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Will fulfill my promise to Padampur people before 2024 elections: Odisha CM

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Minister. Chief Minister Naveen The Ch Patnaik today said the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) government is with the people of Odisha from the cradle to the grave while seeking votes for his party candidate Barsha Singh Bariha for the December 5 Padampur by-election. "I believe in action rather than words. I will fulfill all my promises to the people of Padampur before the 2024 General and Assembly elections. The BJD government prepared a manifesto of Rs 1 crore for each panchayat of Padampur and we will finish the work within a year. I will come to you with the list of our works during the 2024

polls," added the Chief

The Chief Minister began his speech by paying his deep respect to Lord Nrusinghanath, the presiding deity of Bargarh and renowned Odia poet Gangadhar Meher at public meetings in support of the BJD candidate ahead of the

bypoll. The Chief Minister claimed that he has been with the people of Odisha through thick and thin. "Odisha is the number one state in India in paying bonus to the Kendu leaf pluckers. The state government has recently announced a package for the Kendu leaf pluckers. The Kendu leaf workers have been included in the Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY) and the state government has been providing assistance for the education of their children," said the Chief Minister.

Patnaik claimed that the BJP government at the Centre has imposed 18 per cent GST on Kendu leaves which is adversely affecting the livelihood of thousands of workers engaged in the sector. "The Centre has imposed 3 per cent GST on gold but it is forcing the Kendu leaf workers to pay 18 per cent GST. The BJP leaders are now shedding crocodile tears for the welfare of Kendu leaf pluckers," said the Chief Minister.

The Chief Minister came down heavily on the Centre for the delay in the construction of Bargarh - Nuapada railway line via "During Padampur.



2018, one Union Minister had claimed that Padampur would be connected with railway line at the earliest. Have you seen any railway station or track in Padampur? They have done nothing in this reagard. Now, two Union after getting land from the state government. I want to ask them whether they have conducted any survey for the railway project and prepared the DPR. Have they finalized how much land they need in which village? Have they applied for the land

acquisition with the state government? They have no answer to these questions," said the Chief Minister.

Patnaik also highlighted the Mission Shakti scheme of the state government for empowerment of women in Odisha. The state

interest-free loans for the members of Mission Shakti women self-help groups, he said.

The Chief Minister claimed that he had made certain commitments to the people of Bijepur during the 2019 bypoll. The state government has sanctioned Rs 4,000 crore for various projects in the constituency. Bijepur will be hugely benefitted by the Gangadhar Meher Lift Irrigation project, he

Patnaik alleged that some BJP MPs from Odisha have prevailed upon the Centre to stop allotting new houses to the poor people of the state under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. The state government will come forward to fulfill

announced Rs 5 lakh the aspiration of people in this regard.

"We have urged the Centre to include certain communities from Odisha in the ST category to provide them reservation in education and jobs. But, the Centre is yet to take any step in this regard," alleged the Chief Minister.

The Chief Minister also criticized the BJP leaders for showing disrespect to the BJD nominee in social media. "I have fielded an educated woman for Padampur bypoll. But, the BJP leaders are trying to malign her image in the social media. I strongly condemn the BJP leaders' attitude towards our candidate,"

AIIMS Bhubaneswar successfully conducts first East Coast Railway Planning Safety and major Endovascular Aortic Aneurysm Repair

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): AIIMS Bhubaneswar has successfully conducted Endovascular Aortic Aneurysm Repair (EVAR) in a patient suffering from a large pseudoaneurysm of the Infrarenal Aorta with involvement of the left renal artery. The Interventional procedure is first of its kind in Odisha ever performed by any Government establishment with a very low cost. Group of Doctors of Bhubaneswar comprising Department of Radiodiagnosis and Interventional Radiology in collaboration with the Department of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery (CTVS) Department Anaesthesiology & critical care have conducted the procedure.EVAR is a minimally-invasive endovascular surgery used to treat abdominal aortic aneurysms. It involves the placement of a stent graft within the aorta to treat an



aortic aneurysm without operating directly on the aorta. The graft creates a new lining for the artery, lowering the risk of a rupture. The procedure performed with help of high technology and experienced hands of Doctors has provided the patient a new life. It may be noted here that this

procedure is very costly in the private sector (10-15 Lakhs), but at AIIMS it has been done at the cost of Rs. 5 Lakhs only. The patient is doing well now. First, bilateral femoral artery exposure has been done by Dr. Satyapriya Mohanty, Dept. of CTVS, followed by placement

of the metallic stent in the left renal artery, aorta and bilateral common iliac arteries by the Intervention Radiology team comprising Dr. Biswajit Sahoo and Dr. Manoj Kumar Nayak. The procedure was done under General Anaesthesia, and the patient was monitored expertly by Dr. Satyajeet Mishra (HOD) and Dr. Soumya Sarkar.

AIIMS Bhubaneswar Executive Director Dr. Ashutosh Biswas has congratulated the team for the success and encouraged the Docs to perform such kind of interventional procedures in

RepairWorks in the Coming Season

Bhubaneswar(KCN): of Safety related mod ernisation works at various places over East Railway Coast jurisdiction, it has been planned to take proactive steps to take up immediate repair and maintenance works without affecting passenger's convenience.

The Safety related modernisation works include Repair of Old Bridges; Installation of Limited Height Subways (LHSs) by converting Level Crossings; Inter locking tracks commissioning of doubling/third line works, etc. These are all Safety implications.

General Manager, East Coast Railway Shri passengers can go. This installation of new



Roop Narayan Sunkar is has given strict instructions to the officials to ensure that passengers are not inconvenienced at all. minimum cancellation of trains is being planned.

More and more efforts are also being taken to reschedule trains or take them up to nearest points where maximum number of

called Partial Cancellation or Short Termination of Trains.

In the next two months, Safety related modernisation works have been planned at different Railway Sections. On Sundays, Limited Height Subways and track linking works have been planned in Angul-Sambalpur Railway Section. Similarly,

of the organization has years. The case was

Girders has been planned on bridges in Palasa-Vizianagaram Railway section on Thursdays by replacing old girders. Apart from this, Safety related works have also been planned on Tuesdays & Saturdays in Titilagarh-Raipur Railway Section. The advance planning by ECoR focuses on convenience of the passengers. The modernisation works have been distributed on different days in different Railway sections. So that, minimum train will be cancelled and partially cancelled.East Coast Railway is working on providing information well in advance, so that passengers may plan their journey accordingly.

Vedic University head Girish Verma's case dismissed

Bhopal(KCN): Girish the order that the for 27 years. This case defamation case of 10 organization, the court rejected"The order said that the plaintiff organization, which filed the case, should bear the expenses of both the plaintiff and court dismissed the defamation case filed by the university management in the Bhopal district court on the allegations of physical abuse leveled against Girish Verma, head of Katni-Jabalpur's Maharishi Mahesh Yogi Vedic University in 2013.

as a loss to the of the defendants Sharma) should also be borne by them. Actually, Renu Sharma Maharishi Mandir School, Bhopal, the defendant."The run by Maharishi Education Institute and Rajesh Sharma was companies run by Girish Verma from the beginning as per Girish Verma's wish, and from the year 1989, Girish private Verma's secretary. Renu Sharma had accused Girish Verma of physical Dismissing the case, abuse in 2013, having the court also said in worked in that capacity

