

Ruckus in Odisha assembly over adjournment motion



BHUBANESWAR(KCN): Noisy scenes were witnessed in the Assembly on Monday as an adjournment motion notice submitted by the Opposition members was not listed for discussion in the House. BJP and Congress members had submitted an adjournment motion notice on non-payment of ₹20 crore dues to L&T which in course of 18 years have reached to Rs 120

crore including interest. As the issue was not taken up for discussion in the Assembly, Opposition members trooped into the well shouting slogans forcing Speaker Bikram Keshari Arukha to adjourn the house till 4pm. Targeting the government over seizure of Works department property by a private company, the Opposition members sought a clarification from the Minister

Prafulla Kumar Mallick in this regard. The Speaker in his ruling said that a review petition was earlier filed with the Supreme Court in the connection with the issue. Hence, as per Rule 60 (VII), a matter which is already sub-judice cannot be debated on the floor of the House, he added.

However, Opposition chief whip Mohan Charan Majhi demanded a discussion

over the issue. Alleging that government ignored the issue between 2004 and 2022, Tara Prasad Bahinipati (Cong) demanded that the company should be blacklisted and property of government officials responsible for this should be seized. Several ruling BJD members, however, maintained that the ruling of Speaker is supreme. Any discussion will impact the case, they added.

Mamata suspects foul play in minister arrest after big rally

Kolkata(KCN): Breaking her silence on the arrest of her Cabinet and party colleague Partha Chatterjee by the Enforcement Directorate in the School Service Commission (SSC) jobs scam, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday asserted her zero-tolerance against "corruption" and favoured punishment of "life imprisonment" for those guilty of the crime.

In a setback to the minister, the doctors at AIIMS Bhubaneswar ruled that he did not need immediate hospitalisation.

"I do not support injustice. It is also not my hobby and profession to support corruption. Someone can make a mistake. If I make a mistake knowingly

then it is a crime. If done unknowingly, there is a scope of correction. But I have never allowed myself in doing anything wrong knowingly. TMC does not spare if anyone is a thief or a dacoit. I have ensured arrests of many of our boys — be it MLAs, MPs and ministers — earlier," the CM told the Banga Bhushan and Banga Bibhushan award ceremony at Nazrul Mancha in the city. Suspecting foul play behind the controversy, Banerjee pointed out, "Whether it was a trap needs to be looked into also. Sometimes some people lay a trap. We had a big rally on July 21. The very next day they arrived at 5 am. The BJP could not accept the perception of our success."

Pope apologises for 'evil' Christians committed in Canada's indigenous residential schools

MASKWACIS(KCN): Pope Francis issued a historic apology Monday for the Catholic Church's cooperation with

plause from school survivors and Indigenous community members gathered at a former residential school south of

Francis said. In the first event of his weeklong "penitential pilgrimage," Francis traveled to the lands of four

headdress after he spoke, making him an honorary leader of the community. Francis' words went beyond his earlier apology for the "deplorable" abuses committed by missionaries and instead took institutional responsibility for the church's cooperation with Canada's "catastrophic" assimilation policy, which the country's Truth and Reconciliation Commission said amounted to a "cultural genocide."



Canada's "catastrophic" policy of Indigenous residential schools, saying the forced assimilation of Native peoples into Christian society destroyed their cultures, severed families and marginalized generations. "I am deeply sorry," Francis said to ap-

Edmonton, Alberta. He called the school policy a "disastrous error" that was incompatible with the Gospel and said further investigation and healing is needed. "I humbly beg forgiveness for the evil committed by so many Christians against the Indigenous peoples,"

Cree nations to pray at a cemetery and then deliver the long-sought apology at nearby powwow ceremonial grounds. Four chiefs escorted the pontiff in a wheelchair to the site near the former Ermineskin Indian Residential School, and presented him with a feathered

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Resolution in Odisha Assembly to felicitate President Droupadi Murmu

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): The Odisha Assembly on Monday passed a

resolution supported by members present in

purpose. A former member of the Odisha Assembly,

Commerce and Transport and Fisheries and Animal Resources Development in the Naveen Patnaik ministry from 2000 to 2004 when BJP was in alliance with the BJD in the State. Meanwhile, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik who attended the oath taking ceremony at the national capital along with all the 21 BJD MPs, said he was absolutely delighted and honoured with a woman from Odisha holding the highest office in the country. "I would also like to congratulate the



resolution congratulating President Droupadi Murmu for assuming office of the top constitutional position of the country. The resolution brought by Parliamentary Affairs Min-

ister Niranjan Pujari the house. The resolution proposed to felicitate the President and said a delegation headed by Speaker Bikram Keshari Arukha should meet her in New Delhi for this

Murmu was elected to the House twice consecutively from 2000 to 2009 from the Rairangpur constituency in Mayurbhanj district. She also served as a Minister of State for

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Sonia Gandhi's second round of ED questioning today

New Delhi(KCN): Congress President Sonia Gandhi is expected to appear before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) Tuesday for her second

The 75-five-year old Gandhi was questioned for over two hours during her first day of questioning in the case on July 21 where she replied to 28 questions put forth by the agency, that is probing alleged financial irregularities in the Congress-promoted Young Indian Private Limited, which owns the National Herald newspaper. Officials said that like it was on the first day of her appearance, all Covid-appropriate protocols will be put in place Tuesday as well such as stationing of doctors and an ambulance, 'Covid negative' certificates of



round of questioning in the money laundering case linked to the National Herald newspaper. She is expected to depose before the federal probe agency around noon today for recording of her statement by the ED investigating officer, officials said. Initially, she was summoned by the agency on Monday but it was deferred by a day.

investigators and proper physical distancing between Gandhi and the team of investigators. Gandhi's children Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and Rahul Gandhi are expected to accompany her to the ED office again like they did last week. Vadra may again stay back in order to provide any medicines and other

PM Modi congratulates new Lankan President Wickremesinghe; bats for stability, economic recovery

COLOMBO(KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi has congratulated Sri Lanka's

Rajapaksa who fled the country and resigned in the face of public revolt against his government for misman-



newly-elected President Ranil Wickremesinghe and said that India will continue to be supportive of the quest of the people of the island nation for stability and economic recovery, through established democratic means, the Indian High Commission said on Tuesday. Wickremesinghe, 73, was on Thursday sworn in as Sri Lanka's eighth president after he was elected by lawmakers to succeed Gotabaya

aging the economy. "PM @narendramodi sent a congratulatory letter to H.E President @RW_UNP on his election," the High Commission of India in Colombo said in a tweet. "PM reiterated that India will continue to be supportive of the quest of the people of Sri Lanka for stability and economic recovery, through established democratic means, institutions and constitutional framework," it said. The Prime Minister also conveyed that he looked forward to working closely with the Sri Lankan President for the mutual benefit of people and strengthening the age-old, close and friendly relations between India and Sri Lanka, it added. CONTINUED ON: P-7

WEV launches Mission Back to Village Gujarat Polysol Chemicals, PKH Ventures get Sebi's go ahead to float IPOs

Bengaluru(KCN): Waldenwood Eco Village(WEV) of Odisha launched a mega mission entitled ' Back to Village ' in Banga-



lore recently. Situated at the foot hill of Kapilash range of mountains in the border of Dhenkanl and Jajpur Districts of Odisha, the WEV has been growing as a popular destination for eco lovers of India and abroad. Conceptualised and designed by the founder of WEV Ram Krishna Dash, the launching of the mission was attended by the leading environmentalists, eco lovers and hygiene experts of the country.

