

### From 9 to 90, Congress target for 2024: OPCC chief

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): From nine to 90, this

Newly appointed OPCC president Sarat

Patnaik had registered a landslide victory by

office-bearers will soon be in place. He said that names of working president, general secretaries and secretaries will be announced soon. He announced that youths will be given priority in the next election.

Following the AAP model through which the party succeeded electorally in Delhi and Punjab, Pattnayak announced that first 200 units of electricity will be provided free to all domestic consumers if the party comes back to power. Besides, all the vacant posts in schools, colleges and universities will be filled up, he said and added that concrete steps will be taken to solve the unemployment problem in the State.

will be the target of the Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) for the 2024 Assembly elections. Encouraged by the response in the bypoll to the Brajrajnagar Assembly seat where the party secured the second position by pushing the BJP to the third position, the Congress has decided to take over the real Opposition space in the State.

Pattanayak said that Congress can bounce back if party leaders fight unitedly and give up factionalism. "We can repeat what the party had done in 1995 by returning to power again," he told mediapersons here. In one of the worst ever electoral debacle, Congress had won only 10 seats in the 1990 elections when Janata Dal led by Biju

winning 123 assembly seats. However, Congress had made a comeback by winning 88 seats in the 1995 election.

Pattanayak said that Congress can again repeat this feat in the 2024 election. Stating that he had already started discussion with senior leaders about the roadmap of the party, Pattnayak said that new set of

### Presidential election: BJP authorises JP Nadda, Rajnath Singh for talks with other parties

NEW DELHI(KCN): The BJP on Sunday authorised party chief JP Nadda and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to consult other po-

litical parties for next month's Presidential election. In a statement, BJP national general secretary Arun Singh said, "In view of Presidential elec-



tion, the BJP has authorised BJP chief JP Nadda and Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh for consulting. They will hold consultations with NDA partners, UPA constituents and even Independent Members of Parliament," Singh said. Singh further stated that Nadda and Rajnath Singh will soon start process of consultation. Sources said that consultation will focus on a proposed BJP-led NDA nominee for the post of President of India. Presidential polls, if required, will be held on July 18 and counting of votes will take place on July 21. In an electoral college of around 10.86 lakh votes for the polls, the BJP and its alliance partners are a little short of the halfway mark.

### Ranchi violence: Slew of FIRs filed; deceased were not part of protest march, claim families

RANCHI(KCN): Tension prevailed in Jharkhand capital Ranchi on Sunday, as police

Internet services, however, were restored in the district after nearly 33 hours, Ranchi Deputy Commissioner Chhavi Ranjan said.



Around 3,500 security personnel are on guard at sensitive areas in Ranchi, where two people were killed and more than two dozen people critically injured, as protests and clashes rocked the city after the Friday prayers. The protesters have been demanding the

strengthened security in sensitive areas and registered 25 FIRs against "thousands" of people in the aftermath of violent protests over controversial comments on Prophet Mohammad.

arrest of suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma and expelled leader Naveen Jindal for their controversial remarks on Prophet Mohammad. CONTINUED ON: P-7

### 'Delivery of S-400 missile systems to India proceeding well': Russian ambassador

NEW DELHI(KCN): Russia's delivery of S-400 Triumf air defence missile systems to India is "proceeding well" in accordance with the schedule, Russian ambassador Denis Alipov has said. The comments of the envoy came amid concerns in New Delhi over possible delays in the supply of major military hardware to India by Russia in view of its military invasion of Ukraine.

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The ambassador made the comments in a magazine on the occasion of the 75th year of



ording to the schedule," Alipov said.

foreword he wrote in the Russia Digest

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### No mask, no entry to Barabati Stadium in Odisha

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): With a renewed Covid surge in the country raising concerns once again, the safety-protocols have been tightened including mandatory mask use for spectators visiting Barabati Stadium in Cuttack for the second T20 international between India and South Africa on Sunday. Around 45,000 spectators are set to converge in the stadium for the first international cricket match to be hosted in Odisha after two and half years. The Odisha Cricket Association (OCA) has imposed 'no mask- no entry' for the spectators while issuing guidelines for Covid appropriate behaviour. A senior police officer said the decision to make masks mandatory was taken in view of the recent spike in Covid cases in the country. Though Odisha has not yet registered a significant uptick



in cases, the large gathering has its risks. While social distancing will not be possible at the stands, making masks compulsory is a way to minimise the risks.

"Checking will be conducted at the entry gates to ensure that the spectators are wearing masks as per the advisory issued by the OCA. The spectators are requested to follow all the Covid-19 guidelines," said Bhubaneswar-Cuttack Police Commissioner, SK Priyadarsi. He also asked the spectators to maintain discipline during the match as Odisha has managed to build its image as the sports hub of the country.

Unruly spectators had hurled water bottles into the ground when the two teams had last clashed in Barabati Stadium on October 5, 2015. Odisha government was left embarrassed after the incident and had asked the then Chief Secretary Asit Kumar Tripathy to conduct an enquiry. Tripathy in his report had recommended several steps to avoid recurrence of such incidents in the future.

Priyadarsi said barring mobile phones, the spectators will not be allowed to carry any article with them inside the stadium. He warned that cigarette packets, lighters and match boxes, gutkha, paan and other tobacco products etc., will be confiscated at the entry gates. The police have also asked the spectators to leave helmets on their two-wheelers at the designated parking places. As many as 62 platoons force have been deployed to provide security for the match.

### 'Return to public life soon': Mamata prays for Sonia Gandhi's recovery

KOLKATA(KCN): Expressing concern over Congress president Sonia Gandhi's hospitalisation, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Sunday prayed for her

for her early recovery and return to public life soon. May God bless you, Soniji. Regards (sic)," Banerjee tweeted. Gandhi was admitted to the Sir Ganga Ram

was admitted to Ganga Ram Hospital today owing to Covid related issues. She is stable and will be kept at the hospital for observation," Surjewala wrote on Twitter.

tors. Gandhi (75) tested positive for COVID-19 on June 2 and was recuperating. She was to appear before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on



early recovery. Gandhi was admitted to the Ganga Ram Hospital in New Delhi for treatment of COVID-related issues. "Just learnt that senior Congress leader Mrs Sonia Gandhi has been hospitalized due to covid. All of us pray

Hospital here on Sunday owing to post-Covid issues. Congress general secretary and chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala said Gandhi is stable and will be in the hospital for a few days. "Congress President, Smt. Sonia Gandhi



"We thank all the Congressmen and women as also all well-wishers for their concern and good wishes," he added. Earlier, sources at the hospital said Gandhi visited the facility for a routine medical check-up and was being examined by doc-

June 8 and had sought more time from the probe agency, which has now issued a fresh summons for her to appear on June 23. The ED has registered an FIR in a money-laundering case pertaining to the National Herald-AJL case.

### Monsoon likely to hit Odisha in next five days

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): The south-west monsoon is expected to arrive in Odisha in the next four to five days, as conditions remain favourable for its further advancement into many parts of the country. Conditions are favourable for further movement of monsoon in most parts of Bay of Bengal, entire sub Himalayan West Bengal and Sikkim, some parts of Odisha, Gangetic West Bengal, Jharkhand and Bihar in the next four to five days, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Saturday. According to the national weather forecaster, the monsoon would advance into some more parts of north Arabian Sea, Gujarat, some parts of Marathwada, parts of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh during the period. "Conditions are favourable for advancement of the monsoon towards Odisha as



the westerly winds have weakened and there is moisture availability in the State. The pre-monsoon shower activity commenced from Saturday," said Bhubaneswar Meteorological Centre scientist, Umasankar Das.

Many parts in the State witnessed a fall in daytime temperature on Saturday. Nine places recorded 40 degree Celsius or more on the day and Sundargarh was the hottest at 42.5 degree. Overcast conditions prevailed in the Twin City of Bhubaneswar and Cuttack on Saturday. However, cricket lovers should not be concerned about rains on Sunday when India will clash with South Africa in the second T20I at Barabati Stadium as the regional Met office said the possibility of showers is low.

Meanwhile, the Met office has issued thunderstorm and lightning warning for a few places in the State in the next four days. Thunderstorm activity is likely to occur in Koraput, Malkangiri, Nabarangpur, Rayagada, Nuapada, Kalahandi, Kandhamal, Balangir, Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj districts on Sunday. The State has received 76 per cent deficit rainfall between June 2 and 8.

## SOA VC Bags CV Raman Award

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Prof. (Dr.) Ashok Kumar Mahapatra, eminent neurosurgeon and Vice-Chancellor of Siksha 'O' Anusandhan (SOA) Deemed to be University has been conferred with the C.V. Raman Award for Scientific Excellence for 2021 at a special function held here on

Friday.

