

Hati Besha' Darshan For Devotees

Puri(KCN): Over a lakh of devotees from across the globe are in Puri on Tuesday to get a glimpse of 'Hati Besha' Lord Jagannath and

near Ananda Bazar inside temple premises, the deities are now giving 'darshan' (divine glimpse) of 'Gaja or Hati Besha. This place



siblings Balabhadra and Goddess Subhadra on the auspicious occasion of Snana Purnima. The devotees stand in a long queue to witness the divine rituals of the Lords. Soon after the holy Labhiseka (bathing ceremony) on Tuesday morning on the Snana Mandap, situated

can be viewed by the people without having an entry to the temple premises. The deities were now dressed like Ganesha, who bears the head of an elephant. The elephant costume is known as 'Gaja or Hati Besha'. While Lord Jagannath and Balabhadra were dressed like elephant, their sibling Devi Subhadra gave the darshan in lotus flower Besha.

The servitors decorated the deities with flowers and Tulasi (basil). King Gajapati Dibya Singh Deb, the first servitor of Lord Jagannath, visited the Snana Mandap from his palace in Tanzan to pay obeisance to deities. He performed Chhera Pahanra CONTINUED ON: P-7

Congress must unite all Opposition parties in fight against misuse of central agencies: Shivanand Tiwary

PATNA(KCN): The main opposition party in Bihar, Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), on Tuesday, urged the Congress to take the initiative in uniting all opposition parties in its fight against what he termed as "misuse" of the central probe agencies by the BJP-led Central

ister, were also detained by security personnel during the protest march".

He alleged that besides Congress, the NDA government is using agencies to target other opposition parties and their leaders as part of its agenda of "political vendetta".

"The Congress must come forward and take the initiative in uniting all opposition parties in its fight against misuse of the central investigative agencies by the central government. The Opposition's voice is being stifled and the central government is acting in a cowardly manner and misusing investigative agencies", claimed Tiwary.

Earlier, West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee had also appealed for a united fight against the BJP's alleged misuse of central investigative agencies.

In a letter sent to chief ministers from non-BJP parties on March 27, Banerjee claimed that the BJP misuses central agencies with "the sole intent of suppressing opposition leaders", adding that BJP-ruled states "get a free pass from these agencies to paint a rosy picture of their hollow governance". She had accused the BJP of leading a "political witch hunt".



government to target opposition leaders.

In a statement issued here on Tuesday, RJD national vice president Shivanand Tiwary, a key aide of party Supremo Lalu Prasad Yadav, said, "As Congress leader Rahul Gandhi was being questioned by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in the National Herald case on Monday, his party protested across the country alleging that the Centre was targeting the Opposition by misusing agencies. Several senior Congress leaders, including a Chief Min-

National Herald case: Congress leaders in Bhubaneswar protest ED summons to Gandhis

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): Congress leaders and workers on Monday marched to the office

of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) here as a part of the nation-

tional, president of the Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee

If the BJP thinks that the Congress will be suppressed by such tactics, they are wrong as all party workers and leaders stand by Sonia, Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi, he added.

The march was joined by former OPCC president Niranjana Patnaik, leader of the Congress Legislature Party Narasingha Mishra, party legislators Tara Prasad Bahinipati, Ramesh Jena, Jayadev Jena and Suresh Kumar Routray.

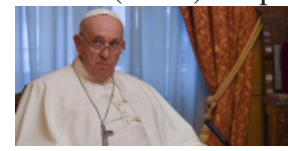



wide protest against summons to party president Sonia Gandhi and former president Rahul Gandhi in connection with the National Herald case. Stating that the ED summons were completely unconstitu-

(OPCC) Sarat Pattanayak alleged that the BJP-led government is misusing Central agencies to intimidate political opponents. He demanded immediate withdrawal of case against Sonia and Rahul.

Pope blasts Russian 'cruelty', lauds Ukrainian 'heroism'

ROME(KCN): Pope Francis has blasted the "cruelty" of Russian troops in invading the "heroism" and "bravery" of Ukrainians to defend their land. In his most pointed comments about the war in a meeting with European editors of Jesuit journals last month, excerpts of which were published Tuesday in Italian dailies La Stampa and Avvenire. While sharply criticizing Russia's invasion, Francis also insisted there CONTINUED ON: P-7





Message

Warm Greetings to the People of Barachana – Dharmasala dist.- Jajpur, Odisha on the occasion of **Raja Mahotsav.**
Dr. Pabitra Mohan Samantray
Barachana – Dharmasala, Jajpur Odisha

BJP to restructure booth committees in Odisha after panchayat poll debacle

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): After successive defeats to BJD in the panchayat elections followed by urban polls, the BJP has decided to restructure the booth-level committees which have remained inactive after the 2019 general elections. As the saffron party is currently cel-



brating the 8th year completion of Narendra Modi-led NDA government at the Centre, the organisational changes will be taken up after

June 15, the last date of the fortnight long Seva, Sushasan, Garib Kalyan programme.

"The booth committees have become dormant in the last two years due to COVID-19 pandemic. These need to be reinvigorated to make them battle ready for the 2024 elections," said State BJP president Samir Mohanty.

The 'Mo Booth Sabuthu Mazbhoot' (my booth is the strongest) programme will be re-launched in about 36,000 booths in the 147 Assembly segments of the State with an aim to reach out to maximum people with a message of good governance of the Modi government. Admitting that the BJP could not match the massive electioneering machinery and money power of the ruling BJD in the panchayat and urban polls, Mohanty said the massive public outreach CONTINUED ON: P-7

Odisha government orders certificate verification of teachers

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): The State government on Monday decided to complete document verification of all teachers engaged in

the state for the same.

If required, officials from School and Mass Education department will travel to verify documents of the educational institutions located outside the State. The District Education Officers (DEOs), Block Education Officers (BEOs) as well as the District Project Coordinators (DPCs) will be asked to speed up the verification process.



the last three years to identify the fake teachers and take appropriate action against them. A decision to this effect was taken during a meeting chaired by Development Commissioner and Additional Chief Secretary PK Jena.

As per the decision, genuineness of certificates, mark sheets and other documents submitted by the teachers during the time of their joining will be verified. Letters will be sent to authorities of universities and colleges outside

Officials said that those found guilty will face criminal charges including FIR and will be made to refund their salary. The meeting attended by SME Secretary Bishnupada Sethi and officials of OSEPA, BSE, CHSE and Adharsha Vidyalay Sangathan also decided to prepare a database of teachers by OSEPA. The BSE and CHSE will also implement Digilocker system for the students from next academic year.

