

Women Prestige Award 2022 at Hansraj College on 21st February 2022

New Delhi(KCN): Lions Club Delhi Veg organised the biggest ever event in Univer-

second edition of Women Prestige Awards 2022 on 21st February 2022 at

bassador of Mauritius HE Mrs. Santa Bai Hanoomanjee, High Commissioner of

bassy of Cuba, Burkina Faso, Palestine, Korea. Special guests at the event



sity of Delhi aimed at empowering women and recognising their achievements and struggle who broke the glass ceiling and came out shinning. The lions club organised the

Hansraj College Auditorium, University of Delhi, New Delhi. The event was graced by the presence of Acharya Dr. Lokesh Muni. Chief guest of the event were Am-

Trinidad & Tobago HE DR Roger Gopaul, Ambassador of Arab League Mission Alyaa Ghannam, Consul General of Comoros HE Mr KL Ganju and Diplomats from Em-

were Kathak duo Padmashree Nalini Kamalini, Lion Dr Aruna Oswal, Dr Rama (Principal), among

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SUM sets Job Program

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Institute of Medical Sciences and SUM Hospital, in collaboration with ICICI Foundation, launched a campaign on Wednesday to extend Covid-19 vaccine to young people in the age group of 15 to 18 years. On the first day, only physically challenged persons in the age group were provided the vaccine. Among others, Prof. Pushparaj

Samantashinhar, Medical Superintendent of IMS and SUM Hospital, Prof. Mamatadevi Mohanty, Head of the Pediatric department, Prof. Lipilekha Patnaik of the Community Medicine department were present during the launching of the vaccination programme. Hospital sources said that youngsters in the above age group could avail the facility if they had not been vaccinated.

Center Lauds Odisha Tribal Research

New Delhi(KCN): Anil Kumar Jha, Secretary of Ministry of Tribal Affairs has appreciated efforts of Tribal Research Institute of Odisha in chalking out Plan for preserving tribal heritage.

Odisha Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribes Research Institute(SCSTRTI) is in the forefront for such activities, said a senior official.

Mr.Jha was speaking in presence of Union Minister Tribal Affairs, Arjun Munda in the MOU signing ceremony held at NTRI.

MOU was signed between National Tribal Research Institute, New Delhi and Bhartiya Adim Janjati Seva Sangathan (BAJSS) for developing BAJSS as resource center of NTRI. S S Toliya Director TRI Uttarakhand signed the MoU on behalf of NTRI and Nayan Chandra Hembram, President of Bharatiya Adim Janajati Seva Sangathan (BAJSS) signed on behalf of Institute.

Mr.Jha said that the project has been undertaken under the guidance of Tribal Affairs Minister, Arjun Munda had advised to develop the unique heritage as the resource centre of upcoming national Tribal Research Institute (NTRI).

Mr.Jha lauded the efforts of TRI Odisha and TRI Uttarakhand who have chalked out a plan to preserve this unique heritage.

S N Tripathi, Director General, IIPA, said that



IIT Kanpur is developing National Digital Library and when the books are digitized, these can be added to the vast resource available in national digital library.

Navajit Kapoor, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) briefed about the details of activities, which would be undertaken in the restoration project and the time line to complete the project, said sources.

A total amount of Rs.150 Lakhs has been sanctioned by the Ministry for preservation and digitization of Rare Books in BAJSS Library & to develop it in to an E-Library and for revamping of the tribal Museum, digitization of artefacts and making interactive kiosks so as to preserve the unique cultural heritage.

Rajendra Kumar, Director TRI; SS Tolia, Director, TRI Uttarakhand, AB Ota, Director, SCSTRTI Odisha and Nupur Tiwary from NTRI, Meenakshi from UNDP and other key functionaries of BAJSS were present on the occasion. Nayan Chandra Hembram, President of BAJSS thanked the Minister for visiting the site with the team of officers and undertaking the preservation of books and restoration of museum, which were otherwise neglected. He also briefed about pan India activities of BAJSS and its role in tribal policies and issues since independence.

79 % Poll In Phase IV

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Around 79 per cent of 51.31 lakh voters have exercised their franchise in the fourth phase of the Panchayat election held yesterday in the State.

As per data released by the State Election Commission (SEC) on Wednesday, Subarnapur district recorded the maximum voter turnout of 86.51 per cent. Bargarh stands at second position with 84.87 per cent and Nabarangpur at third with 83.3 per cent. Ganjam district continued to have the lowest voter turnout of 65.2 per cent.

Similarly, Rayagada district has recorded 82.35% polling, Gajapati-82.17%, Koraput (82.8%), Bolangir (82.2%), Cuttack (80.64%), Dhenkanal (80.59%), Kalahandi (80.53%) and Nuapada (80.34). The voting took place at 17,089 polling booths in 1,254 Panchayats of 64 blocks in 27 districts

on Tuesday. Re-polling at 49 booths in 10 districts has been completed smoothly today. The election was disrupted due to vio-



lence and other reasons during the first and second phase of polling.

Informing about the process of counting of votes, Sahu said the counting of votes will be done Zilla Parishad Constituency-wise. The votes polled in one ZP Constituency shall be counted in one big hall. The counting of votes will commence at 8 AM on all three days February 26, 27 and 28.

The counting will be held as per the numerical order of the Zilla Parishad Zones.

One table will be set up for each GP coming under the Zilla Parishad Zone. Another table will be set up for the Election Officer and for the



persons who will assist him or her. The tables for the Panchayats will be arranged as per alphabet order.

One counting supervisor, two counting assistants and a Group 'D' employee will be deployed in each table. Counting for all wards under one Panchayat will be done on the table meant for the said Gram Panchayat. The results will be declared after ward-wise counting, said Sahu.

Each candidate is al-

lowed to appoint one counting agent in each table. Since it is decided that counting of votes will be taken up GP-wise, those contesting for the of-



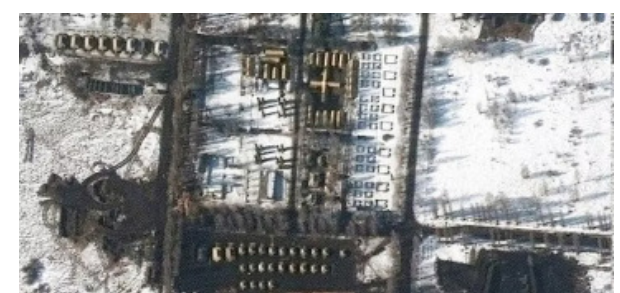
office of Ward Member, Sarpanch and Panchayat Samiti Member are allowed to appoint one person as their counting agent for each post.

However, those contesting to the office of Zilla Parishad Member can appoint as many Counting Agents as the number of GPs in that particular Zilla Parishad Constituency. Adequate security arrangements shall be made outside the Counting Hall as well as outside the Counting Centre.

Satellite images show new Russian troop deployments near Ukraine

WASHINGTON(KCN): Satellite images show new deployments of Russian troops and military equipment near the Ukrainian border, a US company said Sunday evening.

The pictures show "multiple new field deployments of armored equipment and troops" departing from existing military sites



into forests and fields approximately 9 to 19 miles from Russia's border with Ukraine, US satellite imagery company Maxar said in an email.

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BJD, BJP protest over Violence

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Governing BJD and Opposition BJP leaders protested outside the office of the State Election Commission (SEC) here on Wednesday, accusing each other of violence and violating the model code of conduct during the ongoing panchayat elections.

The BJD alleged that the State Poll Panel was not acting on its complaints against the irregularities in the panchayat elections that began on February 16.

