

Naveen New team took Oath



Bhubaneswar(KCN): Twenty-one Ministers-designate have taken oath of Office and Secrecy in a glittering ceremony here at the Convention Hall of Lok Seva Bhawan.

For the first time, the Oath Taking ceremony was organized at the Lok Seva Bhawan (State Secretariat). Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and other dignitaries graced the occasion.

The programme started at sharp 11.45 AM with Chief Secretary SC Mahapatra taking permission of Governor Prof Ganeshi Lal.

Mr.Mahapatra read out the Order of Appointments. Then, the Governor administered the Oath of Office and Secrecy to the newly inducted Ministers.

As many as 13 MLAs have sworn in as Cabinet Ministers while eight others took oath as Minister of State (MoS).

The Cabinet Ministers are—Jagannath Saraka, Niranjana Pujari, Ranendra Pratap

Congress leaders start planning for 'Bharat Jodo Yatra', Rahul attends meeting

NEW DELHI(KCN): Senior Congress leaders on Sunday started planning for

on October 2, coinciding with Gandhi Jayanti, and conclude in Kashmir.



the "Bharat Jodo Yatra" announced by the party at its Udaipur "Nav Sankalp Shivir".

Former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi was also present at the first meeting of the party's central planning group for the "yatra".

The "Bharat Jodo Yatra" will begin from Kanyakumari

"The first meeting of the Central Planning Group for Bharat Jodo Yatra took place today.

The Kanyakumari to Kashmir yatra will start on October 2nd and planning for it began in right earnest. Rahul Gandhi also attended the meeting," senior party leader Digvijaya Singh

Swain, Pramila Mallik, Usha Devi, Prafulla Kumar Mallik, Pratap Keshari Deb, Atanu



Sabyasachi Nayak, Pradip Kumar Amat, Naba Kishore Das, Ashok Chandra Panda, Tukuni Sahu and Rajendra Dholakia.

Similarly, Samir Ranjan Dash, Aswini Kumar Patra, Pritiranjana Gharai, Srikanta Sahu, Tusharkanti Behera, Rohit Pujari, Rita Sahu and Basanti Hembram have been inducted as Minister of State with Independent Charge. However, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has not allocated the portfolios among the new Ministers so far. The allocation of portfolios will be done during the day, sources said.

wrote on Twitter. Singh is the convener of the group set up by Congress president

Congress chief B V Srinivas, Mahila Congress chief Netta D'souza and National Students' Union of India (NSUI) president Neeraj Kundan. The Congress president, in her concluding remarks at the Udaipur "shivir", had announced that the party will launch the Kanyakumari-to-Kashmir "Bharat Jodo Yatra" on Gandhi Jayanti, in which she would also participate.

"The yatra is to strengthen the bonds of social harmony that are under stress, to preserve the foundational values of our Constitution that are under assault and to highlight the day-to-day concerns of crores of our people," Sonia Gandhi had said in her remarks.

Sonia Gandhi for the planning of the "yatra".

The "Bharat Jodo Yatra" is to help unite India, which the Congress alleges is being divided with increased polarisation in the country.

Others present at the meeting included Jairam Ramesh, Shashi Tharoor, Jothi Mani, Indian Youth

Seven BJD Law Makers —Rajendra Dholakia, Aswini Kumar Patra, Rohit Pujari, Srikanta Sahu, Pritiranjana Gharai,

Mangaraj and Principal Secretary Information & Public Relations, Bishnupada Sethi.

As many as 11 Ministers have been dropped from the new Council of Ministers. The lead-



Basanti Hembram and Rita Sahu have taken oath as Minister for the first time in their political life. Similarly, Jagannath Saraka and Ashok Panda got promoted to Cabinet rank from MoS. Among the new Ministers, Mr.Dholakia is the only leader who was directly elevated to Cabinet status directly. Excluding him, all other new Cabinet Ministers have already served as a Minister during different terms of the Naveen Patnaik Government. Top Mandarins and High Dignitaries graced the occasion and Department of Information & Public Relations organized the Meet smoothly in presence of former Media Advisor of Odisha Government and MP, Manas

are—Bikram Keshari Arukha, Padmanabha Behera, Pratap Jena, Aruna Kumar Sahoo, Sudam Marndi, Susanta Singh, Dibya Shankar Mishra, Jyoti Prakash Panigrahi, Premananda Nayak, Raghunandan Das and Padmini Dian. BJD insiders said that some of the senior leaders, who were dropped from the cabinet, will be given key roles in the organisation aiming at the 2024 general elections.

Before the reshuffle, for the first time in his 22 years of rule, Naveen had asked all Ministers to resign from their positions with immediate effect. There were 20 members in the last State Council of Ministers, of which nine were given Minister of State (MoS) status.

PM Modi calls for 'one earth, many efforts' to make environment better

NEW DELHI(KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday launched the 'Lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE) Movement', a global initiative, and asserted that its vision is to live a



lifestyle that is in tune with our planet and does not harm it. Those who live such a lifestyle are called "pro-planet people," he said in a video address, and added that "Mission LiFE" borrows from the past, operates in the present and focuses on the future. Giving the slogan of "one earth, many efforts", he said India is ready to lend its support to actions to make environment better and improve global wellness.

With the launch coinciding with World Environment Day, Modi said our planet's challenges are well-known, and the need of the hour is human-centric, collective efforts and robust actions that further sustainable development.

"Reduce, reuse and recycle are the concepts woven in our life. Circular economy has been

an integral part of our culture and lifestyle," Modi said, noting that gods and goddesses in India have plants and animals associated with them, and nature equated with divinity.

"Mahatma Gandhi talked about a zero-carbon lifestyle. In our daily life choices, let us pick the most sustainable options. Let us follow the principle of reuse, reduce and recycle. Our planet is one but our efforts have to be many. One earth, many efforts," he said.

India has been able to do many good things for the environment, with its forest cover increasing and so is the population of lions, tigers, leopards, elephants and rhinos, he said.

He added, "Our commitment to reach 40 per cent of installed electric capacity from non-fossil fuel-based sources has been achieved, nine years ahead of schedule. We have achieved 10 per cent ethanol blending in petrol, five months ahead of the November 2022 target. This is a major accomplishment given that blending was hardly 1.5 per cent in 2013-14 and 5 per cent in 2019-20."

The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) had earlier said the launch will initiate "LiFE global call for papers," inviting ideas and suggestions from academics, universities and research institutions to influence and persuade individuals, communities and organisations across the world to adopt an environment-conscious lifestyle.

Bill Gates, Co-Chairman of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, was among many dignitaries who attended the programme.

Jaishankar meets Czech Members of European Parliament; discusses India's ties with EU, Indo-Pacific

PRAGUE(KCN): External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Sunday held a meeting with a delegation of Czech Members of European Parliament and they had a "good discussion" on India's ties with the EU and the Czech Republic, the Indo-Pacific, food and energy security and digital cooperation.

Jaishankar is here on the last leg of his two-nation tour to Slovakia and the

Czech Republic to impart further momentum in ties with the two central European countries.

