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## Odisha Matric Exam-2023: Time Table Of Summative Assessment-II Released



**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** The Board of Secondary Education (BSE), Odisha, released time table of Summative Assessment-II scheduled to be held from March 10, 2023. As per the time table, the examination will be held from March 10 till March 20. Each subject excluding TLV (meant for only hearing impaired candidates) and Vocational Trade will carry 30 marks subjective questions and 50 marks objective questions. The examinees will have to write the answers to all the objective and subjective questions on the OMR Answer Sheet. The examination for each paper will start from 8 am to 10 am on scheduled dates. The examinees will avail additional 15 minutes to attend the questions in Mathematics paper. The Vocational Trade will carry 20 marks questions and TLV paper will carry 20 marks questions. The 50-mark-practical examination of Vocational Trade will be held in respective schools from February 15 till February

### DECLARATION

Due to technical problem 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> February issue of The Kalinga chronicle could not be published. Sorry for the inconveniences.

28 under supervision of OSEPA. The TLV practical examination will be held for 60 marks. "The Matric Summative-II and Plus 2 Examination will be held on March 10 and March 1 respectively. In this regard, the BSE Odisha and CHSE (Council of Higher Secondary Education) have made arrangements for the annual examinations," said Odisha School & Mass Education Minister Samir Ranjan Dash. Read: Date for Odisha Plus II Exam-2023 out; here's complete schedule "Odisha Matric Examination is being conducted in summative process this year. Further decision will be taken later whether the process will be adopted for the annual Class 10 examination next year," he added. Here's the time table of Class 10 Summative Assessment - II Examination: March 10 - First Language (Odia/Bengali/Hindi/Urdu/Telugu/Alt. English) March 13 - Second Language (English/Hindi), Environment & Population (only for hearing impaired candidates) March 14 - Third Language (Hindi/Odia/Persian/Sanskrit) March 16 - General Science March 18 - Social Science March 20 - Mathematics

## Dharmendra Targets Odisha Govt Over 'Deteriorating Law And Order Situation'; BJD Reacts

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Following the murder of former Health Minister Naba Kishore Das on January 29 in a gun attack by a former ASI of Police, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan today lashed out at the Odisha government for 'deterioration of law and order situation' in the State.

However, BJD has reacted to Pradhan's remarks in a presser held by party's national spokesperson later in the day. The Union Minister said, "The people's mandate must be honoured in a democratic rule. Governance is a responsibility and not a feudal right." Pradhan questioned the prevalent system of administration in the context of recent attack

on a Sub-Collector by sand mafias.

Pradhan cited Mahanga double murder, Anand Toppo death and the way Odisha Police is being used to manage investigations, despite alleged involvement of BJD MLAs in many such criminal cases.

State police is not being given a freehand to operate and to discharge its duties. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, who is in charge of state Home Department, remaining silent over the murder of a Cabinet Minister like Naba Das by a policeman has astounded the people of Odisha, Pradhan added.

Quoting a previous statement of Odisha Director General of Police (DGP) Sunil Kumar Bansal on the progress of investigation into the murder of the health minister, Pradhan



stated that such an expression is in fact ridiculous.

"Certain incidents take place in our lives that are unimaginable. Except Lord Jagannath, no human being would ever have anticipated that such an incident (Das' murder) would occur," Bansal had earlier said adding that the police will take adequate steps to avert repetition of such incidents in future.

On the other hand, BJD refuted the allegations levelled by the Union Minister.

## Naba Das Murder: Special Medical Board Constituted To Study Accused Gopal's Mental Health

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Forensic Psychological Assessment (FPA) and Layered Voice Analysis (LVA) tests of the accused Gopal Das (a former ASI of Odisha Police) are being conducted today by a team of the Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL), New Delhi at Jharsuguda in connection with the murder of Odisha Health Minister Naba Kishore Das, who died in gun attack on January 29 in Brajaraj Nagar.

"A special Medical Board has been constituted to study the mental health of the accused," a press release issued by state Crime Branch in this regard mentioned.

According to a private source, when an interviewer keeps

questioning an accused, the LVA technology helps analyse the changes in the latter's voice in order to determine whether the accused is leaving the state of homeostasis. It is likely that the probe team may go for a polygraph test of the accused cop.

Earlier in the day, the policeman was produced before the Court of JMFC, Jharsuguda after completion of the first 4-day remand period. The court has allowed further police remand for four days.

As per the disclosure of the accused, the previously recovered 22 pieces of handwritten paper have been sent to the handwriting bureau for chemical examination and expert

opinion. The documents recovered from Gopal's paternal house at Industrial Estate, Berhampur and government quarters at Jharsuguda are being scrutinised. The financial details of the accused, his wife, brother and other close relatives are also being collected by a team of CID-CB, the press release stated.

Notably, the Crime Branch probe in connection with the CID-CB PS case (No-02, dated-29.01.2023) arising out of Brajaraj Nagar PS case (No-34, dated-29.01.2023 U/S 307 IPC/27(1) of Arms Act turned to Section 302/307 IPC/27(1) of the Arms Act is underway led by Additional DG (ADG) Arun Bothra.

deaths of many people and also crimes against women. People demanded judicial enquiry but in most cases it was never done. "Your (Pradhan's) lone intention is to politicise every criminal case and create political narrative. State is transparent and has given this case to be monitored by a retired High Court Judge nominated by the Orissa High Court. What's there to hide for us?" Patra questioned.

"You took High Court's name several times this morning in your statement but you doubt the monitoring by a retired judge? Why? Only to score political points? All the cases mentioned by you this morning are in respective courts. You should have faith at least in the judiciary and should allow courts to deliver

justice as per them and not instill doubts and questions on them," Patra further said.

"Isn't a senior BJP leader who has 14 criminal cases including murder case has been appointed as Leader of Opposition in Odisha Assembly by you? Wasn't he in jail and is now out on bail on Dileshwar Sahu murder case which took place during Bijepur by-poll? You place such people as your Leader of Opposition but you have the moral fibre to question the Odisha Government? You should be teaching us morality? Wasn't your present President of Bharatiya Janata Party Yuva Morcha in jail and now out on bail in Bhatli murder incident?" the BJD spokesperson Patra fumed in his press conference.

## National Seminar on Library Science in KIIT

**Bhubaneswar, Feb 5:** Experts from the field of library science converged at the KIIT Deemed-to-be-University-organised seminar here on Sunday to discuss threadbare the open source movement. Vice Chancellor of the University Prof Sasmitha Samanta emphasised the introduction of information analytics and data science into the syllabus to expand and broaden the opportunities for students of library science. Addressing the seminar titled "Open Source Movement: What Next", Prof Samanta favoured increased use of



modern-day technology such as AI and data science to give a fresh impetus to the library movement. She said the KIIT Central library embodies the best of library science and reflects the global perspective.

"I am attending this event with people who

are committed to protecting, preserving and disseminating knowledge. You are key stakeholders acting as a bridge between the generation, she said welcoming the library scientists.

The seminar aims to provide useful information on open

source software, journals and databases among library professionals to help the researchers and teachers openly and freely to carry out research without any monetary investment, said Director of the KIIT Central Library Bijayalaxmi Rautaray. She praised the

efforts of the Founder of KIIT and KISS Dr Achyuta Samanta for not only creating a world-class library but also being a great source of inspiration for the growth of library professionals to support teaching and research.

The speakers at the seminar spoke eloquently about the KIIT Central Library, commending it for its infrastructure and its objectives.

"We don't have our future without a library. KIIT is an institution which believes that despite the overwhelming dominance of electronics in every field, the libraries movement should go

on unhindered," said the HoD of PG Dept of Library Science at Sambalpur University Prof Bulu Maharana. A library is a great place to innovate, think and collaborate, he underscored.

Prof. Partha Sarathi Mukhopadhyay of the University of Kalyani; Prof. Bhaskar Mukherjee, Banaras of Hindu University and Dr. Akhtar Parvez of Maulana Azad National Urdu University addressed different dimensions of the open access movement. Around 500 participants from different parts of the county participated in the national seminar.