On the other side, the BJP alleged the SEC was ignoring its complaints about violence

against the Govern-

ing Party. BJD's Bhubaneswar (Central) MLA Ananta Narayan Jena

ees to campaign for it. Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said the BJD government and the SEC



questioned the SEC over the alleged inaction on its complaints, while BJP leader Surath Biswal alleged the ruling party was forcing government employ-

were responsible for the gross errors in the voters' list that deprived a large number of people from exercising their franchise in the panchayat elections.

Meanwhile, the Congress blamed both the BJD and BJP for the violence, besides accusing them of spending a huge amount of money to influence voters.

"Both the BJD and BJP are involved in irregularities and violence in the panchayat elections," Congress MLA Suresh Kumar Routray alleged.

The panchayat elections are being held in the state in five phases with the last phase of polling on February 24. The votes will be counted on February 26, 27 and 28.

A little Spark

Sanjib Kumar Dash

Moment of a little charge, starts glowing the city, colourful light glitters on peoples' faces, Evening allures with offers. Oven lit in sweet kitchen, stomach's gratitude begins, tasty recipes gladdens mind aftermath only a mere spark. something not, an impetus it is, revival of a timeworthy thought, for a great cult's birth, an epoch changing trigger, for a great revolution ahead, seeking a new horizon of hope. Big wars, history tells ever, truly germinate from small reefs, an invisible sprout's outburst expands the great banyan, Our planet possibly cherish that minimal shock, for plenty of smile in oneness, to redeem the path, of peace n existence.



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Nature

Pushkar Bisht

Green mesmerizes brilliantly in every glance Its atmosphere becomes delightful The soul becomes refined And dances with every beat. I wish to keep my pace with nature As its drill makes me thrilling. I want to drink its nectar to be immortal Silence is the core of it And beauty is its everlasting kiss I bathe in nature every moment As its drop of rain gives me much joy Its beauty never fades Rather it keeps glowing every day How the flowers dance as if they are elated I seek its joyful company As it is pure, deep and beautiful

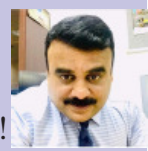


Dwarka, New Delhi

The enriched Globe

Shiju H. Pallithazheth

Let me peep into the globe, I wouldn't do it to probe.



The globe is my learning center, And people in it each, my mentor!

I love people and their thoughts, They have experiences in lots.

Their experiences make my brain sharper, Outlines it ideal, like a marker.

Humor is also found in the globe plenty, I Am never short of it to feel empty.

People across boundaries teach me profundity, Much to learn from every global city.

Except for some people deceptive, There is so much around receptive.

So encourage only things beneficial, While you keep away the petty superficial!

Losing trust on people is utter stupidity, As many thoughts around still hold validity.

Cherish the latter closer to your heart, While never letting faith on globe go apart.

Dr Shailesh veer Gupta Centuries Later

Dr. Shailesh Gupta Veer

When I was reading a deep love for myself in her eyes, She had completely dissolved in my breath.

When I was admiring her pink cheeks, She had written her name in my heart.



When I gave her a red rose, She gestured me to put that rose in her hair- and as soon as I put that red rose in her hair, So shy she was and lowered her head Both we were immersed in immense love.

The sky wanted to take earth in his arms, and the earth wanted to be lost in the arms of the sky!

Centuries later, the two souls were eager to merge with each other.

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Hug

Ajit Dash



Yellow beam of sunrise

Feel morning hug with

hypernym wind, dancing daisy

Chinook's warmth, budding trees

We glanced out the window

In nook of the spring

The Earth laughs in flowers

Baby birds start learning to sing

While tree gets new leaves

Your face blooming recklessly

Certainly of course, in my arm

Your colour of lips made

Rainbow in cloud of my life

Fan

Kalyani Dash

The way you talk to me,

The way you hug me,

you fight with me and

doubt on me lovely,

Yes, i like your habit

and fan of your voice ,

feel every second that i am your

I feel you every moment & everywhere,

I like your character with kindness,

the way you love me,

Yes i am fan of you.....

Berhampur, Ganjam

You can't reach for anything new if your hands are still full of yesterday's junk.

- Louise Smith



ries. "It has been a way to stay connected," she says.

'I see influences of some of the artists whose works I have framed in the past': Murti Ahuja

When she conceptualised the gallery in the late '90s, the art market was still nascent in India and the Capital had a handful of galleries leading the way. For her first exhibition, the gallerist mounted canvas prints of western masters such as Vincent van Gogh, Claude Monet and Pablo Picasso in museum-like framing. "The response was overwhelming; now a lot of people are buying prints but at the time that wasn't the case," recalls Anand.

Sunaina Anand, Sunaina Anand gallery, Art Alive Gallery

Advertisement Advertisement Rajeew-Sethi, Raghu Rai, Krishen Khanna, Sunaina Anand, and Jatin Das at the launch of Trees by Raghu Rai in 2015

VANDANA KALRA

While training in graphic design equipped her with an understanding of art and aesthetics, she got acquainted with the artists and their works through studio visits across India and frequenting museums and hubs such as the Garhi studios. During the initial years, her group exhibitions included works of artists such as Arpana Caur, Reena Saini Kallat and Riyas Komu. There were solo exhibitions of masters such as Thota Vaikuntam, Manu Parekh, Laxma Goud and Sakti Burman. "From the very first show we paid attention to documentation as a way to create an archive. We also focussed a lot on curated shows that highlighted themes through artists works and looked at social concerns," says Anand.

Kiran Nadar: The digital shift will allow museums, galleries to reach a new audience

The desire to predict the future in art led to shows such as "Contemporary Chronicles" (2005) miniatures in art from India and Pakistan and Jangarh Kalam: Contemporary Art of the Adivasis (2010) that had works of members of the Pardhaan Gond community. Her annual showcase, Art Now, on the other hand, brings together works of masters and younger names. "The gallery's vision has always been to bring in new elements and talent, and to expand viewership to different art forms," says Anand.

Delhi gallery commemorates 20 years with a packed calendar

The day we speak, gallerist Sunaina from the pre-independence years till Art Alive Gallery.



Anand has just returned from Krishen Khanna's home after sharing a copy of her latest publication 20th Century Indian Art. She is between calls from artists and art enthusiasts eager to discuss the book. Anand shares how she has been planning and working on the publication for over a decade now.

Abstractionist Prabhakar Kolte's initiative to democratise the art space "It has taken 14 years of work but it is a much-needed publication. There is so much interest in Indian art but there is no book that can be placed on the shelves that documents its entire journey critically. This book starts

today and looks into the evolution of



art in India," says Anand, director of

month is an exhibition of artists Sakti Burman and Maite Delteil and their daughter Maya Burman, followed by several exhibitions later in the year, including a travelling solo of artist Paresh Maity. During the recent pandemic months, she has also taken the audience into artists studios through numerous video se-

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Advertisement Advertisement Sunaina Anand, Sharmila Tagore, and Paresh Maity at The World on a Canvas book launch and show, 2010.

As she prepares to commemorate 20 years of the gallery, the publication release marks the beginning. Planned next

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Kangana Ranaut extends Christmas wishes to 'those who respect all Indian festivals'

NEW DELHI (KCN): Actor Kangana Ranaut on Friday extended Christmas greetings to "those who respect and accept all Indian festivals."

The 'Queen' actor took to Instagram to share three pictures, including one with her nephew Prithvi while posing along the Christmas tree.

"Merry Christmas to only those who respect and accept all Indian festivals. Merry Christmas to only those who do not do selective activism

only around Hindu festivals," the caption of her post read.

Meanwhile, on Twitter, the actress also shared a slew of pictures from the Christmas celebrations last night and informed that her sister Rangoli Chandel made 'Gajar ka Halwa' for all and her sister-in-law Ritu visited her house for the first time.

"Yesterday my Bhabi came to my house for the first time and Rangoli made delicious gajar ka halwa for us, some pictures from last night dinner," she tweeted.

Anushka visits Mahanandeswara Swamy temple in a fishing boat!