Popularly known as the eco man R.K, Shri



Dash has been the sole initiator and architect of the unique mission aimed at inspiring the urban population to revert back to village and ensuring of world class amenities available in the rural areas.

Delivering the welcome address the main organiser and Chairman of New Delhi based Waldenwoods Foundation, Ram Krishna Dash disapproved the current trend of large-scale migration of people from rural to urban areas. The global warming clubbing with this kind of social aberration has been proved to be catastrophes for human race, Shri Dash observed. In search of better education, health care and employment opportunities people used to migrate in the past he added. Since the advent of modern technologies and state of the art infrastructures in rural areas the scenarios has recently been changed drastically, he pointed out. Keeping in view of the changed circumstances and massive scale development in rural belts, R.K gave a clarion call to the delegates to come back and settle in the villages. Particularly when the work from home has become a much popular practice at present due to corona factor, Shri dash

Demand for Cholera Committee

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Opposition BJP and Congress members in State Legislative Assembly on Tuesday demanded the Speaker for formation of a House Committee comprises of members from all parties to assess the cholera situation in Kashipur area of Rayagada district.

Raising the issue during Zero Hour, the BJP and Congress lawmakers demanded that a House Committee should be constituted under the Chairmanship of Speaker BK Aruk, which will visit Kashipur area to assess the cholera situation.

BJP Chief Whip Mohan Majhi said though as many as 14 people have died of cholera in the area the Government claims that only 9 people have died so far. A 14-member team of the BJP had visited the area on July 24 and found that the disease has spread to Dasmantapur, Thuamul Rampur, and other nearby areas of Kalahandi and Koraput districts, Mr.Majhi said. "Such situation arises as Utkal Alumina is releasing water without treatment. Development is yet to reach Kashipur," Mr.Majhi alleged. He alleged the cholera broke out as the people consumed polluted water from a tank and alleged the tank water was polluted after Utkal Alumina released its wastewater to the tank without treatment. The company has not set up any water treatment plant, he said.

While there is no road, the work for the construction of the mega piped water project an-

pealed to include work from farm and work from garden in the same phenomenon. Addressing the gathering the chief guest former CMD Nayivali Lignite Corporation Sarat Chandra Acharya focused on the need to



realise the power of the time and urged the participants to accommodate themselves with the emerging situation as per the requirement of the hour. Shri Acharya further elaborated that the success of life depends on welcoming the changing lifestyle and adjusting with the evolving nature as per the time dictates. Appreciating the noble endeavours of enterprising odias like R.K, the Guest of Honour renowned startup mentor Pranab Pani advised the audiences to take good care of the protection of environment and preservation of eco system, while working on sustainable development in rural areas. Drawing comparison between picturesque Kapilash hill with the Kurk region near Bengaluru, the Keynote speaker Shantanu Pradhan stressed on the need of building more and more Eco Villages in Odisha to attract the non resident odias to the State. Looking back at his twenty five years of service in corporate sector the Guest Speaker Ahimanikya Satpathy lauded the ini-



tatives of WEV to divert the attention of urban population towards their roots and declared that he is going to embrace the farming profession shortly. The Young and Dynamic Director of Waldenwood Eco Village Nandini Dash proposed the vote of thanks.

The distinguished dignitaries present in the three hours long marathon and brain storming conclave, include Soumyashree Das, Surya Prakash Mohapatra, Reena Mohapatra, Ashutosh Panigrahi, Lipsa Panigrahi, Deepak Acharya, S. Mandy, Debasish Sahoo, Subrat Mohanty, Uday N Tripathy, Sabita Rani Das, Asha Satpathy and Sashmita Pradhan.

nounced by the Government has not yet been started, the BJP MLA said.

Congress lawmaker Tara Prasad Bahinipati too urged the speaker to take the issue seriously and constitute an all-party Committee on this issue. As many as 14 persons have died in Kashipur and three persons died in the Dasmantpur block of Koraput yesterday, he claimed.

"At least 17 persons have died due to diarrhea in undivided Koraput. The Utkal Alumina is not following the agreed norms and it is releasing contaminated wastewater from the plant," alleged Mr.Bahinipati. He also demanded a compensation of Rs 10 lakh to the next kin of the deceased.

Another Congress member Santosh Singh Saluja said the State Government has totally failed to provide drinking water to the people even 22 years after its rule. He also joined Mr.Majhi and Mr.Bahinipati in demanding formation of a House Committee under the Chairmanship of the Speaker to assess the situation. Following this, the BJP and Congress members trooped into the well and urged the Speaker to give a ruling on the constitution of a Committee. Speaker Mr.Aruk said there is already a House Committee under his chairmanship to look into such a situation. The Speaker however said he reserved his ruling and would inform the members about his decision on the issue soon.

New Delhi(KCN): Chemical manufacturer Gujarat Polysol Chemicals and construction and hospitality firm PKH Ventures have received capital markets regulator Sebi's go ahead to raise funds through Initial Public Offerings (IPOs). The two companies, which filed preliminary IPO papers with Sebi in March, obtained

"observation" letters from the regulator during July 18-22, an update with the markets watchdog showed on Monday. In Sebi's parlance, its observation implies its approval to float IPOs.

Going by the draft papers, Gujarat Polysol Chemicals is looking to raise Rs 414 crore through its initial share sale. The IPO comprises fresh issue of equity shares aggregating up

to Rs 87 crore and an Offer-For-Sale (OFS) of equity shares aggregating up to Rs 327 crore by its promoters. The company will use the net proceeds to retire debt and general corporate purposes.

As per the draft prospectus, the initial share-sale of PKH Ventures consists of fresh issuance of over 1.82 crore and an OFS of 98.31 lakh equity shares by its promoter. Proceeds of the issue will be used to invest in subsidiaries — Halaipani Hydro Project Pvt Ltd and Garuda Construction — funding long-term working capital requirements, for funding strategic acquisitions and investments, among others. Shares of the two companies will be listed on BSE and NSE.

Installation Ceremony of Rotary club held at Barbil

Barbil(KCN):The ceremonial change of leadership team in the Rotary Club of



Barbil in the district of Keonjhar was organized in a



spectacular event executed to perfection by the club team on July 25, 2022 at the World hotel, Barbil. Rtn. Manoj Manek received the baton of President from the Immediate Past President Rtn. Prabodh Mohanty.

The chief guest for the evening was the District Governor Rtn. Jayshree Mohanty who also inducted the new Boards of Directors for 2022-23 and welcomed to the fold several new

Barbil kickboxer wins 470medals at WAKO

Barbil(KCN):Team Barbil in the district of Keonjhar of Odisha state won 12 golds, 16 silver and 18 bronze on the last day of the WAKO India National Kick Boxing Championship-2022 which was concluded at the Eastern Sports indoor Stadium, Kolkata. In this sports the youth of Barbil team participated tremendously. They are Ajay kaibarta in male category low Kick event -57 kg — 1 Gold, Anita Gope female Kick light event -45 kg— 1 Gold, Subash Jamuda male point fight silver & Kick light event gold -21 kg—1 Gold 1 silver, Himmat singh male light contact & Kick light event -47 kg—2 Gold, Ansuman Prasad male point fight & Kick light -27 kg—2 silver, Simran Guriya female

club will achieve further great heights in the forth coming days

The new President Rtn. Manoj Manek in his passionate acceptance address expressed his gratitude to Rtn Prabodh Mohanty who has extended his heartfelt support to build up the identity of Rotary club amidst common people. He too narrate the projects planned in each of the avenues of the service as well as the thrust areas leapt the



audience in raptures. With laser like focus she shed light on the special focus area for this year - detection and prevention of blindness and helping the visually challenged and plan for setting up an eye hospital at Barbil. He exhorted the members of the club to contribute to the projects with determination and comparison as always. Mr Kaushik Thakar read out annual report of the

Chair service project, Rtn Prabodh Mohanty Rtn CA Chitrasen Swain as chair mebership and Rtn Ghanshyam Sharma as Chair public image elected for the year 2022 - 23. Few new youth members were also inducted on the occasion. Rtn Chatter president Ashok Thakar extended vote of thanks to all dignitaries and representative of other rotary district present.

