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Similipal elephant death: Contractual forest staff who consumed poison succumbs in Odisha's Cuttack

Cuttack(KCN): Even as the recent elephant death in Similipal National Park of Odisha's Mayurbhanj district has triggered massive public outrage with the complicity of forest personnel coming to the fore and three of them being arrested, a contractual forest employee who had consumed poison after being threatened by the accused, succumbed during treatment in Cuttack here today. The deceased, identified as Turam Purti (20) a daily labourer engaged by the Forest department. As per reports, the three arrested forest staff

including Jenabil ranger Sankar Samal, forester Chandrabhanu Behera and forest guard Binod Das were threatening Turam, who was believed to have witnessed the illegal activity, not to divulge the information failing which he would face dire consequence. The trio had reportedly even taken a photograph of Turam to hold him accountable if any information about the incident was leaked. Unable to bear the pressure and threat, Turam was driven to the point of contemplating suicide and had consumed poison on

December 11. He was rushed to Karanjia Sub Divisional Hospital but as his condition deteriorated, doctors referred him to SCB Medical College and Hospital in Cuttack where he succumbed during treatment on Thursday night. On Wednesday, the three suspended forest staff had been arrested for allegedly trying to cover up the elephant's poaching by burning its carcass. The arrests were made after the High Court came down heavily on the Forest department and the trio confessed to their involvement during the probe.

New Delhi: A delegation of BJD MPs from Rajya Sabha on Friday urged Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw for starting passenger services on Paradip-Haridaspur railway line for the benefit of the people of Kendrapara. The MPs including Sasmit Patra, Amar Patnaik, Sujeet Kumar, Sulata Deo, Mamata Mahanta and Niranjana Bishi met Mr. Vaishnaw in New Delhi and submitted a memorandum to press their demand. Railways and their development in Odisha have been historically neglected in the last 75 years. Successive

Team BJD Met Vaishnaw



Governments have not given adequate attention to the state in terms of railways connectivity, the BJD Parliamentarians said in

their memorandum. The Odisha Government under leadership of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has been providing free land and 50 percent

project cost for various Railway projects in Odisha. The railway line between Paradip-Haridaspur railway line is open for goods and

commercial traffic but has not been opened for passengers. This railway line connects people of Kendrapara to the railway network, they said. "We request you to kindly start the passenger services for the Paradip-Haridaspur railway line which will ensure that after 75 years of Indian Independence, the people of Kendrapada would benefit from railway connectivity," read the letter. The MPs sought support and cooperation of the Railways Minister for undertaking these railway activities at the earliest in the greater interests of the people of Odisha.

Online medical certificate mandatory for driving licence in Odisha

Cuttack(KCN): The Transport department in Odisha will soon launch Aadhaar integrated faceless services to help citizens avail learner's licence (LL) and driving licence (DL) in a hassle-free manner. Online issuance of medical certificate is

mandatory for this arrangement, said the State Transport Authority (STA). Similarly, online production of medical certificate will be made mandatory in RTO centric application in due course. Medical certificate is mandatory for any person above 40 years of age who

applies for a driving licence or renewal of the same as per the Motor Vehicle Act, added the STA. The medical certificate of a person applying for issuance of driving licence or its renewal can be presented online in the form 1 (A) rather than doing it

manually. It was decided to issue medical certificate in form 1 (A) electronically under the 5T initiative of the state government of Odisha. Through this, applicants can get DLs without difficulty and the system will help reduce footfall at RTO offices, said the STA.

Usha Padhee Gets SDTE

Bhubaneswar(KCN): 1996 Batch IAS Usha Padhee has been appointed as Principal Secretary Skill Development and Technical Education Department. Department of General Administration and Public Grievance has brought out a notification in this regard.

After completion of Central Deputation Shrimati Padhee returned to Cadre and has been assigned the Department of skill Development & Technical Education. She had served in the Ministry of Civil Aviation as



Joint Secretary and Additional Secretary. Keeping her experience in Civil Aviation Sector in view, she has been assigned additional charge of Commerce & Transport Department. After her return from Government of India she has been waiting for new assignment, said sources.

BJP, BJD indulge in blame game over establishment of HC bench

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Biju Janata Dal (BJD) on Friday indulged in blame game over establishment of a permanent bench of Orissa High Court in western parts of the state in the wake of arrest of 43 lawyers and suspension of licenses of all advocates of Sambalpur for violence during a protest over the same issue.

Five BJP MPs from western Odisha on Friday wrote a letter to Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik for a fruitful

solution into the matter. Speaking to reporters in Delhi, Bargarh MP Suresh Pujari accused the state government responsible for the present situation in Sambalpur. He alleged that had the state government taken early measures, the situation could have been avoided.

The Union Law Minister has made statements in Parliament and written letters to the Odisha government several times for an agreeable resolution towards establishment of the

permanent bench of the Orissa High Court in the Western part of Odisha, the MP said.

"The delay and lack of commitment of the state government neither in holding consultation with the Chief Justice of Orissa High Court and Governor of Odisha nor providing the composite proposals sought by the Union Law Ministry has led to the present unpleasant law and order situation leading to the arrest of dozens of lawyers in Sambalpur and suspension of licenses of 43 odd lawyers for one and



half year and suspension of the license of all the lawyers of Sambalpur Bar Association till further order," said Pujari, who is a member of the same bar association. As per procedure, he said, the state

government should submit a composite proposal mentioning the exact location for establishment of the HC bench, its jurisdiction and assurance to provide required infrastructure for it. The BJP MPs

demanding the state government to address the unprecedented situation without any further delay. They demanded the state to release the arrested lawyers and take up the matter with the Bar Council

of India to revoke the suspension of licenses of the lawyers in the interest of the poor litigants as well as restoration of peace, tranquillity and conducive healthy atmosphere in the state.

Commenting on the issue, BJD MP Sasmit Patra blamed the Centre for the delay in setting up of the HC bench.

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has written letters to Centre several times before and again on September 5, 2018 assuring the Centre to provide all adequate resources including

infrastructural and financial resources for setting up of the western Orissa High Court bench, Patra said.

"Despite CM's blank cheque for all works in this regard, why the Centre is not proceeding to name the location in consultation with Orissa HC is surprising," he said.

The Rajya Sabha member said the Centre can only establish the High Court bench through the Parliament by exercising its powers under Entry-78 of the Union list in the Constitution.

NTPC Ramagundam distributes vegetable seeds to farmers

Peddapalli(KCN): "We strongly believe in giving back to the society through various social, economic and environmental initiatives. As the farmers are the backbone of the society, NTPC Ramagundam is committed to take measures to support them earn their livelihood and march towards progress," said Executive Director of NTPC (Ramagundam and Telangana) Sunil Kumar. Distributing 10 varieties of vegetable seeds (creeper, leafy and normal vegetables) worth Rs 7.28 lakhs to 110 farmers from 4 project-affected villages at Life Skill Academy Block II here on Thursday, the Executive Director said that they had undertaken the distribution of seeds to the

farmers as part of the activities under Corporate Social Responsibility. He advised the farmers to use these seeds wisely and follow the scientific way of farming to yield better results. The seeds included brinjal, ridge gourd, bottle gourd, Okra (ladies finger), bitter melon, tomato, green chilies, spinach, amartas, coriander. NTPC Ramagundam CSR officials clarified that the other remaining project-affected villages would be covered phase-wise. Head of HR, Vijaya Lakshmi Muralidharan, farmers of project-affected villages were also present on the occasion along with the office bearers of Union and Association.

Regulation of Digital Media

New Delhi(KCN): To help achieve the aim of making Internet Open, Safe and Trusted and Accountable and to regulate the intermediaries, including social media intermediaries, and in

These rules cast specific obligation on intermediaries to observe diligence and provide that if they fail to observe such diligence, they shall no longer be exempt from their liability under

modify, publish, transmit, store, update or share, among others, information, including information published by digital media on the intermediary platform or such information shared on it by other users, which threatens the unity, integrity, defence, security or sovereignty of India or public order, or prevents investigation, or violates any law; To not host, store or publish any information, including information published by digital media on the intermediary platform or such information shared on it by other users, which is unlawful, prohibited by law in relation to India's sovereignty and integrity, security of the State, public order, contempt of court etc., upon receiving actual knowledge in the form of an order by a court or being notified by the government under the provisions of the IT Act; Upon receipt of an order from a lawfully authorised government agency, to provide information or assistance for prevention, detec-

tion, investigation or prosecution under law, or for cyber security incidents;

To have in place a grievance redressal machinery, and resolve complaints of violation of the rules within 72 hours of being reported;

In case an intermediary is a significant social media intermediary (i.e., an intermediary having more than 50 lakh registered users in India), to additionally observe diligence in terms of appointing a Chief Compliance Officer, a nodal contact person for 24x7 coordination with law enforcement agencies and a Resident Grievance Officer, publishing monthly compliance reports, etc.