Anushka Shetty visited the famous Mahanandeswara Swamy Temple near Pattiseema at Polavaram in Andhra Pradesh on Wednesday. This is the Baahubali actress' first public appearance since the lockdown began.

Anushka was accompanied by her close friend and costume designer Prasanti Tipirneni during the visit. Photos of the actress visiting the temple in a boat have gone viral on social media.

"It was just a private trip! Anushka wanted to keep it a low-key affair and a confidential one," says a source close to the actress. "Anushka has been toying with the idea of visiting a holy place ever since the country went into the unlock phase. She was told that Mahanandeswara Swamy Temple in the Pattiseema region is a very famous shrine, and she decided to have a darshan of Lord Siva. She is glad that the trip has been fruitful," the source

said. Since boats for tourists in the Polavaram region (between East and West Godavari) have been temporarily stopped due to recent mishaps, only fishing boats (boats with engines) were available. "Anushka did not mind travelling in a fishing boat; in fact, she thoroughly enjoyed the ride down the Godavari River, bordered by the picturesque Papi Hills. It was a much-needed break for her," the source added. Anushka seems to

have quite a spiritual bent of mind. Whenever she gets time, she makes it a point to visit shrines. Some of the holy places she has visited include the Mookambika Temple in Kollur, the Sri Mahalingeswara Temple in Puttur, Kedarnath, Shridi and Shri Durgapameshwari Temple at Bappanadu. The buzz is that the actress met two filmmakers — Sirwass and Kasi Vishwanath — who hail from the Pattiseema region, during the recent trip.

Priyanka Chopra Jonas to star opposite Richard Madden for 'Citadel' Amazon series

Washington DC: In a recent series of tweets, Priyanka Chopra Jonas made the announcement that she would be starring alongside Richard Madden in 'Citadel,' a Russo brothers drama series that'll be

launched on Amazon. Tweeting a screenshot of an article from the Variety website, Chopra wrote: "Cannot wait to work with the talented @_richardmadden and incred-

ible @Russo_Brothers on CITADEL... A multi-layered global franchise with interconnected local language productions from India, Italy and Mexico. It will truly be global content. More soon.

@AmazonStudios @AGBOfilms" Furthermore, she also posted two online article links about this latest development, one from Deadline, and another from The Hollywood Reporter.

According to Variety, the producers have till now remained secretive about 'Citadel's' plot. The show would also be released in various local languages. As announced at the recent Television

Critics Association's winter press tour, a separate version for Mexico is also in the works along with local productions in Italy and India, reported The Hollywood Reporter.

'A Suitable Boy' to 'Padmaavat': Here are some other shows, films that stirred rows besides 'Tandav'

NEW DELHI (KCN): A Muslim boy and a Hindu girl kissing in "A Suitable Boy", the name of a dog in "Pataal Lok", a Pakistani actor in a starring role in "Ae Dil Hai Mushkil". Amazon Prime Video's "Tandav" is the latest in a long line of films and web series that have found themselves in trouble for one reason or another.

"Tandav", a nine-episode political thriller starring Saif Ali Khan, Dimple Kapadia and Mohd Zeeshan Ayyub, started streaming last week and is neck deep in trouble with loud calls for its boycott and an FIR against its makers in Lucknow.

At the centre of the row is a scene with Zeeshan, in the role of college student Shiva, playing the Hindu god Mahadev in a theatre production. Here are some other showbiz offerings that faced boycott calls in recent years: AE DIL HAI MUSHKIL The Karan Johar-directed romantic drama faced threats from the Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) because it featured Pakistani actor Fawad Khan. The party said Pakistani artistes would not be allowed to work in India post the Uri terror attack. Johar had to issue an apology and promise he would not "engage

with talent" from Pakistan for the film's smooth release in October 2016. The filmmaker, one of Bollywood's most powerful, had earlier

deny the rumour. The movie also underwent a title change from "Padmavati" to "Padmaavat" and released in January 2018.

lim to Hindu, which was not the case. A SUITABLE BOY The Mira Nair-directed web series based on Vikram Seth's novel streamed

which started streaming from May 15, 2020, stirred controversy with BJP MLA Nandkishor Gurjar filing a complaint for allegedly using his

One of the first successful locally produced series on Netflix in 2018 and 2019, "Sacred Games" attracted many controversies during its two season run.

A Congress party member filed an FIR against the show for allegedly insulting former Indian prime minister Rajiv Gandhi. The second season was criticised for hurting the religious sentiments of Sikhs. BJP leader Tajinder Pal Bagga filed an FIR against director Anurag Kashyap for allegedly hurting the sentiments of Sikhs, and Akali Dal's Manjinder Singh Sirsa had also called out the show. Besides, "Sacred Games" was criticised for being anti-Hindu because of its portrayal of a character called "Guruji", a spiritual leader shown as being a man of questionable morals and ideology. LIPSTICK UNDER MY BURKHA The film, directed by Alankrita Shrivastava, was initially denied a release in India in 2017, after the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) refused a certificate, objecting to its depiction of sex scenes and abusive language. The film released in July 2017.



faced trouble for using "Bombay" instead of "Mumbai" in a scene in "Wakeup Sid".

PADMAAVAT The Sanjay Leela Bhansali film led to a massive political controversy before its release with fringe group Karni Sena demanding a ban on the movie, blaming it for distorting historical facts on Padmavati. Bhansali's movie's set in Kolhapur was set on fire and the director was manhandled while shooting the movie in Jaipur. At one point, actor Deepika Padukone faced threats to her life with a bounty being put on her head following a rumour that the film depicted a love scene between Padmavati and Allauddin Khilji. The director made strenuous efforts to

Bhansali also faced issues with his film "Ramleela" and had to change the name to "Goliyon ki Raseela Ram-Leela". CHHAPAAK The Deepika Padukone starrer, a true story of an acid attack survivor, faced protests and calls for boycott on social media because the actor visited the Jawaharlal Nehru Campus to express solidarity with the students after a brutal attack on them by masked goons ahead of the film's release on January 10, 2020. Padukone, who did not speak at the protest, was called "anti-national". There was further controversy with many accusing filmmaker Meghna Gulzar of changing the name of the perpetrator from a Mus-

on Netflix from October 23, 2020, and earned the ire of several politicians for a scene showing a Muslim boy kissing a Hindu girl in the backdrop of a temple. The show also led to a police complaint against Netflix India officials by Bhartiya Janata Yuva Morcha national secretary Gaurav Tiwari in MP. State Home Minister Narottam Mishra had asked the state police to examine whether the scenes were filmed in a temple as it hurt the sentiments of a particular community. PATAAL LOK Like "Tandav", the show on Amazon Prime Video also looked at the nexus between media, politics and police. Set in Delhi, the Anushka Sharma-produced show,

photograph in the series without his permission. Moreover, the hashtag 'ban Pataal Lok' trended on social media for its depiction of communal issues, beef lynching and other issues. There were also objections to a pet dog being named 'Savitri'. LEILA The 2019 Netflix show by Deepa Mehta was based on a novel by Prayaag Akbar. Featuring Huma Qureshi in the lead role, it was called "anti-Hindu" for depicting the dystopian future of Aryavarta where purity of blood is enforced. The show's protagonist searches for her daughter, who was taken away from her for being child of an inter-faith marriage. SACRED GAMES

Channi Ji, people of UP and Bihar will continue to embrace Punjabis

The smattering of the Chief Minister of Punjab, Mr. Charanjit Singh Channi, has now become utterly pitiable. While addressing an election meeting in Roop Nagar, he said that he won't allow the brothers of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, and Delhi to enter Punjab.



Ms. Priyanka Gandhi, who links her legacy with the Nehru family of Uttar Pradesh, sat there silently, smiling and applauding. The reason behind her support of this absurd statement is known only to her. Now, who is to tell Channi Ji that Guru Gobind Singh Ji was born in Patna Sahib, and thus, Guru Gobind Singh Ji was also a Bihari.