## Record Seizure /Arrest by Excise Department in the Month of May-22

Khordha (KCN): The review meeting for the month of May-2022 held under the Chairmanship of Sri. Ashish kumar Singh, Excise Com-



missioner, Odisha through virtual mode where in Dy, Commissioner of Excise (CD, Cuttack



)Head Quatre and Superintendent of Excise, Enforcement Cell were attended from the conference hall of the Excise Directorate and all the Dy, Commissioner of Excise and Superintendents of Excise of the Districts and units head of EI & EB units were connected online. The objective of holding this meeting is to formulate plan of action & strategy for enforcement work for the coming days. Cases detected in May-2022-4450,May-2021-2270,% of growth in May-2022 over May-2021,96.04.Persons arrested in May-2022,3639,May-2021,1839,% of growth in May-2022, 97.88.ID Liquor (in Ltrs )126779.3,May-2021, 50726.22,% of growth in May-2022 over May-2021, 149.93. Wash in ltrs,May-2022 -1301265,May-2021, 527376,% growth in May-2022 over May-2021 146.74.O. S. Liquor in Litrs, May-2022, 2552.2,May-2021, 1229.4,% of growth in May-2022 over May-2021, 107.60.Country Liquor in litrs, May-2022, 779.8,2021,619.8,% of growth in May-2022 over May-2021, 25.81.IMFL in LPL, May-2022, 935.255,May-2021, 312.059,% of growth in May-2022 over May-2021, 300.Beer in BL, May-2022, 5309.8,May-2021, 3963.14,% of growth in May-2022 over May-2021, 33.98.Duplicate IMFL in litrs, May-2022, 355,May-2021, 289,% of growth in May-2022 over May-2021, 22.83.Bhang in kg. May-2022, 3717.2,May-2021, 146.2,% of growth in May-2022 over May-2021, 2442.54.Mohua Flower in Qtl, May-2022, 595.98,May-2021, 283.84,% of growth in May-2022 over May-2021, 109.97.Vehicle in Nos. May-2022, 178,May-2021, 80,% of growth in May-2022 over May-2021, 122.50.NDPS, case detected in May-2022,70,May-2021, 21,% of growth in May-2022 over May-2021, 233.33.Persons arrested in May-2022, 84,May-2021, 25,% growth in May-2022 over May-2021, 236.00.Ganja in kg. May-2022, 3277,May-2021, 1653,% of growth in May-2022 over May-2021,

The C.V. Raman Award Selection Board organised the award ceremony at the National Institute of Science Education and Research (NISER) which was presided over by the Prof. (Dr.) Sudhakar Panda, Director of NISER, Bhubaneswar. Prof. (Dr.) Omkarnath Mohanty, former Vice-Chancellor of Biju Patnaik University of Technology (BPUT) attended the program as chief guest while litterateur Mr. Bijay Dash was present as chief speaker. Prof. (Dr.) Jaya Krushna Panigrahi, Chairman of C.V. Raman Award Selection Board, Odisha conducted the program.

98.26.Brown Sugar in gm, May-2022, 1050,May-2021, 230,% of growth in May-2022 over May-2021, 356.52.Total Approximate value of seized property May-2022, 14.50 Crores, May-2021, 9.25 Crores, % of growth in May-2022 over May-2021, 56.75 %. During first 09 days of June-01.06.2022 to 09.06.2022 field officers of Excise Department have detected -1165 Nos. of cases, arrested 995 persons and seized 30949 litres ID Liquor, 323665 kgs of ID wash, 130.14 litres of duplicate IMFL, 805.1 kgs. of Ganja, 255 grams Brown Sugar, 589.39 litre BEER, 279.315 litre IMFL & 47 nos of vehicle including bikes, four Wheelers & heavy vehicles are seized. Total approximate value of seized property is Rs. 2.9 Crores. On -05.05.2022 Sambalpur Excise team and EI & EB unit Sambalpur busted IMFL units in Sambalpur

and seized 38 Litrs of duplicate liquor IMFL, 86,233 nos of duplicate EAL, 74,989 pieces of corks, 2 motorcycle and arrested 7 accused persons. On dt. 10.05.2022 Koraput Excise District detected one NDPS Ganja case at Dumuriguda under Koraput District & seized 9 quintal ganja, one truck & outside accused person belongs to UP. On 12.05.2022 the EI & EB unit Berhampur seized 1550 kgs of Bhang with one Ashok Leyland Goods Carrier four Wheeler bearing registration no-OD02 AQ 1244 at Berhampur. On 22.05.2022,Excise EI & EB unit Berhampur & Kabisurya Nagar Excise station staffs detected one NDPS Bhang case Ganjam District. On 28.05.2022 one NDPS case was detected in Cuttack District with the seizure of 130 kgs of Ganja along with one four Wheeler by EI & EB Unit -II, Cuttack. On dated 31.05.2022 one NDPS case has been detected by I. E. Sadar Angul seized one truck along with 122.5 kg of Ganja & two accused persons. The Excise Commissioner appreciated the performance & achievement of Excise Officers for the month of May-2022. He instructed all Superintendent of Excise & EI, EB Units to strengthen & enhance the enforcement measures in coming month and to conduct frequent raids against the illegal manufacturing, distributing and sale of ID liquor, duplicate IMFL, non duty paid IMFL, NDPS items.



## IIM Kenojhar Gets New Chairman

Keonjhar: Ace Corporate Honcho, Manikanta Naik has been elected unanimously as Chairman of the Keonjhar Chapter of Indian Institute of Metals (IIM). Mr.Naik is the Senior General Manager (O&M), Tata Steel Long Products. IIM Keonjhar Chapter held its first Annual General Meeting to elect office bearers and conduct a technical session. The meeting was attended by the representatives from most of the metal and mineral industries and professional institutes in Keonjhar, who have joined the chapter. While Mr.Naik was elected Chairman, Dr. Suresh Chandra

## Capacity Building programme for teachers at DAV Public School, Kalinga Nagar

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Bipin Kumar Sahoo The Five day Capac-



ity Building Programme for teachers teaching in LKG organised under the aegis of Regional Directorate,



DAV Institutions, Odisha Zone at DAV Public School, Kalinga Nagar, Bhubaneswar has been concluded. More Than 49 teachers of LKG from 29 DAV schools participated in this programme. Principal of the school Mr

Khattoi, Managing Director, Minmet Consultants, was elected Vice Chairman. Others who were elected to the Executive Committee are: Secretary – Mr. Pratyush Nanda, Dy. Divl. Head (Electrical), TSLPL; Jt. Secretary – Mr. Brij Badhadra, Executive Vice President, JSPL; Treasurer – Mr. Pratyush Pattanayak, Director, Minmet Consultants; Executive Members: Mr. Suraj Prasad, GM, Arya Steel, Mr. Ramachandra Sahu, ex-HOD, Mett. Engg., UGIE, Rourkela; and Mr. P K Deo, GM, Rungta Steel, Barbil.

Subhendu Mohanty, Psychiatrist, IMS & SUM Hospital and Dr. Debadatta Mohapatra, Asst. Prof. AIIMS Bhubaneswar discussed on how can a conducive learning environment be cre-



ated inside the classrooms for the mentally retarded children. Similarly Pediatrician Dr Rajib



Ray, SPARSH Hospital and Dr Krushnendu Sundar Sahoo highlighted the important role

## Grade 10 students from Keonjhar&Koraput selected for LEAD's 'Super 100' scholarship programme

'Super 100' by LEAD will help the brightest students from India's small towns achieve their full academic potential and excel in board exams Keonjhar/Koraput, June 3, 2022:Three students from Keonjhar&Koraput are among the top hundred students selected nationwide for School Edtech LEAD's 'Super 100' – a specially curated coaching, tutoring and mentoring programme for the top hundred Class 10 students (academic year 2022-23) of LEAD-powered CBSE schools across India. Keonjhar students BidyaPriyadarshani Santi and Megha Sahoo from Shree Gurukul English Medium School&Annaswata Jena from Saints Schoolhave received a full scholarship for the year-long programme by LEAD, India's largest School EdTechcompany. Over 9,000 students appeared for the entrance test for LEAD's Super 100 programme, which provides personalised academic guidance, tutoring and practice for talented students in Tier 2+ towns. LEAD's Super 100 programme has been designed to remove the inequity in opportunity that meritorious students in India's smaller towns have to contend with, in their quest for academic excellence. LEAD has brought together some of India's best teachers in Maths, Science, English, Social Studies and Hindi to coach, tutor and mentor its Super 100 students. The programme will help the best students in Tier 2+ India stand shoulder to shoulder with their peers across metros, and will include time management strategies and peer-to-peer learning opportunities. Sumeet Mehta, LEAD Co-founder and CEO, said, "I would like to extend my heartiest congratulations to

Keonjhar&Koraput's Super 100 scholarship holders for their achievement and hard work in attaining their academic goals. While talent is present in every child, the brightest students from India's smaller towns are often held back by the lack of access to resources and support. With Super 100, LEAD is ensuring that these students also have access to opportunity, so that they can earn their rightful place as national board toppers." Megha Sahoo of Shree Gurukul English Medium School said, "It is my dream to become a topper in the Class 10 board exams. With LEAD's Super 100 programme, I am now one step closer to fulfilling this dream. I would like to thank LEAD and my school for providing me this opportunity, and I look forward to learning from some of India's best tutors. I feel proud to be a LEAD Super 100 finalist and I will ensure that I make the best use of this programme!" About LEAD LEAD is India's largest School EdTechcompany and is promoted by Leadership Boulevard Private Limited. LEAD was founded in 2012 by Sumeet Mehta and Smita Deorah, with the mission to transform school education in India. It combines deeply researched curriculum and pedagogy with technology to deliver an integrated system of teaching and learning that improves student learning outcomes and teacher performance in 4000+ schools across India. LEAD's integrated system is available to schools in 400+ towns and cities across India, reaching 1.6 million+ students and empowering over 25,000 teachers. LEAD Powered Schools provide children with international standard education and national-level exposure for all-round growth, with a focus on helping them succeed in life.

