heavy rainfall while 27 others got very heavy downpour, and 49 stations received heavy rainfall on Friday night. Bhogorai in Balasore district received the highest amount of rainfall of 226 mm, followed by 211 mm in Phiringia in Kandhamal and 196.4 mm in Nawana in Mayurbhanj from 8.30 PM on Friday to 8.30 am on Saturday. Incidents of uprooting of trees and obstruc-

tion on railway lines were reported. Fire services personnel removed several uprooted trees from roads in Balasore district. The SRC said he has received reports of the death of four people due to wall collapse in three districts—Balsore, Mayurbhanj (two) and Keonjhar.

Mr. Jena said water levels have started to re-

cede in the Mahanadi river system and it has come down to 8.35 lakh cusecs at Mundali Barrage near Cuttack.

Meanwhile, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said that the deep depression is lay centred at about 150 km west of Jamshedpur (Jharkhand), 70 km southwest of Ranchi (Jharkhand) and 120 km northeast of Jharsuguda (Odisha).

It will move west-northwestwards across Jharkhand and north Chhattisgarh towards north Madhya Pradesh during the next 24 hours and weaken gradually.

An orange warning has been issued to Jharsuguda, Sundargarh, Keonjhar, Deogarh, Sambalpur, Kalahandi, Kandhamal, Balangir, Sonapur, Boudh and Bargarh districts while a yellow warning has been sounded to Mayurbhanj, Angul, Nuapada, Koraput, Rayagada and Nabarangpur till 8.30 am Sunday.

## 40 km from Bhubaneswar and living on rooftops

BHUBANESWAR: Barely 40 km from the State Capital, the misery of 2,000 marooned residents of Saradhapur village in Khurda's Brajamohanpur gram panchayat has been compounded by incessant rains. The villagers are spending sleepless nights on



the roofs of their houses

as flood in Rajua river has submerged the area. While road connectivity to the village, having around 380 families, has been badly affected, the lone multi-purpose shelter in the locality was submerged in the flood water forcing people to take shelter under polythene sheets on rooftops.

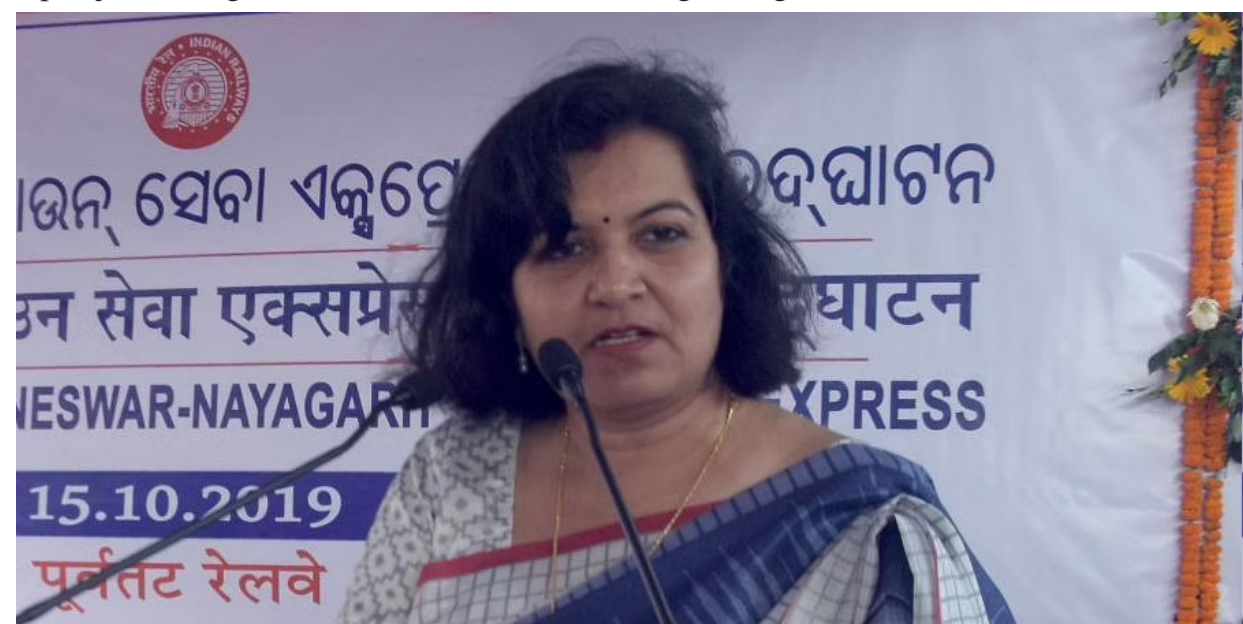
## BJD leader hand in glove in illegal sand mining near Bhubaneswar: MP Aparajita