It is a matter of deep regret that when Channi Ji was delivering a statement causing a national uproar, Priyanka Gandhi did not tighten the leash of her Chief Minister. If she had reprimanded Channi Ji in front of everyone, she would have garnered a sense of respect towards her. However, maybe she was unaware that he was degrading the entire Nehru family, as it is related to Anand-Bhawan Prayagraj. If one looks into the legacy of the father of Motilal Nehru, unnecessary controversy shall arise.

There is a possibility that Channi Ji, who has challenged the people of Bihar and UP, may not even be aware that the 10th Guru of the Sikhs, Guru Gobind Singh Sahib, finalized and enshrined the Guru Granth Sahib, was born in Patna. He also founded the Khalsa Panth in 1699. That stands the most significant event for the Sikh community. Guru Gobind Singh is highly respected not only by the Sikhs but by all the people of Bihar and the country.

In his desire to grab power, Channi Ji has not only insulted Uttar Pradesh but also Guru Ravidas, the adored saint of crores of Dalits. He did not even know that Sant Guru Ravidas

was born in Varanasi. He must be aware that the devotional songs and verses of the great Sant Ravidas have made a lasting impact on the Bhakti movement. Sant Guru Ravidass has Gurudwaras at various places in Punjab.

Apart from this, Channi Ji must realize that the first Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Govind Vallabh Pant, which he is referring to with disrespect, had given lakhs of acres of land in the foothills of the Himalayas almost free of cost to Punjabis who came to India due to the partition of the country so that they can live their

R. K. Sinha

Ahluwalia, may do politics in West Bengal but he belongs to Bihar/Jharkhand only.

Punjabis settled in these states must have been hurt by Channi Ji's statement about the people of Bihar and UP. If Channi Ji even had a leaflet of knowledge of the society and history of Bihar, he would not have given his above statement. He didn't even know that Bihar has always been the center or capital of the country's knowledge. Bihar has given the country personalities such as Lord Mahavira, Lord Buddha, one of the four first Shankaracharyas (Mandan Mishra), and

most popular restaurant in Patna. Today all the brothers have many hotels and many other prestigious business establishments.

The same thing can be said for Uttar Pradesh as well. Uttar Pradesh has always embraced Punjabis. One more thing is that Uttar Pradesh will never stand against the country. The Uttar Pradesh of Ram and Krishna is basically and ultimately inclusive. Uttar Pradesh is the only state which has had a Bengali woman Sucheta Kriplani as its Chief Minister. Kanpur contributed to giving impetus to the revolutionary life of Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh. His political vision became clearer while working in the newspaper 'Pratap' of Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi Ji in Kanpur.

Kanpur city has repeatedly chosen the non-Hindi speaking S.M. Banerjee as its MP. The same Uttar Pradesh made Sikh Rajendra Singh Hans the captain of its Ranji Trophy cricket team. On the other hand, Bihar also handed over the captaincy of its Ranji Trophy team to Hari Gidwani, who belongs to a Sindhi family. You can find several similar examples. Channi Ji must understand that the people of Bihar or UP are not a burden on anyone, but are the ones taking on the burdens of others.

In fact, for the past few years, it has become a fashion to slander the people of Bihar and UP. A few years ago, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had said that "People of Bihar (he meant all Purvanchal including Jharkhand) come to Delhi with a ticket of Rs 500 and then go back after getting free treatment in government hospitals worth lakhs of rupees." Should the Chief Minister of Delhi have been so insensitive?

The same Kejriwal wants to rule the power of Punjab directly or indirectly. Should Biharis be prohibited from coming to Delhi hospitals for treatment? Do residents of other states have no rights in Delhi? Isn't Delhi the capital of the people of Bihar? Shouldn't all Biharis get treatment in the best hospital like AIIMS? Channi and Kejriwal have only disappointed the nation with their senseless rhetoric. They have destroyed their reputation by trying to humiliate the people of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

(The writer is a senior editor, columnist, and former MP)



lives with dignity. Today the current generations of those people are leading a happy life.

Channi Ji also knows that Uttar Pradesh and Bihar have a deep connection with Punjab, Punjabis, and Sikhism. These provinces had embraced Punjabi Hindus or Sikhs after 1947 from across the border after the partition. There will be localities of Punjabis in every city of Uttar Pradesh. Thousands of Sikhs settled in the Gumti area of Kanpur after the partition. They enriched Uttar Pradesh with their hard work and dedication.

Similarly, thousands of Punjabis came to Bihar and Jharkhand. Inder Singh Namdhari Ji is respected all over Bihar and Jharkhand. His family is not Bihari by origin. Namdhari Ji, who was a cabinet minister in the joint Bihar government and was the President of the Bihar state BJP, became the first speaker of its assembly after the formation of Jharkhand. Neither Bihar nor Jharkhand considered him an outsider. The personality of Namdhari Ji is that of a visionary. He gave more importance to education in his life and promoted linguistic knowledge. Bharatiya Janata Party leader, S.S.

even the first President of India, Deshratna Dr. Rajendra Prasad. The desire to acquire knowledge is instilled in every Bihari. It considers the whole of India as its own. Bihar generously accepted and voted Madhu Limaye, Acharya Kripalani, and George Fernandes as its leaders to the Lok Sabha. For this generosity, Channi Ji will have to make efforts in the next life as he has wasted this life with his actions. I must mention here an old Punjabi colony located in Patna, the capital of Bihar. The residents there take great pride in calling themselves Bihari Punjabis. They came to Patna after 1947 as refugees and settled there. They marry their children only in Punjabi families settled in different districts of Bihar. Only after the order of the first President of the country, President Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the Bihar government had set up a Punjabi colony for them near the Chitkohra market. The children of the Pal family studied with me. They were fourteen brothers. Pal Andal himself used to make colorful lemonades at home and sell them from door to door on his bicycle. Then Andal built Pal-Hotel near the station, which became the

Luc Montagnier, Virologist who Codiscovered HIV, Dies at Age 89

Luc Montagnier, a French virologist who won the Nobel Prize for codiscovering human immunodeficiency virus, died Tuesday (February 8) at the age of 89.



FranceSoir reports that he died "surrounded by his children," at a hospital in Neuilly-sur-Seine, a suburb of Paris. For decades,

Montagnier received widespread acclaim for his work on the virus that causes AIDS. In recent years, however, he had alienated many of his colleagues by promoting fringe scientific theories and what they called "pseudoscience," reports The Washington Post. Most recently, he had become a fierce opponent of coronavirus vaccines, and, in 2020, stirred controversy by promoting the theory that SARS-CoV-2 was created in a lab, according to the Associated Press.

Luc Montagnier at the Pasteur Institute in January, 1987

© GETTY IMAGES, FRANCOIS LOCHON Montagnier was the director of the Viral Oncology Unit at the Pasteur Institute in the 1980s, as the AIDS epidemic was raging in France. At the time, AIDS had no known causes or effective treatments and was becoming a public health crisis. Healthy, young patients—who were predominantly gay men—were falling frighteningly sick. Their immune systems would become compromised, and they would contract rare forms of cancer and pneumonia.