Message

The Kalinga Chronicle family wishes its readers, hawkers, advertisers, writers and well-wishers on the Eve of Odisha's Mass Festival Raja Mahotsav.
- Editor-in-Chief

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The Office will be off on 15 June, 2022. There will be no publication of The Kalinga Chronicle on 16.06.2022.
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Obituary



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Pray for the departed soul

Fondly remembered by Family, Friends and relatives

Cine and Serial Artist Lipsa Mishra Felicitated in Sabuja Pari Award

Khordha(KCN): Eminent freedom fighter of Odisha late -Nilakantha Mishra 17th Smruti Samman award Observed. The Chief Guest of the occasions Odisha Scouts & Guide Commissioner Kali Prasad Mishra said " the freedom fighters known as Bolagarh Gandhi late-Nilakantha Mishra was an orator, social reformer

Surendra Mohan Mishra, Bijaya kumar Tripathy, Pramesh Mohanty discussed about the life history of freedom fighter Nilakantha Mishra. On this occasions eminent Cine & Serial Artist Lipsa Mishra felicitated as Sabuja Pari award, Pradeep kumar Routray best sports organization award, Biswa Bistrut Tripathy, sudakhya sikhya pradeep



and patriot. His speeches inspired the young generation to fight against social evils." Chairman Nilakantha Seva Sanghathan and former MLA, Khordha, Dr. Dillip Srichandan preside over the meeting and explained the life history and philosophy of freedom fighter Nilakantha Mishra. Secretary Nilakantha Mishra Sanghathan Siba Narayan Mishra read out the annual report of the Sangathan. The other guest of the occasions Dr.

award, Asit Tripathy best Sarapancha award, Niranjana Nayak best journalist & social activist award, Puspanjali Nayak best dance teacher & social activist award, Om Prakash Bindhani felicitated best youth social activist award. The programme was Co-ordinated by Seema Narayan Mishra, Suchismita Mishra and Ankan Mishra and also felicitated 20 legal heir of freedom fighters.

Odia Samaj Abu Dhabi Celebrates Utkal Dibas

Abu Dhabi (KCN): Odia Samaj Abu Dhabi (OSA) Celebrated UtkalDibas – 2022 with pomp and splendour. The Celebration coincided with the An-



nual Function of OSA entitled 'UTKARSHA – 2022'. The ceremony venue, the historic "Abu Dhabi Theater" facing the serene and scenic Arabian Sea, was decked up aesthetically befitting to the Grand Occasion and was wearing the Lavish look of a 'Mini Odisha'. The entire ambience of the Theater was agog with Festive fervour. The Distinguished gathering included members and relatives of OSA,

bre, the distinguished Guest renowned Odia actor and TV personality Kuna Tripathy eulogized the exemplary endeavours of OSA in uniting NRIs at Abu Dhabi. Shri Tripathy gave a clarion call to the Odia Community abroad to be a 'Pure Odia and Proud Odia'. Attending the Festival as Guest of Honour, Eminent Journalist and Chairman of World Odisha Society (WOS) Kishore Dwibedi lauded the leading role of Odia Samaj Abu Dhabi in promoting and popularizing Brand Odisha in the United Arab Emirates. Addressing the gathering Ms. Risha Oberai, Chief Guest Second Secretary of Indian Embassy in UAE, appreciated OSA's all-round support in strengthening Indian diaspora in the UAE. Delivering his speech, special Guest representative of the Chairman of RaReAn Group Braja Kishore Mishra, CEO of TERAS company Anil Sahu showered huge praises on the active members of OSA in serving Odia communities. Representing Sheikh Mohammed bin Sultan bin Hamdan Al Nahyan, Charged Affairs Agent Dr. Talal Al Baloushi, Advisers of OSA Dr. Himanshu Das, Shri Ashok Panda and honourable guest Shri Mulk Raj shared the dias and were warmly felicitated.

The Anniversary celebration witnessed the release of the souvenir magazine entitled 'PRABASI UTKARSHA', boasting a high level of editorial quality. The fourth edition was conceptualised by



an experienced editorial board, and was spearheaded by Shri Satyabrata Patra, Arunima Mishra and other consulting editors. The special attraction of Utkal Dibas was the presentation of acultural Jamboori by the Czars and Czarinas of Ollywood like Kuna Tripathy, Abhijit Majumdar and Anuradha Panigrahi. They were supported by musical accompanists Saumyajit Parida, Jyotiranjana Mahalik and Dushmant Das. The audience were spellbound by the unique rendition of two Plays based on the theme of coronavirus by male and female members of OSA. Conceptualised by Mrs Banhi Prava Rath, the plays were directed and executed by Saugat Nayak, Kamal Panda and team. Musical tributes to Bappi Lahiri and Lata Mangeshkar were super-duper hits. The unmissable attraction of the evening was the Fashion Show. It was curated by OSA's Swati Das and Subhra Samal, and was unique in all respects. As the in-house curators would describe it, this idea was themed to offer a special tribute to the weavers of Odisha. The Cultural session was ably conducted by ace anchor Ankita Mohanty, OSA's Cultural Secretary Pratik Dash and Assistant Cultural Secretary Santosh Tripathy coordinated the performances smoothly. The main function and PRABASI UTKARSHA launch were compered by Arunima Mishra. Dr Himanshu Das presented the vote of thanks. The whole arrangement of the Mega Event was managed by the competent organisers of OSA like Shri Pradeep Rath, Sidhartha Das, Kamal Panda, Dillip Nayak, Santosh Tripathy, Sudhanshu Patro, Rabi Narayan Dash, Sukarna Behera, Kartik Singh, Sushanta Mohapatra, Sushanta Choudhury, Abdur Rauf and Jyotiranjana Dash. The dignitaries present include Priyadarshi Panigrahi, Baidyanath Jena and Kishore Kumar Dash.



prominent Non Resident Indians, Officials of Indian Embassy and Members of Diplomatic core belonging to different Countries. The Odia Community in Abu Dhabi had a special reason to go for a massive and spirited celebration because "Utkal Dibas" commemoration was taking place offline after a gap of two years due to Corona disruption. The Festival commenced with the lighting of ceremonial lamp by the Invited Guests. Delivering Welcome Address the President of Odia Samaj Abu Dhabi (OSA) Shri Pradeep Kumar Rath elaborated the series of charitable and social services rendered by OSA during Covid-19 pandemic and Fani Cyclone in Odisha. Specially, Shri Rath was highly praising the active role of the members of OSA in evacuating 2000+ stranded and distressed Odias safely to Odisha by 14 Chartered Flights (including 6 Vande Bharat flights) during the advent of the pandemic. Exhibiting his astounding oratory cali-

Dabur Vita, India's best Immunity Expert, organizes immunity session for Kids

Kolkata(KCN): With schools reopening and the start of the new academic session, Dabur Vita, the leading Health Food Drink from the House of Dabur, today announced the launch of a Mega Immunity Awareness Campaign to build awareness about the importance

Chyawanprash, were also provided to these students. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Prashant Agarwal, Marketing Head- Health Supplements, Dabur India Ltd. said, "Since physical classes have started, strong immunity is the primary need of every child as

prove awareness about the need to build a stronger immune system to fight against illnesses." Dr. Abir Ray said, "On a daily basis, we are exposed to potentially harmful bacteria and viruses. Our immune system helps protect us against these harmful mi-

efit in a health drink. Considering this consumer need, Dabur has formulated Dabur Vita to provide a better immunity than any other health drink available in market. It is made with a unique blend of more than 30+ herbs like Ashwagandha, Giloy and Brahmi, which



of strong immunity among school-going children.

The drive was flagged off in Kolkata with a special session covering more than 200 kids from Sisir Das Sports Association. The kids were educated on ways to boost their immunity through basic hygiene practices and a nutritious diet. A special Immunity Kit, comprising Dabur Vita and Dabur

we are not yet out of the pandemic. The importance of strong immunity in strengthening one's overall health during the pandemic as well as its critical role in fighting the virus is well established, globally. Keeping this in mind, Dabur Vita has joined hands with leading NGOs/Schools from five cities in India i.e. Kolkata, Pune, Mumbai, Chandigarh and Lucknow, to im-

crobes as well as diseases. Enhancing immunity is an effective way to fight common bacteria and viruses. Through this initiative, we aim to highlight the importance of a strong immunity, besides providing Immunity Kits to the Kids."