Forest department Barbil steps forward to prevent forest fire



Barbil, 5th Feb (KCN) : The Forest Department of Barbil is organising awareness camp to educate the locals about the forest fire prevention measures in different villages of Keonjhar district in Odisha. Awareness programme were organised at Nimtur, Barbil Station Bazar, Lasarda

, Kolhapaduli. The department took the awareness to a new heights through Pala troops. A traditional and classical appeal by singers to reach people at all places has been a tool to make people aware. The range officer Ranjan Kumar Pani said while addressing people, the forest fires have a devastating effect on

both environment and forests and urged the locals to help the Forest Department in controlling forest fire incidents and discourage forest fires. The department is going to organise this type of programme in Balita, Jamukundia, Murga, Soyabali and many other villages in coming days said Mr Pani

Seva Group organised super speciality health camp in association with Brahmanand Narayan Hospital

Barbil, 5th Feb, (KCN) : Seva Group- A non-governmental organization (NGO) supported by Brahmananda Narayan Hospital, Jamshedpur organized a Free medical camp at Seva Group premises for under privilege people of Barbil and adjoining area in the district of Keonjhar, Odisha. Around 200 people were given the free treatment at the medical camp during the day. The medical camp provided free tests for Health check-up, Diabetes, Blood Pressure ECG and offered counseling & treatment by trained

Doctors and including a team of Specialists. Specialists of Cardiology Dr Jagnmohan Dash, Dr Perwaiz Alam, Sr



Consultant (Cardiac surgery), Dr Rajive Maharshi, Consultant (Neuro and Spine surgery), Dr Mukesh Kumar of Brahmanand Narayan Hospital volunteered for the camp

Barik, Tarun Kumar Sen, Vikas Jaiswal, Rajesh Rai, Muna Mishra, Naveen Somani, Subal Jha, Dharmendra Mahant, Bimbadhar Sir and many other were present. Besides many women organisation participated in this program at the camp. Before the medical camp was set up, the volunteers put up banners and distributed leaflets in the surrounding areas, to create awareness about the camp which resulted in huge flock of people attending the camp and sharing their problems. Alok Kumar Patel, Tahsildar, Barbil inaugurated the camp along with other invitees in the programme. At the end of the programme the entire team were felicitated by Seva Group. The organisation will conduct health awareness camps in other areas of Barbil as well. Apart from medical camps, they are also working on conducting various other programs which aims to promote the lives of underprivileged people of the area said Shankar Konar, the founder of the organisation

TEAM NYCA PAID A DEEP TRIBUTE TO THE VETERAN FREEDOM FIGHTER LATE JOGINDRA MOHARANA



Bhubaneswar: The leading Socio-Cultural organization Niladrivihar Youth & Cultural Association paid a deep tribute to the veteran freedom fighter of the state late Jogindra Moharana who died recently at the age of 94. A condolence meeting arranged for the purpose presided over by its president Dr. Prakash Chandra Panigrahi the renowned political and social personalities Natabara Barik, Prasanta Mallick, Sudarshan Sahoo, Satyabrata Mohapatra, Amrendra Das, veteran writer and actor Babaji Charan

Sahoo and many more were present and paid tribute to late Moharana and highlighted his life history. Born in 1923 at Ala village under Jagatsinghpur district late Moharana joined in the India's freedom struggle at the age of 12 under the call of Mahatma Gandhi and imprisoned several times. For his sacrificed life during the last part of the Countries freedom struggle the state govt. has honoured him with the Odisha Jyoti Samman and felicitated in different occasions even by the Hon'ble Governor and Chief

Minister. He was also a regular invitee to the Art home party organized by the Hon'ble President and Governor every year during the celebrations of Independence Day and Republic Day. The people from his own district, from other part of the state, friends, relatives, well wishers paid a deep tribute during the occasion. A souvenir containing the journey of his life also released during the occasion. General Secretary of the Association Biswajit Pattanaik narrated his association with the organization and urged a place a statute and to

name a prominent road of the district in his name to refresh his contribution in the mind of the coming generation. Following the foot prints and the ideology of the father his eldest son Dushasan Moharana founded this organization in the year 1994 to unite the youth mass also narrated the long journey of his father and the bonding with the association. Among others the senior members of the association Gadadhar Prasad Rath, Bata Krushna Panda, Kumar Barik, Gobinda Biswal, the other sons of Late Moharana Sanatan Moharana, Niranjana Moharana, Khirod Moharana, brothers Raghunath Moharana, Jagabandhu Moharana were present and coordinated the entire programme. The local intellectuals applauded this move of the Association.

Annual Function of Bijipur Govt UP School held

Brahmagiri, (KCN)- With participation of 240 students along with teachers, guardians, guests and eminent persons the annual function of Bijipur Govt UP School, Brahmagiri held on 4th January 2023 in the school campus. Mr Lalitendu Bidyadhar Mohapatra, MLA of Brahmagiri Assembly Constituency attended the event as Chief Guest. Inaugurating the programme expressed to impart best parenting tips to guardians, parents periodically as it is very much necessary in present busy days. Mr. Manoj Kumar



Tripathy, District Child Protection Officer, Puri joined as Chief Speaker in the programme and addressed to ensure rights of children everywhere and it is the duty of all duty bearers and guardians. Among other guests Mr. Saktipad Mishra, CWC Member, Puri, Ms. Bijaylaxmi Palai, Sarpanch Bentapur GP, Mr Kabiraj Jena Block

Education Officer Brahmagiri, Mr. Subhanarayan Satapathy, Protection Officer, Mr. Bijay Kumar Parida, SW of District Child Protection Unit, Puri, CRCC Ms. Sasmita Dash, Village leader Mr. Bansidhar Palai, Chairman Mo School Mr. Bijay Kumar Kar, SMC Chairperson Mr. Maheswar Palai, Vice

Chairperson Mr. Manoj Kumar Kar were deliberated speech for the interest of students. Mr. Chandrasekhar Gochhayat, Headmaster of the school presided over the meeting. Participation of maximum Students of the school ensured. 60 successful participants in different fields like; sports, dance, song, math science race etc were awarded with certificate and trophy. Children enjoyed a lot. All the teachers and members of SMC extended their cooperation to make the programme successful.



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## Fans Demand '3 Idiots' Sequel as Aamir Khan, Sharman Joshi, R Madhavan Reunite

Actor Sharman Joshi recently dropped a video on his social media in which he could be seen reuniting with his '3 Idiots' co-actors Aamir Khan and R Madhavan after 14 years. Taking to Instagram, Sharman shared a video which he captioned, "3 idiots are promoting 'congratulations' film which is releasing today."

In the video, the three actors could be seen on a cricket pitch and dressed in matching red uniforms. Sharman tried to speak about his Gujarati film 'Congratulations' and gets interrupted by Madhavan who comes up to him and asks about his film. After that, he again tried to speak about his film and gets interrupted by Aamir Khan, and later both the actors get confused about the film's title and



instead think that Sharman is congratulating them. Soon after the 'Golmaal' actor shared the video, fans flooded the comment section with red hearts and fire emotions. "Sir isska aik part aur banna chahie," a fan commented. Another fan wrote, "So good to see you guys together after so long." "We want #3idiotsagain #3idiotssequel," a fan wrote. Helmed by Rehan Chaudhary 'Congratulations' is a Gujarati drama film

which also stars Manasi Parekh Gohil, Jayesh Barbahya, Ami Bhayani, Archan Trivedi, Swati Dave and others. The film was released on February 3, 2023, and received decent responses from the audience. Talking about '3 Idiots', the film was directed by Rajkumar Hirani and was released in the year 2009. The film starred Aamir, R Madhavan, Sharman, Boman Irani and Kareena Kapoor Khan in the lead roles and was declared a blockbuster hit.

## Varun Dhawan and Alia Bhatt come together for an award show announcement, talk about baby planning

Varun Dhawan and Alia Bhatt made their movie debut together and is one of the most popular on-screen pairs. The duo were spotted together at an award show announcement in the city and both of them looked quite stylish. Varun and Alia fans were quite happy seeing them together after so long. Alia was seen in a blue printed short dress while Varun was spotted in a brown jacket. They were seen engaging in a



conversation. But their fun banter along with the media was also hard to miss. When asked about baby planning, Alia laughed and looked at Varun. Varun said, "Main apni beewi se baat karta hoon." This on-screen pair was last seen together in 'Badrinath Ki Dulhania'. On 'Koffee With Karan 7', when Alia was asked to choose who she looks good on-screen with, the actress took Varun's name and Ranveer Singh who appeared with her on the show was quite upset with that answer. But Alia confessed that there are many Valia fan clubs and people love to see them together after four films together. Varun was last seen in 'Bhediya' along with Kriti Sanon. Meanwhile, Alia will be seen next in 'Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani'.

## Irrfan Khan's dream role died with him

The one role that Irrfan craved to play was that of poet-thinker-reformist Sahir Ludhianvi. When he heard that Sanjay Leela Bhansali was producing the Sahir biopic with another actor (Abhishek Bachchan) he had expressed in an interaction, "Only I can play Sahir. I know him and his poetry better than anyone else. Do you know, before him, romantic songs were written in a particular way. Then this man came along and completely changed the idiom and style of romantic expression. He wrote, maine tumse hi nahin sabse mohabbat ki hai, for a film called Didi.



Sahir wrote poetry that expressed the hope and aspirations of the

generation that came after Independence. Now we've accepted the

defeat of that hope. The biggest defeat is our acceptance of the foreign

model of existence." When one would share with Irrfan the lesser known songs written by Sahir and he would reply, "Achcha, yeh bhi unhone likha hai!" Sanjay Leela Bhansali was enthused by the idea of Irrfan playing Sahir. But he was committed to Abhishek for the project from the start, and there was no way he was going to wriggle out of the commitment. When fate dealt a cruel blow to Irrfan it also seemed to have taken a swipe at the Sahir project. Nearly three years after Irrfan's death, Sahir shows no signs of taking off. For all practical purposes, it is a shelved project.

