

An expansion of the Special Education Needs department

SEN Globe inaugurated in KiiT-IS

Bhubaneswar (KCN): A special education needs (SEN) has been inaugurated in KiiT International School on 12th December 2021.



The SEN Globe will set another benchmark in inclusive education with extensive infrastructure in KiiT-IS. It is providing better remedial therapy, for their Special Educational Needs' departmental wing. The SEN Globe was inaugurated in the presence of Ms. Merry Barua, Founder Director, Action for Autism National Centre for Autism, India; Ms. Indrani Basu Founder, Director of Autism Society West Bengal; Achyuta Samanta, Founder KIIT & KISS, and Dr. Mona Lisa Bal, Chairperson, KiiT International School.

In her speech, Ms. Barua said KiiT-IS has done exemplary work in Odisha by establishing SEN Globe. It is a matter of pride that more than 400 differently-abled individuals have been employed by the KIIT Group of Insti-

tutes. KIIT has such capacity, infrastructure, and administrative mind to set up this kind of special wing. She thanked Dr. Samanta for this initiative. Ms. Basu said, it can be a game-changer for differently able children. It can show the whole world what is inclusiveness. Dr. Samanta said, KiiT International School is a School in the entire eastern part, which is in the true sense international. This School is doing very well in all fields. We have systematically created an inclusive policy in KIIT & KISS that enables the differently able student



and staff to work, study and flourish. This wing of KiiT International School will be useful to differently able students. KiiT International School is committed and has always recognized the importance and the role of Special Education. **CONTINUED ON: P-7**

Encroachers grab Lord's Property

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Shree Ligaraj Temple owns 1,523.879 acres of landed properties, of which, 36.370 acres in Bhubaneswar city is under en-

As per the CAG Report, the temple authority has possession of only 31.556 acres. Although the Shree Lingaraj Temple owns landed proper-



croachment, said the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) in its latest report on General and Social Sector for the year ended March 2020.

ties across the State, the temple authority is aware of possession and encroachment related to the city of Bhubaneswar only. **CONTINUED ON: P-7**

Height of Acrimony

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Never before in the recent past has Odisha witnessed the kind of acrimony among the political parties that has become the hallmark of the winter session of the State Legislative Assembly. Probably for the first time in the last so many years an Assem-



bly session was squandered over just one issue. The House in the past has seen members hurling chappals at the Speaker's podium, violent scuffles with marshals driving out the unruly members, but not the complete paralysis of the House for days together, marked by intense acrimony and agitation. The Assembly was adjourned sine die 20 days ahead of its schedule. Never before was such "no transaction" accomplished. During nine working days, the House could transact only for over two hours! The House smoothly conducted just two obituary references. **CONTINUED ON: P-7**

New India believes in solving problems, not avoiding them: PM Modi

NEW DELHI(KCN): Taking a swipe at previous regimes, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday that his government believes in solving problems and not avoiding them. He said this while speaking at a function on the theme "Depositors First: Guaranteed Time-bound Deposit Insurance Payment up to Rs 5

Modi said this while speaking at a function on the theme "Depositors First: Guaranteed Time-bound Deposit Insurance Payment up to Rs 5 Lakh" here.

Lakh" here. Observing that any country can save the problems from getting worse only by their timely resolution, the Prime Minister said that for years there was a tendency to avoid problems.

"Today's new India strives for solving problems, today India does not avoid problems," he said.

There was a time when depositors would have to wait for their own money for ages from the



stressed bank, he said, adding that the government by amending laws has made it mandatory for refund up to Rs 5 lakh of their deposits within 90 days of imposition of mora-

Obituary



✓ Bhagban Kar

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Danagadi (Kalinga Nagar), Jajpur**

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Sri Sri Thakur Satsang Organized

Mumbai (KCN): An Online Satsang was organized on Sunday, 12 December, 2021 by the devotees of Sri Sri Thakur Anukulchandra. Devotees in large

number of Badlapur, Mumbai and Navi Mumbai attended the satsang.

The satsang started at 11 am and continued for two hours where prayer, meditation,

sermons from the holy scriptures and



divine discussion on the ideology of Sri Sri Thakur were orga-

nized Sri Bhagawat Patil, Saha Prati Riwik, Satsang gave the introductory speech. The Chief Speaker of the day was Dr **CONTINUED ON: P-7**

torium or restrictions.

Recalling his days as chief minister of Gujarat, Modi said, he had to deal with so many depositors but could not do much for them.

He said he had written many letters to the

Government of India then about the plight of such hapless depositors and requested for raising deposit insurance cover to Rs 5 lakh from Rs 1 lakh. However, the previous regime ignored it, Modi said, adding, "the then government did not listen to people so they changed the government and brought me as the Prime Minister. I raised the deposit insurance cover in the interest of people".

Deposit insurance up to Rs 5 lakh covers all deposits such as savings, fixed, current and recurring deposits in all commercial banks. Deposits in state, central and primary cooperative banks, functioning in states and Union Territories are also covered.

With a deposit insurance coverage of Rs 5 lakh per depositor per bank, the number of fully protected accounts at the end of the previous financial year constituted 98.1 per cent of the total number of accounts as against the international benchmark of 80 per cent.

Last year, the government increased the insurance cover on deposits by five times to Rs 5 lakh.

The enhanced deposit insurance cover of Rs 5 lakh came into effect from February 4, 2020. Every bank used to pay 10 paise as an insurance premium per Rs 100 of deposit.

It was raised to 12 paise per Rs 100 in 2020. It cannot be more than 15 paise at any point in time per Rs 100 deposit. **CONTINUED ON: P-7**

One driver seriously injured by a violent attack of OMC security personnel at Rugudi

Barbil(KCN):The incident of the brutal attack on a truck driver by some security personnel inside OMC Mines

some other trucks already in the queue. Seeing this, the security personnel deployed stopped the vehicle and had an

ured and known from a source that the injured driver fled away from the spot thinking of further attack. After this incident went viral on social media, the international human rights association has come up. Condemning this incident, the local Human Rights Association has demanded action from the administration as well as the strictest punishment to the culprits. While asking the Regional



located under Rugudih police station in Kendujhar district of Odisha has become a topic of discussion among people after it went viral on social media. According to the information received, A truck driver had come to OMC Mines located at Nadidih to load iron ores

argument with the concerned driver. The circumstance became

According to some witnesses, the concerned truck driver tried to approach into mines by way of overtaking

so grave, that security personnel together attacked the driver brutally. The driver was seriously in the

Manager of OMC about the incident, he showed his ignorance on the subject.



International Human Rights Day Observed at 42 Mouza

Cuttack (KCN): International Human Rights Day was Observed

tion state president Er.Pradeep Behera and the chief guest district judge Jatindra kumar Behera, Madhusudan P a t i , M i n a t i Panda, Rabinarayan Singh, Hrushikeesh Rath and all. The meeting was presided over by the social worker Bulai



by International Human Association at Cuttack Sadar 42 mouza aeranch Gopabandhu oldage home. The meeting was organised by International Human Associa-

Behera, Dharendra Behera, Peitiranjan Katha, Sankar Behera, Tarun Behera. In this great occasion social Worker Narayan Chandra Mohanty & some esteemed persons felicitated.

IIT Kharagpur Creates Historic Benchmark among all IITs Crossing 1600+ Offers

Kolkata(KCN): IIT Kharagpur has set the historic record to create a benchmark crossing 1600 plus offers, the highest placement among all IITs with 1100 offers.

IIT Kharagpur celebrates the avalanche of offers in the Phase I of placement season 2021 by achieving the target within 10 days. Due to the early progress, IIT Kharagpur has concluded the first phase of placement for this

year by 11th December 2021 and the second phase is proposed to start in the second week of January 2022. It started with the Career Development Centre (CDC) of IIT Kharagpur receiving 400 plus Pre Placement offers (PPO).

IIT Kharagpur placed 1500 plus students on the seventh day (i.e December 7, 2021) of its placement drive which surpassed all the previous years' total

placement figures. IIT Kharagpur bagged 22+ offers in the CTC range of 0.9 - 2.4 crore out of which 10+ offers were made by domestic companies.

The total number of international offers is more than 35. The average number of hires per company has also increased, leading to an overall increase in the number of offers per day. More than 245 companies have participated in this place-

ment season thus contributing to this milestone.