The Czech Republic will be taking over the European Union presidency from July 1.

He arrived in Prague on Saturday from the Slovakian capital Bratislava.

In Prague, he began his engagements by meeting a delegation of Czech Members of European Parliament



(MEPs) Jan Zahradil, Tomá Zdechovský, Mikuláš Peksa and Veronika Vreclonová.

"Began my engagements in Prague by meeting a delegation of Czech MEPs. A good discussion on India's ties with EU and the Czech Republic, the Indo-Pacific, food and energy security and digital cooperation," Jaishankar said on Twitter.

India, the US and several other world powers have been talking about the need to ensure a free, open and thriving Indo-Pacific

in the backdrop of China's aggressive military manoeuvring in the region.

China also claims nearly all of the disputed South China Sea, though Taiwan, the Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia and Vietnam all claim parts of it.

Beijing has built artificial islands and military installations in the South China Sea.

Jaishankar, after his

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Meeting of 42 Mouza EPF Pension Sangha held at Kalapada



Cuttack Sadar(KNS) : Cuttack Sadar 42 Mouza Employees Provident Funds Pension sangha chief representative mandali organised one baithak near Kalapada GP. All India EPF Pension association vice president and state general secretary

Bhagyadhar Brahma, State president Bijya Kumar Jena, Cuttack district president Raj Kishore Swain(CCB), secretary Binod Kumar Behera(OSSTA) all are advice to write around 500 post card letter to Honorable PM of India by 42

Mouza EPF Pension sangha with deposit to Jilla committee for further process. In this pratinidhi Mandali the Jilla committee member Jayakrushna Lenka, Golakha Chandra Pati, Ganeswar Parida, Umesh Chandra Swain, Ajit

Kumar Nayak, Bana Bihari Muduli and Bichitrnanda Nayak were present and discussed. Lastly State committee joint secretary Bulei Behera paid thanks to all for their kind presence and success the meeting respectively.

Four culprits arested involved in truck theft arrested

Barbil(KCN): It is learned that some truck thieves have been found along the Jharkhand border after stealing trucks from Odisha. According to information received, a dumper with registration number OR 09 K 7636 of

Joda and some area of Jharkhand State. The truck was spotted by his father in law family at Barjamda of Jharkhand while the culprits were trying to change the vehicle number plate there. Later, with the help of locals, he got the trucks and caught four thieves, while the other suspects were managed to escape by a car as per one eye witness. Police arrived at the spot and arrested four caught culprits. The culprits are identified as Putku Patra, Mithun Patra, MD Ayaz and MD Danis and all of them are said to be from the Joda area. Visualising continuous theft of



Sanjit Tirkey under Bamebari police station area of Kendujhar district was stolen at around 2 pm last night. Upon learning of this, truck owner Sanjit Tirkey informed his relatives and others. His relatives and friend searched his truck in different places of Barbil

trucks, it is believed to be active of vehicle smuggling gang in the Barbil Joda area. Locals say a large interstate racket is behind the incident. This is also evident from the phone conversations of one of the accused who fell into the hubbub of the people

World Environment day observed at Barbil

Barbil(KCN): The World Environment Day is observed at Rungta Town hall by Native Voice and One Step NGO jointly at Barbil on 5th June. World Environment Day is celebrated across the world to raise an awareness and describe the importance of Mother nature, but this day is very special

Biswajit Mohanty while addressing the crowd. It is our first and foremost responsibility to look after the usage of every resource. The environment has become extremely polluted and full of toxins which has harmful impact on our health. Said forest official Sanjib Rout. The



not the single day, but every day is special for all Barbilian as they are facing the problem of air pollution which is increasing day by day said one activist Basanta Kumar Mohanta. This day has created a platform to raise an awareness that the world is facing the problem such as air pollution, plastic pollution, global warming and sea level increasing day by day. Only One Earth'. The idea of the theme of 'Only One Earth' is to focus on the world's togetherness in the direction of creating the atmosphere conducive for peace, harmony, prosperity and health by saving the nature and life. This planet is our only home and we need to save it for upcoming generations. said Dr

World Environment Day inspires us to do something about it and improve the environment we can not live without and take appropriate steps and protect the environment without which the life on the earth is impossible at all said Chali Murmu, the National awardee Nari Shakti, generations. Concluding the speech Rasananda Behera secretary Native Voice appealed to understand the significance of safe, clean and sustainable environment like never before. Now, it is alarming for all of us to take care of the mother earth and its resources. He also thanked all corporate house who extended their support in organising this day as a remarkable day.

Vivekananda Youth Club & Khordha Sambadika Sangha Observed World Environment Day

Khordha (KCN): The world environment day was observed by Vivekananda Youth Club & Khordha Sambadika Sangha here today. The main purpose of the celebration was to spread awareness about the need to protect environment and the ways to do it. The day was first conceived in 1974 and has today grown up to an international platform for public outreach. The day occurs on June-05 every year and has successful campaigned in order to raise awareness on rising environment issues

the environment. The Chief speaker of the occasions Assistant Fire Officer Khordha,



Santana Mohapatra said "Each one can do his bit by stopping the use of plastic bags. Stop wasting food, start using public conveyance to save fuel and to start recycling for a greener tomorrow, each one needs to do his or her bit. The Senior journalists of Khordha Jayanta Ray, Iswar Chandra Mangaraj, Niranjan Dora, Prakash Kumar Hati, Lalit Mohan Mohapatra, Gopal Krushna Das, Gopal Krushna Pradhan, Pramod Kumar Mohapatra, Ram Narayan Dash, Ranjit Samantaray, Ranjit Patsani, Md. Motahar Yusuf, Sayed Liyakat Alli, Akash Biswal, P. Tripathi Balaji Patr, Prasanta Kumar Sahoo, members of Vivekananda Youth Club and the Chief guest plants of different species were planted at the campus of Khordha Sambadika Bhavan. The celebration came to an end with everyone pledging to take the initiative of saving the environment and doing their bit for a cleaner and greener mother earth.

from human overpopulation, marine pollution, global warming, sustainable consumption and wildlife crime. Secretary Vivekananda Youth Club & Khordha District Correspondent Dharitri, Prabhat Panigrahi Co-ordinated the programme. The Chief guest of the occasions Vice-Chairman Khordha Municipality, Sourya Ranjan Mohanty addressed the gathering with an enlightening speech mentioning how small endeavor could make a big difference. He requested all to spread the awareness of saving

World Environment Day 2022: Plastic Waste Recycled At Heritage Institute of Technology

Plastic waste is increasing day by day throughout the world. Where proper garbage collec-

tion system is not available, it creates a threat to the environment this polluting it to a greater extent. A large amount of plastic wastes are discarded which leads to the contamination of environment and air. The large volume of materials required for infrastructure construction is potentially considered to be a major area for the reuse of waste materials. Recycling the plastics has many advantages since it is widely used worldwide and has a long service life, which means that the waste is being removed from the waste stream for a long period.