No proposal to enact a separate law to regulate the digital media is currently under consideration of the Government. This information was given by the Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, Rajeev Chandrasekhar in a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha today.



exercise of powers conferred by the Information Technology Act, 2000 the Central Government has made the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021.

law for third-party information or data or communication link hosted by them. Such diligence includes:

To inform the said rules to their users to make reasonable efforts to cause the users not to host, display, upload,

State transforms Edu Sector

Bhubaneswar(KCN): State Government in School and Mass Education Sector has holistically transformed the educational backdrop of Odisha. Transparent and

Samir Ranjan Dash, Minister, School & Mass Education underlined the importance of re-imagining education ecosystem in the state by brainstorming on strategies and policies.

innovations in education to achieve the ambitious objectives of strengthening school education. He also laid pressing importance on the smooth release of pension to teachers

education hubs. The much-appreciated approach of the State Government's role and subsequent outcomes in implementing FLN (Foundational Literacy and Numeracy) and LRP



timely execution of development projects by prioritizing regular PTA meetings have firmed the foundation for the State Government to ensure that accessible quality education to the students of the state is not compromised with. Addressing the state-level training programme for DEOs and BEOs at Krushi Bhawan Auditorium on Friday,

S Aswathy, Secretary School & Mass Education moderated the session and Anupam Saha, SPD-OSEPA delivered the welcome address. Minister harped on policy and regulatory issues, implementation of best practices, offering solutions for implementation challenges and the need of establishing frameworks to improve education delivery by devising

and the timely disbursement of scholarships to eligible students.

In this regard, the collective functionality of head teachers, teachers, CRCCs, BEOs and DEOs will furbish the performance of the students in board exams, said he adding that time has come to channelize their skills in transforming schools as state-of-the-art edu-

(Learning Recovery Plan) in schools was also discussed about. Various sessions were rolled out on discourses regarding various policies and affairs of the Directorate of Elementary Education (DEE), Directorate of Teacher Education and State Council of Educational Research & Training (TE & SCERT), Mid-Day Meal (MDM) and OSEPA.

Int'l Sculptures' show open

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Culture Czar R Balakrishnan, Chief Advisor, Chief Minister Odisha inaugurated the 15-day long International Sculptures' Symposium at Kala B h o o m i , Bhubaneswar on

in the capital city for its beautification during the FIH Hockey World Cup 2023. Suryawanshi Mayur Vikas, Additional Commissioner, BMC; Sudarsan Pattnaik, President, Odisha Lalit Kala Akademi; Shyam

country and State are participating in the International Sculptures' Symposium which is being organized by Lalit Kala Academy, Odia language, Literature & Culture Department, Bhubaneswar Development Au-

Under this project, artists of the state as well as of national and international repute, engaged by Odisha Lalit Kala Academy, will give a new look to the city's walls with the Odisha's street art and murals.



Thursday. Sixteen international artists from different countries and from within India will craft sculptures of 8 to 10 ft height for the 15 days up to 29 December which will be showcased in the prominent places

Sundar Pattnaik, noted sculpture artist, Panchanan Samal, Secretary, Odisha Lalit Kala Akademi. Sculpture artists from countries like USA, Italy, Korea, Egypt, France and from within the

thority and BMC. The Symposium is part of the third edition of the Street Art and Murals Project (STAMP 3.0) in the State Capital initiated by Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC).

STAMP 3.0 will be a platform where Odisha's art and culture will be showcased before the people visiting to Bhubaneswar from across the country as well as from different countries during the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup.

BJP activates attack on BJD

New Delhi(KCN): Following twin by-polls for Dhamnagar and Padampur MLAs seats in Odisha, the BJP has become aggressive against the Naveen Patnaik-led Biju Janata Dal (BJD). The recent activities of the BJP and its leaders indicate that the party has activated its election strategy.

The BJP was able to defeat the BJD storm in Dhamnagar by-poll and protected its entire votes in Padampur. The party has fought both the by-election against the BJD as there was no show by the Congress party. Meanwhile, Union Minister and the face of Odisha BJP, Dharmendra Pradhan has also indicated that Odisha may go for early Assembly polls. In this background, the BJP has now started strategically attacking the Governing party inside the State and also in Delhi durbar. How-

Yesterday, party's Bargarh MP Suresh Pujari targeted the State Government raising the lady blackmailer Archana Nag case in Lok Sabha. He had demanded a CBI probe into the case.

On Friday, all BJP MPs from Western Odisha accused the State Government responsible for the present situation in Sambalpur. They have written a letter to Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik regarding establishment of a permanent bench of Odisha High Court in the Western Odisha.

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ever, the BJD, which was in aggressive mode during the Padampur by-poll, has almost remained silent in the Parliament.

The BJP Lawmakers have targeted the BJD Government, raising several key issues including implementation of Ayushman Bharat scheme in Odisha, establishment of permanent bench of Orissa High Court in Western Odisha, Archana Nag case and Mining issue. It seems that the BJP has made a strategy to denounce the BJD raising several Odisha-related issues during the remaining days of winter session of the Parliament.

According to sources, Mr. Pradhan held a closed door meeting with a senior BJP MP yesterday and chalked out a strategy to attack the BJD Government in the Parliament. Later Team BJP rushed to Parliament. Usually, the BJD MPs raise Central negligence issues in the Lower and Upper Houses and also meet the Union Minister to put forth their demands. However, this time, on the contrary, the BJP MPs have met the Union Health Minister demanding implementation of Ayushman Bharat scheme in Odisha.

the present unpleasant law and order situation leading to the arrest of dozens of lawyers in Sambalpur and suspension of licenses of 43 odd lawyers for one and half year and suspension of the license of all the lawyers of Sambalpur Bar Association till further order," the MPs said in their letter to the CM. Alleging the State Government is responsible for the entire unfortunate incident, the MPs demanded the State Government to address the unprecedented situation without any further delay.

They demanded the State to release the arrested lawyers and take up the matter with the Bar Council of India to revoke the suspension of licenses of the lawyers in the interest of the poor litigants as well as restoration of peace, tranquility and conducive healthy atmosphere in the State.

Meanwhile, BJP MP from Bhubaneswar, Aparajita Sarangi has raised the mining issue and demanded a high-level probe into it. She alleged that the quality of iron ore being produced in many of the auctioned mines was deliberately downgraded to evade tax.

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I-T, GST officials raid Mythri Movie Makers



HYDERABAD: GST and income-tax department officials conducted searches on the residences and office premises of Mythri Movie Makers (MMM), for whose new film Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan had given the muhurat clap, on Sunday, for allegedly vio-

lating GST norms and furnishing wrong details in their I-T returns (ITRs). The officials raided the premises of Mythri promoters, including Erneni Naveen, Cherukuri Mohan and Yalamanchili Ravi Shankar in Jubilee Hills and also in

Andhra Pradesh. GST officials allegedly found violations in their GST returns on the purchase of units for making films and their related taxes. The officials allegedly verified the GST returns of the past year and questioned their auditors.

I-T officials focussed on the sources of income for Mythri Movie Makers and verified the financial details of the film productions unit. The banner has produced hit films like 'Janata Garage,' 'Pushpa,' 'Saraku Vaari Pata' and 'Rangasthalam'.

Recently, the production unit had announced films investing Rs 700 crore like 'Veeranarsimha Reddy' starring Balakrishna, the Chiranjeevi-starrer 'Waltair Veeraiah', 'Ustaad Bhagat Singh' with Pawan Kalyan and 'Pushpa-2' with Allu Arjun.

Sources said that the promoters had allegedly arranged Rs 700 crore from different sources but failed to file appropriate GST returns and allegedly failed to reveal the source of income in ITRs filed for the financial year of 2022-23.

