

## President of India Graces 69th Convocation of IIT Kharagpur

New Delhi (KCN): The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu graced and addressed the 69th convocation of IIT Kharagpur today (December 18, 2023).

Speaking on the occasion, the President said that our IIT system has a reputation all over the world. IITs are considered incubation centers of talent and technology. She stated that IIT Kharagpur has the distinction of being the first IIT of the country. This institution has nurtured great talents in its journey of almost 73 years and its contribution to the development of the country is unmatched. The President was happy to note that in line with

the Government of India's policy of internationalization and globalization of IITs, IIT Kharagpur is working on alliances and collaborations with other global institutions. She said that this step will not only help in establishing IIT Kharagpur at the international level but will also be a big step towards giving global recognition to the Indian education system.

The President highlighted that not even a single educational institution of such a vast country with the world's oldest knowledge tradition is among the top 50 educational institutions of the world. She said that the race for ranking is not more

important than good education. But good ranking not only attracts students and good faculty from all over the world but also enhances the reputation of the

country. She stated that IIT Kharagpur, being the oldest IIT of the country, should make efforts in this direction.

The President said that Institutions like IIT

Kharagpur will have to play an important role in making the 21st century - India's century through innovation and technology. They will have to make

revolutionary efforts to develop technology and implement it.

The President said that everyone should have right over technology. It should be used for the

purpose of promoting social justice and equality and not to widen the gap in society. She stated that the digital payment system is the best example of technology simplifying the lives of common people.

The President said that today India is scaling new heights, setting new standards and emerging as a major world power. We look forward to finding solutions to the challenges facing the world in the spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam. In this Amrit Kaal of India, the golden age will come only by churning through technology. Computerization, solar energy, genomics and

large language models are some of the experiments that have the potential to bring revolutionary changes in social life. Diseases that seemed incurable 150 years ago are now treated almost free of cost. People's standard of living is getting better. The role of technology is important in making this world better and inclusive. She urged all to develop a growth oriented, futuristic and curious mindset. She said that along with this, they should have a feeling of gratitude towards the nation and society for their wonderful present. She expressed confidence that they will be able to give a better and safer future to the country and the world.



## Odisha Police seizes drugs valued at Rs66 lakhs, two held

Bhubaneswar (KCN): The Special Crime Unit (SCU) of Commissionerate Police arrested two drug peddlers and seized drugs valued at around Rs 66 lakhs from CRP Square area in Bhubaneswar Sunday, Police Commissioner S. A. M. Priyadarshi said.

Priyadarshi said that the illegal trade in drugs usually increases manifold every year during this period in view of the parties for New Year celebrations and various other occasions.

He said that the Deputy Commissioners of Police have also been instructed to remain more vigilant to check the illegal trade.



substantial quantity of brown sugar via a Bolero pick-up from Jaleswar in Balasore district to Khordha, passing through Bhubaneswar, the team successfully intercepted the vehicle on National Highway-16 flyover at CRP Square December 17.

They said that the two suspects were apprehended, and found in exclusive possession of 660 grams of brown sugar, valued at approximately Rs66 Lakh.

The accused peddlers were identified as Sk Sadiruddin of Basta and Ajmer Khan of Jaleswar area in Balasore district.

They are suspected to be part of a network involved in transporting these dangerous substances for financial gain, from Jaleswar to the Khurda area.

The SCU has reportedly sought the court's permission to take the accused duo on remand to further unearth their network.

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laid foundations for the Drill Core Library and five Odisha Mining Adarsh Vidyalayas in the state.

Apart from this, the Chief Minister inaugurated seven Quality Control Labs, 10 Sample Processing Units, one Chrome Ore Beneficiation Plant of OMC on the occasion.

The Chief Minister congratulated the OMC for leading by example in not only contributing to the economy but also to sustainable mining and spreading happiness amongst the people through its various people-centric development and welfare activities.

"Be it sports, health, education or periphery development, OMC has always put its' best efforts

in serving the society," said the Chief Minister. Expressing happiness over OMC's welfare initiatives in mining areas, the Chief Minister said, "The OMC has set up five CBSE-affiliated fully residential schools for the students of the mining periphery. The Mobile Health Unit is an excellent initiative and will play important role in providing health care facilities at the doorsteps of the villagers around the operational areas of OMC."

The Chrome Ore Beneficiation Plant at

South Kaliapani and the Quality Control Laboratories at different operational areas will play an important role in adopting more transparency and quick dispatch of quality raw materials to the user industries, he added.

Speaking on the occasion, Steel & Mines Minister Prafulla Mallick praised the Chief Minister for his visionary leadership in taking Odisha to a new level with fast-paced transformation process.

Additional Chief Secretary, Steel & Mines department, DK Singh delivered the welcome address while OMC Managing Director Balwant Singh proposed the vote of thanks.



## 78 oppn MPs suspended from Parliament in unprecedented action; Cong attacks with 'Oppn-less' Parliament jibe

New Delhi (KCN): In an unprecedented move, 78 opposition MPs were suspended from Parliament Monday, in the highest number of suspensions in a day, triggering a strong reaction from the Congress and other parties that accused the BJP government of trying to bulldoze key legislations in an "Opposition-less" Parliament.

As many as 33 members were suspended from Lok Sabha followed by Rajya Sabha where 45 leaders were suspended after the Opposition refused to budge on their demand for a statement from Home Minister Amit Shah over the breach in Parliament security December 13, when two protesters jumped into the lower house chamber and opened smoke cans. Monday's action has

taken the total number of opposition MPs suspended from both houses to 92 since last Thursday on the issue. AAP member Sanjay Singh has been suspended as a Rajya Sabha member from July 24.

Thursday, the Lok Sabha suspended 13 members for the remaining part of the Winter Session for waving placards and disrupting proceedings over the Parliament security breach issue. Trinamool member Derek O'Brien was suspended from the Rajya Sabha for the remainder of the Winter Session for unruly behaviour.

