

On the occasion of the sesquicentennial (150th) Advent of Srila Bhakti-Siddhanta Saraswati Goswami Prabhupad (1874-1937)

Kolkata (KCN): Prabhupad, alise Srila Bhakti-Siddhanta Saraswati Goswami Prabhupad, is the founder of Gaudiya Mission, who gave the vashnavas an organizational form by establishing Dayva Barnashram Dharma. He was the only one at the era of revivalism proved that Bhagbat Dharma or Sudha Sanatan Dharma, as propound by Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, is not a narrow religion but is the place for all living being. Gaudiya Mission is going to offer an appropriate tribute to this Divine Soul, who was the first to take the Indian religion to the European countries.

Prabhupad not only established 64 Math centres around the world but is followed by millions of bright followers including common mass to pundits, Rajas and Maharajas to European intellectuals and even to name Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose the then Mayor Calcutta Municipal Corporation. He was one of the first to bring Indian Philosophy via

printing media to every doorsteps and in several languages both Indian and foreign. The proposed celebration program has been designed in four different categories: International Actions, National Tribute, Social Survey (Preaching and Fieldwork) and Publications & Digital Library (in Sanskrit, Bengali, Hindi, Odia, Assamese, French and English). Hundred of events and projects are specially designed to promote Srila Prabhupad's teachings in 9 foreign countries & 19 cities in India. The inauguration programme will commence at

Sridham Puri on the 20th, February, 2022 in the presence of His Excellency, Sri Ram Nath Kovind, Hon'ble President of India and would finally conclude in February, 2025 with a mega event in Kolkata. The inaugural event will be organized by Gaudiya Mission and Sreeksheeta Saraswata Gaudiya Vaishnav Sangha, Puri.



Empowering India part of US counter-China plan

NEW DELHI(KCN): The Joe Biden administration has released an Indo-Pacific strategy document which focuses on countering China's growing economic and military might, and empowering India to challenge them.

Though the US administration has de-

the focus of the strategy document, the



nied that China is not text indicates other-

wise. The document talks about major defence partnership with India and supporting its role as a net security provider in the region.

"We recognise that American interests can only be advanced if we firmly anchor

Security review ahead of President Ramnath Kovind visit to Puri, Odisha



PURI(KCN): As many as 40 platoons of police force including 200 officers will be deployed in Puri to ensure security of President Ramnath Kovind during his two-day visit to the city from February 19, informed SP K Vishal Singh on Saturday. The President will arrive at Puri helipad at around 4.30 pm and proceed to a private hotel. At 5 pm, he will visit Sri Jagannath

temple. On February 20, at 10.30 pm, the President will visit the Sri Chaitanya Goudia Mutt situated along the Grand Road to offer tributes to Srimad Bhakti Siddhant Goswami Prabhupad. At 10.35 am, he will inaugurate the three-year long celebration of the 150th birth anniversary of the founder of Goudia mission. Soon after, Kovind will address a gath-

ing of followers of Seer Prabhupada at Saradhabali open air podium for one hour and then return to Bhubaneswar. Collector Samarth Verma along with Singh visited the Goudia Mutt on the day and held discussions on the President's programme and security. This apart, they also interacted with Srimandir servitors and officials of the temple body regard-

ing smooth conduct of President's visit to the temple for darshan of deities. Verma said efforts will be made to ensure devotees waiting in queue to enter the 12th century shrine are not put to inconvenience during the President's visit. IG, Central Range Narasingh Bhol had also reviewed the security arrangements for the President's visit in a meeting with senior police officers on Friday.

More Funds for Police Modernization

New Delhi(KCN): Union Government has approved continuation of umbrella scheme of Modernization of Police Forces (MPF).

The approval for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26, moves forward the initiative of the Union Home Minister, Amit Shah to modernize and improve the functioning of Police Forces of States and Union Territories.

This scheme comprises all relevant sub-schemes that contribute to modernization and improvement with a total Central financial outlay of Rs.26,275 crore.

MPF involves provision for internal security, law and order, adoption of modern

technology by Police, assisting States for narcotics control and

Police Forces has a Central outlay of Rs.4,846 crore.



strengthening the criminal justice system by developing a robust forensic set-up in the country.

The Scheme for modernization of State

In order to develop operationally independent high-quality forensic sciences facilities in States/ Union Territories for aiding scientific and

timely investigation through modernization of resources, a central Scheme for Modernization of Forensic Capacities with outlay of Rs.2,080.50 crore has been approved.

Similarly, Central outlay of Rs.18,839 crore has been earmarked for security related expenditure for the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir, insurgency affected North Eastern States and Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas. With the implementation of 'National Policy and Action Plan' for combating LWE, the LWE violence incidents have come down drastically. To further pursue this accomplish

Villagers in Odisha ok with JSW project, demand promise of jobs from nominees

JAGATSINGHPUR (KCN): Turning adversity into advan-

panchayats under Erasama block have started pitching is-

pollution management when candidates contesting polls



tage, villagers in Dhinkia, Nuagaon and Gadakuang

sues like employment, compensation, rehabilitation and

come to them seeking votes. The voices of protest against JSW

though seem to have been subdued.

Sources said, with barely a few days left for panchayat elections, door to door canvassing kicked off in the three panchayats last week and majority villagers, except for a few, are coming out with their demands related to jobs and resettlement first.

Local residents who alleged being cheated by IOCL with regard

Naveen Wins Modi

Bhubaneswar (KCN) : Saffron Supremo and Prime Minister Narendra Modi was high on praise for Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and his Government. One of the most intelligent political personalities that India has ever produced, Mr. Modi lauded Naveen on the floor of the Parliament surprising many senior lawmakerscutting across the political spectrum. Incidentally, Mr. Modi's pat on Naveen's shoulder came when the saffron brigade in Odisha was marching towards the Chief Minister's residence, accusing him of denying justice to the Kalahandi's woman teacher and shielding his Minister.

Mr.Modi's praise also came at a time when the BJP is finding it tough to sail through the three-tier panchayat elections in the state. This is Modi who did not mind to highlight BJP's success in Odisha's previous rural polls while addressing an election rally in Uttar Pradesh about four years ago. He attempted to give an impression to the people of UP that even the people of Odisha had started accepting BJP and therefore, they too should vote for the lotus symbol.

Prime Minister Mr.Modi's action has left many senior saffron leaders red faced in the State as they have been agitating against

Naveen and even burning his effigies over some issue or the other. While Mr.Modi has been appreciating Naveen in Delhi Durbar, there is no point in local leaders holding agitation against the BJD Government in the state. The Prime Minister's soothing words on Odisha Government and the Chief Minister, have, in fact left saffron leaders embarrassed



who are in the midst of the rural polls that would be followed by the urban polls. Importantly, the rural poll is considered as the 'Semi-Final' to the 2024 General Elections for the State Legislative Assembly and Lok Sabha, and therefore, very important for the opposition BJP.

PM Mr.Modi's kind words for Naveen this time came in a different manner. While speaking on the reforms undertaken by his government in the mining and coal sector, the Prime Minister said: "A significant increase in profits has been seen following the reforms in coal mining. The profit has

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Social worker Hemant & Kamini observed marriage anniversary by Seva



Cuttack (KCN): Sadar - Leading social organization Bishnupriya Charitable Trust Odissa (BCT) Cuttack and Pipili branch coordinator youth Social worker Hemant Das and his wife pious lady Kamini Behera celebrated there first

marriage anniversary by donating blood which is the example to entire youth mass. In this camp Jiban Bindu coordinator Er. Bimal Chandra, Er. Aviladh Das, Natyakara Ashok Pattnaik, Narayan Chandra Mohanty, Saswat En-

gineering Plumbing Head of department Ashok Sethi, Social worker Udaya Ranjan Das, Er. Sevak Srikanta and all. For information blood donor hero Mr. Hemant for his variety Social work, Carona pandemic time distribution of

Sanitizer & nose mask, Plantation work awarded by Saraswati Kalaparisad Kandarpur, Muhana Sahity Sansad Mum-bai, Utkal Vikash Parisad Cuttack Sadar, Dayanidhi Prativa Bikash Pratistatan 42 Mouza etc.