Verma had filed a plaintiff organization is under consideration should bear the in the High Court and crores by telling the expenses of this case Girish Verma is on bail allegations against him and the court expenses given by the High Court Jabalpur in the said (Rajesh Sharma, Renu case. Girish Verma, considering himself to be Maharishi Mahesh Yogi Vedic University, used to work in called the allegations of Vidya personal slander, allegations and physical exploitation against Girish Verma a loss to the institution and filed working in the a defamation case in the court. In the defamation case filed by the university's registrar Arvind Singh Rajput on behalf of Girish Verma, the university's registrar Arvind Singh Rajput has demanded that the allegations of Renu-Rajesh Sharma have tarnished the image of

the institution and the institution has suffered a revenue loss of about Rs 10 crore. It was also submitted in the court that education is given

in Vedas, Upanishads, Darshana, Nyaya Vedanta, History, Puranas, Ayurveda, Ved Gyan etc., hence any false allegation against any director, chancellor or head of the institution Defamation is a loss to the organization. Since both Renu-Rajesh Sharma, who made the allegations, were fired from the organization, they have defamed the organization by making false allegations against the head of the organization, Girish Verma. The reputation

harassment. This was A defamation case of rejected by the court Rs 10 crore was filed, and not on the deposited in the court institution. Experts from the organization's argue that Girish account, whereas this defamation claim in case of Girish Verma. the court by terming Also, the organization the allegations against spent a decade fighting him as institutional, the case. At the same which could not be time, the money and proved in the time of Renu-Rajesh, c o u r t . " T h e the accusers, was also organization fought wasted for ten years the case for 10 and still Renu Sharma's years"The interesting case is pending in the thing is that the case High Court. It is being filed by Girish Verma on behalf of the husband and wife were organization harassed for ten years considering himself as under this defamation an organization went case which could not on in the court for 10 stand in the court.

been tarnished by his filed in 2013 and the allegations of sexual decision came in 2022. saying that the in lieu of which the allegation was personal court fee money was Verma had filed a case was a personal told that both the

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IIT Kharagpur bags 16 International Offers Including Highest Package of More than INR 2.6 crore CTC on Day 1 of Placements

ment session of 2022, the students of Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur (IIT KGP) secured more than 760 offers including Preplacement Offers (PPOs).

The Institute witnessed a healthy presence of all the major companies across sectors bagging 16 international offers including the highest package of more than INR 2.6 Crore

A total of 34 companies have participated in the placement process that includes Apple, Airbus, Alphagrep, Capital One, EXL Services, Google, Graviton, Microsoft, Rubrik, Square Point etc. More than 70 profiles were opened for the students on first day of the placement session. A wide spectrum of profiles in software, analytics, finance, tech, consulting and core were offered to the IIT KGP students.

Kolkata(KCN): On the first day of the place- The placement session 2022-23 (Phase-I) of IIT Kharagpur that started on December 1, 2022 performed exceptionally well in both hybrid and physical mode with enthusiastic participation of the students and the companies. IIT Kharagpur has received 800 plus internship offers this year. More than 140 companies with variant of software, analytics, consulting, finance & banking, have participated in internship selection process in IIT KGP this year which indicates a healthy start of the season ahead.

> Amidst the global market scenario, the students of IIT KGP have received huge international and attractive domestic offers from many companies. Prof. A. Rajakumar, Chairman CDC complimented all the students on their successful endeavours and acknowledged all the participating recruiters for their strong association with IIT Kharagpur.

DRM inspected Titlagarh-Mahasamund section



Sambalpur(KCN): Divisional Railway Man- He also inspected Kantabanji, Turekela ager, Sambalpur, Shri Vineet Singh inspected Titlagarh-Mahasamund section of Sambalpur Division on 29.11.2022. He took stock of various amenities and facilities provided at the stations enroute and ongoing developmental activities in that section.

Road, Harishankar Road, Nawapara Road, Khariar Road station and various establishments in the section. He interacted with the staff and inspected various fixed assets, establishments, Passenger amenities at the sta-

Make in Odisha 3.0: Drone ambulance to plug paramedic delay

BHUBANESWAR(KCN):: The Skilled in Odisha section at the Make-in-Odisha (MIO) conclave has a special attraction this time - a drone ambulance - that aims to save crucial paramedic response time and save lives of patients who are outside the ambit of healthcare in the state. Developed by a citybased automation robotics company -Homeacts - which has been started by couple Sushree Sangita Mishra and Ansuman Acharya, both engineers, the drone is the first of its

kind in Odisha. It can be

used to deliver blood.

medicine kits and transfer organs during emergency situations or inacintelligence (AI). The couple had developed the drone a year back.



cessible pockets of Odisha.

It can also be used for disaster assessment and search and rescue operations, said 33-yearold Sushree who is a computer science graduate specialisation in artificial

It was incubated at the Utkal University's Centre for Innovation and Incubation. Designed to carry a load of 3.5 kg, its operation range is limited within 15 km now. The project has been supported by the ICMR-Regional Medical Research Centre (ICMR-RMRC). It flies at the speed of 60 km per hour.

Sushree said during Covid-19 pandemic, their company had partnered with RMRC to develop affordable Covid testing kits. "But we realised that the country faces the challenge of delivering vaccines and medicines in rural and restricted pockets. Hence, we decided to develop this drone," she said.

The couple is exhibiting the drone at the MIO to find funding agencies for commercial production.

Within 7 Days of Filing Hon'ble High Court directs Dhenkanal Collector to take a lawful decision within 45 Days for a case filed by Er Debashisha Hota to Write Caste in Certificates of Land Rights

Dhenkanal(KCN): Odisha Land Rights to Slum Dwellers Act has been enacted during 2017 by the State Government only after massive demonstrations led by High Court



Advocate and Mass Leader Er Debashisha Hota in all over Odisha under the umbrella of Odisha Bhumuhina Praja Samiti. So far Govt has distributed Certificates of Land Rights to 1 Lakh 65 Thousand poor people under Jaga Mission.

Dhenkanal Town is the pilot project for Jaga

Mission and till today 2283 poor from 43 slums got Certificates of Land Rights. But their Caste has not been mentioned in these Certificates. Due to this they will not get any Government benefits in future. The District Collector is not taking any action even after number of complaints regarding this before

2 Landles SABAR Gagei Dehury and Gopani Dehury got their Certificates of Land Rights on 12th August 2022. They complained before the Collector on 5th September 2022. Their Caste was not written in their Certificates of Land Rights even after 2 months of their Complain. Therefore they approached Er Hota on 19th November 2022. Er Hota filed a Case at Hon'ble High Court within 2 Days in this regard.

Hon'ble Justice Biswanath Rath listened the arguments within 7 Days of filing, i.e. on 28th November 2022. Er Hota put forth his strong arguments very effectively before the court to give justice to these poor SABAR people. After hearing the case, the court directs the Dhenkanal Collector to take a lawful decision within 45 Days.

Additional Government Advocate Sri Sakti Prasad Panda argued for the Dhenkanal Collector. Today this Judgment has been uploaded in the Portal of Hon'ble High Court of Odisha.

I will work like this till my Death to give Immediate Justice to the innocent people, Er Hota told on this occasion.

on August 31,2022.

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Indian Renewable Energy Development Limited



(IREDA) is participating in the exhibition at Make in Odisha (MIO) Conclave, 2022 underway here at Janata Maidan.

Pradip Kumar Das, CMD IREDA is spearheading the Team IREDA, which has showcasing the investment opportunities in Renewable Energy Sector in Odisha.

Secretary Chief Suresh Chandra Mahapatra evinced keen interest in IREDA stall and moved around the Exhibition. He has appreciated efforts of CMD Shri Das in organizing the Exhibition Stall MiO'22.

The IREDA stall is attracting investors from across the country, who are taking part in the MIO as the world is looking towards green energy and the IREDA is the biggest financing agency in India for

such projects.

IREDA is showcasing its various financial products, schemes, and contributions towards the development of the renewable energy (RE) sector in the country under the theme of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'.

Information and prospects IREDA's funding for various projects including solar energy, wind energy, hydro

The Agency has sanctioned around 750 wind power projects for a cumulative amount of around Rs 29,000 crore. Further, IREDA has affected cumulative disbursements of about Rs 18,000 crore in wind energy sector till March 31, 2022.

Similarly, Agency's solar sector portfolio is about 25 per cent of its toMW capacity of cogeneration projects have been commissioned, as on March 31, 2022.

Further, the Central Agency has sanctioned 28 waste to energy projects with a total capacity of 134.89 MW with a total loan commitment of Rs 957.74 crore. Out of which, 29.63 MW capacity of waste to energy projects have started



project, biomass and waste to energy are available there.

Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency, a PSU under the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) and is headed by CMD Pradip Kumar Das.