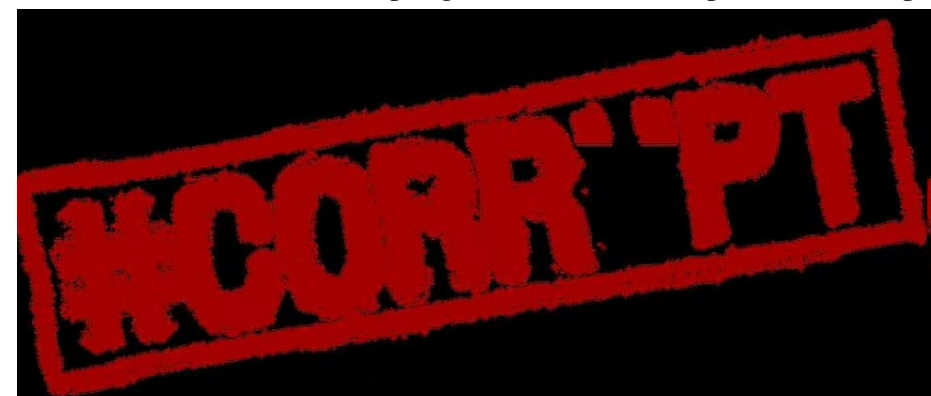
On the occasion of World Environment Day 2022, students of Heritage Institute of Technology from Department of Chemical Engineering had made a project where they had

invented a technology to produce highly efficient and low-cost plastic blocks from waste plastics which have significant advantage over traditional bricks. This will not only reduce plastics waste but would save our environment and soil. The cost of producing such plastic block is nearly 30% cheaper as compared to conventional bricks. Moreover, the developed plastic composite bricks are not just stronger and lighter than concrete blocks, but they hold twice the weight threshold of conventional concrete blocks. The plastic act as a binder and make the blocks more robust and less brittle. "The project is now in the nascent stage but we are studying in depth the feasibility si that it can be successfully implemented. Technology related to this had been discovered but this one will make light weight bricks which is yet to be found in the market," said Prof. Avijit Ghosh who is guiding the students in this project. Students involved in the project were Debarghya Mukherjee, Soumyajit Mundu, Saubhik Malik, Ishita Samanta and Sanya Sharma from B. Tech Chemical Engineering.

Government officer arrested for receiving bribe of Rs 30,000 in Bhubaneswar

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): The Vigilance on Friday caught Purna Chandra Sahoo, the under secretary in Planning and Convergence department, red-handed while accepting bribe of Rs

30,000 from the owner of a computer firm. Sahoo had demanded the bribe from the complainant to release his bills for supplying computers. Vigilance sources said Sahoo had de-



manded a total of Rs 65,500, which included Rs 26,500 to issue order for purchase of 55 UPS devices. The accused had also threatened the complainant to keep the order on hold if his demand was not fulfilled. "Sahoo was caught red-handed while accepting the bribe at his government quarters in Bhubaneswar. A case has been registered in this connection," said an officer of the anti-corruption agency. After Sahoo's arrest, simultaneous searches were conducted at his government quarters in Bharatpur, office chamber in Lok Seva Bhawan and house at his native village within Odagaon police limits in Nayagarh district.

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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.

Tax Benefits Available to Hospitals and Medical Institutions Part-2

(Contd from article published on 30th May 2022)

7. New condition prescribed regarding Corpus donations not to be included in



Income: It has been clarified as per Explanation 1 below 3rd proviso, the income of the funds, trust or Institution or any University or other educational Institution or any hospital or other medical institution

referred to in sec.10(23C)(iv)/ (v)/ (via) shall not include income in the form of Voluntary Contributions made with a specific direction that they shall form part of the Corpus of such Fund or Trust or Institution or any University or other educational Institution or any hospital or other medical institution, **w.e.f. asst. year 2022-23, subject to the condition that such voluntary contributions are invested or deposited in one or more of the forms or modes specified in sec. 11(5) specifically for such corpus.** As such subject to fulfilment of above condition, there is no requirement for it to make application of such amount of corpus donation to the extent of 85% towards its objects.

8. Whether expenditure made out of corpus fund will be considered as application for charitable purposes or medical or educational purposes for computing 85 % expenditure: W.e.f. asst. year 2022-23, any application out of corpus shall not be considered as application for charitable or religious purposes. However, if any amount is deposited or invested back in the corpus funds from out of income of any year, the same shall be regarded as application of that year.

9. Whether application out of borrowed fund will be considered as application towards the objects: W.e.f. asst. year 2022-23, any application from loans or borrowings shall not be regarded as application for charitable or religious purposes. However, repayment of loan or borrowing out of income of any year shall be regarded as application of income in the year of such repayment.

10. Whether exemption u/s 10(23C) (iiiiae) of a maternity home can be denied on

the ground that the maternity

Narayan Jain

home is not treating any illness, and child birth is natural process: Allahabad High Court in the case of **Nehru PrasutikaAspatal Samiti v. CIT 2014 361 ITR 68 (All.)** has held that maternity homes are eligible for deduction u/s 10(23C)(iiiiae).

The High Court disapproved the decision of Agra Bench of ITAT in **DCIT v. Nehru PrasutikaAspatal Samiti ITA No. 218/Agra/2013** in which ITAT had held that child birth is a natural process and maternity homes cannot be equated with a hospital or medical center, and denied exemption u/s 10(23C)(iiiiae).

11. Hospitals or medical institutions whose income is exempt from tax: The income of any hospital or medical institution for the reception and treatment of persons suffering from illness or mental defectiveness or for the reception and treatment of persons during convalescence or of persons requiring medical attention or rehabilitation, existing solely for philanthropic purposes and not for purposes of profit -

(a) Which is wholly or substantially financed by the Government is exempt u/s 10(23C) (iiiiae) w.e.f. asst. year 1999-2000,

(b) Aggregate annual receipts of such hospital or medical institution do not exceed the amount of annual receipts as may be prescribed (the amount currently prescribed is **Rs. 5 crore** is exempt u/s 10(23C) (iiiiae) w.e.f. asst. year 2022-23,

12. Whether disallowance u/s 40A(3) for cash payments exceeding Rs. 10,000/- or sec. 40(a)(ia) for non-deduction of TDS can be made in case of medical institution, whose income is exempt u/s 10(23C): W.e.f. asst. year 2019-20, for the purposes of determining the amount of application under section 10(23C), the provisions of section 40(a)(ia) relating to disallowance on account of non deduction of TDS and section 40A(3) and 40A(3A) relating to payment in cash exceeding Rs. 10,000/- shall, mutatis mutandis, apply as they apply in computing the income chargeable under the head "Profits and gains of business or profession".

The above amendments shall not apply to a hospital or medical institution whose turnover or gross receipts does not exceed **Rs. 5 Crore w.e.f. asst. year 2022-23** (earlier **Rs. 1 Crore**) and enjoying

exemption u/s 10(23C)(iiiiae) and

Institutions which are wholly or substantially financed by Government and enjoying exemption u/s 10(23C)(iiiiae).