India National Kick boxing championship

low kick event -52 kg —1 silver, Sara Majhi female light contact & Kick light event -37 kg—2 silver, Yashpreet Singh male low Kick event +81 kg —1 silver, Akhileshwar Kant male point fight -51 kg — 1 bronze, Mukham Singh male light contact & Kick light event -57 kg —1 silver 1 bronze, Parmeet Singh male point fight and light contact +69 kg—2 bronze, Sujit, ku Prasad had joined as the referee & Manjeet Singh as coach in the competition from Barbil. It is need not say that the kick boxing team has already shown their performance and bagged many medals to make the Inhabitants of Barbil and Odisha proud as well said, Pratap Das, chairman NDCC, Barbil

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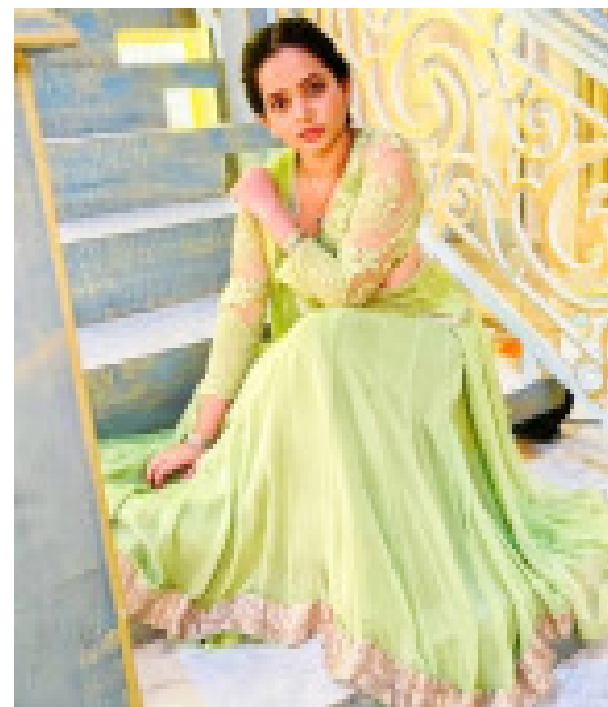
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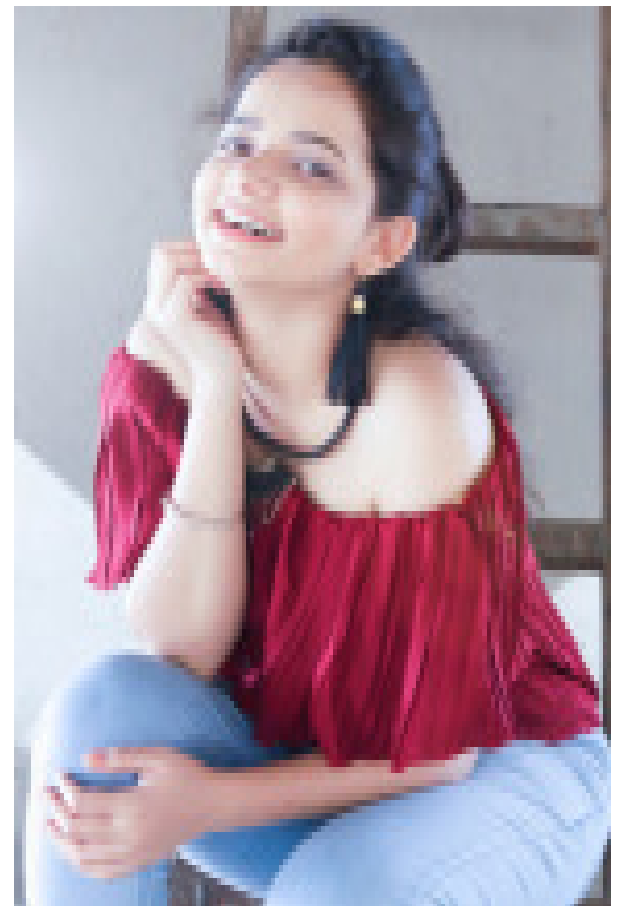
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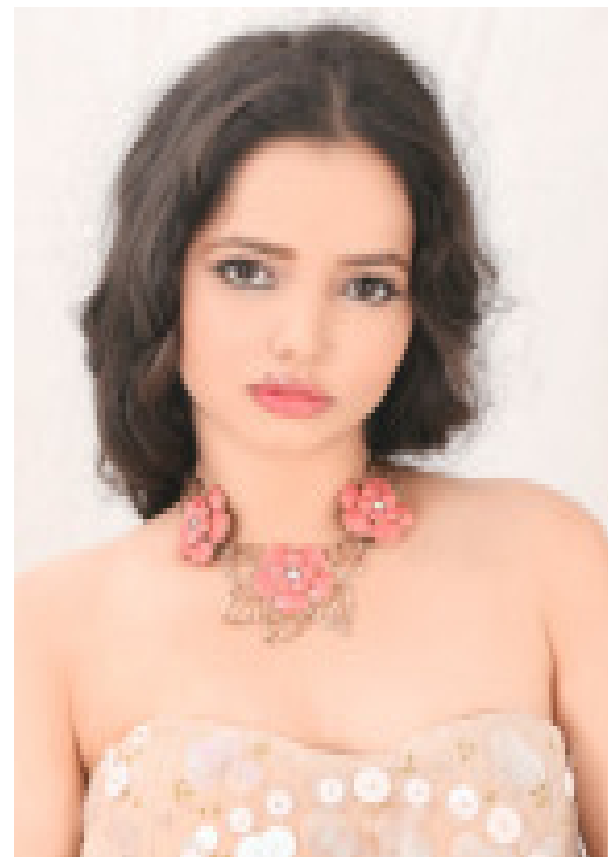
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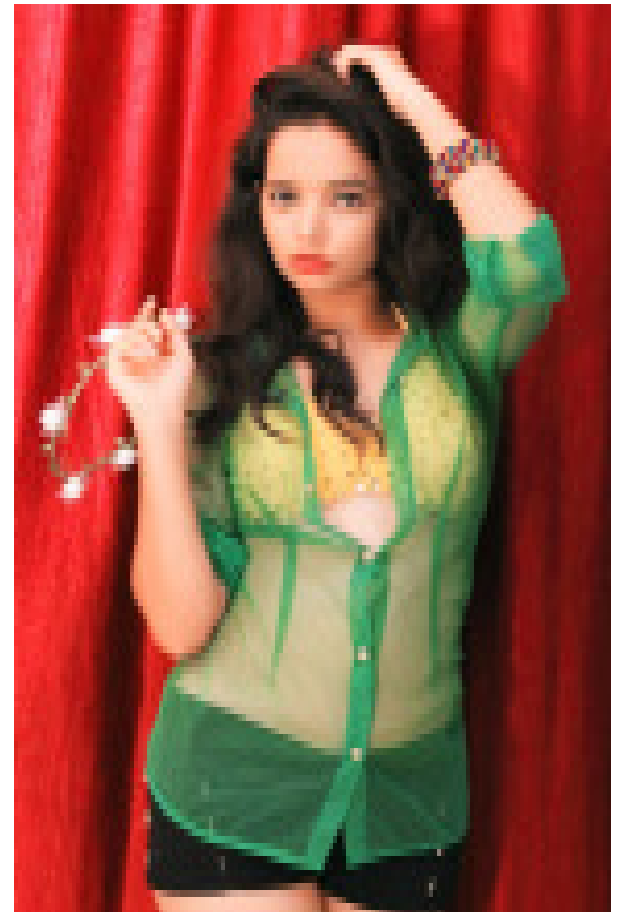
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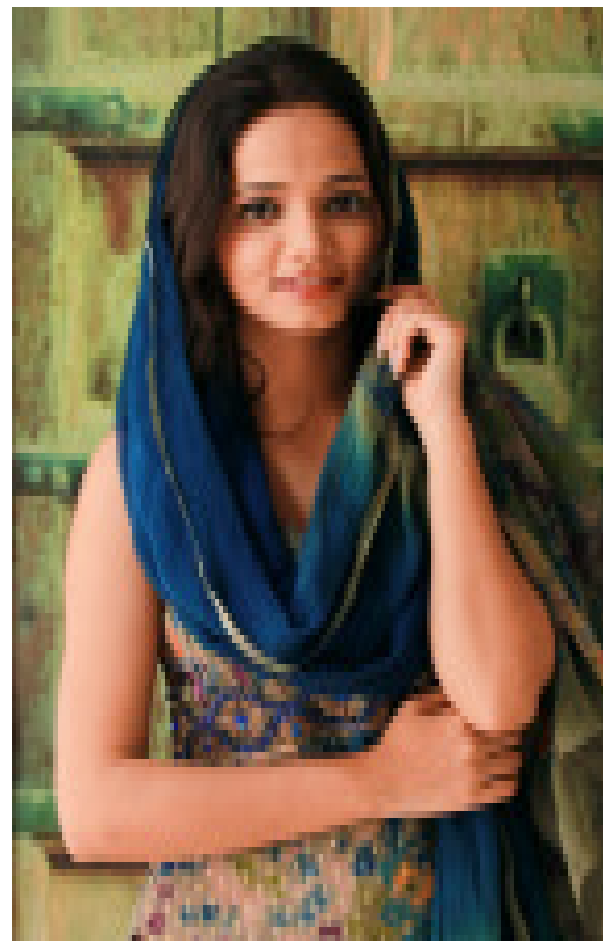
highly acclaimed by the viewers.