The Agency has sanctioned about Rs 1,24,115 crore for various RE projects, of which Rs 81,575 crore has already been disbursed to the more than 3020 project proponents as

tal portfolio as on March 31 last. The IREDA has sanctioned over 300 solar power projects for a total amount of around Rs 31,000 crore, of which Rs 18,000 crore has been disbursed till March end.

The IREDA has also sanctioned 210 cogeneration projects in different states with aggregate capacity of 1170.78 MW with a total loan commitment of Rs 5050.09 crore. Out According

sources, the IREDA has sanctioned a total loan of Rs 11421.35 crore towards funding of Hydro Sector projects across India, which has resulted in development of aggregate capacity of 3453.99 MW, since inception. As on March 31. 2022, IREDA's hydro sector portfolio stands at Rs 4058.60 crore, which is about 12 per cent of the total IREDA portfolio.

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Money laundering: Actor Nora Fatehi appears before ED in case against conman Sukesh

The agency has alleged that Chandrashekhar,

32, used illegal money to purchase gifts for

BHUBANESWAR, SATURDAY, 03 DECEMBER, 2022

NEW DELHI: Actor Nora Fatehi on Friday complaint. appeared before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) here for recording her statement in

connection with an ongoing money laundering probe against alleged conman Sukesh Chandrashekhar and asofficial sociates, sources said.

Fatehi, 30, has been questioned by the federal agency in the past. Sources said the actor, known for her dance numbers in Bollywood

Chandrashekhar and her statement will be recorded under the sections of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). The ED, in her earlier charge sheets filed in this case, had named actor Jacqueline

films, will be questioned about Fernandez which he had extorted by cheating high-profile people including former Fortis Healthcare promoter Shivinder Mohan Singh's wife Aditi Singh to the tune of about

Rs 200 crore. He was arrested by the ED. In February, the ED filed its first supplemen-Fernandez as an accused while Fatehi's state- tary prosecution complaint against Pinky

introduced him to Bollywood actresses like Nikita Tamboli, Chahat Khanna, Sophia Singh, and Arusha Patil, in Tihar Prison.

It had been alleged in the charge sheet that Pinky Irani used to choose costly gifts for Fernandez and later used to drop it at her house after the payments were made by Sukesh Chandrashekhar. Sukesh has spent around Rs 20 crore on different models and Bollywood celebrities. A few had refused to take the gifts from him. In September this year, a team of the Economic Offences Wing took actresses Nikki Tamboli and Sofia Singh to the Tihar's central jail number one to "recreate" their meetings with the 'conman' as part of the ongoing probe.

The probe has also revealed that Chandrashekar had fully-functional office inside the prison with a television, sofa, carpet and other amenities. On October 19, Delhi Lieutenant-Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena granted permission to the EOW to investigate 82 prison officials for their alleged

Neeraj Pandey: Khakee: The Bihar Chapter gives peek into culture and history of the state

For many creators, it is often a random spark of an idea that unlocks an entire world of new possibilities from which to tell the untold. filmmaker Neeraj Pandey, this spark happened as a result of a conversa-

'eliminating' some of the most notorious criminals in Bihar. Speaking to us about how it all started, Neeraj credits the meeting with Amit, who wrote Bihar Diaries: The Story of How Bihar's Most Dangerous

potential to be a seven-hour narrative. Monika Shergill (Vice President of Content at Netflix) was excited to collaborate with us, and here we are on this call discussing it." Monika, who is also in the con-

"Bihar is a complex, yet dynamic state, and policing is not easy. What attracted me was how Neeraj told Khakee: The Bihar Chapter through policeman's per-

spective." Seconding it, Neeraj guarantees Sacred Games. Monika feels that the new series stands out because it is a character-driven crime drama that immerses audiences in the social fabric of Bihar. "The series spans a few years, and it shows the

Khakee: The Bihar Chapter, the duo says. "The journey has been wellchronicled. This series is a combination of both the material in the book and all the research that did not make it into it," Neeraj states.

When asked about

the possibility of

turning this into a cop franchise perhaps—one that steps in and out of several regions in the country-Monika says, "We hope to tell an infinite number of brilliant stories told in the way Khakee is told. For now, I would like the audience to watch this and let us know how it is appreciated. And yes, we are already working with Neeraj on other projects." At a time when all film content seems to be aiming for pan-Indian appeal, Neeraj too says that Khakee: The Bihar Chapter is a universal story crafted to cut across boundaries. "When it comes to viewing content, the world is becoming smaller, and stories are becoming language and culture-agnostic. That way, Khakee: The Bihar Chapter is a series that can be viewed by anyone, regardless of their age," he says. As we wrap up the

conversation, Neeraj, who seems to thrive in the crime-drama genre, expresses his interest in doing something lighthearted. "I think I have a decent sense of humour, and if a story requires that particular tone, then why not?"



Amit Lodha, and as he ruminated on it, voila! A new Netflix web series was the result: Khakee: The Bihar Chapter.

Known for telling compelling stories based on real-life incidents, Neeraj Pandey has proved his mettle with films like A Wednesday, Special 26, MS Dhoni: The Untold Story, and Aiyaary. After making a mark with his Special OPS franchise, Neeraj now returns to OTT with Khakee: The Bihar Chapter, which is based on the life of an IPS officer named Amit Lodha, who is known for

Caught, kickstarting the pro-

"I was intrigued by the life of an IITian who chose IPS over IAS. The story of someone who is born and brought up in Rajasthan and gets into Bihar for his first posting. It was a fascinating fish-outof-water story for us. I realised that this could be made into a story that audiences would relish," Neeraj shares.

Brimming with excitement, the filmmaker talks about how the project germinated from an idea. "We realised that the story had the

steps in to add that she, in fact, chased him because she wanted his voice on their streaming service. "I have been an admirer of Neeraj's craft and his way of storytelling. wanted him to make a series for us, and coincidently, he was also tossing around this (Khakee) story. So, yes, he was chased... in a nice way," says Monika, with a smile. Discussing the im-

portance of having a unique selling proposition and an X factor to ensure that such genre-based content stands out, Monika affirms,

for the audiences as the series gives a "fantastic peek into the culture and history of the state". "That's where director Bhav Dhulia and scriptwriter Uma Shankar, who are natives of Bihar, bring in their expertise. Even some of our cast members belong to the region. Also, shooting in real locations helped maintain the authenticity," Neeraj adds. Khakee: The Bihar Chapter is the latest entrant in the crime slate of Netflix, which already has titles like Jamtara, Indian Predator, and

mined cop who is new to the locality and a criminal who did not start off being one. Their journeys are narrated in parallel, and their eventual goals are to eliminate each other. The meeting of these two proves to be a powerful combination that we rarely see," Monika says.

With true crime stories being the flavor du jour of OTT, in many cases, we have observed a lack of documentation being a detriment in bringing these stories from India to life. Fortunately, that wasn't the case for

The Indian Era: The mammoth Challenge of setting a trend in a polarized world.