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## Director Abhishek Dudhaiya will now make a biopic film on air hostess Amrita Ahluwalia

Bombay (KCN, who hails from Sanjay Sharma Haryana, saved an

Saudi husband. The settled in Hyderabad police Hyderabad in con-

India' starring Ajay Amrita Ahluwalia Devgan, Sanjay to make a film on



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Raj)In 1991, Air 11-year-old girl India's air hostess from the clutches of Amrita Ahluwalia, her 60-year-old

## Maara Movie Review: A grounded remake of Charlie with quite a bit of heart

If you didn't know that Maara is the remake of the Malayalam film, Charlie, the opening shot of fireflies fluttering about is a strong hint of the magic contained within the universe of this film. Shortly, you see little Paaru in rapt attention, as a nun narrates to her the story of a soldier who's travelling across seas and jungles in a quest to find his soul. This is pretty much the story of this film as well, as Paaru (Shraddha Srinath) grows up to find herself in a similar quest for her soul, well, soulmate, in

Maara (Madhavan). There's another quest for a soulmate in this film, one undertaken by Vellaiyan (a wonderful Mouli), one that is later taken over by Maara. The film is a reinforcement of the power of stories, of the stories each of our lives are. This is why there are multiple characters with their own short stories, including those of Selvi (Abhirami), the sex worker, and Kani (Sshivada), the guilt-ridden doctor. The implication is that no one story is necessarily more important than another. I got the sense that Maara doesn't think of himself as a hero or a saviour, even if those around him seem to believe that. He's merely a tool, a person who breezes through life hoping to repay the extraordinary help that Vellaiyan has done to him. I loved this touch because shorn of it, Maara, the character, could have felt idealistic and unrelatable—which would have gone against the point of the film itself. This way, there's a reason for why Maara is the way he is, why he can't afford to stay at one place for too long. I quite enjoyed that Madhavan plays this character without a sanctimonious flavour—and more importantly, in a way that shows that Maara isn't above vulnerability. There's no moral superiority in that ascetic laughter of his—which probably can be thought of as even the desperate attempt of an unhappy man to be happy, chained as he is to his lifelong quest.

Director: Dhilip Kumar  
Cast: Madhavan, Shraddha Srinath, Mouli

The film is almost a homage to art—and the dreaminess inherent in it. This can be spotted throughout the film: In the pretty wall murals, in the art plastered across and drawn all over the walls of Maara's home, in the designer kites, in the sketchbook and its pencil illustrations, in the sculptures... hell, even in the blotches of Maara's acid-wash hoodies. There's a call through this film, through its characters, to refuse to fall into the trap of mundanity and indifference, into

case and is working for the upliftment of women and children through her NGO. Abhishek Dudhaiya, who produced and directed 'Bhuj:The Pride of

Dutt, Sonakshi her life. Director Abhishek Sinha, is now going to make air hostess Amrita Ahluwalia's biopic. Producer-director Abhishek Dudhaiya's production house has taken rights from her life. Director Abhishek says, "Currently, the work on the story, screenplay and dialogues of the film is going on after that the cast will be selected."

routine and repetition. Maara is pretty much the film equivalent of 'Follow the white rabbit'. That's perhaps why during a conversation between Maara and a thief (Alexander Babu), you can see a neon sign in the background that reads 'White Rabbit'. The usual response to such a call is to cite a lack of financial security, and while that is a reason to be empathetic about—especially given the enviably cushy work-free existence Paaru seems to be leading in this film—we could also note how Maara, who's hardly

his eyes when he's engaged in conversation with every single character—that each of us is magical, as are our stories. In this film with performances that range from great to over-the-top, I loved Mouli in particular, who plays Vellaiya, an old man consumed by his unrequited love. Watch him in that scene with Paaru as he brings to her an old photo of his beloved, Meenakshi, but hesitates after seeing her be so charmed by photos of Maara instead. Watch him in another scene with Paaru as she tells him



a wealthy man (as a thief realises), makes the choice to get by, winning and returning favours in his small community. Maara, the film, suggests that perhaps, just perhaps, his way of life could also come down to the courage to choose to step away from the norm. Realise the magic of life in you, it seems to be saying... notice the almost mystical beauty of existence. It's also likely that this is why the film's many shots are lit as they are, with many faces often aglow, as though in the presence of a halo.

This is why the coincidences in this film become palatable. The central idea at the heart of this film is of two lonely souls in search of each other. Take note of that inexplicable attraction little Paaru feels as she sees a speeding train from within her bus. Or take note of that instinctive smile from Maara as he steps into his room, a room that Paaru has lived in briefly. In such a film, coincidences are to be thought of as divine providence, or as one character, when speaking about Maara says, "destiny". Another likens him to a mythical character, Santa Claus, while commenting on Maara's habit of sudden appearances that usually result in joy to whoever he meets. Maara himself, as he does many times in this film, underplays this notion that he's a mystical being. It's his understanding—and you will see it from

about Meenakshi; watch his eyes grow wide in surprise, and almost well up under the weight of decades of mourning. Ghibran's background music and Thamarai's evocative lyrics add so much to such scenes as well. It's wonderful that films like Maara are able to offer elderly characters like Mouli's as much purpose and are able to see them for the individuals that they are, instead of simply as a crutch for a lead character. Of course, much of this credit must go to the original film, Charlie.

In a world that is in a tearing hurry, at a time when films and stories are designed to be rapid for fear of making audiences impatient, films like Maara come as a welcome relief. In this film, at least two important exchanges—between Vellaiya and Paaru, and later, between Maara and Kani—happen as wood slowly burns to ember, as tender faces are lit by the warm glow of a fireplace. It's for such moments that I'll remember this film, even if some inconsistent performances and some synthetic moments stop it from being truly great. Nevertheless, it's a film that has heart and that encourages empathy towards those around us, and if possible, to note that magicity doesn't need to be thought of an otherworldly trait, if only we cared to pay more attention to the beauty around us.

## Tax Benefits Available to Hospitals and Medical Institutions Part-3

(Contd from article published on 6th June 2022)

### 17. Whether hospital or medical institution is required to file return of income :



Section 139(4C) provides that every hospital or medical institution or any university or other educational institution or Fund w.e.f. asst. year 2003-04, referred to

in section 10(23C)(via), section 10(23C)(iiiie) and section 10(23C)(iiiic) is required to file return if the total income of such hospital or medical institution is assessable, and without giving effect to provision of section 10, exceeds the maximum amount which is not chargeable to tax. Such hospital or medical institution will furnish a return of income of the previous year in prescribed Form verified in the prescribed manner and setting forth such other particulars as may be prescribed and all provisions of Income-tax Act shall apply as if it were return required to be filed u/s 139(1).

### 18. Whether hospital or other medical institution is required to get its accounts audited and file the same with return of income:

W.e.f. asst. year 2020-21, the 10th proviso to section 10(23C) provides that where the total income, hospital or other medical institution or any university or other educational institution or Fund or Trust referred to in sub-clause (iv) / (v) / (vi) or (via) of sec. 10(23C), without giving effect to the provisions of the said sub-clauses, exceeds the maximum amount which is not chargeable to tax in any previous year, such trust or institution or any university or other educational institution or any hospital or other medical institution, shall get its accounts audited in respect of that year by an accountant as defined in the Explanation below section 288(2), before the specified date referred to in section 44AB and furnish by that date, the report of such audit in the prescribed form duly signed and verified by such accountant and setting forth such particulars as may be prescribed.

### 19. Whether anonymous donations received by charitable, educational and medical institutions are taxable:

Anonymous donations received by any fund or trust or

institution referred to in section 10(23)(iv) or 10(23C)(v) or section 11 or any anonymous donations received by any assessee on behalf of any university, other educational institution, hospital or other institution referred to in sec. 10(23C)(iiiad)/ 10(23C)(vi)/ 10(23C)(iiiie)/ 10(23C)(via) will be taxed @ 30% plus applicable surcharge and education cess.

### 20. Method of computation of tax liability of a charitable trust where anonymous donation is taxable at the rate of 30 per cent:

Under section 115BBC anonymous donation in excess of 5 per cent of the total donation or Rs. 1,00,000 (whichever is higher) is taxed at the rate of 30 per cent, and the Income other than Anonymous Donation is taxed at normal rates, with the result 5 per cent of the total donation or Rs. 1,00,000 is not taxed at all.

The above anomaly has been rectified with effect from asst. year 2015-16, and anonymous donation in excess of 5 per cent of total donation or Rs. 1,00,000 would be taxed at 30 per cent and the income other than the income taxed at 30 per cent under sec. 11 5BBC shall be taxed at normal rates.