## Diljit Dosanjh reveals he rejected a 'big' film; says he doesn't work for money

Diljit Dosanjh recently opened up about his work life. According to the singer-actor, he isn't chasing money in the entertainment industry. Spilling some more beans about the same, he told a news portal that he lives for pride and is happy doing the work he does best, singing and acting. Diljit added that if he cared about money, he would have done more films, more marriage shows, 4-5 Punjabi films every year. However, he never ran after money. According to him, he always wanted to be famous ever since he was a kid. There is no limit to fame. The singer-actor just wants to do good work and enjoy his life. He is happy about whatever he is able to do and he is grateful to God, Diljit told Hindustan Times. Diljit went on to reveal that he is currently working with Imtiaz Ali and he recently rejected a big film. According to him, he doesn't do something just for the sake of money. He only does it if he likes the subject. Birthday Special: When Shah Rukh Khan said 'I Love You' to Diljit Dosanjh, left the latter blushing. Elaborating further, he added that he does shows, creates songs and releases an album every year. If he was only an actor, he would have done more films. If he was only a singer, he would have done many more songs. However, he is doing everything altogether but he doesn't want to beat the tabla. According to him, he is doing everything at his own pace.



## Triptii Dimri spent New Year with rumoured boyfriend Karnesh Ssharma, here's proof!

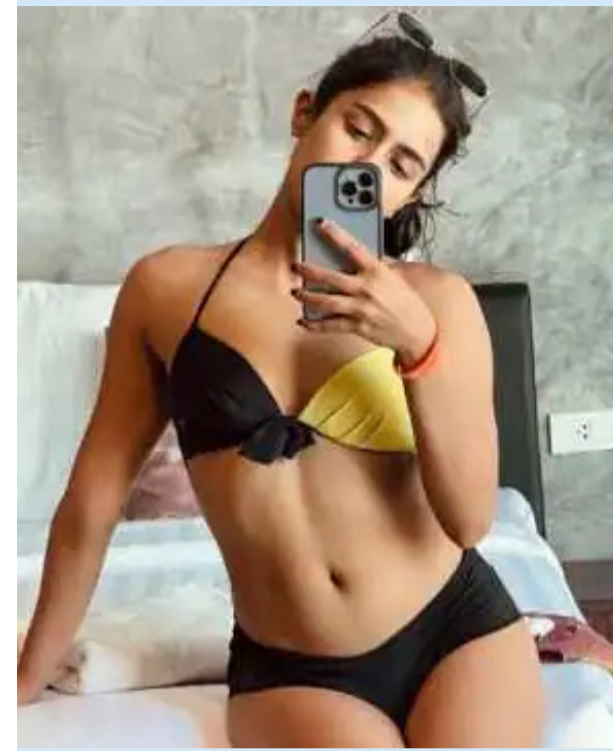


Triptii Dimri has shared a series of pictures to sum up her last month of 2023 and her post featured a special video with rumours beau, Anushka Sharma's brother Karnesh Sharma. In one of the pictures, Triptii is seen posing with Karnesh and Saurabh Malhotra, while a video sees Karnesh capturing Triptii's singing skills. Embracing the New Year, Triptii and Kareena also released a sky lantern together. "New Year's photo dump," Triptii had

captioned the photos. Triptii Dimri and Karnesh Sharma are being tight lipped about their romance. The couple recently hit headlines after Triptii posted a loved up picture with Anushka Sharma's brother. Till now, Triptii has featured in two films backed by Karnesh Ssharma as the producer, namely, 'Bulbul' and 'Qala'. Speaking about working with Anushka and Karnesh, Triptii had told ETimes, "It's been an amazing association with Anushka Sharma

and Karnesh. They are very hardworking and sorted people. They are also outsiders, they did not have any backing in the industry. What's interesting to see is that both of them are fearless. Their intentions are very clear. They make films that they believe in, they tell stories that they believe in so that is very inspiring and I even want to learn from them as an actor." When asked about her relationship with Karnesh, the actress had stated, "The ship has already sailed is what I can say right now."

## Kannada actress Samyukta Hegde STUNS in a two-piece bikini while enjoying her solo vacation



Kannada actress Samyukta Hegde is in celebration mode and travelling solo. And she is sharing her best moments in Thailand's Phi Phi islands, off

Phuket, on her social media handles and her pictures in a two-piece bikini are going viral. "Travelling solo, missing flights, boats and buses, making new friends and

so many happy memories," one of her captions reads. Talking about her deep-sea diving experience, Hegde described how amazing it was to go 100 feet deep into the ocean, in the day and at night. "I have always loved water so much. I am just happy I took this solo trip, having all this time to myself has been really good for me! Not just the fact that I had a lot of fun but also I'm gonna have some great stories to tell when I'm old," she said. The 'Kirik Party' star is eagerly looking forward to her projects in the new year. She is very much in the league of Rishab Shetty and Rakshit Shetty. Samyukta was seen with the core group from the coastal belt of the state who made it big in the industry.

## Socio Economic Welfare Measures in Budget



**Narayan Jain**

The Finance Minister has proposed many amendments through the Finance Bill 2023. These are explained here.

1. Promoting timely payments to Micro and Small Enterprises: Section 43B provides for certain deductions to be allowed only on actual payment. Further, the proviso of this section allows deduction on accrual basis, if the amount is paid by the date of furnishing of the return of income. In order to promote timely payments to micro and small enterprises, it has been proposed to include payments made to such enterprises within the ambit of section 43B of the Act. Accordingly, it has been proposed to insert a new clause (h) in section 43B to provide that any sum payable by the assessee to a micro or small enterprise beyond the time limits specified in section 15 of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (MSMED) Act 2006 shall be allowed as deduction

only on actual payment. However, it is also proposed that the proviso to section 43B shall not apply to such payments. Section 15 of the MSMED Act mandates payments to micro and small enterprises within the time as per the written agreement, which cannot be more than 45 days. If there is no such written agreement, the section mandates that the payment shall be made within 15 days. Thus, the proposed amendment to section 43B will allow the payment as deduction only on payment basis. It can be allowed on accrual basis only if the payment is within the time mandated under section 15 of the MSMED Act. This amendment will take effect from 1st April, 2024 and will accordingly apply to the assessment year 2024-25 and subsequent assessment years.

**2. Agnipath Scheme 2022 and Tax Benefits:** The Ministry of Defence has introduced the Agnipath Scheme, 2022 (the Scheme) for enrolment of Agniveers in Indian Armed Forces. It has come into force on 1st November, 2022. In pursuance of the Government's decision to implement the Agnipath Scheme, 2022, the Competent Authority has decided to create a non-

lapsable dedicated Agniveer Corpus Fund in the interest-bearing section of the Public Account head. The package given to an Agniveer from Agniveer Corpus Fund is called as 'Seva Nidhi'. In the Scheme, the Agniveer Corpus Fund is defined as a Fund in which consolidated contributions of all the Agniveers and matching contributions of the Government along with interest on the second contributions would be held in their respective accounts. This scheme will be administered and the Fund will be maintained under the aegis of Ministry of Defence (MoD) with the following features— (i) Each Agniveer is to contribute 30% of his monthly customized Agniveer Package to the individual's Agniveer Corpus Fund. Further the Government will also contribute a matching amount to the 'Agniveer Corpus Fund'. The Government will also pay to the subscriber interest as approved from time to time on the contributions standing in his account. On completion of the engagement period of four years, Agniveers will be paid on time 'Seva Nidhi' package, which shall comprise of the contribution including interest

thereon and matching contribution from the Government equal to the accumulated amount of their contribution including interest. In order to allow deduction from the computation of total income of Agniveer, any contribution made by him or the Central Government to his Agniveer Corpus Fund account and to exempt from tax any payment received by Agniveer or his nominee, from the Agniveer Corpus Fund, it is proposed to make the following amendments: (ii) It has been proposed to insert a new clause (12C) in section 10 to provide that any payment received from the Agniveer Corpus Fund by a person enrolled under the Agnipath Scheme, 2022, or the nominee of such person shall be exempted from income tax. (iii) It is further proposed to insert an exception 80CCH to provide that an assessee, being an individual enrolled in the Agnipath Scheme and subscribing to the Agniveer Corpus Fund on or after the 1st day of November, 2022, shall be allowed a deduction of the whole of the amount deposited by him and also the amount contributed by the

Central Government to his account in the Agniveer Corpus Fund, from his total income. (iv) For the purposes of this proposed clause (12C) of section 10 and section 80CCH, it is proposed to define 'Agnipath Scheme' as a scheme for the enrolment in Indian Armed Forces introduced by the Central Government, and 'Agniveer Corpus Fund' as a fund defined in para 2(c) of Agnipath Scheme notified by the Central Government. (v) It has also been proposed to insert a new sub-clause in clause (1) of section 17 of the Act so as to provide that the contribution made by the Central Government under the Agniveer Corpus Fund account of an individual enrolled in the Agnipath Scheme referred to in section 80CCH shall be considered as salary of that individual. A corresponding deduction of the same has been provided as mentioned above. (vi) Further, it has been proposed to provide that in the new tax regime of section 115BAC an individual enrolled in the Agnipath Scheme and subscribing to the Agniveer Corpus Fund shall get a

deduction of the contribution to his Seva Nidhi [sub-section (2) of section 80CCH]. These amendments will take effect from the 1st day of April, 2023 and will apply in relation to assessment year 2023-24 and subsequent assessment years. **3. Relief to sugar cooperatives from past demand** Sugar factories operating in the co-operative sectors in certain States of India pay to sugar cane growers a final amount, of ten referred to as Final Cane Price (FCP) which is over and above the Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) fixed by the Central Government under the Sugar Cane Control Order, 1996. FCP is decided on the basis of the particular factory's working results which take into account all the revenues and expenditure incurred by the factory. The payment of FCP by the co-operative sugar factories over and above the SMP for purchase of sugarcane has a result of tax litigation. The co-operative sugar factories were claiming this excess payment as business expenditure whereas the same has been disallowed in the