We have been taught that there exist only two Superpowers on the planet, one in the West and another up in the east. But as things have unfolded over past two decades, the whole of world's attention has come to a stall around Delhi, which has adopted and committed to demonstrate the existence of multipolar world. As the annual G-20 summit concluded last week in Bali, India officially took over the group's presidency from Indonesia from Thursday, December 1. The leadership opportunity could not have come at a better time for New Delhi. In September, India became the world's fifth-largest economy. displacing the United Kingdom, its former colonizer. From being a

1997-1998, it was acknowledged that the participation of major emerging emerging market countries is needed on discussions on the international financial system, and G7 finance ministers agreed to establish the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting in 1999. The G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meetings were centered on major economic and monetary policy issues amongst major countries in the global financial system and aimed at promoting cooperation toward achieving stable and sustainable global economic growth for the benefit of all countries. The participating members in the meetings were the same as the current G20 members. In November 2008, the inaugural G20 Summit was held in Washington, D.C. in response to the global financial crisis that occurred in the wake of the collapse of the Lehman Brothers. The G20 Meeting of Finance Ministers and Central

After the Asian upgraded to the head of Financial Crisis in state level, as a forum for leaders from major developed and market countries. From there on, G20 is looked upon as a Premium forum for international economic

cooperation. Since its independence, India has been a strong advocate of multilateralism. actively participating in forums on issues including nuclear nonproliferation, global trade rules, climate change, and humanitarian intervention. As part of its presidency, India plans to hold 200 meetings of different G-20 tracks in cities across the country—making Indian states stakeholders in New Delhi's global engagement. These meetings will mark some of the most significant diplomatic outreach that India has ever undertaken; they also follow a recent trend of India holding high-level meetings outside the capital. India is keen to address what it sees as the world's pressing issues through its leadership, including climate change, food security, health care, and

Dr.Rahul Bharatbhushan Kamble

technology. New Delhi has historically raised concerns on behalf of the global south within multilateral forums, and it will undoubtedly leverage its presidency to do the same at the G-20 high table. During its year of leadership, India is expected to highlight issues that matter for emerging economies: public digital infrastructure, entrepreneurship and innovation, climate justice, and affordable access to health care. India's task of pursuing global consensus will be a tough one in the current geopolitical context, with the world seemingly at an inflection point. Russia has grown ever more isolated in the wake of its invasion of Ukraine, which has drawn loud condemnation from the United States and the West. The extent of the polarization within the G-20 was evident when Russian President Vladimir Putin opted to skip the summit in Bali altogether, leaving Foreign Russian Minister Sergey Lavrov to fill in. Tense competition between the United States and

President Xi Jinping in New Delhi next year presents a separate challenge for India's leadership. Relations between China and India have been on ice since a deadly military clash in June 2020 over their shared border in the Himalayas, and tensions show little sign of easing. Modi and Xi have largely avoided direct communication since then, notwithstanding pleasantries exchanged at the Bali summit, and Indian officials have repeatedly linked the normalization of ties to the resolution of the standoff. India emphasizes a doctrine of strategic autonomy in its diplomatic outreach, pursuing an interestbased foreign policy rather than aligning with any major power. It will therefore have its hands full in convening the G-20 leaders in one room for the summit in New Delhi next year encouraging outcomes for the global good. Modi's "today's era is not an era of war" comment in a meeting with Putin in September resonated with the rest

of the G-20 leaders,

making its way into the that to Washington's final communique of the Bali summit. This sets the stage for India to act as a bridge between antagonists through diplomacy and

India is currently a part of the G20 Troika (current, previous and incoming G20 Presidencies) which includes Italy, India, and Indonesia. During India's presidency tenure, Brazil and Indonesia would make up the troika. For the first time, the troika would be having three developing nations and emerging economies, providing a strong narrative to the concerns of these economies. Earlier this vear, as Moscow's troops invaded Ukraine, things seem to come apart. India has meticulously kept a somewhat neutral stance on the Russian invasion by critically abstaining from some crucial votes in the United Nations, and Modi offering help to Ukraine in peace efforts. But at the same India's time. opportunistic purchase of war-hit Russian oil to lower its energy bill has not gone unnoticed. I would certainly link mentioned as potential

September move to provide Pakistan with a \$450 million military aid package that Pentagon called a "F-16 case for sustainment and related equipment". Though the US may not say it in so many words, Pakistan may be as important to it in containing China's growing global influence as India. It doesn't help India that we are in an age of a virtual new Cold War, with China and Russia standing up to or up against the US in so many ways. India, in my humble opinion, cannot distance itself too much from the US because both are democracies with a liberal. pluralistic social order. They also have strong economic and technological relations that flourished in a glorious couple of decades until Putin messed things up. I don't see the European Union, the UK or Japan being so influential as to give India something extra in a manner that breaks ranks with the United States. China and the US are blowing hot and cold at the G-20 summit, with Taiwan and North Korea

two. However, we need to note that their two presidents, Xi and Biden, signed off their bilateral summit on what might be called a cordial note. The message for India is clear. US is so restrained on China and so warm to Pakistan, that the so called "strategic" tie-up with India rests mostly on paper. Foreign Minster Subrahmanyam Jaishankar has been so articulate on India's sovereignty this year that nationalists celebrating his spine in WhatsApp video forwards. But the flip side is that sovereignty is like

flashpoints between the

Concluding the whole, 2023 will surely be an eventful year to watch out for,, which will be occupied with critical international functions, as also the nation will prepare for eight state assembly elections. It will be a rich and actionpacked prelude to India's 2024 general Lok Sabha elections. Delhi has a lot to do on the table, as the next two years are supposed to be acting like an anchor for the dynamic

being an Introvert: a kind

of loneliness can creep in.

An Internee Dentist from Mumbai

paradigm shift coming

our way.

Editor To Letter

Governors

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Dear Editor

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the colonizer, Delhi has

Tibetan Buddhist spiritual guru and Nobel laureate Dalai Lama said in his speech that knowing Buddha and Buddhism requires knowledge, not just faith. His overwhelming speech is an outstanding humanitarian documentation. He also said that Buddhism was born and developed in India. In the 20th century, Baba Ambedkar is said to have brought about a renaissance of Buddhism in India. Acharya Shantarakshit was invited to Tibet to study, discuss and compose Buddhist literature which continues to this day. Buddha never said that I am the creator. Buddha's knowledge is not transferable. Rather, one has to attain enlightenment by following the path shown by the Buddha. The guru also said that scientists are studying Buddhism and its related Nalanda school. He said, I always call Buddhists the 21st century Buddhists. It means I ask to study Buddhism. There are two types of followers one with faith and the other with judgment. If you practice Buddhism with faith it will not last long. Only then will Buddhism last if it is followed and practiced based on knowledge. Reciting the line from Kadam Geshe Langri Thangpa Dorje Senge, your enemy's best teacher is compassion. You cannot understand the greatness of others until you can be smaller than everyone else. Buddhism is like medicine. But one medicine may not be useful for different diseases. Everyone should live his Dhamma and follow it with tolerance. India is the best example of tolerance where many Dhammas are practiced.

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Preparation and packaging of fish pickle

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Value addition of food is gaining importance because of the rapid urbanisation. Ready to eat products are fast gaining popularity because of the ever increasing number of working women, limitation in space and time etc. Value addition to any product depends upon the market and consumer demand. Value addition of fish and shell fish is a potential livelihood option for rural women taking into account the increasing demand. One such value added product is fish pickle. Pickles are a favourite side dish for Indian population. Besides dry fish it is the best form of preservation of fish. It

the added advantage of longer shelf of six months or more because of the low pH of the product. Enterprise on value added fish products with longer shelf life and lower cost of production can easily be adopted by rural women for their income enhancement. Under the Institute project on "Development of

China also persists, and

o m e entrepreneurship in livestock and fisheries sector for promoting gender equity and strengthening livelihood", the recipe of fish pickle has been developed and standardized according to the





Nutrient Composition of fish pickle made from anchovies

Parameters	Concentration
Crude protein (%)	20.91
Phosphorus (%)	0.172
Potassium (%)	0.159
Calcium (ppm)	774
Magnesium (ppm)	287
Iron (ppm)	120
Copper (ppm)	3.9
Manganese (ppm)	140.5
Zinc (ppm)	25.5

c o n s u m e r s perception.