13. Where a society runs several hospitals or medical institution the gross receipts of all these institutions individually does not exceed Rs. one crore/ Rs. 5 crore, but if gross receipt of all the institutions is aggregated it exceeds prescribed limit. Whether the society can claim exemption u/s 10(23C)(iiiiae): The income is exempt in case of any hospital or medical institution existing solely for educational purposes and not for purposes of profit if the aggregate annual receipts of such university or educational institution do not exceed the amount of annual receipts as may be prescribed (W.e.f. asst. year 2022-23 prescribed limit is Rs.5 Crore, earlier the limit was Rs. 1 crore).

14. Whether renewal of exemption u/s 10(22A) can be denied to the assessee if there is no change in the activities of the Institution: Delhi High Court in the case of **DIT (Exemption) v. Escorts Cardiac Diseases Hospital Society [2008] 300 ITR 75 (Del.)**, has held that if there is no change in the facts and circumstances on which exemption has been allowed earlier, the revenue has to follow a consistent pattern and when it has granted the benefit of exemption u/s 10(22A) and 11 of the Act, it cannot be permitted to change its opinion without any noticeable change in the circumstances.

15. Whether a foundation running hospital for philanthropic purposes is entitled to exemption u/s 10(22A): In the case of **Director of I.T. (Exemption) v. A.M.M. Medical Foundation [2002] 257 ITR 292 (Mad.)** the facts were that the assessee - foundation running a hospital was denied exemption u/s 10(22A) on the ground that in the view of the A.O., section 10(22A) required the claimant to be the hospital and not the foundation which ran the hospital. There was no dispute about the fact that the hospital was solely for philanthropic purposes and not for profit and that the hospital was being run for the treatment of the persons suffering from illness. In view of the decisions in the case of **CIT v. A.M.M. Arunachalam Educational Society [2000] 243 ITR 229 (Mad.)** and **Aditanar Educational**

Institutions v. Addl. CIT [1997] 224 ITR 310(SC) it was held by the Court that the assessee was entitled to deduction.

16. Norms to be followed regarding investments under section 10(23C) and accumulation of income relating to medical institutions: As per third proviso to section 10(23C) the medical institutions covered by section 10(23C)(via) are required to follow the following norms :

(a) it applies its income, or accumulates it for application, wholly and exclusively to the objects for which it is established and where **more than fifteen per cent** of its income is accumulated on or after 1.4.2002, the period of the accumulation of the amount exceeding fifteen per cent of its income **shall in no case exceed five years;** and

(b) it does not invest or deposit its funds, other than -

(i) any assets held by any hospital or medical institution or any university or other educational institution or Fund where such assets form part of the corpus of any hospital or medical institution as on 1.6.1973;

(ii) any asset, being equity shares of a public company, held by any hospital or medical institution or any university or other educational institution or Fund where such assets form part of the corpus of any hospital or medical institution as on 1.6.1998;

(iii) any assets (being debentures issued by, or on behalf of, any company or corporation), acquired by hospital or medical institution or any university or other educational institution or Fund before 1.3.1983;

(iv) any accretion to the shares, forming part of the corpus mentioned in (i) or (ii) by way of bonus shares allotted to any hospital or medical institution or any university or other educational institution or Fund;

(v) voluntary contributions received and maintained in the form of jewellery, furniture or any other article as the CBDT may, by Notification in the Official Gazette, specify, for any period during the previous year otherwise than in **any one or more of the forms or modes specified in section 11(5).**

(Narayan Jain is former Secretary General of AIFTP and author of the books "How to Handle Income Tax Problems" and "Income Tax Pleading & Practice" with CA DilipLoyalka).

Summer can be cruel on your pooch

Summer time is fun time, not only for humans, but also for their pet-friends. By all means, take your pooch outside for a playdate or a walk in the path or beach, but keep an eye on their safety too, experts caution.

Renuka Jaypal, dog lover and founding trustee of Tail Alert, a Chennai-based NGO committed to rescuing, rehabilitating and re-homing abandoned adult dogs with no street-survival skills, recently shared her concern for dogs in a social media post after seeing a pooch that was newly shaven for the summer. "Do not give your dog a skin exposing shave or buzz cut thinking that will help them through summer," she said.

"Dogs have extremely sensitive skin. The hair protects them from the harsh sun, so a

nice clean trim is fine. Anything deeper than that is counterproductive and will result in a sun stroke."

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conditioning, not a barber. For the smaller furry dogs — a close crop makes them feel

"Long-haired, foreign dogs need air

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SUMMER CUT

She also shares that the summer cut should be based on the size and breed of the dog.

insecure as they will feel smaller. If you cut their hair too much, they will feel nervous and even stop eating. No matter what your

groomer says, an inch of hair cover is a minimum must."

Renuka says even if dog groomers recommend a cut for the summer season, owners have to know what's best for their dog. She says it's always better to consult a grooming company that has professionally trained groomers. "I'm alarmed by the number of bald animals I'm spotting on my walks these days," she adds.

There are other things you can do to keep your doggy cool. "Address the issue via a proper diet. Many dogs go off Kibble in this weather. Add vegetable or non-veg stock, which ensures they're taking in enough liquids. Go for yummy cooling options like a slice of watermelon or tender coconut water/malai," she suggests.

Giving other tips, Renuka says, "Hand-test the heat on the road before walks. Many pet owners step out when the sun goes down, without realising that the cement, asphalt, and sand are still piping hot. Dogs pick up heat via their paws and this can create a lot of problems. Ensure you wash their paws when you return after a walk or playtime outside. Wiping down the ear flaps and belly with a moist cloth can instantly cool them too." She is also keen that dogs and other animals on the streets are provided water and other means to keep cool in extreme conditions during the summer.

Congress 'Task Force- 2024' goes into sleep mode? Leaders await Rahul's return from abroad

NEW DELHI: Days after Congress 'Task Force- 2024' held its first meeting on May 24, there continues to be confusion over the role and mandate of the group. The group leaders await the return of former party chief Rahul Gandhi from abroad to get some clarity on the matter and the way forward. In pursuance of the Udaipur Declaration, Congress chief Sonia Gandhi had announced 'Task Force-2024' consisting of P

message was sent from general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's office. Some members attended in person while others joined via video-conferencing. The party's official statement said that the group will "meet every 72 hours or more" and prepare a detailed plan on each of the subjects: organization, finances, media communication, and strategy, grassroots connect, election management, and other issues.

the Rajya Sabha elections as the reason for the delay in the meeting of the group. Among 8 members, 5 are in the fray for upper house and birth. The party has nominated Chidambaram from Tamil Nadu, Ramesh from Karnataka, Wasnik and Surjewala from Rajasthan, and Maken from Haryana. There is a contest for Maken's seat with the entry of media baron and former Congress leader Venod

year. Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh, which remain a direct Congress-BJP fight also need urgent attention, in order to quell the infighting and put the house in order to focus on winning. The Congress last won an assembly election in 2018 and the groups acknowledged that it needs to win in some states to boost the morale of party workers before 2024. "We will have a detailed meeting with Rahul Ji to dis-