harasses our family. Till now my role was that of an innocent and bubbly girl. But henceforth my role will be different and the viewers will be taken aback by my new role. The viewers will certainly like the new twist in the story. About her film ventures Aarushi says “I had signed a film in the South. However the project could not start early due



viewers' mind with her TV serials like



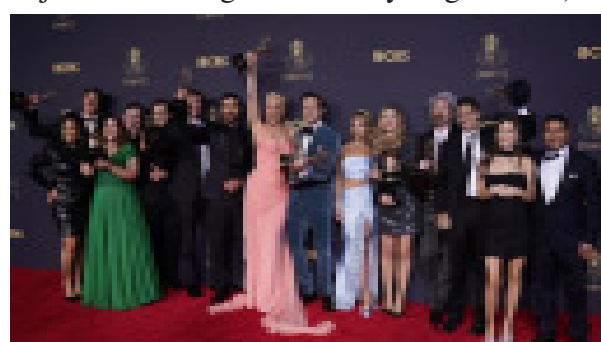
About her role in “Ranju Ki

'Emmys So White': Netizens call out award show for 'fake diversity'

Los Angeles: The 73rd Primetime Emmy Awards concluded on a disappointing note on Monday. While setting a record for diversity, with 49 black or indigenous people of colour (BIPOC) nominated across all categories, all major acting trophies went to white actors at the Emmys 2021.

According to Variety, actors that were seen

as solid contenders included Billy Porter and Mj Rodriguez



(‘Pose’), the late Michael K. Williams (‘Lovecraft Country’)

and Kenan Thompson and Bowen Yang (‘Saturday Night Live’) --

but in the end, all ended up empty-handed. The 2021 ceremony

has undoubtedly failed to meet the expectations of people. Calling out the event, a netizen tweeted, “Not a single Black actor won tonight. Not a single Asian actor won tonight. Not a single Latino actor won tonight.” Another one wrote, “#Emmys do this every year: Nominate a diverse selection of our faves, only to give them to the same white ac-

tors and/or stories. Middle-aged white folks in conflict or British period pieces will win over nuanced, multi-dimensional plots involving characters of colour.” #EmmysSoWhite has been trending all over Twitter since morning. “Black host, Black announcer hell even Black music. We do everything but win. #Emm-ysSoWhite,” a social media user

wrote while condemning Emmys 2021. “Lovecraft country won nothing tonight and 98% of the winners were white despite the amount of black talent around #EmmysSoWhite,” a netizen tweeted. This time Black performers had a strong showing at the event. But all efforts went in vain when nominees of colour failed to win most categories.

Viswhaguru India-Fantasy or reality?

Amid the clutter and clamour on India being judged as a multicultural entity with diversity bubbling every inch of its landscape, a huge section of its populace feels that there is a religious (in)tolerance for which India is often appreciated or criticised. As a country India professes and



feels proud - in many ways, about its cultural ancestry, that if not all, a great amount of political inter ceptions accept and silently

validate and often put an emphasis on. But tremors on the bedlam that a controversial media debate ignited followed by the blatant brutality in Udaipur can indeed be felt, though not profound but still capable to shake the very idea that the Indian wisdom represents - a collaborative upbringing irrespective of its irrational interpretations. What comes as an unfounded allegation is that not only politically but also culturally, India at present is under the captivity of a majoritarian mindset. Parties across the country began to feel the heat of an indelible imprint of a globally recognised era since 2014 which goes rampant against all that it identifies as a blockage in its path of a majoritarian success. Though it is yet to be established, windmills producing perceptions and narratives in this direction are active and this is what we need to put for analysis.

The present government dispensation at the centre under Prime Minister Modi is often heard propagating the idea of India being hoisted to the realm of a Vishwaguru, which most of his opponents call an unrealistic and unreasonable elucidation on the Indian state. The complexity that India's multiculturalism offers is genuinely visible and the essence of its spiritual wisdom seems to be fading but slowly, without being able to bring a

Letter to Editor Encash Diamond Opportunity

Falling demand and rising raw pricing pressure, according to agency CRISIL Ratings Limited, are dulling the brilliance of the diamond sector. In comparison to highs reached a decade ago, CRISIL Ratings projects that the Indian diamond industry's revenue will decline by large margin this fiscal year due to both a decline in demand and an increase in global crude oil costs. One of the main demand drivers is the Covid-19 epidemic and shutdown in China, a significant buyer of polished diamonds from India according to reports. Following the invasion of Ukraine, US sanctions against the Russian diamond mining Alrosa has also significantly decreased the supply of raw diamonds. Large customers in the US and EU have asked for origin certificates from India according to reports. Our country needs to give this some serious thought and has to make sure that polished diamonds remain in demand. Fortunately, according to reports consumers preferences for lab-grown diamonds, which are less expensive, have changed. Consumer interest in lab-grown diamonds, which are much like natural and less expensive diamonds, is developing as a result of rising prices and the shortage of natural diamonds. According to estimates, the market share for synthetic diamonds has increased significantly since last two years in our country. Our lab growing diamond industries must take advantage of this potential.

