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In view of rising cybercrime cases, Minister Chief Naveen Patnaik on Tuesday announced to set up 11 new police stations to deal with cybercrime and economic offence cases across the State. Cybercrime is very much involved in bank transactions and complex digital transactions. Therefore, special knowledge and skills are required to properly investigate and control these crimes. Therefore, the State government took this decision to

Bhubaneswar(KCN): lice stations in differ- neswar, Keonjhar, At present, three such ent parts of the State, Angul, Balasore, police stations are



he said. The new police stations will be set up at open 11 special po- Cuttack, Bhuba-

Mayurbhanj, Puri, there at Sambalpur, Koraput, Bhawa-Rourkela and nipatna, Balangir and Berhampur. These

# 11 New Cyber Police Stations; CM PM Modi asks CMs of BJP-ruled states to follow 'Kashi model' of development

LUCKNOW(KCN): On Day-2 of his eventful visit to Varanasi, his parliamentary constituency, on Tuesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi held brainstorming sessions with 12 chief ministers of BJPruled states and advised them to follow the 'Kashi model of development' and replicate it in their respective states. The PM also imparted "victory mantra" to party leaders ahead of

from Bhubaneswar

Aparajita Sarangi on

Monday raised the is-

sue of unemployment

the 2022 Assembly polls in separate states and take steps meetings. PM Modi asked the

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to give a push to spiritual and religious CMs to spread the tourism by developing the ancient cities word about the devel-

Ayodhya in their CMs were asked to focus on providing all the modern facilities to the tourists while keeping the antique essence of the cities



opment of Kashi and in their states. The

intact. continued on: P-7

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Sonia Gandhi meets Opposition leaders on joint strategy in Parliament, no invite to Mamata's TMC

Kandhamal.

NEW DELHI(KCN): Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Tuesday met a group of opposition leaders and held consultations with



suspension of 12 Rajya Sabha MPs and are holding protests, seeking the revocation of their suspensions.

Raut and Baalu-- respectively.

merely a building and a museum.

Earlier in the day, opposition MPs in both Lok

Sabha and Rajya Sabha held a protest march

from the Gandhi statue in the Parliament com-

plex to Vijay Chowk with Rahul Gandhi al-

leging that the Opposition is not being allowed

to raise issues in Parliament, which is now

"Wherever the Opposition is trying to raise

issues, they are suppressed. The government

does not allow us to raise issues. This is the

murder of democracy. We want to raise issues

against the government, but we are not al-

Former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi and leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge were also part of Tuesday's meeting. According to sources, Sonia Gandhi had invited Uddhav

Thackeray and DMK chief MK Stalin. Both

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): one particular politi-BJP Lok Sabha MP

cal party has been in power in the State for last two decades, Odisha is the poorest the All-India debt and in the country in **Investment Survey** 

increase employment opportunities in the State.

She pointed out that

whopping 46.4 per cent of cultivator households which is a matter of utmost concern," she said. Sarangi also men-



them to evolve a joint strategy in Parliament, sources said.

NCP supremo Sharad Pawar, J&K National Conference patron Farooq Abdullah, Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut and DMK leader T R Baalu were among the leaders who met Gandhi at her 10, Janpath residence.

Mamata Banerjee's Trinamool Congress, which is at loggerheads with the Congress, was not invited, sources said.

Sources said more such meetings would be held in the next few days, in a bid to bring all opposition forces together.

Opposition parties have been protesting the

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### lowed to do so," he told reporters. **Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik launches smart health cards in Cuttack**

CUTTACK (KCN) : Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Tuesday launched the distribution of smart health cards under Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY) in Cuttack district.

Speaking at the event held at Upper Baliyatra ground, the Chief Minister said around 18 lakh people in 14 blocks and four urban local bodies (ULBs) will benefit from the health scheme in the district.

Stating that efforts are on to develop SCB Medical College and Hospital into an 'AIIMS Plus' institute, the Chief Minister said the premier sat on a symbolic hospital would prove dharna in front of the to be a milestone in Mahatma Gandhi country's statue at Purighat to the healthcare sector. He oppose the Chief also announced that Minister's visit. "It is the Biswanath Pandit unfortunate that in-



Library, stead of remaining present in the Assemwhich was demolbly, the Chief Minisished to pave way for ter is touring different a bus terminal at areas of the State. It Khannagar, would be re-established near is not only disrespect Puri-Angul bus stand and deception but as a modern library. also an insult to the Meanwhile, Cuttack-House which is a MLA temple of hopes and Mohammad Moquim aspirations of 4.5

crore people of Odisha," he said. As many as 31 BJP workers were also arrested near Buxi Bazaar while protesting the Chief Minister's visit. They were later released.

Distribution of BSKY smart health card was also launched in Khurda district including the State Capital on the day. Around 14 lakh people will be benefited from the scheme in the district. The Chief Minister also announced projects worth Rs 1,000 crore for Khurda district.

and debt burden of households in Odisha in the Parliament. She urged the Speaker to direct Centre to seek a report from State government in this regard.

Sarangi said even as the debt burden and

terms of average asset value of rural households. The Parliamentarian sought to know the plan of action the Odisha government has put in place to decrease

Report released recently by the National Statistical Office, has revealed that Odisha is the poorest State as far as average asset value per household is concerned.

tioned that as per the Centre for Monitoring for Indian Economy, unemployment rate in Odisha is 23.5 per cent which is much higher than the national average.

"This includes a

## **Director General, CRPF,** facilitates families of Martyrs

Imphal (KCN): Shri Camp, Langjing, Kuldiep Singh, IPS, Director General, CRPF, along with

Imphal and discussed about Contemporary operational situation

visit, he took salute at the Quarter Guard, felicitated the families of martyrs



Shri Sanjeev Ranjan Ojha, IPS, Additional Director General, North East Zone and Shri Nalin Prabhat, IPS, Inspector General (Operation), Directorate, visited Group Centre, CRPF of the Manipur & Nagaland State and preparedness of the force for forthcoming Assembly Election with the officers of the IG, M&N, Sector & Commandants of the Units. During his

and inquired about the progress of welfare schemes for the force personnel and their families. He visited Group Centre, Campus and inspected Composite Hospital. DG also

addressed the force personnel about their duties in the Sainik Sammelan and asked problems of Officers, SOs and Jawans. Shri M.S. Shekhawat, Inspector General, Manipur & Nagaland Sector welcomed the Director General. Shri Madan Kumar, Dy. Inspector General, Group Centre, CRPF, Imphal Langjing proposed vote of thanks. Social distancing was also maintained by all the officers, Subordinate Officers, jawans in all programmes to avoid Covid-19 the Pandemic during visit.

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# METRO CITY

## **GSB** Group bags Project Management mandate for Thakur **Anukul Chandra Satsang Mission Sadhanpith Projects**

Kolkata (KCN): Management and Business Consultancy Firm GSB Group has got the Project Management Mandate for

Management Conwell as serve the people of the region. sultant of the Trust. GSB Group has re-With our vast expercently kicked off the tise in the field, Team Project Management GSB will leave no stone unturned, is activity with the Foundation Stone working in associa-

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various development Projects by Thakur Chandra Anukul Satsang Mission Sadhanpith in the Birbhum Region of West Bengal. Thakur Anukul Chandra Satsang Mission Sadhanpith is a Charitable Trust formed by Sri Bibhas Chandra Adhikari, a disciple of Sree Sree Thakur Anukul Chandra.