This year companies across all sectors including Software, high level coding, analytics, consulting, core engineering companies, banking and finance, high frequency trading etc. have participated in the process. In the first phase of placement session Google, Microsoft, Micron Technology, Uber, Honeywell, Excel and many

more valuable partners have led to this successful run. Professor A. Rajakumar, Chairman, Career Development Centre, IIT Kharagpur thanked all the recruiters for their wonderful cooperation and said that they look forward to nourishing the relationship and expediting more engagement for mutual benefit in the career industry and expressed their positive hiring feedback.

67th Convocation of IIT Kharagpur 2021

Prof. M A Ramlu to Receive Lifetime Achievement Award

Kolkata(KCN): IIT Kharagpur is delighted to have its 67th Convocation on December 18, 2021. Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, the union Minister of Education, will grace the occasion as the Chief Guest. Shri Sanjiv Goenka, Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT Kharagpur will also honour with his presence.

For the first time ever, IIT Kharagpur is proud to bestow a Lifetime Achievement Award to Professor M A Ramlu who served as the founder Head of the

Department of Mining Engineering at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT). He rose to higher positions and retired as Officiating Director of IIT Kharagpur.

Five awardees will also be conferred the Life Fellow Awards of IIT Kharagpur 2021. Professor Sadhan Kumar De, Former Head of Rubber Technology Centre & Dean of Post-Graduate studies in IIT Kharagpur, Professor Biswa Nath Chatterjee, a former Professor in E&ECE Department, IIT Kharagpur and pres-

ently the Professor & Academic Advisor of B.P. Poddar Institute of Management & Technology, Shri Puran Chand Dang founder of the first IIT Alumni Society of the world (IIT-SINE), Shri Gopal Rajgarhia, a chemical engineer and an accomplished industrialist and Dr. Asoke Kumar Deysarkar, a PHD in Chemical Engineering and successful entrepreneur and owner of 'Products for People' in Houston, are the recipients of this honour.

The Institute is also going to honour its

pioneers with the Disguised Alumnus Award 2021 which includes Professor Suresh Chandra Mishra, the Chairman of Naval Research Board at DRDO, Commander V K Jaitly, a motivational speaker and consultant who led the technological modernization in Indian Defence Forces, Dr. Mohan Rao, a Food Process Engineering Expert & Chief Science Officer, Rainos Consulting USA, Shri Krishan Mohan Khanna, the Chairman and Founder of

i-Watch think tank & foundation who has worked with Niti Aayog and the Ministry of Agriculture and Dr. Mukund Padmanabhan, the President and Founder of Guru Krupa Foundation & a topflight researcher at University of California, Los Angeles. The graduating batch of 2021 comprising B. Tech, M. Tech and PHD students will be honoured with gold and silver medals along with respective degrees for their excellent achievements and accomplishments.

Students clash in Rourkela's SK DAV Polytechnic over ragging issue

ROURKELA(KCN): Two groups of students of the government-run SK DAV Polytechnic here clashed on Saturday evening allegedly over a ragging issue.

Sources said, a welcome ceremony for the junior students was underway at the institute when some seniors accosted few junior students and reportedly subjected them to ragging. Taking offence, junior students engaged in a scuffle with their seniors forcing the institute administration to in-

tervene and also call the police who rushed to the spot to restore normalcy.

While principal Reenati Das was unavailable for comment, a senior police officer said the institute's anti-ragging committee has agreed to investigate the matter for further action. Additional SP BK Bhoi said situation at the institute was brought under control immediately but refused to comment on the reason behind the clash.

On the occasion of 50th Anniversary of Bangladesh Liberation

Kolkata(KCN): As part of celebration on the occasion of 50th Anniversary of Bangladesh Liberation, BSF has been organising a series of events (jointly with Bangladesh) on the Indo-Bangladesh border. In this connection, a 'Joint Cultural Programme' is going to be organized at ICP Dawki under BSF, Meghalaya Frontier on December 13, 2021 in which Mukti Yodhas, historians and eminent speakers from both the countries will participate.

India's relation with Bangladesh dates back to 'Bangladesh Liberation War of 1971', during which India provided extensive aid, training and shelter for the exiled government of

Bangladesh and Bengali nationalist Mukti Bahini guerrilla force that was fighting the Pakistani Army and about 8 to 10 million refugees poured into India during 1971.

At the outbreak of the Indo-Pakistani War of 1971, the Joint Force including regular army of Bangladesh, Mukti Bahini and the Indian Military liberated the then East Pakistan, leading to the establishment of Bangladesh. India's role in the independence of Bangladesh led to the development of strong bilateral relations between both the countries. The relations were further cemented with the signing of the 'India-Bangladesh Treaty of Friendship,

Cooperation and Peace' a 25-year treaty that was signed on 19 March 1972 forging close bilateral relations between India and the newly established state of Bangladesh. The treaty was also known as the Indira-Mujib Treaty, named after the signatories of the treaty.

Border Security Force, though still in its infancy stage in 1971, got involved in the Bangladesh Liberation War as soon as the genocide by Pakistanis started in what was then East Pakistan. The BSF not only lived up to its mandated wartime role of being the "first line of defence" but also proved its mettle in offensive operations. Before the outbreak of war, on December

3, 1971, BSF trained and coordinated operations of the Bengali guerrillas of the Mukti Bahini. Aggressive shelling of West Bengal's Hili border areas by the BSF's 77 Battalion in April 1971 forced the Pakistanis to show flag and request for truce. Later in November 1971, the unit launched an attack and captured the enemy BOP at Khanpur.

Slogans of "Long live India-Bangladesh friendship" resonated in the air when troops of the battalion entered Rajshahi in East Pakistan, forcing Pakistanis to retreat. The 83 Battalion BSF fought off two fierce attacks by the Pakistanis at Killapara in West Garo Hills in May

1971. Their valour denied the enemy control over strategic Dalu-Tura road. Similar acts of bravery were displayed by troops of 84, 85, 86, 87, 92, 93 and 104 battalions in Meghalaya, Silchar (south Assam) and Tripura sectors against the regular Pakistani army.

The BSF thus played a very important role in the 1971 Liberation War of Bangladesh right from the beginning and fought shoulder to shoulder with the Indian Army. Twenty-three BSF units were deployed under the Army's operational control and they displayed their metal in both defensive and offensive actions against enemy positions independently, as well as in conjunction with the

Army. The important role played by BSF in many other fields like collection and dissemination of accurate information, assistance to the Army in familiarization of area, etc. were of vital importance for operations.

India and Bangladesh share a 4096 Km long International Border, the fifth-longest land border in the world which is manned by Border Security Force in India side and Border Guard Bangladesh in Bangladesh side. It is also considered to be one of the most peaceful International Border as both the countries ensure to maintain good relations which are reflected during the various levels of flag meetings of the border guarding forces of the two nations.

Exhibiting goodwill gesture and mutual cooperation with special emphasis on the well-being of border populations of both the countries, BSF, Meghalaya Frontier has handed over as many as 11 Bangladeshi intruders to the neighbouring country during the year 2021. Both the Border Guarding Forces also agreed to look into each other's perspective on border problems with an open mind and to increase sharing of actionable intelligence to curb trans-border crimes.

The recently concluded IsG BSF-Region Comdrs BGB Level Border Co-ordination Conference held at Shillong, from November 27 to 29, 2021 shows the commitment of both the

Border Guarding Forces of the two countries to maintain the sanctity of the border and sort out all border related issues at various levels of border meetings through mutual dialogue.

On the occasion of 50th Anniversary of Bangladesh Liberation, taking ahead the relations between both the Border Guarding Forces, on December 13, 2021 at 1100 am a Joint Cultural Programme by troupes of both the countries is being organised at ICP Dawki in which some Bangladeshi historians are also invited as eminent speaker. I formally invite esteemed Media and people of the State to be our guest and witness the saga of Indo-BD friendship being written further.

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Shivali, daughter of senior film journalist Shantiswaroop Tripathi, had an auspicious wedding ceremony with Siddharth

Mumbai (KCN, Sanjay Sharma Raj): Shivali, daughter of senior film journalist Shantiswaroop

Bayandar Suburb, adjacent to Mumbai. In order to bless the bride and groom on this auspicious occa-

Yogesh Mishra, Samarjit Singh, Ashish Tiwari, Umesh Upadhyay, Jitendra Pandey,

rities. While actor Mukesh Khanna, 'Shaktimaan' fame who also played the role of Bhisma

birth. Journalist Shantiswaroop Tripathi, who has been honored with many awards includ-

shobha', 'Sarita', 'Mayapuri', 'Hindustan', 'Haribhoomi' and 'Lokmat Samachar'.