State police D.G Visited Kandhamal



Phulbani (KCN): State Police DG Sunil Bansal visited Kandhamal by helicopter today and landed at Phulbani Reserve. This was the first visit

to Kandhamal since taking over as DG. Kandhamal is a monopoly district and the Maoists are not in the mood for elections. The holes in the jelwing can take a

vile in the zizzing to occur in the jeltone and take the police comprehension what the police could be filled with police. Many senior state police officials, includ-

ing DG Sunil Bansal, have arrived Southern DIG Satyabrata Vhoi, Kandhamal SP Vineet Agrawal, Additional SP All: DSP, among others were present.

Kalajyoti-the Odissi Guruku

Kolkata (KCN): Monalisa Ghosh is an eminent Indian classical dancer and a leading



exponent of Odissi Dance. She was groomed under Guru Kelucharan Mahapatra and Smt. Sanjukta Panigrahi. Involved since a child. Her Contributions are as a performer, choreographer, Guru, Social Activist and Preacher of Indian

Spiritualism, Philosophy and traditional values since 1983.

Ms Monalisa Performed in USA, UK, Scandanavia, Europe, Middle East, Bangladesh, Tajikistan - In these countries her dance has been widely acclaimed for classicism, lyricism and spiritual



expression. Monalisa has performed all over India sharing stage with leading maestros, in prestigious dance festivals and conferences since 1983.

Spice up your Valentine's Day by including these foods suggested by Chef Sanjeev Kapoor

Kolkata (KCN): Valentine's Day is soon approaching and the perfect time to spice up your relationship is now! Expensive dinners and gifts are so last season instead show your loved one how much you care for them by putting together an intimate meal that will add an extra zing to your love life. It is a proven fact that certain foods are likely to make you feel extra romantic than others. Celebrity Chef Sanjeev Kapoor suggests what can be incorporated for a perfect dinner for a dreamy night.

"A little thought goes a long way, understand your partner's food preferences. Keep the food multi-dimensional, play with different textures, experiment with flavours, make sure what you cook and present not only looks and tastes nice but also smells great. Always pick fresh fruits and vegetables from the market. However, remember that these pass through many hands, which can lead to germs being transferred. So, clean your produce with a natural action fruit and vegetable wash like Nimwash that washes away pesticides as well as germs and ensures that they are safe to be consumed. These small gestures make it more personal and are sure to earn you extra brownie points!" says Chef Sanjeev Kapoor.

Keep reading to know Chef Sanjeev Kapoor's favourite aphrodisiac foods that will help you make a tasty soup or use the blanched leaves to jazz up your salad. Chili peppers-Including chilies in your meals will stimulate your nerve endings and the capsaicin found in chili peppers releases feel-good endorphins. The great Aztec Emperor Montezuma used to drink chocolate and chilies daily during his preparation for his visits to his concubines. Avocados-Avocados have been considered a sexual stimulant since 200 BC. Whether it's their high levels of vitamin E that's known for making your skin glow or vitamin B6 and folic acid that

helps in increasing your energy and stabilizes the hormones. On toast, guacamole, salad, the options are endless. Watermelon-Watermelon is rich in citrulline, an amino acid that's known to relax and dilate blood vessels. Add crunchy water melons cubes

zinc, which fuels the male libido, as well as the polyphenols such as flavonoids and tannins, are said to boost female libido. Sprinkle them over your meal for a hint of sweet tartness. Strawberries-According to ancient Greek myth, strawberries are supposed



with feta, mint and lemon for a bowl of God food. Figs-Figs were known to be more precious than gold to ancient Greeks and it was Cleopatra's favourite food. The fibers, iron, potassium, and minerals in figs are known to have great benefits for skin and overall health. Use them in sauces or just to tease the taste buds after the meal with some fresh cream. Pomegranates-Greek goddess of love, Aphrodite is said to have planted the first ever pomegranate tree. It was seen as a symbol of fertility and sensuality. The tiny seeds are rich in

to be Aphrodite's favourite food. It has many benefits such as it boosts the adrenal gland, promotes blood flow and great heart health, produces extra helpings of estrogen, aids in promoting a healthy sex drive. Honey-Honey has been considered an aphrodisiac for centuries, boron present in honey provides a natural boost of energy, helps in regulating levels of progesterone and estrogen in our bodies. Fun fact-The word 'honeymoon' was derived from mead, an alcoholic drink made from fermented honey and water that was given mostly to newlyweds.

Winter issue of 'MANAN' Released

Kolkata (KCN) : At the last gasp of winter and marginalised stature of omicron, Ramnagar Sahityo Sanskriti Santha's bi-monthly magazine 'Manan' crossed the landmark of 85th issue. The correct issue unfolded in an inaugural ceremony held in Vivekananda Children's Mission School at the outskirts of Ramnagar town in the district of Purbo Medinipur. In mediocre presence, the impact of the fruitful discussion on literary issues was mammoth. The programme was presided over by the

noted story writer and novelist Paddolochan Karan and chaired by Dr. Alok Nath Mishra, the doctor turned writer. Prabhuram Pradhan, the all-time president, writer and socialist came late but stole the attention of all. Among others mentioned may be made of Pradip Ku. Jana, Sukumar Bhuniya, Goutam Patra, Barun Ku. Das, Pranabkanti Bhattacharya and Susanta Sahu. The programme came to an end with the thanksgiving by Purnendu Sekhar Das, the principal of The Vivekananda Children's Mission School.

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Music video album, 'Hamnawa' had a great launch



The music video album, 'Hamnawa', being produced under the banner of President Production House, was launched on 9 Feb-

ruary 2022 and the muhurat party was held at the Taj Hotel, Mumbai. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Prime Minister Shri Narendra

Modi' Brother Prahlad Modi with Honorary Consul of the United Republic of Tanzania Shri Krishna Pimple, Director of Allstate

Company Ajoykaant Ruia, Director of Progrid Tarun Anand, Director of Gajra Developer Leela Gajra, Film and TV Producer

Sanjay Shruvan, Hollywood Actress Eliana, Bollywood Actress Alina and Zeba Khan etc presents. Producer of the album is Sanjay

Shruvan, Music composer Pradeep Kontole, Lyricist Nawab Arzoo, Singer Amit Mishra. This is a romantic music album.

'Shakeela' trailer falls flat, lacks the punch expected in a star biopic



The trailer of Indrajit Lankesh's Hindi language film "Shakeela" doesn't hold much to impress.

From using modern-day Hindi music to cliched film sets, it feels like a repackaging of Vidya Balan's 'Dirty Picture' except that this version fails to bring the charm Vidya brought to the

screen. The film, as described by the filmmakers of 'Shakeela', is "inspired by life events of a famous star Shakeela who predominantly starred in southern cinema."

It features Richa Chadha as the titular adult actor who was one of the biggest stars of the 1990s ar-

riving from Kerala who went on to act in several adult films in languages spanning Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Kannada, while Pankaj Tripathi is the male lead.

The film is described to "portray the hardships of the actress as she had to face a lot of criticism, insults and betrayals from

her own family members and the film fraternity who were influential in getting her films banned." The main reason for the success of 'Kinnarathumbikal', one of the films that catapulted her into the limelight, was solely her screen presence and energy, and with no other male lead in the

movie. Trying to fill in the gaping hole left by Silk Smitha in the low-budget softcore industry, Shakeela made her own mark with around 250 movies in her kitty -- heralding the 'Shakeela Tharangam' (The wave of Shakeela). Meanwhile, the Shakeela that

Indrajith is trying to portray doesn't look like she has much story to tell. The screen-space also seems to be overpowered by star cast Pankaj Tripathi. Let's hope the full length movie holds more than what the trailer showed. The film is produced by Sammy Nanwani and Sahil Nanwani, with music by Meet Bros and Veer Samarth.