assessment on the ground that the excess price paid for purchase of sugarcane over and above SMP is in the nature of appropriation/distribution of profit and hence not allowable as deduction. In order to provide certainty in this matter and to encourage co-operative movement in sugar sector, a new clause (xvii) was inserted to amend sub-section (1) of section 36 of the Act to provide that the amount paid for purchase of sugarcane by the co-operative societies engaged in the manufacture of sugar at a price which is equal to or less than the price fixed or fixed with the approval of the Government shall be allowed as deduction for computing business income of the sugar co-operative factories. The said amendment came into force through the Finance Act 2015 on 01.04.2016 and was applicable from Assessment Year 2016-17 onwards. Pending demand and litigation still persisted in respect of AYs prior to 2016-17. Therefore, to conclude the matter logically and to extend the benefit of the above-mentioned relief to all the applicable years, it is proposed to amend section 155 to insert a

new sub-section (19). It shall provide that in the case of a sugar mill co-operative, where any deduction in respect of any expenditure incurred for the purchase of sugarcane has been claimed by an assessee and such deduction has been disallowed who wholly or partly the Assessing Officer shall, on the basis of an application made by such assessee in this regard, recompute the total income of such assessee for such previous year. Assessing Officer shall allow such deduction to the extent such expenditure is incurred at a price which is equal to or less than the price fixed or approved by the Government for that previous year. Also, the provision of section 154 shall, so far as may be, apply thereto, and the period of four years specified in section 154(7) shall be reckoned from the end of previous year commencing on the 1st day of April, 2022. This amendment will take effect from the 1st day of April, 2023.

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## Letter To Editor

Sir

The unexpected demise of the Vani Jayaram is an irreparable loss to the world of Indian music. With her super mellifluous voice the papiha of Indian music had won the hearts of crores of music lovers across the country and the globe. The singer with the golden voice has delivered several chartbusters and has sung more than 10,000 songs in 19 languages, including Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Marathi, Kannada, Odiya, Hindi and other languages. The Padma Bhushan awardee singer has won the National Award for Best Female Playback Singer thrice. She won the awards twice for her songs in Telugu - Sankarabharanam, Swathikiranam — and once for the Tamil film, Apoorva Ragangal. Her songs from the movie Sankarabharanam are simply outstanding and everlasting. The melody singer has also won the Best Female Playback singer state awards from several states, in different languages besides an infinite number of prestigious awards. The singer was Known for her ability to deliver extremely difficult compositions with commendable ease and command. She began her career in Telugu and shot to fame in Hindi with the super hit number 'Bole Re Papi Hara' from the film Guddi in 1971 which remains as one of the greatest and the sweetest of Hindi songs. Her contribution to Telugu, Tamil and Malayalam film music is immeasurable and her songs are sung during any occasion be it wedding, musical events and functions in the southern states. The singer had also sung classical, bhajans and light music songs which also have a special place in the hearts of music lovers.

Her mesmerising mellifluous voice will remain immortal through the melody numbers that the great singer has rendered.

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## Regressive and contractionary

Dr. Santosh Kumar Mohapatra



On February 1, the budget presented by finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman for 2023-24 fiscal has evoked a mixed reaction. However, a budget cannot be evaluated just based on its size. With the passage of each year, the size of the budget increases. It also increases in nominal terms simply due to Inflation. Hence a budget should be evaluated as the percentage of nominal GDP or in real value taking inflation into account. The nominal GDP for 2023-24 has been projected at Rs 301.75 lakh crore assuming 10.5 percent growth over the estimated nominal GDP of Rs 273.08 lakh crore as per the first advance estimates of 2022-23. The budget is contractionary in the sense that the budgeted total expenditure is projected to be Rs 45 lakh crore which is only 7.39 percent higher than the revised estimate of the previous fiscal (i.e., Rs 41.9 lakh crore). This rise is not only lesser than the projected nominal GDP growth of 10.5 percent but amounts to a slashing of expenditure in real terms (i.e taking inflation into account). Further, the budgetary

outlay of India as a percentage of GDP is shrinking and much lower than many countries. What is worrying is that it has come down from 20 percent in 2020-21 to 15.93 percent in 2021-22 and 15.34 percent in 22-23. It is estimated to decline further to 14.91 percent in 2023-24 which is very abysmal compared to other countries such as 42.36 percent in the US, 59.05 percent in France, 42.52 percent in Japan, 44.87 percent in UK, 49.86 percent in Sweden, and 54.1 percent in Eurozone. This establishes that the budget is not only contractionary but does not match other countries in terms of expenditure as a percentage of GDP. The Prime Minister categorically called the budget a foundation stone for the "Amrit Kaal" which will fulfil the dreams of an aspirational society including poor people, middle-class people, and farmers. But the government has cut estimated spending on food, fertiliser and fuel subsidies for 2023-24 which are indispensable for the upliftment of farmers, labourers and poor people. Expenditure on food, fertilisers and petroleum is estimated at Rs 3.74 lakh crore for 2023-24, 28 percent lower than the revised estimates for the ongoing financial year. Food subsidy is cut by Rs. 90,000 crores, fertilizer

subsidy by 50,000 crores and petroleum subsidy by 6,900 crores. It was agriculture which helped to sustain GDP growth during the pandemic. Till today, the average per capita income of farmers is lower than that of the national average, though the government is talking about doubling farmers' income. What is disquieting is that the government has reduced the budgetary allocation for the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare. The share of agriculture in the overall budget has also declined abruptly in the budget 2023-24. While the sector got 3.36 per cent of the total allocation last year, this time it was just 2.7 per cent of the total budget. The schemes for ensuring MSP-based procurement is on verge of extinction. There is reduction of PM Kisan Fund allocation from Rs. 68,000 crores to Rs. 60,000 crores. There is a trivial rise in health and education. Despite the colossal damage caused by the pandemic Rs. 9255 crores of the last year's allocation for health remained unspent. Likewise, Rs. 4297 crores remained unspent in the education budget. The MGNREGA scheme was critical to the rural economy's recovery during the pandemic, protecting the vulnerable households again

complete income loss. The central government has allocated only Rs 60,000 crore for this scheme for 2023-24. This is much lower than the revised estimate for 2022-23 which stands at Rs 89,400 crore. In the budget speech, the finance minister said that the government's efforts since 2014 have ensured all citizens a better quality of living and a life of dignity. The per capita income has more than doubled to Rs 1.97 lakh. But, India was reported to have a per capita income of \$2170 in 2021 to be dubbed ignominiously as a lower-middle-income country. India ranked 142nd by GDP (nominal) and 128th by GDP (PPP). It means in terms of per capita GDP; India is placed behind 141 countries even Bangladesh and in terms of GDP (PPP), it is ranked below 127 countries. The finance minister said during the Covid-19 pandemic, we ensured that no one goes to bed hungry, with a scheme to supply free food grains to over 80 crore persons for 28 months. And again, extending the same for the year 2023 in a better situation. But government contradicts its own claim of development as 80 crore Indians are unable to get two square meals in a day without government support. The budget is a special occasion to address economic ills plaguing the

nation. Now Indians are missing quality of a life. India is home to the largest number of hungry and poor people in the world. Around 22.8 crores in India are still multi-dimensionally poor, 22.43 crore are undernourished in 2019-2021. The price rise of essential commodities and hyper Inflation have decimated the poor people. The unemployment rate in India rose to 8.30 percent in December 2022, the highest in 16 months, according to data from CMIE. The educated youth unemployment rate is one of the highest in world. But Job creation in both central governments has declined. The Oxfam report highlighted the large disparity in wealth distribution in India, saying that more than 40 percent of the wealth created in the country from 2012 to 2021 had gone to just 1 percent of the population while only 3 percent had trickled down to the bottom 50 percent. But the budget has failed abysmally to address those problems especially unemployment and taxing rich to reduce inequality and generate resources. By contrast, the highest surcharge levied under personal income tax has been reduced significantly from 37 percent to 25 percent in the new tax regime. As a result, the maximum tax

rate on highest income slab with income above Rs 5 crore, which is currently 42.744 percent that includes all surcharges, will come down to 39 percent. In past, she has reduced the corporate tax rate too by big margin. India has no inheritance and wealth taxes while many countries have. Actually, in a progressive tax system, there should be more collection from direct taxes and less from indirect taxes. The direct tax rate should be increased in tandem with the rise in income. The finance minister has taken recourse to indirect taxes by burdening poor and middle-class people more while allowing the rich and corporate behemoths to pay lesser taxes. The finance minister said that she has raised income tax exemption limits and changed the slab to the benefit of the middle classes. Actually, this is very low if inflation is taken into consideration. Hence, the budget is contractionary, regressive, pro-rich and anti-poor. It fails to address the grim problems of poverty, hunger, inequality, and unemployment, plaguing Indians.