In the Lok Sabha, 33 members, including floor leaders of the Congress and DMK — the two large parties in the opposition, were suspended on Monday for unruly behaviour.

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The Rajya Sabha also witnessed similar action. While 34 MPs were suspended for the remainder of the Winter session, 11 have been directed to stay away from the House pending an inquiry report on their conduct by the Committee of Privileges.

The members were suspended after the House adopted a motion moved by Leader of the House Piyush Goyal for

suspension of 34 MPs for the remainder of the session and another one for referring cases of conduct of 11 other opposition MPs to the privileges committee.

The Committee has been asked to submit its report within three months. Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar first named the suspended members and then put the motion to vote, which was adopted by voice vote.

The suspension triggered a political slugfest with opposition members terming the action as a "murder of democracy" and Goyal claiming that the action was necessary as the opposition MPs insulted the Lok Sabha Speaker and Rajya Sabha Chairman.

Accusing the Congress and its allies of "embarrassing" the country with their conduct, Goyal told reporters that opposition members brought placards

against their empowerment," Goyal said.

Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge accused the government of trying to bulldoze important draft legislation in an "Opposition-Less" Parliament. "With an Opposition-Less Parliament, the Modi Government can now bulldoze important pending legislations, crush any dissent, without any debate," Kharge said on X.

The government has listed three bills replacing the colonial era criminal law for consideration and passing in Parliament, besides the draft legislation to provide for a mechanism to appoint Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commissioners is pending passage from the Lok Sabha.



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# 5T Chief On Ganjam Care

**Chhatrapur(KCN):** Chairman 5T and Nabin Odisha, V K Pandian visited Ganjam District to review the progress of various developmental works in the district and interact with students, farmers, Mission Shakti Group members and other stakeholders.

**District Collector Dibyajyoti Parida** coordinated the entire District Visit in a hassle free manner.

Shri Pandian reviewed the progress of ongoing temple transformation project of Maa Budhi Thakurani Temple at Berhampur at a cost of Rs 18.91 Crore.

He also reviewed the

ongoing college transformation work of Khambeya Dora Junior Science College, Pochilima in Hinjilicut Block at a cost of Rs. 1.71 Crore.

Shri Pandian participated in the Nua-O Program being organised at Mini Stadium, Hinjilicut and interacted with students of all colleges of Hinjilicut Municipality, Hinjilicut Block and Sheragada Block. He discussed with the students how Nua-O program provides an avenue for youngsters to showcase their talent and helps achieve overall personality development in addition to their

academic achievements. Later, in Hinjilicut, he garlanded the statue of Prabapurus Sri Biju Patnaik and paid obeisance.

He also visited Rural Industrial Park of Sheragada where he interacted with Mission Shakti members and discussed with on various livelihood projects being undertaken by them.

5T Chairman emphasized on the 5 Major benefits that have been extended by Chief Minister for Women – Ticket in the newly rolled LACCMi Bus at just Rs. 5 Meal in all Aahaar Kendras



at Rs. 5. Financial support of Rs. 5000 is being provided to pregnant women and lactating mothers under MAMATA Yojana; Interest Free Loan up to Rs. 5 Lakhs for Mission Shakti Groups and Additional Rs. 05 Lakhs for Women beneficiaries taking the total to Rs. 10 Lakhs for BSKY beneficiaries. He interacted with the farmers of Sheragada and Hinjilicut Block at Sheragada Block Office Ground and discussed with them on the additional irrigation facilities that has been undertaken in both the blocks to augment the

income of the farmers and prevent distress migration. He informed the farmers that additional 12,000 Ac of land will be irrigated at a cost of 186.5 Crore for 65 Irrigation projects covering 21 GP's in Sheragada Block. These projects will benefit 10,000 farmers taking the area under irrigation from 60 to 90% in Sheragada Block. Similarly, 1535 Ac will be further brought under irrigation at a cost of 20.45 Crore for 37 Nos of projects covering 14 GP's in Hinjilicut Block. These projects will benefit 2000 farmers taking the area under irrigation to 99.50% in Hinjilicut Block. He instructed the concerned officials to ensure the completion of the projects in time. He was welcomed by local people and leaders in large numbers through out his tour during his visit today. In fact Shri Pandian successfully concluded his Ganjam visit today and a Pro-people District Collector Dibyajyoti Parida's sincere efforts for organizing all the events in a hassle free manner has been appreciated.

## Ganjam tops list in road mishap deaths



**Chhatrapur(KCN):** Ganjam district has registered the highest number of road accident deaths in the state this year. Sources said Sunday that there has been a sharp rise in road mishap deaths. The state Transport department has sent a letter to the district administration on this issue. It has sparked concern among the inhabitants of the district. In the letter, the Transport Department has urged the district administration and National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) and various other stakeholders to take urgent preventive

measures to prevent the rising death toll due to mishaps. The letter states that despite a 13.42 per cent decline in the number of road accidents for the period January to September in comparison to the same timeframe last year, the deaths have increased by 4.58 per cent. This development has sparked concern among various stakeholders as well as commuters. The report further states that 320 lives have been lost and 430 persons sustained critical injuries in 555 road accidents which took place January to September, this year. For the same period last

year, 306 lives were lost and 501 persons suffered serious injuries in 641 road accidents. It is this fatality rate which is worrying the district administration, sources said. The report also states that 414 persons were killed in 831 road accidents in 2022 while 377 persons killed in 734 accidents in 2021.

Similarly, 363 persons lost their lives in 616 road accidents in the year 2020. The figures show that the toll has been increasing steadily over the years. The accidents and subsequent casualties have not gone down despite the district Road Protection

## Land sharks have a field day in Rourkela



**Rourkela(KCN):** The southern part of this town has become a happy hunting ground for the land mafia. They are forcibly occupying land giving scant respect to the law. There have been several cases where such illegal land grabbing has come to the fore. Initially, the authorities were not keen to take preventive measures.