Ingredients 1) Fish meat- 1kg

2) Ginger- 100g 3) Garlic-50 g 4) Green chilly- 80 g

(Half slit half ground)
5) Methi seeds- 2g

6) Hing- a pinch 7) Kashmiri Chilly

powder- 60g Feenel (Saunf)- 5g 9) Cloves-1g

10) Cinnamon-1g 11) Pepper-5g 12) Dates 200g

13) Onion-600g 14) Oil- to fry fish and masala and to pour

over the pickle 15) Vinegar- 200ml 16) Curry leaves- 3 sprigs 17) Mustard seeds-

2gms Method preparation

Wash the fish with potable water. If big fish like tuna is used, it has to be cut into small pieces and fried. If small fishes are used, it can be used as such for frying after removing the The intestine. intestines need to be removed to prevent the pickle from becoming bitter. Before frying, the fish needs to be marinated in salt, chilly powder and turmeric for one

hour. The dates should be soaked and ground. The ginger and garlic need to be ground to a paste. Splutter the mustard seeds in oil. Cut the onions into small pieces and sauté onion and curry leaves in it in oil till onion turns transluscent. Add the ginger garlic paste and sauté till the raw smell goes away. Add the methi seeds, green chilly (both slit and

ground), kashmiri chilli powder and sauté for 1 minute. Add the ground dates and mix well. Grind the masala (8,9,10 & 11) and add to the mixture. Add vinegar and let it boil.

let the pickle cool. Add oil till a layer of oil forms in the top. Fill in packets or plastic containers and seal

Packaging of fish pickles

Packaging maintains quality, offers protection, facilitates movement of goods and handling. Packaging of a product should provide information on product identity & origin, shelflife, how to use and store and nutritional information. Good packaging should keep the food product safe and also catch the customer's eye. Fish Pickle is an oily, semisolid product spices and acidic taste. Conventionally, glass bottles are used as containers, which offer properties inertness, non-toxicity, durability, permeability to gases, moisture etc. But it also has the disadvantages like high cost, fragile and voluminous. Now new flexible packaging materials like Plain polyester laminated with LDPE-HDPE coextruded film or Nylon/ Surlyn are commonly used. These are inert to the product, can be attractively fabricated as stand up packs and printed on reverse side of the polyester film.

Senior Scientist (Fish Processing Technology) **ICAR-Central** Institute for Women in Agriculture

No proposal with govt for Padampur district: Pramila Mallick

BHUBANESWAR: At a time when the demand to create a new district from Padampur has heated up the bypoll scene in the Assembly constituency,

and disaster man-

Mallick on Thurs-

ment has received No decision was this regard.

Replying to a question by Raj Kishore Das of BJD, the minister said 17 new districts were cre-

no such proposal in taken at the time to carve Rairangpur district, she added.

The minister said the state government has received a



ated in the state takdemand to create ing into consider-Rairangpur district agement Pramila ation proposals rebv including Karanjia. But there ceived in 1992 and day said the govern- 1993 in this regard. is no proposal bein this regard. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik had assured granting district status to Padampur sub-division by December 31, 2023. A separate Padampur district has been a long-standing demand of the people of the area. The chief minister had given the assurance after a meeting with members of the action committee on district status to Padampur in the presence of finance minister Niranjan Pujari. Padampur district will have to be carved out from

fore the government

Gujarat polls: Congress responsible for keeping Banaskantha thirsty, must be punished: PM Modi

AHMEDABAD: Prime Minister Narendra opportunity to make money. Since they used Modi on Friday alleged that the Congress only believed in 'atkana, latkana aur bhatkana' (stalling, delaying and misleading), and said

those who looted poor people in the country were now abusing him for putting an end to corruption.

He also alleged that the previous Congress governments never showed any interest in bringing the Narmada river water to the parched regions of Gujarat as

the party was only interested in doing those works where there was scope to indulge in corruption.

Modi was addressing a rally in Kankrej village of Banaskantha district, where voting for the second phase of Gujarat Assembly polls will be held on December 5.

"Congress only believed in 'atkana', 'latkana' and 'bhatkana'. Elderly people from this region would tell you how Congress governments used to talk about bringing Narmada water in this parched region, but nothing was done on that front during their rule," he said. Medha Patkar slams Modi, says BJP targeting her presence in Bharat Jodo Yatra for 'vote bank politics'

The prime minister accused the Congress of trying to stall the construction of the Sardar Sarovar dam and supporting those who delayed the project through litigations, a veiled reference to Narmada Bachao Andolan (NBA) activist Medha Patkar.

"Can people of Banaskantha forgive those who indulged in this sin of stopping water from coming here? Congress was responsible for keeping Banaskantha thirsty. They must be punished. I hope you will not forget this during polling," Modi said.

"Congress never shows interest in those works where their leaders do not find any India to continue buying oil from all

to get kickbacks in the relief work wherein

people were given the task to dig pits during

drought, Congress was not providing water.

Because they knew that if water is supplied here, their illegal income will stop," he alleged.

According to him, it was the BJP government which brought Narmada water into this parched region and promised that it will reach those areas too which were left behind.

The PM said his government at the Centre had pumped in nearly Rs 1 lakh crore to finish as many as 99 water supply schemes which were abandoned across the country during Congress rule.

Gujarat elections: State govt not filling up 5 lakh posts as most will go to Dalits, STs, OBCs: Kharge

Without taking names, Modi said those who "looted" poor citizens are now giving him 'gaalis' (abuses) for putting an end to corrupt practices, like cancelling nearly four crore fake ration cards.

"Food grains meant for the poor were diverted somewhere else. If you rob poor people, Modi will take action. And when such people are caught, they start abusing me," he said. He claimed that he was confident of the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) victory in Gujarat the way people took part in voting on December 1 under the first phase. Before addressing the rally, Modi visited Augarnath

temple in Kankrej and offered prayers.

SpiceJet flight from Jeddah carrying 197 makes emergency landing at Kochi airport



KOCHI: A SpiceJet flight from Jeddah (Saudi Arabia) bound for Kozhikode with 197 passengers, including six crew, onboard had an emergency landing at the Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) on Friday evening following hydraulic failure, an airport spokesperson said here.

An emergency was declared in the airport at tion," he added.

6:29 pm after the SpiceJet-SG 036 flight, which was scheduled to land at Kozhikode airport, was diverted to Kochi, he said.

"Full emergency was declared at Kochi airport at 18:29 hours," the spokesperson said. "The flight landed safely at 19.19 hours on the runway after an emergency landing situa-

Ukraine to limit Moscow-linked religious groups, says President Zelensky

move to impose limita-

sian special services in the religious space in Ukraine



organisations in the country which have links to Russia, President Volodymyr Zelensky said in his nightly address on Thursday.

"The National Security and Defence Council has instructed the government to propose to (parliament) a bill on proscribing activities in Ukraine by religious organisations affiliated with centres of influence in Russia," Zelensky

"National security officials should intensify measures to identify and counteract the subversive activities of the RusUkraine had been under Moscow's spiritual leadership since at least the 17th century, but part of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church broke with Moscow in 2019 over Russia's annexation of Crimea and support for separatists in Donbas. In May, the war caused the Moscow-backed branch of Ukraine's Orthodox Church to sever ties with Russia, in a historic move against the Russian spiritual au-

thorities. Patriarch Kirill, the leader of Russia's Orthodox Church, made headlines in October

when he said Russian President Vladimir Putin's rule had been mandated by God as he leader a happy 70th birthday.

As many as 13,000 Ukrainian troops have been killed since Russia's invasion in February, a senior adviser to President Volodymyr Zelensky has said.

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mates from the General Staff... And they range from 10,000 ... to 13,000 dead," Mykhailo Podolyak told Ukraine's Channel 24 on Thursday.

Zelensky would make the official data public when the right moment comes", he added.

In June, as Russian forces battled to take full control of the easternmost Lugansk region, Zelensky said Ukraine was losing "60

killed in action, and around 500 people wounded in action"

ter Sergei Shoigu in September said 5,937 Russian troops had been killed in the nearly seven months of fighting to that point. Both sides are suspected of minimising their losses to avoid damaging the morale of their troops.

Surgeons work by flashlight as Ukraine power grid battered

Top US general Mark Milley last month said more than 100,000 Russian military person-nel have been killed or wounded in Ukraine, with Kyiv's forces likely suffering similar casualties. Those figures -which could not be independently confirmed - are the most precise to date from the US government. Thousands of Ukrainian civilians have been killed in the worst fighting in Europe in decades.: Zelensky

NEW DELHI: India arrange for shipping, will continue to buy insurance and financing crude oil from anyoutside of the EU can where in the world, inbuy oil," the official cluding Russia, to meet

The price caps are part of the EU's plan to use its clout in insurance a ship, cover insurance and devise a mode of payment, I can continue to buy oil from Russia," the official said explaining how the mechanism works.

countries including Russia: Official

"All options are on the

and shipping industries

We will continue to

buy oil from anywhere

in the world including

Under the price-cap

system that kick-in

from December 5,

companies shipping

Russian oil outside of

Europe would only be

able to access EU in-

surance and broker-

age services if they sell

the oil at or under USD

to crimp Moscow.