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# Jharkhand Government should reduce it's Fiscal deficit

**Ranchi:** Fiscal deficit should be reduced in the and tourism, education, health care, employment, agriculture, fisheries and animal husbandry training and allied areas should be given priorities in the coming state budget. Maximum amount should be allocated for skill development, drinking water so that all round development of the state can take place. The above things were said today by Vijay Shankar Nayak, former candidate of Jharkhand Bachao Morcha's

Central Convenor cum Hatia Assembly Constituency. He further said that work should be done to reduce the fiscal deficit in the state as much as possible and (by stopping the tradition of drinking ghee by taking loans) Telangana should be transformed into a tourism hub by making revolutionary changes in the field of education. Make a model and develop it as a hub and health Concrete initiative in the direction of development of

infrastructure in the field of medicine, in the direction of providing employment to the rural unemployed, in the field of fisheries, animal husbandry and agriculture and skill development, work should be done by setting a target and in drinking water our rural drinking pure drinking water in the areas 100% water should be piped and work should be done on it, infrastructure should be developed as much as possible in the field of rural development so that



all-round development of the state of Jharkhand can be done. Mr. Nayak further said that we should work on the tradition of spending the budget amount in any case and we will have to take concrete initiatives in the direction of spending 100 percent of the budgeted amount, as well as the Scheduled Castes sitting in the last rung of the weaker sections. /Tribe/Backward/Minority class people in all areas There should be an initiative to take more steps in this budget for

development, arrangements should be made to ensure that no one dies of hunger, in the direction of stopping the migration from Jharkhand, the migration should be stopped by making a concrete plan for it in the budget. Needed. Mr. Nayak further said that malnutrition and anemia in 70% of women in the state is a matter of shame for the state, so special focus should be given in this direction in the budget so that our coming generations and our mothers and sisters do not suffer from

malnutrition and anemia. Avoid falling prey to deficiency anemia. He further said that by promoting the cooperative movement in the field of employment, the youth of our rural areas should be initiated in the direction of setting up small-scale industries and through the cooperation of 80% of the youth in the rural areas, by forming a cooperative society Gave stone lease in areas Should go so that youth can get employment in Jharkhand.

## KU administration urged to resolve issue of arrears of retired teachers

**Warangal :** The Kakatiya University Retired Teachers Association (KURTA) requested the varsity administration to take measures to resolve their issues including release of the pension arrears and appoint them as the adjunct professors in the vacant posts. President of KURTA Prof A Sadanandam said that they were yet to receive the 75 percent of the pension arrears due for the past three years. "We

met Vice Chancellor of Kakatiya University Prof Thatikonda Ramesh and Registrar Prof T Srinivasa Rao and urged them for payment of these arrears at the earliest. We are also requesting the government to ensure release of the arrears," he said. It is said that two more Dearness Allowance installments are still due for our teachers. The revised Additional Quantum of Pension (AQP) was implemented in 2021, but the arrears since

2020 on this count are not yet paid. "The additional payment of Rs 1000 and the difference arrears for 15 retired teachers on par with others who received it earlier may kindly be accorded and payment may be made at the earliest. Teachers who retired recently have not received any pension arrears so far, not even the first installment, Prof Sadanandam said and added that they also requested the varsity administration to pay all the four installments

to them. "The varsity management should take steps to provide KURTA with some accommodation and furniture on the campus for conducting executive meetings," KURTA General Secretary Prof V Ravinder said. The retired teachers' body also requested the KU administration to appoint the retired teachers as adjunct professors in all the existing vacancies to strengthen the teaching and research in the departments.



## CII Education East Summit organized at Kolkata focusing on NEP 2020



**Kolkata :** On 3rd and 4th February 2023, CII organized Education East Summit 2023 at The Park Hotel, Kolkata. The Summit was addressed by leading experts and academicians from the education and academic fraternity. The event was inaugurated by Ms. Melinda Pavek, US Consul General in Kolkata, Consul General of France in

Kolkata, Mr. Dadier Talpein, Ms. Bratati Bhattacharyya, Secretary General, Shikshayatan Foundation and Chairperson, CII Eastern Regional Education Subcommittee, Mr. Simarpreet Singh, Director, JIS Group and many more. The event was also addressed by the Member of CII Eastern Region Education

Subcommittee, Mr. Pradip Agarwal who is also the CEO, Heritage Group of Institutions among the others. The two day master classes and conference proceedings concentrated on school education and higher education which was addresses by Dr. Shashank Shah, Director-Higher Education, Niti Aayog, Dr. Sapna Poti, Director, Strategic

Alliances, Office of Principal Scientific Advisor to Government of India, Prof. G Ravichandran, Founding Provost, Jio Institute, Prof. Ajay Ray, Former Director, IEST, Shibpur and many more. "This conference focussed in length on NEP 2020 and it has transformed the education scenario in India" said Mr. Pradip Agarwal during a recent interaction

## SEMINAR ON PHYSICAL, MENTAL & SPIRITUAL HEALTH



**Kolkata :** The Heritage Academy in collaboration with HealthyNation an Health and fitness company organised a Seminar at The Heritage Academy for the students of BBA, BCA & BMS to make them realise how much health and fitness is important in their daily life. In this Principal Prof. Dr. Gour

Banerjee welcomed the resource persons. HealthyNation Founder Mr. Sourav Mishra shared his graceful words and knowledge to the students and guided them. The Guest speakers Mr. Nirit Dutta, Devotee Sanatana Prabhupada Das & team from Mayapur ISCKON who spoke on Environmental and

Spiritual Health as well addressed the students with health awareness and self motivation. HealthyNation is an Health and fitness Online Platform where they change people lifestyle, improve their medical conditions like fat loss, obesity, diabetes, blood pressure and many more.

## Post Budget Quote by Mamta Binani, President of MSME Development Forum – West Bengal

**Kolkata:** CS (Dr.) Adv. Mamta Binani, Past President ICSI & President of MSME Development Forum WB said, "MSMEs are the development catalysts for the Indian economy, and the government did a great job with this budget in not only extending all forms of support and protection to the MSMEs but also encouraging further scaling of businesses. The setting up of Entity DigiLocker, launching of a new sub-scheme of PM Matsya Sampada Yojana with a targeted investment of Rs. 6,000 crores, and facilitating e-commerce for MSMEs is worth lauding. The redesigned program, which will go into effect on April 1, 2023, thanks to an injection

of Rs. 9,000 crores into the corpus, was the major feature. This will provide for an extra Rs. 2 lakh crore of collateral-free guaranteed loans. Additionally, there will be a 1% reduction in the cost of the credit. Through these policies and schemes, the MSMEs will not only contribute to "Make in India" but also to "Make for the World" as envisaged." Mamta Binani is a President of MSME Development Forum – West Bengal. Ms. Binani has served as a jury member of the ICSI National Award for Excellence in Corporate Governance and CSR. 2016, the Golden Peacock Award of The Institute of Directors for the year 2016,



ASSOCHAM Award for Commendable CSR Activity for the year 2016. She is the Vice President of the

Kolkata National Company Law Tribunal Bar Association, the Chairperson of the

Merchant Chamber of Commerce-Legal Affairs Council, and also an executive committee member of INSOL India. She is a Board Member of International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC) and is presently the Co-Chair of the India Network. Ms. Binani is an Independent Director in some of the reputed Boards of the Country viz. Century Ply, Balrampur Chini Mills, Emami Limited, and others. Ms. Binani feels that the government is the engine and that as a member of that machinery, it is her responsibility to highlight the government's efforts by bringing them to the masses and classes.

# JSP foundation will provide a State-of-the-Art Hospital at Barbil

Barbil, (KCN); JSP Foundation, the social arm of Jindal Steel and Power (JSP), has started the construction of a state-of-the-art hospital, 'Jindal Arogyam Hospital' in Keonjhar district with an aim to improve the standard of living of people in rural and tribal areas. JSP Chairman Mr. Naveen Jindal and JSP Foundation Chairperson Ms. Shalu Jindal laid the foundation stone by paying obeisance. The hospital will be completed in 18 months. It will provide the people with the latest medical facilities. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Jindal said, "A better standard of living and health of the people

is a major requirement for a national development. "This hospital is one of our major efforts to build a healthy society." He further said that fresh nutritious food and regular exercise are essential to stay healthy naturally. Addressing the gathering, Mrs. Jindal said, "Jindal Arogyam Hospital will work towards improving the standard of living of the local people by providing them with quality healthcare. It will make better healthcare easier and more affordable for all". The hospital will provide free medical consultation and treatment facilities to the poor and needy people of



the entire country, she said. The upcoming hospital will have 19 beds and will provide regular medical services in the specialty departments of surgery, gynaecology

and paediatrics, medicine. Visits to specialist doctors in Cardiology, Dentistry, Orthopaedics, Gastroenterology and Ophthalmology will also be available for

consultation and treatment. The hospital will have modern functional diagnostic and pathological facilities. People can get X-ray, ECG, Echo, TMT,

Ultrasonography and Patho lab and other modern services. Free counselling and treatment will be provided to all needy people in the surrounding villages of Barbil Pellet Plant

and Kasia Iron Mine. Speaking on the occasion, MLA, Champua Ms. Meenakshi Mahant praised JSP for its CSR programs in the areas of health, education, livelihood, agriculture and sports and culture and also appreciated the initiative of a quality modern hospital in Barbil. Padmashri Dr. Tulsi Munda praised the Chairman Shri Naveen Jindal for the continuous efforts made by JSP to improve the standard of living of the people especially in the field of education and health of tribal children. He deeply appreciated the foundation's initiative to establish a modern hospital to provide medical services to the people of the region. Mr. Ashish Pandey, Head - Pellet & Iron Business, JSP expressed his gratitude and sought help from every resident and government official of Barbil, Joda and Champua for the construction and maintenance of this hospital. Head of Barbil Unit of JSP, Mr. M.D. Purushottam, Mr. Ajit Kumar Patra, Kasia Iron Mines, Head, Head of Human Resources, Mr. Sarat Kishore Panda and all other senior officers of the company provided support in organizing the ceremony. Mr. Prashant Hota, President of the company and Head of CSR and Head of Corporate Communications - Odisha presided over the event.