### 21. When the benefits of exemption u/s 10(23C) can be denied:

As per the seventh proviso to section 10(23C), the hospital or medical institution referred to in section 10(23C)(via) (who are required to apply for grant of exemption and who have been approved by the prescribed authority) shall not be eligible to get exemption relating to profit and gains of business unless,

- (i) the business is incidental to the attainment of its objectives, and
- (ii) separate books of account are maintained by it in respect of such business.

### 22. Circumstances in which Central Government may withdraw the approval granted to hospital or medical institutions:

The Finance Act, 2002, has inserted the following proviso in section 10(23C), which provides that where any hospital or medical institution referred to in section 10(23C)(via) is approved by the prescribed authority and subsequently that Government or the prescribed authority is satisfied that

- (i) such hospital or medical institution,-
  - (a) has not applied its income in accordance with the provisions contained in clause (a) of the third

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proviso; or

- (b) has not invested or deposited its funds in accordance with the provisions contained in clause (b) of the third proviso; or
- (ii) the activities of such hospital or medical institution -

- (a) are not genuine; or
- (b) are not being carried out in accordance with all or any of the conditions subject to which it was notified or approved,

- (iii) Such hospital or medical institution has not complied the requirement of any other law for the time being in force and the order, direction or decree, by whatever name called, holding that such non-compliance has occurred, has either not been disputed or has attained finality is in contravention of the provisions of any law other than Income Tax

it may, at any time after giving a reasonable opportunity of showing cause against the proposed action to the concerned hospital or medical institution, rescind the notification or, by order, withdraw the approval, as the case may be, and forward a copy of the order rescinding the notification or withdrawing the approval to such hospital or medical institution and to the A.O.

### 23. Whether a medical institution can get registered both under sec 10(23)(vi) and 12AA/12AB:

W.e.f. 01.04.2021 educational or medical institution, other charitable trust can take registration either u/s 12AB or u/s 10(23C) but cannot take registration under both sections. Prior to the amendment, medical institution could be registered under both sections.

### 24. Sharing of Fess between Hospital and Doctor:

As per the terms and conditions of the hospital, doctors are entitled to 80% of the fees and balance 20% goes to the hospital. However doctors had an option to donate Rs. 10,000 as corpus donation to the hospital and receive 85% of the fees instead of 80% from visiting patients. Such donations cannot be treated as forced payment. Delhi High Court in the case of DIT (E) v. Jaipur Golden Charitable Clinical Laboratory Trust [2009] 311 ITR 365 (Del.), held that such donations cannot be said to be forced payment as the doctor has an option not to opt for the scheme. As such the Corpus donation made by them shall be exempt.

### 25. In case of a scrutiny assessment

### whether the A.O. can deny the benefit of section 10(23C):

Proviso to section 143(3) provides that hospital or medical institutions which are required to file return of income u/s 139(4C) cannot be denied the benefits of section 10 by an order of assessment unless the A.O. intimates the prescribed authority regarding contravention of provisions of section 10(23C) where, in his view such contravention has taken place or the approval granted to such hospital or medical institution has been withdrawn.

### 26. E-form 10A for fresh / de novo / first time (provisional) approval:

The application to PCIT/ CIT for fresh / de novo / first time (provisional) approval of a fund or trust or Institution or University or any Hospital or other Medical Institution referred to in section 10(23C)(iv)/ u/s 10(23C)(v)/ u/s 10(23C)(vi) or 10(23C)(via) is to be filed on-line in e-form 10A w.e.f. 1.4.2021. The application for approval/ registration is required to be furnished at least 6 months prior to expiry of provisional approval or registration or within 6 months of commencement of activities, whichever is earlier. This approval or registration will be valid for 5 years from the first of the assessment year for which provisional approval / registration was granted. In order to avail tax exemption u/s 10(23C) obtaining approval from PCIT/ CIT is one of the conditions to be fulfilled by a Fund or Trust or Institution or University or any Hospital or other Medical Institution referred to in section 10(23C) (iv)/(v)/(vi) and (via). Form No. 10A shall be furnished electronically under digital signature if the Return of Income is required to be furnished under digital signature. It can be filed through electronic verification code in other cases. The documents, as indicated in Form 10A are required to be annexed with the application.

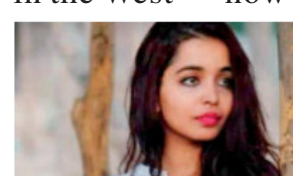
### 27. E-form 10AB is to be furnished for Renewal of approval of a fund or trust or Institution or University or any Hospital or other Medical Institution referred to in section 10(23C)(iv)/ u/s 10(23C)(v)/ u/s 10(23C)(vi) or 10(23C)(via) on-line in e-form 10AB w.e.f. 1.4.2021.

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## First Indian to marry herself

Sologamy — which is a growing trend in the West — now seems to have arrived



in India. In a first-of-its-kind case, Vadodara-based Kshama plans to marry herself in front of her parents and friends on June 11. After the saat pheras, she will go on a solo "honeymoon" to Goa.

Kshama's unconventional marriage announcement on Thursday drew a lot of attention from the media, possibly because she is the first woman in India to have such a ceremony. She believes that a fairy tale can exist without a prince and will set an example of self-love in India as Pride month begins in June. "Perhaps I am the first in our country to

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offer an example of self-love," she was quoted as saying. "Self-marriage is a vow to always be there for yourself and to love yourself unconditionally. It's also a self-acceptance act. People marry the person they adore. I adore myself, which is why I'm getting married," Kshama remarked. Kshama is just the most recent in a growing number of women, who have decided to demonstrate their eternal love for themselves by putting a ring on it — sometimes literally.

Last year, Brazilian supermodel Adriana Lima tied the knot with herself in a symbolic ceremony in Monaco. The final touches are being added to

Kshama's wedding preparations. Despite the fact that it took Kshama hours to persuade her parents, they eventually agreed to her demands.

What is Sologamy?

Sologamy is a dedication to yourself rather than to celibacy or singledom and are able to realise their own values. Clinical psychologist Gill Edwards wrote in her book Wild Love that we don't love ourselves enough "is the source of our choosing to live a life of bread and cheese rather than attending the banquet. So why not organise a party to honour yourself and your accomplishments?"

Marrying oneself is a bold declaration that you are enough, as well as a celebration of your completeness. You may be open to sharing your life with someone

else, but you don't "require" someone to be your better half. Building a strong sense of self-worth minimises the proclivity to accept suffocating situations or relationships and aids in the maintenance of relationship standards."

Sologamy Legal?

Self-marriage is a symbolic act that is not legally binding. There will be no tax benefits, and you will not be required to change your marital status on any legal documents.

SWATI SHARMA Kourtney Kardashian and her partner Travis Barker. (By Arrangement) An Ayurvedic cleanse to help boost fertility Kourtney Kardashian opened up about her IVF journey in a recent episode of The Kardashians 08 Jun 2022 7:54 AM

## Odisha Needs Another Regional Outfit

Bhubaneswar(KCN): When addressing the youth wing of the party in 2020, BJD Supremo and Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik had spelt out the secret of his success in becoming Chief Minister of Odisha five times in a row and making him and his BJD invincible. However, none in the opposition could pick up a mantra from his speech to work on and defeat Naveen in Odisha politics. Thus, the unchallenged one grew taller by the day not only in Odisha but across the country.

What was the secret that was revealed by Naveen two years ago? It was clear that only regional parties have the potential to remain in power in the state, not any national party like BJP or the Congress. Though BJP emerged as the state's principal opposition party after pushing the Congress to third place, the saffron party still continued to struggle to get absolute support from the people. The BJP in 2019 won 23 Assembly seats and 8 Lok Sabha seats, but lost one assembly seat (Balasore) in a by-election. This is not all; BJP further lost its ground in the recently con-

cluded rural and urban polls. This is sufficient to say that BJP's growth is limited and the party may never reach the position of forming a government if the present situation continues. Though Congress ruled for many decades, Odisha is basically a different state and all along maintains a separate identity. Odisha is the first state in the country formed on the basis of language. Odia ethos has been influenced by the Jagannath Culture, with no leaning towards any caste, creed or religion. This is not seen in any other state. In a nutshell, one can say that the attitude of Odia people is different in terms of politics. This attitude may have developed among the people of Odisha for remaining grossly neglected by many central governments headed by either the Congress or BJP. Therefore, the regional party like BJD headed by legendary leader Biju Patnaik's younger son, has attracted the people of Odisha. It is another matter that BJD often openly supports the NDA government headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



While giving hints to the opponents, Naveen had said that only a regional party will do justice to the aspirations of the youth of Odisha as he hit out at the BJP and the Congress for showing step-motherly attitude towards the state.

While revealing the mood of masses and 4.5 crore people of Odisha, Naveen said, "The state leaders of the national parties neither have the voice to insist on protecting the unique heritage of the state nor do they have the intent to do so in a hierarchical centralized national party structure." He claimed that only a regional party will preserve Odisha's unique identity. "Otherwise, the mainstreaming national parties will make you a small drop in their vast ocean," Naveen said adding that the primary objective of the national parties was to win elections and mus-

ter power to form a government at the Centre. The primary objective of the state leadership of a national party is to basically impress the national leadership so that they can get crucial posts or become ministers, he added. Naveen also took a dig at the BJP-led Centre's move for the imposition of the Hindi language on other states.