BHUBANESWAR: Bhubaneswar MP Aparajita Sarangi on

river bed day and night using machines in violation of lease

ine. "Illegal sand quarrying/lifting has been

However, it will resume as soon as the water-level recedes.



Friday slammed the State government for allegedly allowing illegal sand mining from the river bed of Kuakhai on the outskirts of the Capital. Speaking to the media, Sarangi alleged that a leaseholder in 'collusion' with a highly influential BJD leader has been carrying out illegal sand mining on the outskirts of the city. "Thousands of tonnes of sand is being lifted from Kuakhai

conditions right under the nose of the local administration. However, the government has turned a blind eye to it," she said. The MP said she had deputed a team and also visited the site on several occasions to find grievance of people from B a i n c h u a , Satyabhamapur, Umadei Berhampur, Pratap Sasan, Sarakana and Bentapur to be genu-

going on in the place for years with the knowledge of the government. I have gathered pictures and video as evidence and taken up the matter with Khurda Collector. However, the district administration alone won't be able to stop it. It needs government intervention," she said. Sarangi said the mining has been temporarily stopped due to increase in the water-level in the river.

Apprehending damage to the bridge due to the illegal sand quarrying, she said it would lead to a grave crisis in the area if the mining work is not stopped soon. "I urge the State government as well as the ruling party to take immediate measures to prevent the illegal mining. Otherwise, this could lead to strong public resentment," the BJP national spokesperson said.

## Odisha prepares wildlife management plan for new coal blocks



BHUBANESWAR: The State government on Saturday directed the Wildlife wing of the Forest and Environment department to prepare a comprehensive wildlife management plan for newly allotted coal blocks. Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mahapatra gave this direction during a review on the status of forest clearance and wildlife management in newly allotted coal block areas of Angul district.

It was decided to prepare the comprehensive plan through national-level institutes like the Wildlife Institute of India or the Indian Institute of Science as per national guidelines in a time-bound manner. The proposed plan will be implemented for new coal blocks namely Utkal-E, Radhikapur East, Radhikapur West, and Naini. The probable impact areas included

Chhendipada, Kaniha, Jarpada ranges of Angul forest division, and Reamal range of Deogarh forest division.

The Chief Secretary asked officers concerned to work out a comprehensive plan for the protection and conservation of wildlife and mitigation of the adverse impact of coal mining on the movement of elephants.

Additional Chief Secretary Forest and Environment Satyabrata Sahu, Principal Secretary Steel and Mines Deo Ranjan Kumar Singh, Principal Chief Conservators of Forests (HoFF) Debidatta Biswal, PCCF Wildlife, Chief Conservator of Wildlife and senior officers of concerned departments participated in the discussion. Collector and Divisional Forest Officer, Angul appraised the field situation through video conferencing.



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## Debt mutual funds continue to see outflow; investors withdraw Rs 70,000 crore in June quarter

NEW DELHI: Investors continued to withdraw from mutual funds focused on investing in fixed-income securities for third consecutive quarter and pulled out over Rs 70,000 crore in April-June due to high inflation and an increasing rate cycle.

"In the next (September) quarter, it is safe to assume that monetary conditions will be tighter in terms of lower amount system liquidity and higher regulatory rates, both of which should see further reduction in mutual fund debt corpuses," Sandeep Bagla, CEO Trust Mutual Fund, said. Interest rate will be the major factor to dictate flow in debt mutual funds in coming quarters. Once rates start stabilising, inflows can be expected, Ankit Yadav, Wealth Manager (USA) & Director of Market Maestros, said. The latest outflow has pulled down the asset managed by fund managers for debt fixed-income funds by 5 per cent to Rs 12.35 lakh crore at June-end from close to Rs 13 lakh crore at the end of March, data available with the Association of Mutual Funds in India (Amfi) showed. After hitting a peak of Rs 14.16 lakh crore in the first quarter of fiscal 2022, assets under management for the fixed-income category has been on a steady decline and since then the asset base has fallen by 13 per cent.