However, because of severe opposition from the local villagers, the administration has asked the revenue inspector (RI) to provide a report on illegal land grabbing. The villagers meanwhile pointed out that despite informing sub-collector Bijaya Nayak on this issue, no steps were taken. They had written a letter (copy with Orissa POST) to the sub-collector two months

back, but even now land grabbing continues. Attempts to contact Nayak over the phone failed as repeated calls went unanswered. Sources informed Sunday that the 'anawadi' plots are being grabbed. Then the land is plotted for construction of houses and sold to parties for anything between rupees one lakh to Rs 1.5 lakh. Sources informed that a person by the name of Indrajit Sahu is the kingpin among the land-grabbers. He has a

relative working at the local tehsil office. The latter informs Sahu about the 'anawadi' land helping the former to occupy the land illegally. The matter came to light Saturday when a group of people belonging to a gang went to measure an 'anawadi' land. The villagers prevented them from doing so and lodged a complaint at the Tangarpalli police station, informed a local. "We had complained about these illegal activities to the police



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# Morning Walk & Exercise



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walking an hour every morning can pick up your metabolic activity, don't give it up...the body is the dharma sadhana or tool to feeling rested and ready for the day.

Fewer

yourself to get up when your alarm goes off, your body will thank you and pay you back by

Improved productivity: Exercising increases your productivity and gets your endorphins going. You will be more

metabolism elevated, you will be burning more calories all day long.

Better sleep: Studies have shown that women and men who wake up early for regular exercise sleep better than those who routinely exercise in the evening. Since exercise stimulates your body, when you exercise at night, it becomes more difficult to fully relax and drift into peaceful sleep.

Better diet:

By knocking out your exercise first thing, you will approach your food differently throughout the day. You will be proud of

yourself for getting up and burning some calories, so why sabotage it with an unhealthy lunch? Instead, you will want to continue your positive choices by eating foods that make you feel fresh and energized.

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dharma" pleads the other voice somewhere in the background and I pull myself up.

scheduling conflicts: How many times have you planned on working out after work when something better comes along or you get too tired and just go home? By getting up early, you are less likely to miss out on any fun activities later in the day or get distracted at home or work. Instead of

scrambling to finish your "to do" list and missing another workout, plan to do it first thing so you are sure to fit it in!

tackle your day by giving yourself that extra energy boost. Working out can increase your mental clarity for four to 10 hours post-exercise.

Exercising in the morning is a wonderful way to create a positive routine and provides many added benefits beyond just keeping you fit. Research shows that those who exercise in the morning are more consistent exercisers than those who exercise later in the day. Our bodies love routine. If you force

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These are the teachers who made us realise that the signpost is not the road. They showed by example that the journey itself was as important – or even more important – as the destination. Refusing to be identified only with the journey, or the goal, they walked with us in spirit as we negotiated the many twists and turns of life, leading us with compassion and inspiring us to never give up. In the course of teaching, teachers too learn from students just as students learn from their teachers. And when teaching and learning become shared experiences, it becomes evident that it is a two-way process.

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## Little Pieces of Light ... Darkness and Personal Growth

**Dr. Dillip Kumar Moharana**



help? Delving deeper into ourselves, we discover that there are glimmers of light that protect and reassure us, bringing back our self-confidence. Whoever would have thought that in the blackest of moments, we would find sparks that inspire and resuscitate us? But it's true. Darkness, in many ways, is the precursor of psychological and spiritual growth.

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The truth is that we have potential but are weighed down by failures and weaknesses. But when we see this, the weak spots can become sources of our strength. We welcome and value illumination in our moments of darkness, but where do we turn for

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demons but external threats as well.

Then there is all the good that still exists in the universe. Ever so often, deliverance has come to us from those who have accompanied us on life's pathways. Maybe, it was because they had prescience, and they could see a little ahead of us. They may have given us insights that we would never have arrived at if unassisted. The greatest truth about ourselves is that we are accepted by God where we are and the way we are in the present. He meets us at the point we turn things over to Him. The darker the night, the brighter the stars burn. We, too, encounter, as Joyce Rupp says, many points of light in our lives, howsoever bad things may seem.

Sometimes, we may be depressed about something or feel that things are not going right; that there is no light at the end of the tunnel. But, it is only by experiencing such darkness that we grow to fullness of stature as human beings. Because it is darkness that reveals the real truth about us.

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**2023 will be remembered as the year when India surged her head against child marriage**

**Vinayak Das**

In 2023, there were two things that left an indelible mark on the collective conscience of the psyche of India. While the first one was when India took a giant leap and forged into the lunar orbit, the second one was when India decided to dwell deep into her conscience and in one voice declared that she will not let her children suffer and remain in slavery. While the first one was outward facing, climbing up and taking giant steps in technology, the other one was the humane resolve to uproot the centuries-old archaic regressive custom of child marriage. Over 223 million child brides, which is one-third of the global total, are in India. From social reformers to governments, the outcry in Independent India against this crime has varied from being a whisper to a scream, but till a couple of years ago, it wasn't loud enough to make any difference. But not anymore. If, a few years from now, someone was to write the timeline of child marriage from its emergence to extinction, 2023 will be etched as the year when India's fight against this crime took an unparalleled turn. It was in 2023 when state governments of 17 states spearheaded a movement

eliminating child marriage in India by 2030. Incidentally, a book 'When Children Have Children: Tipping Point to End Child Marriage' by child rights activist and noted Supreme Court lawyer Bhuvan Ribhu released simultaneously in over 200 districts on October 11 etches a clear roadmap on how to achieve the tipping point of child marriage and make India child marriage free by 2030. As of today (21 November 2023) 4,91,25,475 people have taken pledge in a total of 3,79,972 villages and 9,91,859 schools across the country. The goal now is to make the country child marriage free by 2030. This goal is in contrast to the UN estimates that if India continues to progress the way it has in the last decade, the country's child marriage rate could come down to six percent, but not before 2050. As per the National Health Family Survey V (2019-21), 23.3% women between the age group of 20-24 were married off before attaining the age of 18. As part of the year-end series, this is an important milestone for the country that should be highlighted and spread extensively so that the momentum that the country has finally gained doesn't slow down.