Many doctors suspected that a retrovirus—a kind of virus that inserts its DNA into the host—could be the cause, reports The New

York Times. In 1983, Montagnier, an expert in retroviruses, and his colleague Françoise Barré-Sinoussi received a sample from a lymph node of a patient with early signs of the disease. According to the Post, Montagnier and his colleagues detected viral activity in the tissue and isolated what they dubbed lymphadenopathy associated virus (LAV). They reported this work in the May 20, 1983 issue of Science. But at the time, the article didn't

Natalia Mesa



receive much attention, reports the Post. A year later, an American researcher, Robert Gallo, published four articles confirming the link between HIV and AIDS. For years later, the two researchers feuded about who had discovered the virus and when. Within years, however, the work led by Montagnier, Barré-Sinoussi, and Gallo led to an HIV blood test and treatments for AIDS. Montagnier sued Gallo in 1985 for patenting the test in the US, reports the Times. Accord-

ing to The Los Angeles Times, in 1987, US President Ronald Reagan and Prime Minister Jacques Chirac of France stepped in, signing an agreement to share patent royalties for the test and proclaiming that both scientists had helped discover the virus.

Montagnier and Barré-Sinoussi were honored with the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 2008 for the virus's discovery, sharing it with Harald zur Hausen, a German virologist who discovered that human papillomaviruses cause cancer.

The Nobel Committee said it had no doubt "as to who had made the fundamental discoveries" concerning HIV, reports the New York Times. "Never before has science and medicine been so quick to discover, identify the origin and provide treatment for a new disease entity," the committee added. "Successful antiretroviral therapy results in life expectancies for persons with HIV infection now reaching levels similar to those of uninfected people." At the time that Nobel Prize was awarded to Montagnier and Barré-Sinoussi, more than 25 million people had died of AIDS, while 33 million were living with HIV worldwide, according to the New York Times. In the early 2000s, Montagnier began express-

ing views that led to him being "shunned by much of the international science community," The Wall Street Journal reports. Around this time, according to the New York Times, he began performing unconventional experiments. One of his studies, published in a journal he founded, claimed that DNA emitted electromagnetic radiation and suggested that some bacterial DNA continues to emit signals after an infection had been cleared. Just last year, he claimed that COVID-19 vaccines led to the evolution of coronavirus variants, according to the Journal.

Montagnier was born on August 8, 1932 in Chabris, France, and was the only child of Antoine and Marianne (Rousselet) Montagnier, reports the New York Times. He earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Poitiers, according to the Post, and his doctorate at the Sorbonne. He worked at the Virus Unit of the Medical Research Council in London from 1960 to 1963. Montagnier returned to Paris in 1965, reports the New York Times, and seven years later founded and directed the Viral Oncology Unit at the Pasteur Institute.

Montagnier is survived by his wife, Dorothea Ackerman, his two daughters, Anne-Marie and Francine, and his son Jean-Luc.

As she was completing her graduate thesis on the neuroscience of vision, Natalia found that she loved to talk to other people about how science impacts them. This passion led Natalia to take up writing and science communication, and she has contributed to outlets including Scientific American and the Broad Institute. Natalia completed her PhD in neuroscience at the University of Washington and graduated from Cornell University with a bachelor's degree in biological sciences. She lives in Seattle.

Ancient Cave Documented By Intach Team near Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar(KCN): An exploration team from the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage has visited the ancient cave atop a small hill-ock in the Narangarh Village near Tapang in Khurda District. The cave, called the P a n d a v a h a r a Gumpna by the locals, is a natural formation which has

Dhir, Dr. Biswajit Mohanty, Deepak Nayak and Bikram Nayak visited the spot and trekked up the hill with the help of the locals. The surveyed the cave and documented and recorded the ancient rock carvings and inscriptions. According to Anil Dhir, the animal and human figurines carved on

Deepak Nayak, who has earlier discovered half a dozen such caves in the Mahanadi delta area, says that the inscriptions carved on the walls are in the Brahmi script. The symbols have motifs of both Jainism and Buddhism. According to him, a proper study of the inscriptions should be undertaken by epigraphists and experts. Deepak also apprehends that the nearby hillocks too may hold such ancient wonders and that a proper archaeological survey of the region should be undertaken by the ASI and the State Archaeological department.

Odisha perhaps has the highest number of prehistoric rock art and caves among all states. While most of these sites are found in the hills of S u n d a r g a r h , J h a r s u g u d a , Sambalpur and Kalahandi, recent discoveries by Intach teams in the lower Mahanadi Valley, in Kandhamal district and other areas need proper study. However, the survey team is certain of the antiquity of the Narangarh cave inscriptions are



been widened by chiseling is very akin to the caves found in the Khandagiri and Udayagiri hills. The 20 feet by 10 feet wide cave and has a uniform height of 4 feet. There are many rock art and inscriptions carved on the walls. Engravings in various geometrical forms and figures of human and animals are extensively depicted. Stone-age tool implements too have been reportedly found earlier in the vicinity of the cave. The Cave was known to the villagers on the foothill of the hillock for centuries and was a spot revered by them. Till three decades ago, the cave had been occupied by some holy man, but had been abandoned after a small landslide made the place inaccessible.

the walls indicate that the cave may have prehistoric origins. It is very similar to other caves found in the Mahanadi Valley. Dr. Biswajit Mohanty has opined that all quarrying activity should be immediately stopped as the excavation and cut-



ting has reached the base of the cave and is just 7-10 metres away at the base of the hilltop. The use of heavy machinery, compressors and cutters just near the cave will spell its doom. Besides, the place is an elephant corridor and the pachyderms are frequently seen here. The recent death of two elephants in nearby Bhusandpur is indicative of this fact. Dr. Mohanty has earlier last year visited the Bhima Mandali Caves in Sambalpur district and raised the issue of the sheer neglect and vandalism that was happening to the prehistoric sites.

not less than 1,500 years old. According to Amiya Bhusan Tripathy, the State Convener of INTACH, the matter of the Pandavahara caves will be taken up with the state and central authorities for proper conservation and preservation. He has said that INTACH is already in touch with the Culture Department for the preservation of the Rock Art in the Bhima Mandali and a report has been submitted. Since the rock art site is about 45 minutes away from Bhubaneswar it can be turned into a major tourist attraction for heritage tourism.

Excise Squad Seized Huge Cache of Cough Syrup and Cannabis
Khordha(KCN): As per the direction of Collector & Excise Superintendent, Khordha raid was conducted in the village of Pubusahi under Khordha Model PS area. One NDPS case has been detected with seizure of 300 bottles cough syrup and 2 kg of cannabis, worth values Rs-70000/- and accused Ganesh Patra aged about -31 years was arrested. A case has been booked vide PR. No-54/21-22 of Inspector Excise, District Mobile Unit Khordha, under section -21 & 20 of NDPS Act. The raid was conducted under the guidance of Bhairab Sahoo, Inspector of Excise Khordha Range, Sasmita Hota, Inspector of Excise District Mobile Squad Khordha, B. Manoj Kumar, OIC, Khordha, Biranchi Narayan Mohanty, OIC, Begunia and all Excise Staff's. The accused was forwarded to the Judicial court of Khordha.