Rishab Shetty seeks divine consent for Kantara 2, gets it

Mangaluru: Social Media is abuzz with 'Kantara-2' after actor director Rishab Shetty and his team participated in the 'Nemotsava' of Annappa Panjurli (a local deity) in Mangaluru on December 8. 'Nemotsava,' or 'Kola,' is a religious festival being held to appease the deities. People mesmerized by 'Kantara,' are keen to know if there would be a second part of the blockbuster. On several occasions, Rishab and his team were asked about this. While nothing was clear, now there is some update about 'Kantara-2.'

Rishab along with his family members and members of the production house had attended the 'Nemotsava'. People of DK-Udupi and parts of Kerala believe in Daiva (Godly region. "During the

asked to place the 'Hingara,' (arecanut flowers) inside the sanctum sanctorum. As the count of the flowers was in favor of the team, the deity asked the team to go ahead with their

plan," a person who attended the Nemotsava told Deccan Chronicle. The deity also assured support in Rishab's effort and asked him to tread every step carefully.

Kantara, the Kannada movie which was dubbed into other languages including Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Hindi, and Tulu has turned out to be a pathbreaker in the film industry. The story knit around a village in coastal Karnataka has now turned the attention of superstars of Bollywood too. The 'Panjurli,' and 'Guliga,' Daiva, the 'Bhoota Kola,' (Nemotsava), and the 'Kambala,' attracted several movie lovers. While Kola or Nemotsava is offered at regular intervals in some places, in other areas it is offered on special occasions. The person who is possessed with the deity wears a special attire made of coconut leaves and arecanut flowers.

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spirits or Demi-Gods). There are many deities worshipped by the people in these areas. Panjurli and Guliga are the two prominent deities worshipped in the

Nemotsava, Rishab and the team asked the Panjurli Daiva (the deity) about the plans for Kantara 2. The deity (through Daiva Nartaka Umesh Gandhakadu

flowers) inside the sanctum sanctorum. As the count of the flowers was in favor of the team, the deity asked the team to go ahead with their

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'Govinda Naam Mera' movie review: Able performances can't save this mindless caper

If it isn't already, there needs to be a screenwriting course focusing only on second halves. And, of course, Bollywood screenwriters and filmmakers should be chained to the first bench and made to attend. Earlier it was Shashanka Gosh's Freddy and now Shashank Khaitan's Govinda Naam Mera, both films suffering from the curse of the second half. These films open up and place their pawns smartly, like in a game of chess, but as they inch towards the climax, it seems like they got fatigued, overturned the board and decided to play Ludo. Rolling the dice to determine the fate of their characters.

A bungalow, which was given to his mother by his action-director father, is being claimed by his first wife and Govind A.'s step-brother. There's an Instagram-addicted, cocaine-snorting brat who wants to make a music video, his local politician father reluctantly paying his bills, a cop who might

your patience and insulting your intellect. It becomes more and more farcical with each minute and even though its runtime is just 2 hours 11 minutes, it feels bloated, unable to gather pace. The humour is sporadic and once you have giggled at a moment another one comes with an equal cringe and maintains the balance in the universe. The issue with Govinda Naam Mera is that it overloads itself with plot points. It tries to mimic the humour of a Biwi Number 1 and the smarts of a Drishyam but all it ends up with is something that might have been titled Pati, Patni aur Woah! If not a great story, director Shashank Khaitan had stupendous performers at his disposal. Primarily, Vicky Kaushal. Nothing is better on screen than an actor enjoying himself and Vicky does it to the fullest. He overacts but is strangely adorable doing so. He is ebullient and so is Bhumi Pednekar but her character feels predictable. Kiara emotes her frustrations well in the second half but it feels like the plot's ludicrousness weighs on her performance. The film, in the beginning, opens a lot of doors and then doesn't know which one to enter and when to get out of one. It takes two to tango, a tight script and punching humour, sadly, Govinda Naam Mera has none.

Govinda Naam Mera, led by Vicky Kaushal, tells the story of Govind A. Waghmare (as per his birth certificate) a wannabe choreographer. He is tired of dancing to his bossy wife Gauri's (Bhumi Pednekar) tunes and would rather fantasise about his girlfriend Sukku (Kiara Advani) draped in a yellow sari, seducing and singing suggestive Bollywood classics. This is not a hide-your-infidelity comedy of the 90s and although they are not amiable, both spouse and side-squeeze know about each other. Govind A. still has a lot of other affairs to manage.



literally bust Govind A's balls if he doesn't repay him for a gun, a missing packet of drugs, an insurance agent Gauri is having an affair with, a nosy maid, a murder and a body disposal. All of this gift is wrapped in senseless comedy and animated acting. It's not like one doesn't enjoy mindless capers once in a while but Govinda Naam Mera starts testing

Envisioning Social Transformation for Excellence – Next-Gen approach



The COVID-19 pandemic have had significant impacts on the way we work and the flow of scarcity of syndrome of human life is still a big challenge for the future generation around the world. No doubt, respective Government, different Corporate and the economy overall have responded well to dramatic and unforeseen disruption. Fears of scarcity from natural resources as a result of climate change, to ongoing education issues and human capital concerns amidst the great acquiescence are growing more and more pervasive in temperament.

The main characteristics of official texts are similar to those of nepotism texts, tendency to frosty expression that adds objectivity to the statements. Absence of community development syntax achieved with the use of nominalizations and passive syntax, use of processes that concern relationships when it comes to the nature and methods of assessment, use of simple present in the indicative that expresses the modality of certainty, no specialized proven plan of action.

Analysis of social transformation shows contradictions and ambiguities within the official discourse. Lack of unified approach as to proposed practices of assessment in the Governance. Inconsistency between "Facts & Reliability" is prevailing upon the social transformation efforts. This fact obviously poses the need to critically consider and clarify the values and proposed practices. Simultaneously, considering

the difficulty in applying alternative methods of assessment, it is inevitable to deploy strongly action orientated policies and guidelines for all and develop long term approaches before implementation of any major social policy and monitor the social impact assessment for success regular basis, so called "socially embedded event with social consequences".

The social process, planning and management of change arising from policies and projects. The social impact assessment as underpinned by critical theory, thus the enabling practice of social assessment becomes an essential part of the complete response to social change. The introduction of compulsory assessment regimes constitutes social change. There may be no recognition at any level of a need to assess the social outcomes of such change either in its planning or implementation phases, and even less of 'enablement' of the social agents as participants in the change process.

A focus on the situated and social nature of identity in social development mechanism as something individual build within communities of practice is emphasized on incorporate specific knowledge, enactment in social situations, and cognitive engagement into the development of social governance & its identity work. This will capture the nuanced, mutable and 'lived' nature of identity as situated, as in constant process, as both psychic and relational. Believe that identity work positions our choices as producing us, rather than being produced by us.

More focus should be on development of an appropriate social transformation framework based on human capital, social capital and identity

capital. This framework should focus on positive benefits of economic point of view of the social development that went beyond the economic benefits to all and to their increased capacity to engage in civic life and to their lives within social networks and communities.

The parameter of particularity which is opposed to the notion that there can be an established method with a generic set of Governance principles and a generic set of cold room practices. The possibility of tapping into the socio-political consciousness that participants bring as a catalyst for continual identity formation and social transformation.

To interpret the different methods and practices, there is need of deep understanding of artifacts evaluation methodology.

1) Target events, performance and effects which constitute practice as it is viewed from the 'objective'. 2) The wider social and object conditions and interactions which constitute practice as it is viewed from the 'objective'. 3) The intentions, meanings and values which constitute practice as it is viewed from the 'subjective', social development perspective not individual practitioners. 4) The traditions which constitute practice as it is viewed from the 'subjective', social transformation perspective. 5) The change and evolution of practice, taking into account for all, which comes into view when it is understood as reflexively restructured and transformed over time, in its practical dimension.

The real world situation reflected on the role of certain parameter $F(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$, which will derive the inference that all of the characteristics of the dynamism of social development function depended on these parameters.

Binod Behera

But, as is natural, it will encounter the greatest difficulties with the meaning of parameters. These difficulties appeared at the beginning of the transformation project. Point1: When Individual member asked explicitly about the meaning of this parameter and don't agree that individual parameter alone had no influence. The group then reverted to the algebraic consideration to focus the graphic meaning of the parameter in its influence on where the function intersected with the progressive-factors of the development. Finally, they will focus and establish the parameters that will influence the horizontal change in the progress curve. May be, they did not realize that this influence was linear, while the effect on the vertical position of the development will be quadratic in nature. Point2: When the sign of the coefficient of X is negative, the thing is translated always to the right of the progressive curve. Point3: if the coefficient of X is negative, several people talk at the same time. So bring it to the positive side of the progressive curve with proper clarification to the group members.