Chidambaram, Jairam Ramesh, Mukul Wasnik, KC Venugopal, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Ajay Maken, Randeep Surjewala and Sunil Kanugolu to look into party's preparedness in the run-up to 2024 Lok Sabha elections and other elections. Sources said that the first meeting on May 24 was called at very short notice after a

"The group hasn't met since then. During an informal discussion, it was felt that role and mandate need to be further discussed with Rahul ji, who went abroad after the Udaipur meet. Now, that he (Rahul) has returned Saturday, the group will meet him and Sonia ji to get clarity on the issues," said sources. Another leader cited

Sharma's son, Kartikeya Sharma as an independent having the support of the BJP. During the meeting, members discussed that the group also needs to focus on key upcoming assembly elections till 2024, keeping in mind that two-Congress ruled states - Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh - will witness polling next

discuss the way forward for the Task Force - 2024. After discussion, the members of various committees under shortlisted subjects. It has to be done at the earliest so that we hit the ground. The group just cannot focus on 2024 without working for election-bound states to reach out to the people," said a member of the group.

More Fishing Cats in Chilka

Bhubaneswar: Chilika Development Authority (CDA) in collaboration with The Fishing Cat Project (TFCP) recently concluded the first Fishing Cat population estimation in Chilika. The total abundance of Fishing Cats in Chilika was found to be 176 with an estimated range of 131-237 individuals. This is the world's first population estimation of the Fishing Cat that



was conducted outside the protected area network. The estimation was conducted in two phases. Phase-I was conducted in 2021 in the 115 sq km marshland present in the north and north-eastern section of Chilika and its surrounding areas. Phase II was conducted in 2022 in Parikud side along the coastal islands of Chilika. Both phases combined, a total of 150 camera traps were deployed with each staying in the field for 30 days. Thereafter, Spatially Explicit Capture Recapture (SECR) method was used to analyse the data. "It was truly participatory in spirit since local fishermen and villagers of Chilika were the primary participants in this exercise. Without their support, the world's first such population estimation outside protected areas on this globally threatened cat, would not have been possible," says Susanta Nanda, Chief Executive Officer, CDA.

volunteered during the exercise. Chilika Wildlife Division staff actively facilitated and participated in the population estimation. Such a participatory effort involving multiple stakeholders for studying this elusive and threatened species sets a wonderful precedent," says Partha Dey, co-founder, TFPC.

Fishing Cats are globally threatened cats that occur in wetlands like marshlands, mangroves and flooded forests in major South and South east Asian river basins starting from Indus in Pakistan till Mekong in Vietnam and in the island nations of Sri Lanka and Java. They are found in 10 Asian countries but have remained undetected in Vietnam and Java since the last decade or so.

"Wetlands in Asia are being lost at alarmingly rapid rates and proper data on their current status or even baseline data in many countries are missing. The status of many wetland species remains understudied and highly threatened. Tracking specialist species such as the Fishing Cat gives us an indication of what might be happening to these ecosystems, which are safeguards against climate change and droughts," says Tiasa Adhya, co-founder, TFPC.

Earlier this year, CDA had declared its intent to adopt a 5 year action plan for Fishing Cat conservation in Chilika.

"In collaboration with TFPC, we are soon going to share a Fishing Cat Action Plan that is socio-ecological in essence. We have already began an year long patrolling and monitoring program on the cat and its sympatric species. Along with upscaling it, we will promote sustainably and traditionally harvested wetland products to prevent wetland conversion, establish a rescue and rehabilitation centre, promote small scale experiential and educative wetland tourism, adopt habitat restoration programs as well as education programs," says Mr.Nanda.

Author Sreekala P Vijayan honoured by the world's most active writers forum Motivational Strips and Government of Seychelles

Bengaluru (KCN): Bangalooorean poet Sreekala P Vijayan was conferred with Rabinranath Tagore Literary award 2022 by Motivational Strips, the world's most active writers forum jointly with international literary journal SIPAY, the national property of Department of Culture, Government of Seychelles. Motivational Strips is the world's most active writers forum with writers from more than 170 countries and has monthly visitors to the forum crossing 7.5 million.. The award was given on the occasion of 161st birthday of Guru Rabinranath

reached Amazon Best seller . Author Sreekala P Vijayan has made her place in World literature as a literary icon for her sagacity and humanitarian approach. Her works are of highly qualitative and the honor was a well deserved one. Her poems are translated into many languages and it is highly valued. Her selfless service to the student community is appreciated. She has brought up a group of young authors and now publishing their first anthology "The Burgeons".



Author Sreekala P Vijayan is a member of Creative Women, Sarghara, Palakkadan Forum and many other registered organisations too. Her presence in

Tagore She was awarded for her dedication towards world literature and her literary activities. She is a part of many Amazon best seller anthologies and author of "Soul in Whole", "Amorous Musings" and "Mridula" and her second book "Amorous Musings" has

the field of literature has given a wide range of opportunities to many budding poets. She works with mass media and visual media of high repute. She has made a remarkable change in the organisations which she is associated with.

KIMS doctors' innovation: A device to measure pain

Bhubaneswar (KCN): In a breakthrough, a team of doctors at the city-based Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS), have developed an approach/device to measure the pain in a human being, much like a thermometer that is used to measure the body temperature. The prototype, called "Objective Pain Score" (OPS), lends a level of accuracy to the ache, soreness or discomfort endured by a patient and helps the treating physician to act accordingly and prescribe medicines/procedures to manage it effectively during the consultation or at an intensive care unit (ICU).

physical condition of the patient or Visual Rating Scale (VRS).

work at the event. "The algorithm created by this research

with, or resembling that associated with, actual or potential tis-



The scientific paper was titled "Development and validation of an Objective Pain Scoring System (OPS) and its correlation with VAS score for evaluation of postoperative pain in patients undergoing cardiac surgeries".

The new method would become the new approach in the domain of pain management, said KIMS Medical Superintendent Prof Dr. R C Das.

sue damage".

The breakthrough is the outcome of a research work carried out by Dr. Sailaja Sukanya, Post-Graduate Resident at the Department of Anaesthesiology, KIMS, a KIIT constituent. The study was conducted under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Amit Pradhan and Dr. Ashok Kumar Badamali formulated the OPS which could be validated with the

can facilitate to conceptualize a device for automatic delivery of analgesics/painkillers in patients corresponding to their objective pain score during surgery and mechanical ventilation in ICU", Dr. Das said. Though heart rate and blood pressure have been used to assess pain, there has been a lack of any robust study for objective assessment of pain, according to experts. Pain, in common understanding, can be termed as a distressing outcome of any underlying disease. International Association for the Study of Pain defines it as "an unpleasant sensory and emotional experience associated

Currently, across the world, there are various methods like Numerical Rating Scale (NRS), Verbal Rating Scale (VRS), and the Visual Analogue Scale (VAS) to quantify pain but they are mostly subjective. It depends upon how the pain is experienced or perceived by the individual. Doctors, based on the patient's perception of pain, commonly use VAS for the assessment of the degree of pain. The limitation with the VAS score is that being generally subjective, it cannot quantify pain during the surgery and mechanical ventilation in ICU.