Russia," he said.

sian oil kicking in. The executive body of the European Union has asked its 27-member countries to cap the price of Russian oil at USD 60 as part of the West's attempt to squeeze Moscow's oil revenues and limit its ability to wage war in Ukraine while keeping global prices and supplies steady.

its energy needs, a top

official said ahead of

EU restrictions on Rus-

Unlike Iran and Venezuela, there are no sanctions on buying oil from Russia.

"So for all practical So anyone who can purposes, if I can send table.

India, the world's third-largest crude importer after China and the United States, has been snapping Russian oil that was available at a discount after some in the West shunned it as a means of punishing Moscow for its invasion of Ukraine.

From a market share of just 0.2 per cent in India's import basket before the start of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, Russia's share of India's imports rose to 24 million tonnes, or nearly 1 million barrels per day, in October, taking a 21 per cent share comparable to that of Iraq and higher than Saudi Arabia's share of around 15 per

"Nobody is saying don't buy Russian oil, he said.

the suppliers, not a majority supplier. Indian supplies come from 30 countries. We have the flexibility to source oil from any country and so we should not anticipate any disrup-

tion."
Indian refiners have booked Russian oil cargoes for delivery after December 5.

Russia has threatened to refuse to sell its oil to anyone wanting to cap prices.

For Russia to keep oil sales going, it and its buyers need to use ships, insurance and financing outside the ju-

risdiction of the G-The US is comfortable with Russia selling its oil outside of the cap but using non-Western shipping, insurance and banking services would likely be more costly.

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Padampur: Sharpening his attack on BJP, BJD Supremo and Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Friday came down heavily on the Centre raising several issues while campaigning at Padampur.

The BJD Big Boss on Friday visited the Padampur Assembly segment and hit out at the BJP-led Union Government while addressing public rallies at Jharbandh and Paikmal blocks of Padampur assembly seat.

He spoke few words physically and a video speech of the CM was played at the public rallies, which drew a large number of people including women. Mr.Patnaik accused the BJP of shedding crocodile tears for



BJD lost the election. He began speeches by uttering "Jai Nrusinghanath", the pre-

eminent Odia poet Gangadhar Meher. Directly targeting the saffron party in the two meet-

siding deity of the region, and offering tributes to

ings, the BJD President, accused its leaders of indulging in politics over issues of the poor like the PMAY.

"Though the state government secured a prize from the Central Government for completing five lakh houses under Prime Minister Awas Yojana (Gramin) per year, the BJP MPs with political motives exerted pressure and stopped the scheme. This deprived ten lakh people of houses," he said.

However, he did not utter a word against the Congress in the two meetings and asserted that he believes in work instead of words.

The BJD resolved to fight for the rights of kendu leaf pluckers, farmers, tribals, women and the downtrodden in Padampur, which has a large tribal population, he said.

Kendu leaf plucking is a major economic activity for the landless and the poorest of the poor in Padampur which falls in the western district of

to win Padampur bypoll: Sushant IT raids will have no impact, BJD

the BJP has stepped up its campaign in a bid to wrest the Padampur Assembly seat in the bypoll to be held on December 5, BJD asserted on Thursday that the party candidate Barsha Singh Bariha will win with a much higher margin than 2019.

"The margin will be much higher. All the machinations of the BJP to mislead the people will not work in Padampur," Sushant Singh, former minister and chief of the BJD's election management group for the bypoll told

Singh said that the BJD candidate is getting massive support during her campaign in every village and BJP's negative propaganda on backwardness of the constituency, farmers' issues and railway link has not really worked. The former minister said he had challenged Union Education Minis-Dharmendra

BHUBANESWAR: As Pradhan to resign if the BJP candidate Pradip Purohit is defeated and also announced that he would retire from politics if the BJD candidate loses. "Let us wait for the result of the bypoll," from them while they pay income tax amounting to around Rs 50 lakh to Rs 75 lakh, he

added. The senior leader, however, ignored the GST raids conducted on



The income tax raids were a sign of desperation in the BJP camp to intimidate the BJD rank and file and voters of the constituency, he said and added that this will have no impact on the final result. Businessmen on whose premises I-T raids were conducted are millionaires and pay income tax thrice the amount of the cash seized from them. Income tax department seized cash ranging from Rs 15 to Rs 20 lakh

business establishments and residences of local BJP office-bearers across the constituency and even at Bargarh as a retaliatory measure. "We did not use (misuse) police or Vigilance as the BJD wanted a free and fair poll," he said.

Despite talking about an increased margin of victory for the BJD in the bypoll, the former minister is aware that the result may go BJP way in case of a close finish. But he added that Chief

pact and boost the party candidate's chances. Singh maintained that Congress votes had played a major role in the victory of BJP candidate Pradip Purohit in the 2014 election. Congress leader Satya Bhusan Sahu who had polled over 49,000 votes in 2009 election did not contest and about 20,000 of his votes got transferred to BJP in 2014 leading to the victory of Purohit. Congress votes will be divided this time too, he said and adding that BJD will gain from this. He said the BJP was nowhere in the scene in Padampur till 2014 and the party got a boost in 2017 after the panchayat election. But this time, BJD's position is very strong and the party will definitely win the by-election, he said.

Minister Naveen

Patnaik's campaign in

the constituency on Fri-

day will have much im-

Naveen slams center Padampur bypoll: BJD targets Dharmendra Pradhan over SHG interest rate

BHUBANESWAR: BJD on Thursday stepped up its attack on opposition BJP accusing it of trying to mislead and deceive the women self help groups (SHGs)

BHUBANESWAR, SATURDAY, 03 DECEMBER, 2022

Accusing the BJP-led Government at the Centre for imposing high rate of GST on trade in kendu

leaf, Naveen said, "Do you know the GST on gold?

It is only three per cent, while the Centre unfortu-

nately charges 18 per cent GST on kendu leaf trade.

The BJP has been shedding crocodile tears for the

poor, the kendu leaf pluckers, farmers and others,'

The Chief Minister blamed BJP for delay in pay-

ment of crop insurance under Pradhan Mantri Fasal

Bima Yojana and said many farmers in Padampur

"When the aggrieved farmers stopped the BJP candidate Pradip Purohit from filing the nomination paper for the by-poll, the NDA Government released

The CM further said that the Government has taken

a slew of measures for the welfare of the farming community like the input subsidy, KALIA (Krushak

Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmenta-

tion) Yojana and ? 20,000 every year for irrigation

and promised that it will continue to work for their

Condemning the BJP leaders for their alleged "defa-

matory words" against BJD's woman candidate in

Padampur, Barsha Sing Bariha, he said "It is un-

fortunate to criticise a woman. I have fielded an educated woman. Bless her by casting votes in the

In his brief speech at the stage, he said the party

aims at ensuring empowerment of women. He

claimed that the women in the State are marching

on the path of progress due to a number of steps

The self help group (SHG) members were now set

to become entrepreneurs with government an-

nouncing nil interest on loans of up to rupees five

The Chief Minister promised speedy development

of Padampur and cited the development works in

"My reply to the BJP, which asks me what is done

for Padampur, is I will bring a list of development

works being done in Padampur before the 2024

He also countered BJP's allegation that the pro-

posed rail project of Bargarh-Nuapada road via

Padampur could not be implemented due to the

"The BJP leaders including two union ministers are

He did not name any Central Minister but was ap-

parently referring to Union Agriculture Minister

Narendra Singh Tomar and Railways Minister

"The Railways is yet to conduct a survey and pre-

pare a detailed project report. They have also not

applied to the state government for land," he added.

The Chief Minister also assured the public that

Padampur will be a separate district in 2023. In

between the two meetings he met representatives

of the Meher and Kulta communities who thanked

him for providing them land and funds for building a building in the name of poet Gangadhar Meher

and a dharamshala respectively. He also met mem-

bers of the Yadav and Teli communities and re-

ceived about 50 petitions from the people about

the various difficulties faced by them.

telling lies and misleading people of Padampur".

neighbouring Bijepur Assembly segment.

have not received their insurance claims so far.

the funds within 48 hours," he said.