# Guru-Sishya Parampara & Knowledge



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teachers of one another. There is no room for superiority.

In its origins, all teaching was ultimately spiritual. The advent of modern science has tended to blur the lines of congruence between knowledge and wisdom. Acquiring 'knowledge' is now

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# Climate Crisis, Human Suffering, and Hope: A Global Perspective



In a world where hunger, drought, and gender-related conflicts intertwine, the narrative of despair becomes palpable, especially for the vulnerable, our children. As unsustainable changes in land and sea wreak havoc on nature and biodiversity, the urgency to address these interconnected challenges cannot be overstated. Discussing climate without acknowledging the pain in the world would be a disservice, for these challenges reflect our failings and strengths, shaping our response to the unfolding climate crisis. In these complex times, the conventional sequential human approach to problem-solving falters, demanding a more nuanced and interconnected strategy.

For those working in the climate space, the awareness of how climate risks exacerbate existing crises is acute. The host of the 28th United Nations Climate Change Conference, or Conference of the Parties (COP28), convened from 30 November to 12 December 2023 in the UAE (United Arab Emirates).

COP28 UAE will provide a milestone opportunity for the world to come together, correct course, and drive progress to keep 1.5C within reach so we can meet the goals and ambitions of the Paris Agreement. As COP28 strives to be the most inclusive ever, focusing on frontline communities, it is imperative to recognize the complexity of the human experience. Climate vulnerability is not solely a result of extreme weather. Still, it becomes deeply entrenched when woven with socio-economic and political discrimination, a stark reality in developing and least-developed countries. The recently instituted Loss and Damage Fund, hosted by the World Bank, takes centre stage as countries deliberate critical operational considerations and a draft proposal, determining how to structure and regulate the fund and who benefits. A pivotal moment arrives as countries are expected to finalize and adopt a framework for the Global Goal on Adaptation under the Paris Agreement. This framework aims to reduce climate vulnerabilities through measurable targets, guidelines for adaptation action, and the necessary financial support. One such solution gaining traction is agrivoltaics, a concept

where solar panels are strategically positioned on agricultural lands. This allows the capture of sunlight for electricity production while enabling farming and other activities to continue beneath and around them. In India, where the challenge of balancing land-water-energy-food security is pressing, agrivoltaics emerges as a significant renewable energy pathway. With India committing to net zero by 2070 and aiming for 500 GW of renewable energy by 2030, experts suggest that nearly 20% of this target can be achieved through agrivoltaics. Agrivoltaics Alliance (IAA). This alliance brings together diverse stakeholders, including industry associations, farmer groups, producer organizations, research institutes, financial institutions, policy think tanks and civil society organizations. As COP28 unfolds, the world watches with anticipation, not only for policy decisions but for the commitment to a comprehensive and inclusive approach that addresses the intricate tapestry of challenges humanity faces. The interconnected nature of climate change, social issues, and economic disparities demands a collective and integrated response.

Recognizing the potential of agrivoltaics, the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)

has partnered with the National Solar Energy

Federation of India (NSEFI) to establish the Indian Agrivoltaics Alliance (IAA). Global Collaboration Platform:

In the above context, there is a need to create a global platform that expands on the Agrivoltaics Alliance model to



establish a collaborative network where countries facing similar challenges can share insights, resources, and best practices related to sustainable solutions, resolving climate change and local socio-economic issues. This platform can extend COP28's inclusive approach, fostering international cooperation and collective problem-solving.

Climate Education Initiatives:

It is essential to develop comprehensive climate education initiatives, mainly targeting vulnerable communities, empowering local

populations with knowledge about climate change, its interconnected impacts, and sustainable solutions like agrivoltaics, work with educational institutions, NGOs, and community leaders to implement these initiatives, ensuring that people understand the broader

context of climate vulnerabilities.

Community-Driven Innovation Hubs:

There is a need to establish community-driven innovation hubs in developing countries.

These hubs serve as centers for brainstorming, testing, and implementing locally relevant solutions integrating renewable energy, agriculture, and climate resilience. Involve local communities, farmers, and entrepreneurs in designing and implementing projects, fostering a sense of ownership and sustainability.

Climate-Resilient Healthcare Systems:

There is a necessity to build on the discussions

from the climate health ministerial by creating a global initiative to develop climate-resilient healthcare systems, invest in research and technology that ensures healthcare infrastructure can withstand the impacts of climate change, collaborate with international health organizations,

new generation of problem solvers and climate leaders.

Circular Economy Initiatives:

There is an urgent requirement to promote circular economy initiatives that emphasize sustainable consumption and production, encourage countries to adopt policies that reduce waste, promote recycling, and minimize environmental impact, and collaborate with businesses, governments, and NGOs to create a circular economy framework that addresses both environmental and socio-economic challenges, ensuring a more holistic approach to sustainability.

International Funding Mechanism for Climate Resilience:

There is a need to establish an international funding mechanism dedicated to climate resilience projects, especially in vulnerable regions.

This fund could support initiatives integrating renewable energy, agriculture, and community development, focusing on addressing the root causes of climate vulnerability.

Nature-Based Solutions Initiative:

There is a necessity to develop a global initiative that promotes nature-based solutions for climate resilience. This could include reforestation projects, sustainable land management practices,

and ecosystem restoration efforts. There is a need to collaborate with environmental organizations, governments, and local communities to implement and scale up nature-based solutions that address climate change while fostering biodiversity and sustainable livelihoods.