"A recent research conducted by Nielsen showed that close to 88% mothers look for immunity as the most important ben-

are scientifically proven not only to provide a better immunity but also to promote physical and mental growth among kids. Dabur Vita brings the benefits of Ayurveda in a tasty chocolaty drink which promotes bone and muscular growth and helps in promoting brain health, learning and concentration in kids between 6 to 15 years," Mr. Agarwal added.

Excise Squad Conducted Raid against Illegal ID Liquor Manufacturing Units

Khordha(KCN) Excise Squad of

Seized 7200 Litrs of Gur Wash, 340 Litrs

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Manoj Kumar, OIC, Khordha, Geetanjali



Khordha Conducted Massive Raid Against Illegal ID Liquor Manufacturing Unit at Barapada Under Khordha Sadar Police Station Area and

ID Liquor and Distillation Apparatus. All the Seized Property were Destroyed at the Spot. The Approximate Value of Seized Articles were



Bhairab Sahoo, Inspector of Excise, Khordha Range, Sasmita Hota, Inspector of Excise, Mobile Unit, B.

Behera, OIC, Jatni, Biranchi Narayan Mohanty, OIC, Begunia and Khordha, Begunia, Jatni Excise Staffs.

Two 407 mini trucks Siezed

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North Indians were honored by Supriya Sule, Prajakt Tanpure, Narendra Rane, Rakhi Jadhav, Film Star Sudip Pandey and Manish Dubey

Mumbai(KCN, Sanjay Sharma Raj): Mumbai Nationalist Congress Party & Hindi-speaking Samman Sabha was organized at Rajshree Hall, SV Road, Dahisar (East), Mumbai on June 3, 2022, which was successfully com-

pleted. Where MP Smt. Supriya Sule, Minister of State for Urban Development Shri Prajakt Tanpure, Mumbai Working President Shri Narendra Rane, Smt. Rakhi Jadhav, party general secretary and film star Sudip Pandey,

their caste or religion? No, because it was necessary to save lives at that time. Why are people fighting in the name of religion and spreading hatred? We should respect every caste and religion. Humanity is the biggest doing his best to help migrants in Maharashtra and I want to contribute to his efforts. Since I was a bhojpuri actor, North Indians used to approach me during any crisis as they expected me to help them like a real hero and



Our party respects every caste and religion and we all should respect it." Surprisingly, Bhojpuri film star Sudip Pandey also attended the event. He said, "I thank

I am glad that with the support of my party NCP, I can now help them systematically." Manish Dubey, Mumbai state president of the party's 'Hindi Bhashi Vibhag' and the or-

ganizer of the event, said, "I always solve the problems of North Indians and all the people through the party and will continue to do so."



organizer Manish Dubey etc. were present. On this occasion, MP Smt. Supriya Sule said, "When Covid pandemic started, did anyone go to the hospital and asked the doctor about

Narendra Rane ji and Rakhi Jadhav ji for supporting me and the North Indians. Hope Supriyatai ji continues to guide us from time to time. I appreciate Manish Dubey ji who is

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'The Lemonade' Author Kankane Rakhi Surendra Releases Second Part of Story Collection "2nd Serving of The Lemonade - A collection of sweet, salty, and sour stories!"

Mumbai (KCN): Kankane Rakhi

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Phenomenal experience: Riteish Deshmukh praises Anil Kapoor, Anurag Kashyap's 'AK vs AK'

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Deshmukh. He then went on to heap praise on Kashyap, Kapoor, and his actor son

Kashyap plays the role of a disgraced film director in the film. 'AK vs AK,' re-



Surendra, author of Amazon #1 bestseller in short stories 'The Lemonade' has come up with the second book of her series '2nd Serving of The Lemonade - A collection of sweet, salty, and sour stories!', which is a collection of fictional stories with a non-fictional motive. Rakhi, with her series 'The Lemonade', brings a collection of short stories that are about life's challenges,

wards life. They talk about accepting whatever the situation is at the present moment and deriving something positive out of it. Talking about her latest book, author Kankane Rakhi Surendra reveals that the base of her book is a very famous quote by Dale Carnegie, 'When life gives you lemons, make lemonade.' Rakhi says, "Not all days of life are same. Life is full of

the days when we face adversity or misfortune, accepting it and finding something positive in it, is the best way to deal with it. I feel this is the secret of leading a good life." Stories by Rakhi in her book drive us to think and tackle the problems of life more maturely. The book is available for readers on Amazon, Kindle, and Flipkart



AK' and termed the Netflix based film "a phenomenal experience". Deshmukh took to Twitter to share a poster of the movie, which features Anurag Kashyap and Anil Kapoor in lead roles. "Mind has been blown!!! #AKvsAK is a phenomenal experience - @VikramMotwane take a bow my friend," tweeted

Harshvardhan Kapoor who has a cameo in the film. "@anuragkashyap72 how good are you, @AnilKapoor Sir, only you could do this, you are pure gold in this film but @HarshKapoor_has outdone your entire performance in one scene," the 'Housefull' actor's tweet further read. While Kapoor essays the role of a yesteryear actor,

volves around the story of a movie star and a film director who get into a public spat, following which the director retaliates by kidnapping the actor's daughter and films the search for her in real-time. The Netflix India Original film was released on the platform on December 24, which also happens to be Anil Kapoor's birthday.

Democracy Suffers Due to Incompetency of Congress

It is very unfortunate that a very first historical political party enjoyed the power as central government for long span of time but due



to arrogance of being the largest political party of the country, the kind of change is being seen in the character of Congress, instead of honesty, loyalty and dedication among the Congress workers and leaders. But the competition to justify the wrong, the kind of power-shows being done to justify the scars on his character, is a sign of great trouble for the nation. The big question is that why is there a panic in the Congress when the Enforcement Directorate summons Rahul and Sonia Gandhi for questioning? Contradictory is the attitude of the Congress, its leaders and workers, which is un-

necessarily targeting the Modi government, while forgetting that the National Herald case reached the court when the UPA government was in power. The allegations against the top leaders of the Congress party regarding corruption should be answered by constitutional means and not by agitation by displaying their political power. It is being seen for the first time in the country that there have been many movements against corruption, but this is the first movement in favour of corruption. What could be a more unfortunate situation than this?

Rahul Gandhi is the MP of this country, the supreme leader of the party. When the ED summoned him, he should present his side before the ED officials. After that the law will take its course. The law of India is so strong that here the innocent are never punished. The facts that will come out through the legal process, the people of the country will also be able to know the truth. This is the time for the

Congress party and its leaders to wash the stains on their character and reveal the truth. This is the same Congress party which has raised question marks on constitutional institutions from time to time and who ruled the country for a long time, now they are facing serious allegations of corruption, so why are they scared of investigating agencies? Why is it running away from constitutional challenges? After all, what do they want to hide? Those who call themselves the oldest political party, are they working today not to save democracy but to save the assets of the Gandhi family worth Rs 2,000 crores? All this raises a question mark in itself and it seems that there is something fishy.