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

WASHINGTON(K-CN): Nick Jonas has

The actor recently spoke to

full of admiration for her whether she de-

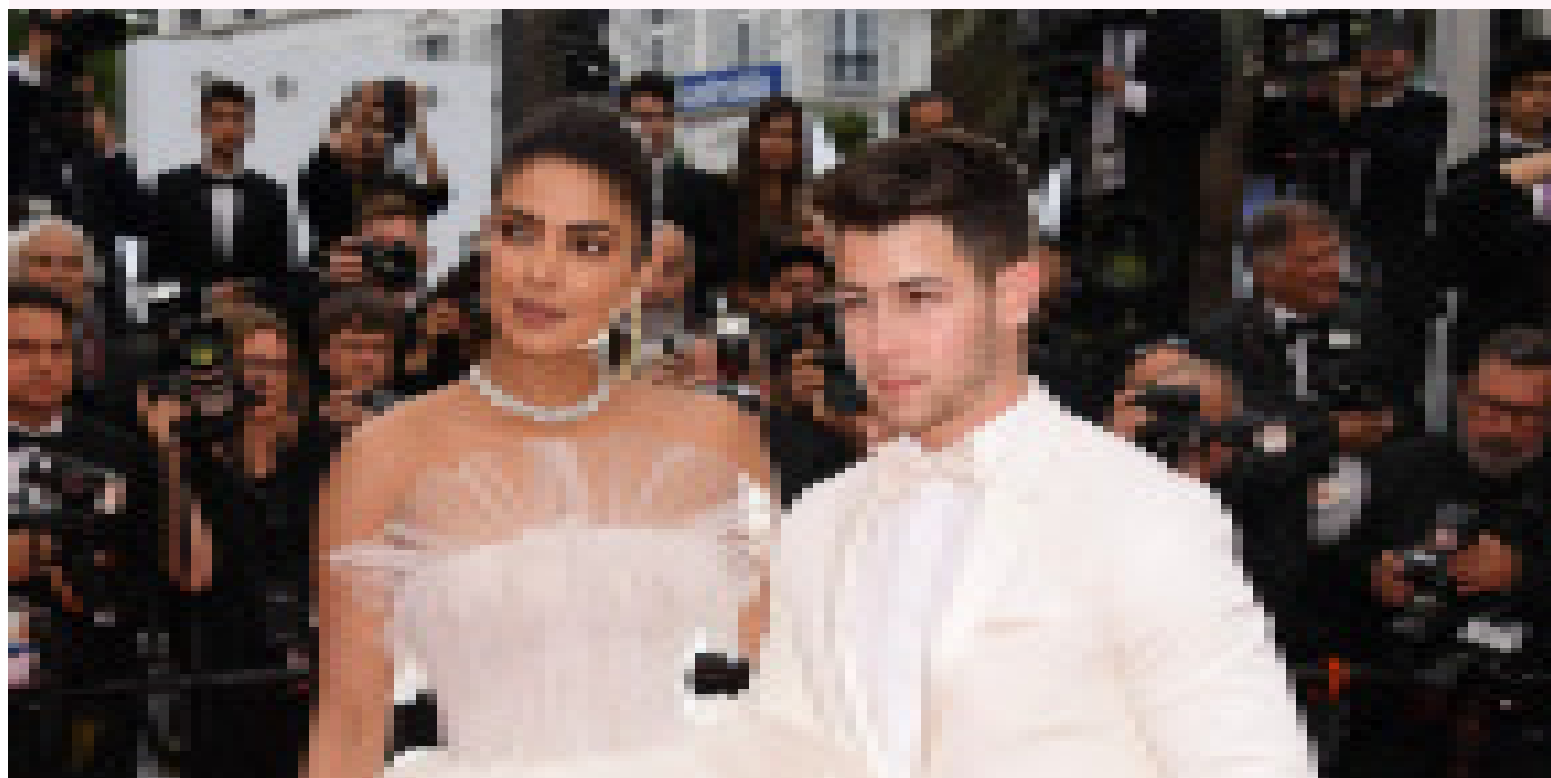
both," the 'Quantico' star, said, adding that

actor added, "He's an appreciator. He's

went all out for the event, wearing a sheer black top with a pussycat bow, a white blazer paired with a matching pair of pants. Adding a pop of colour to the whole look, she opted for striking pink eye makeup with a matching bold lip colour.

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

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



nothing but love and admiration for his wife Priyanka Chopra.

People at Beautycon Festival Los Angeles 2019 and revealed how her husband is

icides to go for a more natural or a more glamorous look. "He likes a bit of

"there are days when he likes a really natural thing." The 'Mary Kom'

someone who can appreciate both things." In honour of Beautycon, Priyanka

Amendments relating to TDS and TCS in Finance Bill, 2022

In continuation of article published on 9th Feb., 2022. we are analysing Amendments relating to TDS and TCS made by the Finance Bill, 2022.



1. Rationalization of provisions of TDS on sale of Immovable Property (Sec 194-IA) :

a) Section 194-IA provides for deduction of tax on payment on transfer of certain Immovable

Property other than agricultural land. Sub-section (1) of the said section provides for deduction of tax by any person responsible for paying to a resident any sum by way of consideration for transfer of any immovable property (other than agricultural land) at the time of credit or payment of such sum to the resident at the rate of one per cent. of such sum as Income-tax thereon. Sub-section (2) provides that no deduction of tax shall be made where the consideration for the transfer of an immovable property is less than Rs.50 Lakh.

b) As per the provisions of the said section, TDS is to be deducted on the amount of consideration paid by the transferee to the transferor. This section does not take into account the stamp duty value of the immovable property, whereas, as the provisions of section per 43CA and 50C of the Act, for the computation of income under the head "Profits and gains from business or profession" and "capital gains" respectively, the stamp duty value is also to be considered. Thus according to Finance Minister, there is inconsistency in the provisions of section 194-IA and sections 43CA and 50C.

c) In order to remove inconsistency, the FM has proposed to amend section 194-IA to provide that in case of transfer of an immovable property (other than agricultural land), **TDS is to be deducted at the rate of one per cent. of such sum paid or credited to the resident or the Stamp Duty value of such property, whichever is higher.** In case the consideration paid for the transfer of immovable property and the stamp duty value of such property **are both less than Rs. 50 lakh**, then no tax is to be deducted under section 194-IA. Stamp duty value shall have the meaning assigned to it in clause (f) of the Explanation to section

56(2)(vii).

This amendment will take effect from 1st April, 2022.

2. TDS on benefit or perquisite of a business or profession Sec. 194R:

a) As per section 28(iv), the value of any benefit or perquisite, whether convertible into money or not, arising from business or exercise of profession is to be charged as business income in the hands of the recipient of such benefit or perquisite. However, in many cases, such recipient does not report the receipt of benefits in their return of income, leading to furnishing of incorrect particulars of income.

b) Accordingly, in order to widen and deepen the tax base, the FM has proposed to insert a new section 194R to provide that the person responsible for providing to a resident, any benefit or perquisite, arising from carrying out of a business or exercising of a profession by such resident, shall, before providing such benefit or perquisite, as the case may be, to such resident, ensure that tax has been deducted in respect of such benefit or perquisite at the rate of 10 per cent of the value or aggregate of value of such benefit or perquisite. For the purpose of this section, the expression 'person responsible for providing' has been proposed to mean a person providing such benefit or perquisite or in case of a company, the company itself including the principal officer thereof.

c) Further, in a case where the benefit or perquisite, as the case may be, is wholly in kind or partly in cash and partly in kind but such part in cash is not sufficient to meet the liability of deduction of tax in respect of whole of such benefit or perquisite, the person responsible for providing such benefit or perquisite shall, before releasing the benefit or perquisite, ensure that tax has been paid in respect of the benefit or perquisite.

d) However, NO tax is to be deducted if the value or aggregate value of the benefit or perquisite paid or likely to be paid to a resident does not exceed **Rs.20,000 during the financial year.**

e) Further, the provisions of the said section shall not apply to an individual or a Hindu undivided family, **whose total sales, gross receipts or turnover does not exceed one crore rupees in case of business or Rs.50 lakh in case of profession during the**

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financial year

immediately preceding the financial year in which such benefit or perquisite, as the case may be, is provided.

