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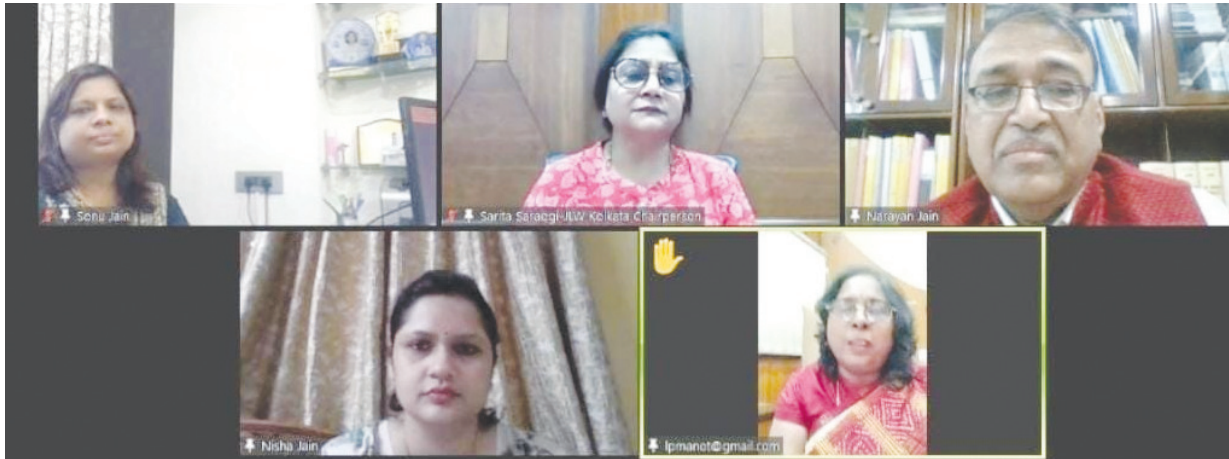
## JITO Webinar on protecting marriage

Kolkata (KCN): Cultural shifts in attitude and behaviour over the past several years has redefined the meaning of Marriage and now emphasis is on individual

Social activist Narayan Jain. He was addressing a Webinar on protecting marriage and maintaining cordial relations within family by JITO Ladies Wing.

wife, Saas Bahu; Bhabhi- Devrani-Nanad and other members of family. Jain said both spouses should take care of sentiments of each other as well as their

calm. Most common causes of Breaking Relations include Conflict due to arguing, Extramarital affairs, Lack of physical intimacy



fulfilment and satisfaction of both the partners. The situation has led to divorce in many cases, said

Jain elaborated on various causes of Breaking of Relations. Now Disputes arise among husband -

parents in law, other members in the family and children. The couple need to be tolerant and

Domestic violence, verbal, physical, or emotional abuse by a

## India, Taiwan holding talks on free-trade agreement, looking at setting up semiconductor hub

NEW DELHI (KCN): India and Taiwan have started negotiations for a free-trade agreement and the setting up of a semiconductor manufacturing facility by a

facility to be set up by a Taiwanese company in a foreign country after a similar hub in the United States, people familiar with the development said.

tronics Corporation (UMC), may implement the mega project, they said. The move to set up the facility comes amid increasing demands for chips in

rather than the commercial aspect of it. "The semiconductor plant in the US was set up in the reflection of the close strategic ties between the two sides. It will be the same in India's case as well," said one of the people cited above.



Taiwanese firm in India, in a significant step signalling their resolve to broad-base the overall bilateral economic engagement.

The Indian government has already proposed a number of sites for the facility and one of Taiwan's leading semiconductor producers, including the Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC) and the United Microelec-

India by automakers and technology companies, among others, when there is a global shortage of chips. The people said the proposal to set up the semiconductor hub is largely driven by the strategic significance of the ties between India and Taiwan,

The government on Wednesday unveiled a plan to provide incentives worth Rs 76,000 crore to encourage the setting up of semiconductor design, manufacturing and display fabrication (fab) units with a larger goal of making India a global electronics production hub. In sync with their keenness to expand economic engagement, India and Taiwan have already held two rounds of

### CB chief visits Puri; Lie-detection test likely

PURI (KCN): The Additional Director General (ADG) of Odisha Police Crime Branch, Sanjeev Panda reached Puri on Saturday to review the investigation into the sensational murder case of Chittaranjan Palei, a close aide of the deputy chairperson of Odisha Planning Board and senior BJD leader Sanjay Dasburma.

**Welcome to**  
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## Congress always insulted BR Ambedkar in his lifetime and even after death: Amit Shah

PUNE (KCN): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday alleged that Congress always humiliated B R Ambedkar, the architect of the Constitution, during his lifetime and even after his death.

Shah said, "Congress party didn't spare a single moment to humiliate Ambedkarji when he was alive and even after his death," Shah said. He said Ambedkar was conferred with

to Ambedkarji were converted into 'smriti sthal' only after BJP came to power at Centre and in various states," he said. In a veiled swipe at Congress, Shah alleged that Samvidhan

Modiji became prime minister, the celebration of 'Samvidhan Divas' began. But whenever Modiji celebrates the Samvidhan Divas, Congress opposes. And now the same



Speaking at an event, Shah said it was Prime Minister Narendra Modi who introduced Samvidhan Day. Shah visited the Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) headquarters for laying the foundation stone for Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's statue.

He unveiled a statue of B R Ambedkar on the occasion. "Samvidhan (Constitution) gives equal rights to everybody. However, the Con-

Bharat Ratna, the highest civilian award in India, (posthumously) by a non-Congress government. "Five places related

Divas or Constitution Day had not been celebrated earlier out of fear that (the legacy of) Ambedkar would reach more people. "When Narendra

## CM Naveen Patnaik approves Rs 1000 crore to build houses for police

BHUBANESWAR (KCN) : The State Government on Sat-

Naveen Patnaik said that the government is aware of the short-

over low conviction rate and rise in road accident deaths

deaths due to accidents", he said. The Chief Minister



urday earmarked Rs 1,000 crore for construction of buildings and houses for Odisha Police personnel. Addressing the valedictory session of 63rd Senior Police Officers' conference virtually, Chief Minister

age of houses for police personnel. For the next five years, a sum of Rs 1,000 crore will be provided for construction of buildings with special emphasis on housing for the personnel, he announced. Expressing concern

across the State, he said that all possible steps should be taken to enhance conviction rate by factoring in modern technology into the investigation. "There is an urgent need to take up preventive and innovative steps to reduce

instructed police officers to give top priority to crimes against women and children and said that any complaint received in this regard should be immediately attended to as per law and with em

Congress party outraged against Odisha ruling party at Keonjhar through a protest rally

Barbil(KCN):The National Congress partyorganised a protest rally against

dharma at SP office . The Congress demanded a judicial inquiry into the

and its citizens astray .District PCC secretary Alok MishraSecretary

AshokThacker, block president Purna-chandra Naik, Uttam Sahu, Mukund Mahant, Shatrughan Singh Congress leaders Lalit Mohan Nayak, Sujal Kumar Sethi, Chittaranjan Raut, Ratnakar Jena, Kodandadhar Jena, Birbhadra Mahant, Sudarshan Paikrai, Dinesh Raut, Sarat Sahu, Chittaranjan Parida, Surjit Das, Arhatran Das, Manas Sahu, Youth Congress leaders Sanjay Naik, Sonali Murmu, Umamani Mahant, Yashoda Mahant, Anand Majhi, S



the brutal attack on students at Bhubaneswar while demanding justice in the Kalahandi teacher Mamta Meher murder case and the resignation of the minister for home Dibya Shankar Mishra for his alleged involvement in the murder case at Keonjhar.They staged a protest before the office of the superintendent of police,Keonjhar.A rally consisted of thousands of Congress party members and the general public marched in and around the town with slogans against the rulling party ,Biju Janta Dal carrying a symbolic bier of Naveen Patnaik..Aggrieved over the police excess action, the Congress members sat on

alleged police brutality and sought an apology from the police.Demanding chief minister