Social Activist Bimal Kumar Bisi pleaded for review of Rourkela Airport as its in snarl Movement

Rourkela (KCN): Social Activist and member of Rourkela Airport Action Committee Bimal Kumar Bisi wrote to Union Cabinet Minister for Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya Madhavrao Scindia on Monday and sent it's copies to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Minister Of Odisha Naveen Patnaik , Lok Sabha MP from Sundargarh district of Odisha Jual Oram on the subject of making Rourkela Airport operational & Upgrading Rourkela Airport License to 4C Category, Bimal Kumar Bisi said that making Rourkela Airport operational has been a long demand of Rourkela people which is yet to be fulfilled. This airstrip which was constructed by Tata Group in the 1950s served the purpose for the company's executives to visit the dolomite mines of Sundargarh District. Steel Authority of India Limited took charge of the Airport in 1994. Since then a number of times Air Service has been tried to be reintroduced in the City but hasn't fetched much success. Operators like Sky Aviation, Air Odisha temporarily did operate flights to Rourkela but withdrew soon due to the company's operational issues. Presently Rourkela Airport has a runway length of 6066 ft (1820 mtr) which is enough to cater 70 seater aircrafts like ATR 72-600 and De Havilland 8-400 aircrafts. However the license provided to Rourkela Airport is 2B which is limited to handle 19 seater aircrafts only. It should be noted that airports

Shri Manish Kumar Agrwal, IPS, M & N sector, CRPF meets with injured Jawans of ITBP



Manipur (KCN): Sh. Manish Kr. Agrawal, IPSIGP Manipur & Nagaland Sector, CRPF alongwith Sh. Pravat Kumar Nayak, DIG (Ops) and Sh. R.S. Rautela, DIG(Range) met the

ITBP Jawans Sh. Gaurav and Sh. Girija Shankar who were injured due to IED blast at Wangoo Tera Awang Leikai, District Kachhing, Manipur on 20/02/2022 at 2000 hrs.

when they were returning from patrolling. IG CRPF and other officers praised the act of bravery and assured jawans of all support. The IGP reiterated that the Assembly

elections in Manipur state shall be conducted as per the ECI norms and safety of voters shall be the prime responsibility for security forces in ensuring free and fair polls.

having runway lengths lesser than Rourkela like Bilaspur (5035 ft) are already handling ATR 72 efficiently. Airport/Airstrips which have almost the same or less runway length as that of Rourkela are as



Bilaspur 5035 ft, Jagdalpur 5600 ft, Shillong 6000 ft, Puducherry 5800 ft, Mysuru 5609 ft, Dibrugarh 6004 ft, Diu 5922 ft, Kandla 4997 ft, Rajkot 6047 ft, Porbandar 4500 ft. The runway of these airports is expected to be extended up to 9000 ft to 10000 ft keeping the future in mind. RSP has requested to the Chairman AAI for handing over 146 acres of land. But till date AAI has not shown any interest in taking over the above land. Which is sufficient to fulfill the criteria for 4C License. Almost all airports of the country are undergoing expansion or are being relocated to new locations so as to cater the future needs. Henceforth all runways are upgraded to cater big aircrafts like Boeing and Airbus which need 4C License.

When most of the runways are being extended up to 10000 ft or more the extension of runway at Rourkela Airport is being deliberately limited to 6273 ft which will anyhow not allow bigger aircrafts like Boeing and Airbus to operate from here. Further Bimal Bisi said that it also came in his notice that 1349 ft of the existing runway would be discarded and the reason is unknown. The total expansion henceforth would have been 7622 ft however is being limited to 6273 ft which is really a matter of concern. SAIL has allocated sufficient land about 146 acres for Airport Expansion and with little more expansion the length of the runway can be extended up to 8000 ft for smooth operation of Big body aircraft. Bimal Bisi is hopeful that the Airport work would end soon and the airport will be operational as soon as possible which has been heavily delayed since 2017. Social Activist Bimal Kumar Bisi has also written about the importance of Rourkela in his letter as Rourkela is known as the "Industrial Capital of Odisha" due to a large number of industries present in and around the City. It houses the 1st Public Sector Steel Plant i.e. the SAIL run Rourkela Steel Plant and nearby

large industries like L&T, Liberty, JSW cement plant, Dalmia cement plant, and many big sponge iron plants. Secondly Rourkela is the 3rd largest City of Odisha both Area wise and population wise home to about 11 lakh people. If Urban Agglomeration is to be considered then after Bhubaneswar-Cuttack region Greater Rourkela is the 2nd largest Urban Agglomeration of Odisha. Rourkela is among the 100 Smart Cities of Thirdly Rourkela is also an important Educational Hub of the Country housing the National Institute of Technology (NIT) and Biju Patnaik University of Technology (BPUT). A number of Professional Engineering Management and Medical Colleges are present in and around the City. Fourthly Sundargarh District is also known as "Mecca of Hockey" which has produced eminent Hockey Players who have brought laurels to the Country by winning Cups and Medals in various events. Along with Bhubaneswar, Rourkela will host Men's Hockey World Cup in 2023. Fifth Rourkela is the border of states Chhattisgarh and Sixth Rourkela is under Sundargarh district and border of Keoijhar district, both districts are full of mines and minerals. Both districts are India's largest deposit of Iron Ore, Manganese Ore etc. Social Activist Bimal Kumar Bisi said that the smart city Rourkela & its surroundings has got

enough potential to grow. If Rourkela Airport gets a 4C License then it will be commercially viable. Since then SAIL Administration has taken charge of the Airport and it is used to cater private flights only. Flights were allotted under the Flagship Scheme UDAN however did not take off due to various issues. It is notable that It is unfortunate to mention the Honorable Aviation Minister that The Rourkela AirPort will be operational in all respect by end of October-2022 as the WORLD CUP HOCKEY WILL BE IN JANUARY -2023. THE FACT MENTIONED AS. Firstly, The Taxiway which is under construction is going in snarl movement. Secondly The Terminal building which will be for a minimum 100 passengers (at least for 3C category). Tender not yet been finalized by AAI. Thirdly the Strengthening of 1.8 KM runway tender is not yet finalized by AAI. Fourthly 500 mtr. of the boundary wall and ILS system has not yet started. On behalf of Rourkela Airport Action Committee been said that they are dead sure that the progress which is going snarl movement, as the minister says it will complete in due time. They are not convinced of the progress of work that are witnessing now. So it was requested to review the work seriously with kind vision, So that Rourkela will host WORLD CUP HOCKEY JANUARY -2023.

We have to learn from Russia to save ourselves divided on our languages of the Nation: Prof Devinder Singh, Punjab University

Punjab: Bharatiya Bhasa andolan organised its national debate on the International Language Day amongst its senior leaders and representatives wherein the Vice Chancellor of Punjab University Dr. Dilbagh Singh addressed as the chief guest and expressed his feelings about the Indian languages including that of national official language Hindi and said he will take initiation in his university for promotion of Hindi Language. Prof. D E V I N D E R Singh, head of the

law faculty joined as the chief speaker and citing the beauty of culture of India and Swami Vivekananda he further said that WE HAVE TO LEARN FROM RUSSIA TO SAVE OURSELVES DIVIDED ON OUR LANGUAGES OF BHARATBARSH. Amongst other senior leaders of Bharatiya Bhasa Andolan the national Acting President Mr. Ashis Ray give illustrations and active work of the organisation since from the year

INS, Chilika Commemorates 42 Anniversary



Khordha (KCN): INS Chilika, Indian Navy's premiere ab-initio training establishment celebrated the completion of 42 years of yeoman service to the Navy and the nation on 21 Feb.-22. Since its commissioning on 21 Feb-1980 the alma mater of sailors has evolved in leaps and bounds keeping a breast with latest training methodologies and technological developments. The traditional cake cutting ceremony was held on 21 Feb-22 with the junior most sailors of the unit joining the commanding officer Cmde NP Pradeep in cutting the anniversary cake prior commencement of the

2010 when it was formed and how its leaders have met and represented about the plight of the citizens before the court of law despite of specific provision of 348(2) of the constitution of India. Its national Vice President Mr Navin Kaushik anchored the program and have also gave vivid picture of the development of Bharatiya Bhasa Andolan across the nation. While addressing and thanking the participants and guests of the evening Mr. Prasanta Varma, National General Secretary shown his pleasure towards participation and involvement of Lady lawyers in such good strength across nation which has been possible for its senior leaders more particularly national President Mr. Arun Bharadwaj, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India. Mr. Varma while further putting his feelings for Indian languages he expressed that After 75 years to the Independence India has not yet received its independence in its own language. Amongst other senior dignitaries and leaders of the organisation Poonam Gaud, Rashtriya Mahila Pramukh, Prativa Varma, Rashtriya Mahila Sah Pramukh, Mrinalini Khatri, Rashtriya Upadhyakhya, Surasa Panda, Odisha Pradesh Adhyakhya, Usha Sharma, Delhi Pradesh Adhyaksh, Saroj Ranavat, Rakshita Mishra, Rajendra Khandare, Rashtriya sadasya, Delhi Pradesh Maha Mantri Nitin Nichodia, Odisha Pradesh Maha Mantri, Arjun Muduli were present who not only graced the occasion but also make the meeting a great success.

station Barakhana. Earlier the unit had conducted anniversary walkathon in the build up to its celebration which witnessed exuberant participation from all the members of the unit. The entire station community comprising service personnel, DSC, MES and Defence Civilians along with their families actively and wholeheartedly participated in the walkathon Flagged off by the commanding officer on 19 Feb-22. Various sports activities were Organized post completion of the walkathon. All activities were conducted under strict adherence to all covid-19 protocols.