Thakur Anukul Chandra Satsang Mission Sadhanpith has appointed GSB Group to work on its Rs. 1000cr initiatives spread across 200 acres. GSB Ecosystem, a part of GSB Group, will be heading the Brand's Project Management Campaign under Mr. Satsang Mission Medical College, Hospital & Cancer Research Institute at Haripur Dham, Chandrapur, Suri, Birbhum. Satsang Mission Medical College, Hospital & Cancer Research Institute is expected to be completed in the next 3 years followed by other Projects.

Sri Gourab Kumar Sarkar, Founder-GSB Group, said, "We are really proud and excited to get associated with Sri Bibhas Chandra Adhikari Ji, Chairperson, Thakur Anukul Chandra Satsang Mission Sadhanpith. This also gives us an opportunity to be a part of a big development ini-

Laying Ceremony of tion with the Trust to bring development in the region and support the society in every possible way." Sri Gourab Kumar Sarkar added, "The vision of the Group is to strengthen the Trust to bring development in the region and build Healthcare and Education System and make Birbhum a Tourism Hub. It will not only give people access to quality

healthcare for all but will also help them to have better education. To ensure this, Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony of several other development projects like Tapaban Vidyalaya, Rishi Sandilya University, Purosattam

Chain, Satsang Mission Krishi Vigyan Kendra were initiated at the Dham." The other Projects

> are: Shree Shree Thakur Anukul Chandra Tapaban Vidyalaya (Children)- Bengali & English Medium, Shree Shree Thakur Anukul Chandra Tapaban Vidyalaya for Secondary & Senior Secondary (English Medium), Rishi Sandilya University, Shree Mandir – Dr. Pachetaranjan Chakrabarty, Mata Manmohini Adhhatik Abash - Guest House, Puroshttam Ayurveda Launch, App Website Launch of Purosattam Pharma & Retail Chain, Satsang Mission Krishi Bigyan Kendra, Satsang Mission Gosala and OPD & Telemedicine. The Projects will not only help the people to get the best Medical Services and Education in Birbhum, but will also become the Cultural and Social Hub of the Region. It aims to give better treatment to the rural people in the area which not only comprises people from Birbhum, West Bengal but also people from adjoining state

### Shradhanjali to CDS general Bipin Rawat by Utkal Vikash Parisad

Sadar Cuttack crash in Tamil Nadu. (KCN): Leading The UVP president social organisation Er.Prakash Chand



of Cuttack Sadar Utkal Vikash Parisad(UVP) observed candle shobha yatra at Kandarpur as sradhanjali to CDS Bipin Rawat(63), his wife and other Air force team in the

Sethi has expressed deep grief over the untimely death of India's first Chief of defence staff General Bipin Rawat and team. The team UVP performed a candle sobha yatra with tribute to detragic helicopter parted souls.

### Panchayat polls to be announced very soon: Odisha Election Commission

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): As the preparation for the panchayat polls is almost over, the State Election Commission (SEC) on Monday said that the dates will be announced very soon. The polls will likely be announced in the last week of this month and held in February next year. Elections will have to be held by March, 2022, as the term of all the Panchayati Raj

institutions will be over by that time. The SEC said that the final voters' list will be published on December 16. Polling will be held with party symbols for 853 zilla parishads. Elections in 91,916 wards and 6,794 panchayats will be conducted on nonparty basis. The Commission said additional ballot boxes are being procured from neighbouring states as elections will be held by adhering to COVID-19 guidelines. For the first time, central counting will be done for the panchayat elections. Earlier, counting was done at the polling booths. Reservation of seats at the ward, panchayat and ZP levels has already been finalised and published. Besides, the SEC has raised the expenditure limit for candidates contesting the elections. However, the Opposition BJP and Congress

have criticised the State government over the reservation of seats which they allege has many discrepancies. Alleging that the reservation of seats has been done to favour the ruling BJD, the Opposition has demanded that it should be scrapped.

# Azim Premji University announces admissions for Postgraduate Programmes 2022

Kolkata(KCN): Azim Premji University, Bangalore, announces admissions to its full-time Postgraduate programmes based in Bengaluru.

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## S. Banerjee, Project tiative in Birbhum as Pharma & Retail Jharkhand. **SER** observes national energy conservation week

Kolkata (KCN): The National Energy Conservation Week has been observed at South Eastern Railway (SER) Headquarters, Garden Reach from December 8 to 14, 2021. This has been observed to make the Railway employees aware of the importance of Energy Conservation.

To make this programme effective, banners and posters have been put up at railway premises to create awareness about the necessity of reducing electricity consumption. Seminars and counselings have been made at railway colonies to make people conversant with various ways and means of energy saving.

This approach to energy conservation includes LEDification of all railway service buildings, quarters, street lights in railway areas etc. to reduce power consumption.

Special focus was given to save energy in domestic appliances i.e. use of LED Bulb of 5, 7 & 9 Watt as per location in place of incandescent lamp or CFL, use of LED Tube light of 18 watt in place of 40 watt, use of five star rated ceiling fan, refrigerator, LED TV, geyser, Inverter, AC etc. Energy efficient micro ovens and induction ovens have been suggested to the colony people.

The total programme has been initiated by the Electrical Department under able guidance of Sri Ishaq Khan, Principal Chief Electrical Engineer.

## New DG, Eastern Zone, **Ministry of I&B Joins Today**

the



Kolkata(KCN): Shri Bhupendra Kainthola an Indian Information Service (IIS) officer of Batch of 1989 has assumed the charge of Director General (Eastern Zone), Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, at the office of PIB Kolkata today. Prior this, to Shri Kainthola was the Director Film and **Television Institute** of India (FTII), Pune.

Shri Kainthola has previously worked at Press Information Bureau, Chandigarh and also as the Additional Director General (News) at Doordarshan News, Delhi. He has also worked in Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP), Directorate of Film Festivals (as Director, National Film Awards and Indian Panorama) and Lok Sabha TV (now Sansad TV).

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sity has an explicit commitment towards supporting economically disadvantaged students. The University provides extensive need-based scholarships, based on the family income of the students ulty Team: A team of (100%, 75%, 50%, and 25%) on tuition, accommodation and food. Anyone with an

annual income less than 7 lakhs can apply for scholarship. The University also offers 50% tuition fee waiver for candidates with minimum 3 years' experience after graduation for all 2-year PG programmes. Anurag Gupta, Di-

rector - Student Affairs, Azim Premji University said, "In a developing country like India, there is an immense need to systematically and formally train and edu-

graduate programmes in Education, Development, Economics, Public Policy and Law. Our endeavour is to produce competent, committed and motivated professionals for the Social Sector who will then go on to make a big difference to the Indian society."

Students can apply online on the University website (www.azimpemjuniversityeduin). Applicants will be selected based on a written test and personal interview for shortlisted students. Candidates with minimum 2 years' experience after graduation will be given a chance to go through the early round of admission for M.A. Education, Development and Public Policy & Governance programmes.