Sangram Das, former District Congress President Mohan Parida, District Women's Congress



Naveen patnaik's resignation , saying the present government is provoking guandaism in the state and corruption is deep rooted every where in the state.Handing over the entire state in the hand of some corruptbureaucratsand politicians, the chief minister is pushing the future of the state

President Sangeeta Singh, District Student Congress President Shubham Raj, District Vice President Basant Kumar Das, Town Congress President Kshirod Raut, Kendujhar MP Candidate Mohan Hemram, Telkoi MLA candidate Prashant Kumar Dalei, PCC member

Shaktiswarup, Rudranarayan Sahu, Sunil Pahi Lochan Mahant, Niranjan Gop, Amit Mahant, Gaurahari Patra, Satyananda Munda, Gopal Bairagi, Amit Mahant and many other prominent members participated. Despite acute illness PCC president Niranjana Patnaik guided the protest demonstration of Keonjhar.

Moj curate 'Do The Manyavar Move' campaign

Kolkata (KCN): To enhance monetisation and discovery opportunities for its creator base and for brands

Dulha as showcased in their latest ad film with Ranveer Singh. While capturing the moment of welcom-

lion+ views and was led by 20 popular creators including Moj Superstar hunt winner - Himanshu

form daily. These attributes unique to the platform helped generate higher engagement numbers for



on the platform, Moj has demonstrated a symbiotic balance between users' social experience and business using AI-based tools. The latest in a spate of successful brand collaborations has been Manyavar's #DoTheManyavarMove. With the wedding season in full swing, Manyavar was looking to do a campaign that celebrates the

ing the baraat, the idea was to popularize the Manyavar Move by making a large number of people replicate it. Moj curated the #DoTheManyavarMove campaign that promoted a hook step from the ad film and amplified it through its network of talented content creators. The ten day long campaign garnered more than 2 bil-

Shrivastav, dancer Baba Jackson and Swimmer Sajjan Prakash. The campaign was immensely popular with the Moj community creating innovative renditions of the #DoTheManyavarMove leading to approximately 200K+ UGC. Moj sees 4.5 billion unique video plays per day with an average user spending 34 minutes on the plat-

brand Manyavar without added spends and helped content creators issue an engaging video in the process. Commenting on the campaign, Neha Nagpal Chatterjee, Director Sales, Moj said, "We are continuously working towards enhancing the social experience to our community while empowering brands to connect with their relevant audiences."

RBI Reiterates Legal Tender Status of ₹10 Coins of Different Designs

Kolkata(KCN): It has come to the notice of the Reserve Bank that in certain places of Andaman and Nicobar Islands there is some reluctance on the part of few traders and members of the public to accept ₹10 coins. Reserve bank clari-

fied that the Bank puts into circulation, the coins minted by the Government of India. These coins have distinctive features to reflect various themes of economic, social and cultural values and are introduced from time to time. As coins

have longer life, coins of different designs and shapes circulate in the market at the same time. All these coins are legal tender and can be accepted for transactions. Therefore, members of the public may continue to accept coins of ₹10

denomination as legal tender in all their transactions without any hesitation. Banks have also been advised to ensure adequate supply of coins as also to accept coins for transactions and exchange at all their branches.

National Consultation and convergence meeting to end Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation in India

Bhubaneswar (KC-N): National Action and Coordination Group for Ending Violence Against Children[ NACG EVAC], India & People's Cultural Centre [PECUC] organized National Consultation and Convergence meeting to end child sexual abuse and exploitation in India, in Collaboration with World Vision India & BMZ at India International Centre. The Consultation was organized with a core aim of providing a platform for child protection functionaries and key stakeholders to stimulate discussions & share the child protection challenges, solutions and good practices in preventing CSAE. It also encouraged to converge and collaborate with relevant ministries, commissions, departments, CSOs and other key stakeholders to come up with strategies to end CSAE. The welcome note

byMr. Sanjay Gupta, Vice Chairperson NACG EVAC India, followed by an inaugural session chaired by Mr. Ranjan Kumar Mohanty, Chairperson, NACG EVAC India. The panel had experienced and eminent personalities including Mr. Priyanka Kanoongo, Chairperson NCPDR, said, "steps must be taken to find offenders inside the house/families as we now know, how big are the nos for offenders who hail from families themselves. We must make efforts to make the immediate family and home safe for children. We must work towards effective policy implementation. He thus, suggested and requested CSOs to support government further through translators and interpreters and focus on the reason for less rate of conviction. Ms. Rashmi Singh ,IAS - Director, DWCD, insisted, "we

need to come up with a clear note on - what kind of support is needed from different roles and departments, ranging from Anganwadi worker - CWD

Mr. Mikhael Pradhan - Thematic Head, CSAE, NACG EVAC India spoke on the occasion. The consultation had participants from 20

violence against children and the disaster and emergence pand-emic has raised for protection of children. The panelists also shed some light on the

Premoday Khakha, Assistant Director, CPU & Litigation, DWCD, Govt of NCT of Delhi,Shri Sayyed RiyajAhmed, IAS, SDM Jharkhand ,Mr. M u r l i ManjharManjhi, Deputy SP, AHTU, Weaker sections, CID Bihar, Ms. Dibya a Saswati, Member OSCPCR, Ms. Vaidehi Subramani, Chairperson, CWC Delhi,Mr. Shashank Shekhar, Advocate, Supreme Court of India & Director, CRACR&PD,Mr. Sanjay Kumar, Chairperson, CWC, Bihar, Ms. Mahuasur Roy, Chairperson, CWC, Kolkata, Ms. Kasturi Mohapatra, Former General Secretary Indian Council for Child Welfare,Ms. Bharti Ali, Director, HAQ Centre for Child Rights, Ms. ParulSheth, Director, SHAISHAV, Dr. Shankar Chowdhury, Ex UNSCO AIMS, Consultant Health & Development & Technical Expert ,Ms Madhavi Samson ,

NACG Delhi Convenor,Ms. V. Neeta Maria Satish, Project Manager, CPWCBCSA&E, moderated by Dr. IndraniBhattacharyya, Mr. Manabndra Nath Mandal,D Roshan Kumar ,National Executive Committee Member, NACG EVAC India. In the concluding session Ms. S a n d h y a b a t i Pr a d h a n , Chairperson, Odisha State Commission for protection of Child Rights, Ms. Nidhi Dwivedi, Member DCPCR, Dr. Vijendra Singh, Member RSCPCR, Mr. Insaf Nizam, Regional Specialist, ILO, spoke on the occasion .Aditi .P.Kaur NACG EVAC Indiagave vote of thanks . Highlighted the gaps and possibility of support from CSOs at each step of seeking justice for the victim and how the law has ensured a safe space for children along with restoration. The entire day focused on

Multi sectoral approach to address CSAE, emerging context and child protection framework and approaches and coordination and convergence amongst various stakeholders for ending child sexual abuse in India. About NACG EVAC National Action and Coordination Group for Ending Violence against Children (NACG EVAC) India is a country level civil society platform of the South Asia Initiative to End Violence against Children (SAIE-VAC), an apex body of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC). NACG EVAC focuses on 5 critical thematic issues, Child Labor, Child Marriage, Child Trafficking, Corporal Punishment, Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation and two cross-cutting thematic issues Children with Disability and Child participation.



officer - CSOs, for true convergence." Ms. Soledad Herrero, Chief of Child Protection, India UNICEF, Mr. Madhav Bellamkonda CEO & National Director, World Vision India,

states& UTs across India .Some very important strategies were shared along with reflective questions, which focused on data driven decision making, the online menace of sexual

need of this conversation with both the genders. The panelistsof different sessions wereMr. Pritikant Panda, Program Manager, Odisha State Child Protection Society, Mr.