This is not all, Naveen also pointed out that the Congress governments in the state were remote-controlled from Delhi. BJP governments in other states also follow the directions of the national leadership. Compare this with the trajectory of Odisha under a regional party. There was a stark and positive difference, claimed the Chief Minister.

Therefore, the Odia politicians should get a cue and form another regional party to take on Naveen's BJD. Not only in Odisha, the regional parties are accepted by people in many states like West Bengal, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and now in Punjab and Delhi. In Tamil Nadu, there are two regional parties like AIADMK and DMK

## IAF plans to build 96 new fighter jets domestically in bid to boost 'Make in India'

NEW DELHI: Amid a big push for the Aatmanirbhar Bharat scheme by the PM Narendra Modi-led government, the Indian Air Force is planning to acquire 114 Indian Air Force fighter jets of which 96 would be built in India, and rest 18 would be imported from the foreign vendor chosen for the project.

The Indian Air Force has plans of acquiring 114 Multirole Fighter Aircraft (MRFA) under 'Buy Global and Make in India' scheme under which Indian companies would be allowed to partner with a foreign vendor.

"Recently, the Indian Air Force held meetings with the foreign vendors and asked them about the way they would carry out the Make in India project," government sources told ANI.

As per the plan, after the initial 18 aircraft

who rule the state in turns. The national parties have no existence in the southern state.

Therefore, it is high time for the politicians of Odisha to think of another regional party to take on BJD, which has already ruled Odisha for 22 long years and is set to complete 24 years in power. Since the national parties appeared to have no future in the state, no one should wonder if Naveen's regional BJD returns to power again for the sixth time after 2024 general elections.

Take for instance, the case of senior BJP leader Dharmendra Pradhan and Aparajita Sarangi. These two leaders are accepted by the people of Odisha and their presence draws crowds in any part of the state. But, they can hardly get votes to form a government while working in a national party like BJP which has provoked the ire of people for the price rise of all essential items. People may vote for Aparajita Sarangi and Dharmendra Pradhan as individuals, but not as BJP candidates. This is evident from the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation elections when BJP got above 1 lakh votes and mainly due to Aparajita's charisma. The eight Lok Sabha seats that BJP won last time was mainly due to the patriotic sentiment in the aftermath of Ballakote attack. The same situation will not return again and again. The people may not accept the national parties in the 2024 elections.

If there is another regional political party, it can provide an alternative to BJD while trying to meet the aspirations of the people and to fight out BJD which has occupied power for more than two decades. Over the years it has been proved that national parties will not be able to win the hearts of the people of Odisha and Naveen's regional outfit has endeared them wholeheartedly. In a democracy, a formidable opposition is needed which forces the ruling party to run the government in a democratic mode. Political pundits feel that it is ripe time for another regional outfit and in fact ace political strategist Prashant Kishor sees a lot of scope for such an initiative in Odisha, for which is scouting for in other states. Many political leaders also subscribe to Prashant's idea that "Odisha needs another regional political party".

are imported, the next 36 aircraft would be manufactured within the country and the payments would be made partially in for-



eign currency and Indian currency, the sources said.

The last 60 aircraft would be the main responsibility of the Indian partner and the government would make payments only in

## Bee barrier in Angul to check human-elephant conflict

BHUBANESWAR: The jumbos may soon have to face their most feared "tiny demons" before venturing into human landscapes. In



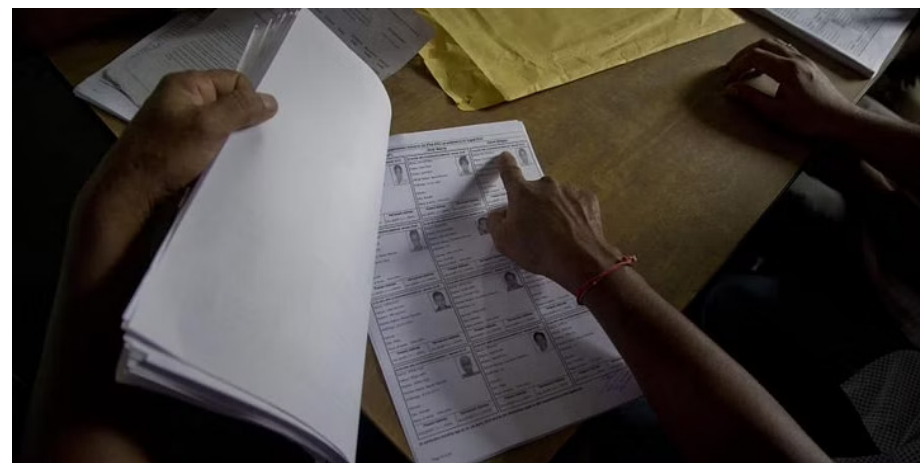
its bid to lessen the human-animal conflict in different parts of the State, the Forest and Environment department has sought to put a barrier in the form of bee swarms to prevent the elephants from entering human settlement areas. The department in collaboration with Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has put up bee hives along elephant passages in Angul district on a pilot basis. The project RE-HAB (Reducing Elephants Human Attack Using Bees) has been rolled out in Laxmipur and Rathipur villages of Athamalik forest division in the first phase. Athamalik Divisional Forest Officer B Anand said, the division approached the KVIC to implement the project on a trial basis in the two areas to study its feasibility and impact.

As part of the project, around 100 bee boxes have been raised on fences along the elephant passages near the two villages. The boxes have been raised on fences so that when elephants attempt to pass through it, a tug causes the bees to swarm the elephant herd and dissuade the animals from progressing further.

Forest officials in a village where the bee hives

## BJP puts pressure on BJD in Odisha for caste census

BHUBANESWAR: Even after two years and three months of constitution of Odisha State Commission for Backward Classes (OSCBC) and passing of a resolution in the Assembly in September last year to conduct a caste-based



census to increase the reservation ceiling beyond 50 per cent, the State government has not initiated any concrete steps to fulfil its promise.

Coming down heavily on the BJD government for its apathy towards the vast majority of OBC population in Odisha, the BJP held protest meetings on Thursday and Friday to build up pressure on the ruling party to expedite the caste census in the State.

State BJP OBC Morcha president Surath Biswal, who recently met the Chairman of OSCBC Justice Raghunath Biswal and submitted a memorandum seeking his intervention for expediting the caste census told this paper that the Commission had written four times to department concerned on the issue but the State government is sitting over the matter.

The State government issued a notification on February 26, 2021 approving the proposal of the Commission to conduct a survey to find

Indian currency, the sources said.

The payment in Indian currency would help the vendors to achieve the over 60 per cent 'Make-in-India' content in the project, the sources said.

Global aircraft manufacturers including Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Saab, MiG, Irkut Corporation and Dassault Aviation are expected to participate in the tender.

The Indian Air Force has to rely heavily on these 114 fighter jets for maintaining its superiority over the neighboring rivals Pakistan and China.

The 36 Rafale aircraft procured under emergency orders helped immensely in maintaining an edge over the Chinese during the Ladakh crisis which started in 2020 but the numbers are not enough and more such capability would be required by it.

have been put up under Athamalik forest division | Express

The KVIC and Athamalik forest division have also installed adequate camera traps to study the reaction of the elephants to presence of bees on their path. "If we succeed in the pilot project, it will be implemented in other elephant passages to check human-elephant conflict," the DFO said.

Officials said it has been empirically established that bees can be effectively used to prevent human-elephant conflict and save the



lives of both people and the jumbos. It will also help preventing crop damage by the animals. The project will be extremely helpful for villages vulnerable to elephant attacks, they said.

KVIC has already piloted the project in parts of Karnataka and other states. KVIC State director Samir Kumar Mohanty said Forest department and KVIC officials during their interaction with the villagers advised them to take care of bee colonies, especially during the upcoming monsoon, as maintenance of the hives is very much essential to prevent bees from abandoning their nest.

out the social and educational condition of the OBCs in the State. The Commission is handicapped to carry forward the survey as it is not getting required logistic support.

"We are ready for the caste census but we are

not getting desired support from the government. The State government has to provide all logistic support for the survey which is a massive exercise," sources in the Commission said. After the passing of the constitutional amendment bill in both houses of the

Parliament on August 10, 2021 allowing the States to prepare their own list of socially and educationally backward classes, the next day the ruling BJD joined the bandwagon of demanding a caste-based census by the Centre to determine the OBC/SEBCs strength.

The BJD also reiterated its demand for a Central law to do away with the reservation limit of 50 per cent for the benefits, welfare and all-round upliftment of the OBCs/SEBCs.

In September 2021, the Odisha Assembly passed a resolution and caste based census and authorised the OSCBC Chairman to urge the Centre to raise the reservation cap beyond 50 per cent to accommodate 27 per cent reservation to the OBCs.

Even a delegation of BJD MPs had met Union Home Minister Amit Shah and submitted a memorandum with a strong plea for a Central law empowering states like Odisha to provide more than 50 pc reservations as per the State's needs.

## 'Make in India'

The force has already placed orders for 83 of the LCA Mk 1A aircraft but it still requires a higher number of capable aircraft as a large number of MiG series planes have either been phased out or are on their last legs.

The fifth-generation Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft project is moving ahead at a satisfactory pace but it will take a lot of time to be able to be inducted in an operational role.