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The highly anticipated trailer of Priyadarshan's the 'Marakkar: Arabikkadalinte Simham' will be launched by sion. Mohanlal and Akshay Kumar on March 6 on their Facebook and Twitter about others in

pages at 5 pm. While Mohanlal will launch Malayalam trailer, Akshay will release the Hindi ver-ALSO READ |

is 'Marakkar', but what

Priyardarshan's starstudded period drama? Ever since the first

footage was shown at the Aashirvad event a few months ago, followed by the launch of the teasers, film buffs have been wait-

ing to take a look at a elaborate more trailer. The film's promotions are going on in full swing and the makers recently the Tamil poster featuring, in addition to Mohanlal, Manju Warrier, Keerthy Suniel

Suresh, Arjun Sarja, and Prabhu.

Marakkar is set to have a grand release on around 5000 screens worldwide on March 26. The big-budget period epic also stars

Pranav Mohanlal, Kalyani Priyadarshan, Fazil, and Madhu among others.It is bankrolled by Aashirvad Cinemas, Confident Group, and Moonshot En-Shetty, tertainments.

Kajol's short film 'Devi' hit with plagiarism allegation



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**MUMBAI(KCN):** Directed by Priyanka An ex-student has ac-Banerjee, the short is cused the makers of produced by Niranjan Kajol-starrer "Devi" Iyengar and Ryan of plagiarising his Ivan Stephen.

short film "Four".

stories of abuse.

In a Facebook post, The film depicts how Abhishek Rai alleged nine women belongthe movie has "heavy ing to different strata resemblance" with of society are brought his own short film, together by circumwhich he wrote and stance and end up directed in 2018. forming a sisterhood ALSO READ | Devi after they share their short film review: 13 minutes, nine women

and one stark reality "Here's something I'd like to bring to everybody's notice. We at AndaKurry Productions, made a short film when we were in film school, two years back called 'FOUR' that dealt with a premise of rape victims sitting together in a room when a new victim arrives. And yester-

day, a film named 'Devi' was uploaded to LargeShortFilms's YouTube channel that has heavy resemblance and the premise is also of the film we made," Rai said.

Here is the short film 'FOUR' by AndaKurry Productions:

He said it is "ruthless" on the part of "Devi" makers to claim his work as theirs.

"Our film was a student (film) with very little production design, bad audio and stuff, but still it's a child of our own imagination and it's ruthless how anyone can just pick up a piece of thought and claim it to be theirs." The film is an intellectual property of

Film & Television. No one has contacted him regarding any kind of query. Now, I have not been contacted by large short films or the makers of the film regarding any kind of query," he claimed. The makers of "Devi" remained unavailable for comment when contacted.

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## ply Theory of Reasoned Action (TRA) to Measure Information & Knowledge Management Efficiency

Information Management is a highly conceptualized notion that needs to be aligning with Organization's vision & business



objectives to drive the business value transformation both present & for future. Information The Management team must have to widen the IM service platform & it's own professional capacity to keep in "Mind" & A new

"Mindset" that "INFORMATION SHOULD FIND PEOPLE". The Information Management practices must have to ensure delivery of accelerated business value and draw Cocreational as well as Co-relational effective measured metrics between "Real-Time Vs Real-Value", with reflection to Users On-demand in Mind, possible only by means of adopting an Information seeking behavioural Analysis. They should adopt the principle of "Scale Fast" & "Think Big" tactic to understand the users perceptions (What they Want?, How they Want? & What you are going to give them?). Now it is high priority and decisive requirement for Information Management team to understand the need for integrated semantic solutions and will allow Information seekers "Freedom of Access" & "Freedom of Sharing"

The Findings of some Research Organization have already indicated that. "Effective Information Management in the Organization starts at Top. But most of Organization's Information Management starts with Grassroots approaches that add to the problem of Information Silos".

This is because underprivileged knowledge in IM Context Topology & IM Taxonomy building and there is lack in sincerity in IM approaches or less awareness on probability of targeted Return on Investment to IM team. Information Management team must understand (What Need to Do it right?) and to get completely real value through Information Quantification and Correlation analysis. Simultaneously, IM team should be careful on the negative effects of "Cost of Not finding right Information", may it collapse the IM journey in midway.

It is indispensible now for Information Management team to work hard to understand many aspects of Human behaviours & endeavour in its quest to alleviate so called ignorance through different intellectual Information Services. There is need to covers & crosses all business functions, only to address the themes of phenomenal prospective of Information users behaviours & future development. The value of Information is directly

change in users' behaviour. The organization may possess a single kernel of Information upon which its entire future rests, but if those "Who seek it?" can't find it, the golden nugget is worthless. It is now clear that Information Management has to think how to maximize the IM impact value from individual centric to organization centric. There is call for to avoid redo parts of either- or worse, must act "Scale Fast" way, and learn, adapt technologies after analyzing users' behaviours. Information Management team have to convert the user centric "Relationships" into "Associations" with meaning, that to overcome the challenges to meet the scalability required human captured approaches. High essential for IM team to engage themselves for

proportionate to its

- these roles time to time... Facilitator for repurposing Information 1. Services through innovation & technology integration.
- Build intelligent relationships with Business 2. functions.
- Scheduling & Simplification of Information 3. Management lifecycle.
- Disclosure of Information Security 4. measures to stake holders in regular manner. The Role based Information Management is an essential ingredient in best practices used in any organization. Why? Because it is essential to Human excellence in decision making, which is necessarily required to handle planned & unplanned outages of the organization? Information Management and IM systems support human excellence in decision making. They are best deployed as part of a comprehensive assert life cycle Information Management Strategy & IM asset Systems. There is need to eliminate Information Gaps & oversights that result in costly field changes and get the result of cost viable systems. Information Services must be in context, provided by a system that likes & present interrelated information and managed throughout the evolving lifecycle of IM facility adopted by the organization. The imposed IM methodology required corrective action processes, strictly disciplined manner "As Designed", "As Built" & "As Maintained". The Changes need to be synchronized & that empowers users.

Making information available across Organizational boundaries encompasses nontrivial challenges. But, there has been little evaluation of efforts or identification of State-Of-the Art practices. Information Management team need to analyze the situation & in-depth analysis to users perceptions by asking themselves "To What Degree Information Services needed for execution of their Work?. There is also call for in-depth analysis on crossapplication sharing of information & its

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It is high prerogative for Information Management team to revolutionize Information concept both theory & practices by redefining it for years to come...in proper judgemental way & make sure that Information Management playing pivotal role in organizations business decisions. While the transition of "Do Not" & "Will Not" start its reflective attitude, IM team will have to careful to decisive factors of change and start measuring the impact of changes or different behaviour patterns on part of the techno savvy workforce of the organizations. To achieve success Information Management team will have re modify its strategy and focus on these vital aspects.

upcoming benefits.