Tripathi, working in the field of journalism for the last 40 years, had a joyful wedding ceremony with Siddharth Mishra, a resident of Jaipur (Native-Hardoi, Uttar Pradesh) on 28 November 2021 in the 'Vaishnav Samaj Bhavan' of

sion, Shivali and Siddharth's family and best friends attended the wedding. Actor Surendra Pal, Actor Jai Mishra and 'Mira Bhaindar Darshan' monthly magazine's Editor Ved Prakash Srivastava, Mrs Usha Yadav, Shashikant Singh 'Munna',



Ashwini Shukla, Sanjay Sharma, Rakesh Dubey, Murlidhar Pandey, Rajesh Kumar Singh and Rakesh Dave were present from the journalism world including many celeb-

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He has also been reporting in 'International Film Festivals' for 27 consecutive years. He has been a member of the 'Advisory Panel' of the Central Board of Film Certification.

Priyanka Chopra reveals husband Nick Jonas likes her 'natural' looks, calls him 'appreciator'

WASHINGTON(KCN): Nick Jonas has

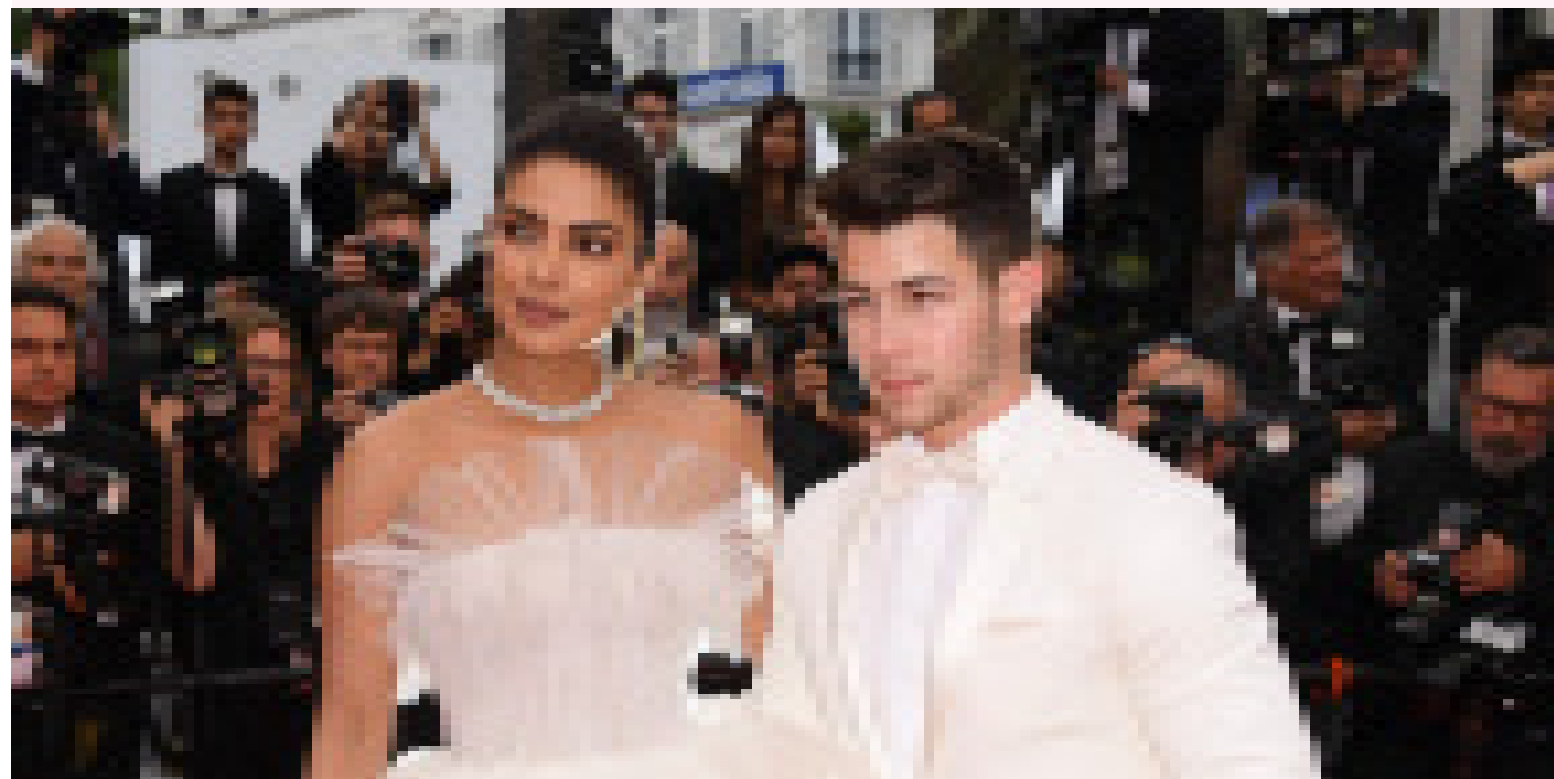
cently spoke to People at Beautycon

ides to go for a more natural or a more

he likes a really natural thing."

In honour of Beautycon, Priyanka

with a matching pair of pants. Adding a pop of colour to the whole look, she opted for striking pink eye makeup with a matching bold lip colour.



nothing but love and admiration for his wife Priyanka Chopra.

The actor re-

glamorous look. "He likes a bit of both," the 'Quantico' star, said, adding that "there are days when

The 'Mary Kom' actor added, "He's an appreciator. He's someone who can appreciate both things."

went all out for the event, wearing a sheer black top with a pussycat bow, a white blazer paired

Earlier this month, Priyanka joined her fellow J sisters Sophie Turner and Danielle Jonas in celebrating the first night of their husbands' 'Happiness Begins' tour. All three women rocked Jonas Brothers T-shirts.

The actor shared that it was "really cool" that they all decided on coordinating their outfits since they "have such distinct personalities."

Akshay Kumar shoots with Kriti Sanon's sister Nupur for music video



MUMBAI(KCN): Actor Akshay Kumar on Sunday

shot for singer B Praaks new single with actress Kriti

Sanon's younger sister Nupur. It is reported

that the romantic song is written by Jaani. B Praak has previously lent his voice to the song "Teri Mitti" in Akshay's film "Kesari".

ALSO READ: Akshay Kumar has

a namesake actor in London!

The song will also feature renowned Punjabi singer Ammy Virk.

A lot of pictures are doing the rounds on the internet in which Akshay is

seen posing with Nupur and Ammy at the St. Xavier's college in Mumbai.

On the work front, Akshay will be seen in "Housefull 4" and "Good Newwz" this year.

Stay of Income Tax Demand Part 3

Narayan Jain

(Contd from earlier articles published on 29.11.2012 and 6.12.2021)

23. Extension of time for payment of demand or for payment in instalments: As per section 220(3), an assessee can make an application to the Assessing Officer (A.O.) before due date for the payment of demand for extension of time or he can also apply for payment of demand in instalments. On receipt of such application A.O. may grant extension of time for payment of demand or he may allow the payment of demand in instalments subject to the conditions as he may deem fit. In case the relief is to be denied, the principles of natural justice would require that an opportunity of hearing be given to the assessee - *Kuku Rice Mills v. Assessing Authority-cum- I.T. Authority* [1992] 196 ITR 326 (P&H).

24. Application for stay of payment of disputed tax demand: The assessee should write to A.O. in case he has filed an appeal, requesting him not to treat him in default. The petition for stay u/s 220(6) should be well formulated keeping in mind the following points:

- The petition should state the prima facie merits of the appeal. The test of merit of appeal lies much upon the grounds of appeal, which should be strong enough.
- The hardship involved in the recovery of the disputed demand should be clearly and precisely stated. The petition should state why and how the balance of convenience is in favour of the stay, e.g., bad effect on the liquidity position of the business, jeopardy of the employment of employees through possible closure of business and possibility of dead-lock in wage payment etc. as the case may be.
- Copy of the grounds of appeal as well as statement of facts should accompany the petition to show the prima facie merit of the appeal.

Further this petition should be submitted before A.O. within 30 days of receipt of demand notice.