Congress workers and leaders are flooded with so-called revolutionary ideas, but the reward of living and transparency is missing. The effective promises of Congress leaders from their forums have been putting dreams, ideals in the hands of the people but they have not been able to capture the truth of life. This supreme political party has been occupying power by chanting against corruption, but as soon as it came to power, it became engrossed in corruption. The party has been lying in the corridors of supreme politics and has been seeing stains in strangers. The party has been playing tricks to make lies come true and sometimes has been creating a daring drama to expose lies. But the worrying question is whether this intellectual and political struggle of the party keeps the credibility and security of the ideals of India?

The way Congress leaders-workers took to the streets in Delhi as well as in other parts of the country during the National Herald case to appear before the Enforcement Directorate of Rahul Gandhi, trying to send a message that their leader was being persecuted, He is being implicated in false allegations, Congress hardly gets anything from it, but doubts are

Lalit Garg

being proved on his image. The answers given by the Congress to the questions raised on this matter, which have been surrounded by controversies and doubts for a long time, are not satisfactory. In this case, it cannot be overlooked that the process of selling Associate Journal Ltd., having assets of thousands of crores to Young India,



does not seem to be as fair as is being told by the Congress.

The first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru had a role in Associate Journal Limited, formed for the publication of newspapers during the freedom struggle, but he did not own the company. The shareholders of this company included about five thousand freedom fighters. There was no concrete answer from the Congress as to how the ownership of this company was passed on to the Young India Company, in which Sonia and Rahul Gandhi hold 76 per cent stake and the rest to the leaders close to them, without the permission of the shareholders. After all, the ED wants the disclosure of such doubts, why not Rahul clear the facts by answering the questions of partnership pattern, financial transactions, role of promoters and alleged transfer of money of Young India Company and Associate Journal Ltd. Congress leaders should also not lose sight of the fact that Rahul and Sonia Gandhi are out on bail in this case. The Congress leaders, who are making noise that the Modi government is using the central agency to harass Rahul and Sonia Gandhi, better remember that the Supreme Court has refused to grant them relief in this matter.

There is a motto in the national emblem of India - 'Satyamev Jayate'. The instability and

immaturity of thoughts and resolutions give rise to greed and selfishness. In the nation, not only the common citizens, but also the feet of the leaders easily move towards the slippery path of untruth and then our motto becomes a mockery. A mockery is also made when it is used by Congressmen to cover up corruption and crimes. Therefore, legislative change of political thoughts and resolutions is necessary; otherwise the decisive role of construction cannot be played. Thoughts imposed by force and accepted rules and regulations out of compulsion or fear cannot become fruitful. If the law demands proof of truth and the witnesses are brought false, then who can save the innocent from being hanged? How can truth be respected? How to become a national character?

The Congress, which shows the direction to the country and the people, itself has gone astray. It is a disgrace that the protest of Congress leaders is openly coming out as a tactic to put pressure on the country's highest investigative agency. It is a very clear fact that the



National Herald case of the Congress party is not a political matter, it is a legal matter related to corruption and in such cases the politics of strikes & demonstration does not work. If Sonia and Rahul Gandhi feel that the Enforcement Directorate has no right to interrogate them, then they should have gone to court instead of taking their leaders out on the streets. It is a strange and tragic development of the Congress party that they are trying to show that they are above the rules and regulations.

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Some Golden Rules To Thrive In Life

The young generation is always drowned in the intoxicating trap of social media. It is so



annoying. Social media platforms like Instagram, Facebook, Messenger, WhatsApp, Twitter etc. are good as long as they are not affecting our privacy. We are always in a dilemma. The crisis of trust or faith is already a doomed outcome of this so-called modernity. Slowly, the social media monster is veiling our reality.

If loneliness haunts us, then we should talk to our parents, friends, and even strangers instead of posting something sensitive on Facebook. Because they are the support system with whom we can freely share our weak moments. Let us pledge from today to keep away from the urge to post on or browse social media every five minutes. There should be a mental awareness drive—whereby we can cling on to our family and friends and not on social networking sites. Only then, we can rekindle the spark of love and happiness in our life.

The most valued moment for a person is that which he has spent with his soul. It implies the retrospective and reflective attitude towards his inner self. A keen observation of the self and self-evaluation are desired approaches towards life. A man can develop a positive attitude towards life by reflecting on his soul in solitude. Integrity and solidarity are the bridge to success and happiness. He can conquer his solitary moments by a close analysis of his deeds. He can, therefore, embark on a creative and fulfilling journey.

Change is the unchangeable law of nature but never change so much that you lose your own identity. Vanity is sometimes essential for maintaining one's esteem, but it should not

be mistaken for boasting. Then it becomes an ego, which is self-destructive.

Do not repeatedly fall prey to the vicious traps of the people on social media. Nowadays, we are suffering from inherent loneliness. This void leads us towards self-destruction. This is the most pressing crisis of the present society. This predicament results from cultural disintegration. The tragedy is the ultimate consequence of spiritual degeneration.

Due to the loss of faith in spiritual values and lack of self-confidence, we are ultimately moving towards self-destruction. Every day we are fighting with unknown enemies. The dilemma, confusion and unnecessary speculation are the sole reason for such despair.

Internal conflicts lead us towards an unpredictable moment. Somehow, we are living in an illusion. Within us, we engage in a struggle for survival. We can deal with such maladies only by reviving faith in God. The man-made fuss and dissatisfaction will be eliminated automatically. Faith in divine power and positive energy will eradicate the paralysed system of disbelief and self-contradiction. Peace will reign everywhere. A new horizon is waving towards us. We can change our lives by adding colour and charm to the blank canvas of the horizon with a pinch of realism and a positive approach.

Live and let live. Always smile back at life. Be happy. You should celebrate each day for being alive. Be thankful for the blessings that the almighty has endowed you with. Each day we should offer our gratification to Mother Earth. Lead a thankful life. A zero-toxic environment is very rare. Everyone is speaking about positive ambience and recreating a spiritual environment. No one is thinking about removing toxic elements from life. So how

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does one stay away from toxicity to rejuvenate positivity?

A small step towards purity can change our entire life. First, we should alienate ourselves from negative emotions like hatred, envy, threats and most importantly, anger. Try to stay away from social media by participating in real relationships. Nothing is permanent. So do not stress yourself by overthinking. Gratification is the real gateway towards positivism. Always appreciate the beautiful things in your life and nurture the relationships that the almighty has endowed you with.

We should also be indebted for all the amazing blessings that mother nature is showering us in our daily lives. I know these targets are not so easy to follow in our real, mundane lives since we have already created a confused and negative shield for our life! Hence, it is high time to break through that shield and move out of that mess towards a healthy and toxic-free environment. Be happy for no reason. Do not crave for reasons to be happy. Rather create reasons to be happy. Another thing is that it is only you who can make yourself happy. Hence, don't depend on others to make you happy.

Give wings to your happiness so that you can come up with flying colours. The ray of luminous enlightenment can come to you only after a spiritual meditation. So try to find contentment when you have nothing. All these things depend upon your inclination towards life. You have to be content with it. If you are always dissatisfied with life then even acquiring massive property would not offer you happiness. The rainbow of happiness can only be achieved through a continuous endeavour through self-meditation and spiritual awareness.