- HARMONIZE 1. **IM-CONTEXT TOPOLOGY:** It is a must to do concept to harmonize IM context topology and enrich it in lien of concept extraction methodology through co-relational approach. No doubt, there are so many challenges will erupt to manage the complexity, security & Sources, but IM as to meet users' expectations. It is viable and also possible by providing strong application support to information applications and by proper IM TAXONOMY = (IM Architecture +Applications + Usability).
- 2. **CONCEPTUALIZE IM MATURITY MODEL**: Information Management team should conceptualize IM maturity model by accommodating Likes & Dislikes of users by analyzing information seeking behaviours sincerely. IM has to prevent all analytical methods to know the root causes of relationship damaging problems? And must prevent the time-wasting efforts to improve Information Management Service GAP.
- 3. **Redefine & Correlate disparate Silos of IM Processes**: It is essential for IM team to re-define and correlate disparate silos of information management practices and measure the business value impact of users, quickly seize opportunities, solve critical challenges, fulfil and draw a parallel line between IM strategic vision with Organizations vision before IM lost its charm. Need for maximization of user loyalty and conceptualized IM road map focus based on 360 degree view of users and users sentiments.
- 4. **INFORMATION ANALYSIS:** A skilful use of Information & users requirement analysis by effective combination of quantitative techniques will give more comprehensive understanding of users'

visibility as visibility always holds the key to service improvements, capability of response and analytical ability of normal and abnormal behaviour of Information seekers. There is need of detection of vulnerabilities, compromise indicators & malicious actors to prevent external/internal security threats. In this way the shortcomings of command and control management will become even more apparent.

SENSITIVITY TO SITUATION: Information Management team should ensure that IM services are compatibility forward "Sensitivity to Users" and IM team must have "Skills in dealing with People"., manage People, Manipulate & Sense of What's in Users Mind. Besides, Information Services should also "Sensitivity to Situations" and IM team will follow the principle of "Tolerance of Varied Views" by enhancing IM service capability. In other way improve command system is to use time (Speed) to provide a competitive edge. Bring new IM products out on time and develop ability to understand "Sense of Urgency". When sense of urgency will spread right through the organization it can make substantial differences both in effectiveness and efficiency and develop trustworthiness also. Users will look for the further IM for necessary. A Sense of Urgency is a useful ingredient in a "Things Happen" culture.

Information Management failures lead to human errors that can result direct consequence for the Organizations. The Catastrophic events are almost always intensified by domino effects that could have been prevented as catastrophic events are often the direct result of flawed decision making.

In addition, Users must trust the Information they have is accurate enough to use in their decision making. Thus, an efficient interface of Man & Machine is important not only to prevent human errors but also to assist in coping with unforeseen events of Information Management practices.

Ensure that IM efficiency Interface is Accurate & Accessible Anywhere at Any Time and resulting user effectiveness (> 80%) Vs IM Service Average Integrity (> 93 %).

So, keep track and measure the development cost & cycle time of Information Management projects and follow the principle of less "Time Cooking, more Time Doing". If Your IM strategic adopting the principles of Round, Round Zero Effect, must be warned/replace without second thought because its your Effort, Money, Efficiency & Sincerity in stake.

Author : Founder Member & Head - Training, Corporate Relation & Digitization Head - Training,

behaviour. Information Management team must implied the Information Service Grindmill Singing: A grassroots feminist oral tradition

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A typical household in rural India epitomizes gender disparity: the man as the breadwinner of his family gets ample respect and honour, whereas the woman who is up at the crack of dawn, toiling long hours at the hearth and putting the house in order merits no such validation. A duty-bound daughter, wife or mother, she resignedly performs her chores. The only time she breaks her silence is while at the mill,

grinding wheat, jowar, or bajra (millets) and crooning a tune or two that manifest as fervent monologues on the hardships of life.

These songs help forge a bond with other women who join the miller in questioning gender roles, oppressive power structures,

class, caste and communal divide, and the shifting dynamics in personal ties. Songs of the soil

The tradition of grind mill singing in India is unique because of its 'female-only' association. Women from across the Indian subcontinent have been composing and belting out songs for centuries as work on fields, while cleaning their homes, cooking or lulling their children to sleep.

"Grindmill singing is not performance art but a collection of work songs that highlight conditions of abject poverty, adverse living and

the trials and tribulations that are exclusive to womenfolk.

#### **Aindrisha Mitra**

These are songs about their sorrows, grief, joy and honour-a means to intimate self-expression," says Namita Waikar, the team lead of Grindmill Songs Project by The People's Archive of Rural India (PARI)

Evidence of similar oral traditions has been



found in the ceremonial and social music of the Navajo tribe in South-west America and in parts of Africa where men and women both sang during cornmeal grinding.

Women from parts of Maharashtra sing the grindmill songs in Ovi couplets also known as Jatyavarchi Ovi in Marathi where jate means the grindmill and Ovi means 'stringing together of words'.

Some of the songs explore the relationship between women and nature. Themes such as the effect of a torrential downpour on crops, how bountiful harvests can turn fates, and monsoon pilgrimage to temple towns abound such a collec-

tion. The extensive use of metaphors in these songs picked from personal anecdotes show exemplary literary command even as most women have no formal education.

Besides masterful storytelling on various challenging facets of subaltern living, the teachings of politician and social reformer, Bhim Rao Ambedkar, forms a key highlight which inspire these marginalized women to rise above patriarchy and claim their rights. Ambedkar's message on caste annihilation lends a distinct political character to these songs which revolve around Dalit lives, their struggles and the discrimination they face on a daily basis. His feminist ideology seeks to mobilize these women beyond domestic entities and give them a sense of agency, autonomy and a means for a dignified living. walls-of-grindmill-singer-kusum-sonawanefeaturing-b\_112221114526.jpg

Wall of grindmill singer Kusum Sonawane featuring a poster image of B.R. Ambedkar. Pic Credit- Sinchita Maji. Source: PARI website

Lilabai Shinde of Lawarde village in Pune who takes refuge in the reforms of Ambedkar affectionately refers to him as Bhim, Bhimbaba, Bhimraya or Babasaheb while singing an ovi as she revels in the pride of his achievements. "Bhimbaba died-but who says he is dead?" she asserts as the womenfolk keep him alive in memory and their humble tributes.

With Dalit representation largely missing from mainstream narratives of life and literature, the grindmill songs corpus highlighting the plight and ordeals of many such minority women becomes a powerful testimonial to their lived experiences and realities which motivates discussions around the deep-rooted caste prejudice across sections of the society and mark dissent against the suppression of critical voices.

#### Saga of the unsung

Mythology and Art are also recurring themes in these songs as women identify themselves with the fabled female characters. Sita from Ramayana is one such example who after returning from Lanka had been exiled to live in the forest by her husband Lord Ram where only thorny jujube and acacia trees kept her company as she grieved. Feeling similarly mistreated by their partners and forsaken in marriages, they empathize profusely with Sita's plight, their songs contain consolation and support for her, especially when she is subjected to the test of fire, also known as Agnipariksha, to prove her chastity.

The anguish of Rukmini, the principal wife and queen of the god Krishna also worshipped in rural villages as Vitthal, at the presence of his consorts resonates deeply with the women who are abandoned by their husbands for not bearing them a son. Much to the embarrassment and agony of these women, some of these men even remarry or settle down with other women. "'I have a double", one of the singers told Waikar referring to her husband's second spouse. (To be continued)



# Mowing down farmers in Lakhimpur Kheri a 'well-planned conspiracy': SIT

LUCKNOW: In a major development, almost two and a half months after the incident of violence which rocked Lakhimpur Kheri, the sugar bowl of Uttar Pradesh, claiming eight lives, including four farmers and a local journalist,

the Special Investigation Team (SIT) has concluded that the incident was 'preplanned' and not an act of negligence and accident.