This amendment will take effect from 1st July, 2022.

3. Rationalization of provisions of section 206AB and 206CCA to widen and deepen tax-base:

a) In order to widen and deepen the tax-base and to nudge taxpayers to furnish their return of income, Finance Act, 2021 had inserted sections 206AB and 206CCA. The said sections provide for special provision for deduction and collection of tax at source respectively, in case of specified persons, at Higher Rates specified therein.

b) Further, the provisions of section 206AB are not applicable in relation to transactions on which tax is to be deducted under sections 192, 192A, 194B, 194BB, 194LBC or 194N.

c) In order to ensure that all the persons in whose case significant amount of tax has been deducted do furnish their Return of Income, the Finance Minister has now proposed to reduce two years requirement to one year by amending sections 206AB and 206CCA of the Income tax Act to provide that "specified person" will now mean as a person who has not filed its return of income for the last one assessment year (instead of 2 assessment years as presently provided) relevant to the previous year immediately preceding the financial year in which tax is to be deducted or collected, as the case may be, and the amount of tax collected and deducted at source is Rs. 50,000 or more in the said previous year.

d) However, in order to reduce the additional burden on individual and Hindu undivided family (HUF) taxpayers covered under section 194-IA, 194-IB and 194M of the Act for whom simplified tax deduction system has been provided without requirement of TAN, it is proposed that the provisions of section 206AB will not apply in relation to transactions on which tax is to be deducted under the said sections of the Act.

e) In addition to above, it has also been proposed to rectify a drafting error in sections 206AB and 206CCA wherein the terms "deductor" and "collectee" respectively were used incorrectly. Further, since the returns are now being furnished electronically, it is also proposed

that in place of 'filing' of return, the term 'furnishing' of return may be substituted.

f) Further, as a consequential amendment in section 194-IB it is also proposed to omit the reference of section 206AB from sub-section (4) of the said section.

These amendments will take effect from 1st April, 2022.

4. Consequence for failure to deduct/collect or payment of tax – Computation of interest (Sec. 201) :

a) Section 201 deals with the consequences for persons who fail to deduct tax or after deducting, fail to deposit the same to the credit of the Central Government. Sub-section (1A) of the said section provides that if any person who is liable to deduct tax at source does not deduct it or after so deducting fails to pay the same to the credit of the Central Government, then he shall be liable to pay simple interest at the rates specified therein. Similarly, sub-section (7) of section 206C provides that if any person who is liable to collect tax at source does not collect it or after so collecting fails to pay the same to the credit of the Central Government, then he shall be liable to pay interest at rates specified therein.

b) It has been observed that computation of interest under the said provisions in case where the default for deduction/collection of tax or payment of tax continues is subject matter of frequent litigation.

c) In order to make the intention of the legislation clear and to make it free from any misinterpretation, it has been proposed to:

(i) Amend section 201(1A) to provide that where any order is made by the Assessing Officer for the default under sub-section (1) of the said section, the interest shall be paid by the person in accordance with the order made by the Assessing Officer in this regard;

(ii) Amend section 206C(7) to provide that where any order is made by the Assessing Officer for the default under sub-section (6A) of the said section, the interest shall be paid by the person in accordance with the order made by the Assessing Officer in this regard.

These amendments will take effect from 1st April, 2022. (to be contd..)

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Easy tips to get glowing skin on Valentine's Day

For couples in love and hopeful singles, February is the Paris of all months. Valentine's day is the most awaited time of the year, whether you've been together three months or three decades. Valentine day is the perfect opportunity for you to bond and reconnect with your partner, girlfriend, boyfriend, husband, or wife. Valentine's Day is likely to be a much more muted affair this year, with the coronavirus pandemic has put a strain on every type of relationship, but don't let Valentine's Day add to the stress. While things may look and feel different this year, but luckily, that doesn't mean you can't celebrate February 14th at all. It just means your options may need to be a bit more masked, socially distant, or virtual.



It doesn't matter if you are going on special date for a romantic night out, looking for one or just a walk with friends and family, It brings the biggest date night of the year and the restlessness that comes along to look one's best on the special day. If you can't be with your sweetie in person this year, then you might as well send them something sweet through online store/e-commerce websites. There are a lot of valentine gift packs in the market containing chocolate truffle flavours: milk chocolate, milk chocolate caramel, and dark chocolate strawberry. You may choose desi Ladoo /mithai depending on the taste of your sweetie.

Especially impressive if you live apart, a surprise gift might be the perfect way to share the love this year. Not sure what to buy? Keep it classic – paintings, art objects and flowers like roses will always be well-received and create a sense of occasion. Twinned with a scented candle, Valentine's Day will be truly wrapped

up. Take advantage of sweater weather and escape into the wilderness, where you can relax by the fire and enjoy some hot chocolate. Take a scenic hike together and enjoy all the beautiful sights and the fresh air — it's a great way to bond while getting some much-needed time to unplug, too.

If you've got a new boyfriend, a hot date, or a tried-and-true love, Valentine day gives you the perfect excuse to pamper yourself to look romantic, sweet presentable, attractive with flawless looking radiant skin with youthful glow. Water based moisture is key for glowing skin. Moisturizers provide a good base before applying any makeup. Moisturizers which are formulated with shea butter, dimethicone, ceramides, hyaluronic acid and aloe vera water help provide long-lasting hydration. Hydrate and nourish your skin every night before sleeping.

If your skin is clear, leave out foundation during the day. Use baby powder, or compact power. Pay more attention to the oily areas of the face, like nose, forehead and chin. Press the powder all over the face and neck, with a slightly damp sponge. This helps it to set and last longer. If you want to use foundation at night, choose a water-based one. Add a drop of water for a lighter coverage. Before applying foundation, apply astringent lotion if your skin is oily, or moisturizing lotion for dry skin. Wait for a few minutes to allow the skin to absorb it.

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two shades of foundation. One shade should be as close to your skin colour as possible. The other should be a shade lighter if the blemishes are dark. Take a little light coloured foundation and apply it directly on the pimple or pimple scar. Avoid rubbing or smearing. Pat it into the skin. Then apply your normal foundation on the



face and using a moist sponge, spread it evenly, going outwards. Remember the neck too. Blending is important to achieve a smooth finish then apply tinted loose powder on top to "set" the foundation. Or, use compact powder. Blusher comes next, or you can apply it at the end. Use powder blusher. Pink or peach blusher would suit most skin tones. Apply on the cheekbones and slightly below it. Use your finger tips to dot the area with blusher.

Then, blend with the brush, outwards and slightly upwards. Apply highlighter on the cheekbones. Highlighters should not be white. Choose from ivory or pale pink. Blend well. For the eyes, use a brown eye shadow on the eyelids. Use the same brown shadow under the lower lashes, instead of eyeliner or kaajal. Take a darker brown eye shadow and apply it on the upper lid, close to the upper lashes. The entire effect will be natural. If you want to line the eyes, use an eye pencil. Give your eyes a light touch of mascara. Make sure the lashes do not stick together. Brush them with an eyelash comb. Wear a sun block for outdoor events during the day, this acts as a shield and also works as a

good under base for your foundation accelerating its performance.

Take proper sleep for at least eight hours during night. Lack of sleep will show on your face no matter how well you fashion your appearance. Put a drop or two of lavender oil on your pillowcase and try to relax. Sandalwood and Clary Sage are other good options.

For the night and for a more dramatic effect, use a dark brown, or dark grey eye shadow on the eyelids close to the lashes and stroke it upwards and outwards. For the smoky eye look, line the eyes with eyeliner close to the lashes and then smudge the eyeliner slightly with a sponge tipped applicator. It should not be a harsh line.