Bhubaneswar's SAI International School celebrates birth anniversary of founder

BHUBANESWAR: SAI International Education Group celebrated the birth anniversary of its founder-chairman, late Dr Bijaya Kumar Sahoo on Wednesday. As part of the celebrations, Governor Prof Ganeshi Lal inaugurated Sahoo's dream project the 'Galaxy of Stars'. Galaxy of Stars has been introduced to foster scientific temperament, curiosity and critical thinking among the students of SAI International. It is a centre for sharing knowledge on

space and research. The centre will give an opportunity to students to learn about planets, constellations and the universe. During the event, vice-chancellor of University of California, Davis, Dr Prasant Mohapatra delivered the first Dr Bijaya Kumar Sahoo memorial lecture. Mohapatra is also part of the advisory board of SAI Group. SAI Group's chairperson Dr Silpi Sahoo said that the memorial lecture will be held every year on June 1.

A panchayat in Odisha's Kaptipada block stands up to stop child marriages

BHUBANESWAR: In less than a month, two child marriages have been stopped in Badajhad and Sadaksahi villages under Kaptipada block of Mayurbhanj district. Also, almost all families including adolescent boys and girls in both the villages have pledged not to support such marriages - an initiative that never hap-

pened so far. A 10-member team led by sarpanch of Devla gram panchayat in Kaptipada block Bhim Charan Singh and an assistant teacher of gov-

the social evil in the entire Devla panchayat having 11 villages within the next few days. "Our initiative Udaya means a new beginning. We want this to be a

the sarpanch who brought together eight other persons to work on the initiative. They are naib sarpanch Rajani Singh; Pratap Telenga, headmas-

and Anupama Singh. Singh said the initiative came as a necessity to weed out rampant child marriages in the villages which result out of poverty

marriages at their personal level but when it did not yield much results, Sahu and I decided to bring them all together to work in this direction. All of them have good

of time," said the sarpanch. Currently, the team is organising awareness camps in all schools of the panchayat on the evils of child marriage and its legal consequences. Sahu said in the last one month, they have been able to stop two child marriages before they could be solemnised.

their phone numbers among all villagers of Badajhad and Sadaksahi and nine other villages as a result of which, people coming across incidents of child marriages are informing them much in advance. Currently, the team is also on the job to identify school dropouts and child labourers in the area. For the purpose, they along with ASHA and anganwadi workers have recently launched a door-to-door survey in the panchayat.

51 per cent men, 26 per cent women in Odisha use tobacco in any form: NFH Survey

BHUBANESWAR: Even as Odisha government has banned sale and manufacture of tobacco since 2013, the latest family health survey revealed one in every two men and one in every four women still consume the substance in the State. According to the National Family Health Survey-5 (2019-2021), though the consumption of tobacco has marginally dropped, Odisha is among the top states where a significant population still use tobacco in any form - be it chewing or smoking.

ernment upgraded high school in Badajhad village Santosh Kumar Sahu has been able to achieve the feat through an initiative 'Udaya' which it launched on May 7. It hopes to create awareness against

new start from our gram panchayat which has been witnessing child marriages, high dropout rate and even cases of child labour. We are working towards making Devla a child-friendly panchayat," said

ter of Sadaksahi Primary School, ASHA worker Mahini Behera, social activist Ashish Kumar Mallick, an adolescent girl Champa Singh and boy Gamha Singh besides, SHG workers Satyabhama Naik

and lack of awareness. "There are many like-minded people who were working towards preventing such

networks throughout the panchayat which helps us reach out to more and more people within a short span

The biggest reason being early marriages," said the teacher. The team members have distributed

According to official reports, 6 child marriages were foiled in the last one year. CDPO of Kaptipada Diptimayee Puthal said that after launch of Udaya initiative, people are learning about the consequences of such marriages on their daughters.



Ministers get Portfolios

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Soon after the Swearing-in Ceremony, new 21 Ministers got their portfolios. As per the recommendations of the Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, Governor

Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water, Information & Public Relations
Pramila Mallik—Revenue & Disaster Management



Ganeshi Lal issued an order distributing various Departments to the new Ministers. "In pursuance of Rule 5 of the Orissa Government Rules of Business framed under Clause (3) of Article 166 of the Constitution of India, I, Prof. Ganeshi Lal, Governor of Odisha do hereby, on the advice of the Chief Minister, allot the business of different departments/ branches of departments of Government to the following members of the Council of Ministers," read an order issued by the Governor.

Ministers Naba Kishore Das, Ashok Panda and Prafulla Mallik continue with their Departments while Jagannath Saraka and Tusharkanti Behera have been given additional Departments. The portfolios of other Ministers have been changed.

Here are the detailed list of Ministers with their portfolios

Cabinet Ministers
Jagannath Saraka—S.T. & S.C. Development, Minorities & Backward Classes Welfare, Law
Niranjan Pujari—Finance, Parliamentary Affairs
Ranendra Pratap Swain—Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment, Fisheries & Animal Resources Development
Pradip Kumar Amat—Forest & Environment,

Usha Devi—Housing & Urban Development
Prafulla Kumar Mallick—Steel & Mines, Works
Pratap Keshari Deb—Industries, Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Energy
Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak—Food Supplies & Consumer Welfare, Co-operation
Naba Kisore Das—Health & Family Welfare
Tukuni Sahu—Water Resources, Commerce & Transport
Ashok Chandra Panda—Science & Technology, Public Enterprises, Social Security & Empowerment of Persons with Disability.
Rajendra Dholakia—Planning & Convergence
Ministers of State (Independent Charge)
Samir Ranjan Dash—School & Mass Education
Aswini Kumar Patra—Tourism, Odia Language, Literature & Culture, Excise
Pritiranjana Gharai—Rural Development, Skill Development & Technical Education
Srikanta Sahu—Labour & Employees' State Insurance
Tusharkanti Behera—Electronics & Information Technology, Sports & Youth Services along with MoS, Home
Rohit Pujari—Higher Education
Rita Sahu—Handlooms, Textiles & Handicrafts
Basanti Hembram—Women & Child Development and Mission Shakti

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Urge for Environment Protection

Bhubaneswar(KCN):On the occasion of World Environment Day, Dr. Mona Sharma, Additional Chief Secretary to Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department appealed people to support the Government for protection of the environment.

Gracing the State Level function organized to observe the World Environment as Chief Guest, Dr Sharma apprized the audience regarding various steps taken by the Government towards environmental protection in the State.

She expressed that loss of biodiversity, environmental pollution, greenhouse gas emission, rise in global temperature and climatic variations are some of the major causes in deterioration and degradation of the environment.