Ashish Mishra, the son of Union Minister of State for Home, Ajay Mishra 'Teni', is

the key accused in the case along with 13 others. Moreover, the SIT has also sought to add sev-

eral sections of IPC pertaining to the attempt to murder and other charges against all the 14 accused in the case. The SIT has added Section 302 (murder), 307 (attempt to murder), 326 (voluntarily causing grievous hurt by dangerous weapons or means) and 34 (Acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention). The accused were pre-

## Pakistan issues 112 visas to Indian pilgrims



NEW DELHI: The Pakistan high commission on Tuesday said it has issued 112 visas to Indian pilgrims to visit Shree Katas Raj temples in Punjab province's Chakwal district.

It said the group will visit the Katas Raj temples, also known as Qila Katas or complex of Katas temples from December 17 to 23.

"Today, the high commission for Pakistan in India issued 112 visas to Indian Hindu pilgrims for col. their visit to a promi-"The visit is covered nent Hindu temple in under the Pakistan-Punjab, Pakistan, " India protocol on visthe high commission its to religious shrines, 1974," the said in a statement. high commission Under the framework said. Two weeks ago, of a bilateral protocol on visits to religious Pakistan had issued shrines, Sikh and 136 visas to Indian

Hindu pilgrims from

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every year. in Pakistan. Pakistani pilgrims "The high commisalso visit India every year under the proto-

pilgrims for visits to

sion wishes a spiritually rewarding pilgrimage to Hindu pilgrims visiting Pakistan," the high commission said.

"Pakistan remains committed to preserving sacred religious sites and extending all possible assistance to the visiting pilgrims of all India visit Pakistan various religious sites faiths," it said.

sented in court on Tuesday. Senior Pub-Prosecutor, lic Lakhimpur Kheri, S P Yadav said the SIT requested the court that besides IPC Sections 307, 326, 34, Sections 3, 25 and 30 of the Arms Act should also be invoked against all 13, in addition to the charges mentioned in the FIR (of murder and

criminal conspiracy, among others). The court is yet to decide on the SIT's application.

The SIT also urged the court to drop three IPC Sections against the accused, including 279 (for rash driving), 338 (causing grievous hurt by acts endangering life or personal safety of others) and 304 Å (death by negligence).

The Chief Investigating Officer (IO) of Vidyaram SIT, Diwakar submitted the probe report in the court and claimed that it was not a case of accidental death while driving negligently. "There is a case of conspiracy to crush the mob, murder and

attempt to murder as per a well-thought-out conspiracy," said the IO in the report.

ALSO READ | Farm protests: From Republic Day violence to Lakhimpur Kheri, it was controversies galore However, the Supreme Court had also taken cognizance of the matter and had directed the Special Investigation Team to complete the investigation expeditiously. The Supreme Court had appointed retired Punjab and Haryana High Court judge, Justice Rakesh Kumar Jain, to monitor the probe into the incident. The bench headed by Chief Justice NV Ramana had upgraded the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the case by incorporating three IPS officers — SB Shiradkar, Padmaja Chauhan and Preetinder Singh, who all do not belong to UP Cadre — "to preserve the faith and trust of people in the criminal administration of the justice system". It may be recalled that

on October 3, four farmers were mowed down by an SUV Thar Mahindra being allegedly driven by Ashish Mishra when he ploughed into a crowd of protesting farmers

under Tikunia police

station in Lakhimpur

Kheri. The farmers

against the scheduled visit of UP deputy CM

Keshav Maurya and also the MoS Ajay

Mishra Teni who had

organized an event to

which Maurya was in-

Following the death of

four farmers, the furi-

ous crowd caught hold

of two BJP workers

and a driver of Ajay

Mishra and lynched

them in the spot on the

Consequently, a case was registered against

Ashish Mishra under

the relevant sections.

Ashish Mishra and his

accomplices including

Luvkush, Ashish Pandey, Ankit Das,

Shekhar Bharti, Kale

and Sumit Jaiswal,

were taken into cus-

tody gradually after

Ashish Mishra's arrest

on October 12. The

fateful day.

protesting

were

vited.

the sessions and the Allahabad High Court have been denying bail to the accused since then. The incident had raised nationwide out-

SIT had sent all the

accused to jail. Both

rage with political parties and the farmers demanding the resignation of MoS Ajay Mishra Teni. In the wake of the upcoming electoral battle of 2022, the probe report may add to Mishra's woes as the opposition has vociferously renewed its demand to sack Mishra.

However, after the submission of SIT report, MoS Ajay Mishra met his son in jail on Tuesday. Meanwhile, the opposition leaders like Congress Waynad MP Rahul Gandhi, Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav have demanded the government to make Mishra relinquish his post in the Union cabinet as his son's complicity in the violence was proved.



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**China-Pakistan Media Corridor: Chinese** 

# attempt to gain control over Pakistan media

ISLAMABAD(KCN): China appears to be using Islamabad for a bilateral arrangement to facilitate unhindered control over Pakistan's domestic intended for counterto "promote truth, ing "misinformation" justice and fairness and become a posiagainst them. The tive force for regional gathering participants pledged to counter peace and stability." But indications sugpropaganda against countries gest that China would countries, Beijing is more likely to dictate terms through its embassy in Pakistan. mechanism The would cover Chinese media units present in



media through an initiative which disguises as a joint effort to counter a "western smear campaign" and monitor public opinion, the initiative would clearly put China in the driver's seat, a media report said.

In September 2021, both countries held the first China Pakistan Media Forum to deliberate upon the form of cooperation

through enhanced communication and developing strong coordination by creating the "China-Pakistan Media Corridor", reported Washington Times.

Nong Rong, Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan, had said that the two countries were confronting a propaganda campaign, and the members of their media communities should work together

place a watchdog over Pakistani media, which would have overarching powers in dictating content, presentation and censorship. The proposed institution would monitor public opinion through a network of supporting think tanks and opinion-makers, said Washington Times. Although the body would have representation from both Pakistan, including local Xinhua News Agency (Urdu), Gwadar Pro and the China Global Television Network. Pakistan would also be responsible for establishing a nodal agency, including representations from the Pakistan Prime Minister Office, Ministry of Information, CPEC Authority, etc, according to Washington Times.

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### Jeypore AIR to continue **State to Hike Power Generation**

New Delhi: The All India Radio (AIR) station at Jeypore in Koraput district will continue to function as before to serve the needs and aspirations of the region by delivering



radio content in multiple modes, said Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur on Tuesday.

In a written reply to a question asked by Congress MP Saptagiri Ulaka, Minister Mr. Thakur said, "AIR Jeypore continues to function as before to serve the needs and aspirations of the region by delivering radio content in multiple modes such as on 1467 kHz in Medium Wave, and at 103.6 MHz in FM in Jeypore, and on "newsOnAir" mobile application on "Android" and "iOS" platform for mobile users globally."