Who ever heard of a Valentine's Day date ending without a goodnight kiss? Go with a soft pink or berry hue that are no more than two shades darker than your natural lip color is a good way to keep your lips colored without going overboard.

Exfoliate your lips the night before date night with a gentle lip scrub to remove dead skin cells to soften your pucker and improve the look and application of your date night lipstick.

For the buttery soft and smooth lips, plain gloss can be enough for the day, or add a touch of gloss over light pink or mauve lipstick. Coloured gloss is also available. Avoid using lip liners and just brush the lips with lipstick, going for shades of pink, from pale pink, to rose or tawny pink. At night, go for rose, coral or bronze, or just stick to pink. Just don't forget to hydrate your lips with your favourite lip balm, salve, or conditioner after exfoliating.

Wear a light flowery or lemony fragrance, nothing too overpowering. Always be kind and confident. I think these two traits together make someone beautiful.

As the last step, touch up your nails, smooth your strands, and spritz on some perfume. You're ready to go!

The author is an international fame beauty expert and is called Herbal Queen of India

Two held with ganja, Rs 75 lakh cash in Odisha



CUTTACK: Two persons were arrested with 20.5 kg ganja, Rs 75.2 lakh cash and gold ornaments in the city on Friday. On a tip off, a team of Badambadi police and special squad nabbed the accused Narayan Pati from Jhinkiria within Baiyalishi Mouza police limits and his

friend Abakash Swain of Kalyani Nagar from a spot near BSNL office at Link Road here. Narayan and Abakash were carrying the contraband and were looking to sell it to a customer, said Cuttack DCP Prateek Singh. Narayan was under the scanner of Commissionerate

Police as he was involved in the narcotics trade over the last several years. During a search at his house at Jhinkiria, Rs 75.2 lakh in cash and gold ornaments were recovered. Though Narayan was arrested five to six times in the past, he managed to secure bail in every

case as the contraband from him was under the non-commercial category as stated in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act. "We will write to the Enforcement Directorate and Income Tax department to initiate the confiscation procedure of the recovered cash," Singh added.

Bhubaneswar: In an aim to ensure free and fair election, the State Election Commission (SEC) on Sunday warned fake voters against trying to cast votes in the upcoming three-tier Panchayat elections. SEC Aditya Prasad Padhi has directed senior officials of State Election Commission (SEC) issue direction for strict enforcement of such action in order to ensure free and fair poll. Speaking to media persons here, SEC Secretary Rabindra Nath Sahu said a person can cast a vote during the Panchayat elections only when the concerned person's name is

mentioned in the voters' list.

to know about the voting right of the

and the fake voter will be handed over to police, the Secretary informed. The Panchayat poll will be held in five phases on February 16, 18, 20, 22 and 24. The voters will exercise their franchise from 7 AM to 1 PM on these days. Counting of votes and declaration of results will be done at Block level on February 26, 27 and 28. The first phase Panchayat polls will be conducted across 30 districts and 71 Blocks. On that day, polling to 200 Zilla Parishad zones, 1669 Gram Panchayats and 22,379 wards will be completed with 67.51 lakh voters expected to exercise their franchise.



However, a polling agent can challenge the voting rights of a voter if he suspects the concerned voter by depositing a fee of Rs 2 before a Presiding Officer in the booth. Following the request of the polling agent, the presiding officer will conduct an inquiry

concerned person, Mr.Sahu said. If the official found the voter in question as genuine, Rs 2 fee will be forfeited and the voter will be allowed to vote. In case the allegation by the polling agent is found to be true, Rs 2 fee will be returned to the polling agent

Probe sought into legislative council controversy in Odisha



BHUBANESWAR: Controversy over the Odisha Assembly's resolution for establishment of legislative council in the State continued on Saturday with Speaker Surjya Narayan Patro demanding a probe by the Centre to find out who provided the in-

accurate information to Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju. The Speaker told mediapersons that two letters will be written to the Centre in this regard on Monday. Patro said that he will also write a letter to the Union Minister requesting him to probe who

provided such wrong information. The second letter will be written by the Assembly secretariat to Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha secretariat. In both the letters, the resolution passed in the Assembly for establishment of legislative council will be at-

tached, he added. The Speaker had expressed his shock over the statement of the Union Minister in the Rajya Sabha that the Centre had not received the resolution passed by Odisha Assembly. The Assembly had passed a resolution on the matter on September 18,

2018 and sent it to the Centre. On Thursday, Union Minister of Law and Justice Kiren Rijiju, in a written reply to BJD MP Prasanna Acharya in the Rajya Sabha, said as per record, no resolution had been received for establishment of legislative council in Odisha.

US State Department orders non-emergency employees in Kyiv embassy to leave

MOSCOW: The US State Department has told non-emergency personnel at its embassy in Ukraine to leave due to reports of Russian troop build-up near the border with Ukraine and "potential for significant military action," the US embassy in Kyiv said Saturday. "Today, the @StateDept ordered non-emergency US employees at the Embassy to depart due to continued reports of a Russian military build-up on the border with Ukraine, in-

dicating potential for significant military action," the embassy tweeted. The core team of US diplomats will stay in Ukraine, however,



the embassy said. "Despite the reduction in diplomatic staff, the core embassy team, our dedi-

cated Ukrainian colleagues, and @StateDept and US personnel around the world will continue relentless diplomatic and assistance efforts in support of Ukraine's security, democracy, and prosperity," a tweet read. On Friday, US Na-

tional Security Adviser Jake Sullivan said that Washington was "continuing to reduce Kyiv Embassy footprint." On Thursday, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said that Moscow might too temporarily pull out its non-essential diplomatic personnel from Ukraine as it was troubled by the evacuations of US and UK diplomatic staff which he said looked as if they were preparing "for something." Earlier on Saturday, Russian For-

eign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said that Russia decided to "optimize" the diplomatic staff in Kyiv out of precaution in case of possible provocations by Ukraine or third countries, but the core personnel will stay and continue their work. The US and several NATO countries have been pumping Kyiv with weapons in recent weeks, alleging that Russia is planning to invade Ukraine, which Moscow denied.

SEC Debars Pramila Mallick From Campaign

Bhubaneswar: Giving a clear cut message that it will not tolerate violation of Model Code of Conduct (MCC), the State Election Commission (SEC) has debarred senior BJD lawmaker and Government Chief Whip in Assembly, Pramila Mallick from campaigning in the Panchayat Poll for 48 hours from 14 February (10 AM). SEC Secretary RN Sahu on Sunday informed about this observation of the Commission to the

dia (electronic, print, social media),etc. anywhere in the State of Odisha for a period of 48 hours starting from 10.00 AM of 14 February 2022 in the ensuing general elections to Panchayati Raj Institution (PRIs), 2022," Mr.Sahu told the District Collector. The SEC took this decision against Ms.Mallick as she had allegedly threatened voters to stop providing benefits of various schemes to people if they do not vote for the

pucca houses being provided under government schemes if they do not vote for BJD candidates. This is a violation of the model code of conduct, sources said. Soon after the news braked in the media, on the direction of the SEC, the Jajpur District Collector had earlier issued a show cause notice to Ms.Mallick. Considering the reply of Ms.Mallick, the SEC has decided to stop her from campaigning for 48 hours. Earlier, on the



collector of Jajpur district, where Ms.Mallick's constituency is located. "The Commission disapproves of the conduct of Ms.Mallick, MLA Binjarpur and debars her from campaigning, including interviews, public utterances in me-

BJD candidate in the Panchayat polls. During the Panchayat election campaign at Zilla Parishad Zone - 27 in Jajpur district on last Thursday, Ms.Mallick had allegedly threatened the voters to stop their monthly old age person, rice for Rs 1 per kg and

recommendation of the SEC, the State Government had suspended Maa Tarini college Principal Bikash Das and Sub-Divisional Police Officer (SDPO) of Salipur, Prasanta Majhi for organizing a political meeting in the premises of college.