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## Appealing to fans' inner writers, Anupam Kher offers autographed book

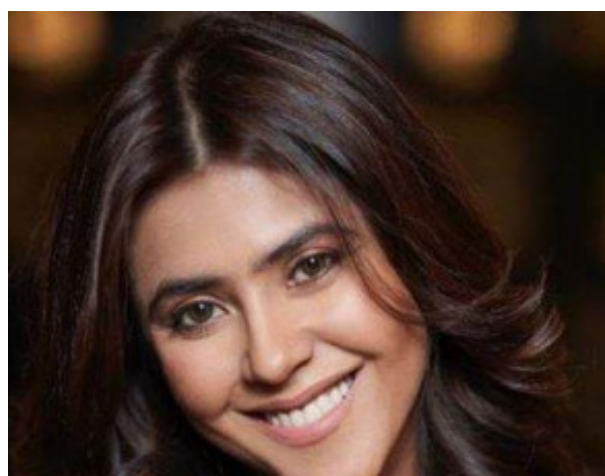


**NEW DELHI:** Asking his fans to rejuvenate their inner writers, veteran actor Anupam Kher, offered them to send his autographed book 'Your Best Day is Today' on Tuesday. Kher hopped on to Twitter and shared a candid picture of him. Calling on his fans to give a suitable caption for the picture, he wrote "Mujhe meri ye tasveer pasand hai. (I like this picture of mine) I will send an autographed copy of my latest book #YourBestDayIsToday to the person whose caption for this pic I like the most!" Adding to the cation, he noted "Hindi or English - apka caption kisi bhi bhasha me chalega! Chaliye! Apne andar ke lekhak ko jagaiye!! (your caption will go in any language! Let's go! Wake up your inner writer,) with Hibiscus smiling face and heart-shaped smile emoticon. Within a few hours of being posted, fans of the former Chairman

of Film and Television Institute of India started coming up with innovative captions and showcased their creative skills. A day ago, the 65-year-old star shared a clip of his mother lauding PM Modi and scientist's efforts for the new COVID-19 vaccines.

## SC grants Ekta Kapoor interim protection from arrest in FIR over web series

**NEW DELHI(K-CN):** The Supreme Court on Thursday granted interim protection from arrest to TV producer Ekta Kapoor in an FIR against her for alleged objectionable content in her web series "XXX season 2".



A bench headed by Chief Justice SA Bobde granted interim protection to Kapoor. She had moved the apex court after the Indore bench of the Madhya Pradesh High Court, in November this year, dismissed her petition seeking that a case filed against her for alleged objectionable content in web series "XXX season 2" be quashed. The High Court had dismissed a petition of Kapoor seeking quashing of a case registered against her for alleged obscenity in a web series produced by her.

## Phenomenal experience: Riteish Deshmukh praises Anil Kapoor, Anurag Kashyap's 'AK vs AK'

**NEW DELHI(K-CN):** Actor Riteish Deshmukh lauded Vikramaditya Motwane's 'AK vs AK' and termed the

blown!!! #AKvsAK is a phenomenal experience - @VikramMotwane take a bow my friend," tweeted only you could do this, you are pure gold in this film but @HarshKapoor\_has outdone your entire performance in one



movie star and a film director who get into a public spat, following which the director retaliates by kidnapping the actor's daughter and films the search for her in real-time. The Netflix India Original film was released on the platform on December 24, which also happens to be Anil Kapoor's birthday.

scene," the 'Housefull' actor's tweet further read. While Kapoor essays the role of a yesterday actor, Kashyap plays the role of a disgraced film director in the film. 'AK vs AK,' revolves around the story of a

## Aakanksha Singh joins team Mayday

Ajay Devgn's Mayday has been creating a massive buzz because of its interest-



the icing on the cake is that Ajay Sir is directing the film. It's actually happening!

ing star cast, which includes Amitabh Bachchan, Ajay Devgn, Rakul Preet Singh and Angira Dhar. Talented actress, Aakanksha Singh has now joined the team. Aakanksha will essaying the role of Ajay Devgn's wife in the film. She joined the shoot yesterday. Aakanksha says, "It's like a dream come true to be a part of such a big and much-awaited film. I am so excited to share the screen with Ajay Sir and Amitabh Sir; and

## 'Wanted to make a film on Indian Army with Shah Rukh Khan', says Director Kabir Khan

**MUMBAI(KCN):** Filmmaker Kabir Khan, who is gearing up for the release of his web series "The Forgotten Army: Azaadi Ke Liye", based on Indian National Army (INA), says he wanted to make a film on the subject starring Shah Rukh Khan. He added that Shah Rukh didn't charge a fee for the voiceover he gave for the series. "Shah Rukh has very graciously given the voiceover. The series is based on a true story, so there is an introduction of a few minutes before every episode along with real footage, where he has lent his voice. I talked about it with Shah Rukh earlier as well, when this was a film script. Back then, I wanted Shah Rukh to do the film. We even had a few meetings but we couldn't take it forward," said Kabir while promoting the series along with its lead actors Sunny Kaushal and Sharvari Wagh. Kabir added that Shah Rukh didn't charge a single

paisa for his voiceover assignment. "When I was making this series, I thought I should ask Shah Rukh (to be the narrator) because Shah Rukh's father had involvement with this army. His father knew General Shahnawaz Khan, who was an important part of INA. So, I knew he (Shah Rukh Khan) has sympathy and attachment with Azad Hind Fauj and I called him up. It's not an easy task to ask a superstar for a voiceover but Shah Rukh instantly agreed to do it. Usually, when you discuss a film with Shah Rukh, it's a long process, but in this case Shah Rukh literally did the voiceover for us on the second day. I don't know whether he would like me to reveal this, but he didn't take a fee from us. I think the kind of attachment he has with Azad Hind Fauj reflects in his act." Incidentally, Shah Rukh did a cameo in Kabir Khan's 2017 release "Tubelight", starring Salman Khan.

# Stay of Demand by ITAT (Part 4)

Narayan Jain

(In continuation of articles carried on 29/11, 6/12 and 13/12/21)

**27. Stay of demand by ITAT:** W.e.f. 1.4.2020, ITAT may grant stay for 180 days subject to the condition that the assessee deposits not less than 20% of the amount of tax, interest, fee, penalty, or any other sum payable under the provisions of the Income Tax Act, or furnish security of equal amount in respect thereof. The ITAT may pass a stay order for a period not exceeding 180 days from the date of such order. In case the ITAT does not dispose of the appeal, within the period of stay specified in the stay order, the ITAT may, on an application by the assessee, extend the period of stay if it is satisfied that the delay in disposing off the appeal is not attributable to the assessee and the assessee has deposited not less than 20% of the amount of tax, interest, fee, penalty, or any other sum payable under the provisions of this Act or furnish security of equal amount in respect thereof. However, the aggregate period of stay will not exceed 365 days. The stay will stand vacated if the appeal is not disposed off within the extended period.