Just imagine your life as a blank canvas. Then

paint it. But how? Shade your canvas with vibrant colours and hues of glowing happiness. Don't brood about what has already happened. Do not be judgmental. Leave certain things for the right time. Don't preoccupy yourself with regret. Release yourself from imaginary foes. Do not discourage yourself by thinking about your incapacities. Everyone has loopholes in their traits. Instead, marvel at the privileges you have been lucky to have. Be proud of your potential. Work on them. No matter what, always be proud of yourself.

Yes, the most annoying thing in life is fear. How to conquer fear? Fear of death of near and dear ones is the most dreadful nightmare for an individual. One must learn to fight with these unknown imaginary enemies. How? The easy way to curb such fear is believing in Supernatural Shrine, regaining faith and confidence. If a strong belief in God reigns in our minds, then we can imbibe fearlessness.

Why are we investing in mutual funds and the share market instead of investing our precious money in relationship goals? Yes, we are forgetting the primary relationships we are toiling so hard for, to build a beautiful future ahead. Money can't buy happiness, but relationships can. So try to keep your relationships on the top of your priorities list; otherwise, life will offer you a spiritless void.

The supernatural shrine, otherwise known as Guardian Angel, is always watching us and guiding our lives. The only way to connect with him is blind trust and confidence in self. Only then, can we feel the Almighty's presence in our life?. Spiritual enlightenment is the primary remedy to all the evils in human society. The darkness can be dispensed only through spiritual reawakening.

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Take holiday to grow food now, Sri Lanka tells civil servants as food shortage looms

COLOMBO: Crisis-hit Sri Lanka is asking civil servants to take an extra day off each week to grow crops in their backyards in a bid to forestall a looming food shortage. The island nation's

would be a "solution to the food shortage that is expected to occur in the future", the statement read, adding that cutting down on civil servant commutes would also help reduce fuel consump-

tion. Last week the United Nations warned Sri Lanka was facing a "dire humanitarian crisis", and said four out of five people in the nation of 22 million were forced to skip meals. Motorists, meanwhile, have suffered through months of chronic petrol and diesel shortages, and long queues of vehicles outside filling stations are a regular sight around the country. Public employees will have every Friday off

for the next three months without a pay cut, according to the cabinet decision, but the arrangement will not apply to essential services staff. The government also said any members of



is in talks with the International Monetary Fund for a bailout. Public protests have demanded the resignation of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa over the mismanagement of the country's

economy and the severe hardships facing its people. Rajapaksa introduced sweeping tax cuts soon after coming to power in November that has been blamed for leaving the island without the means to pay for essential imports. The cash shortfall was worsened by the Covid-19 pandemic, which savaged the local tourism industry and cut remittances sent back home by Sri Lankans working abroad.

the 1.5 million-strong public sector who wanted to travel abroad to find work would be given up to five years of unpaid leave without affecting their seniority or pensions. The move is aimed at encouraging more people to get foreign jobs and send money back to the island, which is labouring under a critical shortage of foreign currency to buy imports. Sri Lanka has defaulted on its \$51 billion foreign debt and

unprecedented economic downturn has left several staple foods in short supply, along with petrol and medicines, and rampant inflation is ravaging household budgets. "It seems appropriate to grant government officials leave for one working day of the week and provide them with the necessary facilities to engage in agricultural activities in their backyards," a cabinet statement said Tuesday. The extra day off

Sri Lanka gets 3,500 MT of gas; new Indian Credit line to help buy fuel for another four months

COLOMBO: Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesighe on Tuesday said that a new Credit Line provided by India will support the cash-strapped island nation's fuel purchase for another four months from July even as an LPG shipment of 3,500 MT reached Sri Lanka. The gas from this shipment will be delivered

The fuel delivery will be available for 50 per cent of the demand in the country.

Wickremesighe said that he obtained Cabinet approval to print money in order to make the fuel and gas purchases for the country.

Sri Lanka does not have any rupee income, and by the end of the year, the rupee crisis

will be solved with the introduction of taxes, he said.

"We are speaking with the IMF to solve the dollar crisis. On the 7th of June, I spoke to the IMF Managing Director, and she assured to expedite our request. Following that meeting, a delegation will come to Sri Lanka on the 20th



of June," he said in a statement. Sri Lanka is currently facing its worst economic crisis since independence from Britain in 1948.

The economic crisis has prompted an acute shortage of essential items like food, medicine, cooking gas and other fuel, toilet paper, and even matches, with Sri Lankans being forced to wait in lines lasting hours outside stores to buy fuel and cooking gas.

The country is experiencing long queues for refuelling at pumping stations as the government finds it difficult to finance fuel imports to retain a reserve adequate for a minimum of three months.

A move to ration fuel is to be implemented from next month as the forex crisis gets worsened.

The nearly bankrupt country, with an acute foreign currency crisis that resulted in foreign debt default, announced in April that it is suspending nearly USD 7 billion foreign debt repayment due for this year out of about USD 25 billion due through 2026.

Sri Lanka's total foreign debt stands at USD 51 billion.

Money laundering case: ED summons Rahul Gandhi for third time on Wednesday; Congress cries foul

NEW DELHI: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi was questioned for over eight hours by the Enforcement Directorate for the second consecutive day in the National Herald money-laundering probe and was again summoned on Wednesday, even as the opposition party continued its protests and sparred with the BJP, accusing it of conspiring to defame the Gandhi family through the "false" case.

Gandhi, 51, who was quizzed for over 10 hours a day earlier, arrived on Tuesday at the ED headquarters on APJ Abdul Kalam Road in central Delhi accompanied by his sister and Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and his questioning began at 11:30 am. After a session of about four hours, Gandhi took a break for about an hour at around 3:30 pm and went home. He rejoined the questioning and was still at the ED office at 9 pm. The former Congress president had left the federal agency's office at 11. 10 pm on Monday after being questioned over multiple sessions and recording his statement under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). Earlier in the day, Gandhi joined senior party leaders at a "dharna" at the Congress headquarters, where the chief ministers of Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, Ashok Gehlot and Bhupesh Baghel, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and party MPs were also present. Hundreds of Congress leaders and supporters were detained outside the party headquarters at 24, Akbar Road and around central Delhi as they tried to hold a protest against the ED action for the second day. The BJP hit out at the opposition party, saying it is blocking roads to show its "leaders are above the law" and termed the protests "drama".

"When lawful action is taking place in a case of corruption, Congress is doing this drama and blocking roads. It shows the party considers its leaders above law," BJP's national spokesperson Sambit Patra said.

Union minister Anurag Thakur also took a swipe at Rahul Gandhi over his questioning by the ED after the Congress leader criticised prime minister's decision to provide 10 lakh government jobs in the next 18 months. "I would only say to Rahul ji, you should first provide the right answers to the ED on the serious charges of corruption made against you," the BJP leader told reporters. The Congress, however, accused the BJP of conspiring to defame the Gandhi family and the party by destroying their credibility through a "false" money laundering case being pursued by the Enforcement Directorate.

Congress general secretary and chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala claimed that the Centre is scared of Gandhi's politics as he is raising issues concerning the public.

"This entire exercise is illegal, unconstitutional, malicious and an exercise by a prime minister burning in the fire of political vendetta," Surjewala told a press conference here.

The Congress had alleged that its leaders were man-handled by police during Monday's protest as they tried to walk to the ED office.

All approach roads leading to the agency office were made out of bounds on Tuesday for the public as prohibitory orders were imposed and barricades put up. A large posse of police personnel including from the central anti-riot police force RAF and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) were deployed.