The IAF is also looking for a cost-effective solution for its fighter jet requirement as it wants a plane that is low on operational cost and gives more capability to the service, the sources said.

The IAF is highly satisfied with the operational availability of the Rafale fighter jets and wants similar capability in its future aircraft.

# Spiritual Soul who Illuminates the way of Salvation

New Delhi (KCN): Women over the years have presented a strong phase in the field of spirituality and created ideal definitions of life.



Such is the name of a great personality, a spiritual master, energy, committed to the highest traditions, rites and values of spirituality — Sadvipramukha Vishrutavibhaji. The main Terapanth sect of Jainism and its current Acharya Shri Mahashraman chose his 49th initiation day

to declare a new Sadvipramukh on the post vacant from the demise of Sadvipramukha Kanakprabhaji. He has created a historical event not only in Terapanth society but in the entire spiritual world by declaring Sadvipramukh nomination day on this occasion and declaring Chief Sadvhi Vishrutavibhaji as the ninth Sadvipramukha of Terapanth Dharmasangh. An unprecedented event took place in the history of Terapanth society, when

life, personality, character and leadership of Sadvipramukha Vishrutavibhaji from any angle,



at any moment, it seems like a light house. The intense light emanating from it is ripping through the dense blackness and reaching far and wide and is creating a bright future giving

address, service - all these are such open airs, from which the light-rays keep erupting continuously and are obliging the entire human race. Her life is embodied in the three strong pillars of knowledge, philosophy and character. Her inner personality is thousand times purer and purer than his outer personality and is alluring and magnetic. She is a personality builder, the spiritual and cultural consciousness of India is reflected in his thoughts.

Sadvipramukha Vishrutavibha is a name that lives on the role of philosophy of life according to the principles of Lord Mahavira. This saintly consciousness has given a meaningful identity to the time, energy, labour and thinking by devoting itself to the cause of the entire mankind. Despite being tied to a particular sect, your unrestricted work has given the right direction to the entire nation in the direction of human unity, communal harmony, nationalism and altruism. This unique personality, confined in the whiteness of pure purity, seems as if purity itself has come down to earth. His ideals are awakened with the passage of time, objectives remain in motion, principles become practices and resolutions reach the end.

Sadvipramukha Vishrutavibha has a wealth of knowledge of various subjects. There is power in her speech and writing. Having administrative ability, leadership ability, she is a strong powerhouse. They are such an extraordinary achievement of Jain rule which is not possible for everyone to reach. They have drawn the indelible lines of their duty on the present day, they will be inscribed in golden letters in history. To liken his colossal personality with any simile is to make her personality limitless. All that can be said about them is that they are wonderful and indescribable. One aspect of her many abilities and vast personality is the indwelling of a true seeker in her. Not only the entire Terapanth Dharmasangh-Jain society but the entire humanity feels proud of the inspirational Sadvipramukha Vishrutavibha of such wonderful life and wonderful works.

## Four killed in tanker explosion in Nayagarh

BHUBANESWAR: In a tragic incident, four persons were killed in an oil tanker explosion in Nayagarh district, about 80 km from the State Capital, late on Friday night. One person sustained serious injuries and was rushed to Capital Hospital in Bhubaneswar. His condition is stated to be critical. The incident took place at about 2 am



under Itamati police limits.

According to the police, two oil tankers had left from Paradip with one falling off the bridge into the river near Badapandusara. The staff of the oil tanker behind the ill-fated vehicle immediately stopped and attempted to rescue the injured driver and helper.

"As the water was knee-deep, three staff of the accompanying tanker rushed in to rescue their colleagues. However, the fallen tanker exploded killing four persons, including the driver and the helper of the ill-fated vehicle and two other staff. Another sustained serious injuries," Nayagarh SP, Alekha Chandra Pahi told TNIE.

Itamati police station and fire personnel reached the spot within 15 minutes and rescued the injured person. Further investigation is on, Pahi added. Nayagarh Police said they are yet to ascertain about the drop-off point of the fuel being transported by the oil tanker. The other oil tanker was supposed to deliver the fuel at Patnagarh in Balangir district.

The oil tanker which fell off the bridge was transporting 10,000 litre of petrol and diesel each in separate chambers. After the explosion, the fuel spilled over at least 70 metre radius in the river.



Sadvhi Vishrutavibha as Sadvipramukha has been given this great responsibility of meeting more than 550-600 Sadvhis and Samanis (female devotees) were there for the proper development of women's society.

Sadvipramukh is the one who gives right direction to women society, Sadvhi and Samani community, establishes new dimensions and all these qualities are easily present in



Sadvipramukha Vishrutavibha. They are a symbol of sacrifice, penance, brilliance, intellectuality, management skills, and are synonymous with their talent and effort. The women of this new era are not only a house leader; she is educated, spiritual and does best in all fields of life. Women have also made a special contribution in the field of religion and for that the contribution of Sadvipramukhas in Terapanth is unforgettable.


It is the good fortune of Terapanth Sangh that in the form of Sadvipramukh, got such a Sadvhivara, whose personality is not only full of ideal standards like intellectual and studious, but whose nature is industriousness, conscientiousness, service spirit, fervour of devotion towards Guru and society. Acharya Tulsi, Acharya Mahapragya and Acharya Mahashramana - By passing on the strict criteria of three Acharyas, you have not only acquired experience, maturity, but have also earned fruitful successes through your style of work and dedication.

Sadvipramukha Vishrutavibha has not only crossed hundreds of Sadvhis in terms of position, but she has been seen standing on the front line at every stage of all round development and success. The reason for this is that she is a firm believer, devoted and determined to the principles and beliefs established by the Acharyas. She is such an extraordinary achievement of the Terapanth Dharmasangh, which is not possible for everyone to reach. She is an epitome of gentleness, cleanliness, tolerance, creativity, devotion, dedication, vitality and positive thinking. Staying undisturbed, she has set great destinations of success through her well planned and continuous effort. It is certain that the one who explodes his power travels through the wings of consciousness to the infinite sky. Touches new horizons of success. Seeing the

new vision and new direction to many.

Sadvipramukha Vishrutavibhaji was born on 27 November 1957 in the famous Modi family of Ladnun town, the capital of Terapanth. Your worldly father's name was Shri Janvari Malji and mother's name was Smt. Bhanwari Devi. Growing up in a family full of eight brothers and five sisters, there was less playfulness and more seriousness in your life. Acharya Shri Tulsi, the ninth superintendent of Terapanth, introduced the Saman category in the year 1980, on 19 December 1980; one of the six Mumukshu sisters who were initiated for the first time was Mumukshu Savita. Your new name is Samani Smitpragya. She got the opportunity to travel abroad for the first time in the Saman class and even after that many times she got the opportunity to visit many countries. Some of the names of those countries are as follows- America, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, England, Bangkok, Canada, Holland, Hong Kong etc. For 12 years in the Saman category, you studied, did spiritual practice, operated the arrangements, travelled around the country and abroad and tried to live every moment of life with joy. You climbed the ranks on 18 October 1992. Acharya accepted the initiation of Sadvhi from Shrimukh of Shri Tulsi. On the day of Kartik Krishna Saptami, twenty one grand soul accepted sainthood. Acharya Tulsi named Samani Smitpragya - Sadvhi Vishrutavibha. The personality of Sadvipramukha Vishrutavibha is a radiant personality. She is receptive, wherever she see something transcendent, she take it and enrich them. It is said that if the eyes are open, then the whole life is a school - one who has the yearning to learn, learns from each person and every incident. For one who has this art, it is not impossible to acquire or learn anything. Emerson said - "Every person whom I meet is superior to me in some way or the other, and that is where I learn from him."

Lokaah Samasta Sukhino Bhavantu, this is one of the main mantras of Sanatan Dharma, which means, May all beings of this world be happy and peaceful. Sadvipramukha Vishrutavibha has made the spirit of this mantra the goal of her life. Her desire is to remove the darkness in front of humanity by becoming an ally in furthering the human welfare works of Acharya Mahashraman. "Tamaso Ma Jyotirgamaya" - Lead me from darkness to light. The journey of light is the eternal aspiration of man. The purpose of this journey is the search for light. Light comes to those who seek it. Some personalities are sources of light. She is self-illuminated and continuously distributes light to others. There is a powerful aura around the Sadvipramukha Vishrutavibha. Her whole life is exposed by intense restraint, devotion and self-realization. Her conscience, which is lit by self-light, is capable of giving light to many. Her contemplation, speech, conduct, creation,



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# Expect best-ever sales in 2022: Martin Schwenk

Mercedes-Benz MD & CEO Martin Schwenk in an interview tells The New Indian Express that despite supply-side challenges brought on by chip shortages the year ahead is expected to be one of the best ever for luxury cars.

Edited excerpts:

Where do you see luxury car sales heading this year? Going by our Q1, 2022, sales performance, 2022 should be one of our best years ever in terms of volumes, as we expect exponential growth this year. We have a robust order bank of 5000+ cars currently, which we are striving to deliver to customers. The new C-Class already has received more than 1,000 confirmed bookings even before its debut. However, the industry still may not breach the 2018 volumes, but we expect all the players to grow their volumes this year.

Has the overall chip shortage stabilised?