**28. What may happen in case stay of demand is granted by the ITAT and the appeal is not disposed of within 365 days:** As per the second proviso to section 254(2) if the appeal is not disposed of in any case within period of stay or extended period of stay which shall not exceed 365 days, the order of stay will stand vacated after the expiry of such period even if the delay in disposing of appeal is not attributable to the assessee. It was provided w.e.f. 1.10.2008 that, ITAT cannot grant a stay beyond a period of 365 days even if the delay in disposing of the appeal is not attributable to the assessee. After the expiry of 365 days the stay granted by ITAT shall stand vacated. However, the condition of payment of 20% of tax, interest, fee or penalty was not provided earlier. The amendment was brought in to negate the decision of Bombay High Court in the case of **Narang Overseas Private Ltd. v. ITAT & Others [2007] 211 CTR (Bom) 524**, wherein it was held that Tribunal has power to extend the period of stay on good cause being shown if it is satisfied that the matter could not be heard and disposed off for reasons not attributable to the assessee. Delhi High Court in the case of **Pepsi Foods**

**Pvt. Ltd. v. ACIT [2015] 376 ITR 87 (Del.)** had struck down the amendment introduced by the Finance Act, 2008 which added the words 'even if delay in disposing of appeal is not attributable to assessee' being violative of Article 14 of the Constitution of India. The SLP has been dismissed **DCIT v. Pepsi Foods (P) Limited [2017] 79 taxmann.com 251 (SC) [2017] 246 Taxman 223 (SC) 79 taxmann.com 251(SC)**. Wherever appeal could not be decided by Tribunal due to pressure of pendency of cases and delay in disposal of appeal was not attributable to assessee in any manner, interim protection of stay could continue beyond 365 days in deserving cases - **PCIT v. Converse Network Systems India (P.) Ltd. [2019] 103 taxmann.com 313 (P&H) - SLP dismissed by SC in [2019] 103 taxmann.com 314 (SC)**; **Tata Communications Ltd. v. ACIT 9 ITR (Trib.) 1 (Mum) (SB)**; **CIT v. Ronuk Industries Ltd. 333 ITR 99 (Bom.)**; **Vodafone West Ltd. v. ACIT S.A. No. 86/ Ahd./2012 dated 11.1.2013**; **Qualcomm Incorporated v. Asstt Director of Income-tax (ITA No. 3696 to 3702/Del/2009)**. Earlier Karnataka High Court held in **CIT v. Ecom Gill Coffee Trading Pvt. Ltd. [2014] 362 ITR 204 (Kar.)** that the Tribunal has no power to extend stay beyond a period of 365 days in view of language of 3rd proviso to section 254(2A). Bangalore ITAT after considering the above, in **SAP Labs India Pvt. Ltd. v. Addl CIT [2016] 67 taxmann.com 78 (Bangalore -Trib)** held that where delay in disposing of appeal is not attributable to the assessee, tribunal has power to grant extension of stay of recovery of outstanding demand beyond 365 days in deserving cases. Similar view has been expressed in **ITO v. Anil Girishbhai Darji [2016] 68 taxmann.com 308 (Guj)**, **DCIT v. Vodafone Essar Gujarat Ltd. [2015] 376 ITR 23, Novo Nordisk India Pvt. Ltd. v. DCIT SP No. 61/Bang/2017 dated 24.3.2017**.

**29. Whether ITAT can stay demand without requiring assessee to pay 20% of tax demand:** W.e.f. 1.4.2020, ITAT may grant stay for 180 days subject to the condition that the assessee deposits not less than 20% of the amount of tax, interest, fee, penalty, or any other sum payable under the provisions of the Income Tax Act, or furnish security of equal amount in respect thereof.

**30. Where ITAT has granted stay of demand after safeguarding the interest of revenue, whether revenue can litigate before High Court:** It has been held that where Tribunal granted stay of demand during pendency of appeal, revenue should not have filed writ petition trying to prove their superior wisdom over wisdom of Tribunal and dismissed the petition with exemplary cost - **ACIT v. Epson India (P.) Ltd. [2018] 90 taxmann.com 174 (Karnataka)**.

**31. Where assessee had paid taxes but has not paid interest and penalty, can it ask for stay of the same as it requires money for making payment to labourers for completion of its project during Covid 19 pandemic:** Since assessee had already paid his entire tax liability, legitimate interests of revenue cannot be prejudiced by grant of stay on remaining outstanding dues which were primarily on account of levy of interest, and consequential levies. A stay on collection/ recovery of outstanding demands of Rs. 2.91 crore is to be granted till disposal of appeal/ end of six months. The High Court also held that any amount available to assessee will be first used for making payments of overdue and current wages/salaries payable to labourers/ employees and then the available money will be used for purpose of carrying out construction activity for providing quarantine facilities. Any surplus amount thereafter may be used for payment of outstanding dues of Interest and Penalty under Income Tax - **PandhesInfracon (P.) Ltd. v. ACIT [2020] 116 taxmann.com 376 (Mumbai - Trib.)**. Also refer: **Niyasha Barman v. ITO [2020] 116 taxmann.com 371 (Cal)**.

**32. Where matter is pending before ITAT for over 2 years for want of constitution of Special Bench, whether stay may be extended:** Where stay applications are filed seeking extension of stay on income tax demands raised by Tribunal's order which had been pending consideration of Special Bench for 2 years, stay on collection of outstanding demands of tax and interest, was to be extended till disposal of these appeals - **Doshi Accounting Services (P.) Ltd. v. DCIT [2019] 101 taxmann.com 62 (Ahmedabad - Trib.) (SB)**.

**33. Where an appeal before ITAT is pending against the order of CIT u/s 263 setting aside**

**the assessment order before the A.O. and the assessment has been framed by the A.O. imposing high demand. Whether assessee can move before ITAT for stay of demand:** As per Rule 35A, ITAT may grant stay of demand disputed in appeal before it. Where the appeal against the order u/s 263 is pending and the demand has been raised against the order of A.O. made in pursuance of the order u/s 263, it can be said that the demand is incidental to the order of CIT u/s 263. If the order u/s 263 is quashed the assessment order passed by the assessing officer shall also become infructuous. The stay may be granted by ITAT - **IBM India Pvt. Ltd v. ACIT, LTU S. P. No 15/Bang/2012, ITA No 598/Bang./2011**. A contrary view has been expressed in the case of **Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited v. DCIT [2001] 71 TTJ (Del.) 441**.

**34. Whether it is mandatory to file an application for stay before lower authorities before filing stay application before the ITAT:** In **Brosvel Pharmaceutical Inc. v. ITO [2004] 3 SOT 768 (All. Trib.)** held that an application of stay cannot be termed as defective if no application for stay is filed before lower authorities. The language in Rule 35A says that if there was any correspondence with lower authorities, the same shall be filed along with the petition. It was not mandatory on the part of the assessee to move before the lower authorities for grant of stay of outstanding demand. **Mumbai ITAT in the case of DHL Express India Pvt. Ltd. v. Addl CIT [2012] 49 SOT 112 (Mum) (URO)** relying on the above case held that seeking a stay before lower authorities was directory and not mandatory. Further in **Honeywell Automation India Ltd. v. DCIT [2012] 17 taxmann.com 28 (Pune)** held that direct stay applications before the tribunal, i.e. those stay applications without going to the revenue authorities or without waiting for the decision of revenue authorities are maintainable when there exists threat of coercive action by the A.O. Similar view has been expressed in **Kumar Company & Starent Networks I. Pvt Ltd. S.A Nos. 44 to 46/ PN/2009 dated 12.5.2009, Vodafone Essar Limited v. DCIT (TDS), Stay Application Nos. 224 to 226/ Mum./2009 (Mum.) (Concluded)**

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# The Rise of COVID-19 Vaccines for Animals