The ACS requested the people of State to support the Government in various envi-

ronmental friendly activities like use of

tal protection, every year World Environ-

protection is of utmost significance for



maximum renewable energy resources, promotion of large scale plantations and protection and conservation of forests. She awarded Prakruti Mitra Prize to 200 institutions of Odisha for their exemplary work towards environmental protection.

To create awareness on the need for protection of our environment and to educate the general public about their duties and responsibilities towards environmen-

ment Day is being celebrated on June 5 globally.

Like every year the world Environment Day has been celebrated this year by the Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department in full spirit at Rabindra Mandap here.

"Only One Earth" was the theme for this year's world Environment Day which means, in the galaxy, earth is the only planet which sustains life and its

human society.

At the outset, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik congratulated the people of Odisha on the occasion of State level celebration of World Environment Day, 2022.

Mr.Patnaik said for a peaceful, healthy and long life we need to build a long term relationship with our environment and urged the people to love, care and protect the environment at individual level through our actions.

The Chairman, Odisha Biodiversity Board and Director, Center for Environmental Studies, Rajiv Kumar, in his welcome speech explained about the role and responsibilities of every individual in keeping our environment clean and green for a bet-

ter future. said changes in our lifestyle may lead to better environmental justice.

The students of various Eco clubs situated in different districts of the State displayed several models related to this year's theme of World Environmental Day in a befitting

environment and Special Secretary Susanta Nanda delivered a vote of thanks and praised the significant contributions of teachers and students of Eco clubs in creating awareness towards environmental protection in the entire Odisha.

Mr.Nanda urged to

regional Plant Resource Centre and the Annual Activity Report of the Eco Club for the year 2021-22 have been released by the guests. The guest also awarded the winners of school students those who presented Eco models in this celebration. Essay competitions were conducted by CES on the Plastic Waste Management and their Recycling among the teachers of Eco Clubs and the best 10 teachers were rewarded on this occasion. Apart from esteemed guests, nature lovers, environmentalist, Awardees of Prakruti Mitra and Prakruti Bandhu, Members of Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), teachers and students of Eco Clubs of Odisha, scientists, academicians and representatives of Print and Electronic media were the other participants in the State-Level celebration.



ter future. Mr.Kumar said protection of rivers, streams, oceans, mountains, forest and biodiversity and its conservation is of utmost significance at present time. He also highlighted the need of plastic waste management and their recycling and

in manner. Awareness programmes were also conducted by the Eco clubs through rallies, road shows, theaters and various competitions for this occasion were also depicted in the function.

At the end of the event, Director Envi-

plant few trees and to take care of them at an individual level towards building a healthy future for our new generation.

On this occasion, many books and booklets published by the Centre for Environmental Studies, State Pollution Control Board and Re-

Lack of investments fuels growing energy crisis

Soon as the EU announced its 6th tranche of sanctions that will cut off 90% of Russian oil shipments to European countries, crude oil prices nosed up to \$114 a barrel. Industry predictions range from Brent crude rising to \$123 in the next 10-14 days to a JPMorgan warning that the price

est oil and natural gas exporter, and a major coal supplier too; and any disruption of such a large volume is bound to take a toll on both prices and supply. Investments dry up Even before the Ukraine war, disruption of supplies and high oil prices had become the order of the day. Now there will be

there is increasing uncertainty on policies being adopted by countries towards the traditional fuel industries. In addition, penalties for environmental degradation have been mounting. These have increased risks and made investors shy away from the fossil fuel sectors.

And while oil and coal have been red-flagged, alternative energy sources like wind and solar have not developed fast enough to cater to rising demand. Germany for instance is in the process of closing down fully functional nuclear power plants even as it struggles to meet the oil and gas shortage after the Ukraine sanctions. The world has walked into a energy crisis created by under-investment and demand-supply disruption. "We were heading towards a crisis anyway. Putin just brought us there faster and sharper," Bob McNally, President of the consulting firm Rapidan Energy Group, was quoted as saying.

Handling the crisis India has softened the blow by not joining the sanctions and cleverly sourcing large volumes of discounted Russian crude. India imported 840,645 barrels per day (bpd) of Russian Urals Light in May, up

from 388,666 bpd in April and 136,774 bpd in May last year, Kpler Research data showed. June imports are projected at 1.05 million bpd, which implies imports from Russia will account up to 25% of India's total import, compared to just 2-3% sourced from Russia before the Ukraine war.

Some estimates say Russia is offering India discounts of up to \$40 a barrel. Conversely, the western alliance will not look too kindly to these windfall gains made by India from the sanctions imposed against Russia. In fact, India may face sanctions when exporting refined products. The current worldwide energy crisis may in the short run lead to increasing investment in development of fossil fuels, and away from the environmental goals highlighted recently at Climate Change conferences. The target, endorsed by most nations, is to restrict global warming to 1.5 deg C above pre-industrial revolution levels, and to bring down emissions to net-zero levels by 2050.

Dr Fatih Birol, Executive Director of the International Energy Agency (IEA) estimates the high oil and gas prices today could help generate global net income in 2022 of

nearly \$2 trillion higher than in 2021 and two-and-a-half-times the average of the past 5 years. He thus hopes "if the global oil and gas industry were to invest this additional income in low emissions fuels, such as hydrogen and biofuels, it would fund all of the investment needed in these fuels for the remainder of this decade."

On the surface this sounds like a prescription for suicide for legacy oil companies. However, for those with long-term vision, the current energy crisis makes the necessity of developing renewable sources even more urgent. Corporates in the business of energy can pioneer the changeover, like the electric vehicle (EV) revolution being driven from the stables of the gasoline guzzlers. Or, the legacy companies have to stand aside and let someone else do it.

Rising fuel prices and inflation High energy prices are driving inflation and anger. In the US, over the last year car owners are paying 45% more for filling oil tanks, while UK consumers are paying 54% more for gas \$40 barrel

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Rohini Behera wins Global Accolades



Bhubaneswar (KCN): It's a matter of Astounding Pleasure for the International Poet Rohini Behera from Odisha State of India being Honoured with Rabindranath Tagore inMemorial Literary Award 2022 along with 239 Poets around the Globe. The announcement has been made by Sir Shiju H. Pallithazeth, Founder of Motivational Strips, the World's most active Writers' Forum in association with Seychelles owned SIPAY Literary Journal supported by Ministry of Culture, Government of Seychelles along with Mam Sabrina Bryant, Forum Director of Motivational Strips and Mam Magie Faure Vidot, Chief Editor of SIPAY Journal.

The Poet Rohini Behera generated numerous Accolades from various National and International Organisations

for his outstanding Contributions to the Literary World from time to time since several years. As an Author he has

reached the acme of success and paramount of Glory acknowledging recognitions from several Literary sectors. He is a Bilingual Poet with 6 nos. of Pictorial Poetry Books to his credit.