Technology Transfer and Capacity Building:

There is a need to facilitate the transfer of sustainable technologies from developed to developing countries, create programs that provide training and capacity building for local communities to adopt and adapt these technologies, and encourage partnerships between technology

companies, research institutions, and local organizations to ensure the effective transfer of knowledge and skills.

Climate Justice Advocacy Campaign:

It is a must to launch a global climate justice advocacy campaign that raises awareness about the disproportionate impact of climate change on vulnerable communities, utilize multimedia channels to share stories, amplify voices from frontline communities, and mobilize public support for policies that resolve climate and social injustices.

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Although upskilling courses are not a new thing, but these days bootcamps are becoming more popular among graduates and professionals and hence such courses are also being seen more. According to a report, online bootcamps globally increased from 1600 in 2021 to 2200 in 2022. According to CourseReport, a platform for activities related to online

education, bootcamps in online learning will create a huge market based on their possibilities. As per campus estimate 2025By 2020, their global market in India will be worth 1.2 billion dollars, which was only 200 million dollars in 2020. Obviously their popularity is increasing. what are camps Training courses that teach a skill quickly, with intensive training and with practical experience are popularly known as bootcamp courses. This is especially available in the field of tech skills like coding, generative AI, machine learning, cloud cyber security,



This provides practical experience of the skill. Most training in bootcampThis is achieved through projects and practice etc. That is why they get more importance in interviews compared to online courses. According to

a report, the probability of getting employment after this has been estimated at 62%. Some bootcamps also provide placement. Available in formats suitable for graduates and professionals. It offers a good option for those who want to start a job as soon as possible. Not only technology is being taught in many fields, now bootcamp courses are becoming available in many fields. likeThese are Project Management, Cyber Security, Fashion, Law, Finance, Graphic Design, Digital Marketing,

Fintech etc. take care Before joining any online or offline bootcamp, definitely check the reputation of the institute or company conducting the bootcamp. There are many training institutes which charge expensive fees in the name of bootcamp, but the youth do not get any in-depth training in their training courses. Before making any payment, consult your colleagues, seniors if you are a professional or professors in college if you are a fresher. It would be advisable to check with your network. What is the right option for you will depend on your schedule, skill constraints, or desired goals. Choose

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## Bootcamps are good for learning skills

Vijay Garg

# IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE OF 60 CRORE POOR PEOPLE BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT OF MODI GOVT: AMIT SHAH

**Ahmedabad (KCN):** While addressing the 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra' organised at Sanand in Ahmedabad district, Union Home and Cooperation minister Amit Shah said that improving the quality of life of 60 crore poor people in the country has been the biggest achievement of the Narendra Modi government. He also urged everyone to take a pledge to make India a developed country and strive to realise the dream of those

who sacrificed their lives for the country's freedom. It is a well-known fact that under the leadership of Modi ji and the guidance of Amit Shah, an effort was made to secure India by carrying out surgical strikes on Pakistan, the incomplete dream of abrogation of Article 370 became a reality, undertook the work of constructing Lord Ram temple in Ayodhya, took India to the Moon through Chandrayaan mission, improved economic



parameters to their best since independence, and led to the highest industrial development

since independence. In today's era of Amritkaal, 60 crore poor get water directly to their

houses through water connection, gas cylinder, own houses with toilets, free healthcare up to Rs.

5 lakh and also get 5 kg food grains free of cost. In the past 9 years, the Modi-Shah duo has made

sure that the gas cylinder reaches the household of crores of poor women, something that nobody would have imagined. More than 4 crore poor people were given houses and arrangements were made to supply tap water to every household. Every village was connected by road, every house was provided with electricity connection and provided with bank account, and arrangements were made that every poor person gets 100 percent benefits of Ayushman card, tap water connection, toilet, gas cylinder, benefits of government schemes, so that people are satisfied, and the country becomes developed. Today, in Amritkaal no one is deprived of clean fuel for domestic use, toilet, medicines, and food.

## International delegates participated in ranching programme in river Ganga at Balagarh



**Bhubnaeswar (KCN):** A river ranching was conducted under Namami Gange programme on 16 December, 2023 at Rajbangshi Para Ghat, Balagarh, Hooghly West Bengal. A number of 25 thousand of fingerlings and advanced fingerlings

of Indian Major Carps (Rohu, Catla and Mrigala) were released in river Ganga. The ranching programme was graced by several eminent scientist and academicians and 20 international delegates from Laos, Cambodia, Myanmar and Vietnam.

Dr. Amiya Kumar Sahoo, Sr. Scientist, I C A R - C I F R I highlighted the significance of the ranching program and informed that, till date CIFRI have ranched more than 995 lakhs advanced fingerlings in different stretches of

river Ganga covering West Bengal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand and Uttarakhand. The ranching was conducted in association with officials of a local fishermen cooperative society namely Sripur-Balagarh Matsyajibi Samabay Samiti. Besides ranching the visitors also visited the NMCG riverine seed raising facilities in the Balagarh area. An awareness program on dolphin, fish and hilsa fishery was also conducted. Active participation of local fishers including 40 female fishers was noticed in the programme. The overall program was successfully conducted with the whole hearted support from the CIFRI-NMCG team.

In response to this growing menace, the collaborative effort organized a 20km Walkathon from Balukhand gate to Ramachandi, lasting from 7 am to 3 pm. The event witnessed the active participation of 30 volunteers, including members from Puri Wildlife, local hoteliers, and EDC, aiming to raise awareness and foster empathy towards wildlife conservation.

Taking a creative approach, the initiative embraced citizen science, engaging local vendors in the cause. Posters and calendars featuring coastal wildlife photos were disseminated to spread awareness among the community. In a bid to enhance safety for the wildlife, 10 signposts were strategically installed in wildlife-prone areas. The culmination of these efforts took place on the 16th of December at 8 pm, where a discussion on a long-term survival plan for Balukhand Konark Wildlife Sanctuary was held. The event also featured a documentary addressing the critical issue of roadkill and its impact on the sanctuary's biodiversity.