For the cheetah, getting her vaccine was no big deal. When the wildlife care specialist at San Diego Zoo Safari Park called to her, she paced over and then sat, quiet and calm, to receive her injection. "The animal participates in this process and can walk away at any time," explains Nadine Lamberski, head of wildlife health at the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance. It's the close relationship between wildlife specialists at San Diego and the animals they look after, she adds, that makes this gentle approach to vaccination possible. Roughly 260 animals, of many different species, have now received an experimental COVID-19 vaccine at San Diego Zoo and Safari Park. Most animals "volunteered" like the cheetahs, says Lamberski, though some were vaccinated from afar via darts. While SARS-CoV-2 has caused illness and millions of deaths among humans, multiple non-human animal species have turned out to be susceptible to it, too. This has led to the development and use of veterinary vaccines, mainly in zoos—but the question of which species need to be immunized, now or in the future, remains an open one. Zoos, which look after a relatively small number of often rare and high-value animals, clearly want to protect the species in their care. COVID-19 has caused a handful of animal deaths in zoos to date—including three snow leopards at a children's zoo in Nebraska and two lions at a zoo in India. Another concern, fueled by findings that the virus has entered some populations of wild animals, is that SARS-CoV-2 could mutate in other species and spread back to humans, prolonging the pandemic. Vaccination might prevent that and protect the animals themselves. Developing a veterinary vaccine Vaccines for humans require expensive development programs and large scale trials, and are generally prioritized for vaccinating people. Animal vaccines commonly require a lower level of scrutiny, and often have a different makeup. There is precedent for jabs that can be used on multiple species, so some veterinary pharmaceutical companies have sought to de-



velop a COVID-19 shot that can be used to vaccinate many different types of animal. Among these firms is Zoetis. The US-based company is in the process of donating around 26,000 doses of its COVID-19 vaccine for animals to zoos and animal sanctuaries in 13 countries, including the US and Canada. Another COVID-19 vaccine intended for use in animals was developed in Russia, and there is a further, forthcoming vaccine made by Applied DNA Sciences and Evvix. The two companies initially intended the vaccine to be used for cats but are now reported to be focused on inoculating mink instead. Kevin Tyler, a microbiologist at the University of East Anglia, notes that the veterinary vaccine now in use in Russia is an inactivated virus vaccine, which is a more complex form of vaccine than recombinant or mRNA vaccines. This complexity means the risk of unexpected side effects is considered greater, so such vaccines would require especially rigorous testing before being considered for use in humans. However, he notes that inactivated virus vaccines conserve more proteins and, therefore, epitopes from the original virus and so are likely to give a broader spectrum of protection. Zoetis started working on its vaccine in February 2020, around the time that reports emerged of a dog testing positive for COVID-19 in Hong Kong, and has since carried out an in-house study involving 15 cats and 15 dogs. The results, obtained before the first doses of the shot were distributed, reveal that the 20 animals that received the experimental vaccine developed a robust antibody response against SARS-CoV-2, while the 10 that received a placebo did not. There were no safety concerns reported by the company. It is the only study on the vaccine that has been made public so far. Less than 12 months after development began, the company made its first donation of experimental vaccine doses to the San Diego Zoo, shortly after a troop of eight gorillas at the zoo's safari park became infected. The shot, a subunit recombinant vaccine, uses a synthetic version of the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein and a proprietary adjuvant that Zoetis has used in previous veterinary vaccines. It's administered in two doses, three weeks apart, and, unlike with some drugs, the magnitude of dose does not need to be adjusted depending on

the size or weight of the animal receiving a jab. "It is the exact same quantity that we use for a 500-lb gorilla and a 5-lb mink," says Mahesh Kumar, a microbiologist and senior vice president of Global Biologics Research at Zoetis who leads vaccine research and development at the firm. With the availability of veterinary vaccines, the question of how many animals to vaccinate, and why, arises. Zoos will make their own judgements. Émilie Couture, a veterinarian at Granby Zoo in Canada, hopes to receive her first batch of Zoetis vaccine doses after the Christmas holidays. Big cats and gorillas will be first in line for a shot. However, while the zoo will likely also vaccinate some of its Jamaican fruit bats that are part of an educational program, and therefore have greater human contact, most of the zoo's bats will go unjabbed. "The risk and stress associated with capture of a whole flock far outweighs any potential risk associated with contracting the virus in this specific situation," she explains. Tigers were one of the many species at the San Diego Zoo that received COVID-19 vaccines. SAN DIEGO ZOO The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) says there might be justification for vaccinating endangered species against COVID-19, but Keith Hamilton, head of the OIE's preparedness and resilience department, says in a statement that pets don't need a jab at this stage because there is little evidence of pet-to-human transmission, and therefore vaccinating the animals "would not contribute to controlling the pandemic." Nikolaus Osterreider, a veterinarian virologist at City University of Hong Kong, agrees. "Yes, there were mink-to-human transmissions, but the transmission in humans is not caused by animals right now." The problem is that this could change in the future. "I worry about things like urban monkeys in populations where it could be spreading quite happily," says Tyler. "It may be mutating quite a lot, and at some stage it could come back into the human population." Urban monkeys sometimes interact with people at very close quarters, including in many large cities in Asia and

South America. The prospect of an animal species serving as a reservoir of SARS-CoV-2, enabling the virus to then cross back into the human population and prolong the pandemic, also worries Suresh Kuchipudi, a virologist at Pennsylvania State University. He and his team recently posted data on the prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 RNA among white-tailed deer in Iowa. The findings, yet to be peer-reviewed, show that more than 30 percent of samples obtained from 300 roadkill or hunted deer during the pandemic tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 RNA. See "Researchers Detect Coronavirus in Iowa Deer" There is currently no evidence of SARS-CoV-2 transmission from white-tailed deer to humans, he adds, but he stresses that further research is needed to better understand the spread of the disease among deer and the potential risks to people. Vaccinating wild deer would be "very challenging," says Kuchipudi, but it could be one option in the future. If a program did take shape to vaccinate wild or semi-wild animals, such as urban monkeys, against COVID-19, it might rely on a yet-to-be-developed oral vaccine, suggests Tyler. Such a vaccine could be applied to a foodstuff favored by the target species and distributed in places where the animals were likely to consume it. For Kuchipudi, the real risk is in missing potential populations of animals where SARS-CoV-2 is spreading, and potentially mutating. A testing program to monitor the prevalence of the virus in deer and other species could also be of benefit, he adds. Without, at the very least, confirming which animals are most at risk of catching the virus and potentially spreading it back to humans, we could be "blindsided" by future outbreaks. "Unless we address that aspect also, it may not be feasible to bring this pandemic to an end," he says.

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## Indian Navy Band Concert

Khordha: Indian Navy Band concert was conducted on 18 December -2021 under the aegis of Naval Officer-in-Charge, Odisha and Commanding Officer INS Chilika. Dr. Surya Narayan Patro Hon'ble Speaker of Odisha Legislative Assembly Preside over the function as the Chief Guest and



graced the event as Guest of Honour. Several civilian, dignitaries, retired military personnel, serving officers of the Indian Armed Forces, several state government officials and 1971 war veterans attended the Band Concert.

The concert began with a rousing "Fanfare" followed by diverse scores, ranging from martial music to popular Bollywood number as well as Odia fusion music. The Navy Band concert was special this time as the nation Celebrates Swarnim Vijay Varsh and Azadi Ka Amrit Mahostav. Cmde NP

Commanding Officer INS Chilika dedicated the concert to the people of Odisha and gave vote of thanks on completion of the event. The Band Concert was conducted following all laid down covid-19 protocols.

economically vulnerable families. President Zilla Parishad, Khordha, Prafulla Kumar Dalei, Vice-president, BJD, Khordha, District Dillip Kumar Hota, Bibhu Prasad Sahoo, Ex - Sarapancha, Nijigada Tapang Bijaya Jena and others were present in this distribution programme.