## Rajdhani college, DU organize 5 Day Workshop on Python and its role in Physical Science

New Delhi: As the University of Delhi is celebrating its centenary year signifying 100 glorious years of education and empowerment, Research and Innovation Society, Department of Physics and Electronics,

Faculty development programme (FDP) are being conducted by various Delhi University colleges and Academic institutions. Rajdhani College being one of the academic partners, also participated in this skill festival and

workshop was given by Mr. Siddarth Srivastava in which he emphasized on the importance of learning Python, its role in Physical Sciences and substantiated with many Practical Examples. He also discussed the role of

session of the workshop they made a small project by applying all the knowledge which they gained from the workshop. The Valedictory function for the workshop was held on the last day of the



Rajdhani college, University of Delhi in collaboration with Centre for Innovation in Infectious Disease Research, Education and Training (CIIDRET) and Delhi School of Skill Enhancement and Entrepreneurship Development (DSSEED), a part of Institution of Eminence, have joined hands to organize a 100 days festival of training and skill enhancement. The purpose of this 100 day festival is to bring together students, teachers, academicians, industry and facilitators on one platform and provides an ecosystem that promotes learning, collaboration and networking. Many workshops, Hands on training courses and

organized a 5 Days' Workshop. The workshop began with motivational and encouraging greetings from our Principal Prof. Rajesh Giri, to all the participating members and it was inaugurated by Prof. Pratibha Luthra (Chairman, Governing body, Rajdhani College), Prof. Vijay Chaudhary (Director, DSSEED) and Prof. Amita Gupta (Director, CIDRET). In their inaugural speech they emphasized on the need for these kinds of workshops and Hands on training programs which helps in developing the skill of the students and making a strong foundation for an "Atmanirbhar Bharat". The Talk for the technical session on the first day of the

Python in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning. All the participants thoroughly enjoyed his talk. For the next four days the resource persons for the various sessions of the workshop were Ms. Sheetal Mavi and Ms. Akansha Gautam from Department of computer Science, Rajdhani College. The various sessions consisted of theory lectures on Python in the morning followed by Hands on training session (Application of the concepts) in the afternoon. Participants form different colleges of University of Delhi and other Universities also attended the workshop. The Participants were accessed daily, on the basis of assignment and Quiz and in the last

workshop in the Rajdhani College Auditorium. The Chief Guest of the function was Prof. Raj Kishore Sharma, Dean Research, Physical and Mathematical sciences. He congratulated all the organizing committee members and participants on the successful completion of the workshop and awarded them with the certificates. The organizing committee members, Dr. Mahesh Meena (Convenor), Dr. Anju Gupta, Dr. Omveer Singh, Dr. Akshita Rajan tayal, Dr. Krishnagopal and Dr. Rahul Gangwar along with dedicated team of student volunteers contributed a lot in the successful implementation of the workshop.



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## 7th Tata Steel Bhubaneswar Literary Meet to be held from February 3 – 5 at Bhubaneswar Club

Bhubaneswar: The Tata Steel Bhubaneswar Literary Meet in association with Sambad is back to enthral booklovers with a diverse showcase of authors and discussions. The festival will be inaugurated by Amitav Ghosh and will feature authors and celebrated artists. The event is being held at the Bhubaneswar Club and will be open to all.

The festival will also feature eminent dancer Mallika Sarabhai who will be speaking on her book 'In Free Fall' later on the inaugural day. The surge of interest in Odia theatre and cinema will be discussed as part of the Odia strand of the festival. Sofia Alam and Tanaya Patnaik will

discuss the stupendous success of AaheNilashailla and Anupam Patnaik and Gourahari Das will discuss Odia cinema's resurgence while focusing on Pratikshya, which was based on Das' Bapa.

Poetry from young poets Sujit Kumar Satpathy, Sreema Satpathy, Nikhilesh Mishra and Swagatika Mishra will read their poetry on the second day of the festival. Stalwarts Gopinath Mohanty and Jagdish Mohanty will be discussed in sessions that will witness the release of two English translations.

The way Odia literature is viewed in Odisha and outside the state will be

discussed by award-winning authors Paramity Satpathy, Gayatrikala Panda and Mona Lisa Jena.

Besides the Odia sessions, several new books in English like the biography of Kishore Kumar and a focus on the Anglo-Indian community's history and contribution by Barry O'Brien. Former British Museum director Richard Blurton will present his book on the history of India through objects and Boston-based author Chitrita Banerji will speak about her book on Chaitanya Mahaprabhu as well as on her celebrated books on the food history of India. Suman Satpathy's book on nonsense verse will also be part of the program.

## Rs7,451 million opportunity for businesses in India that harness the power of data

Bhubaneswar: Today, Amazon Web Services, Inc. (AWS), an Amazon.com company, released findings from a new research report, which shows that organisations in India that harness the power of data can grow their annual business revenue by 13.6% on average. For large organisations, this is equivalent to 77.451 million in additional annual revenue.

The Demystifying Data 2022 report, commissioned by AWS and prepared by Deloitte Access Economics, surveyed 521 senior business decision-makers in Indian organisations. The report measured their data maturity – the extent by which an organisation uses the data they produce – using a five-point scale, which ranges from Basic and Beginner (limited or no data strategy, not effectively capturing or analysing data), to Intermediate (emerging data strategy, data is analysed on an ad-hoc basis), to Advanced and Mastery (firmwide data strategy, analytics embedded frequently into decision-making). More than half (63%) of organisations surveyed in India shared that effectively capturing and analysing data can lead

to improved productivity, followed by increased sales and revenue (60%), and improved customer experiences (56%). However, the report found that despite the growing importance of data capabilities in an increasingly digital world, 93% of organisations in India are still in the Basic and Beginner stages of data maturity.

"As organisations invest more in digital transformation, it has created an opportunity for greater use of data to improve productivity, generate financial returns for their business, and create a positive impact on the economy. Yet from our research, only 6% of organisations in India have invested in the necessary technology, talent, and processes needed to unlock the full potential of their data," said Monojit Mazumdar, partner at Deloitte. "Investing in cloud solutions will help businesses to accelerate their data maturity levels and achieve data driven insights. In fact, businesses that already use cloud are 94% more likely to have invested in artificial intelligence or machine learning capabilities compared with businesses who

have not adopted cloud. To effectively turn data into a business advantage, organisations should have a clear and practical roadmap for advancing on the data maturity ladder, invest in attracting and retaining talent, and leverage the right technology to reap the full benefits." AWS launches AWS Data Lab in India to help organisations accelerate data maturity

"As one of the largest digital credit platforms in India, having world-class security and governance protocols in place to safeguard consumer data is a key priority for us," said Piyush Gupta, chief scientist at PayU Finance. "Our ambitious business vision demanded us to move away from legacy infrastructure and build an all-new highly scalable data platform in collaboration with AWS Data Lab that can deliver industry-leading consumer experience. This strong foundation will enable us to scale our business on-demand to support our rapidly growing customer base in the years ahead. We are confident that we now have the right platform and data policies in place to serve over 100 million

## Subarnarekha Port Private Limited Hosts Successful 4th Mega Health Check-Up Camp

Baliapal, Subarnarekha Port Private Limited (SPPL) recently organized the 4th Mega Health Check-Up Camp at Pathadurga Sanskrit College, Sringla, Basta. A total of 860 patients received comprehensive medical exams and treatments, with the department-wise breakdown as follows: 190 patients were diagnosed in Ophthalmology, 144 in Dermatology, 69 in Gynaecology, 105 in Paediatrics, and 352 in Medicine. In addition to these specialties, the camp also offered basic health checks for blood pressure, sugar levels, and weight.

The camp was inaugurated by Prakash Singh, Executive Director of Subarnarekha Port Private Limited (SPPL), and Bipin Biswal, Sarpanch of Singla Gram Panchayat. Dignitaries from Subarnarekha Port Private Limited, Tata Steel Foundation, and Sanskrit College, Singla were also in attendance.

Speaking on the occasion Prakash Singh, Executive Director of Subarnarekha Port Private Limited (SPPL) said: Health is wealth, and it is our privilege to serve the community and ensure that they have access to quality healthcare services.

Subarnarekha Port Private Limited is committed to providing essential health services to the local community, and this camp is part of their ongoing efforts to improve the health and well-being of the people in the area. The success of this 4th Mega Health Check-Up Camp is a testament to the company's dedication to promoting health and wellness in the community.