Yours faithfully,

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convincing flavour to the platter of India's religious

concomitance. Seeing India as a world teacher amidst the modern tumult of a universal disorder was first conceived by Swami Vivekananda; who, throughout his deliberations in India and abroad had spoken about the potentiality that India held in terms of delivering a spiritual solace. The reasons he frequently highlighted were spiritual, scientific and the effect of the Vedic semantics which were propounded since a period unknown to the common minds. Undeniably, the government since 2014 in India was all afoot transforming the very idea of Vivekananda into its politically modified version of global leadership. Has the idea propagated by the folk got a meaningful depth? To look at it from the cultural perspective of India, we need to say yes. But the political incongruity that we devised since independence tells us a grisly tale of insensitivity with which we polluted the enormity of India's cultural essence, downsizing it into a mere political subject. What seems to be the most alarmingly deep-seated argument is that the Viswaguru India will be an India of ethnicities striving to conquer the world intellectually and economically with its spiritual principles eventually disseminated in various forms.

Contradicting the above view, the reality that India exudes at present does not give us a glimmer of hope. This is because the polity that has predominantly been carried away by divisive tendencies fail to muster up courage or lack tenacity to question the audacity of politics that redefined the all-encompassing values that India was once a lighthouse of. Sanatana Dharma - that is what the cultural essence of India is literally termed as, never sent feelers of hatred even when swords of invasion pierced its throat. This was the eloquence of its cultural beauty, acceptance of all

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views without undermining any. Seeing the globe as

a family, with prayers pouring in from the hermitages of wisdom for the welfare of the global community, Bharat (to be precise) from its days of antiquity has been fulfilling the role of a global teacher. Nobody, not even the beliefs emanated across the globe could successfully articulate an idea that India proposed - to absorb the world as a family irrespective of the prevalent differences. This was the reason why India hesitated to invade any land militarily. While it sent emissaries for cultural exchange across continents and maintained trade relations with most of the land available on the planet for long, never did the idea of invading a space occurred to it. But the humongous challenge that the Indian nation is presented with is the self contradicting principles that the arrogance of Semitic beliefs brought into its social precincts and the unrest that the concomitance is troubled with.

The right leaning government of India in principle has confused its people on what it means by saying the chiselling of a Vishwaguru out of India with the potential furore of discontent that it carries in its underbelly. India has so far been known for its cultural eminence and natural diversities that its landscape is blessed with. But to a modern world, beleaguered by the blemish of bloodshed of wars and their intercontinental implications, India's role to heal and bring about solace by assuming the role of a global teacher with values seems to be a delusion. Surrounded by inimical neighbours and susceptible to its internal conflicts, India's stature as an emerging global guru would be like a bird waiting with its clipped wings before its potential takeoff. Unable to come out of the differences that the interventions of invasions caused, India at present is inching towards a more complicated

social dynamics. Brushing it aside as hallucinatory will be catastrophic. In order to take a plunge in the direction of becoming the Viswaguru, India needs to rediscover its values of yore once again, remodelling and restructuring them for humanity.

India's pitch as a global player in a modern geo-political scenario needs to be seen as a push in the direction of a dream being fulfilled. Except its unfriendly neighbours it could successfully spread its wings everywhere and the acceptance and the global respect that it managed to garner tells us the gist of its real potential. Being an important stakeholder in an international system and a contributor for world peace; nothing, except the internal complications of India would pull it back from becoming a world leader. India's evolution as the Vishwaguru will remain an archaic idea as long as it is a nation with a large number of people staying under illiteracy, malnutrition, social backwardness and communal conflicts. This would remain a reality not so feeble and frail and get noticed internationally. India will still remain an important player globally with the largest population (projected to be) but the disorder that it seems to have failed to settle in its landscape would always be a hindrance. A political desire to transform India as a world leader is achievable only if it can afford to uplift its people from poverty, social inequality and many more maladies that it wriggles in. This new narrative by the Modi government should gain currency, not at an emotional sphere but practically articulating it to the ground, starting a course correction from home. India's ancient spiritual wisdom should act as a lubricant in this process but never should it be seen as a weapon to divide and rule.

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How Wildfire Smoke Raises Infectious Disease Risk

longside a global pandemic that has killed millions, residents of the American West have for two consecutive summers confronted unprecedented wildfire seasons. So far this year, roughly 43,500 wildfires have charred more than 5 million acres, and fires continue to grow in frequency and intensity. With them come a number of human health concerns, including the risk that bodies worn down by



exposure to smoke could more easily succumb to infectious diseases. Teasing out the effects of wildfire smoke on health is both urgent and difficult. "With wildfires, we're generally looking in the rear-view mirror, looking retroactively," says Sheryl Magzamen, a respiratory

epidemiologist at Colorado State University. While air pollution from cars can be studied in real time by placing sensors near roads, she adds, wildfires are sporadic and unpredictable. "Where they are and when they happen and where the smoke goes is really complex." But a burgeoning interest in respiratory diseases born out of the pandemic are bringing together wildfires and human health in new ways. While many effects are ascribed to smoke making lungs more susceptible to diseases such as influenza and COVID-19, early research indicates that in addition, smoke may itself also be a vector for spreading pathogens. "Even though it's upsetting to think about sometimes, it's an exciting time to be doing this kind of work," Magzamen tells The Scientist. "There's energy and motivation that maybe wasn't there before."

San Francisco's famous Golden Gate Bridge was barely visible through the smoke on September 9, 2020. © ISTOCK.COM, JASONDOIY
How dangerous are hazy skies? The health effects of air pollution are well-documented, and scientists are beginning to probe wildfire smoke as a particularly damaging subset. Dirty air—full of exhaust from cars and factories, dust, smoke, metals, and pollen—kills an average of 9

million people worldwide each year, and a global study published today (September 8) in The Lancet Planetary Health attributed 33,500 deaths each year directly to wildfire pollution. For decades, scientists have linked exposure to particulate matter in pollution to increased incidences of asthma, allergies, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, dementia, and certain cancers. "There's really no part of the body it doesn't touch," says Mary Prunicki, the director of air pollution and health research at Stanford University's Sean Parker Center for Asthma and Allergy Research.

Fine particles less than 2.5 micrometers in diameter (PM2.5) are considered to be the most dangerous component in air pollution, including smoke. That's because the particles are so small that they can pass across the lungs and enter the blood. "There's localized inflammation in the lung itself, but when the particle size is small enough, that inflammation and other problems can now happen throughout the body," Prunicki tells The Scientist. See "Q&A: Pollution Linked to 15 Percent Increase in COVID-19 Deaths"

Inside our lungs, PM2.5 interferes with oxygen exchange and negatively affects lung function, making it hard to breathe deeply and disrupting the ability of cilia in the lungs to clear mucus and the potential irritants it contains, including viruses. Once it passes into the blood, PM2.5 also causes inflammation in the heart and brain and primes our immune system to react aggressively to allergens and bacteria, leaving us more vulnerable to viral pathogens such as influenza. A small increase in the daily average summer PM2.5 was associated with an increase in the subsequent winter influenza rate of between 16 and 22 percent. A study in rural Montana found that periods of dense wildfire smoke were associated with unusually bad influenza seasons in the winters that followed. University of Montana computational ecologist Erin Landguth, who led the study, says she originally expected smoke exposure in the weeks before flu season started to have the strongest association with the number of cases. Instead, PM2.5 levels from months before—during the height of the fire sea-

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son—correlated most strongly with influenza cases: a small increase in the daily average summer PM2.5 was associated with an increase in the subsequent winter influenza rate of between 16 and 22 percent. "We were not expecting to see that long, long delay, but we threw a bunch of modeling at it and sure enough, it always popped out," she says. This and research on fires is leading scientists to a better understanding of the unique risks posed by wildfire smoke, and recent evidence has shown that it may actually be more dangerous than other types of air pollution such as car exhaust. A study published in Nature Communications found that in Southern California, PM2.5 attributed to wildfire smoke was associated with a 10 percent increase in hospitalizations for respiratory events—the highest rise attributed to any source the team studied—and that wildfire-specific PM2.5 appeared to be up to 10 times more harmful to human health than that from other sources.