In the end, the didactic unit contained activities that tackled the problem X-Factor-1. The Program director should study the discursive and interactive dynamics that produce disparities in the micro-perspective way, while taking into account socio-cultural structures of our societies in the macro perspective. If such methodological attempts to bring the "macro" and "micro" perspective together seems to fail? The problem seems to be at the suggested starting point of the transformation project. There is need of

identifying aspects of the larger socio-cultural context that are significant and also essential to modify the program delivery frameworks. Emerges the need for more intelligent and efficient decisions to increase desired effects of changes, reduce unwilling ones and change the undesired effects to desired and positive effects. These are modest decisions, which should be situated and dynamic and driven in the entire system of the social influence. You have to modify the Static Decision System to Intelligent Decision System to make capable of responding to the social change. This social fact could be used as a useful or even necessary tool for development of the society.

How can social and cultural factors which influence the transformation and how can be these effects changed to desired ones? These following aspects you need to be think about,

1. Deriving desired effects from undesired situations.
2. Clarifying the most effective factors and making the best decisions for filtering or changing the negative effects is time-dependent.
3. The decisions must be dynamic and situated because of the dynamic nature of society.
4. Specify the Intelligent Decisions System and the dynamic and adapting nature of it.
5. Measure the positive impact both in term of national and international effects.
6. Intelligent Decision System frequently gets feedback from situations & reorganizes itself.
7. Ensure Feedback loops is in 24x7 active mode, gathering the useful information and making the best decisions due to the situation needs.

A pluralistic view of Critical Methodology of Social Assessment: Strongly argue a pluralistic conception of Critical Methodology of social assessment. This counts as depends as much as on the socio-political and the future driven goals as the explicitly political in nature. The question is how the social context of instruction does and the positioning of the governance is a didactic practice and politically engaging?

We have to outline a perspective that admits varied forms, each characterized by attention both to social critique, contributing to movements for greater social justice. Further, we contend that this perspective implies a pluralistic, nuanced yet political, view of what constitutes critical assessment desired for communities of lower socio-economic status.

Critical Methodology and the Implicit Political message that carries: Our objective ought to be to engage socially marginalized in their societies, in cognitively demanding the social transformation in ways that help them to succeed in the struggle for leaving in the society. The Social development will success if we will calculate the social harmonic oscillation with time. Aim to increase the awareness of relationships between the progressive curve & functional expressions. Yu should monitor the movement of a social pendulum, how its oscillation is being affected by friction within certain time line.

1. For the function $f(t) = ae^{-kt} \cos(bt + c)$, where $f(t)$ is the displacement of a community from its rest position, t is the elapsed time, and a, k, b , and c are parameters. Determine parameters values that give a good fit to the data for time

displacement Curve representation. 2. Monitor, at what time does the transformation project first pass communities resting position?

3. Measure at that time, what is the speed of the project? Concerning the cosine function, shows report the effect of multiplying the independent variable by a constant, $\cos bx$. After illustrating how different values of the parameter b affect the period of the cosine curve, explores the effects of multiplying the dependent variable, $\cos bx$ by a constant, a , and explains that the value of the parameter a affects the amplitude of the progress curve. Reflecting on the pictorial form of the curve, you will notice that it tends to be a dampening, oscillating function of x and suggests that the pictorial results when the cosine function is multiplied by some decreasing function.

After some thought, the decreasing function of x should dampen the $\cos bx$ curve with e^{-kx} , assuming $k > 0$. The value of k increases the graph of e^{-kx} "decreases proportionally slower. The value for 'k' gets smaller, and the distance the progressive curve over time is a decreasing cosine graph. It will modify the function $f(x) = a \cos bx + f(x) = ae^{-kx} \cos bx$. You must have to demonstrated awareness of the effects that the parameters a, b , and k exert on the behaviour of modified functional value of the social transformation program $f(x)$. With a suitable choice of parameter values and with a restriction of the domain of $f(x)$ to $0 = x = 1000$. This exemplifies how critical methodology calculate the progress of the social transformation and its future impact.

Decode Critical Methodology with Explicit Political Message: This is more explicitly political and,

less transformation focused. It is lesson posed three related tensions, namely, tensions between A) the critical methodology goals and the activity. B) The valuing contributions and stating own official, social and political perspectives and C) Counting more data analysis activities and covering more cryptic assessment.

We are accustomed to a self-protective strategy for such a contingency that we feel, we are accommodating and adopting the role of the mediators in our day to day activities, which cause suffering. The socio-political Governance model should define human capital in terms of "knowledge and skills" possessed by individuals, which enable them to function effectively in economic and social life.

The Impact of human activity should focus on ecological sustainability, which is undergoing continuous redevelopment and provides opportunities to experience the social transformation by raising the questions, "Where are we?" "Who and what was here, is here, maybe here in the future?" "What is the impact of human activity?" "Which aspects of the physical and biological environments would you prefer to be here in fifty years time and what action is required for this to happen?" The Real world situations mathematical constructs and used to describe particular value-laden meanings and, at the same time, contribute to the valuing of meanings imposing thus on the real world situations the values of the dominant culture of social transformation.

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Movements without the components of institution building, never sustain, like wise, if democracy is a movement!



The SHGs in the third world countries taught us in last five decades to its mentors and members, that forming, storming, norming and performing are the stages through any social groups goes. With shared responsibilities, formation of capital, capital investment, multiplication and diversification its business grows and asset and identity of organisation roots. It's man, money and material has to be owned by its members. Leadership has to rotate and proper documentation of its strengths, weakness, opportunities and threats have to be done. Implementation of decisions must take place. Review of progresses and decisions must be done and alternative steps should be taken regularly. These are the key practical lessons SHG movements taught us in the world and we in this generation directly witnessed it's sustainability. In many states poor wage earning women, who were in the clutch of indebtedness, got socio, economic, cultural freedom from the forces that were against women emancipation. There have been many movements that addressed issues of the nation and tears of many individuals are washed.

In India before independence, many socio, economic, cultural, religious and lingual movements took place. Many movements

considering the sway of Congress, got merged with it. Many like Muslim league and other Nationalists movements with their own specific objectives, kept themselves away from Congress. Some preferred to dissociate from Congress and remained silent and some continued their movements separately.

The key movements during British era can be divided into social, political, religious, lingual, ethnic, economical etc.

The movements that are after giving a legal shape by enactment, are institutionalised before and after independence. Few movements are, Social: Sati or widow burning, women education, untouchability, widow remarriage etc. are being addressed with few exceptions in some parts of the country.

Political: Indian Congress Party, founded by Allan Octavian Hume on 28 December 1885, All-India Muslim League founded by Khwaja Salimullah, was a political party established in Dhaka in 1906, The Bharatiya Jan Sangh was subsequently founded by Syama Prasad Mukherjee on 21 October 1951 in Delhi, with the collaboration of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, as a "nationalistic alternative" to the Congress Party, The forward block on June 22, 1939, The Communist Party of India (CPI), the oldest Marxist-Leninist communist party in India, founded in 26 December 1925.

Religious: Arya Samaj founded in 1875 by Swami Dayananda Saraswati, Brahma Samaj was a monotheistic sect of Hinduism. The movement began through meetings of Bengalis in Calcutta in 1828.

One of the leading figures was Raja Ram Mohan Roy. Ramakrishna Mission is named after and inspired by the Indian spiritual Guru Ramkrishna paramhansa and founded by Ramakrishna's chief disciple Swami Vivekananda on 1 May 1897, Aligarh Movement, Sikhs and the Parsees movements etc too were noted in history.

Lingual movements: Urdu Language Movement (Began: 1850s), Anti-Hindi Movement by Tamilians (Began: 1937), Bangla Movement (Began: Close to 1947), Vishalandhra Movement (Began: 1953), Kannad Movement (Began: 1980s), Utkal Sammilani 1903 for Odia. These are few examples.

Ethnic: formation of states of North East India, Punjab, Darjeeling, Uttarakhand or Jharkhand may be called as consequences of ethnic movements.