Section 220(6) empowers the A.O. not to treat the assessee in default and allow stay for payment subject to the conditions, which he may impose. For

example, he may ask for part payment of disputed demand or may allow payment by instalments. CBDT has also issued Instructions as discussed in next para.

The Calcutta High Court in the case of *Gouri Shankar Awasthi v. ITO 78 ITR 784 (Cal.)* has held that stay of realisation cannot be granted simply because an appeal has been preferred. In *Pawan Kumar v. ITO* [1998] 146 CTR (P&H) 152 it was held that the ITO is required to afford an opportunity of hearing to assessee and pass a speaking order while deciding the application filed by the assessee u/s 220(6) - **World Vision India v. Commissioner of Income-tax, (Exemptions), Chennai** [2018] 89 taxmann.com 193 (Madras).

In *M.L.M. Mahalingam Chettiar v. Third ITO* [1967] 66 ITR 287 (Mad.) it was held that the discretion vested in the ITO u/s 220(6) is not merely a naked and arbitrary power but a power coupled with a responsibility and the concerned officer should take all the circumstances into account and all the considerations that could be urged or are urged by the assessee as to why he should not be treated 'as not being in default', and then make such order as is appropriate to the facts of the case.

In *Prem Prakash Tripathi v. CIT* [1994] 208 ITR 461 (All.) it was held that the CIT(A) is also vested with the powers of granting stay order, which is not only necessary but expedient for effective adjudication of appeal.

If the amount mentioned in notice of demand is neither paid within the time or within the time extended u/s 220(3) nor any action is taken for stay of demand u/s 220(6), the assessee shall be deemed to be in default.

The CBDT has issued guidelines on stay of demands disputed in appeal as discussed in next para.

25. CBDT Guidelines for granting of stay of demand: CBDT vide its Office Memorandum No. F.NO.404/72/93-ITCC, dated 31-7-2017 has modified its earlier Instruction and directed that in order to streamline the process of grant of stay and standardize the quantum of

lump sum payment required to be made by the assessee as a pre-condition for stay of demand disputed before CIT (A), the following is extract of modified guidelines have been issued in modification of Instruction No. 1914:

- In a case where the outstanding demand is disputed before CIT (A), the assessing officer shall grant stay of demand till disposal of first appeal on payment of 15% (**20% vide Office Memorandum No. F. NO. 404/72/93-ITCC, dated 31-7-2017**) of the disputed demand, unless the case falls in the category discussed in para (B) hereunder.
 - In a situation where,
 - the A.O. is of the view that the nature of addition resulting in the disputed demand is such that payment of a lump sum amount higher than 20% is warranted (e.g. in a case where addition on the same issue has been confirmed by appellate authorities in earlier years or the decision of the Supreme Court or jurisdictional High Court is in favour of Revenue or addition is based on credible evidence collected in a search or survey operation, etc.) or,
 - the A.O. is of the view that the nature of addition resulting in the disputed demand is such that payment of a lump sum amount lower than 20% is warranted (e.g. in a case where addition on the same issue has been deleted by appellate authorities in earlier years or the decision of the Supreme Court or jurisdictional High Court is in favour of the assessee, etc.), the A.O. shall refer the matter to the administrative Pr. CIT/CIT, who after considering all relevant facts shall decide the quantum /proportion of demand to be paid by the assessee as lump sum payment for granting stay of the balance demand.
 - In a case where stay of demand is granted by the assessing officer on payment of 20% of disputed demand and the assessee is still aggrieved, he may approach the jurisdictional administrative Pr. CIT/CIT for a review of the decision of the assessing officer.

(D) The A.O. shall dispose of stay petition within 2 weeks of filing of the petition. If a reference has been made to Pr. CIT/CIT under para 4 (B) above or a review petition has been filed by the assessee under para 4 (C), the same shall also be disposed of by the Pr. CIT/CIT within 2 weeks of the A.O. making such reference or the assessee filing such review, as the case may be.

(E) In granting stay, the A.O. may impose such conditions as he may think fit. He may, inter alia,-

- require an undertaking from the assessee that he will co-operate in the early disposal of appeal failing which the stay order will be cancelled;
- reserve the right to review the order passed after expiry of reasonable period (say 6 months) or if the assessee has not co-operated in the early disposal of appeal, or where a subsequent pronouncement by a higher appellate authority or court alters the above situations;
- reserve the right to adjust refunds arising, if any, against the demand, to the extent of the amount required for granting stay and subject to the provisions of sec. 245.

26. Whether stay of demand can be granted for an amount lower than 20% of demand or without paying any demand: it has been held in the case of *Jagdish Gandabhai Shah v. Pr. CIT* [2017] 81 taxmann.com 45 (Guj.) that payment of 15% (now amount prescribed by CBDT is 20%), tax is not a pre-requisite for making stay petition or granting stay. It was held in the case of *Flipkart India Private Limited v. ACIT* [TS-97-HC-2017(KAR)] that, where payment of 15% (now 20%) will cause genuine hardship and the assessment made by the A.O. is an high pitched one, the Pr. CIT may grant stay without paying any demand or paying a lower sum. Also refer: *Suresh Anuradha v. CIT* [2020] 115 taxmann.com 73 (Mad).

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Kolhi, the Cricket Legend : Still scripting the History

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Taking on the mantle of ODI captaincy from MS Dhoni back in 2017, Virat Kohli was equally competent and one of the most



successful captains in the history of Indian cricket. To the shock of his myriad fans, Kohli, on 8th December (2021) was sacked from the ODI captaincy as Rohit Sharma was assigned the ODI captainship. Kohli, in fact, he had

expressed his desire to continue leading the 50 over side until the 2023 World Cup. But the selection committee and the BCCI were determined in handing over the baton to Rohit. Kohli had earlier given up Team India's T20I captaincy following India's debacle in the 2021 T20 World Cup. Although India failed to win any major ICC tournament under Kohli, he nonetheless registered some astonishing numbers in his captaincy career. Out of 95 ODIs that Kohli captained, India won 65 matches, lost 29, tied in 1 match and 2 No Result games with a staggering high win percentage of 70.43.

His win-loss record in the 50 over format was only behind Ricky Ponting (Australia), Cronje (South Africa) and Clive Lloyd (West Indies). As a batter he had the best average for any captain who scored a 1000 plus runs. In terms of centuries as a captain he was only behind Ricky Ponting. He had scored 5449 runs as a captain at an average of 72.65 with strike rate of 98.28 with 21 centuries and 27 half centuries.

Kohli was out there, brash. He is every young Indian's dream boy. He showed the world what aggression is, take on anybody you feel like and be self-confident about it and that's why people loved him. Every youngster who watched the sport wanted to be a Kohli because 'I am in everybody's face' and then he matched it with his skills in batting which was the beauty.

So, what really drove Virat Kohli as a captain and made him unique? He was a natural leader who is driven by his own excellence and tough, immaculate work ethic — the much talked about yo-yo test results of the past that ended a few illustrious careers. He is a competitor to the core, who wants to win, win and only win. Cricket observers have noted that Kohli had also departed from the image of the gentleman's game,

an image of Indian cricketers of the past — an image that began to change with Sourav Ganguly, when he famously waved his shirt at Lord's balcony. Former England skipper Nasser Hussain has revealed that most players don't like to play against him as he gets under the skin of the opposition, again something that Ganguly used to do in his time. Kohli's on-field behavior has perhaps been talked about just as much as his batting and captaincy. He is also a skipper that opposition fans love to hate, but that doesn't bother him. His extroverted expression and nature on the field seems perfectly suited for the TV cameras as they put on him when an opposition wicket falls, or a catch goes down, he lets the world know exactly how he feels about it.

Virat Kohli's unrelenting intensity on the field is infectious on the other teammates. He fired up his team with his exuberant energy and youthful dynamism to many dramatic wins in recent times. He transformed the atmosphere within the dressing room and made it more confident and determined in its desire to triumph. With a sharp focus, Kohli knew exactly where he was going with his team. Back in 2015 he had declared: "I want this to be the fittest

team, I want us to be the greatest team on the planet, knowing that we can play away from home, knowing we can beat anyone and it's going to take a very good bowling attack to do so."