K C Venugopal and Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury were among scores of party leaders detained for violating prohibitory orders outside the heavily barricaded party office on Akbar road.

Lok Sabha MP Manickam Tagore said he and some other leaders, including P L Punia, were not allowed to enter the Congress office and were detained at the Mandir Marg police station.

Among the other leaders detained were Randeep Surjewala, Jairam Ramesh, Gaurav Gogoi, Deepender Singh Hooda, Ranjeet Ranjan, Jeby Mather, Imran Pratapgarhi, Youth Congress chief B V Srinivas and National Students' Union of India (NSUI) chief Neeraj Kundan, with some of them even roughed up. Venugopal said this is nothing but "political vendetta" by the Modi government, which is trying to defame the Congress leadership through "false cases". "They can imprison us but they cannot imprison the truth. The fight for the truth shall go on," he added. Officials said Gandhi has been called again on June 15 as the questioning and the recording of a statement are taking a long time.

While agency sources informed that Gandhi recorded his statement and checked its transcript minutely, Congress leaders claimed that the investigators took multiple breaks during his questioning on Monday. The investigating officer of the case, an assistant director-rank ED officer, is expected to continue the questioning related to the incorporation of the Young Indian company, the operations of the National Herald newspaper, the loan given by the Congress to AJL and the fund transfer within the news media establishment.

The probe pertains to alleged financial irregularities in Young Indian Private Limited, promoted by the Congress, that owns National Herald.

The newspaper is published by Associated Journals Limited (AJL) and owned by Young Indian.

Gandhi's mother and Congress president Sonia Gandhi, who is currently admitted to a hospital here due to Covid-related issues, has also been summoned by the agency for questioning in the case on June 23.

Satya's New Jagannath Bhajan Out

Bhubaneswar: On the auspicious occasion of Debasnana Purnima, a new Bhajan of Veteran

Nityashree Ranjan, and Bishnu Mohan Kabi. Within a few hours, over 5000 persons have listened to

JioSaavn, Wynk, Gaana, Apple Music, Amazon Prime Music, iTunes and Spotify.

Tate. The bhajan gives a divine-like feeling to the listener, even though the song has already been sung by famous singers like Late Bhikari Bal, Namita Agrawal, Arabinda Muduli.

On the occasion of Maha Shivratri, he sang a Bhajan on Lord Shiva, titled Deba Deba Mahadeva.

Prior to that, Mr.Sahu, serving as Principal Secretary School & Mass Education sang for Mo School Abhigyan.

The Additional Chief Secretary sung on Mo School Abhiyan, which was applauded across the State.

Mr.Sahu serving as Additional Chief Secretary Revenue & Disaster Management sang a beautiful bhajan on Sirdi Sai Baba. He is an ardent devotee of Sai Baba.

Even though being a senior bureaucrat his passion for singing bhajans is unmatched. Mr. Sahu takes time on holidays to sing bhajans.



Bureaucrat and Jagannath devotee Satyabrata Sahu was released on Tuesday. Mr. Sahu has sung the Bhajan titled 'Thaau Re Kalia Thaau To Snahana Setiki Thhau' very beautifully. The 4.41 minutes long Bhajan has been uploaded in Youtube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UhKEqQVc2s>) Lyrics have been composed by Arun Mantri while music has been given by Biswanath Mishra,

the Bhajans. In the video uploaded in Youtube channel of Sidharth Music, the Ace Mandarin along with four other artists were seen singing the song by standing before Lord Jagannath statue with folded hands. While renowned lyricist Arun Mantri has given lyrics for the new Bhajan, Biswanath Mishra has given direction. The song was recorded at Sidharth Music and is available on

So far, he has sung several Bhajans like a professional playback singer. Earlier, his four Bhajan songs Jagat Janani Maa Tara Tarini, Dukha Bujhanti Maa Tara Tarini, Sankata Harini Maa Tara Tarini and Dhanya Dhanya Tume Dui Bhauni released on one day.

On 2 February, for the first time, Mr.Sahu had sung the famous Odia Bhajan Jagannatha Ho Kichhi Magunahin

Experts Bat for GRIDCO

Bhubaneswar: Financial Experts have advised Odisha Government to come to rescue of GRIDCO as the huge financial burden on the State Owned Energy Organization is passing through tough time.

There is huge loan burden is on GRIDCO and every year, the State Owned PSU is coughing out Rs.700 Crore as interest liability.

While Minister Finance Niranjana Pujari organized a Pre-Budget discussion with former Ministers Finance, Ex ACS Finance and other Financial Experts on 12 June, experts have advised the State Government to help out GRIDCO.

Former Chairman Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission, U N Behera has advised the State Government in this regard.

Mr.Behera, who was also ACS, Finance has said that the second round of reform in the electricity sector has been embarked upon in the state. 51 Per cent stake in all the four distribution companies have been transferred to a private sector entity having long experience in the power sector through a competitive bidding process.

Contractual arrangement has been put in place for timely payment of electricity bills by the distribution companies to GRIDCO. In fact, they have opened Letter of Credit for two months

power bill in advance.

As a result, GRIDCO will not have any cash flow problem for paying the power bills of the generating companies. This has been the major problem in the earlier regime.

Earlier DISCOMs were not able pay their dues to GRIDCO and it could not collect their power bills from the distribution companies in time.

As a result huge arrears built up turning to bad debt. GRIDCO had to borrow huge amounts from commercial banks for meeting their payment obligations to generating companies.

Annual interest liability of GRIDCO has gone up to Rs. 700 crores. If this is recovered from the consumers, it would have an additional tariff liability of 35 paise per unit.

In order to allow GRIDCO to start with a clean slate, the bank borrowings of GRIDCO need to be cleared, he advised.

Government may come to the rescue of GRIDCO in this matter. In any case, the borrowings have been secured by government guarantee. It may require 5-7 years for clearing these borrowings.

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Scanner On Teachers Certificate

Bhubaneswar: Amid allegations of fake certificates furnished by several teachers of Government Schools, the State Government has decided to scan certificates of all teachers recruited in the past three years. This decision was taken at a high-level

meeting held under the Chairmanship of Development Commissioner PK Jena here on Monday.

Principal Secretary Bishnupada Sethi along with senior officers of the School and Mass Education Department attended the meeting.

The certificates and documents of all teachers recruited in various Government-run schools will be examined. The Department will write to concerned universities and Governments of other States to verify the certificates of the teachers. If required, special officers will be sent to outside Odisha universities, officials said.

Further, it was decided that the Board of Secondary Education (BSE) and Council of Higher Secondary Education (CHSE) will adopt the Digilocker system from the current academic year.

The IT Department will be asked for digi-

tization of all certificates issued by the BSE and CHSE so that such fake certificate problems will not arise in future, the officials said.

The OSEPA Director has been asked to prepare a complete database of all teachers.

All the fake certificate cases will be examined on priority basis and if any teacher is found guilty, FIR will be lodged against the concerned teacher and action will be taken to recover the entire salary he/she had drawn during the service period.

During the meeting, Jena has directed to simplify the procedure to issue NOC to the CBSE schools. If the concerned school will submit wrong information while seeking NOC, the NOC will be withdrawn for three years.

Moreover, the Government has also decided to make proper analysis of school dropouts after the HSC examination and further strengthen the teachers' training programs. At least one Government school in each District will be selected to provide teaching in English medium, the officials informed.