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All set for last Phase Poll

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The State Election Commission (SEC) has made elaborate arrangements for the last phase Panchayat Election in the State, to be held tomorrow (February 24).

eligible to exercise their democratic right to elect representatives in this phase, said SEC Secretary RN Sahu here on Wednesday. Swabhiman Anchala (erstwhile cut-off

free and fair elections. As many as 258 platoons of police force, 1148 mobile patrolling parties along with district police officers have been deployed all

Covid protocols. Polling is already over peacefully in seven police Districts i.e. Jharsuguda, Boudh, Deogarh, Berhampur, Angul, UPD Cuttack and Khordha. Police have, so far, arrested 103 accused persons in Jajpur, 10 in Dhenkanal district, 7 in Jagatsinghpur, three in Kendrapara district and 24 accused persons in Puri district in connection with poll disruption incidents during the first four phases. Adequate security arrangements have been made in different Strong Rooms throughout the State with CCTV coverage to ensure round the clock safety of polled Ballot Boxes. Security and CCTV arrangements are also being made at different Block Headquarters throughout the State by respective SPs for smooth counting of votes.



In this phase, voting will be held for 131 Zilla Parishad (ZP) seats at 13,514 booths in 975 Gram Panchayats (GPs) of 48 blocks in 25 districts. More than 41.88 lakh voters are

area) under Chitrakonda Block in Malkangiri District will also go for poll during this phase. Therefore, the State Police have made adequate security arrangements for

over the State for smooth conduct of the fifth phase of elections. The election will be conducted with strict enforcement of State Election Commission Guidelines and



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Maruti Suzuki launches New Age Baleno; prices start at Rs 6.35 lakh

Maruti Suzuki India Limited on Wednesday launched the facelift of premium hatchback Baleno, a five-seater hatchback, at a starting price of Rs 6.35 lakh. Introducing the new-age Baleno, Kenichi Ayukawa, Managing Director & CEO, Maruti Suzuki India Limited, said, "Baleno is amongst

vested over Rs 1,150 Crores on this full model change. We are confident that the new-age Baleno will continue to win more hearts and scale even greater heights." The new-age Baleno comes with a first in its segment colored Head Up Display. It allows customers to drive without taking eyes off the road by

rience to customers. It also boasts premium sound acoustic tuning through "Surround Sense" powered by ARKAMYS, offering signature ambiances created to suit various moods. The customizable display option allows customers to personalize the look and feel of the infotainment system as per their

ard lights, alarm, and many more features through these devices. The Baleno is equipped with the Advanced K Series Dual Jet, Dual VVT engine the New Age Baleno offers 113Nm@4400rpm torque and peak power of 66kW@6000rpm. Combined with the



the top five best-selling cars in the industry since launch. Over 1 million delighted Baleno customers in India and across 100+ countries of the world have appreciated it for design and performance. The new-age Baleno is our new approach towards the future. With a focus on technology and innovation, the new-age Baleno is set to re-energise the premium hatchback segment with several first-in-segment features. The new-age technology and features along with fresh look, premium interiors, and a special focus on safety will take the customer experience to a new high." He further added, "With our suppliers, Maruti Suzuki has in-

displaying critical information like speed, RPM, fuel economy, and other pertinent notifications in a way that does not disturb the attention of the driver from the road. Baleno also has first in its segment 360-degree view camera equipped with the latest 'approaching object detection' feature that can sense the presence of moving objects on the screen. The new-age Baleno is packed with a 22.86 cm (9") SmartPlay Pro+ Infotainment system. The new Infotainment system will come with a High-Definition display, intuitive user interface with advanced voice assist to offer seamless connected driving expe-

choice, customers can also customize the automatic greeting messages by the car. The next-gen telematics system Suzuki Connect comes as an in-built feature in the new-age Baleno. It offers over 40+ features for vehicle safety & security, trips & driving behaviour, status alerts, and remote operations through the all-new Suzuki Connect App that provides the best-in-class user experience. The new Baleno can also be remotely accessed through compatible smart watch & voice connectivity through Alexa Skill. Customers can remotely access & operate door lock, headlamps OFF, haz-

start-stop technology, Maruti Suzuki claims that new Baleno offers fuel-efficiency of 22.35 km/l for the manual transmission variant and 22.94 km/l for the AGS variant. The new-age Baleno offers a 5-speed manual and improved Auto Gear Shift transmission. Safety reinforced Safety wise, it is equipped with up to 6 airbags (driver, co-driver, side and curtain). Additionally, it is secured with ESP and Hill Hold Assist, which enhances the overall control and drivability of the car. The hatch will be available in an array of 6 colours, featuring the New NEXA Blue along with four other new shades.

ZEE Entertainment moves application in NCLT for dismissal of IndusInd Bank's insolvency plea

NEW DELHI: Media firm Zee Entertainment Enterprise Ltd (ZEEL) has moved an application before the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) requesting the dismissal of the plea filed by private sector lender IndusInd Bank against the company.

IndusInd Bank had moved NCLT claiming a default of Rs 83.08 crore against the media & entertainment firm. The petition, to initiate insolvency proceedings against ZEEL, has been filed under section 7 of the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code (IBC).

"The Company has on February 21, 2022 filed an interlocutory application before the NCLT, Mumbai Bench for dismissal of IndusInd Bank's petition under Section 7 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016," said

ZEEL in a regulatory update.

ZEEL has claimed that the petition by IndusInd Bank is an "act in breach/violation of the orders dated February 25, 2021 and December 3, 2021 passed by the Delhi High Court".

Earlier this month, while sharing the details, ZEEL had said it is a party to the Debt Service Reserve Account Guarantee Agreement (DSRA Guarantee Agreement) entered into with IndusInd Bank Limited for the term-loan facility advanced to another Essel Group firm Siti Networks Ltd. Siti Networks, formerly known as Wire and Wireless Ltd, is a multi-system operator promoted by media baron Subhash Chandra led Essel Group.

According to ZEEL, "the issue of the

LIC on course to list this fiscal year, says Finance Minister

MUMBAI: The government will go ahead with the much-awaited LIC IPO in the current fiscal year as

way it (DRHP) has been crafted in that shareholders also have a role to play, and we'll be going ahead with



planned, even as volatility, arising in part due to tightening liquidity conditions globally and partly due to geopolitical tensions, buffets the stock market. "The LIC IPO has been eagerly awaited, and we are on course and are moving forward," finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman told reporters at the conclusion of the 2-day budget outreach programme with industry, bankers and regulators.

Queried on the possibility of the insurer's listing missing its deadline in the current fiscal, Sitharaman countered, "A DRHP is not filed two years in advance, is it?" "We are equally worried if the market condition is conducive for LIC - if it's good for LIC it's good for everybody else and if it's got headwinds for LIC, it's got headwinds for the rest as well. There is buzz in the market, a lot of interest in the market, and I'm glad in the

it (the IPO)." On the recent Sebi order accusing the former NSE management led by Chitra Ramkrishna and questioning whether its penalty on those responsible for corporate governance lapses was adequate, Sitharaman said she couldn't proffer her view on the merits or demerits of the order, but was looking into the matter. "I have no view this way or that way, till I really get to the bottom of what is available. I am looking into it but I won't be able to comment on it at the moment," she said.