Economical: Marxist movements, Swadeshi Movement, 1905. Bhoodan movement 1951, The Naxalite Movement in India 1967. Sarvodaya Movement of Gandhiji later by Jayaprakash Narayan

Many of these movements are not unilateral movements for one cause. Most of the movements are combination of two or more than two issues and concerns. These movements have definitely influenced the state and administration in different regime and legal changes have taken place or new enactments have been done, but all movements could not result into legal enactment. So many continued their movements by propagation of their vision with organised groups, organisation, association, and shaping them into institutions with visionary one or more

than one leaders.

Among all the movements, the movement initiated by Keshav Baliram Hedgewar (1 April 1889-21 June 1940), also known by his moniker Doctorji, who was an Indian physician and the founding Sarsangchalak of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, RSS is best case study on sustainability of movements. His life span is just 51 years but now the nation is harvesting the fruits of the movement that he grounded. Hedgewar founded the RSS in Nagpur in 1925, based on the ideology of Hindutva. He had a political protege of B. S. Moonje, a Tilakite Congressman, Hindu Mahasabha politician and social activist from Nagpur.

India saw many movements and many leaders of extraordinary movements for socio, political and economic transformation. Many of them brought instant and epoch making changes but the movement started by Keshav Baliram Hedgewar is small but foresighted, prolong, result oriented and it is expected to remain in the country for years to come. Though the RSS was founded on the day of 'Vijaydashami' in 1925 but the name of the organisation was decided much later. On 17 April 1926, Hedgewar called for a meeting attended by 26 swayamsevak, the members of the organisation. A detailed discussion followed to decide the name of the organisation. Its base is Sakha. These shakhas formed the core building blocks of the structure of the RSS. The activities during a Shakha include games, discussions on broad range of social topics, yoga, prayer to

Bharat Mata and a sacred session called baudhik. The uniform of this organization bears white shirt and khakhi, a black cap and coloured shorts. On the auspicious day of 'Guru Poornima' the volunteers of RSS pay homage to the 'Bhagwa Dhvaj', the saffron flag, which has significant symbolic importance. A volunteer of the RSS who takes part in the shakha is called a 'Swayamsevak'. A Swayamsevak is at times appointed in the post of a Sanghchalak, which means group administrator, and is handed over the job of organizing and leading the events of the Shakha.

There are many dissidents leaders in Congress, who were in the Indian parliament, but later they left. The prominent names are Ram Manohar Lohia, Jayprakash Narayan, Morarji Desai, VP Singh, Chandrasekhar etc. But none of the above visionary had the base at grassroots level as formed by RSS. The components of institution building, group to association then to organisation, then to institution was missing.

Religious organization of Christians, Muslims and Sikhs etc. have many Schools, Colleges and outfits for social work. They address health, education and livelihood needs of marginal sections and gave care and protection to orphan, disable, old and distribute basic amenities of human life around their respective centers. Mostly they have not created grassroots level formal informal groups at village level. The visions are not found commonly shared and owned by mass. They did not initiate a movement with last man of the society or if initiated the movement can't

be called nation wide and failed to make the poor mass part of their movements. Within the movement they were decided into supplier and beneficiaries. Mass did not shared the vision promulgated by leaders, may be some of the leaders are from among the common mass.

Many civil society organisations, including donors and implementing organizations, initiated many movements relating to basic needs, rights, protection of humanity, animal, flora and fauna. Organisations are also registered. Legal entity and sophisticated documentation and reportings were practised. Many contributed for the nation in terms of policy level advocacy and many for people centered advocacy.

Chipko movement 1973, Bhudhan movement by Vinoba Bhave in April 1951, Narmada bachao moment 1985 are the distinguished movements. Though they received compassion from different corners but could not establish nation wide presence and could not sustain them. Offcourse after achieving the goal it is not required but, sustaining democracy is not a one time activity, it's a regular process must be grounded in the heart and soul of every individual, every family and ever society.

At national level for children, Bachpan Bachao Andolan founded by Nobel Peace Laureate Kailash Satyarthi in 1980. National Action & Coordination Group For Ending Violence Against Children, India (NACC-EVAC India) is a country-level civil society forum of the South Asia Initiative to End Violence against Children (SAIEVAC), an apex body of the South Asian

Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), with a vision that all children are safe and have quality life and opportunities for development. Contribution for policy formulation and quality program implementation of these movements are well accepted.

Internationally, many international humanitarian organisations are supporting civil society organisations for people centered movements for democratic values and human rights issues. Action Aid has been engaged with strengthening the most marginalised communities in India since 1972. Oxfam first started working in India in response to the famine in Bihar in 1951. Today Oxfam works to help people find ways of making a living and ensuring that they have access to education and health services and disaster effected. Like them, Voluntary Action Network India (VANI) the apex body of Indian NGOs, consists of 500 organizations with an outreach up to 10000 all over India. These are some of them who are presumed to have been involved in human rights issues and serving the nation vividly.

But inspite of visionary leaders, visionary organisational insight, but basics of institutionalisation is not being adopted or inculcated at village and community level by people in general. If the vision is accepted, it could not organise groups, association, organisation, institutions and the agenda was not managed controlled and directed by the people themselves in their localities so these movements could not spread to the length and breadth of the nation.

Nation building and democratic governance need to be the part of day today life. The values of nation building, may it be socialistic, capitalist, nationalist, marxist, religious, none religious, it has to have the character and programs for sustainability.

In 2013-14 the nation witnessed the movement on zan lokpal bill through India Against Corruption (IAC) group and initiated by many thinkers of different walk of life in the leadership of Padmasree Anna Hazare including, academician, artists, media personnel, retired bureaucrats, justices, social workers, religious leaders etc. The components institution building was not grounded in it and it walked half way, though the leaders are still surviving the vision is yet to be attended.

The movement of nationalism by Dr Hedgewar, Balasaheb Deoruas, Golwarker are the best, whose impact is now in the nation and beyond nation because it has the components for institutionalisation. Shared Vision, definite structure and grassroots level units.

Social engineering is a term we used mostly during election in UP and Bihar but, instead of social engineering, we need a democratic social healings in institutional framework. The traits of institution building must be grounded in Movements for nation building.

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Russia launches another major missile attack on Ukraine

KYIV: Ukrainian authorities reported explosions in at least three cities Friday, saying Russia has launched a major missile attack on energy facilities and infrastructure. Local authorities on social media reported explosions in the capital, Kyiv, southern Kryvyi Rih



and northeastern Kharkiv as authorities sounded air raid alarms across the country warning of a new devastating barrage of the Russian strikes that have occurred intermittently since mid-October. Kharkiv Mayor Ihor Terekhov said on the Telegram social media app that the city is

without electricity. Kharkiv regional governor Oleh Syniehubov reported three strikes on the city's critical infrastructure. Kyrylo Tymoshenko, a top official in President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's office, reported a strike on a residential building in Kryvyi Rih, warn-

ing on Telegram: "There may be people under the rubble." Emergency services were on site, he said. Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko reported explosions in the northeastern Desnianskyi and western Holosiivskyi district, urging residents to go to shelters. "The attack on the capital continues," he wrote on Telegram.

The strikes targeting energy infrastructure have been part of a new Russian strategy to try to freeze Ukrainians into submission after several key battlefield losses by Russian forces in recent months.

Firing outside Army camp in J-K's Rajouri, two civilians killed

Rajouri/Jammu: Two civilians were killed and another injured in a firing incident outside a military camp in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district early Friday, officials said. While the Army blamed "unidentified terror-



ists" for the firing and subsequent civilian casualties, officials had earlier said that an Army sentry allegedly opened fire leading to the casualties.

Soon after the incident, local residents took to the streets and pelted stones on the camp to protest the killings outside the Alpha gate

of the Army camp. Senior civil and police officers are on the scene to pacify the agitating locals who have blocked the Jammu-Poonch national highway, demanding a probe into the incident, officials said. They said the incident occurred at around 6.15 am when a group of locals were approaching the Army gate for entry for work. The officials identified the deceased as Kamal Kumar and Surindar Kumar, both residents of Rajouri, and said the injured, Anil Kumar of Uttarakhand, was admitted to a hospital by the Army. Army's White Knight Corps, in a tweet on its official handle, said "In an early morning firing incident by unidentified terrorists at Rajauri near Military Hospital, there has been fatal casualty of two individuals. The Police, security forces and civil administration officials are on the site." The officials said the situation in the town is tense but under control.

Twitter suspends accounts of several journalists, Musk cites 'doxxing' of his jet

Twitter on Thursday suspended the accounts of several prominent journalists who recently wrote about its new owner Elon Musk, with the billionaire tweeting that rules banning the publishing of personal information applied to all, including journalists.