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Tata Technologies to revamp 71 ITIs in Tamil Nadu

NEW DELHI: Tata Technologies on Tuesday said it has collaborated with the Tamil Nadu government to transform 71 government

services firm has entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with the government of Tamil Nadu for 5 years for the pur-

centres will not only cater to the advanced skill requirements of students but also act as technology and industrial hubs for

opportunity to leverage our manufacturing domain knowledge to upskill and empower the youth of Tamil Nadu," Tata Technologies Chair-

tries and manufacturers seek a skilled workforce with relevant expertise and experience, he added. Through this collaboration, the company will leverage its product engineering expertise and manufacturing domain knowledge to create future-ready courseware and training platform that allows students to develop their skillsets in line with the requirements of Industry 4.0 technologies and be part of the rapidly transforming ecosystem, Tata Technologies Managing Director and CEO Warren Harris said. Quoting Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin, the company said, "The collaboration with Tata Technologies is an effort to bridge the gap between demand and supply of skilled workforce requirements of the manufacturing industry. The upgraded technology centres will help us upskill and reskill the youth of Tamil Nadu to meet the emerging industrial requirements in the state, thereby attracting more investments, creating more job opportunities, and helping us become a USD 1 trillion economy by 2030."

Nadu government and 20 global industry partners to implement this project by upgrading the overall facilities of these 71 technology centres, developing an Industry 4.0-course curriculum, conducting training programmes, and providing equipment and software support at the new centres.

The objective is to bridge the gap between academia and industry by establishing modern technology centres to facilitate innovations and skill development of students and industry professionals who can be eventually absorbed as skilled resources in the manufacturing industry, as well as encourage entrepreneurship, it added.

The courses at the new centres would upgrade the skills of the basic workforce as per future industry requirements and offer a platform to participants through which they can get placements in the industries. This will also improve the availability of advanced skills required for smart manufacturing across the state and provide the impetus for skill-led manufacturing, thereby attracting investments into Tamil Nadu, the company said.

Pope blasts Russian 'cruelty', lauds Ukrainian 'heroism'

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weren't "good guys and bad guys" and that Russia was in some ways provoked by NATO's expansion east.

"Someone might say at this point: 'But you are in favor of Putin!' No, I'm not," Francis said. "It would be simplistic and wrong to say such a thing. I am simply against reducing complexity to the distinction between good and bad, without thinking about roots and interests, which are very complex. While we see the ferocity, the cruelty of the Russian troops, we must not forget the problems to try to solve them."

In the interview, Francis confirmed he hopes to meet with Russian Patriarch Kirill, who has justified the war, when the two are due to attend an interfaith meeting in Kazakhstan in mid-September.

A planned meeting in June was called off by both sides, Francis said, "so that our dialogue isn't misunderstood." In Kazakhstan, he said, "I hope to be able to greet him and speak with him a bit as a pastor."

At the same time, Francis went on at length to praise the courage of Ukrainians and reasserted their right to defend themselves while blasting what he said was the financial interests in the war by weapons manufacturers to "test and sell weapons."

"It's true the Russians thought it'd be over in a week. But they miscalculated," Francis said. "They found a courageous people, a people who are fighting to survive and have a history of fighting."

SBI hikes deposit, lending rates following Reserve Bank's strides
NEW DELHI: The country's largest lender SBI has raised its deposit and lending rates following the Reserve Bank's repo rate hike last week.

SBI said interest rates have been raised by 0.20 per cent on domestic term deposits of below Rs 2 crore for select tenors. The revised interest rates on retail domestic term deposits (below Rs 2 crore) come into effect from June 14, 2022, State Bank of India (SBI) said on its website. For deposits of 211 days to less than 1 year, the lender will offer interest rate at 4.60 per cent, as against 4.40 per cent earlier. Senior citizens will be offered an interest of 5.10 per cent as against 4.90 per cent earlier. Likewise, for domestic term deposits of 1 year to less than 2 years, customers can earn interest of 5.30 per cent, up by 0.20 per cent. For senior citizens, the interest rate will be higher by a similar margin at 5.80 per cent.

BJP to restructure booth committees in Odisha after panchayat poll debacle

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programme of his party proved futile.

"We failed to convey the successes of the Narendra Modi government and its welfare programmes to the people, while the BJD government took all the credit of the Central programmes be it free foodgrain supply during pandemic, rural housing, tap water supply and rural electrification," he said.

Mohanty said the party has identified that the booths need to be strengthened by bringing in necessary changes in the organisational structure. Every booth will have 20 members and there will be one person in charge of booth workers.

The booth-level workers will travel extensively and also make door-to-door contact to explain the people about the the Modi government programmes that brought a change in their lives.

The BJP had taken a massive exercise of forming booth committees before the last general election under the stewardship of then president Amit Shah after realising that the party failed to reap desired benefit in the 2014 polls due to lack of booth infrastructure.

The programme was launched after the stupendous success of the party in the 2017 panchayat polls when the BJP registered a nine-fold jump in the number of Zilla Parishad seats it won. However, the party which increased its voting percentage from 18 per cent in 2014 to 32.85 per cent in 2019 could manage to get about 30 per cent votes in the panchayat polls.

Hati Besha' Darshan For Devotees

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(sweeping of the floor) at the pandal, one of the major rituals ahead of Gaja Besha, with the priests chanting mantras.

The Snana Yatra is an annual bathing festival, which is celebrated on the Purnima (full moon day) as per Hindu calendar month of Jyeshtha. This is the day when people are allowed to have darshan of Lord Jagannath and his divine siblings at Snana Mandap at Shree Jagannath Temple.

After the Snana Yatra, the Deities are kept away from public view for fifteen days and during all these days the daily rites of the temple remain suspended.

As Jagannath himself instructed, after this ceremony, he is not seen for a fortnight. The Deities are kept in a special "sick room" called the Ratan Bedi inside the temple. This period is called 'Anabasara kala' meaning improper time for worship. It has been said earlier that the Deities are discoloured as a result of the sacred bath.

During these fifteen days the Daitas (descendants of Viswvasu, the Sabara) repaint and restore the Deities and Jagannath's fine decorations. The period of colouring and decorating the Deities is divided into seven short periods, each of two days duration, and a short period of one day set apart to give finishing touches. Thus the period covers the whole fortnight. On the 16th day the Deities in their new forms after renovation become ready for the public view - darshan.

During 'Anabasara', the Daitas offer to the Deities only fruits and water mixed with cheese, and Dasa mula medicines to cure his fever.

In a devotional mood the devotees accept that due to all the bathing the Lord becomes transcendently poorly, and therefore needs to take rest. Like human beings they are considered to have fallen ill and are treated by the Raj Vaidya or the King's physician with specific medicines (Dasamulas).



TATA TECHNOLOGIES

Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) across the state into modern technology centers and training facilities, entailing an investment of around Rs 2,204 crore.

The global engineering and product development digital

pose, it said in a statement.

"Along with the technology transformation of the ITIs, Tata Technologies will also be providing industrial support for trainers' training and ensuring maintenance of the new set-up," it said.

Post upgradation, these technology

MSMEs, the company said, adding the collaboration with the Tamil Nadu government is an extension of its continuous efforts to implement projects of high social impact and complement the nation-building efforts of the government.

"This project provides us an excellent

man Subramanian Ramadorai said.

The industrial ecosystem and its requirements have changed significantly over the last few years with a digital-first approach.