## MLA Khordha Distributes BSKY Smart Health Cards in Nijigada Tapang GP

Khordha: MLA Khordha Joytrindra Nath Mitra today distributed Biju Swastya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY) smart health card to the beneficiaries of Nijigada Tapang GP, under Khordha Panchayat Samiti. Which will help families get treatment up to 5 lakhs annum for male members and 7 lakhs

annum for female members. With this card people can avail themselves of quality health care service in about 200 hospital chain in the country including Odisha. In this no frill system a person will simply go to a hospital with the card and get all the treatment without any hassle. It is a first of its kind service in the

country. "Every life is Precious" has always been the guiding principle of Chief Minister Naveen Pattnaik. The vision of Chief Minister has been to provide assurance of quality health care to all the citizens of the States, especially the vulnerable sections. With special emphasis on the health protection of

power. Two generations (of Sena) fought against a party (Congress) and now they are sharing power with the same party. Sena betrayed BJP just for power," Shah said. He said the downfall of the MVA will begin with Pune Municipal Corporation polls. "Earlier I had made a statement that the MVA is a three-wheeler rickshaw whose wheels are going in different directions. Now, I modify that statement. 'MVA is a three-wheeler rickshaw whose wheels are going in three different directions. All these three wheels are punctured. This rickshaw is causing pollution," Shah said. Does Maharashtra want a direct benefit transfer or the dealer-

## MVA a punctured rickshaw causing pollution, says Amit Shah, calls Shiv Sena betrayer

PUNE: In a scathing attack, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday described the tripartite Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) dispensation as a "punctured rickshaw" whose wheels are going in three different directions and it causing only pollution.

Addressing a gathering of BJP volunteers in Pune, Shah dubbed Congress a "dealer", Shiv Sena a "broker" and said NCP is associated

with "transfers". Earlier, the BJP had alleged that a senior state intelligence official had exposed a racket of transfers of senior police officers in August 2020.

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"Just resign from the posts and contest elections. Let's contest elections and let those three parties stand together. Our BJP volunteers are ready. People of Maharashtra are also ready for the audit of (the work) what has been done so far (by MVA)," the BJP MP said. He also slammed the MVA for not reducing the prices of fuel.

"They talked about inflation. Modiji reduced prices but they (MVA) did not do so. I guess MVA has some hearing issues. Modiji reduced fuel prices and appealed to states to slash the rates too. BJP-led states cut the prices of fuel but the MVA decreased the prices of liquor. Maharashtra's people don't want cheap liquor but fuel," he said.

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## No solution for Garbage in Shiv Shankar Nagar of Rourkela?

Rourkela: Garbage is lying in Shiv Shankar Nagar area of Rourkela city for years. The sanitation

but the cleaning work has not started. The people of the area say that due to the apathy of the administration,

bage has made it difficult for the people to survive. The women of the area said that the Municipi-

the Shiv temple, told that many times applications have been made for this, but till now no one has come



workers of the Municipal Corporation neither come to do cleaning work nor do anyone else take care of the cleanliness system in this area, that is why there is a heap of such garbage here. Local people say that the officials of the Municipal Corporation have been informed many times

there is this situation in Shiv Shankar Nagar area of smart city which is frightening. Localites say Hundreds of families live in the area and in the midst of this zone, the pile of garbage seems to expose the various cleanliness-related schemes of the government. The foul smell of the gar-

pal Corporation's garbage-lifting vehicle goes from Bisra Chowk to Bondamunda, but they do not see this pile of garbage. The intellectuals of the area are very worried about this. Suresh Sah, who has been living in this area for the past sixty years and the care taker of

for its solution. He himself looks after the cleanliness around the temple premises, but neither from Municipal Corporation nor from the administration anyone comes for the solution, he requested the administration to take steps regarding the cleanliness in Shiv Shankar Nagar area.




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**Exhibition of Defence Products at ORDNANCE FACTORY DUMDUM**



Kolkata: To commemorate the 75 years of India Independence and as a part of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations, Ordnance Factory Dum Dum (OFDC) is organising a week long Public Exhibition of Defence Products from December 13 to 19 at Community Hall Dum Dum Estate.

Various products manufactured for Indian Army, Air Force, Navy, MHA and State Police CAPFs in OFDC have been put on display. The item includes Tail Units, 125 HEAT, Fuze, Precision components of polymers like 20 & 30 round Magazine, Guard etc. Enthusiasm among visitors in the exhibition proclaims the contribution of Ordnance Factory Dum



defence and gets inspiration of patriotism by witnessing the engineering of defence production. Children and youth were particularly attracted by a 450kg

**Interactive session with Mr. Chandra Shekhar Ghosh**

Kolkata: Heritage Business School, Kolkata, organized an interactive session with Mr. Chandra Shekhar Ghosh, MD & CEO, Bandhan Bank today. The session witnessed the presence of Shri H.P.Budhia, Chairman, Heritage Business School, Shri Sanjay Agarwal, Chairman, The Heritage College, Smt. Swati Budhia Sarawagi, Member, SMC, The Heritage School and Dr. Anup Sinha, Director, Bandhan Bank and

Chief Mentor, Heritage Business School among the others. During the session Mr. Ghosh shared his journey of making Bandhan Bank

determined to achieve your goals, everything falls into place," said Mr. Ghosh during the interactive session. Shri Probir Roy, Di-

KBT, Prof. Amitava Ghosh, Teacher-in-charge, The Heritage College, Prof. Devinder Banwet, Member, BOG, The Heritage College and



**Mukhyamantri Karma Tatpara Abhiyan (MUKTA) inaugurated at Khordha**

Khordha: The main objective of this Yojana is to decrease the unemployment rate in odisha state. This Mukhyamantri gym, Children toy's in 5 park, improvement of 4 playground, 6 new urinal, vending zone of 4 places, 1 pevar foot work was implemented through SHGs. The chief guest of the occasions MLA, Khordha, Joytrindra Nath Collector -cum-Executive Officer Khordha Municipality, Y. Sivaji inaugurated the newly renovation Jayee Rajguru



Karma Tatpara Abhiyan scheme helps to create sustainable ecology and resilient weather. As per the announcement of Odisha government sanctioned 7 mini park, 6 open walking machine and construction of 21 new Mission Shakti House were approved by the state government to khordha municipality with the cost of 376.15 lakhs. The construction Mitra, Collector-cum-Administrator, Khordha Municipality, Sangram Keshari Mohapatra, Project Director Khordha District Rural Development Agency, Digant Routray, Sub-

**Chandramouli Venkatesan's third book TRANSFORM will make you a Better Leader and Manager at the Workplace**

Kolkata : Widely known for his bestseller books Catalyst and Get Better at Getting Better, the late Chandramouli Venkatesan's third book titled TRANSFORM was completed just before he succumbed to pancreatic cancer. It was intended to be a part of a longer series of books he wanted to write to help guide people to better navigate their careers. In this new book, published by Penguin, Mouli does what he does best, highlighting the most important ways to grow and improve through a key skill – people management. Having a proven 29-year track record across companies like Asian Paints, Onida, Mondelez (erstwhile Cadbury) and Pidilite, Mouli has worked across multiple disciplines and brings all his experience to life through the insights he provides in this book. During his career, Mouli observed that people management

skills are a near universal requirement in all industries, and their impact in making a person successful is high. He also found that the people at the top are not necessarily the most technically competent or the most creative, but they were almost always good leaders and managers –

agement and how they actually aren't one dimensional in nature. This book is based on a development program Mouli used to run called "Lead & Manage". The book aims to bust certain myths we have – such as "leaders" only being those with leadership built into

proaches their career. On book, Mr. Anand Kripalu, Managing Director & CEO, EPL says, "Mouli has been one of my best reportees. The book shares insights on people management to help young managers move up the corporate ladder fast. I am sure the book will leave a lasting impact and accelerate the careers of those who read it." Dr. Ranjan Banerjee, Dean – BITSOM, says, "How do you grow your people and in doing so, grow yourself? As somebody who has been both CEO and HR head, Mouli is/was uniquely placed to speak about this. Clear, simple and actionable, this is a must read for both aspiring and current leaders." Insightful and practical, TRANSFORM is a comprehensive book on leadership and management which covers many important concepts to improve chances of corporate success.