District Magistrate inspected the preparations for the three-tier Panchayat elections in Rourkela

Rourkela (KCN): Sundargarh District Election Officer and District Magistrate Nikhil Pavan Kalyan visited Rourkela and took stock of the preparations for the

district. Ballot papers, ballot boxes and other equipment are safely kept in the strong rooms of various blocks. All these will be taken to the designated booths be-

the administration is monitoring the situation in the border areas of the district. There is a plan to make pink booth to increase the voting in the district. The Elec-

Rourkela Police also has 1,272 booths. Of these, 529 were sensitive booths and 118 were very sensitive booths. Elaborate arrangements have been



three-tier Panchayat elections. As per the guidelines of the State Election Commission, the District Magistrate discussed with the representatives of various political parties how to conduct the elections in a peaceful manner. Thereafter the District Magistrate attended a press conference in Rourkela and briefed about the preparations and conduct of the election. The District Commissioner said that the preparations for Panchayat elections are in full swing in all the 17 blocks of the

for the polling. He said, "The district administration is ready for the panchayat elections. Presiding officers and polling officers are being trained in various phases. In view of Covid, everyone is being given a booster dose. A total of 3,623 polling stations have been set up in the district. Of these, 427 have been identified as very sensitive. Special attention is paid to the conduct of elections in these booths. Photography and video are being given to the police chief. It was said that

tion Commission has decided to set up a special booth in each Block Headquarters sub-division. Women presiding officers, polling officers and women security personnel will be working at these booths. Polling will be held in the state in five phases from February 16 to February 24. A total of 3,623 booths have been set up in Sundargarh district. Of these, 2,351 booths are under the Sundargarh police. 1169 sensitive and 309 very sensitive booths have been identified.

made by the administration to make the present Panchayat elections free and fair. The District Office requested that the public should participate in this process. The District Magistrate along with Election Observer Gangadhar Nayak, who is in-charge of Panposh sub-division, Panposh Sub-District Commissioner Daulat Chandrakar and Information and Public Relations Officer Seema Fatima Ekka participated in the press conference.

ER's health check-up camp at Howrath Orthopaedic Hospital

Kolkata (KCN): As a part of ER's re-

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portunity wherein officers and their

Dr. B.C. Saha, Chief Medical Superintendent & his team.

In this camp, height, weight, BMI of each participant was recorded. Blood and urine samples were collected for basic investigations. ECG of each participant was done. They were then examined by Doctors of different specialties like Medicine, General Surgery, Orthopaedics, Dermatology, Ophthalmology, Gynaecology and Obstetrics. Treatment and further investigations were advised as per requirement. Such camps are being organised by ER at all Divisions and Workshops on a periodical basis to maintain sound health of Railway fraternity.



lentless endeavour to maintain the good physique and sound health of its workforce, specially to contain COVID pandemic, in order to maintain smooth Railway services, an Executive health check-up camp has been organized at Orthopaedic Hospital, Howrah

Railway Beneficiaries availed the op-

portunities were medically checked by



4 killed, 4 injured in road mishap in Odisha's Kandhamal

BERHAMPUR (KCN): At least four persons were killed and as many sustained severe injuries in a road

dashed with the truck parked on the roadside while they were returning. Informed local police reached the

sent for postmortem. Police have seized both the vehicles and further in-

vestigation is on. The accident took place due to sleep inertia, said a police official.

Please be honest

Rajgad (KCN): Once upon a time, there was a wood cutter named Rajendra Prasad who was a hard working person. He lives in small village named Rajgad. In this village all villagers were wood cutters but all the wood cutter were not honest people. In small things they got angry. But Rajendra is an honest person. So, he did not get angry in the little issues.



accident near Lahabadi village under Phulabani Sadar police limits in Kandhamal district in the wee hours of Sunday. The mishap took place when an ill-fated Omini van in which they were traveling hit a stationary truck while negotiating a curve.

spot and rushed the injured persons to the district headquarters hospital at Phulabani. While doctors declared four of them brought dead, referred the critically injured four to MKCG Medical College and Hospital at Berhampur. The deceased have been identified as Rojalin Digal, Bhagia Digal, Badisuga and Sankarakhol had come to Talapada village to attend a wedding on Saturday night. The van

One day, a bus in a city road did not stop in the traffic when the traffic light was red. So the traffic police caught the bus driver. The bus driver was a person of the village Rajgad. The person got angry to the police man. But Police man said you were disobeyed the traffic rules. You are not honest. After some days Rajendra gathered with all the village people and said you all please be honest so that we can enjoy our life happily. If you will always be in anger then you may not be honest and we can't enjoy our life. So, please be honest. Some days later the all people of the village became honest and all the people lived happily forever.



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Industrialist Rahul Bajaj passes away at 83

MUMBAI: Former chairman of the Bajaj Group Rahul Bajaj died in Pune on Saturday, a com-

"lighthouse" for young entrepreneurs.

"I am deeply shocked to learn

newspaper in Mumbai where the chairman of Indian Airlines and chairman of the board of governors

positions, including the chairman of Indian Airlines and chairman of the board of governors

Foundation. He had done BA (Honours) in Economics from Delhi University, a law de-

dian industrial landscape like a colossus.

"He was among the few stars who created the Indian automotive industry. He was a pioneer who established a culture of quality and technology. He stood for high integrity in business and stuck to his principles. Rahul played a key role in industry bodies around the world like World Economic Forum and CII and was very well respected. He will be sorely missed," he stated.

Expressing similar feelings, Raymond Chairman and Managing Director Gautam Hari Singhania stated that the passing away of Rahul Bajaj is a terrible loss to the corporate world. "The doyen of the Indian business world will be missed for his intellectual honesty and straightforwardness. His contribution to the auto industry and steering the group during the license raj days will always be remembered. In immeasurable manner he has contributed to the growth of Maharashtra and the country. On behalf of the Raymond Group I offer my sincere condolences to the Bajaj family," he said in a statement.



pany official said. He was 83. Bajaj had been admitted to the Ruby Hall Clinic hospital in Pune. He died around 2.30 pm, the official said.

The last rites will be held on Sunday. Bajaj is survived by two sons, Rajiv Bajaj and Sanjiv Bajaj; and daughter Sunaina Kejriwal. He resigned from his position of non-executive director and chairman at Bajaj Auto on April 30 last year.

Dr Parvez Grant, chief cardiologist and managing trustee of Ruby Hall Clinic, said he was admitted to the hospital for the last month. "He died due to age-related and heart- and lung-related ailments," Grant added.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted that he was pained by Rahul Bajaj's passing, noting that the late industrialist will be "remembered for his noteworthy contributions to the world of commerce and industry. Beyond business, he was passionate about community service and was a great conversationalist"...

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi tweeted that "Rahul Bajaj's passing is a big loss to India. We have lost a visionary whose courage made us proud. My love and condolences to his family and loved ones."

NCP chief Sharad Pawar remembered the former chairman of the Bajaj Group as a philanthropist who was like a

about the sad demise of Padma Bhushan Shri Rahul Bajaj! The grandson of eminent freedom fighter Jamnalal Bajaj brought transformation in society especially in poor and middle-class people with his two-wheel technology - a Bajaj Bike!," Pawar tweeted.

Pawar said he was grieved by the passing away of his very close friend. "India has lost an industrialist, a philanthropist and a lighthouse for young entrepreneurs! Hamara Bajaj," Pawar said. Under Rahul Bajaj's stewardship, flagship firm Bajaj Auto saw its turnover growing to Rs 12,000 crore from just Rs 7.2 crore with the firm's scooters becoming the mainstay.

The company's Bajaj Chetak scooter became an aspirational symbol for the middle-class Indian families then, with the Humara Bajaj tune becoming synonymous with their hopes of a better future.

In 2005, he began passing the baton of the company to son Rajiv Bajaj, who became the managing director of Bajaj Auto and led the company to become a truly global automobile player.