## Googly: India's 1st Ever Multi-Gaming Platform Is Here To Redefine Your Gaming Experience!

Bhubaneswar: India witnessed today a gaming revolution with its very own multi-gaming platform, Googly. India's universal home for 'all things gaming' – Googly's mission is to pioneer a 'multi-gaming platform' across different devices with advanced features to engage casual and Esports players and build the largest community of gamers in India. Googly created a multi-feature platform providing its users an opportunity to create their custom tournaments where they can battle it out with their friends or join

tournaments hosted by other users of the platform for their favourite titles, make new friends, get social, stay updated to the latest happenings in the world of gaming, and shop for their favourite in-game assets via the Googly Shop.

Talking about the launch of Googly, Mr. Shubhodip Pal, Co-founder & CEO said "We are elated that Indian gamers can finally witness a unique gaming experience through Googly. Our endeavour is to democratise gaming and make it accessible to all. Googly is an effort not

only to ensure that gamers can easily access all their needs on a single platform, but also for all gamers to form their own unique communities and host custom tournaments to play with their friends. Our platform is a 'one-stop for everything gaming' with its multi-feature sets available to all its users under one subscription. We at Googly are proud to present India a platform that is here to revolutionise the country's gaming experience and become India's largest gaming community."

Some of the key features

also include community engagement & management, a tournament engine, platform leader boards, an Esports bracket manager, league management for "fair play", chat forums, a tournament chat function, community moderation, PvP battles, Seasons, E-Store for game vouchers, all available to the gamers under one subscription. The platform can also be accessed on varied devices through its multi-platform functionality. To enhance the gaming experience, Googly also has an app that mirrors the entire functionalities

of the platform, and addresses every gamer's needs even on-the-go. A first of its kind which caters to both Esports and casual gamers.

With its vision of democratizing India's gaming space, Googly comes with extremely affordable subscription packages starting from 39 INR per month for casual gamers, and 99 INR per month for all gamers whether its esports or casual. Googly has over 100+ cloud-based games to choose from; No game downloads required, helping a user save real estate on their mobile phone.

## TVS Motor Company Registers 29% Domestic Sales Growth and 3% overall in January 2023

Hosur : TVS Motor Company registered a sales growth of 3% with sales increasing from 266,788 units in the month of January 2022 to 275,115 units in January 2023.

Two-Wheeler

Total two-wheelers registered a growth of 4% with sales increasing from 254,139 units in the month of January 2022 to 264,710 units in the month of January 2023. Domestic two-wheeler registered growth of 29% with sales increasing from 167,795 units in January 2022 to 216,471 units in January 2023.

Motorcycle registered sales of 121,042 units in January 2023 as against 137,630 units in January 2022. Scooter sales of the Company registered a growth of 32% with sales increasing from 80,580 units in the month of January 2022 to 106,537 units in the month of January 2023.

Electric Vehicle

TVS iQube Electric continues to delight customers with its technology prowess, and intelligent, personalised & connected experience. The electric scooter recorded its highest ever sales of 12,169 units in January 2023 as against sales of 1,529 units in January 2022. TVS iQube Electric is now available in more than 100 cities across 200 touchpoints, selling more than 10,000 units for the third consecutive month with a strong order pipeline.

## SIA ROLLS OUT COMPLIMENTARY UNLIMITED IN-FLIGHT WI-FI FOR ALL BUSINESS CLASS

Singapore Airlines (SIA) has rolled out complimentary unlimited in-flight Wi-Fi for all Business Class customers, as well as its PPS Club members and PPS Club supplementary card holders. In addition, KrisFlyer members now enjoy free three-hour Wi-Fi plans when travelling in Premium Economy Class and free two-hour Wi-Fi plans when travelling in Economy Class. Customers who are not KrisFlyer members, and members who may have consumed their complimentary plans, may take advantage of SIA's new attractive and simplified Wi-Fi price plans. These range from US\$3.99 (approximately S\$5.25) for one hour, US\$8.99 (approximately S\$11.80) for three hours, and US\$15.99 (approximately S\$21.00) for the entire flight.

## Mixed Reactions on Union Budget Mindset of officials need to be judicious



Kolkata : A Seminar on Union Budget was organised at Saturday Club jointly by Concern for Calcutta, the Calcutta Citizens' Initiative and other NGOs on Thursday. Very knowledgeable dignitaries like Dr Bikram Sarkar, Shisir Bajoria, Prof Suman Mukherji, CA Dipankar Chatterji, CM Bachawat, former Finance Secretary Government of

West Bengal and eminent tax consultant Narayan Jain were key speakers in the session. The Speakers had full appreciation on proposals for economic growth contained in Budget. "Adv Jain moderated the session and he also gave his expert opinion on Tax Proposals in the Amrit Muhurt Budget of this year. Jain urged for change of mind set of officials for judicious approach in

faceless assessments and appeals. K.S. Adhikari, President of Concern for Calcutta started the program with his introductory note. Attendance was phenomenal. Advocate Mamta Binani, Advocate RD Kakra, CA KN Gupta, Ashok Purohit, BG Roy, Samir Dutt, Pawan Paharia, SM Gupta, Madan Maroti and Deepak Jain actively participated.

## Samsung launches Galaxy A14 5G & Galaxy A23 5G to strengthen 5G leadership in India



Bhubaneswar : India's largest consumer electronics brand Samsung has announced the launch of Galaxy A14 5G and Galaxy A23 5G today. The latest additions to the popular Galaxy A series are aimed at offering a complete package of the

latest Galaxy innovations at an affordable price, making awesome technology accessible to everyone.

Describing the new features of Galaxy A14 5G and Galaxy A23 5G, Aditya Babbar, Senior Director, Mobile Business,

Samsung India quoted, "Samsung has been driving 5G adoption in India with its widest portfolio of 5G devices. With the launch of these two new models, Samsung will now have the widest distribution of 5G devices in the country," he added.

## India's home grown brand, Maaza celebrates the act of reward-less generosity with their 'Aam Wali Dildaari' campaign

Bhubaneswar: Maaza, Coca-Cola India's home-grown mango drink, and the fastest-growing juice brand in India and South-west Asia, has unveiled its new 'Aam Wali Dildaari, Bina Naam Wali Dildaari' campaign. Currently, Maaza is one of the leading brands in the overall beverage category for Coca-Cola India. Further to Sprite and Thums Up entering the 1Bn USD brand club in 2022, the Company aims towards the 1Bn USD brand mark for

Maaza in 2023. The latest campaign features veteran actor Amitabh Bachchan and renowned actress Pooja Hegde, along with south-Indian superstar Nagarjuna, recently on-boarded as the new face of the brand. With this new campaign, Maaza extends its spirit of benevolence and encourages anonymous acts of kindness to spread joy and happiness. The campaign further highlights the fulfilling mango experience that brings out

one's selfless personality. Maaza has been sharing the goodness of rich and juicy Alphonso since 1976. Believing that true generosity seeks no credit, nor any reward or fame; through its latest campaign, Maaza urges its consumers to anonymously spread joy, with acts of compassion and generosity. Announcing the launch of the new campaign, Ajay Konale, Director Marketing, Nutrition Category, Coca-Cola India and Southwest Asia.

# Injured Hazlewood set to miss first Test; in doubt for second

**New Delhi:** Josh Hazlewood is likely to be ruled out of the first half of the Test series after having not recovered from an Achilles injury on his left leg, which he picked up after bowling in the Sydney Test last month. Hazlewood has not taken an active part in Australia's pre-series camp in Alur, apart from assisting his teammates with their training. The seasoned fast bowler is expected to have his first bowl in Nagpur on Tuesday (February 7). While it looks certain that he will miss the first Test, opening the door for Scott Boland to play his first overseas Test, his availability for the second Test in Delhi is also in doubt considering the short turnaround between matches. Australia are already without Mitchell Starc for the early part of the series.

"Not sure about the first Test. It's still a few days away but it's sneaking up pretty quickly. Second one is obviously straight after as well. So, we'll play it by ear over the next week and next few days and hopefully Tuesday goes well," Hazlewood said before Australia's final session at the KSCA Stadium in the outskirts of Bangalore on Sunday (February 5).

"Just a bit of workload management at the moment. Just managing the Achilles. I was bowling a fair bit leading into the tour at home and sort of just pushing up against it. Probably wasn't recovering as well as I would have liked between each session so thought we'd give it a few days here straight of the bat and try and get over the hump and have a bowl from Tuesday on (in Nagpur) and hope it goes well," he added when asked about his lack of participation in the Alur sessions. In a period plagued with injury, Hazlewood has now played only four Tests in the last two years, and never more than one in a series. He played the opening Test of the recent home summer against West Indies in Perth before missing out the next three matches with a side strain. He then returned for the Sydney Test against South Africa. And it is during that rain-affected encounter that the 32-year-old paceman is believed to have injured his Achilles.

"It's still lingering from the (Sydney) Test match probably. We obviously bowled after a lot of rain and the jump-offs were quite soft, where we were taking off from and they ended up replacing them as well. It sort of worked to a degree. But just that extra load jumping off a soft ground to bowl and again first Test match. Your body is not used to that sort of workload as well."

"It's been frustrating playing one Test at a time. It always feels the hardest Test to play, the first one and they sort of get easier as they go and you get to the other side, the end of the series, it gets hard again. Hopefully I can string a couple together on this tour," he said. Hazlewood had spoken about wanting to shift his focus squarely on Test cricket for the next 12 months in what is a vital period for the



Australian team starting with this high-profile tour to India. The Ashes are only a few months away along with a very likely appearance in the World Test Championships final in June. And he insisted on that focus not having shifted despite his constant trysts with injury as he enters the ninth year of his Test career.