Definitely Kohli deserves some credit for his tunnel vision and fiery leadership. He is as much a chest-thumping leader of men, as an orthodox traditional cricket captain, who quietly makes the strategy from the covers region. And his attacking and aggressive brand of leadership will remain his greatest legacy. Today India, as a team, across the three formats, stands superb and looks destined to dominate world cricket for a long period of time to come, thanks to Kohli's contribution and consolidation. And now with the monkey off his back by not having the burden of captaincy in ODI, T20 format one can expect he will play freely, dominating cricket which he is known for. He was and will remain always a fighter despite one's likes or dislikes — there can be no disagreement on that. He will be crafting history of Indian Cricket for many more years! Best Wishes Kohli and Best of luck Indian Cricket!

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PM Modi to inaugurate Rs 900-crore Kashi Vishwanath Corridor on Monday

LUCKNOW(KCN): Varanasi, the land of Lord Shiva, is set to get the abode for the deity restored in its full glory as Kashi

holy Ganga to inaugurate the project worth over Rs 700-crore, the three-day extravaganza on December 12, 13 and 14 will be celebrated



Vishwanath Corridor, the dream project of Prime Minister Narendra Modi who would inaugurate the ambitious Rs 900-crore project in his parliamentary constituency Varanasi on Monday.

On Tuesday, the Prime Minister will address the chief ministers of BJP ruled states giving them the tips on good governance in Varanasi. As per the state government sources, the KV Corridor project ensconced in a sprawling 5 lakh square feet, will complement the Purvanchal Development Corridor and "will be a glorious reflection of the rich cultural and historical heritage of Kashi." The inauguration ceremony will be aired live in 20,000 temples across the country. The PM will reach the venue on a boat via

like Diwali and Dev Deepawali with huge participation by people of Varanasi.

A direct access to Kashi Vishwanath Dham temple from the side of river Ganga has become possible with the completion of project. The Corridor has been carved out by decongesting around 400 houses and small temples present insides the houses around the temple complex which was originally present in just 3500 square ft area. The State government to give shape to the ambitious project bought all those houses surrounding the temple complex on three sides.

As per the state government sources, total Rs 451.90 crore were spent to purchase the surrounding properties and rehabilitating over 1100 families. The total length of the newly

constructed corridor now stands at 900 metre with its width being 75 metre. While constructing the corridor, while 24 new structures were built as part of the project, 43 old structures were restored along with the main temple.

"The temple will be inaugurated on December 13 at an auspicious time," Nagendra Pandey, one of the priests at Kashi Vishwanath temple, said.

According to Varanasi divisional commissioner Deepak Agarwal, Varanasi residents have been asked to decorate their homes and create a festive environment resurrecting the ambience of 'Dev Deepawali' on the evening of inauguration. Special decorations of ghats and prominent buildings of Kashi has been done as part of the 'Bhavya Kashi, Divya Kashi' programme on December 13.

After December 13, there would be a door-to-door distribution of 'prasad' of Kashi Vishwanath temple and a booklet on the history of the temple. Divisional commissioner Deepak Agrawal said that the PM was expected to reach KV Dham via Ganga on December 13 and enter the project area from Jalasen Ghat, the entry point of the corridor at the river bank. After reaching KV Dham campus, he would perform the rituals of opening this ambitious project at Mandir Chowk.

Uttar Pradesh tourism minister Neelkanth Tiwari said the project would take the dignity of Kashi forward giving a fillip to religious and spiritual tourism of holy ancient city. "The tourism sector is expected to grow significantly," Tiwari said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had laid the foundation stone of the corridor in March 2019. The idea behind the Corridor project has been to preserve the existing heritage struc-

tures, provide new facilities around the temple complex, decongest the traffic and movement of people around the temple. The idea was to connect the temple with ghats with direct visibility, said the authorities concerned.

The project, which has come up on public-private partnership model, ensures easy walking passages for devotees, utility zones as well as procedures in place for crowd management and emergency operational procedures, said Bimal Patel, the project architect.

Patel claimed that the facilities for tourists were enhanced without tampering with the original structure of the temple. "The project encompasses construction of Temple Chowk, Varanasi city gallery, museum, multipurpose auditoriums, hall, devotee facilitation centre, public convenience, salvation home, Godowlia gate, Bhogshala, shelter for priests and sevadars, spiritual book space, and others," Patel said.

Sharing more details about the project, Patel said that around 70 per cent of the total project area has been kept open for the green cover.

A statue of Maratha queen Maharani Ahilyabai Holkar, who has reconstructed the Kashi Vishwanath temple, would also be installed as part of the corridor. As per the estimates, over 70 lakh devotees and tourists visit the Kashi Vishwanath Temple every year with a daily footfall of 10,000 mostly from Varanasi and adjoining areas.

The Corridor project is made secured by equipping it with state-of-the-art facilities. An integrated command and control room would ensure foolproof security of Kashi Vishwanath Corridor, said Commissioner of Police A Satish Ganesh.

Students protest teachers' transfers in government-run school at Odisha's Balasore

BALASORE: Opposing the transfer of three teachers in a day, students of a government-run high school in Balasore resorted to indefinite strike on Saturday. Agitating students of Janardan High School in Barbatia under Bhograi block urged district education office to revoke the transfer orders of Mathematics, Hindi and Science teachers on the day.

"Due to the transfer of these trained graduate teachers (TGTs), we have been left in the lurch as exams are drawing near. Besides cancelling the transfer orders, the department should also fill up vacant posts of a headmaster, clerk and

three peons in the school," said students Dibyajoti Priyadarshani Patra and Sagarika Bhuyan.

Sources said, a TGT Arun Kumar Mohanty has been serving as in-charge headmaster of the school for three years now.

With a total of 150 students, the school functions with Mohanty who also engages in teaching, a Sankrit teacher and a PET.

On the day, aggrieved guardians submitted a memorandum to district Collector K Sudarshan Chakravarthy and sought his intervention in the connection at the earliest.

Priyanka Gandhi slams Modi government, asks what it has done for common man

JAIPUR: Attacking the Narendra Modi government at the Centre, Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Sunday charged that the BJP government

what the Modi government has done in seven years of its rule.

"It is your responsibility to make the government accountable, it is your re-

people and farmers of the country.

"There are two types of government. The goal of the first type of government is service, dedication and truthfulness to the

done in 70 years. I say leave the talk of 70 years. Tell us what you have done in seven years?" she asked, She charged that whatever the Congress built in 70



wants to sell to its industrialist friends whatever her party had built in 70 years. She said when elections come, BJP leaders talk of China or other countries, casteism, communalism but not about the struggles of the people and asked

responsibility to ask why there is so much inflation," she said while addressing a national level rally against inflation here. Gandhi alleged that the government is working for select industrialist friends instead of working for the good of the

public and there is a government whose target is lies, greed and loot. The target of the present central government is lies, greed and loot," she alleged.

"The Modi government at the Centre repeatedly questions what Congress has

years, the Central government wants to sell it to industrialist friends.

Targeting the Uttar Pradesh government, Gandhi charged that the Yogi Adityanath dispensation is spending crores of rupees on advertisements but has failed in getting farmers fertiliser.




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It is time to lose the Loofah

Vivel body washes have a high foaming formula that ensures a good amount of lather without a loofah

Kolkata (KCN): Loofahs are permanent fixtures in many bathrooms across India. It is one of the most common ways to exfoliate or scrub. Moreover, out of various kinds of loofahs available in the market, the most common is a plastic one which raises several more questions about sustainability and hygiene. Let's examine whether it is really necessary to get too attached to this bathing accessory. Breeding ground for germs: 'Loofah is bad for your skin as it irritates and damages the skin. They may also be a source of bacteria like E. coli, Pseudomonas Aeruginosa, Staphylococcus, Streptococcus as well as fungi, which can further damage your skin. It may cause infections like folliculitis, tinea and can also inflame or aggravate body acne.' Says Dr. Kuntal Deb Barma, MD, FAAD, and Dermatologist.

High on maintenance: The colourful and frilly sponge in your bathroom requires attention before and after use. It is kept hanging for hours in a moisture-rich surrounding making it a microbe reservoir. Unless we pay careful attention to pre- and post-bath disinfection, skin infections could be regular irritants in our lives as Dr. Deb Barma points out.

Time spent on loofah – the added step: Loofahs demand too much of your attention to maintain it in a space where you tend to relax – they need to be dried, washed, replaced; they need so much of your time – bathing shouldn't

be so complicated. Bodywash baths can provide effective cleaning without loofah as well. Vivel body washes don't need a loofah and wash off easily, so the bath time depends on you and you alone – for leisurely evening baths and for quick morning baths, try Vivel without a loofah.