Naveen Patnaik alleged.

conch symbol (of BJD)".

general election".

Ashwini Vaishnaw.

state government's inaction.

taken by the BJD Government.

had stated that the interest rate in nationalised banks is 11 per cent. Under the Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana -National Rural Livelihoods Mission,

per cent. It is clearly mentioned that for loans above Rs 3 lakh and up to Rs 5 lakh, the interest rate is 10 per cent. "Was not the Union minister mis-

more interest than others because the Centre kept them in category-2 districts instead of category-1. But, the chief minister did not allow



in the state ahead of bypoll to Padampur Assembly constitu-

BJĎ spokesperson Sasmit Patra said Union Education minister Dharmendra Pradhan has been giving misleading information on interest on loans for women SHGs during an election rally Padampur Wednesday. Patra said Pradhan

Quoting RBI's master circular on Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana -

National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) of July 20, 2022, the BJD MP said for loans up to Rs 3 lakh for women SHGs, the

there is an interest

subvention of seven

per cent by the Cen-

tre and only four per

cent is waived by the

state government.

leading the people of Padampur," he asked. The BJD leader claimed Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik is taking the entire interest burden up to 10 per cent for women SHGs and through interest subvention is making it 0 per cent for the beneficiaries.

He alleged the women SHGs of Padampur and Bargarh were paying

them to suffer and took up the entire burden of interest and made it zero per cent.

Patra said the state government has paid nearly Rs 500 crore so far to four lakh women SHG accounts. In the last three years, in Bargarh alone Rs 11.19 crore has been paid by the government to SHG accounts.



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Curtains go up on Konark fest Maruti Suzuki to hike vehicle prices from January NEW DELHI: Maruti Suzuki India will for meeting emission standards such as the



BHUBANESWAR/ NIMAPARA: The 33rd edition of Konark festival was inaugurated by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Thursday. Welcoming visitors to the festival, which is being organised in the backdrop of the Sun temple, the chief minister said they will be able to witness the beauty of Indian classical dance forms being performed by some prolific artistes from India and across the

The five-day festival began with performance by performance titled were present.

Malaysian Odissi dancer Ramli Ibrahim and his troupe from Sutra Foundation. His choreography centered around remembering Lord Rama and Devi Sita. This was followed by Kathak

others, Tusharkanti Behera

'Chhand-Laya-Gati' by Rajendra Gangani and his group from Guru Kundanlal Gangani Foundation, New Delhi. Among Culture Minister Aswini Kumar Patra and Sports Minister

Vistara starts direct flights on Pune-Singapore route



NEW DELHI: Full service carrier vistara nas started direct flights between Pune and Singapore.

The airline said it will operate 4x weekly flights on this route using its A321neo aircraft.

"The inaugural flight departed from Pune at 0210 hours (IST) and arrived in Singapore at 1030 hours (GMT)," it said in a release. civil Union aviation minister JyotiradityaScindia virtually flagged off the Dreamliner aircraft.

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"We are excited to be able to connect Pune and Singapore - two cities that were not directly connected thus far. There is a growing demand for air travel between the two cities especially from corporate travellers," Vistara CEO Vinod Kannan said.

The airline has a fleet of 54 aircraft, including 41 Airbus A320, five Airbus A321neo, five Boeing 737-800NG and three Boeing 787-9

Bank credit grows nearly 17 per cent for fortnight ended Nov 18: RBI

banking system's outstanding credit grew by 16.96 per

MUMBAI: Indian November 19, 2021, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said. The deposit growth the system as banks credit growth in jostle to raise the FY23 driven by a liabilities to fund the credit

variety of reasons, including economic



cent for the fortnight ended November 18, the Reserve Bank said on Friday.

The bank credit grew to Rs 133.29 lakh crore for the fortnight ended November 18 this year as against Rs 113.96 lakh crore on

came at 9.30 per cent, with the overall base Rs 177.15 lakh crore as on November 18 as against Rs 162.06 lakh crore in the year-ago period, it

Interestingly, amid a war for deposits in growth, the overall deposits in the system declined marginally during the fortnight as against the Rs 177.88 lakh crore as

November 4. It can be noted that the current fiscal has seen a steady rise in growth, borrowers' shift to the bank as against other credit substitutes amid rising interest rates,

In FY 2021-22, bank credit rose by 8.59 per cent and deposits by 8.94 per cent.

NEW DELHI: Maruti Suzuki India will for meeting emission standards such as the increase the prices of its vehicles 'substantially' from next month as it looks to offset the impact of rising input costs and make provisions to update the model range to conform to stricter emission norms which kick in from April 2023.

In a regulatory filing on Friday, the country's largest carmaker said it continues to witness increased cost pressure driven by overall inflation and recent regulatory requirements. While the automaker makes maximum effort to reduce cost and partially offset the increase, it has become imperative to pass

on some of the impact through a price increase, it added.

The company has planned the price increase in January 2023 which shall vary across models, the auto major said without disclosing the exact quantum of the increase.

In an interaction with PTI, Maruti Suzuki India Senior Executive Officer Marketing & Sales Shashank Srivastava said that commodity prices still remain on the higher side if compared with two years ago.

"Besides there is general inflationary pressure on every input cost whether it is energy or material or manpower cost. Then there is requirement to conform to regulatory requirements," he said.

The company needs to make models ready for second phase of BS-VI emission norms that kick in from April next year.

"We will have to start making changes in the product range. Also the price increase taken earlier was not sufficient to cover the increase in commodity prices," Srivastava noted.

Vehicles will need to have an on-board selfdiagnostic device to monitor the real time driving emission levels.

The device will constantly monitor key parts

catalytic converter and oxygen sensors, to keep a close watch on emissions.

In a scenario wherein the emissions exceed the parameters, the device will indicate through warning lights that the vehicle be submitted for a service.

Additionally, in order to control the level of fuel burnt, the vehicles will also carry programmed fuel injectors, which would control the timing and amount of fuel injected into the petrol engine.

Even the semiconductors used by the vehicle will have to be upgraded to monitor throttle,



crankshaft positions, air intake pressure, temperature of the engine and the contents of the emissions from the exhaust (particulate matter, nitrogen oxide, CO2, Sulphur), etc.

Maruti Suzuki had earlier increased vehicle prices by around 1.3 per cent in April this year. When asked about the quantum of price increase the company planned to take next month, Srivastava said the company is in the process of finalising it.

"To cover all these factors, the price hike has to be substantial," he noted.

In a separate filing to bourses, the company said its production in November rose by 5 per cent to 1,52,786 units as compared with 1,45,560 units in the same month last year. The company rolled out 1,51,326 passenger

vehicles last month as against 1,42,025 units in November 2021.

Shares of the company declined by 1.58 per cent to close at Rs 8,815.10 on BSE.

Two-wheeler sales fall in November; passenger vehicle sales flat

NEW DELHI: Two-wheeler (2W) sales witnessed a sharp decline in November 2022 when compared with the sales in the festive month of October 2022. indicating that the sector is yet to recover from the prolonged slowdown. Top 2W maker Hero MotoCorp's total dispatches in November stood at 379,839 units in the domestic market,

experts, the situation remains dynamic and there is no clarity on when the demand would breach the pre-covid level. Even the fast-growing electric 2W sales faced a slowdown in November 2022. E-2W sales stood at 76,162 units last month compared to 76,952 units in October, as per the VAHAN portal. Passenger vehicle (PV)



a sharp fall from 442,825 units dispatched in October 2022. Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India (HMSI) also reported a steep fall in monthly sales; dispatches fell from 488,924 units in October to 353,540 units in November.

For Bajaj Auto, domestic 2W sales came down to just 123,490 units in November 2022 from 206,131 units in October 2022. TVS Motor's domestic 2W sales stood at 191,730 units in November 2022 as against 275,934 units in October 2022.