One of the most successful business leaders of India, Bajaj was elected to Rajya Sabha in June 2006 and remained a member till 2010.

Known for his outspokenness, in November 2019, at an event organised by a leading business

Sitharaman, and Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal were present, the veteran industrialist spoke about

the government's 'stifling of criticism', among other things. "This environment of fear, it's definitely on our minds. "You (the government) are doing good work; and despite that, we don't have the confidence that you'll appreciate criticism," he had said. Bajaj was a recipient of many awards, including the Padma Bhushan and honorary doctorates from many universities. He also held many other po-

sitions, including the chairman of Indian Airlines and chairman of the board of governors

of the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay.

He was also a former chairman of the International Business Council, World Economic Forum and a former member of the South Asia advisory board of Harvard Business School. Besides, he was a former member of the International Advisory Council of the Brookings Institution in Washington, DC.

The industrialist also spearheaded the CSR activities of the Bajaj Group of companies and charitable trusts including Jamnalal Bajaj

gree from Mumbai University and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

Other tributes Among other prominent industrialists paying their tributes was Biocon Executive Chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw. She tweeted: "Industrialist Rahul Bajaj, Former Chairman Of Bajaj Group, Dies At 83 - I am devastated - he was a dear dear friend and will miss him dearly. The country has lost a great son & nation builder."

TVS Motor Company Chairman Venu Srinivasan stated that Bajaj strode across the In-

IPL 2022: Complex auction dynamics in display on day one

CHENNAI: High demand, limited supply. Addition of two new teams. No right to match cards. An already shrunk auction purse for 40 percent of the franchises.

The IPL 2022 auction was always going to be a tough code to crack for franchises this time. And it showed at the end of Day 1 of the auction, the franchises still have plenty of work to do on Sunday in terms of finding a squad balance.

With only a limited budget available, it is safe to say not all the franchises will have a good sleep on Saturday night.

The eight old teams tried their best to retain their originality by bidding for players they released into the auction pool but with a limited purse meant, they had to be judicious in picking and choosing. That said, there was no stopping them from splurging cash on where it was absolutely necessary.

In an auction pool where the demand is higher than the supply, the wicketkeepers, all-rounders, fast-bowlers and Indian middle-order batters - who form the core of the team - were the most sought after. For a tournament that is played at home, the highest team spent on a spinner was Yuzvendra Chahal, who was picked by Rajasthan Royals for Rs 6.5 crore. In fact, the first set of capped spinners, as many as five, had no takers.

In the marquee set that began the proceedings, only Shreyas Iyer went beyond the Rs 10-crore mark and eventually settling in Kolkata Knight Riders for Rs 12.25 crore. Others in the category R Ashwin, Shikhar Dhawan, Mohammed Shami, Pat Cummins, Quinton de Kock, Kagiso Rabada, Trent Boult, Faf du Plessis and David Warner all found a home, but with all-rounders, wicket keepers and pacers to follow, there was hesitation from the franchises to spend beyond a point.

For instance, Chennai Super Kings waited till the ninth player - De Kock - to enter the bid, while Sunrisers Hyderabad didn't even join the race for any. In a format which is titled in favour of batters, Rajasthan Royals purchase of Shimron Hetmyer for Rs 8.5 crore was the highest in the category followed by the Rs 7.75 crore they spent for Devdutt Padikkal.

But, all of it changed when the key sets began with all-rounders. At 38, Dwayne Bravo isn't getting any younger, but for Chennai to snap him back, they had to tussle it with Hyderabad and Delhi Capitals showed how much they are valued.

With Bravo itself costing Rs 4.4 crore, the likes of Nitish Rana, Jason Holder, Harshal Patel, Wanindu Hasaranga, Washington Sundar, Krunal Pandya, Mitchell Marsh were tossed between each table before finding an eventual home, several times more than their base price.

With four wicketkeepers already retained, the remaining six went big on wicket-keepers with Ishan Kishan ending up as the highest buy of the day at Rs 15.25 crore. Even Nicholas Pooran, who has been hit or miss in the IPL so far, went for Rs 10.75 crore to Hyderabad.

Jonny Bairstow, Dinesh Karthik went to Punjab Kings and Royal Challengers Bangalore, respectively and in the end, Gujarat Titans are yet to get a keeper, while Kolkata Knight Riders only have Sheldon Jackson to don the big gloves.

If all-rounders and wicket-keepers showed the scarcity, the fast bowlers were the ones who struck the jackpot. In the first list, only Umesh Yadav went unsold. T Natarajan and Prasad Krishna got interest from only two teams, but the rest which include Deepak Chahar, Lockie Ferguson, Josh Hazlewood, Mark Wood, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Shardul Thakur all attracted interest from at least three or more teams. Nine of them alone went for Rs 70.2 crore. "Fast bowlers were always going to be difficult to get," Delhi Capitals co-owner Parth Jindal said.

"They bowl in the powerplay and at the death, so you need the good ones. They are the difference between entering the play-offs and ending up in the group stages. There is always a value for pacers and which is why all of them went for huge sum" he added.

That franchises were brave enough to invest in some also said a story, especially the overseas quicks, who may not be available for the entire season. Cummins, Hazlewood, Rabada, Mark Wood and to an extent Trent Boult have international commitments lined-up this season, yet they found takers.

Empowering India part of US counter-China plan

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The United States in the Indo-Pacific and strengthen the region itself, alongside our closest allies and partners," said the strategy document, which comes as President Biden enters his second year in office. America's intensified focus on the region is partly to counter China's "coercion and aggression" in the Indo-Pacific as Beijing "pursues a sphere of influence" there, said the 12-page document. India's role in the Quad is being viewed as an important element of the India-US relationship. The strategy document says the US will continue to support India's rise and regional leadership, working with India bilaterally and through groups.

Villagers in Odisha ok with JSW project, demand promise of jobs from nominees

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to providing jobs to them in 1999, now feel their wounds have become raw with JSW setting up a plant on their land. However the villagers have softened stance on JSW with a hope that they will demand their due from candidates contesting polls.

Sarpanch of Gadakujang panchayat Sampad Barik said, "No survey has started to include betel vine labourers for sustenance allowance. We have sought intervention of local MLA cum Water Resources Minister Raghunandan Das but to no avail."

Meanwhile, poll campaigns started in Dhinkia village only on Thursday. Election activities had not taken off in the village due to the tension following the violent clash between cops and the locals over the JSW project last month. Fearing law and order situation, booths have been tagged in other villages while villagers are fearing to step out apprehending police action. In Dhinkia panchayat, elections to the posts of Zilla Parishad (ZP) and panchayat samiti member will be held.

Contacted, Congress ZP member candidate Pinaki Narayan Das said, "We have started our election campaign in Dhinkia where voters are fearful. But we are convincing them to cast votes as it is their democratic right. Villagers of Nuagaon and Gadakujang have urged to fulfill demands on issues of employment and compensation before setting up the JSW steel plant."

More Funds for Police Modernization

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ment, six LWE related schemes with Central outlay of Rs.8,689 crore have been approved. These schemes include Special Central Assistance (SCA) to Most LWE Affected Districts & Districts of Concern to consolidate the gains.

For raising of India Reserve Battalions/Specialized India Reserve Battalions, Central outlay of Rs.350 crore has been approved.

Central sector scheme of 'Assistance to States & Union Territories for Narcotics Control with outlay of Rs.50 crore has been continued

Naveen Wins Modi

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increased to Rs 35,000 crore from Rs 14,000 crore. Different states have benefitted from the reforms in coal mining and Odisha became the first state to implement these reforms."

"Therefore, I congratulate the Odisha Chief Minister for his Government to work shoulder to shoulder with the centre," he said. The Prime Minister also cited how the Odisha-Centre relation is a good example of cooperative federalism.

In fact, Odisha is reaping huge benefits due to mining sector reforms and during 2021-22 financial year, the mineral rich state will generate more than Rs.40,000 crore of revenue from mining sector, officials say.