Responding to a Tweet on the account suspensions, Musk, who has portrayed himself as a free speech absolutist, tweeted: "Same doxxing rules apply to 'journalists' as to everyone else," a reference to Twitter rules banning the sharing of personal information, called doxxing.

Musk's tweet referred to Twitter's Wednesday suspension of @elonjet, an account tracking his private jet in real time using data available in the public domain. Musk had threatened legal action against the account's operator, saying his son had been mistakenly followed by a "crazy stalker". It was unclear if all the journalists whose accounts were suspended had commented on or shared news about @elonjet.

"Criticizing me all day long is totally fine, but doxxing my real-time location and endangering my family is not," Musk tweeted on Thursday.

He had tweeted last month that his commitment to free speech extended "even to not banning the account following my plane, even though that is a direct personal safety risk". He later tweeted there would be a seven-day suspension for doxxing. He followed up on Thursday by posting a poll asking Twitter users to vote on when to reinstate accounts of those who had doxxed his "exact location in real-time."

Twitter did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Among the journalist accounts suspended was that of Washington Post reporter Drew Harwell (@drewharwell), who wrote on social media platform Mastodon that he had recently written about Musk and posted links to "publicly available, legally acquired data."

Sally Buzbee, the Post's executive editor, said Harwell's suspension undermined Musk's claims that he intended to run Twitter as a platform dedicated to free speech.

Twitter also suspended the official account of Mastodon (@joinmastodon), which has emerged as an alternative to Twitter since Musk bought it for \$44 billion in October. Mastodon could not immedi-

ately be reached for comment.

In a move Musk said reflected his commitment to free speech, Musk reinstated the account of former President Donald Trump, who had been suspended from Twitter over his actions surrounding the Jan. 6, 2021, siege of the U.S. Capitol.

"I hope that even my worst critics remain on Twitter, because that is what free speech means," Musk had tweeted in April.

Twitter is operating with much-diminished staff as thousands have been fired since Musk took over. It is now leaning heavily on automation to moderate content, doing away with certain manual re-



views and favoring restrictions on distribution rather than removing certain speech outright, its new head of trust and safety Ella Irwin told Reuters this month. The accounts of Times reporter Ryan Mac (@rmac18), CNN reporter Donie O'Sullivan (@donie), and Mashable reporter Matt Binder (@MattBinder) were also suspended on Thursday, as was that of independent journalist Aaron Rupar (@atrupar), who covers U.S. policy and politics. Mac recently posted a number of Twitter threads on the @elonjet suspension and interviewed Jack Sweeney, the 20-year-old operator of the account. A spokesperson for The New York Times said: "Tonight's suspension of the Twitter accounts of a number of prominent journalists, including The New York Times's Ryan Mac, is questionable and unfortunate. Neither The Times nor Ryan have received any explanation about why this occurred. We hope that all of the journalists' accounts are reinstated and that Twitter provides a satisfying explanation for this action."

CNN said "the impulsive and unjustified" suspensions were concerning but not surprising. The network said it had asked Twitter for an explanation and would reevaluate its relationship with the platform based on that response.

The other reporters could not immediately be reached for comment.

Dialogue and diplomacy only way forward to resolve Ukraine crisis: PM Modi to Putin

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday spoke to Russian President Vladimir Putin and reiterated his call for dialogue and diplomacy as "the only way" forward to resolve the Ukraine crisis.

The two leaders also reviewed bilateral cooperation in areas of energy, trade and de-

velopment, investment, energy, agriculture, transport and logistics," it said.

It said Modi and Putin underscored the importance of continuing close coordination within the framework of international organisations, including in the context of the Indian presidency in the G20 and the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation.



velopment during a telephonic conversation. A Russian readout said Putin gave "fundamental assessments of Russia's line on the Ukrainian direction at the request of Modi". The Prime Minister's office (PMO) said Modi briefed the Russian President on India's ongoing Presidency of the G-20, highlighting its key priorities. It was the fifth telephonic talk between the

two leaders this year. They held phone conversations on February 24, March 2, March 7 and July 1. Modi and Putin held a bilateral meeting in Uzbekistan's Samarkand on September 16 during which the Prime Minister told him that "today's era is not of war" and nudged the Russian leader to end the conflict. "Following up on their meeting in Samarkand on the sidelines of the SCO Summit, the two leaders reviewed several aspects of the bilateral relationship, including energy cooperation, trade and investments, defence and security cooperation, and other key areas," the PMO said in a statement. "In the context of the ongoing conflict in

Ukraine, the Prime Minister reiterated his call for dialogue and diplomacy as the only way forward," it said.

The phone conversation came days after it emerged that Modi will not be travelling to Russia for the annual India-Russia summit this year.

Putin visited India last year for the summit.

"The Prime Minister briefed President Putin on India's ongoing Presidency of the G-20, highlighting its key priorities. He also looked forward to both countries working together during India's Chairship of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation," it said.

The PMO said the two leaders agreed to remain in regular touch with each other.

The Russian readout said the two leaders discussed prospects

for cooperation in areas such as mutual investment, energy, agriculture, transport and logistics.

"Having expressed satisfaction with the high level of bilateral cooperation developing on the principles of the Russian-Indian special and privileged strategic partnership, the leaders discussed in detail the prospects for practical interaction in such areas as mutual

investment, energy, agriculture, transport and logistics," it said.

It said Modi and Putin underscored the importance of continuing close coordination within the framework of international organisations, including in the context of the Indian presidency in the G20 and the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation.

"At the request of Narendra Modi, Vladimir Putin gave fundamental assessments of Russia's line in the Ukrainian direction," it said.

The call between the two leaders came on a day, officials said that Russian forces launched at least 60 missiles across Ukraine, reporting explosions in at least four cities, including Kyiv.

India has been ramping up its procurement of crude oil from Russia notwithstanding increasing disquiet in the Western countries. New Delhi has not yet criticised Moscow for its invasion of Ukraine and it has been pressing for resolving the conflict through dialogue.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar visited Russia last month during which both sides vowed to expand their economic engagement including New Delhi's import of petroleum products from its "time-tested" partner.

After holding wide-ranging talks with his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov and Deputy Prime Denis Manturov in Moscow, Jaishankar had said India would be supportive of any initiative that "de-risks" the global economy and stabilises the global order at this stage.

On India's import of crude oil from Russia, Jaishankar said it is India's fundamental obligation to ensure that Indian consumers have the best possible access on the most advantageous terms to international markets.

3823 CR for Urban Plans

New Delhi(KCN): The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has released funds to the tune of Rs 3823.76 crore under different urban development schemes during the last five years.

This was informed by Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, Hardeep Singh Puri in Lok Sabha on Thursday.

Giving a written statement to a question of BJP MP Basant Panda, the Union Minister said urban development is a state subject. However, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs facilitates and

has fully utilised the fund. Again, under AMRUT 2.0, which was launched October 2021, the Centre has allocated Rs 144.44 crore to Odisha and the State has not utilised it so far. Under AMRUT, the number of beneficiaries benefitted in the State under 24x7 water supply is 2.41 lakh and under sewerage and septage management is 4.14 lakh. The number of beneficiaries benefitted under green spaces and parks is 4.8 lakh so far, said Puri.

Similarly, the Ministry has given Rs 882 crore to the State Government under Smart Cities Mission during the period, of which the State has utilised Rs 776 crore. Notably, the Smart Cities Mission is being implemented in two cities of Odisha, Bhubaneswar, and Rourkela.

Under the SBM, the Union Government has allocated Rs 348.47 crore to Odisha and the expenditure stood at Rs 246.29 crore. The State Government has constructed 1,42,284 Individual Household Latrines under the scheme in all 30 districts of the State.

The Centre has allocated the highest amount of Rs 1610.28 crore to Odisha under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban (PMAY-U) in the last five years. The State Government has spent Rs 1341.22 crore under this scheme. The State has constructed 2,13,846 houses under the PMAY-U scheme.

Moreover, Odisha has got Rs 81.11 crore from the Centre under DAY-NULM, of which Rs 73.30 crore has been already utilised. From 2017-18 to 2021-22, in Odisha, 627 urban poor have been imparted skill training to enhance their employability. Loans with the provision of interest subvention have been disbursed to 25,165 beneficiaries for self-employment through individual or group microenterprises. 2,00,543 urban poor have been mobilized into SHGs under the scheme, informed the Union Minister.



assists State Governments/ Administration of Union Territories in urban development through its flagship missions /schemes.