making them good at people management. He viewed people management as one of the four key levers to achieving success in one's life & work. We often view people management to be the actions that "leaders" and "managers" take, and many of us dream of being "leaders" one day ourselves. Mouli's writing style, however, makes you rethink concepts such as leadership and man-

their role, like a CEO. In fact, he argues that no matter your role, your actions must be to both lead and manage simultaneously. What makes Transform different is that Mouli has developed a practical work plan for his readers. By completing the few simple exercises in the book rigorously, you can learn to drive various behavioural and action based shifts in the way one ap-

# Privatisation: Changing tracks aided Air India, derailed BPCL sale

NEW DELHI: Changing tracks helps. But, not taking the beaten path isn't always helpful. This is the story of two of India's biggest

case of Hindustan Zinc and Balco. Instead, it offered its entire 52.98 per cent in the company operating in a sunset sector. The result - just three

the bourses. The government currently holds 100 per cent in LIC. Yet the biggest achievement of circa 2021 was shedding of

Electronics under the Ministry of Science and Technology was sold to Delhi-based firm Nandal Finance and Leasing for Rs 210 crore.

made subsidiary of another CPSE or closed down.

The four sectors are atomic energy, space and defence; transport and telecommunications; power, petroleum, coal and other minerals; and banking, insurance and financial services.

In non-strategic sectors, CPSEs will be privatised, or will be considered for closure. The policy states that NITI Aayog will recommend the CPSEs under strategic sectors that are to be retained under government control or to be considered for privatisation or merger or put under the control of another PSE or for closure.

The alternative mechanism for strategic disinvestment, comprising Finance Minister, Road Transport Minister and Ministers of the Administrative Ministries will give final approval for the CPSEs to be retained, or privatised or merged or made subsidiary or closed down.

The budget for 2021-22 set a target of Rs 1.75 lakh crore from disinvestment.

Of this, Rs 1 lakh crore is estimated to come from the sale of government stake in PSU banks and insurance companies -- the majority from the IPO of LIC.

A sum of Rs 75,000 crore is budgeted from CPSE stake sale.

Asset Monetisation The government also launched a four-year (FY 2022-2025) road map for a Rs 6-lakh-crore

asset monetisation plan, a large chunk of which will be through brownfield assets of central ministries and public sector entities across road, railways and power.

The sector wise target set for monetisation are road (over Rs 1.60 lakh crore), Railways (Rs 1.52 lakh crore), power transmission (Rs 45,200 crore), power generation (Rs 39,832 crore) and telecom (Rs 35,100 crore).

Privatisation

Since coming to power in 2014, the NDA government has talked about the sale of PSUs, especially loss-making ones, such as Air India. It sought to pass off the sale of state-run entities, such as HPCL to ONGC, another PSU, as strategic sale, drawing criticism even from the CAG.

It is now trying to push privatisation as a key reform initiative and has even added state-run banks and a general insurance company to the privatisation list. Air India, which was surviving on Rs 20 crore a day fund infusion by the government, was a case of an

elephant in the room for previous governments.

After an unsuccessful attempt in 2018, when the government was selling 76 per cent in the national carrier, the government in 2020 floated fresh EoI for 100 per cent sale.

But Covid delayed the privatisation plan and the sale process spilled over to 2021.

Air India had total debt of Rs 61,562 crore as of August 31. 75% of this debt or Rs 46,262 crore will be transferred to a special purpose vehicle AIAHL before handing over the airline to Tata group by this month-end.

**India, Taiwan holding talks on free-trade agreement, looking at setting up semiconductor hub**

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talks for firming up a free-trade agreement as well as a bilateral investment agreement to boost trade ties, the people said.

India has been promoting its ties with Taiwan in the areas of trade, investment, tourism, culture, education and people-to-people exchanges.

The cooperation in the areas of trade, investment and industry between the two countries has been on an upswing in the last few years. The volume of bilateral trade has grown nearly six-fold from USD 1.19 billion in 2001 to almost USD 7.05 billion in 2018 and India ranks as Taiwan's 14th largest export destination and 18th largest source of imports, according to official data.

By the end of 2018, around 106 Taiwanese companies were operating in India, with the total investment amounting to USD 1.5 billion in the fields of information and communication technology, medical devices, automobile components, machinery, steel, electronics, construction, engineering and financial services.

The two sides have also set up teams for further expansion of ties in education as well as skill development training.

At present, an estimated 2,800 Indian students are studying in Taiwan.

India does not have formal diplomatic ties with Taiwan but both sides have trade and people-to-people ties.

In 1995, New Delhi set up the India-Taipei Association (ITA) in Taipei to promote interactions between the two sides and facilitate business, tourism and cultural exchanges.

The ITA has also been authorised to provide all consular and passport services.

In the same year, Taiwan too established the Taipei Economic and Cultural Center in Delhi.

**CM Naveen Patnaik approves Rs 1000 crore to build houses for police**

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pathy. The direction comes months after Kegaon police in Kalahandi district refused to receive the missing complaint of lady teacher Mamita Meher from her family members.

The charred remains of Mamita's body were recovered from the under-construction Mahaling Stadium in the district on October 19. Naveen further said that the government's 'Mo Sarkar' initiative aims at treating people visiting its offices with dignity. He lauded Odisha Police for implementing preventive steps to contain the spread of coronavirus pandemic.

Around 61 police personnel had lost their lives while performing Covid-19 duties. The Chief Minister also appreciated the Special Task Force (STF) of the Crime Branch for its drive against drug trafficking and wildlife criminals.

He asked the Special Narcotics unit of the STF to give more emphasis on curbing the drug menace in urban areas of the State. He commended ODRAF and Odisha Fire Service personnel for carrying out rescue and relief operations after tropical storm Yaas hit the coast of the State in May this year. Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mahapatra, DGP Abhay and DGP designate Sunil Kumar Bansal were present.



privatisations - Air India and Bharat Petroleum (BPCL).

Nearly two decades after the last privatisation, a landmark divestment concluded this year when the loss-making national carrier Air India was sold to the Tatas. This was made possible only after the government changed the track from selling 76 per cent of its stake in the national carrier to putting on block its entire 100 per cent holding as well as giving bidders an option of deciding how much debt they were willing to take over.

In the case of BPCL, the government ignored suggestions of following its time-tested policy of putting on block 26 per cent stake along with management control, just like it had done in the

bids came in, and two of them struggled to arrange for finances for the acquisition which going by current market value should not be less than USD 10-12 billion.

So, while Air India privatisation sailed, BPCL is dragging on. Some say that if the government had offered just 26 per cent along with management control, it would have given a better value for the remainder stake once the company added value under private management.

But the biggest disinvestment in India's history is expected in the January-March quarter of 2022 with the country's largest insurer Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) slated to come out with an initial public offer (IPO) and list itself on

the taboo that 'family silver' was being sold. Privatisation helps save taxpayers money gained more roots than ever before.

The year 2021 was a landmark in many aspects in terms of the government's disinvestment programme, as it saw the first privatisation in 19 years and categorizing government companies as strategic and non-strategic -- making it clear to the private sector that the government will walk the talk when it says that 'government has no business to be in business'.

Two CPSEs, Air India and Central Electronics Ltd, were privatized in 2021-- the first since 2003-04.

While Tata group bought the ailing carrier Air India for Rs 18,000 crore, Central

Also, work is underway to privatise 5 CPSEs -- BPCL, BEML, Shipping Corp, Pawan Hans and NINL.