While majority of the saffron leaders are unable to put together words to respond to Modi's remark, party MP Suresh Pujari said: "The PM has said good words for the state government's cooperation. There is no politics in saying good words for good work in a particular sector."

However, BJD leaders made it a point to highlight Modi's remarks on Naveen as a major achievement during the campaigning in rural polls. The BJD leaders have started giving the impression to the people that the local BJP leaders have no face value since their national leaders praise Naveen.



Shreyas Iyer - Kolkata Knight Riders - Rs 12.25 Crore VFI Partners with Eurosport India Announces the Inaugural Indian Volleyball League

Mumbai(KCN): Volleyball Federation of India (VFI) - the governing body for the Olympic sport of Volleyball in India, today announced the inaugural season of the Indian Volleyball League (IVL) in partnership with Eurosport India - Discovery Network's premium sports brand. Volleyball, a fast-paced exciting sport enjoys popularity across India, and with Eurosport India as the official global broadcaster of IVL, Indian Volleyball is set to make rapid strides both in India as well as the International markets. Audiences will also be able to LIVE stream the league at the discovery+ app. The IVL, tentatively scheduled to kick-start around June-July 2022, will be the premier volleyball league in the country, sanctioned both by the Asian Volleyball Confederation and International Volleyball Federation (FIVB). The IVL also proposes to have six to eight new franchisees representing various cities across India. The teams will have a mix of top players from the Indian national team along

with talented players from various states as well as a host of top international players in its roster for the inaugural season. Mr. Ruchir Jain, Head of Eurosport India and Distribution- South Asia, Discovery, Inc. said, "It's been our constant endeavor to build communities for all sports alike, and now to have Volleyball in our roster is a proud moment. We are delighted to be playing a role in popularizing the fast-paced exciting sport of Volleyball across India and helping Indian volleyball reach sports fans across the globe. The Indian Volleyball League is definitely the future that the sport deserves, and we are not only excited to play our part in this but also would commend the Volleyball Federation of India for their vision in making Indian volleyball truly global in nature." Also sharing his thoughts on the occasion, Prof. (Dr.) Achyuta Samanta, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha & President, Volleyball Federation of India said, "It is a momentous occasion for Indian Volleyball, and we are thrilled

to have a globally respected brand like Discovery on board with us. We are sure they will help us take the league to places and together we aim to uplift the standard of the sport in the near future as one of the top international volleyball leagues globally. Mr. Ramavtar Singh Jakhar, Zonal Executive Vice-President, Asian Volleyball Confederation (AVC), and Chairman, Indian Volleyball League said that he is very happy that Euro Sports India - Discovery Network's premium sports brand come forward to partner with the Indian Volley League which will go a long way in developing the game of Volleyball in India. He also said that the young Volleyball players in India will benefit a lot and surely this Indian Volleyball League will become a rousing hit in India and abroad. The proposed Indian Volleyball League will be an annual feature in the global volleyball calendar and will soon announce the process of applying for the ownership of new franchises through the official website of the Indian

Volleyball League & Volleyball Federation of India. About Eurosport India: Eurosport India is the go-to destination for passionate sports fans in India. Unlocking the power of sport through world-class content from the world's greatest sporting events, Eurosport India provides the Indian audience with an unrivaled premium sports offering. As the Home of the Olympic Games in Europe, Discovery is bringing Eurosport to discovery+, the real-life direct-to-consumer streaming service, starting in a range of international markets during 2021. Firmly established as the number one sport destination in Europe and the Home of Cycling, Grand Slam Tennis and Winter Sport, Eurosport channels - Eurosport 1, Eurosport 2 - reach 246 million cumulative subscribers across 75 countries in Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East. Eurosport Events specializes in the management and promotion of international sporting events. More information is available by visiting corporate.eurosport.com.

Ballot Paper Colours For Urban Polls



Bhubaneswar: The State Election Commission (SEC) on Saturday fixed the colour of Ballot Papers to be used during upcoming general election to Urban Local Bodies (ULBs). "In exercise of powers vested in it under Article 243 ZA of the Constitution, the Commission directs that the colour of Ballot Papers for the Corporators/Councilor will be Pink and Mayor/Chairperson will be Yellow," SEC

Secretary RN Sahu said in an order. The SEC has already notified that all elections to the office of Mayors/Chairpersons & Corporators/Councilors will be held by using Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) supplied by the Commission. Two EVMs will be used in each booth for elections to Councilor/Chairperson in case of Municipalities/NACs and Corporator/Mayor in case of Municipal Corporations, Sahu said. So, the Ballot Papers will be pasted in the Ballot Unit of the EVM as well as will be used for the purpose of Election Duty Certificate (EDC) and Tended Vote. Therefore, the Commission has decided to use the two colours of Ballot Papers to be used in the elections to Municipalities/NACs as well as Municipal Corporations. The State Election Commission has also decided to provide

NOTA (None of the above) option to the voters in the upcoming urban polls in the State. The Commission is taking all steps to conduct the urban election soon after the Panchayat Polls. The delimitation of wards, reservation seats and all other formalities required to conduct the ULB election has already been completed. The Commission has also started distribution of EVMs to the districts for the poll.

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MATCHDAY: Mane back with Liverpool, AC Milan eying top spot

England : Liverpool will look to trim the deficit to league leader Manchester City back to nine points with a win at Burnley. Sadio Mane is back in the squad after a few days off celebrating Senegal's triumph at the African Cup of Nations.

West Ham will aim to consolidate fourth place by beating struggling Leicester, and Tottenham can move level on points with sixth-placed Arsenal — its fierce north London rival — with a home win over Wolverhampton. The other game is Newcastle-Aston Villa.

Spain Barcelona crosses the city to play Espanyol in a derby following its biggest win of an otherwise tumultuous season. Xavi Hernandez's side will hope to build on its 4-2 victory over Atlético Madrid from the last round at their city rivals. Barcelona will be without Dani Alves, serving the first of a two-game suspension, while Memphis Depay will be unavailable due to injury. That could open the door for new arrival Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang to make his first start.

Espanyol, which upset Real Madrid 2-1 at home in October, is on a five-game winless streak. Third-placed Real Betis visits last-placed Levante following its 2-1 victory at Rayo Vallecano in the first leg of their Copa del Rey semifinal. Valencia visits Alavés after it drew its cup semifinal 1-1 at Athletic Bilbao. Real Sociedad also welcomes Granada needing a victory to move back into the Europa League spots.

Italy AC Milan can move to the top of Serie A with a win against Sampdoria. Following last week's derby victory, Milan is just two points behind leader Inter Milan, which was held to 1-1 at second-placed Napoli on Saturday. Swedish veteran striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic is still missing but Milan can rely on France forward Olivier Giroud, who scored both goals in the derby.

Germany

Bayern Munich's unexpected defeat at Bochum on Saturday has given Borussia Dortmund a chance to cut the defending champion's Bundesliga lead to six points with a win at Union Berlin.



It would also atone somewhat for Dortmund's 5-2 loss at home to Bayer Leverkusen last weekend, when Marco Rose's team again showed its fallible without injured top forward Erling Haaland. But Haaland remains out with muscular problems and will miss the trip to Berlin.

Union also has to make up for disappointment after losing at relegation candidate Augsburg 2-0 in its first game without the experienced Max Kruse, who asked for a switch to Wolfsburg. Urs Fischer's team can reclaim fourth place if it keeps the run going of the home team always winning when these sides meet in the Bundesliga. Hoffenheim hosts relegation-threatened Arminia Bielefeld to finish the 22nd of 34 rounds.

France Marseille travels to struggling Metz looking to open a four-point gap in the race for a runner-up finish. With Paris Saint-Germain untouchable at the top of the standings, Marseille is vying for second place with southern rival Nice, which lost at Lyon 2-0 on Saturday.

Marseille has a one-point lead over the Riviera side before heading to Metz. Pape Gueye and Bamba Dieng are back with Marseille after winning the African Cup of Nations with Senegal.




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