The chip shortage continues and we also have ship shortage, which multiplies the existing supply-side challenges. We do not see these challenges easing out anytime sooner, and it will impact deliveries in remaining quarters as well.

What's the trend line you see for Mercedes in terms of demographics, especially for first-time buyers?

Our customers are getting younger and this is evident from their reducing average age bracket. For instance the average age of the newly launched C-Class customer is about 35 years, which is significantly less than what it used to be even a decade back. There is an increasing trend of second-generation entrepreneurs and young professionals opting for a luxury marquee like Mercedes-Benz. We also see our top-end Vehicle segment growing at a

much faster rate than our entry-level luxury models and this trend is not limited to major metros like Delhi, Mumbai or Bengaluru; but seen across most emerging markets.

Give us a sense of the challenges that are there - delivery delays etc... When do you expect them to normalise?

Current challenges are more in the supply side and not in the demand side. The chip and ship shortage will continue to pose pressure on the supply and delivery side, which already is impacted by the pandemic and we do not foresee the situation easing in the coming months.

You have maintained a leadership streak for the last 7 years - is that because of your deep mo del range - and is there a risk that may shift when other OEM product cycles reset and launch?

Customers' continuous preference for Mercedes-Benz brand and products is an outcome of multiple factors, including the customer experience our franchise partners provide, our wide network that enables us to reach where the customers are, a convenient ownership experience and also very attractive financial packages that we offer with each product.

In addition we have got the youngest and the most desirable product portfolio across segments, which creates aspiration, retains loyal customers and attracts customers from other brands. We have been offering connected car features like Mercedes me connect (Mmc) and that clearly differentiates our product offering in the market.

How is your retail for the future panning out so far? With Retail of the Future (ROTF) we have created a transparent omni-channel experience for our customers, which has been a differentiator in the Indian auto industry. While the customers are appreciating the transparency and fairness, our franchise partners are not burdened with inventory pressures anymore. We have implemented a fundamental shift in the retail business model with our new direct-to-consumer (D2C) model and it has become a benchmark in the industry already.

The one new learning after the pandemic? Every crisis offers a new opportunity. The pandemic accelerated digitisation of the auto industry from customer journey to shop-floor production processes. We were agile to benefit from this transformation and pass on the benefits of digitisation to our customers, by creating omni-channel experience.

## Top-10 most valued firms lose over Rs 2.29 lakh crore in m-cap, LIC takes biggest hit

NEW DELHI: The country's



market capitalisation (m-cap) of the top-10 most valued companies eroded by over Rs 2.29 lakh crore last week, with Life Insurance Corporation taking the biggest hit.

On a weekly basis, the domestic equity benchmarks witnessed heavy selling. The Sensex tumbled 1,465.79 points or 2.63 per cent, while the Nifty lost 382.50 points or 2.31 per cent as investors

because elevated crude oil prices triggered inflation fears. Corporate major Reliance Industries' m-cap fell by Rs 44,311.19 crore to Rs 18,36,039.28 crore.

IT bellwethers TCS and Infosys lost Rs 45,746.13 crore from their cumulative market cap. The valuation of TCS stood at Rs 12,31,398.85 crore, while that of Infosys was Rs 6,21,502.63 crore.

topleaders HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank and SBI saw a cumulative erosion of Rs 34,970.26 crore in their market capitalisation.

HDFC Bank's valuation dipped by Rs 16,433.92 crore to Rs 7,49,880.79 crore.

The m-cap of State Bank of India (SBI) plunged by Rs 2,231.15 crore to Rs 4,12,138.56 crore, and that of ICICI Bank slumped by Rs 16,305.19 crore to Rs

5,00,744.27 crore. The valuation of Hindustan Unilever Ltd (HUL) tanked by Rs 21,674.

98 crore to Rs 5,16,886.58 crore, while Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) declined by Rs 57,272.85 crore to Rs 4,48,885.09 crore.

HDFC's valuation slipped by Rs 17,879.22 crore to Rs 3,95,420.14 crore.

Telecom major Bharti Airtel also witnessed a dip of Rs 7,359.31 crore from its market valuation, which stood at Rs 3,69,613.44 crore.

In the ranking of top-10 firms, Reliance Industries retained the title of the most valued firm, followed by TCS, HDFC Bank, Infosys, HUL, ICICI Bank, LIC, SBI, HDFC and Bharti Airtel.

## Tencent buys stake worth USD 264 mn in Flipkart from Binny Bansal

NEW DELHI: Chinese technology conglomerate Tencent has bought a stake worth USD 264 million (about Rs 2,060 crore) in Flipkart from its co-founder, Binny Bansal, through its

DisruptAD, Qatar Investment Authority, Khazanah Nasional Berhad as well as marquee investors Tencent, Willoughby Capital,



European subsidiary, according to official documents.

Singapore-headquartered e-commerce firm Flipkart has operations in India only. Bansal holds around a 1.84 per cent stake in Flipkart after selling part of his stake to Tencent Cloud Europe BV.

The transaction was completed on October 26, 2021, and was shared with the government authorities at the beginning of the current financial year.

Post the transaction, Tencent's arm holds 0.72 per cent stake in Flipkart which is valued at around USD 264 million, as per the last valuation of USD 37.6 billion disclosed by the e-commerce firm in July 2021.

The company's valuation surged to USD 37.6 billion after raising USD 3.6 billion (about Rs 26,805.6 crore) in a funding round led by Singapore's sovereign wealth fund GIC, CPP Investments, SoftBank Vision Fund 2 and Walmart.

Antara Capital, Franklin Templeton and Tiger Global also participated in the funding round.

The transaction between Bansal and Tencent took place after the July funding round.

Sources said the transaction took place in Singapore but Flipkart informed Indian authorities about it as a responsible entity and that the transaction does not fall under the purview of 'Press Note 3' which calls for scrutiny of investment that any Indian company gets from countries sharing a land border with India.

While there are several companies operating in India in which Tencent has made investments, the government has banned some gaming apps including PUBG Mobile, and PUBG Mobile Lite which were published by Tencent Group.

An e-mail query sent to Flipkart and Bansal did not elicit any reply.

## 'Delivery of S-400 missile systems to India proceeding well': Russian ambassador

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diplomatic relations between India and Russia.

"Today's Russia-India multidimensional cooperation is one of the world's most elaborate ones," he said. In the piece, Alipov also said Russia and India continue to successfully implement flagship initiatives that make the cooperation unparalleled.

In this context, he cited the Kudankulam nuclear power plant project in Tamil Nadu and various ambitious defence partnership programmes under the framework of the "Make in India" and "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" (self-reliant India) initiatives. Referring to defence projects, Alipov listed the joint venture for the production of AK-203 rifles, combat aviation and manufacture of the main battle tanks as well as frigates, submarines, Brahmos supersonic missiles and other missile projects.

Russia started the delivery of the first regiment of the S-400 missile systems in December last year while it began supplying the second one in April. The missile system has already been deployed in

## Ranchi violence: Slew of FIRs filed; deceased were not part of protest march, claim families

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Ranchi Senior Superintendent of Police Surendra Kumar Jha said personnel of the Rapid Action Force, anti-terrorism squad, special task force and district police have been deputed at strategic locations, including "38 identified vulnerable pockets". Fifty motorcycle patrol teams have also been pressed into service.

"Twenty-five FIRs have been registered against 22 named people, and thousands of unnamed people. No arrests have been made so far. Interrogation is underway based on inputs from intelligence, CID and social media," Jha said at a press conference here.

In reply to queries regarding police firing, he said there are certain standard operating procedures to deal with such situations, which were adhered to.

"Firing is the last resort. We followed all norms before resorting to firing, as the crowd was aggressive and uncontrollable. I don't want to talk much on this as the matter is under investigation," Jha said.

Ranjan said prohibitory orders under Section 144 have been lifted from six of the 12 police station areas.

Restrictions on movement of five or more persons continue in Kotwali, Lower Bazar, Chutia, Daily Market, Doranda and Hindipiri stations, but people have been allowed to purchase daily essentials while adhering to the provisions, he said.

Security in other parts of Jharkhand has also been beefed up, as per reports from districts.

Md Haji Hasim, the president of Daily Market Traders Association, told PTI that nearly 1,100 shops are shut.

Meanwhile, internet services in Ranchi district, which were suspended from 7 pm on Friday as a precautionary measure, resumed after 33 hours.

The internet services were restored at 4 am on Sunday, Ranjan said.

Police had on Saturday said 12 of its personnel and an equal number of civilians were injured in the protests that turned violent.

Eyewitnesses, however, have claimed the number could be over 60.

A RIMS official told PTI that eight injured people undergoing treatment at the medical facility are critical, with one Nadeem Ansari, 24, still on a ventilator and battling for life.

Family members of the two persons who succumbed to gunshot wounds during Friday's protests here against controversial remarks, have claimed they were not a part of the procession that was taken out to condemn the comments.

Two persons identified as Mohammad Mudassar Alam who was also known as Kaifi, and Mohammad Sahil died while over two dozen people were injured in protests and subsequent clashes that rocked the state capital on Friday over the remarks made by two suspended BJP functionaries against Prophet Mohammad, officials said.

such a way that it can cover parts of the border with China in the northern sector as well as the frontier with Pakistan.