According to the data, net outflow from open-ended fixed-income mutual funds or debt mutual funds was at Rs 70,213 crore in the quarter under review.

Month-wise, the quarter started on an optimistic note in April with the segment attracting Rs 54,756 crore, however, this changed in May and June, as the category saw net outflows of Rs 32,722 crore and Rs 92,247 crore, respectively.

This came following a net outflow of Rs 1.18 lakh crore in March quarter and Rs 21,277 crore in quarter ended December 2021. Prior to that, the category had seen a capital infusion to the tune of Rs 10,858 crore in July-September 2021.

Trust MF's Bagla said investors have been withdrawing from fixed-income funds over the last three quarters primarily because of high inflation and its impact on interest rates.

Higher interest rates result in lower bond prices

### Netaji died in air crash, tales of 'afterlife' attempts to exploit his popularity: Sugato Bose

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and vividly reveals the truths."

Sugata Bose (Photo | Sugata Bose Twitter) Bose said "my mother was very annoyed" by bogus tales about Netaji's "disappearance" in 1945 and his "non-existent afterlife post-1945," "There is no doubt that he was killed in air crash. All the later theories about his presence have no basis," Bose added.

To a question, he said if the ashes of Netaji kept in Renkoji temple in Japan are brought to the country that should be done in a proper solemn manner, with due dignity and respect to the great warrior.

A chapter in the book, devoted a single, long article titled 'Abid Hasan's Eyewitness Account' reaffirming the crash theory.

Hasan, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's trusted aide in INA, had narrated to Krishna Bose, a former MP, the leader's last journey by air from Bangkok to Saigon in August 1945 and the fateful crash.

Netaji's daughter says she'll soon approach India, Japan for DNA test of ashes at Renkoji Bose told, "mother had a marathon interview with Abid Hasan lasting several days, which she conducted in 1976 in our home Basundhara, around 2 km from Netaji Research Bureau."

Hasan, who became a diplomat after independence, had narrated to Krishna Bose how he joined Netaji's struggle in Germany in mid-1941 and the momentous 93-day submarine voyage from northern Europe to eastern Asia in the first half of 1943.

Hasan had told Krishna Bose about how he accompanied Netaji on his last journey on August 17, 1945 from Bangkok to Saigon little knowing that would be the last with his friend and guide in life.

From there Netaji flew along with his chief of staff Habibur Rahman to Taipei "and the greatest tragedy in India's recent history occurred soon afterwards" as the plane took off from Taipei on August 18, 1945 to be rocked by mid-air and then crashed, Hasan had told Krishna Bose.

According to Hasan, Netaji was badly burnt as was Rahman who was sitting behind him. However, Netaji's condition was far more serious.

Attempts to save him at a nearby military hospital were unsuccessful and he died that evening.

which in turn eat into the returns of fixed-income investors. According to him, investors have pulled out from fixed-income funds both due to liquidity requirements and in order to protect their capital.

The rising rates scenario, particularly from the US Federal Reserve, creates uncertainty in the mind of the investors, Yadav of Market Maestros said. "As new debt fund becomes more attractive due to rates hikes, investors are redeeming their existing debt funds," he added.

Out of the 16 fixed-income or debt fund categories, 12 witnessed net outflows during the quarter under review. Heavy withdrawal was seen from segments, such as low duration funds, short duration funds, corporate bond funds and banking and PSU funds.

The only categories that witnessed inflows were the liquid funds, 10-year gilt funds and the long duration funds. The pull-out in June quarter was largely contributed by short duration, corporate bond, low duration, banking & PSU funds with the outflow figures for these categories standing at Rs 19,704 crore, Rs 13,785 crore, Rs 13,757 crore and Rs 8,099 crore respectively. Within the debt sector, short end rates have risen quite sharply.

The bonds and funds up to 1-2 year maturity offer reasonable returns for investors as they have already factored in further rise in repo rates, Trust MF's Bagla said. However, credit bonds are unlikely to face buyers as the Reserve Bank India (RBI) policies are likely to make credit conditions tougher.