These innovative

conservation measures

## Ex-Manipur Woman Cop's House Ransacked Amid Claims On Origin Of Ethnic Conflict



**Imphal (KCN):** An ex-police officer's home in Imphal was ransacked by a vigilante group, the Meira Paibi. The women's group had demanded the immediate relocation of the officer, also a woman - former Assistant Superintendent of Police Brinda Thounaojam - from Torbung area.

Brinda Thounaojam - hailed as a 'super cop' who took on the state's drug mafia - had fought last year's Assembly election from the Yaikul constituency, on a Janata Dal (United) ticket, but was heavily defeated. The seat went to the BJP's Thokchom Satybara Singh. The stand-off is over the recording a phone call that was widely shared earlier and has now resurfaced.

In it Brinda Thounaojam discusses the origin of the ethnic clash between the Kuki-Zou and Meitei communities this year.

panchayat, home to a cluster of Meitei villages abutting the Kuki-Chin dominated Churachandpur district, was the flash point.

The recent incident fueled fresh anger as a senior journalist - referred to as "uncle" by Ms Thounaojam - enquired about her controversial revelations and attribution of blame for the ethnic clashes. The allegations prompted the Meira Paibi to attack her house, accusing her of accepting bribes to propagate a false narrative.

She was also accused of making baseless allegation against the Arambai Tenggol; the group had said they said came to Torbung to rescue villagers from the onslaught of Kuki-Zou arsonists.

This is not the first instance where Ms Thounaojam faced backlash. Her previous remarks targeting the Arambai Tenggol and Meitei Leepun also incited widespread outrage. In October too

her house was attacked. She had then apologised for her remarks, saying she had been misled by a video.

The court expressed extreme displeasure with the response of departments of PWD and

Earlier today members of another women's group - Imagi Meira - forced their way into the state Assembly, confronting the Speaker to address the issue of 10 Kuki MLAs who have yet to be dismissed despite their calls for Manipur's disintegration.



forest. Let the special secretary of (Public Works Department) PWD and forest departments file an affidavit indicating why court orders are not being implemented, the status of tree plantation and why same are not being looked after," the court said.

The court directed the authorities to ensure a dedicated "monitoring cell" for trees is set up by the next date of hearing in February and

which resulted in "heavy loss and attrition" of the planted trees which were procured from the funds in the 'Green Delhi Account'. He referred to 400 trees planted along the Ring Road near South-Extension having perished.

The court observed that the money being spent on tree plantation was from the Green Fund collected over several years through court orders, and wanted to

## Can't Determine Correctness Of Information Given Under RTI: Delhi High Court

**New Delhi (KCN):** A central public information officer is only required to supply all the information within his access to an RTI applicant and whether such information is incorrect cannot be considered or

determined under RTI proceedings, the Delhi High Court has held. A bench of Acting Chief Justice Manmohan said disputes with respect to the correctness of information provided under the Right To Information (RTI) Act or

any other controversy cannot be adjudicated in proceedings under the transparency law.

"It is clear that dispute as regards the correctness of information provided under the RTI Act, or any other dispute or controversy, cannot be

adjudicated in proceedings under the RTI Act. The CPIO is only required to supply all the information/documents within his access," the bench, also comprising Justice Mini Pushkarna, said in a recent judgment.

# ODMDA urges govt for steps to prevent birth of DMD children

**BHUBANESWAR(KCN):**

The Odisha Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Association (ODMDA) has urged the Centre and the state government to formulate a policy to prevent the birth of children with critical health conditions through proper tests. ODMDA is an association of parents of children affected by DMD. The body has launched a state-wide campaign to sensitise people about DMD, a rare genetic disorder affecting children.

Members of the



association led by its president Bishnu Charan Panigrahy visited various healthcare facilities in over a dozen districts and affixed posters and banners at district

DMD accounting for about half of all muscular dystrophy cases. It is a devastating genetic condition that leads to learning disabilities, frequent falls, waddling gait, and many more.

"The disease significantly impairs one's ability to function normally in their daily life. Children born with DMD start showing symptoms at an early age of five to six years and become wheelchair-bound by the time they attain 12-

13 years of age. Since there is no definite treatment, steps must be taken to prevent the birth of DMD children," said Panigrahy. Earlier this year, the state government, following the judicial intervention, had announced a one-time assistance of Rs 10 lakh to meet requirements like electric wheelchairs, a private physiotherapy, genetic tests and treatment at super speciality institutions, among others.

## NHRC registers case on Jagannath Sagar degradation in Jeypore town

**CUTTACK(KCN):** The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) on Saturday registered a complaint against the degradation of Jagannath Sagar, the largest man-made pond in Odisha located at Jeypore in Koraput district, due to encroachment and pollution.

The panel registered the complaint filed by advocate and human rights activist Anup Kumar Patro, classifying the 'citizens of Jeypore town' as 'victim' under the 'pollution/ecology/environment' category. In the complaint, Patro expected the inclusion of Jagannath Sagar under the National Lake Conservation Plan (NLCP) as it has been degraded heavily due to pollution from the disposal of untreated local sewage.

Jagannath Sagar was dug



up on a patch of 300 acres by the kings of Jeypore in 1761 to maintain environmental balance and meet the water requirements of the people of both Koraput and Nabarangpur districts. It was accorded a tourist destination tag by the British a few years later. At present, the pond has been reduced to nearly 159 acres. The complaint stated the Ministry of Environment

and Forests has been implementing the National Lake Conservation Plan (NLCP) since 2001 to conserve and manage polluted and degraded lakes in urban and semi-urban areas. However, the state government has not given due importance to including Jagannath Sagar in the category of urban lake in India though it is much larger than Bindu Sagar

in Bhubaneswar. Jagannath Sagar which has been a source of water supply for the local municipality, also helps in replenishing groundwater level as an essential receptor for groundwater recharge, positively influencing water quality of downstream watercourses and preserving the biodiversity and habitat of the surrounding area, the complaint added.