Accordingly, the Centre has released Rs 3823.76 crore to Odisha under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban (PMAY-U), Smart Cities Mission (SCM), Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U) and Urban Transport (UT) and Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM).

Against the release of funds, the State Government has utilised Rs 3194.27 crore during the five years. The Central Government has released Rs 757.46 crore under AMRUT to the State and the latter

Plea to allow devotees on wheelchairs inside Srimandir

BHUBANESWAR: Wheelchair-bound differently-abled persons have yet again raised the issue of allowing them access up to the Ratnasimhasana



of Shri Jagannath temple at Puri. In a letter to Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, secretary of Sahaya - the Red Cross Centre for Special Children Mrinalini

Padhi urged him to allow wheelchair-bound devotees to witness the Trinity on Ratnasimhasana and offer prayers from January next year.

Referring to November, 2015 when 140 wheelchair-bound persons from Gujarat were allowed to enter the Srimandir, she requested that similar arrangements be made for divyangs. She also suggested that children of sevayats may be engaged as 'sahayaks' to assist people on wheelchairs inside the temple. Currently, differently-abled devotees are allowed to go on wheelchairs upto the Lion's Gate and wheelchairs are not allowed beyond that. From there, either volunteers or relatives can carry their divyang relatives into the temple on their shoulders or arms. Although a demand in this regard has been made many times in the past, it has remained unanswered so far.

Hotel Association seeks expansion of key airports in country

BHUBANESWAR: As crowding of passengers continues at key airports in the



country, the Hotel Association of India has requested Prime Minister Narendra Modi to improve infrastructure at these facilities.

In a memorandum to the prime minister on Wednesday, the asso-

ciation secretary JK Mohanty said the capacity of the airports in the metros needs

to be tripled and at other congested airports in different states the infrastructure facility should be doubled. "Indians today are wasting man-hours by standing in queues to get a flight. VVIPS

escape this torture of standing in long queues for hours and do not realise the

requirements in these facilities cannot match the needs of the rising number of

travellers. "The rapid growth of the economy has necessitated growth in travelling fast by air. This has resulted in massive congestion in airports all over the country specially the metro cities of India," he wrote.

Odisha: Naveen in huddle with party leaders, Padampur model to be replicated

BHUBANESWAR: With an early election buzz in the air, the Biju Janata Dal dropped enough hints of its readiness as Chief Minister and party supremo Naveen Patnaik on Thursday got into a huddle with senior leaders to review the result of Padampur bypoll and discuss strategy for the ensuing election.

After the meeting, the ruling party said it has resolved to replicate the Padampur model in the entire state during the next election. Naveen met senior party leaders, mostly those assigned Padampur by-election charge. The strategy followed by the leaders which resulted in such a handsome win for party candidate Barsha Singh Bariha was dis-

cussed threadbare in the meeting.

Despite being on a slippery turf in Padampur, BJD not only put its organisational affairs in order but also put out a

tenure of Bijay Ranjan Singh Bariha as MLA. Besides, there was little development to show in the constituency for close to two decades, a major part of which

the next election," senior BJD leader Pradip Majhi told mediapersons.

During the meeting, the chief minister queried about the promises made by leaders at the



strong, united show in face of an aggressive challenge from the BJP. This, however, was not the case with Dhamnagar which the ruling party lost to BJP.

In Padampur, B J D 's organisational base was weak and neglected for a long period during the

was represented by Bariha in the Assembly. In the 2019 election, Bariha had managed to win by 5,734 votes. This time, BJD retained the seat and increased the margin to more than 42,000 votes. "The party has decided to follow the Padampur model in

constituency level and whether those have been fulfilled. He advised the leaders to give priority to organisational matters of the party. Senior party leader Prasanna Acharya said the CM will visit Padampur in January as promised and review development work of the constituency.




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Centre cuts windfall tax on domestic crude oil

New Delhi: The Centre has cut the windfall profit tax on domestically produced crude oil. Along with this fortnightly revision in windfall tax, the

government comes at a time when global crude prices has witnessed almost 14 per cent slump since November. As per global estimate,

Corporation (ONGC) has been reduced to Rs 1,700/tonne from the previous Rs 4,900/tonne. Before the previous revision, this

also includes Rs 1.5 per litre as road infrastructure cess, like in every case. On July 1, India imposed the windfall tax on crude oil producers



Centre has also slashed the levy on diesel. As per updates, these changes come into effect from Friday, according to an order issued by the government on Thursday late night. The move of the

India is the world's third largest consumer and importer of oil. According to the revised prices, the windfall tax on crude oil produced by firms such as the state-owned Oil and Natural Gas

amount was Rs 10,200 per tonne. The government has also cut the rate on export of diesel to Rs 5 per litre from Rs 8 per litre. Before the previous revision, this rate was Rs 10.5 per litre. The new levy

and levies on exports of gasoline, diesel and aviation fuel after private refiners sought overseas markets to gain from robust refining margins, instead of selling at lower-than-market rates in the country

GST: GoM on online gaming, casinos submits report to Sitharaman

NEW DELHI: The panel of state ministers set up by the GST Council to look into taxation of online gaming and casinos on Thursday submitted its report to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

The GST Council, chaired by Sitharaman, may take up the report in its next meeting on

Usually, the GST Council secretariat gives notice to members in the Council before tabling any agenda. The agenda for the Council meet so far did not include a discussion on online gaming. Now that the report has been submitted, it is likely that the Council may take it up for consideration.

The GoM, in its last meeting in November, had agreed on a 28 per cent GST on online gaming casinos and horse racing. However, in absence of consensus on whether the tax should be levied on only the fees charged by the portal or the entire consideration,

including the bet amount received from participants, the GoM had decided to refer all suggestions to the GST Council for a final decision. Currently, online gaming attracts 18 per cent GST. The tax is levied on gross gaming revenue, which is the fees charged by online gaming portals.



Saturday (December 17).

"Presented the Second Report of the Group of Ministers (GoM) on casinos, race courses & online gaming to the Hon'ble Union Finance Minister, Smti. @nsitharaman Ji in New Delhi today," the GoM's chairman and Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma tweeted.

Home Credit India's study shows EMI cards emerge as popular consumer choice

HYDERABAD: Home Credit India, a local arm of the leading global consumer finance provider, released its annual consumer study- How India Borrows (HIB) 2022 study, here on Friday.

The HIB 2022 study concludes that more than 50% of the borrowers surveyed show preference to EMI Cards when it comes to shopping or for any credit need. Overall, more than three-fourth of the borrowers led by Tier 1 & 2 cities and Gen Z/Millennials are optimistic and

buoyant about digital lending services, owing to rising popularity of online loans, convenience experienced, and faster adoption of digital lending.

The study stated that 52% respondents in Hyderabad showed keen interest in learning financial management, 54% respondents used mobile banking more than internet banking, and 49% respondents were optimistic about fintech growth. However, Hyderabad showed the least interest in

embedded finance/EMIs while shopping online when compared to other cities. On the other hand,



North India region has shown resonance with initiating loan applications on WhatsApp chat and online loan journey. East India has shown its affinity strongly

towards online shopping, trust in chatbots and having financial service apps on smartphone. West India has

inclination towards mobile banking and initiating loan applications on WhatsApp chat. Speaking on the consumer study, Mr. Ashish Tiwari, Chief Marketing Officer,

Families in England struggle to afford school lunch as inflation bites

LONDON: At St Mary's primary school in London, almost half of children are entitled to a free school lunch owing to the fact they are from England's poorest families. And while charities argue that more pupils should be allowed access to taxpayer-funded meals amid a cost-of-living crisis caused by sky-high inflation, the government of Prime Minister Rishi Sunak is resisting such

free school meals cannot because they earn above the cut-off point, which stands at £7,400 (\$9,163) per year in England.

"The threshold is just set too low, and is out of step with the other devolved nations in the UK," according to Stephanie Slater, founder and chief executive of charity School Food Matters.

"In Northern Ireland, the threshold is £14,000 pounds. In Scotland and Wales

qualify. 'Started with pandemic'

At St Mary's, a Roman Catholic school, many parents are struggling to cope with spiralling energy and food bills.

The school has its own food bank offering donated staple items like bread and milk for free.

"The pandemic is for us where we really started noticing the change when families were either losing jobs or unable

greater availability.