Also, floating rate funds suffer from the risk of spread widening and are likely to continue to underperform, he added. Generally, debt funds are considered to be less risky, with investors taking comfort in being able to hedge their risks by parking hard-earned money in instruments that provide better returns than bank fixed deposits.

On the other hand, equity mutual funds attracted a net sum of Rs 49,918 crore in the quarter under review due to volatility in stock market environment and exodus by Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs). Investors are preferring equity as it is known to be a value creator asset class and its increasing awareness amongst the investors is driving the growth in investments in equity-oriented schemes with an aim to achieve long-term financial goals.

During June quarter, equity funds comprised around 36 per cent of the total industry's AUM of Rs 35 lakh crore, while fixed income funds were at 35 per cent.

### Odisha police sub-inspector exam for 282 posts postponed again over tech glitch

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test was postponed due to some software issues for which the candidates were facing difficulties in downloading the question papers.

Acknowledging the inconvenience faced by the candidates, he asserted that none will be denied the opportunity to appear for the examination. The candidates will be sent an e-mail to inform them about the rescheduled date of the examination, which has been postponed twice in last two months.

"The applications for the posts of SI were invited in 2018. It has been over four years, but we are yet to appear for the examinations for which we have worked very hard," said a candidate outside a centre in Bhubaneswar.

Another candidate from Balasore said he had come to the Capital City in July for the examination but it was postponed due to some technical glitches. "I had to come from Balasore again to appear for the re-examination but it has been postponed again," he added.

The candidates expressed their displeasure over the postponement and demanded that they should be allowed to appear for the examinations in their home districts. They had earlier also experienced difficulties in downloading the admit cards possibly due to bandwidth issues.

Odisha Police had earlier floated a tender to outsource the examination process and Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Limited had won the bid. Sources said the police are now mulling to conduct the examination through OMR sheets.

Last year, the State government granted permission to Odisha Police to recruit sub-inspectors after a gap of 27 years. The Odisha Staff Selection Commission (OSSC) had taken over the task to recruit SIs in 1994 following allegations of corruption by some recruiters in the police department. However, the government constituted a new recruitment board in Odisha Police to recruit the SIs owing to the inordinate delay by the OSSC to hold the exams for last several years.

## Youngsters opting for gig works due to flexibility, extra income

NEW DELHI: the years 2021 and Youngsters are in- 2022, youth's par-



creasingly dropping traditional ways of working and are opting for or showing openness to the gig way of working because of flexibility, extra income and portfolio development, among others.

The participation of youth in the gig economy has increased 8-fold between 2019 and 2022, according to gig discovery platform Taskmo. Teenagers, between the age group of 16 to 18, have shown a massive 750 per cent growth in terms of willingness to opt for gig jobs on the platform.

The company, which has over 7,50,000 gig workers registered, says close to 40 per cent of the gig workers on the platform are youth between the age group of 16 and 23. Between

higher." Prashant Janadri, co-founder, Taskmo said, as the concept of gig is finding wide acceptance, there is a surge in participation of youth who prefer to take up gig job roles. "The career paths of young professionals today look nothing like that of the 2000s. Youngsters are more open to exploring varied opportunities," he said. Gig marketplace Awign has also seen a 60 per cent jump in participation from the 18-25 age group between FY21 & FY22, said its co-founder & CEO Annanya Sarthak.

### Monsoon fury: At least 50 dead in rain-related incidents in Himachal, other states in three days

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Jena said, adding similar arrangements were also being made in adjoining districts of Bhadrak and Jajpur.

The water level in all the rivers located in north Odisha are in spate due to heavy rains caused by a deep depression over the Bay of Bengal, and subsequent flood water release from Jharkhand.

According to Jena, nearly 6 lakh cusecs of water were discharged by Jharkhand from Galudih barrage on the Subarnarekha river system, following a heavy downpour.

Most rivers flowing through the northern region of Odisha into the Bay of Bengal originate in neighbouring Jharkhand.

Four blocks in coastal Balasore district - Baliapal, Bhograi, Basta and Jaleswar - were identified as most vulnerable to the latest flooding.

On Sunday, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik delegated powers of a special relief commissioner to the collector of Balasore district so that the local administration could be more effective.

A helicopter was also placed at his disposal to deal with any emergency.