Hit by distress in the rural economy and rising ownership costs, two-wheeler sales, barring a few months, have been under tremendous pressure for about 4 years now. According to industry

sales, on the back of high demand for SUVs and long waiting periods, remained stable last month. While India's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki reported a dip in sales month-on-month, Hyundai and Tata Motors managed to retain their growth.

MSIL's domestic PV sales stood at 132,395 units in November as against 140,337 units sold in October. While Hyundai's sales remained flat at 48,003 units, Tata Motor's month-on-month sales grew a little to 46, 037 units last month from 45,423 units in October. SUV Major Mahindra & Mahindra's (M&M) domestic PV sales came down to 30,392 units last month as against 32,298 units in October.

IPL Auction 2022: 21 Players Register With Base Price of INR 2 Crore

players have registered for the Indian Premier League Auction set to take place in Kochi on December 23.In a media release, BCCI stated: "The players' list includes 185 capped, 786uncapped and 20 players from Associate Nations.

Those registered in the INR 2 Crore price band, the highest in the auction include the likes of the Man of the tournament in the recently concluded ICC T20 World Cup, Sam Curran. Joining Curran include the likes of Ben Stokes and seven other English players in the highest bracket.

Tom Banton, Sam Curran, Chris Jordan, Tymal Mills, Jamie Overton, Craig Overton, Adil Rashid, Phil Salt, Ben Stokes, Nathan

Green, Travis Head, Chris Lynn, Kane Williamson, Adam Milne, Jimmy Neesham, Rilee Rossouw, Rassie van der Dussen, Angelo Mathews, Jason Holder, Nicholas Pooran

From Australia, allrounder Cameron Green is amongst those named in the highest bracket, while notable exclusions from the overall list inlcude the likes of Mitchell Starc and Alex Hales who haven't registered.

Amongst the Indian players registered, those with a base price of INR 1 Crore are Mayank Agarwal, Manish Pandey and Kedar Jadhav.

"If every franchise were to have a maximum of 25 players in their squad, 87 players are available to be bought in the auction Coulter-Nile, Cameron (of which up to 30



players can be overseas players)," read a statement from BCCI. The registered list undergoes pruning before the auction with teams putting a list of preferences before the shortlisted names go up for auction.

Base price of INR 1.5Cr: Sean Abott, Riley Meredith, Jhye

Zampa, Shakib Al Hasan, Harry Brook, Will Jacks, Dawid Malan, Jason Roy, Sherfane Rutherford Base price of INR 1Cr: Mayank Agarwal, Kedar Jadhav, Manish Pandey, Mohammad Mujeeb ur Rahman, Moises Henriques, Andrew Tye, Joe Root, Luke Wood, Michael Bracewell,

Chapman, Guptill, Kyle Jamieson, Matt Henry, Tom Latham, Daryl Mitchell, Heinrich Klaasen, Tabraiz Shamsi, Kusal Perera, Roston Chase, Rakheem Cornwall, Shai Hope, Akeal Hossein, David Wiese Meanwhile, the Board of

Control for Cricket in (BCCI) is contemplating extending the Impact Player experiment to the IPL. It was first introduced in this year's Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy competition and the feedback apparently was very good. At a meeting of the IPL Governing Council, held virtually on Thursday night, the BCCI decided to introduce the Impact Player rule in the IPL as

The BCCI said in its note

that from IPL 2023 Season a tactical/ strategic concept will be introduced to add a new dimension to IPL, wherein one substitute player per team will be able to take a more active part in an IPL match. The regulations pertaining to the same will be issued shortly."

There was discussion on how to go about in women's IPL and as a first step, the BCCI has decided that it will tell the women selectors to prepare a pool of players for the WIPL. The pool will consist of both Indian and foreign players. The BCCI has given the go-ahead to prepare the tender for the franchise auction and media rights and both are expected to come out soon. The franchise auction will follow the

Ashok Malhotra, Jatin Paranjpe, Sulakshana Naik named in BCCI's CAC



NewDelhi: Ashok Malhotra, Jatin Paranjpe and Sulakshana Naik have been named as the new members of the Cricket Advisory Committee. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) made the announcement via a statement on Thursday, December 1.

Malhotra recently served as the President of the Indian Cricketers' Association while Paranjpe was part of the senior selection committee until

Naik, who was part of the previous CAC comprising of Madan Lal and RP Singh, continues to be a part of the committee.

The CAC is tasked with many important cricketing functions such as the appointment of the selection committees as well as the coaches of the men's and women's national teams.

For this new CAC, one of the first few tasks would be that of shortlisting and appointing the selection committee for the men's national team.

Mooen Ali appointed captain of Sharjah Warriors

NewDelhi: Moeen Ali, the England allrounder, has been named as the captain of Sharjah inaugural edition of the International League T20, set to begin in January 2023. Meanwhile, Paul Farbrace - the former T20 World Cup-winning coach of Sri Lanka - has been named as the head coach of the franchise. "It is a great honour

and would be a pleasure lead Sharjah Warriors," said Moeen. "In this format, anybody can beat anybody, and it is important to keep evolving. With the team at our disposal, we can play aggressive, yet sensible cricket and hopefully be in the mix towards the business end of the ILT20. Playing at world-class facilities and especially the iconic Sharjah Stadium is a very exciting prospect, and we



are all looking forward to

Farbrace will be joined by Matthew Maynard as the batting coach and G Jayakumar as the bowling coach, the franchise announced on Thursday (December 1).

Farbrace, who has also briefly served as interim national men's coach of England, apart from serving as the deputy of the side under Peter Moores and Trevor Bayliss, said, "The T20 serve as the Director of

has been format challenging and yet most rewarding, It is nice to see talent from around the world getting more opportunities. I am aware of how cricket is followed here as an extension of the subcontinent. I hope we can work some magic here to inspire future

generate local interest." Former India fielding coach R Sridhar will

generations and even

Cricket while former Mumbai pacer Kshemal Waingankar will take charge as the Chief Operating Officer.

Speaking on the appointments, Rajesh Sharma, Founder Director, Capri Global Holdings said: "We are twinning the Emirates Cricket Board and ILT20 in our aspirations to become the fastest growing brand and occupy the top perch in international franchise

"And under Farbrace, we have the right resources to pack a punch in a league full of established players. Yet the beauty of cricket is that it is such a leveller. With the team shaping up as it is, we are confident our Warriors can build memories with the ILT20 and the sport just how Sharjah has had a beautiful relationship in cricketing history."

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Ritsu Doan, Ao Tanaka star in Japan win over Spain, BOTH teams advance

NewDelhi: Same stadium. Same result. Similar shocking victory for Japan at the World Cup. After beating Germany in the team's opener, Japan worked their way into the round of 16 of the FIFA World Cup 2022 on Thursday (December 1) by defeating Spain 2-1 the same score as last week. Spain also advanced despite the loss, knocking Germany out of the tournament.

Japan scored twice early in the second half to come from behind and defeat European powerhouse and make it to the knockout stage for the second straight World Cup. It's the first time Japan has advanced past the group stage in back-to-back tournaments.

"For Asia and for Japan, our



victories over Spain and Germany, two of the top teams in the world, is something that give us great confidence and we are very pleased," Japan coach Hajime Moriyasu said. "Of course, there are many things we still have to learn, but Asia can win in the world stage, Japan can win in the world stage."Ao Tanaka scored the winning goal from close range early in the second half. It took

about two minutes for video review officials to confirm the ball hadn't gone out of bounds before the goal at Khalifa International Stadium, where Japan had shocked Germany in its opener. Players from both teams looked surprised when it was announced that the goal counted, and the Japanese started running toward their bench again to celebrate with their teammates.

"From my angle I think the ball was clearly half out, but more than that I could not see because of the speed," Tanaka said. "I was concentrating in scoring. There was always a possibility that it was out ... But in the end it was a goal, so that was great." Japan finished at the top of Group E and will next face Croatia. Spain will take on Group F winner Morocco. Spain and Germany which beat Costa Rica 4-2 in a simultaneous match both had four points in the group. But Spain had a superior goal difference. Watch Japan beat Spain in a FIFA World Cup 2022 match here...The group standings bounced back and forth during both matches. Costa Rica was beating Germany at one point.

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