One reason may be that PM2.5 stemming from wildfires has a different composition than particulate matter from other sources. Wildfires burn wood, which can cause respiratory issues—as in the case of eucalyptus—but they might also burn rubber, metal, plastic, glass, or other synthetic materials, creating smoke that is more toxic when inhaled. Indeed, research in mice has shown that the respiratory toxicity of wildfire PM2.5 is three to four times greater than equal doses of ambient air pollution. Evidence of the long-lasting damage caused by wildfire smoke in particular exists for people as well. For 50 days in 2017, smoke from across the West blanketed Seeley Lake, Montana, with a daily average air quality index of 221 micrograms per cubic meter (anything over 150 micrograms per cubic meter is considered unhealthy). Researchers at the University of Montana tracked 95 residents of the area over the next two years. Just after being exposed to smoke, roughly 10 percent of the participants had disrupted lung functioning similar to asthma, as measured by a spirometer. One year later, that number jumped to almost 46 percent, dropping only slightly to 34 percent the year after that.

Stem Cell Therapy Saves Woman

Bhubaneswar: A 30-year-old woman suffering from a very rare blood disorder has been successfully treated at the Institute of Medical Sciences and SUM Hospital recently. The woman, hailing from Jajpur, was admit-

pared to the west and the only cure is available through stem cell transplantation," she added.

The woman underwent stem cell transplantation on July 5 with stem cells donated by her 28-year-old brother though they had a major blood group discrepancy which was taken care of very delicately. Dr. Samal said while pointing out that stem cells in the donor's body get replaced within 4-6 weeks without any adverse effect to the donor.

A growth factor of 4-5 days is required for the stem cells to get mobilized from the bone marrow to peripheral blood. Following this, apheresis was done for 4-5 hours for harvesting only stem cells from the blood and it was just like a normal platelet donation process, she said.

The patient was then subjected to high dose chemotherapy after which the donor's stem cells were infused into her body like normal blood transfusion. It took 12-13 days for these donor cells to make the new blood cells in the patient's body.

The woman, whom the disease might not have given a few months to live, was discharged from the hospital on July 23 in good condition and full blood count recovery though she needs to be closely observed for the next few months for complete immunological recovery, Dr. Samal said.

"The patient can now hope to lead an uneventful life, at least from this ailment's aspect," she said. She also thanked the Medical Superintendent Prof. Pusparaj Samantashinhar, Additional Medical Superintendent Dr. Rajesh Lenka, the department of transfusion medicine, laboratory and radiology teams as also the nursing staff whose tireless efforts led to the success of the procedure.



ted into the hospital in the last week of May for anemia and bleeding requiring repeated blood and platelet transfusions spread over one month.

The patient's bone marrow, the site of blood cell formation, was biopsied for diagnosing the disease and investigations revealed that she was suffering from Severe Aplastic Anemia, a rare blood disorder, where the bone marrow was found completely empty and unable to form new blood cells, Dr. Priyanka Samal, Head of the department of Hematology in the hospital, said.

"Such patients have very low hemoglobin, low total white blood cell count and very low platelet count," she said adding they complain of severe weakness, bleeding from orifices or menorrhagia which does not stop unless platelets are transfused.

These patients also get infected frequently requiring hospitalization and administration of intra-venous antibiotics and often succumb to sepsis, Dr. Samal said.

She said the very severe form of Aplastic Anemia had a very poor prognosis and such patients survived only a few months. "The incidence of this disease is higher in Asia com-

North Korea blames US for Ukraine crisis

SEOUL: North Korea has accused the United States of being the "root cause of the Ukraine crisis" while defending Russia, in Pyongyang's first official response to Moscow's invasion of Ukraine. Russia ordered troops into

unfolding disaster. Washington has pursued "military supremacy in disregard of the legitimate demand of Russia for its security" according to the commentary, attributed to Ri Ji Song, a researcher at the North's Sociology for International

stability" but "but it denounces for no good reason self-defensive measures taken by other countries to ensure their own national security." "Gone are the days when the U.S. used to reign supreme," the post said.

Russia is one of the North's few international friends and has previously come to the regime's aid. Moscow has long held the line against increasing pressure on nuclear-armed North Korea, even asking for relief from international



neighbouring Ukraine this week, prompting global outcry and punishing sanctions from the West, some directed against Russian President Vladimir Putin himself. But North Korea, in a muted response issued in the form of a commentary posted on the Foreign Ministry's website, said the United States was to blame for the

Politics Study. "The root cause of the Ukrainian crisis also lies in the high-handedness and arbitrariness of the US," said the post uploaded on the North's foreign ministry website on Saturday. Ri slammed the US for holding a "double standard" -- saying it meddled in the internal affairs of other countries in the name of "peace and

The response is a "low-key" official reaction as it was published under an individual name, said Park Won-gon, a professor of North Korean Studies at Ewha Womans University. "The conclusion is that it's all because of the US. The main point is that you will suffer if you don't have power," he told AFP. Along with Beijing,

sanctions for humanitarian reasons. China, North Korea's most important ally, has also blamed the United States and its Western allies in recent weeks for "hyping up" the Ukraine crisis. South Korea, a close security ally of Washington, said last week it will join international economic sanctions against Russia over its invasion of Ukraine.

Droupadi Murmu: My being President is success for all poor

New Delhi: Draped in a traditional Santhali sari, having green and red borders on a white background, that boasted of a rich tribal culture, Droupadi Murmu took the oath as the 15th President of India on Monday in a packed Central Hall of Parliament. She was administered the oath of of-

name of God in Hindi to "preserve, protect and defend the Constitution and the law". The new President was accorded a 21-gun salute, after which she signed the oath register amidst thunderous applause and thumping of desks. "Reaching the post of President is not my personal achieve-

ment, it is the achievement of every poor (person) in India. It is the power of our democracy that a daughter born in a poor house, a daughter born in a remote tribal area, can reach the highest constitutional post of India. My election is proof of the fact that the poor in India can have dreams and fulfil them too," President Murmu said in her maiden speech after taking the oath. She added that tribals, the deprived and the marginalised were seeing their reflection in her. She started her speech with the traditional tribal greeting of "Johar", and followed it with "Namaskar". Leaders from across the world, including Russian President Vladimir Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping and Sri Lanka

predecessor left in a ceremonial procession to Rashtrapati Bhavan, where at the forecourt Ms Murmu inspected the tri-services guard of honour. Later in the evening, former President Kovind was given a formal farewell with the inspection of a guard of honour drawn from all the three services.



President Ranil Wickremesinghe, congratulated President Murmu on her assumption of office. Hailing from the Santhal community, Ms Murmu is the first tribal leader to reach the office of President. She is also the first President who was born in independent India. Her term of office will be of five years till July 24, 2027, though the rules allow for her re-election. President Murmu will have the power to promulgate ordinances, grant pardons and sign proclamations of emergency in states and the country on the advice of the Union council of ministers headed by the Prime Minister. She is also the Supreme Commander of the Indian armed forces.