Harsh on the skin: Often the incentive behind a loofah purchase is exfoliation. But we often overlook the fact that not all skin types can bear this daily ritual and more importantly this ritual is not needed every day. These sponges can be too abrasive on sensitive skin and can cause redness or inflammation. Over-exfoliation causes the complexion to become dry and flaky. You may even develop a rash-like texture, or be subject to breakouts, especially small, rough, bumpy pimples.

But what do we do about lather: Valid question. But it is a long-believed myth that body washes are best used with a loofah to generate lather. One should be aware of the fact that body washes like Vivel are capable of lathering up by taking a little amount in your hands and rubbing hands to lather. So, you can happily discard the loofah. Vivel body washes have a high foaming formula that ensures a good amount of lather without a loofah. It is easy to use and spreads easily. Body wash baths should be fragrant, moisturising and easy! Try Vivel body washes – available on Amazon, Flipkart and ITC E-store.

Nepal Diplomat Lauds SOA



Bhubaneswar: Ramprasad Subedi, Nepal's Top Diplomat lauds SOA for its curriculum, high rank among the universities and outreach activities.

The Ambassador IC of the Nepalese Embassy at New Delhi, Mr. Ramprasad Subedi visited the

Anusandhan (SOA) Deemed to be University and called on its Founder President Prof. (Dr.)

Manojranjan Nayak here on Saturday.

During the discussion, Mr. Subedi praised SOA's curriculum, high ranking and outreach activities and thanked the University for look-

ing after its Nepali students during the lockdown caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. Parents of these students were assured of their safety during that period, he said.

He said the Nepalese Embassy would support efforts towards translation of Nepali books into Odia lan-

guage and facilitate SOA joining Nepali Education conclaves. Mr. Subedi was accompanied by First Secretary Mr. Om Kumar Bhandari and Counselor Ms. Gayatri Raman Khanal. SOA's Director, University Outreach Program, Dr. Nachieketa K. Sharma was present during the discussion.

Das gets State Honor

Bhubaneswar: State paid rich tribute to Junior Warrant Officer (JWO) of Indian Air Force, Rana Pratap

along with Chief Difence Staff (CDS) General Bipin Rawat, his wife and 11 others in the helicopter crash,

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, several Ministers, MLAs, DGP Abhay and many other political leaders

shaheed Rana Pratap Das highly praised his dedicated service and patriotism and expressed his sympathies to the bereaved family members.

Later, the mortal remains of Das were taken to his native village Krushnachandrapur in a special ambulance with police escort. Last rites of Das were performed there with full military honour. Huge number of people turned up to the village to pay tributes to Das. Rana was survived by his wife, a one-year-old son and his elderly parents.



Das, who died in the tragic helicopter crash in Tamil Nadu on December 8. The mortal remains of Das, who lost his life

was reached at the Biju Patnaik International Airport here in the morning, where a guard of honour was given.

paid floral tributes to mortal remains of Das at the airport. Patnaik while paying floral tribute on the mortal remains of

NGT orders probe into illegal sand mining on Brahmani river bed in Odisha's Sundargarh

CUTTACK: The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has ordered a probe to ascertain the

permitted quantity and there is an alleged unholy nexus with the tehsildar who is allow-

ing the activities to continue on day-to-day basis, they further

constitute representatives of Odisha State Pollution Control Board (OSPCB), State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (Integrated Regional Office, Bhubaneswar) and District Collector Sundargarh. The SEIAA will be the nodal agency of the committee, the bench said while issuing a direction for listing of the case on January 28, 2022. The application sought intervention



veracity of allegations of excess sand mining using excavators on Brahmani river bed in Lahunipara tehsil of Sundargarh district and the consequent environmental degradation.

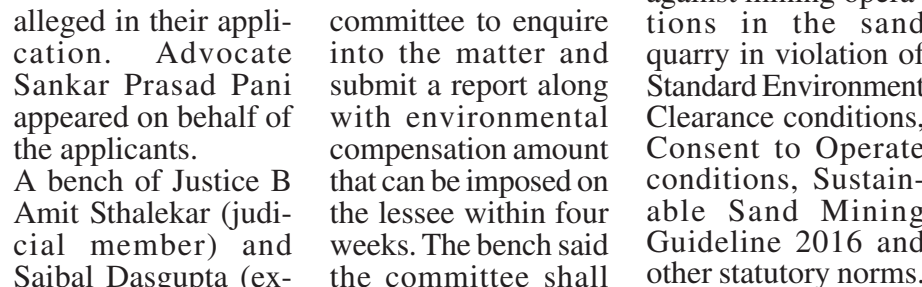
NGT's east zone bench in Kolkata ordered the probe on Wednesday basing on an application by Kandra Battachhatri and 21 other residents of villages near the Kenapali sand quarry. They alleged that unaccounted illegal mining of sand apart from causing environmental degradation is also resulting in loss of revenue for the State government. The lessee has mined more sand than the

alleged in their application. Advocate Sankar Prasad Pani appeared on behalf of the applicants.

A bench of Justice B Amit Sthalekar (judicial member) and Saibal Dasgupta (ex-

perts member) was of the opinion that the matter requires consideration as it in-

volves environment. Accordingly, the bench constituted a



committee to enquire into the matter and submit a report along with environmental compensation amount that can be imposed on the lessee within four weeks. The bench said the committee shall

against mining operations in the sand quarry in violation of Standard Environment Clearance conditions, Consent to Operate conditions, Sustainable Sand Mining Guideline 2016 and other statutory norms.

Sarala Award for Mahima

Bhubaneswar: Sarala Yuva Puraskar has been conferred to Mahima Sethi by the Sarala Sahitya Sansad at Cuttack today in a ceremonial function. This prize includes one citation, 25 thousand cash and a shawl. A seminar was also organized to review the recently published English Poetry Book "Ink From Night Skies".

Chief Guest Prof. Rajendra Prasad Mohanty in his address after conferring the prize said the literary work endowed with lot of passion, thought and experience. She is an inclusive poet and her thought, ideas and feelings are reflected in her poetry. Responding to the honour Ms. Mahima, an IITian expressed her gratitude and told that she developed deep passion for poetry since childhood, inspired by her parents. Eminent English Writer and educationist Prof. Prafulla Kumar Mohanty focusing on her work said that the thought reflected in the poems are more matured than her age. Among other dignitaries, Dr. Provakar Palaka, Prof. of English in Delhi University quoting her works said that her poetry lives in the human suffering, sorrows, feelings and sentiments.

He also expressed that Mahima is a strong voice of feminism in the making. In this function, Prof. S. Armstrong of Madras University cited that her poetry is full of human touch. Noted poet in English Dr. Ravindra K. Swain titled her poetry



as erasure of her rage. Eminent writer and poet Dr. Basudev Sunami introduced the guests and delivered his welcome address in the function. This seminar was Chaired by Dr. Pravakar Swain, the founder and President of Sarala Sahitya Sansad while Prof. Niranjan Tripathy, the Secretary of the Sansad proposed the vote of thanks. The program was well attended by a learned audience.

Rice Support for 4 Months More

Bhubaneswar: The Odisha Government has extended distribution of additional 5 kg of rice per head free of cost to beneficiaries of the State Food Security Scheme for four more months in view of the COVID-19 Pandemic, CMO sources said.

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has issued a direction in this regard to the officials. As per the directive, each beneficiary of the State Food Security Scheme (SFSS) will get an additional 5 kg of rice from the allotment month of December 2021 to March 2022, in view of the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic situation, a CMO release said.

As many as 2,88,528 families comprising of 9,15,532 members covered under the State Food Security Scheme, will be ben-

efited, it said, adding that for the purpose 4,578 tonnes of rice will be supplied per month totalling 18,310.640 tonnes of rice from the state pool with an expenditure of Rs 68.13 crore from Odisha's own

fund. This will facilitate beneficiaries enrolled in the State Food Security Scheme to remain at par with beneficiaries under National Food Security

Program. He also said the provision of free ration among people at this juncture ensured that "not a single needy and vulnerable person was deprived of food grains during the pandemic". Mr. Patnaik urged the



Prime Minister to extend the additional allocation of rice till the COVID-19 situation improves since adequate food grains are available at present with the State Government.

Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana) scheme for at least eight months for its free distribution among beneficiaries of National Food Security Program.