The Prasar Bharati, with the objective of streamlining and strengthening administrative operations across several hundreds of small field units of DD and AIR spread across India, has consolidated administrative management of DD and AIR establishments into one or more clusters within every State (around 80 clusters across India), he said.

Accordingly, he said, the administration of the field units of DD and AIR in the State of Odisha has been organised into three clusters, each to be headed by a senior officer who is made responsible for administrative functions of the smaller field units that are part of the respective clusters. The Jeypore station has been included in the Bhawanipatna cluster for better administration.

This structuring of smaller field units into administrative clusters has been done to bring operational efficiency and prudent financial management so that service matters, statutory matters such as RTI replies, legal and financial matters of these smaller field units are handled in a timely and transparent manner by the senior officer heading each cluster, Thakur further said.

The administrative organisation of smaller field units into clusters, however, has no bearing on the content operations of AIR Radio service in Jeypore or of any other AIR station in the state of Odisha or anywhere in India.

# Crop on 5.78 lakh hectare damaged by cyclone Jawad: Odisha government

BHUBANESWAR: The Odisha government on Monday informed the interministerial team visiting the State that a report on the damage caused by cy-sessment, he said.

sessment is on and will be completed within a week. A detailed damage report would be sent to the team after completion of the field as-

span of time. Agriculture Secre-Suresh tary Vashishth told the

Central team that kharif crops other than paddy were ex-

could within a short Jagatsinghpur, Cuttack, Jajpur and Kendrapara districts.

Congress memo on crop loss relief

The Odisha Pradesh Congress Commit-

Bhubaneswar: In the view of coming summer, and low hydro storage situation in Indravati, Balimela, and Uppar Kolab power reservoirs caused by less rain-

State. The power generating companies were asked to maximize production through proper maintenance and upkeep of all their production units. GRIDCO and

GRIDCO Trilochan Panda appraised that as per contracted capacity of GRIDCO with power generating companies, State has total power availability of 7651 MW

rected the power generating companies to maximize their production level. The hydro reservoirs would be managed rationally to meet the peak hour demand till



fall: Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mahapatra reviewed the power supply situation in the State in a high level meeting held on digital mode from Lokseba Bhawan today wherein Principal Secretary Energy Nikunjabihari Dhal outlined the issues for discussion. Reviewing the

present power availability and peak hour power demand of the State, Chief Secretary Mr.Mahapatra directed to ensure no load-shading in the

the department of Energy were asked to keep constant vigil over proper maintenance and functioning of all the units.

Further, Mr. Mahapatra directed to maximize power generation from solar and thermal sources so that the average demand during the day time can be met from these sources. Chief Secretary also directed to keep the hydro power reserved for meeting the peak hour demands in the summer.

including the renewable sources of 1295 MW. Because of recent mechanical troubles in some units, the total power production has come down by around 1700 MW. The peak demand during the current season is around 3350 MW which GRIDCO is able to meet from different sources. It is expected that the demand during peak

hours of summer may cross 4000 MW. Keeping that in view, Chief Secretary Managing Director Mr.Mahapatra diin the deliberations.

Energy Nikunjabihari Dhal, Managing Director Odisha Power Generation Corporation P K Mohapatra, Managing Director Odisha Hydro Power **Corporation Amaresh** Kumar, Director State Load Dispatch Corporation BB Mehta, Regional Executive Director, NTPC AK Goswami along with senior officers from concerned departments and agencies participated

onset of the next

Principal Secretary

monsoon.

**Elephants destroy houses and crops in Odisha's Lanjigarh** 

clone Jawad will be The districts af- tensively damaged submitted to the fected by cyclone due to heavy rain.



Centre after completion of field assessment.

After a two-day field visit to assess the extent of damage inflicted by the cyclone, the six-member inter-ministerial team led by Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Saurav Ray had a meeting with senior officers of the State government chaired by Chief Secretary SC Mahapatra.

The Chief Secretary apprised the Central team that as per eye estimate, standing crops on more than 5.78 lakh hectare in around 131 blocks of 12 districts were severely damaged. Ground-level asinduced rain are Ganjam, Bhadrak, Puri, Cuttack, Balasore, Kendrapara, Keonjhar, Khurda, Jagatsinghpur, Nayagarh, Jajpur and Mayurbhanj. The Chief Secretary said most of the districts had recorded a bumper crop despite deficit rainfall initially which was covered up in the following months of the cropping season. The crops were almost ripe when the cyclone hit the Odisha coast with heavy rainfall. Though the farmers tried their best, they could not harvest all the crops and col-

lected whatever they

Development Commissioner Pradeep Jena said farmers could not sow seeds for rabi crop due to excess water in the fields and due to the fact that the climatic condition of the State is not conducive for late rabi crop as the temperature starts rising by mid-February. Acknowledging heavy loss to farmers at the groundlevel, Ray said the affected farmers who suffered crop loss need immediate support and assis-

tance from the government. The team divided into two groups - visited the affected areas in

Puri,

Ganjam,

tee (OPCC) on Monday demanded immediate payment of input subsidy and loan waiver of the farmers who have been affected by cyclone Jawad. A Congress delegation including chairman of the Odisha Pradesh Kissan Congress Kumar Amiya Patnaik met the Central team and submitted a memorandum seeking amendment to the Relief Code.

Stating that compensation provided to the farmers as per the Relief Code is meagre, the memorandum demanded that it should be increased to Rs 1.2 lakh per acre. Besides, the Congress demanded that farmers should be provided rabi seeds free of cost.

Patnaik announced that the Kissan Congress will stage a dharna in front of the Raj Bhavan here on December 15 if the government fails to provide immediate input subsidy to farmers.

BHAWANIPATNA/ BALANGIR : Wild elephants have been wreaking havoc in Lanjigarh for the last several

ephants caused large-scale damage in Maskapadar and Khajuripadar vilunder lages Chatrapur

personnel are closely monitoring the movement of elephants. Efforts are underway to chase the elephants ace are Mahakhanda, Salemudua, Bagabahal and Badabanki in Kantabanji and Burda, Nagaon,



days, damaging houses and standing crops in tribal villages of the block. In the last fortnight, eight houses and vast tracts of standing paddy, millets and Kandul crops have been damaged by the jumbos. On Sunday, the el-

panchayat besides destroying houses of Medi Majhi and Subarna Majhi. On Saturday, the jumbos had damaged several houses and crops in

Kutingpadar village.

Biswanathpur ranger Sudarshan Dehuri said forest

back to the forest. Similarly in Balangir, a herd of 20 elephants has been damaging standing paddy crops in Kantabanji and Loisingha forest ranges since the last one month. Areas bearing the

maximum brunt of

the elephant men-

Budhipadar, Ghusuramunda, Jogisarda, Badibahal, Bhalupali, Kadalipali, Bhaliamunda, Chouhanpali and Karanpali in Loisingha. Following complaints from local villagers, forest personnel have been deployed to drive away the elephants.



## **Business/Commerce**

# **PRIs Get 26K Crore**

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Central and State Finance Commissions' grants to the tune of Rs 26,308 crore has been transferred to

3rd, 4th and 5th (ongoing) State Finance Commission (SFC) period. The 3rd SFC was started from the fi-

been granted to the Panchayati Raj Institutions across the State. An amount of Rs 2490.43 crore has

(2015-20).During the ongoing 15th CFC period, Rs 3446.71 crore has been released to the PRI of Odisha. While



crore

the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) of Odisha since the financial year 2010-11.