Addressing queries on the impact of rising crude prices and whether the government could consider some tax relief on fuels, she said crude oil featured as one of the aspects that could impact financial stability in an FSDC meeting she chaired Tuesday amid the ongoing Russia-Ukraine tensions, both of which she termed "headwinds".

Sujoy Choudhury appointed as new IOC director (BD)

NEW DELHI: Sujoy Choudhury has been appointed Director (Planning and Business Development) on the board of state-owned Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), the nation's biggest oil firm. His appointment is effective from February 23, the company said in a stock exchange filing. A Mechanical Engineer and MBA (Finance) from Jadavpur University, Kolkata, Choudhury, 57, possesses more than three decades of rich experience across various functions of oil industry like engineering, retail sales and petrochemicals (marketing).

Satellite images show new Russian troop deployments near Ukraine

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through snow-covered fields that are surrounded by woodland and bordered by roads, with several buildings also visible. Analysis of Sunday's photos, plus others taken February 13, indicate troop and equipment movement near three localities in southwestern Russia, according to the Colorado-based satellite company.

"Today, most of the combat units and support equipment at Soloti have departed and extensive vehicle tracks and some convoys of armored equipment are seen throughout the area," Maxar said.

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"Some equipment has also been deployed east of nearby Valuyki, Russia in a field approximately 15 kilometers north of the Ukraine border."

"Moreover, a number of new field deployments are also seen northwest of Belgorod (deployments are approximately 30 kilometers from the border with Ukraine) with much of the equipment and troops positioned in or near forested areas," the US firm said. "Other company-sized units are deployed within farm and/or industrial areas."

Russia has placed more than 150,000 troops near Ukraine's borders in recent weeks, the United States and Western allies have estimated, with Washington warning an invasion is imminent.

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"Forty to fifty percent (of those troops) are in an attack position. They have uncoiled in tactical assembly in the last 48 hours," a US official told reporters Friday, insisting on anonymity.

Moscow denies it has plans to attack its western neighbor, but is seeking a guarantee that Ukraine will never join NATO and that the Western alliance remove forces from Eastern Europe, demands the West has refused.

Women Prestige Award 2022 at Hansraj College on 21st February 2022

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many. The jury panel comprised of Adv Dr Nupur Dhamija, Ms Nishi Singh, Ms Tripti Somani.

This was a beautiful initiative taken up by Lion Dr Gaurav Gupta who believed that "real development of the nation lies in the empowerment of women".

The award ceremony was organised in association with Nari Shakti Ek Nayi Pahal Foundation. The awardees came from all walks of life including Aviation, Entrepreneurship, Education, Healthcare, Wellness, Media, Real Estate, Bureaucracy, etc. These are the women who have not only excelled in their field but also changed and inspired the society around them while giving back to society. The entries were received from all across India including cities like Agra, Mumbai, Nainital, Guwahati, Mathura, Jabalpur, Pune, Gurgaon, Ghaziabad, Etc and even overseas.

Few prominent awardees among many were Amb Alyaa Ghannam (League of Arab States Mission), Junghwa Kim (Embassy of Korea), Kirti Sachdeva, Shikha A Sharma, Capt Priti Singh, Shahwar Shohrat, Vandy Mehra, Miss India Asia Pacific Srishti Rana, Parul Jain, Pallavi Mohan, Dr Deepa Gupta, IRS Sanjula Halder. The award ceremony will also witness the book launch of "The Zindgi- In search of Life" written by Dr. Paarul Singh. The event was also graced by the support of Dr Pawan Kansal (world united foundation, Shri & Sam), Ashok Kothari (Ratnatraya Foundation), Nirmal Randhawa (Indica), Dr Parmet Singh Chadha (World Sikh Chamber of Commerce), Preeti Puja (Prime Media), and many more.

Liverpool strikers Diogo Jota, Roberto Firmino big doubts for English League Cup final against Chelsea

LIVERPOOL: Jurgen Klopp said the two players had "no chance" of featuring against Leeds in the Premier League on Wednesday, with Jota nursing an ankle injury and Firmino out with a muscle problem. Klopp hasn't ruled them out of the final at Wembley Stadium, but isn't sounding optimistic. "They were not on the pitch for training so that's not a good sign. We have to see what we can do with the boys for the next few days and make a decision the next few days."



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A much improved player four years on, Manika Batra eyeing more history at 2022 CWG, Asian Games

NEW DELHI: Back in the top-50 of world rankings after three years, star table tennis player Manika Batra wants to break the top-30 barrier in the near future and she knows she will have to work harder than ever to get there. It is an important year for the 26-year-old who will defend her Commonwealth Games singles crown in Birmingham before travelling to Hangzhou to create more history at the Asian Games after winning a mixed doubles gold with Sharath Kamal in Jakarta in 2018. The 2018 Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast was a career defining moment for Manika who exceeded all expectations by winning as many as four medals, including gold in singles and team. She beat London Olympics bronze medallist Feng Tianwei twice in the competition to etch

her name in history books. Four years later, she feels she is a much

possible is Nothing" campaign, Manika has also moved up to sixth and 10th in the

doubles partner better," she said. "2024 Paris is really important for me. I



improved player. "A lot changed for me after CWG. I have improved fitness wise and game wise significantly, especially in my movements, but this is not the end and need to keep working harder. Since I am tall, I had to work a lot on my strength and agility support my back and knees. "This year, we have CWG and Asian Games. In my mind it is there I have to win but focus is on training," the world number 49 told PTI. Manika was recently involved in a legal battle which led to an indefinite suspension of the Table Tennis of Federation of India. She chose not to comment on the controversial subject but hoped that the suspension would not impact any player. Recently signed by Adidas for its "Im-

doubles and mixed doubles rankings respectively. Ahead of the WTT Contender in Muscat next month, Manika recently trained with mixed doubles partner G Sathiyam in Chennai. The duo is aiming to win an Olympic medal in Paris in 2024. A medal could not come in Tokyo Games last year but back with Sathiyam, Manika feels it is a possibility. The two won a WTT event soon after reuniting for their Olympic ambitions. "Sathiyam and I make a good pair. We have improved our rankings. We worked a lot on combination and understanding (recently). Techniques, we can improve even while training on our own. If we are doing well in singles, we can also support our

want to win a medal or reach at least the quarterfinals. For that, I need to work really hard and I am doing that." On the professional tour too, Manika is eyeing major gains. "So in 2019, I was in top 50, I am back there. I am really happy about that. Need to keep improving and reach the top 30 or top 20 in the near future." Talking about going to CWG as the defending champion, Manika said it will be extremely tough to replicate the success of 2018 but that is her goal. "It is a long journey to reach the final and then win. Apart from Feng, there will be many other good players I will need to beat. Last time the four medals really made it special and I want to build on that performance," she added.

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Stalker of US Open champ Emma Raducanu gets restraining order

LONDON: A man who was found guilty of stalking US Open tennis champion Emma Raducanu was given a five-year restraining order on year-old Raducanu's home on three separate dates late last year, loitered outside, left unwanted gifts and cards, and stole property from the porch, a after Raducanu's father was alerted by a doorbell camera, finding his shoe had been taken from the porch. He was found guilty at the trial at Bromley Magistrates' Court. Raducanu shot to fame last year by winning the U.S. Open as a qualifier in September, for one of the most unlikely sporting achievements of all time. Two months earlier, she had reached the fourth round of Wimbledon, also as a qualifier. The trial heard that Magar told police officers he had been drawn to Raducanu "because of her high-profile status after her victory in the U.S. Open" and had taken



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