## 63.25 CR For ODOP



Groups (SHG) and Farmer Producer Organizations (FPO) engaged in the processing of that product, Shobha said. The Centre has released Rs 30.36 crore under the PMFME during 2020-21 while Rs 29.45 crore and Rs 3.44 crore released during the financial years 2021-22 and 2022-23, respectively. She also informed the details of the products adopted in all 30 districts of Odisha under the scheme. As per MoS's reply, mango based products have been selected in

Angul and Subarnapur districts under One District One Product (ODOP) while fish based products selected for Balasore, Bhadrak & Ganjam, Kalahandi, Khordha districts under ODOP. Similarly, oil seed based products (groundnut) elected in Bargarh & Jajpur districts, milk based products—Bolangir, Cuttack, Dehkania, Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapara & Puri, dal based products—Boudh, tamarind based products—Deogarh, Rayagada, pineapple

## Three hills around Bhubaneswar to be developed as biodiversity and ecological parks

**BHUBANESWAR(KCN):**

With the state capital facing green cover loss owing to rapid urbanisation, the Bhubaneswar Development Authority (BDA) has decided to develop three hills in and around the city as biodiversity and ecological parks under 'Sabuja Pahada' project. The parks will act as green lungs for the city and its periphery, BDA officials said.

Sources said the horticulture wing of BDA has initiated measures for the development of Sikharandi hilltop with its peripheral area as a biodiversity park. Tall saplings of 10 to 12 feet in height consisting of around 30

varieties have been proposed to be planted. Besides, 8,000 flowering shrubs will also be planted at some select spots. Odisha Forest Development Corporation has been entrusted with the task of taking up the plantation work for which Rs 3.52 crore will be spent, sources said.

Similarly, BDA has also decided to develop Bachhera Hill Park at Jatni as an ecological park for which an area of about 30 acres has been earmarked for plantation and the creation of amenities for visitors. Sources said, DFO Khurda has submitted the DPR of the project amounting to Rs 8 crore.



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# BCCI to incentivise international appearances for uncapped IPL players

**New Delhi:** The BCCI are set to announce an incentive plan for uncapped players ahead of the 2024 IPL auction. This plan has been introduced to reward players who earn themselves international caps between IPL seasons, rather than remain locked in with the same league fee. In normal course, a player would have to adhere to the league fee once bought at the Indian Premier League (IPL) auction for three years or until he is released by his franchise. However, in certain circumstances, the fee can go up if an uncapped player is sold for a minimum fee of Rs

50 lakh. In fact, if an uncapped player participates in 10 international games between two IPL seasons, his fee can actually double up. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) recently circulated a fee regulation for uncapped players stating that there are no minimum League Fee regulations. However, it says:

(a) Prior to the start of any Season the League Fee payable to any player who is uncapped is less than Rs. 50 Lakhs; and

(b) Such player is then capped or achieves 5 or 10 Caps at any time during the period from

the end of one Season up to the start of the next Season. Then

(c) the League Fee payable to such Player

for such next season and any subsequent season if such player's contract is extended by the relevant franchise shall be Rs. 50 Lakhs for so long as

such player has 1 Cap, Rs. 75 Lakhs for so long as such player has 5-9 Caps and Rs. 1 crore if the player has 10 Caps or more; and

(d) if such player is subsequently traded then prior to such trade his League Fee shall be deemed to be determined under paragraph (c) above. It is clarified that for the purposes of calculating the Salary Cap, if the player is traded, then any increase in a player's League Fee will apply to the new franchise's Salary Cap. However, if the player remains with the existing team, then such increase will not affect the Franchise's Salary Cap and the Salary Cap will remain the same as it was before the increase in Player's League Fee."

For clarity, the BCCI has defined Capped and

Uncapped players: "An Uncapped player is one who is not a Capped player. A Capped player is one who either (a) has played in the starting XI in International Cricket (Test match, ODI, Twenty20 International) for an ICC Full member or (b) has a Central Contract with his national cricket board, being an ICC Full member. Players registered with ICC Associate member countries are deemed to be Uncapped for IPL purposes regardless of the number of appearances made for an ICC Associate member country respectively."

Meanwhile, the BCCI has also confirmed that there will be a new auctioneer for the December 19 event in Dubai. "An independent professional auctioneer, Ms. Mallika Sagar, will conduct the auction and she will be the sole arbiter as to all aspects of the auction," the BCCI informed franchises. Sagar conducted the first two auctions of the Women's Premier League. By appointing Sagar, the BCCI seems to have done away with foreign auctioneers, the last one being Hugh Edmeades. In the first 10 years of the IPL, Richard Madley used to conduct the auctions.



## Inability to use frontline bowling options in the end cost Bangladesh, feels Anamul

**Dhaka:** Bangladesh opener Anamul Haque feels that the loss in the first ODI against New Zealand was triggered by the team being unable to use their frontline bowling options in the end overs during the rain-curtailed game in Dunedin.

The match was shortened to 30-over-a-side contest after rain interrupted the play on three occasions during New Zealand innings while the host burst into life in the final stages to post an imposing 239-7 on the back of opener Will Young's brilliant century that helped them earn a 44-runs win.

The home team scored 131 runs in the last 10.4 overs as the tourists were



short of frontline bowling options. With each bowler allowed to bowl only six overs, the visitors were forced to use part timers to fill the vacuum. Soumya Sarkar gave away 63 runs in six overs while Afif Hossain leaked 17 runs in the only over that he bowled while Young and Latham, who shared a

171-run stand for the third wicket, was determined to take on Mehedy Hasan. The offspinner gave away 53 runs in his five overs along with breaking the partnership by removing Latham.

"If you notice carefully, when the overs were curtailed, the main bowlers faced a problem," Anamul told

reporters after the game. "Shoriful, Mustafizur didn't get to bowl at the end since a bowler can only bowl six overs and we had to use the part-timers.