To keep pace with these evolving technological trends and transition towards 'Industry 4.0', indus-

CCI approves proposed acquisition of AirAsia India by Air India

NEW DELHI: Competition Commission of India on Tuesday

83.67 per cent and AAIL owning a 16.33 per cent stake.

transport, air cargo transport and charter flight services in the

joint venture with Singapore Airlines.

Tatas took over Air



said it has approved the proposed acquisition of the entire shareholding of AirAsia India Ltd by Air India Ltd.

The proposed combination envisages the acquisition of the entire equity share capital of AirAsia (India) Pvt Ltd by Air India Ltd (AIL), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Tata Sons Pvt Ltd (TSPL), a notice issued by the fair trade regulator said.

AirAsia India is a joint venture between TSPL and Air India Investment Limited (AAIL), with TSPL presently holding

AIL, along with its wholly-owned subsidiary Air India Express Limited (AIXL), is primarily engaged in the business of providing domestic scheduled air passenger transport service, international scheduled air passenger transport service, air cargo transport services, and charter flight services in India.

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AirAsia India, which started flying in June 2014, offers scheduled air passenger

country. It does not have international operations.

In a tweet on Tuesday, the Competition Commission of India said it has approved the acquisition of the entire shareholding in Air Asia India by Air India, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tata Sons.

Full-service carrier Air India and its low-cost subsidiary Air India Express were acquired by Talace Private Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tata Sons Private Ltd, last year. Besides, Tatas operate the full-service airline Vistara in a

India and Air India Express in January this year.

In October 2021, Tatas emerged as the winning bidder for loss-making Air India. It offered a bid of Rs 18,000 crore, comprising cash payment of Rs 2,700 crore and taking over the carrier's debt worth Rs 15,300 crore.

Deals beyond a certain threshold require the approval of CCI, which works to foster competition as well as curb anti-competitive practices in the marketplace.

Blackburn appoint Jon Dahl Tomasson as new boss

LONDON: Former AC Milan and Denmark forward Jon Dahl Tomasson was Tuesday named as the new manager of English Championship club Blackburn. The 45-year-old ex-Malmö boss

owners have a clear vision, which is to develop players and become a sustainable Premier League club over time, so I'm really happy to be involved in this exciting new chapter for the club."



has signed a three-year deal at Ewood Park to replace Tony Mowbray, who left last month. "I'm really proud and excited to be taking over as head coach of Blackburn Rovers -- a club with a lot of tradition and also great ambition," said Tomasson. "We have a young team here, and also a great academy, and the

Tomasson, who played for Newcastle, Feyenoord and AC Milan, was appointed Malmö boss in January 2020 and won successive Swedish league titles before leaving the club in December. Blackburn finished eighth in the second-tier Championship in the 2021/22 season, six points off the play-offs.

Serena Williams implies she'll play at Wimbledon in 2022

LONDON: Maybe Serena Williams is going to play at

competed anywhere since getting injured during the first set of

of her white shoes on what appears to be a grass court and the

day. It's possible Williams could be given spots in the singles

ment was canceled in 2020 because of the coronavirus pan-



Wimbledon this year, after all. She sure made it seem that way in an Instagram post on Tuesday. Williams has not

her first-round match at the All England Club a year ago. And her name did not appear on the women's singles entry list released by the grass-court Grand Slam tournament earlier this month. But on Tuesday, Williams posted a photo

message: "SW and SW19. It's a date. 2022. See you there. Let's Go." "SW" are her initials, of course, and "SW19" is the postal code for Wimbledon.

The All England Club is scheduled to announce wild-card invitations on Wednesday and doubles draws. The 40-year-old American has won seven of her Open era-record 23 major singles championships at Wimbledon, most recently in 2016. Williams was the runner-up there in 2018 and 2019 (the tourna-

dem). In 2021, Williams lost her footing on the slick grass and then her right leg buckled, leading to just the second mid-match retirement at any Grand Slam tournament of her career and first since 1998.

IPL media rights sold to Star India, Viacom18 and Times Internet for Rs 48,390 crore for 5 years

NEW DELHI: The BCCI on Tuesday reaffirmed its status as a cricketing behemoth by securing one of the biggest broadcast deals in the history of the sport, fetching an eye-popping 48,390 crore (USD 6.20 billion) through IPL media rights for a five-year period, starting 2023.

ued sporting league in the world in terms of per match value."

The IPL, in terms of sheer valuation, will now be bracketed in the top-most sporting properties alongside National Football League (USA), National Basketball Association (USA) and English Premier League (England), the most watched sporting event in the world.

The value of per IPL match made more than a 100 per cent jump from previous Rs 54.5 crore to above Rs 114 crore (approx).

Globally, the per match value (USD 14.61 million) in IPL is second only to NFL

where every match is worth USD 17 million. The new deal also ends the monopoly of a single broadcaster.

Sony had acquired the rights by paying Rs 8200 crore for the first 10 years (2008-17) while Star with a bid price of 16347.50 won it for the next five years.

There was a also a Package C, where digital rights of 18 non-exclusive marquee games per season were up for grabs and Viacom18 won it with a winning bid of Rs 2991.6 crore at the rate of Rs 33.24 crore per match.

There are 90 matches in this package. Package D with a base price of Rs 3 crore per game with overseas TV and Digital Rights on offer was sold for more than 1300 crore to Viacom18 and Times Internet.

If one looks at the transformation, in 2008, it was 90 percent of linear coverage (TV) compared to a miniscule 10 percent in digital space.

In 2018, when Star won the rights, the TV-Digital ratio was 75:25 but this new deal has given digital space a more than 51 percent share in broadcast footprint.

Having lost the digital rights to Viacom18, Walt Disney's Head of International Content and Operations, Rebecca Campbell in a statement hinted that Star will be vying for other multi-platform cricket rights.

"We will be exploring other multi-platform cricket rights, including future rights for International Cricket Council (ICC) and Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), which we currently hold through the 2023 and 2024 seasons, respectively," Campbell said.



While Disney Star retained their Indian sub-continent TV rights by paying Rs 23,575 crore (Rs 57.5 crore/game), the most sought-after India digital rights deal was acquired for Rs 20,500 crore by the Reliance backed Viacom18, which also won the non-exclusive Package C by paying Rs 2991 crore more. The deal for package A and B is for 410 matches across five years with 74 matches each in 2023 and 2024 and 84 each in 2025 and 2026.

The 2027 edition will have 94 games. The Package 'D' for overseas rights for various regions was bagged by Viacom and Times Internet.

Viacom18 entered the fray through a consortium which has former Star India head Uday Shankar (Bodhi Tree) and James Murdoch (Lupa Systems) in it.

"I am thrilled to announce that STAR INDIA wins India TV rights with their bid of Rs 23,575 crores. The bid is a direct testimony to the BCCI's organisational capabilities despite two pandemic years," BCCI secretary Jay Shah tweeted.

"Viacom18 bags digital rights with its winning bid of Rs 23,758 cr. India has seen a digital revolution & the sector has endless potential. The digital landscape has changed the way cricket is watched. It has been a big factor in the growth of the game & the Digital India vision" the BCCI secretary added.

"Since its inception, the IPL has been synonymous with growth & today is a red-letter day for India Cricket, with Brand IPL touching a new high with e-auction resulting in INR 48,390 cr value. IPL is now the 2nd most val-

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