Alliance Air and three other Air India subsidiaries too would be privatised during 2022. The tone was set by Prime Minister Narendra Modi early in February making a strong pitch for privatisation of public sector units and fiscal support to sick PSUs puts a burden on the economy and public sector units should not be run just because of legacy.

The government unveiled the new Public Sector Enterprise (PSE) policy, which had four strategic sectors in which "bare minimum" number of CPSEs will be retained and the rest would be privatised or merged or

## LIC IPO unlikely to take place this fiscal due to delay in valuation

NEW DELHI: The government is unlikely to come up with the IPO of Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) in the current financial year ending March 2022, as the valuation of the state-owned be-

almost seven months. Valuation of LIC is a complex process because of its size, product mix, real estate assets, subsidiaries and profitability sharing structure, and the size of share sale depends

cracy and different departments consumes its own time and that is what we are trying to speed up," she had said. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) had in July given its in-prin-

lation.

Up to 10 per cent of the LIC IPO issue size would be reserved for policyholders.

In her Budget Speech 2021, Sitharaman had said the IPO of LIC would be launched in



hemoth is taking more than anticipated time, and preparatory work is still far from complete. There are still some issues that need to be addressed with regard to the valuation of LIC, a senior official of one of the merchant bankers said.

Even after the valuation, there are several regulatory processes that have concluded, the official said.

The official added that the initial public offering (IPO) requires vetting not only by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) but also the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai) that has been headless for

on the valuation, another official said. Given the number of regulatory procedures to be fulfilled, the official said it would be difficult to meet the deadline of the fourth quarter of the current fiscal by any stretch of imagination.

The government is banking on the listing of LIC IPO and BPCL strategic sale for meeting its disinvestment target of Rs 1.75 lakh crore.

Recently, speaking about disinvestment, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had said the government is progressing well.

"The tying up of loose ends among bureau-

ciple approval for the listing of LIC. The government has already appointed 10 merchant bankers for the transaction.

To facilitate the listing of LIC, the government earlier this year made about 27 amendments to the Life Insurance Corporation Act, 1956. As per the amendment, the central government will hold at least 75 per cent in LIC for the first five years post the IPO, and subsequently hold at least 51 per cent at all times after five years of the listing.

The authorised share capital of LIC shall be Rs 25,000 crore divided into 2,500 crore shares of Rs 10 each, as per the amended legis-

the financial year beginning April 1.

Currently, the government owns 100 per cent stake in LIC.

Once listed, LIC is likely to become one of the biggest domestic companies by market capitalisation with an estimated valuation of Rs 8-10 lakh crore.

The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM), which manages the government's equity in state-owned companies, has selected actuarial firm Milliman Advisors for ascertaining the embedded value of LIC for meeting the government's disinvestment target.

## India squad for U-19 World Cup announced, Delhi's Yash Dhull to lead

NEW DELHI: Delhi batter Yash Dhull will lead a 17-member Indian squad in the Under-19 World Cup, which is scheduled to be held in the West Indies from January 14 to February 5, the BCCI announced on

see 16 teams competing for the trophy across 48 matches. India is the most successful team having won the title four times -- 2000, 2008, 2012 and 2018. India has also been runners-up in 2016

The format will see the top two teams from each of the four groups advance to the Super League while the remaining teams feature in the Plate across 23 days of competition. India will begin their

will host the Plate competition between January 25 and 31, with the Super League taking place in Antigua and Barbuda from January 26. The semi-finals will be played on Febru-



Sunday. Four-time winners India are clubbed with South Africa, Ireland and Uganda in Group B. Dhull's appointment was on expected lines as he was also named captain for the upcoming Asia Cup, to be held in the UAE from December 23. Dhull will have Andhra's SK Rasheed as his deputy for the premier tournament in the Caribbean. "The All-India Junior Selection Committee has picked India's squad for the upcoming ICC Under 19 Men's Cricket World Cup to be played in the West Indies from 14th January to 5th February 2022 across four host countries," the BCCI said in a press release. The 14th edition of the tournament will

and in the previous edition of the tournament held in 2020 in New Zealand. Dhull, a right-handed middle-order batter, was a leading run-getter in the Vinoo Mankad Trophy earlier this year. He averaged 75.50 for his 302 runs for the Delhi Districts & Cricket Association (DDCA) in the five matches that the team played during the tournament. Delhi player Dhull thus joins the great Virat Kohli in captaining the junior side in the marquee tournament. He has previously led the Delhi U-16, U-19 and India 'A' U-19 sides. Rasheed was also impressive in the Vinoo Mankad Trophy, including scoring a match-winning century.

campaign against South Africa at the Providence Stadium in Guyana on January 15. They will play their remaining group matches against Ireland and Uganda on January 19 and 22 respectively. The four host countries have been confirmed as Antigua and Barbuda, Guyana, St Kitts and Nevis and Trinidad and Tobago with 10 venues hosting matches. The 48-match schedule will begin with hosts West Indies taking on Australia, with Sri Lanka facing Scotland in Guyana on January 14. The group stage will take place across Guyana, St Kitts and Nevis and Trinidad and Tobago between January 14 and 22. Trinidad and Tobago

ary 1 and 2 across two venues: the Sir Vivian Richards Cricket Ground and Coolidge Cricket Ground. The final will also be held at the Sir Vivian Richards Cricket Ground. India squad: Yash Dhull (captain), Harnoor Singh, Anagrish Raghuvanshi, SK Rasheed (vice-captain), Nishant Sindhu, Siddharth Yadav, Aneeshwar Gautam, Dinesh Bana (wk), Aaradhya Yadav (wk), Raj Angad Bawa, Manav Parakh, Kaushal Tambe, RS Hangargekar, Vasu Vats, Vicky Ostwal, Ravikumar, Garv Sangwan. Standby players: Rishit Reddy, Uday Saharan, Ansh Gosai, Amrit Raj Upadhyay, PM Singh Rathore.

## Jennifer Brady joins growing list of absentees for Australian Open

MELBOURNE: Jennifer Brady has become the latest withdrawal from next month's Australian Open and two warm-up tournaments because of injury. Australian Open officials on Sunday confirmed the 2021 finalist would miss the tournament due to a left foot injury, and said in a tweet: "wishing you a speedy recovery Jen." Brady, ranked 25, made her maiden grand slam final at last year's event at Melbourne Park, losing in straight sets to Naomi Osaka. The 26-year-old American has not played competitively since being forced to retire from her second-round match against Jelena Ostapenko at Cincinnati in August.

Brady's withdrawal follows that of the world fourth-ranked player, Karolina Pliskova, who announced Thursday that she would not be coming to Australia due to a right-hand injury sustained during a practice session. Earlier this month,

Canada's Bianca Andreescu said she would be taking time away from the sport to address mental health concerns, while 23-time grand slam winner Serena Williams said she would not travel down under following 'advice from her

medical team'. Six-time Australian Open champion Roger Federer is out of the men's draw as he continues his long recovery from knee surgery. The Australian Open begins on January 17.



## Arsenal reports allegation of racism during English Premier League match



LEEDS: Arsenal reported an allegation of racial abuse toward one of its players during the English Premier League game against Leeds on Saturday, manager Mikel Arteta said. The alleged incident

took place in the 33rd minute of the game at Elland Road. "It was reported and the stadium manager will have to deal with that with the authorities," Arteta said after Arsenal's 4-1 win. Arteta said it was a "single person" who

aimed the alleged abuse apparently toward one of Arsenal's substitutes. "Very disappointed because we have done so much in football to try to avoid it," he said, "but it is a single person. I don't think

that merits that a full stadium pays the price. "It was a single incident and it has to be reported. It was reported and now the authorities will have to work with the clubs to understand what happened."



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