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He has been joined by the likes of singer Zayn Malik, London mayor Sadiq Khan and Ken Murphy, chief executive of British supermarket giant Tesco.

"When we talk about hunger, we're talking about children coming to school and relying on a hot, nutritious meal at lunchtime," said Slater.



calls. At 48 percent of pupils, the proportion of St Mary's children entitled to a free school lunch is far higher than the UK average.

"It's shocking to think that a number of children and our families are struggling to make ends meet and are struggling to provide the food that they need for their families," Claire Mitchell, part of the school's leadership team, told AFP.

Other families who ought to benefit from

they are just beginning to roll out universal free school meals, meaning that every child in every school will eventually get a free meal at lunchtime."

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By comparison, just over one-third of pupils in England benefit from the assistance worth about £2.40 a day. And according to the Child Poverty Action Group, one in three children in England which it says live in poverty do not

to access as many hours at work as they were previously," said Mitchell.

According to the Sutton Trust, the number of families unable to afford school meals in England has jumped by 50 percent during the inflation surge.

The charity has meanwhile hit out at the government for not widening access in a recent budget.

England and Manchester United footballer Marcus Rashford, who benefitted from free school lunches, has led a campaign for

For those not entitled to a free lunch but who find themselves in difficulty,

"schools will either subsidise free meals for those children out of their own school budgets, or families are sending in packed lunches that are inadequate because they're struggling to find good nutrition", she told AFP.

For Mitchell, a hungry child "will struggle to focus and concentrate".

"If they're not reaching their full potential now... it'll be harder to catch up."

renovation and business purposes. Owing to buoyant sentiments, more than 50% borrowers showed preference for EMI-Cards when it came to shopping or taking credit, followed by credit cards (25%), with new-age lending platforms including 'Buy Now, Pay Later' evidently losing out with less than 10% in favour. Borrowers now view EMI Cards as trustworthy, with timely approvals & quick disbursements.

Lionel Messi INJURED? Huge scare for Argentina ahead of FIFA World Cup 2022 final vs France

Katar: Argentina football team are getting ready to face defending champions France in the FIFA World Cup 2022 final on Sunday (December 18). One of the keys to Argentina's hopes of winning the World Cup for the third time will rest on their talisman Lionel Messi. However, Messi - who is going to possibly play his final World Cup match - is now an injury concern for Argentina as he was seen clutching his hamstring multiple times in the World Cup semifinal win over Croatia this week. Messi and the rest of Argentina's starting line-up were absent from



training on Thursday (December 15) amid concerns over the Argentina captain's fitness. It has led Argentina fans becoming increasingly concerned about Messi's fitness ahead of their World Cup final against France on Sunday. But Messi's non-appearance at training are not raising alarm bells as yet for manager Lionel Scaloni gave all the starting XI from the semi-final the day off.

Foot Mercato are reporting that Messi is experiencing discomfort in his hamstring, although he is widely considered to be fit. Argentina veteran Angel Di Maria and Paulo Dybala - both of whom came on as second half substitutes against Croatia - were present at training. Papu Gomez is nursing a sprained ankle and remains a doubt for the final, while Marcos Acuna and Gonzalo Montiel will return from suspension. But it is Messi that every Argentine is hanging their hopes on heading into the France game. The Barcelona legend has been in scintillating form for his country, contributing five goals and three assists in their six World Cup games.

IND vs BAN: Bangladesh all-out for 150

Dhaka: Bangladesh are struggling to avoid the follow-on after ending second day's play in the first Test against India at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chattogram at 133 for 8. KL Rahul-led India posted 404 in the first innings, thanks to half-centuries by Cheteshwar Pujara, Shreyas Iyer and Ravichandran Ashwin. Cheteshwar Pujara and Shreyas Iyer put on a record 149-run partnership on the opening day of the Test match on Wednesday (December 14). Both Pujara and Iyer though missed well-deserved centuries after scoring 90 and 86 runs respectively. Once the specialist batters got out, it was left



to all-rounder Ravichandran Ashwin and Kuldeep Yadav to carry India past 400-run mark. Ashwin scored a brilliant half-century, before getting dismissed for 58 and put on 92 runs

for the eighth wicket. Kuldeep posted his career-best score of 40. In the Bangladesh batting innings, Mohammed Siraj struck with the first ball of the innings, dismissing Najmul Hossain Shanto

for a duck. Siraj went onto to claim 3 early wicket in the Bangladesh innings. Kuldeep Yadav then joined the party and claimed four wickets on the second day to have Bangladesh on the mat at

133 for 8 after the second day. All-rounder Mehidy Hasan Miraz, the hero of the ODI series, is still in the middle and only hope for the home side to avoid the follow-on mark which is 204 runs.

I trust wobble seam because I get success from it - Siraj



Dhaka: At 39 for 2, with Litton Das at the crease, the Bangladesh camp would have hoped of charting a recovery on Day 2 of the opening Test against India in Chattogram. However, Litton was castled by a three-quarter seam delivery from Mohammed Siraj, which wobbled in the air and nipped back to rattle the timber. Siraj ended the day with three wickets while Kuldeep Yadav bagged a four-for as Bangladesh limped to 133 for 8 at close of play. The three-quarter seam is basically Siraj's version

of wobble seam, which wobbles in the air, hits the pitch and nips into the right-hander. On the other hand, it leaves the left-hander. The salient feature of the ball is, as the ball wobbles in the air, it could confuse the batter as to which way it would move after pitching. On his part, Siraj said that he developed a new weapon in 2018, as he had lost the ability to find inward movement back into the right-hander. "In 2018 the incoming deliveries had completely stopped. At that time my outswing

was working better," he said in the presser. "So I was a bit confused as to why my in-swingers weren't working. Then I decided to use the wobble seam because incoming deliveries are always a problem for batsmen. Because outswing is visible more clearly for the batsmen but when it comes in then it becomes difficult for the batsmen. So I used the wobble seam because it is quite effective like an off-cutter. I trust it more because I get success from it," he added. Just before Siraj dismissed Litton, he also exchanged words with the

Bangladesh batter, with the latter cheekily suggesting he didn't hear what was said. After removing Litton, Siraj then celebrated with his finger on the lips. At that juncture, Litton was playing a flurry of shots, evidenced by the five boundaries he had hit. Siraj observed that it was just friendly banter where he told Litton, "No, nothing. I just said, 'this isn't the T20 format, this is Test cricket, play sensible cricket.'" With the wicket developing a few indenations and offering some variable bounce, Siraj also noted that the key factor was to zoom it on the stumps and bring the LBW (and bowled) modes of dismissals into play. "My approach was to bowl consistent stuff. This the kind of wicket, where if you try too much then you leak runs. So the plan was to bowl consistently at one area at stumps... I will get success. If you bowl the stump line, it would be better, because from there the ball is staying low, there is turn also. For fast bowlers also... stump line, there are chances of getting LBW."

Not about technique but decision making - Herath on Bangladesh's Test woes

Dhaka: Bangladesh spin bowling coach Rangana Herath feels the side is suffering in the longer format as it's failing in its decision making at crucial junctures of the game.



In the first Test against India at Chattogram, Bangladesh are trailing by 271 runs with two wickets in hand after suffering a batting collapse in the last session of second day's play. Kuldeep Yadav and Mohammad Siraj picked up four and three wickets respectively as the home side were reduced to 133-8 at stumps, and now they need 71 runs to avoid follow on.

losing that. I don't think it's about technique but more about getting those decision-making right in certain situations," Herath told reporters at the post-match press conference at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium on Thursday.

"Losing eight wickets is disappointing but you know this is Test cricket...another three days to go. We need to hang in there and we need to fight hard. Test cricket is not easy, always testing your skill, testing your temperament, your patience and there always is a situation (difficult) and so in that case you need to fight hard and have to have that gritty attitude. Once you spend some time in there, you get kind of an easy situation. So we need to stay and wait for that time and that's what I

expect from our guys. "Almost three days to go that means 270 overs. We need to fight and work hard, so if we can get partnerships especially from the tailenders, although they may or may not be able to do so, we need to get in there and fight hard." Herath added that he is expecting Shakib Al Hasan to bowl in the second innings; he did not bowl on the second day due to shoulder injury. "He (Shakib) is carrying a bit of shoulder pain so hopefully he will bowl in second innings. He bowled about 10-12 overs and I'm sure he will bowl in second innings," he said.

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