Prime Minister to extend the additional allocation of rice till the COVID-19 situation improves since adequate food grains are available at present with the State Government.

Public raise discontents against "K.C.Pradhan" mines public hearing

Barbil (KCN): Involvement of the public is one of the fundamental principles of a



successful EIA process. It not only provides an opportunity to those directly affected by a project to express their views on the environmental and social impacts of the proposal but also brings about transparency in the environmental clearance system. However, the public hearing in the recent past under the Jodamining zone witnessed this as a farce. When the entire wounds are very much concerned to keep the environmental balance, the mining and pollution department in Odisha is hardly bothered by the issue. A recent public hearing held at Nayagarh for increasing the excavation limit of K.C. Pradhan mines is a bright example of such incidents. As to information the excavation capacity is 80 thousand metric tons and to increase this limit to 3 lakh tons, environmental clearance was to be availed by the MOEF department. In this context, the

Height of Acrimony

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Speaker Surjya Narayan Patro, who is a seasoned politician having about 40 years of experience in the legislative proceedings, finally expressed helplessness, saying that he could not do anything if all the members become unruly. He said the Speaker can take action against one, two or six members, but what he can do if all the members become unruly.

A senior lawmaker recalled the tenure of JB Patnaik when the opposition firebrands like Ashok Das, Bijay Mohapatra, Nalinikanta Mohanty and Srikant Jena made point blank attacks on the then chief minister. Then also House functioned as JB used to say that opposition would always remain in a democracy and they need to be taken along for the development of the state. Such thinking helped for the smooth conduct of the House after disruption for some time or some days. JB could do this because of the support from the Treasury Bench.

However, in the recent case when the opposition bayed for blood of Minister of State for Home, the ruling party members remained adamant and took steps to irritate the opposition. Instead of asking the minister to maintain a low profile in view of the prevailing situation, the government allowed him to give written replies to the questions asked to the Chief Minister.

Both the Treasury Bench and Opposition chose to enter the fray throwing all dignities to the wind. When the opposition members displayed placards, the BJD members next day wore masks to protest the BJP-led Centre's refusal to accord the First War of Independence status to the Paika Bidroha.

As the opposition members sprinkled Ganga Jal and cow dung water to purify the House alleging that the House had become polluted due to presence of tainted ministers, the ruling BJD retaliated with the same mode of protest. There was a race between the ruling and opposition parties to grab the media focus. The parties also hit the streets on some issues or the other outside the assembly, with an eye on the ensuing three-tier rural and urban polls.

What actually went wrong for which the House was declared sine die 20 days ahead of the schedule without holding any discussion on the burning issues like the cyclone Jawad, farmers' issues, law and order situation and even the Kalahandi woman teacher's murder case? The answer is very simple. There was no such visible effort from the Parliamentary Affairs Minister to bring back normalcy.

Neither the Minister nor the Government Chief Whip made any effective attempt to bring the angry opposition members to the discussion table. Instead, Treasury Bench

public hearing was conducted on 10th December with ambiguities without any information to the public as per procedure, people claims. According to environmentalists, The environmental



clearance process comprises four stages, namely, Stage (1) Screening; Stage (2) Scoping; Stage (3) Public Consultation and Stage (4) Appraisal. But, these activities are not followed with due knowledge of the public is a matter of concern. People are unhappy in K. C. Pradhan's public hearing saying that only a few people of their choice were invited to the meeting ignoring others. These people were bribed to speak in support of mines ignoring the main issues of environmental impact. The mining authority have not shown any concern of local employment and other welfare activities required for inhabitation established there. As per information locals are preparing themselves to take shelter at apex court or may file one PIL against this hearing.

Members issued statements against the opposition parties which further aggravated the situation instead of pacifying it. Speaker Surjya Narayan Patro convened three all-party meetings, but those sittings did not yield any result.

The decision makers in the ruling party failed to read the opposition mood as they thought that a statement by the Chief Minister would pacify the situation. The attempt failed because the Chief Minister gave the statement through virtual mode instead of physically coming down to the House. The opposition also took umbrage at the CM's physical absence in the House.

In the statement, the CM blamed the opposition and accused them of "politicizing" the issue. Was it appropriate for the Chief Minister? Naveen is known for his soft and suave nature and democratic principles. He has always been respected for his democratic approach. However, Naveen's accusation of an angry opposition instead of assuaging them aggravated the situation, feel political analysts.

And above all, the BJD leaders earlier have also accused the opposition with such allegations. When the particular word came from the CM, it in fact hurt the opposition, pointed out a veteran lawmaker, who adores Naveen Patnaik for his gentle approach towards all. It is another matter that Naveen in his statement appealed to the opposition to cooperate for the smooth functioning of the Assembly. But the tenor of the statement irked the opposition rather than motivating them to shun agitation and cooperate for smooth functioning of the Assembly.

Opposition this time too focused only on one issue (minister's resignation demand) after forgetting their responsibility towards the people of the state as well as their constituents. The farmers this time have been at the receiving end after their matured crops got damaged due to cyclone induced rains.

It should also be remembered that the farmers had already struggled due to inadequate rainfall during the peak monsoon in July and August. This apart, the state's prevailing law and order issue was also ignored as the entire opposition kept itself engaged demanding ouster of the minister both outside and inside the Assembly.

The political acrimony among the major parties has now reached its zenith and all are fighting with each other ahead of the rural and urban polls leading to a situation where we have landed now. This is high time for all the parties to remain under the purview of the democratic set up and tolerate each other instead of losing patience on all issues. Negotiations and dialogue are two major tools for efficient democratic conduct. Both opposition and ruling party have specific responsibilities and they should perform it.

Star Health lists at six per cent discount; closes in green

NEW DELHI: The country's largest private health insurer Star Health and Allied Insurance, backed by ace investor Rakesh Jhunjhunwala, made a weak debut on the Indian exchanges on Friday, listing at a discount of 6% at Rs 849 on the BSE compared to its issue price of Rs 900. This is the second time in quick succession when a large IPO is entering the public market at a discount. Last month, Paytm, which had issued India's largest IPO worth Rs 18,300 crore, entered the stock exchanges on Thursday at a discount of over 9% and the stock ended its first session 27% lower at Rs 1,564.

Shares of Star Health, however, recovered and touched a high of Rs 940 during the day. At closing, the stock settled at Rs 906.85, up 0.76% from its issue price.

The weak listing was in expected line as the IPO saw a tepid response and was subscribed only 79%. Due to this, the firm had to cut its offer

Encroachers grab Lord's Property

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Information on ownership and encroachment of land at other places were not known to the temple administration, it said.

The executive officer (EO), Shree Lingaraj Temple intimated the audit that 36.370 acres out of 69.423 acres of land in Bhubaneswar, were under encroachment. Of this, in 23 cases, encroachment involved more than 0.30 acres of land in each case.

The EO of Shree Lingaraj Temple had filed 272 cases against the encroachers between 1990 and 2010. The Commissioner Of Endowments (EC) had disposed off 222 cases as of October 2019. Of this, the EC forwarded 196 cases to the District Collector, Khurda for eviction of encroachments.

On the remaining 26 disposed off cases, actions to be taken were not on record. Of the 196 cases referred to the Collector, 79 cases related to Bhubaneswar Tahasil only. Of this, possession was recovered in 15 cases and 17 were pending for want of action at the level of District Collectors.

In the remaining 47 cases, it was reported (January 2017) that eviction was not possible by demolishing/ evicting dwelling units or shops constructed in the encroached lands due to probable law and order situation which might arise.

The CAG further pointed out that land measuring 5.988 acres situated in Gautam Nagar under Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation area was in the name of Shree Lingaraj Mahaprabhu Marfat Trust Board in the Sabik record.

In 1995, the land was settled in the name of a former trustee of the trust board. The market value of the land, as reported by the EO of the temple in November 2019, stood at Rs 62.87 crore.

The above facts indicated that the trust boards and EOs had not taken appropriate action to safeguard the valuable landed property of the RIs, the auditor said.

The CGA has recommended that Government may charge penal rent on the occupants of encroached land in case eviction is not possible. In addition, the EC may advise the RIs to plan for utilisation of lands lying vacant under their possession to avoid cases of further encroachment, etc.