In March, Russia said there will be no impact of the western sanctions against it on the supply of S-400 missile systems to India.

Western countries have imposed severe sanctions on Russia following its military invasion of Ukraine. In October 2018, India signed a USD 5 billion deal with Russia to buy five units of the S-400 air defence missile systems, despite a warning from the Donald Trump administration that going ahead with the contract may invite US sanctions.

Russia has been a major supplier of military hardware to India.

The two countries have been holding discussions on what kind of payment mechanisms can work between them in view of the western sanctions on Moscow.

Unlike many other leading powers, India is yet to directly criticise Russia for its invasion of Ukraine and has abstained from the votes at the UN platforms in condemning the Russian aggression.

India has been pressing for the resolution of the crisis through diplomacy and dialogue.

Both families lodged complaints with the police over the firing and subsequent deaths.

Mohammad Parvez Alam, the father of Mudassar, said he had no idea how his "minor" son received bullet injuries as he was not a part of the procession.

"Why did they kill my only son? How can I live without him? He just took his matriculation examination this year and his result was to be declared this week," Mudassar's inconsolable mother Nikhat Parveen, a resident of Ranchi's Hindipidi area near Daily Market, told PTI.

Claiming that Mudassar was barely 16 years old, his uncle Md Sahid Ayubi demanded a compensation of Rs 25 lakh and a government job for the family.

State-run Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) PRO D K Sinha, however, said as per hospital records, Mudassar was 22 and Sahil 24.

They died during treatment at the medical facility. Eight of the critically injured people are now undergoing treatment at RIMS.

Ayubi said, "Mudassar was helping his father in his fruit business. Now he is dead. Who will look after my brother and his wife in their old age?" He said that the family lodged a complaint against district administration and some unsocial elements with Daily Market police station on Sunday.

"The police were not initially ready to accept our complaint. We want to know how Mudassar received bullet injuries and who is responsible for that," Ayubi said.

Shakib Ansari, the brother of Sahil, also claimed he did not participate in Friday's protest march.

"My brother Md Sahil had gone to Ranchi Main Road for some work after the Friday Namaz. He was not part of the procession, but he received bullet injuries and died," Ansari told reporters.

Sahil's father Md Afjal told PTI that Sahil worked in a mobile shop in Daily Market.

"When the unfortunate incident took place, he was returning home for lunch. He had nothing to do with the procession," he said.

Sahil's family also lodged a complaint with Daily Market police station seeking justice from the administration.

The family also demanded compensation.

Meanwhile, there were allegations that some people from Saharanpur in Uttar Pradesh came to Ranchi to fuel riots.

Senior Superintendent of Police Surendra Kumar Jha said, "We are investigating the matter. Until such a link is established, we cannot say anything."

Prohibitory orders under Section 144 of the CrPC continue to be clamped in six of the 12 police station areas, including Daily Market and Hindipidi of Ranchi district.

Around 3,500 security personnel have also been deployed in these areas to prevent any untoward incident, they said.

The protesters have been demanding the arrest of suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma and expelled leader Naveen Jindal for their controversial remarks on Prophet Mohammad.

## South Africa opt to bowl against India in second T20I

CUTTACK: South Africa captain Temba Bavuma won the toss and opted to bowl against India in the second T20I of the

and opener Quinton de Kock pulled out with a hand injury, bringing in Heinrich Klaasen who will do the duty behind the

dia remained unchanged. Teams: India: Rishabh Pant (capt & wk), Ruturaj Gaikwad, Ishan

Chahal. South Africa: Temba Bavuma (capt), Reeza Hendricks, Rassie van der Dussen, David Miller, Heinrich



five-match series at the Barabati Stadium here on Sunday. The Proteas made two changes to their XI after their wicketkeeper-batter

stumps. South Africa also included Reeza Hendricks in place of Tristan Stubbs. Trailing 0-1, the Rishabh Pant-led In-

Kishan, Shreyas Iyer, Hardik Pandya, Dinesh Karthik, Axar Patel, Harshal Patel, Avesh Khan, Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Yuzvendra

Klaasen (wk), Dwaine Pretorius, Wayne Parnell, Kagiso Rabada, Keshav Maharaj, Anrich Nortje and Tabraiz Shamsi.

## Praggnanandhaa wins title in Norway Chess Open

STAVANGER: Young Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa emerged winner in the Norway Chess Group A open chess tournament here with 7.5 points from nine rounds. The 16-year old GM, the top-seed, was in fine form and remained unbeaten through the nine rounds.

He finished the tournament with a win over fellow Indian V Praneeth, an International Master, late on Friday.

Praggnanandhaa (Elo 2642) finished a full point ahead of second-placed IM Marsel Efroimski (Israel) and IM Jung Min Seo (Sweden). Praneeth with six points was joint third but was placed sixth due to an inferior tie-break score. Apart from beating Praneeth, Praggnanandhaa posted wins over Victor Mikhalevski (in round 8), Vitaly Kunin (round 6), Mukhammadzokhid

Suyarov (round 4), Semen Mutusov (round 2) and Mathias Unneland (round 1).

He drew his other three games. The Indian teenaged star has been putting in impressive performances in recent times and had beaten world number one Magnus Carlsen for a second time in the Chessable Master online event and lost a close final to China's Ding Liren. The GM will be part of the India B team in the open event of the 44th Chess Olympiad in Chennai next month.

Praggnanandhaa's coach R B Ramesh congratulated him after the win and said it will help boost his confidence.

"Congratulations to him for the victory. He was the top seed, so it is not a surprise that he won the tournament. He played well in general, drew three games with black pieces and won the remaining games. It will help boost his confidence," Ramesh said.

## We are at home and will be backing ourselves against Hong Kong: Sunil Chhetri

KOLKATA: Their tails up after two successive wins in front of a strong home crowd, India captain Sunil Chhetri has backed his team to beat Hong Kong in the last qualifying game and secure a berth in next year's AFC Asian Cup.

India prevailed over Afghanistan 2-1 in a thrilling match that saw three quick goals being scored at the fag end of the game after both teams denied each other for 86 minutes at the Salt Lake Stadium that had 40000 spectators in the stands on Saturday evening.

The day coincided with talismanic skipper Chhetri completing 17 years in international football.



"It feels great to celebrate my 17th year in international football in this fashion. I felt that maybe we will be splitting the points after Afghanistan equalised. But the boys did what they did.

"But at the same time, such milestones don't mean much to me. I am honoured and privileged to wear the national team jersey for so long," Chhetri said.

Chhetri laughed when reminded about him sprinting like Usain Bolt to celebrate Abdul Sahal Samad's decisive strike in the injury time. "The GPS will say that that was my fastest sprint of the night. We will rest, recover, and have a look at the videos. Hong Kong are a good side, but we are at home, and will be backing ourselves. All of the fans will be there too." The win helped India consolidate their position

in the group as they seek to make a second straight appearance in the Asian Cup and fifth overall, having been knocked out in the group stage in the last edition in 2019.

Head Coach Igor Stimac stated, "We were Blue Tigers in the match against Afghanistan, and that's what they need to be on the pitch. That's our intent, keeping the pride intact."

Abdul Sahal, who scored the winner late in the second-half, sounded ecstatic.

"The victory was earned in front of the fans, and hence, it tastes sweeter. I had to back myself, and placed it beyond the goalkeeper. And even before I could realise, the entire team was there to celebrate," he said.

Central defender Sandesh Jhingan also highlighted the character in the squad.

"We played some great football. The character of the team was there for all to see after we conceded. The biggest strength is the talent available in the team. But the attitude, mentality and the desire to

get going describes this lot," he uttered. Stimac added, "We showed character, resilience, willingness and a good spirit on the pitch. Everyone was wonderful - Roshan, Akash, Suresh, Jeakson, and all. I felt Jeakson (Singh) was having fun playing football. They have now enough experience of winning games, and that's our treasure."

Chhetri put India ahead with a brilliant free-kick from just over 20 yards, taking only a couple of steps before unleashing his shot straight into the right corner of the net beating Afghanistan's goalkeeper.

It was the Indian superstar's 83rd goal in international football as he closed in on second-placed Argentine genius Lionel Messi among active players.

## Zhang Shuai fails to reach semifinals at Nottingham Open



LONDON: China's top-ranked women's singles tennis player Zhang Shuai lost her quarterfinal match against Tereza Martincova 6-2, 6-3 in the Nottingham Open. Zhang, 33, was runner-up in the tournament last year and started this year's campaign in the

grass-court event as the fourth seed in the women's singles.

After passing the first two rounds, the world No. 41 from China failed to reach the semifinal on Friday as she was broken four times by the world No. 60 Martincova from the Czech Republic,

reports Xinhua. Martincova's opponent in the semifinal will be Brazilian Beatriz Haddad Maia, who defeated Maria Sakkari of Greece 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 in a quarterfinal match.

The other semifinal will be played between American Alison Riske and

Viktorija Golubic from Switzerland. Riske reached the last four with a fine fight back after losing the first set, beating local star Harriet Dart 4-6, 6-2, 6-1. Viktorija Golubic sent Ajla Tomljanovic of Australia packing 6-3, 6-4 in the other quarterfinal.



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