According to official data, Rs 13,519.17 crore grants have been transferred to the PRIs during the 13th, 14th and 15th (continuing) Central **Finance Commission** periods.

Similarly, Rs 12,789.73 crore has been released to the Panchayati Raj Institutions during the

nancial year 2010-11 and continued till 2014-15. During this five years period, the PRIs got Rs 584 crore every year, totaling Rs 2920 crore. During the 4th SFC period (from 2015-16 to 2019-20), funds to the tune of Rs 7379.30 crore have been transferred to the PRIs of Odisha. In the 10 years period of the 3rd and 4th SFCs, a total amount of Rs 10,299 crore has

Rs 2258 crore has been sanctioned to the institutions durbeen transferred to ing 2020-21 of the the PRIs in 2020-21, ongoing 5th State Fi-Rs 1188.71 crore renance Commission leased during the cur-(SFC) period. rent financial year The Centre has allo-2021-22. cated Rs 2,107.16 Out of the Rs 3446.71 crore granted during to the Panchayati Raj Instithe 15th CFC, Rs tutions during the 1308.15 crore has 13th CFC period been already utilized (2010-15) while the by the Panchayati Raj allocation has been Institution of the increased substan-

State. tially to Rs 7,965.30 Similarly, the PRIs crore during the 14th have utilized Rs 385 Central Finance crore of the 5th SFC Commission period grant till now.

## Govt earned over Rs 8 lakh crore from taxes on petrol, diesel in last 3 fiscals: FM Nirmala Sitharaman

NEW DELHI: The Centre earned nearly Rs 8.02 lakh crore from taxes on petrol and diesel during the last three fiscal years, of which more than Rs 3.71 lakh crore was collected in FY21



alone, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman informed Parliament on Tuesday.

The minister was responding to queries on the hike in excise duty on petrol and diesel during last three years and the details of the revenue earned through various taxes on these fuels. The excise duty on petrol rose from Rs 19.48 per litre as on October 5, 2018 to Rs 27.90 a litre as on November 4, 2021.

The duty on diesel rose from Rs 15.33 a litre to Rs 21.80 during the same period, Sitharaman said in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha. FM Nirmala Sitharaman to hold pre-Budget consultations with stakeholders beginning December 15

Within this period, the excise on petrol fell from Rs 19.48 per litre as of October 5, 2018 to Rs 17.98 as of July 6, 2019; while excise on diesel reduced from Rs 15.33 to Rs 13.83 during the same reference period.

The excise duties on petrol and diesel were on a rising trajectory till February 2, 2021, to Rs 32.98 and Rs 31.83 respectively, before falling a tad and then declining further to Rs 27.90 a litre (petrol) and Rs 21.80 (diesel) as on November 4, 2021.

"The central excise duties, including cesses collected from petrol and diesel, during the last three years are: Rs 2,10,282 crore in 2018-19; Rs 2,19,750 crore in 2019-20 and Rs 3,71,908 crore in 2020-21," Sitharaman said.

Just before Diwali this year on November 4, the government slashed the excise duties on petrol and diesel by Rs 5 and Rs 10 a litre, respectively.

This was followed by several states announcing a cut in the value added tax (VAT) on the two fuels.

#### PM Modi asks CMs of BJP-ruled states to follow 'Kashi model' of development

Continued from page-1

As per the sources, the PM started the meeting with the CMs at around 10 am at the DLW guest house and continued with the back-toback sessions till 2:30 pm on Tuesday. The media was kept out of the meeting. However, sources said, all the CMs were allocated time to give presentations about the development work taking place in their states.

According to the sources privy to the proceedings, the PM reviewed the welfare projects of different states and imparted them the tips to ensure maximum benefit of the welfare schemes to the beneficiaries. The PM also laid stress on the better Centre-state coordination for the proper implementation of the welfare schemes.

Moreover, PM Modi cautioned the CMs against the new strain of coronavirus and asked them to make proper arrangements to deal with situations that could crop up in future.

Those who attended the meeting are MP CM Shivraj Singh Chauhan, Harayan CM Manoharlal Khattar, Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma, HP CM Jairam Thakur, Tripura's Biplab Deb, Karnataka CM Basavraj Bommai, Gujarat's Bhupendra Patel, Arunachal's Pema Kandu, Manipur's KN Bishen Singh, Uttarakhand's Pushkar Singh Dhami and UP CM Yogi Adityanath.

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Besides, seven deputy CMs -- UP's Keshaw

## Air India transaction presents a 'win-win' situation: Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia

NEW DELHI: Emphasising that the Air India transaction is a "win-win situation" across the board, Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on Tuesday said taxpayers' money will now be more justifiably used for many more socially productive purposes rather than filling the deep losses of the airline.

tions precedent and I He also said the disin vestment will provide an opportunity for the airline to rise as a phoenix again. In October, Talace Pvt said.

Ltd, part of the Tata Scindia was speaking at a session on 'Buildgroup, emerged as the winning bidder for Air ing India into a Global India with a bid worth Civil Aviation Power-Rs 18,000 crore.

It will pay Rs 2,700 crore cash and take over Rs 15,300 crore of the airline's debt. "Shareholders agreement was signed in November. Today, we are in the process of closing all the condi-

> house' of Partnership Summit

Trade (DPIIT). From a company perspective, Scindia said, here is the opportunity



for Air India to rise as a phoenix again. "From a customercentric point of view, you have got a new company that has come in, which al-

ready has a full-service airline and a budget airline and taking over Air India plus Air India Express. The four companies together have the capability of presenting themselves as a very unique proposition....A winwin situation across the board," he said.

Noting that the government has gone through a very clear

Rs 1,04,000 crore, he

pointed out. "Prior to that, an equity infusion of Rs 36,000 crore by the government and a current debt portfolio of as we speak of about Rs 62,000 crore. All in all, you are talking about Rs 2 lakh crore bill for the singular purpose of being able

to run an airline." "I believe that it you

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The minister also said

that a supportive drone

policy is in place that

is based on trust.

Scindia said.

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am very confident at the turn of the New Year, you will have the transfer of Air India to its new owner....," he

organised by industry body CII in association with the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal

iterative process for the disinvestment, Scindia said Air India was pretty much driven into the ground Jio tops 4G download speed chart, Vodafone due to many unfounded decisions that were taken earlier and added that he does not want to go back to history.

The navratna company is laden with close to Rs 52,000 crore debt infusion. another Rs 54,000 crore of government guarantees that makes the total liabilities of

#### 11 New Cyber Police Stations; CM Continued from page-1

three police stations will also be merged with the new system. With the opening of new police stations, the total number of such police stations in Odisha will reach to 14.

A total of 154 posts have been created in the police department for appointment in these police stations. The approved posts include 14 inspector, 28 sub-inspector, 28 ASI (communications), 28 constable (communications) and 56 constable posts.

In addition to the above manpower, 90 experts, including finance and accounts analyst, IT expert, and cyber forensic expert, will be appointed in the police stations.