SEN Globe inaugurated in KiiT-IS

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Dr. Mona Lisa Bal stated that SEN Globe is a special education wing at KIIT international school having around 70 children with special educational needs with different kinds of special needs. We have children with reading difficulties, children with attention deficit and hyperactivity, children in the autism spectrum disorder, and children with intellectual impairment. To cater to the different needs of these children, we provide occupational therapy, speech therapy, special education, cognitive therapy, behavior modification, and counseling with the help of 26 trained professionals. We are committed to creating a world where people with disabilities are fully included in all aspects of life – in the classroom and in our communities. It will be dedicated to catering to the needs of the children who need a little support and attention to pave their path towards the right to be educated as equals to envision a common future." She said. Dr. Sanjay Suar, Principal proposed the vote of thanks

for sale size to Rs 4,400 crore from Rs 5,249 crore. This changed the total IPO size to Rs 6,400 crore instead of Rs 7,249 crore.

"Star Health Insurance IPO which is one of the big brands backed by big-name got a very poor response from all categories of investors especially QIB (qualified institutional buyer) because they didn't show any interest because of expensive valuations, therefore, we are seeing a poor listing," said Santosh Meena, Head of Research, Swastika Investmart.

Sri Sri Thakur Satsang Organized

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Binayak Mohapatra, Prati Ritwik and Assistant Secretary of Satsang, Deoghar who spoke on the importance of having an Ideal centric life with attachment to Sadguru in one's life. "As much intense and vigorous our attachment to the Living Ideal and the adjusted behavior one acquires, so much is the utility of life as human being one can experience", said Sri Mohapatra.

He also said "As we move on the path of Guru Centric or Ideal centric life, we acquire all-round efficiency and maturity and we can master the inherent complexes that hinder our progress and in the process we move forward in an ever progressing path and life becomes meaningful".

The concluding speaker was Sri Bhajan Kumar Roy, Sahapatri Riwik, Satsang who spoke about love towards Guru or the Living Ideal and how it helps us in enjoying a blissful life.

The program was compered by Sri Jayant Dipte, Saha Prati Riwik, Satsang.

Sri Krupanidhi Biswal, Saha Prati Riwik, Satsang coordinated the entire program, which was attended by large number of devotees of Sri Sri Thakur Anukulchandra.

New India believes in solving problems, not avoiding them: PM Modi

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It is to be noted that the enhanced deposit insurance cover of Rs 5 lakh is effective from February 4, 2020.

The increase was done after a gap of 27 years as it has been static since 1993.

Observing that banks play a major role in the prosperity of the country, Modi said, for the prosperity of the banks, it is equally important for the depositors' money to be safe.

"If we want to save the bank, then depositors have to be protected," he said.

Over the years, by merging many small public sector banks with large banks, their capacity, capability and transparency have been strengthened in every way, Modi emphasised. When RBI monitors co-operative banks, it increases the confidence of the common depositor in them, he said while talking about another legislation that brought cooperative banks under the control of the central bank.

The Prime Minister said the problem was not only about the bank account, but also about the delivery of banking services to the remotest villages in the past.

Today, in almost every village of the country, the facility of a bank branch or a banking correspondent has reached within a radius of 5 km, he said, adding, the common citizen of India is able to do even the smallest transactions digitally anytime, anywhere, 24 hours a day.

Stressing that there are many such reforms that have helped India's banking system run smoothly even in the biggest calamity in 100 years, Modi said, "when even the developed countries of the world were struggling to provide help to their citizens, India provided direct help to almost every section of the country at a fast pace."

He said that measures initiated in the last few years have taken the facilities like insurance, bank loans and financial empowerment to a large underserved segment of the poor, women, street vendors and small farmers.

Pointing that banking had not reached women of the country in a significant way earlier, the Prime Minister said this was taken as a priority by his government.

Of the crores of bank accounts opened under Jan Dhan Yojana, more than half belong to women, he said.

"The effect these bank accounts have on the economic empowerment of women, we have also seen in the recent National Family Health Survey."

Odisha Congress to move NHRC over lathicharge on NSUI activists



BHUBANESWAR: Condemning the police lathicharge on NSUI activists, the Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) on Saturday announced that the party will move the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) over the issue. Addressing a media conference here, OPCC president Niranjana Patnaik and leader of the Congress Legislature Party (CLP)

Narasingha Mishra said that the charge that NSUI activists tried to set on fire a police vehicle is completely false and imaginary. This is a story made by the police to cover up the brutal action against the demonstrators, they added. The party workers will gherao SP offices throughout the State on December 14 protesting the lathicharge and demanding justice in the Mamita Meher

case. Mishra demanded a judicial probe into the incident. "No one has given the police the authority to exercise such power on the public", he said. Either the police do not know the law or are engaging in illegal work under pressure from the government, he added. Stating that law allows for use of minimum force on the unruly crowd, Mishra alleged that police

barged into the party office and brutally assaulted the workers. In a democratic setup, police have no right to enter into the office of a recognised political party unless deadly criminals have taken shelter there, he added. Mishra said that attempts were made to break the doors of the Congress Bhawan where workers had taken shelter

BJP members protest House adjournment, meet Odisha Governor

BHUBANESWAR: BJP legislators on Saturday called on Governor Ganeshi Lal to protest the decision of Speaker Surjya Narayan Patro to adjourn the winter session of the Assembly sine die, 29 days ahead of schedule and the prolonged absence of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik from the House. A delegation of the party's legislators met the Governor at Raj Bhawan here and complained against the Speaker for allegedly perpetrating a constitutional crisis by shortening the length of the Assembly sessions without taking the members into confidence. Terming Patro's decision to adjourn the winter session sine die as 'undemocratic' and 'unconstitutional', the BJP lawmakers alleged that the former is not running the House in an impartial manner. As per Article 174 of the Constitution, the Assembly should meet for at least 60 working days over three sessions in a calendar year to discuss matters of public interest. But the 16th Assembly has been deviating from the rules of procedure and conduct of business for the last three years, the BJP MLAs said. The party's memorandum stated that the Assembly had conducted business for only 112 working days against the stipulated 180. It was disappointing that all the sessions of

the Assembly were terminated ahead of schedule without consulting the Opposition. What is more disappointing is the Chief Minister's absence in the Assembly for the last two years, it read. "The Chief Minister is travelling across Odisha and attending various programmes including the recently concluded Men's Junior Hockey World Cup but skipping the As-



sembly at a time when the Opposition wants his reply on the deteriorating law and order situation in the State and the Mamita Meher murder case," said deputy leader of Opposition Bishnu Sethi. After venting their grievances against the Chief Minister and the Speaker for running the Assembly in an undemocratic manner, the saffron party's legislators visited Sri Jagannath temple, Puri, and prayed to Lord Jagannath to "infuse better sense in the Chief Minister and protect the women and children of the State from the evil administration of the BJD government."

Serie A: Juventus' domestic woes continue in 1-1 draw at Venezia

MILAN: Juventus' domestic problems deepened as it was held at relegation-threatened Venezia to 1-1 in Serie A. Mattia Aramu scored in the second half for Venezia on Saturday to cancel out Alvaro Morata's opener.

Allegri has said he and his players are not being distracted by that. "We played well in the first half, applying ourselves tactically, creating several chances and also finding the goal. At the beginning of the

second half, however, we had a blackout," Allegri said. "I'm disappointed." "We cannot return to Turin satisfied this evening because we have lost two more points on the road." The Bianconeri were six points below fourth-placed Atalanta, which had a game in hand. Venezia inched six points above the drop zone after ending a run of three straight losses with a signifi-

cant result for the promoted side. It conceded eight goals in its past two matches and let slip a three-goal lead to lose 4-3 against Hellas Verona last weekend. "The team responded to a difficult moment, we were coming off a



It was the young left back's first assist for Juventus. However, Juventus sat back too much and Venezia leveled 10 minutes into the second half as the Bianconeri failed to clear danger on the edge of the area and

hefty defeat and we responded as a team," Venezia coach Paolo Zanetti said. "This is a golden point." Juventus started well in Venice but took an early blow when forward Paulo Dybala limped off injured in the 12th minute. It took a deserved lead in the 32nd minute when Luca Pellegrini crossed in from the left for Morata to flick in at the near post.

the ball came through to Aramu, who fired into the bottom left corner. Venezia almost turned the match around completely five minutes later but Thomas Henry's effort went just past the left post. Venezia goalkeeper Sergio Romero performed heroic moments later with a fantastic save to keep out an attempt by Federico Bernardeschi from close range.

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