Odisha is already reeling under the impact of moderate floods in the Mahanadi river system following incessant rainfall, which has affected above 7 lakh people.

Nearly 5 lakh are still marooned in 763 villages, according to government estimates.

Rains and flood-related incidents have so far claimed six lives.

Two bodies were recovered in Kuchinda area of Sambalpur district on Saturday, while four people, including two minor girls, were killed in a wall collapse on Friday night.

Odisha floods: It has been raining misery for Kandhamal, Kalahandi

Jharkhand hit by torrential rains

Meanwhile, in Jharkhand, three persons lost their lives amid heavy rain and strong winds that lashed several districts of the state, inundating low-lying areas and uprooting trees and electricity poles, officials said.

A woman died when a mud wall of her house collapsed in West Singhbhum district, as a deep depression over the Bay of Bengal brought torrential rainfall in various parts of the state on Saturday, they said.

Two persons drowned in Ramgarh district and two more went missing when their vehicles fell into the swollen Nalkari river, and were swept away by the strong current, the officials said.

Flood-like situation on Vaishno Devi yatra track

In Jammu, the yatra to the Vaishno Devi shrine atop Trikuta hills in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir was temporarily suspended on Friday evening following heavy rain, officials said.

Chief Executive Officer of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board Anshul Garg said the situation was under control and there was no report of any casualty or damage.

Several videos shared on social media show flood-like situation on the Vaishno Devi track.

An official said heavy rains lashed Katra, the base camp for the pilgrims visiting the revered shrine, for several hours in the evening, prompting the authorities to suspend the yatra as a precautionary measure till 5 am on Saturday.

### Balasore DM with SRC power

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tions), women SHGs (Self Help Groups) and evacuate as many people to safe places from the probable inundation areas," said Mr.Jena. Both the district administrations are taking steps for the evacuation of people from low-lying areas in view of the flood situation. Mr.Jena said, meanwhile the flood situation in the Mahanadi River system has improved and it will further improve in the next couple of days.

Meanwhile, the death toll in rain and flood-related incidents rose to six, with rescue teams recovering bodies of at least two persons in the Kuchinda area of Sambalpur district.

As per reports, the bodies of a 50-year-old man and his 53-year-old brother-in-law were fished out of water on Sunday, more than 12 hours after they were washed away while crossing a flooded road in Sambalpur district. Tapas Nayak and his brother-in-law Pratap Patel of Gunduruchuan village under Jamankira block of Sambalpur district had gone to Laida to distribute cards inviting people for a post-funeral ceremony when they were washed away at Naktipal on Saturday evening. The car with the bodies of the two was found on Sunday morning, a few metres away from the place where they were washed away.

In another incident, 35 passengers travelling in a motorised boat had a providential escape when their boat was washed away due to strong currents in Mahanadi River at Mahakalapada area of Kendrapara district on Saturday.

The motor of the boat developed technical glitch while it was enroute Bahakuda from Paradip. Later, policemen from Jamboo marine police station rescued the passengers using an interceptor boat.

## CISCE Regional Sports & Games 2022 at The Heritage School Kolkata

Kolkata: Proud to state that on 19th and 20th August 2022, a part of CISCE Regional Sports & Games 2022 was hosted by The



Heritage School at The Heritage campus, Kolkata. Three events like Rifle Shooting, Archery and Roller Skating was organized during these days under the aegis of CISCE Regional Sports & Games 2022.

The inaugural ceremony of the event was addressed by Mr. Ranjan Mitter, Principal Coordinator, CISCE Sports & Games (WB & NE Region) on 19th August 2022 as the Chief Guest. More than 40 CISCE schools across the State and NE Region participated namely The BSS School, The Heritage School, South City International School, Sri Sri Academy,



The Frank Anthony Public School, Don Bosco, The Assembly of God Church, La Martinere School for Boys, Gospel Hone School, Union Chapel School, Lyceum E M School, Cenral Moderm and many more.

The event also witnessed the presence of Ms. Seema Sapru, Principal, The Heritage School, Kolkata who during the inaugural speech motivated each and every participant to give their best during these two days. "This event gives a wonderful opportunity to the students to display their sporting skills. At The Heritage School, sports form an integral part of the curriculum. During the pandemic as well we organized virtual classes of all the sporting activities," said Ms. Sapru.