"If some of the bowlers had overs left, we could have used that. That's where the problem was and there was wind and we had to use spinners," he said.

Anamul, who looked to be in good touch before getting out making 43 runs - the highest of the innings, took the blame on himself for failing to bat for a longer period after being in the middle for substantial amount of time.

"I want to take responsibility that I made a mistake. If I could score

big runs and finished the game, it would have been great for us and we could have started with a win. I do feel guilty within me," said the right-handed batsman.

"If we had planned better and shown a little more patience and batted for longer, I feel the scenario could have been different. If we needed 50 off the last five overs, we could have done it. It was a good opportunity today and we got some rhythm with the bat. Our batting was good and everyone had the mindset that we can win the game," he said.

"I got set today but could not make it big. I have regrets but when I get a chance again, I will try to make it big."

## Ishan Kishan released from India Test squad for personal reasons



**New Delhi:** Ishan Kishan, the wicketkeeper-batter, has been released from India's Test squad for the upcoming series in

South Africa. The BCCI has stated in a release on Sunday that the southpaw had requested to be

released from the squad citing personal reasons. KS Bharath, who has featured in five Tests, has been roped in as his replacement and will be one of the two wicketkeeping options in the squad alongside KL Rahul

India's squad for Tests: Rohit Sharma (C), Shubman Gill, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, Ruturaj Gaikwad, KL Rahul (wk), Ravichandran Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja, Shardul Thakur, Mohd. Siraj, Mukesh Kumar, Jasprit Bumrah (VC), Prasidh Krishna, KS Bharat (wk)

## Arshdeep's challenge unsettles South Africa

**New Delhi:** How poor were South Africa at the Wanderers on Sunday? Poor enough for the question to be answered in too many different ways. Here's one: for an awkward 13 deliveries the most successful team in men's ODI history statistically were in danger of being lumped with motley minnows Papua New Guinea and the United States among the holders of dubious records.

Before this match, the 4,714th men's ODI, two bowlers had taken all 10 wickets in an innings eight times. The ninth instance seemed imminent when Arshdeep Singh trapped Andile Phehlukwayo in front with the first ball of the second half of the innings to reduce South Africa to 101/9.

Arshdeep finished that over, his 10th, with a haul 5/37. The other four wickets taken by then belonged to Avesh Khan, who had three overs left to claim a fifth and put South Africa on the unwanted honours board.

Ruben Trumpelmann and Tangeni Lungameni took 4/53 and 6/42 for Namibia against Papua New Guinea in a World Cup League 2 (WCL2) match in Windhoek in November 2022, the most recent example of two bowlers hoovering up all the wickets in an ODI innings. The time before, in February 2020, Sandeep Lamichhane and Sushan Bari claimed 6/16 and 4/5 for Nepal against the US, also in a WCL2 game, in Kirtipur. Would Avesh relegate the national team with the best won/lost ratio in all men's ODIs - South Africa's 1.755 is the highest - to the ranks of PNG and the Americans? Not in his next over, when Tabraiz Shamsi hit him for four through backward square leg and edged another over first slip. The question was answered three balls later, when Kuldeep Yadav produced a daggerish googly to pierce Nandre Burger's guard and launch the suddenly fiery bails into a bright early afternoon sky.

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ODI debut. Who needs Rohit, Virat and Shami when you have back-up like this?

And when your opponents play one rash shot after another, and don't hesitate to make wrong decisions. Like batting first on a pitch that bounced - mostly, but sometimes not - and swung and seamed. "We expected it to go around a bit, but then settle down and become really nice to bat on," Aiden Markram told a television interviewer. "Today it went around for longer." It did, as did the South Africans' propensity to play the wrong stroke.

the pitch do the rest. To do so successfully Arshdeep had to overcome playing at a lofty 1,753 metres above sea level, the effects of which had him on all fours at times. "I had no idea," he said on television. "I only came to know about it after bowling three or four overs. Then I knew about playing at altitude."

Another revelation for Arshdeep was based on South Africa's record in the pink ODI before Sunday: played 11, won nine. "We were talking about how brutal the Proteas are when they play in the pink jerseys; how they hit sixes," he told a press conference.

"We were thinking about restricting them to under 400..."

That earned the laughter it deserved from the gathered reporters. But Arshdeep, in the cause of plotting his progress as a bowler, also had the seriousness required to connect the disparate worlds of county cricket and the IPL: "I've learnt how to recover, how to settle on a length and let

my fitness by playing a county stint. It helped me big time. It wasn't very fruitful; I didn't get many wickets there. But it helped me to understand my game - how I can get more wickets, how I can contain the batters. It gives you the extra bit of confidence that you can play at this level when the other team have quality players."

"In the IPL, when you play with international superstars, you feel like you belong on that stage and the pressure is not that much. It used to be that players used to come straight from domestic cricket and they could feel the

difference here. But since the IPL has begun the difference is not that vast. It's still there but it's easier to blend in at this level and perform here."

Arshdeep took 13 wickets at an average of 41.76 in five first-class matches for Kent in June and July. From 2019 he has claimed 57 at an economy rate of 8.74 in 51 games for Punjab Kings. He took just one

at an economy rate of 11.00 in the four overs he bowled in the T20I series against South Africa, but doubtless the lessons he learnt at the Wanderers on Sunday will help brighten his future figures.

What might the South Africans glean from the way they performed, especially in the wake of conceding 201/7 and being rattled out for 95 on a turning pitch in the third T20I at the same ground on Thursday?

"Conditions have played a role, but in no way can we use that as an excuse; we still have to find a way," JP Duminy told a press conference. "If we go back to a few nights ago [Thursday], India bowled particularly well and we didn't have any answers in terms of understanding our options in those conditions."

"It was pretty similar today. Our execution wasn't there. The intent to score was certainly there. The thing we will have to reflect on is understanding our options in those conditions."