After the short ceremony, Ms Murmu and Mr Kovind then stepped out of the Central Hall amid the roll of drums and the blowing of trumpets. Ms Murmu was then accorded the "national salute" by the President's Bodyguard at Gate No. 5 of Parliament House. The new President and her

Mr Kovind and his family then moved to his post-retirement residence at 12 Janpath, a bungalow that was once occupied by former Union minister Ram Vilas Paswan. "As part of convention, honoured to receive former President respected Ram Nath Kovind ji at his new residence, 12 Janpath, New Delhi, accompanied by Rastrapati, Hon'ble Droupadi Murmu ji," Law Minister Kiren Rijiju tweeted. He also shared pictures in which BJP president J.P. Nadda, along with Union ministers Hardeep Puri and Gen. V.K. Singh too were seen receiving Mr Kovind at 12 Janpath, where incidentally he will be the next door neighbour of Congress president Sonia Gandhi.

Delhi man with no history of foreign travel tests positive for monkeypox

New Delhi: A 34-year-old man from the national capital with no history of foreign travel has tested positive for monkeypox virus, official sources said on Sunday. This is the fourth case of the disease being reported in India. The man had attended a stag party recently in Manali in Himachal Pradesh, official sources.

A resident of West Delhi, the man was admitted to the Maulana Azad Medical College Hospital here around three days ago after he showed symptoms of monkeypox.

His samples were sent to the National Institute of Virology (NIV) Pune on Saturday which came out positive, the sources said.

"Contact tracing process has been initiated," the sources said. Three cases of monkeypox had earlier been reported from Kerala.

The WHO had on Saturday declared monkeypox as a global public health emergency of international concern.

Monkeypox virus is transmitted from infected animals to humans via indirect or direct contact. Human-to-human transmission can occur through direct contact with infectious skin or lesions, including face-to-face, skin-to-skin, and respiratory droplets.

Globally, over 16,000 cases of monkeypox have been reported from 75 countries and there have

been five deaths so far due to the outbreak. In the WHO South-East Asia Region, besides India, one case has been detected from Thailand. Rapidly spreading Monkeypox cases is matter of concern: WHO

Regional Director of WHO's South-East Asia Region on Sunday called on member countries to strengthen surveillance and public health measures for monkeypox, with the disease being declared a public health emergency of international concern by the global health body.

Monkeypox has been spreading rapidly and to many countries that have not seen it before, which is a matter of great concern, said Dr Poonam Khetrpal Singh, Regional Director, WHO South-East Asia Region.

"However, with cases concentrated among men who have sex with men, it is possible to curtail further spread of the disease with focused efforts among at-risk population," she said.

Globally, over 16,000 cases of monkeypox have been reported from 75 countries. In the WHO South-East Asia Region, four cases of monkeypox have been reported, three from India and one from Thailand. The cases in India are among nationals who returned home from the Middle East, while in Thailand a Nigerian living in the country has been confirmed positive for monkeypox.

109 FCRA Regd. cancelled Center Mulling Co-operation Policy

New Delhi: In have been cancelled



Odisha at least 109 during last 3 years. FCRA Registrations Similarly, 55 cases

of renewal of FCRA Registration have been denied during these years.

This was stated by the Minister of State for Home Affairs, Nityanand Rai in a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha today.

He said that during preceding 3 years (2019, 2020, 2021) registration certificates of 1811 number of Associations have been cancelled under the provisions of the Foreign contribution Regulation Act, 2010 (FCRA 2010).

Reasonable oppor-

tunity of being heard is given in terms of Section 14(2) of FCRA 2010, by issuing Show Cause Notice before a decision about cancellation of registration is taken.

Applications for renewal of certificates of registration issued under the FCRA, 2010 are processed as per provisions of FCRA, 2010 and rules made there under.

783 number of applications for renewal have been denied during preceding 3 years (2019, 2020, 2021).

New Delhi: Union Minister Co-operation, Amit Shah has said that the Union Government is formulating a new national level policy for cooperatives.

While several steps are taken by the Government to strengthen India's co-operative architecture, the proposed new Policy will be formulated after receiving comments on Draft Policy from all the stake holders. Detailing out the steps in a written reply in Lok Sabha, Mr. Shah said that the Government has provided relief to cooperative sugar mills by clarifying that they shall not be subjected to additional income tax for paying higher sugarcane prices to farmers up to the Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) or State Advised Price (SAP).

He said as per the Budget announcement 2022, the Government reduced the surcharge for cooperative societies from 12% to 7% for those having a total income of more than Rs. 1 crore and up to Rs. 10 crore. Further, to provide a level playing field between cooperative societies and companies, Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT) rate for cooperative societies was reduced from 18.5% to 15%.

He said that Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE), non-scheduled Urban Co-operative Banks, State Co-operative Banks and District Central Co-operative Banks as Member Lending Institutions of the scheme with specified eligibility criteria. This will help in provid-

ing adequate, affordable and timely credit to the co-operative institutions to give a boost to the co-operative based economic development model.

He said that the Union Cabinet on 1 June 2022, the mandate of Government e-Marketplace – Special Purpose Vehicle (GeM – SPV) has been expanded to allow cooperative societies to register as buyers on the GeM platform.

A Centrally sponsored project for digitalization of 63,000 functional Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS), with a budgetary outlay of Rs 2,516 crore, has been sanctioned to revitalize the cooperative sector. The implementation of this project has already begun.

In order to diversify the business activities of PACS and make them vibrant multipurpose economic entities, draft model Bye-Laws are being prepared in consultation with State Governments, National Cooperative Federations and other stakeholders.

A new scheme titled "Cooperation to Prosperity" is being formulated in consultation with all the stakeholders for all-round development of cooperatives at all levels.

In order to facilitate the Government to make appropriate policy interventions, a National Co-operative Database is being created in consultation with State/UT Governments, National Co-operative Federations and other stakeholders.

In order to modernize and professionalize the education and training in the cooperative sector, steps are being taken to reorient the training and educational Cooperative Institutions in consultation with all the stakeholders.

State Effects OAS Reshuffle



Bhubaneswar: The State Government on Tuesday effected a reshuffle among senior Odisha Administrative Service (OAS) cadre officers by transferring 11 senior officials.

According to a notification issued by the General Administration and Public Grievances Department, Rina Mohapatra, Additional Secretary to Government, Tourism Department is transferred and

posted as Additional Secretary to Government, Women & Child Development Department. Indramani Nayak, PD, DRDA, Bhadrak is appointed as Additional Commissioner, Transport, while Ananta Narayan Singh Laguri, Additional District Magistrate (ADM), Bolangir is transferred as Additional Secretary in the Tourism Department. Similarly, Pratap

Pritimaya, Sub-Collector, Champua, Keonjhar is posted as new PD, DRDA, Bhadrak; Lambodar Dharua, Sub-Collector Bolangir as ADM Bolangir; and Kumar Nagabhusan as the Sub Collector, Bolangir.

Senior OAS officer Shaktikanta Ray, APD (Admin.), DRDA, Khordha is transferred as General Manager, OTDC, Bhubaneswar whereas Trilochan Mohanty, Joint Sec-

retary, PR & DW Department is placed as Joint Secretary in the Odia Language Literature & Culture Department.