The Chief Minister is hopeful that this step will help in curbing cybercrime and economic offences in the State as well as delivery of speedy justice to the people.

Cybercrime is a major concern around the world. Odisha is also witnessing a number of cybercrime incidents. Cybercrime offences were increased by 31 per cent in Odisha in 2020 as compared to 2019. Altogether 1475 cases were registered in 2019, which was increased to 1931 cases in 2020.

Maurya and Dinesh Sharma, Biahr's Tarkeshwar Praad and Renu Devi, Nagaland's Youngthopattan, Tripura's Jishnudev Sharma and Arunachal's Chonamin, were also present in the meeting. BJP chief JP Nadda took part in the brainstorming sessions too.

Before convening the brainstorming session, PM Modi met the party office-bearers including the president JP Nadda, BJP UP chief Swatantra Dev Singh, national organisational secretary BL Santosh and several local leaders of Varanasi to review the party's preparedness for the upcoming 2022 elections.

The Prime Minister, sources claimed, went through the five-year report card of all the BJP MLAs of UP. He asked the leadership to avoid the pendency of welfare schemes and asked them not to ignore the availability of basic amenities such as Sadak, Bijli and Paani to the common man. The PM also cautioned the party leaders against nepotism in ticket distribution for the upcoming elections.

Imparting the victory mantra to the party leaders, the PM asked them to be among the people and make them aware of the welfare schemes of the government.

Meanwhile, past Monday midnight, Prime Minister Modi conducted a surprise inspection of infrastructure development works in Varanasi. After witnessing the Ganga Aarti and meeting Chief Ministers of BJP-ruled states, the Prime Minister reached the Godaulia crossing at around midnight. With CM Yogi Adityanath in tow, PM Modi again visited the Kashi Vishwanath Dham corridor and took a tour of the temple complex.

He walked further down the road leading towards Dashashwamedh ghat and inquired administration officials about the development works. He also interacted with locals.

Later, the PM visited Banaras railway station and walked on the revamped platforms at 1:13 am. He also inquired about the facilities for passengers there.

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rise in average 4G download speed during the month. Jio network recorded around 10 percent work recorded an up-

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load speed of 8 mbps,

Airtel and the Jio network also recorded their five-month high upload speeds of 5.6 mbps and 7.1 mbps,



vice providers in November, according to the latest data published by the Telecom **Regulatory Authority** of India (TRAI). Vodafone Idea (VIL) and Bharti Airtel net-

data download speed while speed on VIL and Airtel network increased 8.9 percent and 5.3 percent respectively compared to the previous month.

the highest in the last five months. The download speed helps consumers to access content from the internet, while upload speed helps them send data or

respectively, in November.

The average speed is computed by TRAI based on the data it collects across India with the help of its MySpeed application on a real-time basis.



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### Having a sporting director creates a clear structure: Skinkys

KOCHI: As far as have focused on in Indian clubs are concerned, having a Sporting Director is still a novel concept. It's an idea that they are still catching up

a clear structure and terms of club operaresponsibl e system. tions, and do you There was a massive think clubs can benoverhaul to the squad efit from having from last season. What was the Sporting Directors on board? reason?Yes, true that

like maybe qualify for the playoffs? Of course, we have

our own targets and working hard to reach them. We are in this part of our process that we should work

## Former women's world No 1 Amelie Mauresmo named as new French Open director

PARIS president Gilles Former women's number one Amelie Moretton said.

(KCN): tennis federation year-old Mauresmo Forget, who'd been expressed "pride" at being

her in place since 2016 and also overseen



with and realising benefits of having someone in that role. Indian Super League outfit Kerala Blasters FC are among the clubs to have appointed someone to the role. Karolis Skinkys took charge at one of India's most popular clubs last year and the 32-yearold explains how he is trying to bring more order and structure to the operations at a club the size of Kerala Blasters with each passing season. Excerpts... What are

Sporting Director is responsible for all sporting processes in the club. They should make sure that the process goes in a professional way, every member in the firstteam structure has responsibilities and doing it right. It's important to create structure and give tools to all parts of the chain to do their best. So, naturally, all first firstteam players and staff signings are the responsibility of the Sporting Director. Clubs benefit from the tasks that you that because it creates

we changed all foreign players and coaching staff, but the biggest part of our Indian players' core stayed. We have a young squad and we should find a great support team for them. So, we needed a group of foreigners with good leadership skills and high motivation. The coaching staff task is clear- to find an effective way to use qualities of the team that we can perform according to our potential. Have you set any targets for this season,

more than talk and be a tough team in every game.

What are the longterm targets of the club? What direction the club is going? We are in the transition period from a young perspective team to a result-oriented team. We started from basics and moved on, trying to find the best combinations. In the longterm vision, we should be able to be a consistent team season by season and make our amazing fans enjoy every season.



Mauresmo was on Thursday named director of the French Open, replacing Guy Forget. Mauresmo will be in place until at least 2024, French

A two-time Grand Slam winner (Australian Open and Wimbledon 2006) and 2004 Olympic singles silver medallist in Athens, the 42-

named director of Roland Garros, the premier claycourt tournament in the in world and federation's principal source of revenue.

the Paris Masters since 2012, was nearing the end of his contract but turned down potential offers, according to Moretton.



### Kohli has made no official request for break from ODI leg in SA as of now: BCCI official

NEW DELHI: India family. Test captain Virat "As of now, Kohli ling with his family.

"The skipper is travel- Kohli will be playing his 100th Test match

Kohli has not put in any formal request for a break from the ODI leg of the upcoming South Africa tour, a top BCCI official has asserted.

hasn't sent any formal But yes, if he feels request to skip the ODIs to either BCCI president Sourav Ganguly or secretary Jay Shah. If something is deof selectors and secre-

on that day. bubble fatigue after The ODI series starts on January 19. the Test series and wants to take a break, Kohli has been a advohe would definitely cate of workload maninform the chairman agement in bubble

Kohli will be leading India in a three-Test series starting December 26 in Centurion and the series ends on January 15 in Cape Town with the third and final Test.

The three-match ODI series will kick off on January 19.

After vice-captain Rohit Sharma was ruled out due to the recurrence of a left hamstring injury, reports have emerged that Kohli will take a break to spend some time with his young

cided at a later date or God forbid, he sustains an injury, then it's a different matter," a senior BCCI official privy to developments told PTI on conditions of anonymity. "As things stand to-

day, he is playing the three ODIs on January 19, 21, 23," he added. The official also said Tests that all the players' Internationals. families are also trav-There were some reelling to South Africa ports that Kohli might aboard the same chartake a break because ter flight due to the of his daughter bio-bubble restric-Vamika's first birthday (January 11). tions.

life, which he thinks tary (Shah), who is the isn't sustainable for convenor of the seleclong periods of time as tion committee," the it can take a toll on source added. one's mental health. One reason for the cur-In the past year, he has rent speculation could been on a paternity be that once India are break during the 2020back home, they will 21 Australia series, again be inside an exand during the three tended bubble for T20 Internationals three weeks with Sri against New Zealand Lanka coming in for at home. and T20

And now, it remains to be seen if Kohli takes a break in South Africa or more likely skips the T20 series against Sri Lanka at home.

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