"It's still the same mindset. It's still about taking every game as it comes. It's obviously a huge tour and a long tour as well. It's four Tests. It's not a two-Test series where you might push things to get up for it. Four Tests is a long time and the Ashes is there as well and there's cricket all the time. It's just about getting it right,

you don't want it lingering around for months on end. The Achilles is a hard one, being a tendon it's couple of steps forward, one step back occasionally, which is how it goes for everyone when they've got this type of injury. Feels like it's heading in the right direction," he said. In a period where Hazlewood has struggled to string multiple Tests together, he's also grown into becoming one of the premier T20 bowlers around the world. But despite the ever-

urgening opportunities for T20 league contracts, he remains steadfast in his drive to play Test cricket for Australia. "As fun as T20 is and as

lucrative as it is, I find it still plays second fiddle to Test cricket. This series, Ashes series, home summers are what you play cricket for. I don't think that will ever change," he said.

Though disappointed with having to miss out on another Test, potentially two, at the start of the Indian series, Hazlewood does take solace in the busy Test calendar ahead for the Australians, which will see them play 15 Tests (including the WTC final) in the next 12 months.

"That's the view I've always had. during Covid it was a bit different, it felt like you played home five Test matches and then didn't play for a long time for a couple of years there. There was a big push to play all those games in a row. Whereas now, we've got some good depth as well, if you're not quite right you can miss a Test and make sure you're 100 per cent for the next one. It's a team mentality and the quicks are a team within a team," he said.

"That view will be taken into the Ashes, into this tour, the World Test Championship, the home summer, there's so many Test matches coming up, it might be a

little easier to get right for the second one onwards here," he explained.

And it is that fast bowling depth that Australia will have to tap into as they head into the first Test in Nagpur without two of their premier fast bowlers in Starc and now Hazlewood. Boland would be the obvious replacement as he looks to build on his incredible start to Test career, a bowling average that sits currently at 12.21 in 6 Tests. The burly Victorian fast bowler has bowled a number of spells already during the camp in Alur and has looked at his menacing best even on the dry and slow pitches here, beating the bat with the same regularity as we've seen from him in Test cricket.

Cummins and Boland in fact shared the new-ball in a lengthy burst on Sunday morning as Australia practiced some match simulation scenarios. And once again, Boland proved a handful, getting the better of the likes of David Warner, Steve Smith and Usman Khawaja regularly.

Australia will certainly miss the services of Starc in Nagpur, where reverse swing has historically played quite

a big role. But in Hazlewood, they had a very able replacement, especially after the very effective way he'd got the ball to reverse on the very subcontinental pitch at the SCG at the start of the year. Despite Boland's lack of experience on Asian pitches, Hazlewood is very confident that his fast bowling colleague has all the skills to step right in and is very "qualified" to make an impression.

"Scotty (Boland) has bowled plenty at the MCG when it was a flat wicket, it probably wasn't swinging or reverse swinging so he knows how to work hard for a long period of time. You've got Lance Morris who has worked hard on reverse swing for the last month and then a nice lead in here with a few sessions. The guys are excited first of all to play in the subcontinent, they both haven't yet, but they're very well qualified to do so," he explained.

"It was really good to play that Sydney Test beforehand just to focus in on what's going to be important in this series. The wicket was obviously slow, it was dry, it was a bit abrasive, and we got reverse swing - great to have that coming into this tour," he added.

## Gujarat Giants appoint Haynes, Nooshin and Arothe as coaches

**New Delhi:** The Gujarat Giants, the Ahmedabad-based WPL side, have appointed Rachael Haynes, a former Australian women's cricketer, as their head coach. Meanwhile, Tushar Arothe will be the team's batting coach and Nooshin Al Khadeer, a former India spinner, will be the bowling coach. Nooshin was also head coach of India's Under 19 team that won the World Cup last week, and Arothe, a former head coach of the Indian women's team. These coaches join the staff that is headed by Mithali Raj, a women's cricket legend, who is the team's mentor. "The likes of Rachael Haynes, Nooshin Al Khadeer, Tushar Arothe, and Gavan Twining will



certainly take the performance of the team notches up. Not only have they carved a niche for themselves in their roles, but their stories of resilience will be an inspiration for the team. Their combined strengths will enable Gujarat Giants to give their best performance

on the ground at the inaugural edition of the Women's Premier League, which will inspire several aspiring women athletes," said Raj. Haynes has won six world championships with the Australian team and was the vice-captain of the side from 2017-

2022. The left-handed batter, who was an integral part of the very successful national set-up, is a veteran of 84 T20Is and played crucial roles in the Australian team's championship winning campaigns at the 2018 and 2020 T20 World Cups. Haynes has also turned out for the Sydney Thunder in the Women's Big Bash League, often leading the run scoring charts on her side.

"The Women's Premier League is such an exciting addition to the cricket landscape. The opportunity to be involved in the inaugural season with the Adani Sportline owned Gujarat Giants and working with the brilliant Mithali Raj is something I'm really looking forward to. We

have formed a wonderful coaching team, with Nooshin Al Khadeer, Tushar Arothe and Gavan Twining, who will be bringing on board their rich experience which will help the team to play an exciting brand of cricket which our fans will enjoy watching," said Haynes.

Satyam Trivedi, Head, Adani Sportsline, said, "The Women's Premier League will be a game-changer and we are thrilled to have a phenomenal team of coaches for Gujarat Giants. Trailblazers such as Mithali Raj, Rachael Haynes, and Nooshin's remarkable journey as athletes will surely set the bar high for every team member. We wish the team nothing but tremendous success."

## Decision on Asia Cup put off; ACC to take a call next month

**New Delhi:** The Asian Cricket Council (ACC) has put off a decision on the Asia Cup. At a meeting in Bahrain on Saturday, about which Cricbuzz was first to report, it was decided that the members would continue "constructive dialogue" over the hosting of the Asia Cup, scheduled for August-September this year, and finalise the venue of the championship at another meeting next month.

The venue for the continental championship has become a sticky issue after the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) made it clear that the Indian team would not travel to Pakistan, which was originally allotted the hosting rights. The general impression at the Bahrain meeting was that the India-Pakistan diplomatic standoff should not be allowed to influence the

ACC matters, but in reality the matter proved hard to navigate for the members. The PCB bosses, current and former, have been maintaining that they would boycott the event as well the World Cup in October-November in India, if the Indian team did not take part in the Asia Cup. In that backdrop, a sub-plot of the Bahrain meeting was the equation between BCCI secretary Jay

Shah and Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Najam Sethi. It is understood that the BCCI has insisted that the tournament will have to be moved for the Indian team to participate, with the PCB retaining the hosting rights, a formula that was followed for last year's Asia Cup, which was staged in the UAE with the BCCI being the designated hosts. For the record, the

ACC said in a statement, "The ACC had a constructive dialogue on the upcoming Asia Cup 2023. The Board agreed to continue discussions on operations, timelines and any other specifics with a view to ensure the success of the tournament. An update on the matter would be taken at the next ACC Executive Board Meeting to be held in March 2023."

## Shaheed Manoranjan singh memorial Football Tournament Inaugurated



**IMPAL:** The 13th Edition of the Shaheed Manoranjan Singh Memorial State Level Open Football Tournament 2023 got underway in a grand opening ceremony at SAI Sports Complex, Takyel, Imphal, Manipur. Sh Awangbow Newmai, Hon'ble Minister, Water Resource, Relief & Disaster Management Dept, Govt of Manipur graced the occasion as Chief Guest while Sh Paolienlal Haokip, Hon'ble MLA, Saikot, Manipur graced the occasion as Guest of Honour in the august presence of Smt Ng O Memcha Devi, mother of Shaheed Manoranjan Singh. The formal inauguration of the tournament was made by release of balloons followed by Shaking hands with Both teams on the field. This tournament is being organized by 143 Bn CRPF on behalf of

Manipur & Nagaland Sector CRPF in coordination with Imphal West Football Association and All Manipur Football Association. "The Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour in their addresses to the gathering exhorted and appreciated the dedication and supreme sacrifices of CRPF in their service to the nation. They conveyed their heartfelt best wishes to all ranks and files of CRPF. "Delivering his keynote address Sh Sandeep Datta, IG, M&N Sector CRPF accompanied by Mrs Rajni Datta, M&N Sector CWA Head, eulogized the gallant action of Shaheed Manoranjan who sacrificed his life while fighting the Maoists in the interior areas of Chintangufa, District Dantewada Chhatisgarh on 17.9.2009 while posted in the elite 201 CoBRA unit. "The

stadium looked brilliant in a buzzing atmosphere which was attended by many football lovers and fans including ladies and children. All Senior officers of the sector remained present on the occasion. Large number of family members joined the event to make it more special. Sh. Ravindra singh Rautela, DIG Range Imphal proposed a vote of thanks on the occasion. The month long tournament which started today will culminate on 4.3.2023 in which 24 high ranking football clubs of Manipur will be competing in the tournament. This initiative of CRPF will surely give impetus to the youth of Manipur, the power house of sports, to excel and bring laurels to the state and the country. In the inaugural match "KLASA FC defeated MPSC by 4-1 in a thrilling encounter."