## Badagada Ganesh Mahotsav-2022 51 Feet Statue, 50 KG Laddu and 8 Feet Mouse

Bhubaneswar(KCN): While the Capital City buzzing with welcome of Lord Ganesha, The Bright Star Youth Association, Badagada, Bhubaneswar is going to celebrate the Ganesh Puja on 31<sup>st</sup> of this Month.

The Bright Youth Association is planning for various activities to welcome Sri Gajanana. The Youth Association has make it all possible to bring famous Bollywood and Ollywood actors to the festival Pandal this Year. Diptirekha, the Popular Singer of Ollywood will be the main attraction in Ganesh Puja. On 01.01.2022 Sohini Mishra and Koushik, on 02-08-2022 Navia Jaiti and Manas Pritam and their Band and on 03.09.2022, Human Sagar & Band will perform music on the stage. The Secretary of the Association Sangram Martha said that, This Year, 51 Feet Statue



and 50 KG Laddu will attract everyone. Like every year, no chemical colours will be used in the sculpture. This Year, The Association has organized 4 days Cultural Programme with high quality light decoration. On 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022 "Bishrjan" function of Lord Ganesha will be organized with roaming around Badagada Brit Colony in a traditional way. The winner students of Badagada High School will be given prizes .Everyday there will be Prasad Sevan and Many Ollywood artist will also join the festival. This is noted that, from 1985 the Association is celebrating Gajanan Puja in way better and Bright Star Youth Association has come to limelight for 3 years for making big Sculpture, big laddu and big Mouse.

"Our School emerged as a winner at CISCE (U-19) Badminton Tournament which was held recently in the first week of this month. I believe these achievements speak a lot in terms of igniting the sporting spirit among the students," said Dr. Sunil Singh, Head of the Department, Physical Education, Heritage Group of Institutions.

The closing ceremony of the event was addressed by Mr. Sailesh Pandey, Vice President, ASISC- WB & NE States on 20th August 2022 at 3 pm in the presence of Shri Pradip Agarwal, CEO, Heritage Group of Institutions and Ms. Seema Sapru, Principal,



The Heritage School, Kolkata.

"I wish all the participants all the best for their excellent performance during these two days. India had celebrated Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav on the 75th Independence Day marking the completion of glorious 75 years of Independent India and during this moment such an event showcasing the sporting skills of the students is really appreciable. While India had made her present felt in the recent Common Wealth Games, I hope that someday from these students, sports personalities will



evolve who would take India to greater heights of success across the world," said Shri Pradip Agarwal, CEO, Heritage Group of Institutions.

## Premier League: Arsenal stay at top following 3-0 win over Bournemouth

BOURNEMOUTH:: A brace from captain Martin Odegaard and a goal from William Saliba powered Arsenal to a 3-0 win over Bournemouth in

the opening five minutes, scoring a 5th-minute goal. Just six minutes later, he hammered his second goal when a touch in the box by new

first goal for the club. Following the match, Mikel Arteta, the Arsenal manager expressed pride with his team's performance. Though he

sheets, the team is playing and performing well, it is competing really well," he added. Arsenal had lost their first three matches



their Premier League match at the Dean Court on Saturday. With this victory, Arsenal is at the top spot in the Premier League table, with a hat-trick of wins and nine points. Their opponent Bournemouth is at the 14th spot in the table with a win in three matches and just three points. Odegaard gave Arsenal an advantage in

signee Gabriel Jesus teed him up.

At half-time, the scoreline read 209 in the favour of Arsenal. In the 54th minute, the centre-back Saliba tripled the lead with an outstanding strike. He made up for his own goal against Leicester. Waiting in the sidelines for a first-team opportunity for three seasons, the 21-year-old celebrated his

downplayed his team's position at the top of the standings. "I am proud because it's not easy to come here and win 3-0 but there is still things to improve," Sky Sports quoted Arteta as saying. "It is just three games, it does not mean anything. What it means is the team is playing really well, we won three games, we are scoring goals, we are keeping clean

during the last season but this time around a hat-trick of wins has put them above north London rivals Tottenham Hotspurs. Manchester City also has a 100 per cent record and will play against Newcastle United on Sunday. It will be playing Fulham next on August 27. Bournemouth sits at 14th and will play Liverpool next.




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