The Government has appointed Sukanta Majhi, APD (Admin.), DRDA, Jharsuguda as Sub Collector, Champua, Keonjhar while Tarani Suna, is the new Sub Collector, Athamallik in Angul district. Anandpur Kumar Naik is transferred and posted as PA, ITDA, Keonjhar.

Utkal varsity, ODRAF create awareness on drowning

BHUBANESWAR: about State-specific shop on drowning,



Utkal University and Odisha Disaster Rapid Action Force (ODRAF) on Monday created awareness among the students and villagers of Cuttack's Banki

sific disasters. On the occasion of World Drowning Prevention Day, Utkal University under the guidance of ODRAF organised a work-

shop on drowning, awareness on drowning by conducting awareness workshops in several areas of rural Odisha. The government had earlier declared eight natural calamities including drowning as State specific disasters. "As part of the University's community linkage and rural outreach programme, we plan to impart water safety and safe rescue skills among the students and people of Odisha," said VC Prof Sabita Acharya.

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Neeraj Chopra wins silver in World Athletics Championships, scripts history again

Eugene: The gold eluded him but with a landmark silver here, Olympic champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra still created history one more time, becoming only the second Indian and first male track and field athlete to win a medal in the World Championships.

The 24-year-old Chopra, who had come into the showpiece as a hot medal favourite, produced a best throw of 88.13m, which came in the fourth round, to finish second behind defending champion Anderson Peters of Grenada (90.54m).

Legendary long jumper Anju Bobby George was the first Indian to win a medal -- bronze -- in the World Championships in the 2003 edition in Paris.

It was a nervy and unusual start for Chopra, as he opened with a foul throw and had 82.39m and 86.37m to be at fourth after three

rounds.

But, to the big relief of the Indian contingent, and the legions of his fans back home, he got his rhythm back as he came up with a big fourth round throw of 88.13m, his fourth career-best effort, to jump to second place, which he held on to till the end.

His fifth and sixth throws were fouls. Chopra had won gold in Tokyo Olympics last year with a second round throw of 87.58m and had just needed a first round effort of 88.39m to qualify for the finals at second place here. His silver saw India featuring in the medal table of the worlds for the first time in nearly two decades. India were placed at joint 28th in the standings.

The usual big smile was back as Chopra, the son of a farmer from Khandra village near Panipat in Haryana, did the 'calm-down' gesture and showed the vic-

tory sign with his right hand.

Chopra was, however, no match for Grenada's gold winner Anderson Peters, who produced a mas-



sive 90.54m throw to defend the title he had won in the last edition in 2019 in Doha.

Peters, also 24, became only the second man in javelin history to defend World Championships title after the legendary Jan Zelezny of Czech Republic who had won gold in 1993 and 1995 editions.

Peters was a class of his own in the final as he had three massive 90m-plus throws. He opened with 90.21m

and then sent his spear to 90.46m in his second attempt. After a series of 87.21m, 88.11m and 85.83m in his next three throws, his jav-

elin soared and landed at a distance of 90.54m in his last attempt to seal the win in style.

Olympic silver winner Jakub Vadlejch of Czech Republic took the bronze with 88.09m.

Chopra received his silver from the hands of Athletics Federation of India (AFI) President Adille Sumariwalla during the victory ceremony amid loud cheers from several Indians at the stands, includ-

ing the other athletes. Chopra had topped the Group A qualification round and made the final at second place behind Peters by sending his

spear to 88.39m for his third career-best throw. Peters had topped Group B with an effort of 89.91m. The other Indian in the fray, Rohit Yadav finished at 10th with a best throw of 78.72m. Rohit had finished 11th overall in the qualification round with a best

throw of 80.42m.

The 21-year-old Rohit had recorded a season's and personal best of 82.54m while winning a silver at the National Inter-State Championships last month.

Chopra had won Indian athletics' maiden gold in the Tokyo Olympics last year. He is only the second Indian to have won an individual gold in the Olympics, after shooter Abhinav Bindra, who clinched the yellow metal in 2008 Beijing Games.

Chopra burst onto the international scene with a gold in the 2016 World Junior Championships. He is currently the reigning Commonwealth Games and Asian Games gold medallist. He has also won a gold in 2017 Asian Championships.

With one silver and five finals, this is India's best-ever performance in the Athletics World Championships.

India's Eldhose Paul finished ninth in the men's triple jump final while the 4x400m relay team ended 12th overall.

The 25-year-old Paul produced a best jump of 16.79m in the three attempts he had, and failed to make it to the top eight. His series read 16.37, 16.79 and 13.86m. Only the top eight finishers after three rounds get three more jumps.

Paul had become the first Indian to qualify for the triple jump final after finishing 12th overall in the qualification round with an effort of 16.68m.

Paul, who reached here just a few days ago due to visa is-

sues, has a season's and personal best of 16.99m which he had recorded while winning gold in the Federation Cup in April. Olympic champion Pedro Pichardo of Portugal won the gold medal with a best jump of 17.95m while last edition bronze medallist Hugues Fabrice Zango of Burkina Faso and Tokyo Games silver winner Zhu Yaming of China finished second and third with best efforts of 17.55m and 17.31m respectively. In the men's 4x400m relay, India finished sixth and last in heat number one and 12th overall.

The quartet of Muhammed Anas Yahiya, Muhammed Ajmal Variyathodi, Naganathan Pandi and Rajesh Ramesh clocked 3:07.29.

The top three in each and the next two fastest across the two heats qualify for the finals.

We are proud of you: PM Modi congratulates Neeraj Chopra

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday lavished praise on Neeraj Chopra after he clinched the silver medal in the men's javelin throw final at the prestigious World

@WCHoregon22 with his best throw of 88.13m, becoming the 1st Indian male and 2nd Indian to win a medal at the #WorldChampionships! Neeraj has now won medal at every Global event!"

"Historic Silver Medal for #India Olympic Champion Neeraj Chopra wins historic Silver Medal at World Athletics Championship after Olympics. Congratulations @Neeraj_chopra1. Your hard work has paid off & you've given India yet another reason to celebrate after Tokyo Olympics," tweeted Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) National President JP Nadda.

The Olympic medallist started the proceedings with a foul throw, which was followed by 82.39m and 86.37m. It was finally in the fourth attempt when he recorded the distance of 88.13m, which put him in contention for the silver medal.

The last two attempts by Neeraj went foul throws, and thus, he ended up in the second position. The first position was held by defending champion Anderson Peters of Grenada, who recorded a distance of 90.54m. Neeraj also became India's first ever track and field athlete to take the silver medal in the World Championships, and second to bag a podium finish after the legendary long jumper Anju Bobby George had finished third in the Paris Worlds in 2003. On the other hand, World Championships debutant Rohit Yadav finished at the 10th position after making attempts of 78.72m, 78.05m and 77.95m.



Athletics Championships in Eugene. Neeraj recorded a distance of 88.13m in his fourth attempt in the men's javelin throw final and secured the second position.

Taking to Twitter, PM Modi wrote, "A great accomplishment by one of our most distinguished athletes! Congratulations to @Neeraj_chopra1 on winning a historic Silver medal at the #WorldChampionships. This is a special moment for Indian sports. Best wishes to Neeraj for his upcoming endeavours."

"In today's #WorldAthleticsChampionships Neeraj Chopra Ji created history by winning silver medal in Javelin throw event. Hearty congratulations and best wishes to you for this unforgettable achievement that is bringing glory to India. We are proud of you. Jai Hind! @Neeraj_chopra1," tweeted Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

Meanwhile, Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur wrote, "Neeraj Chopra continues his winning streak! Wins in Men's javelin throw



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