He is hugely indebted to Sir Shiju H. Pallithazeth, Founder of Motivational Strips for his incessant Endeavour to the cause of Literature. In his language, "Poets are Icons of creativity and sagacity. They are needed to empower Global reasoning and perception of day to day life. I am highly Thankful and grateful to the Core Team of Motivational Strips for my kind Selection for this Prestigious Award

Jaishankar meets Czech Members of European Parliament; discusses India's ties with EU, Indo-Pacific

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meeting with the delegation of Czech MEPs, thanked them for taking time out on a Sunday. The External Affairs Minister's visit comes at a time Europe is grappling with the implications of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The issue is likely to figure in his talks in the Czech Republic.

During his visit to the Czech Republic from June 4 to 6, Jaishankar will hold discussions with Foreign Minister Jan Lipavsky.

"The discussions will provide an opportunity for a comprehensive review of our bilateral cooperation," the Ministry of External Affairs had said in a statement ahead of his departure.

In addition to meeting the political leadership of the country, Jaishankar will also interact with a cross-section of the Indian diaspora, including Indian students in the Czech Republic.

"India has traditionally enjoyed close and friendly ties with both Slovakia and the Czech Republic. The external affairs minister's visit will impart further momentum to bilateral relations with the two Central European countries," the MEA had said.



spiral may touch \$185 a barrel if there is a 'complete shutdown' of Russian supply.

High energy prices are driving inflation and anger. In the US, over the last year car owners are paying 45% more for filling up their tanks, while UK consumers have been shelling out 54% more for gas to heat their homes. Even in India, where the government has controlled gasoline prices by lowering excise duty, consumers have faced a 30% rise in pump prices over the last 2 years. The world seems to have sleep-walked its way into an energy crisis not seen since the 1970s. The impact has been worsened with the sanctions imposed on Russia. The country is the world's larg-

shortages, queues at pumps and blackouts. The crippling shortage of fuel in Sri Lanka is just a curtain-raiser. The turmoil, experts say, is mainly the result of lower upstream investments in energy generation as the world stands on the crossroads of the demand for clean energy versus coal and other fossil fuels still making up the bulk of energy generation. According to the International Energy Forum (IEF), investment in the oil and gas sector stood at just \$341 billion in 2021, which is 23% below the pre-Covid level of \$525 billion and well below the recent peak in 2014 of \$700 billion. As the demand to reduce greenhouse gas emissions ratchets up,

Nadal aims to be French Open's oldest champion against pupil Ruud

PARIS: Rafael Nadal will become the oldest man to win the French Open title if he defeats Casper Ruud, the Norwegian whose clay court talents he has personally helped foster. Nadal will be playing in his 14th Roland Garros final on Sunday and 30th overall at the Grand Slams.

Victory will deliver a record-extending 22nd major and 14th French Open, 17 years after his title winning debut in Paris.

The 36-year-old Nadal is, however, as surprised as anyone to have got this far.

A chronic left foot injury which has plagued him throughout his career flared up again in Rome last month, putting a serious question mark over him even making it to the French capital.

"Without a doubt, I'd prefer to lose the final and have a new foot," admitted Nadal who has not hidden the brutal reality that every match he plays at Roland Garros may be his last.

Despite his fears, Nadal has impressively battled his way into Sunday's championship match.

He needed five sets and more than four hours to see off Felix Auger-Aliassime in the last 16 and another four hours to get past Novak Djokovic in the quarter-finals.

Alexander Zverev then pushed him all the way for three hours in the semi-finals until a sickening ankle injury forced the German world number three to quit on crutches.

Despite the German's bold all-or-nothing challenge, Nadal still cut an impressive presence on court, at one point coming out on top in a lung-busting 44-shot rally.

Khelo India Youth Games: Daughters of farm labourers make up most of Andhra kabaddi girl's team

PANCHKULA: "So what, I am a daughter of farm labourer parents. I am proud of them," Vandana Suryakala, a member of Andhra Pradesh's

ground. Nine other teammates out of the total 12 are daughters of farm labourers from a small hamlet of Kapusambham near

40-28 win over Chhattisgarh in a group match at the Tau Devi Lal Stadium.

"I started off as a runner because I used to

ior College, spoke on similar lines.

"We are proud of our parents and it is because of them that we are here. They have

encouraged us to play the game, giving us all the support that I need."

Whenever the cheerful girls are not competing or training at camps, they are more than happy to help out their parents in the fields.

They are waiting for the day when they can buy fields for their own parents.

sprint to the fields when I was a child. But when I turned seven, I switched to kabaddi after seeing all my friends play it," she said with a smile.

"I quickly got a hang of it and there has been no turning back."

Another debutante, Munakala Devika, a student of GNR Jun-

tioned that I was a player. He knew what I was talking about," Christian told AFP on Sunday.

Nadal and Ruud have never met professionally but they are often hitting partners in Spain where the Norwegian admits "he has beaten me pretty much all the times in practice".

Ruud was just six years old when Nadal was first crowned French Open champion and describes the Spaniard as his "idol".

"I could probably tell you all the finals and who he has played and who he has beaten, because I watched them all on TV," said the Norwegian.

"He's the greatest clay court player of all time and one of the greatest all-around players." Victory for Nadal will give him the Australian Open-French Open double in the same year for the first time.

That would also put him halfway to a calendar Grand Slam, achieved only three times in history, the last of which was by Rod Laver in 1969.

"I fought, I have done all the things possible to give myself another chance to play in the final of Roland Garros," said Nadal.

"All the sacrifices and all the things that I need to go through to try to keep playing, really makes sense when you enjoy moments like I'm enjoying in this tournament."

Meanwhile, Coco Gauff suffered a second heartbreaking French Open final defeat when she and American partner Jessica Pegula were beaten by Caroline Garcia and Kristina Mladenovic in the women's doubles final.

The French pair won 2-6, 6-3, 6-2 to add the 2022 title to their 2016 Roland Garros triumph.

On Saturday, 18-year-old Gauff had lost the singles final at Roland Garros in straight sets to Iga Swiatek of Poland.

"Hopefully, we can win one in the future," Gauff told the crowd and praised the atmosphere.

"The band was pretty cool, I thought I was at an American Football game."



tournament's oldest champion, eclipsing compatriot Andres Gimeno who was 34 when he took the title 50 years ago.

World number eight Ruud, 23, is the tour's informal clay court player.

Not only have seven of his eight career titles come on clay, but he has won 66 matches on the surface since 2020 and played in nine finals.

Ruud is the first Norwegian to reach a Grand Slam final.

Robin Soderling, a fellow Scandinavian, is the only other man apart from Djokovic to have defeated Nadal in Paris back in 2009.

Ruud has been training at Nadal's academy in Manacor since 2018 alongside his father Christian, a former top 40 player, and Spaniard Pedro Clar.

"I think we found a good balance. From a



kabaddi girl's team in the ongoing Khelo India Youth Games here, tells anybody who asked her about her family background.

"Each one has a profession and my parents are labourers by profession. And I am very proud of them," the feisty player said. She is not the only one of similar back-

Vizianagaram. The proud girls are here for the Khelo India Youth Games, not only to battle it out for a medal but also to become future sporting stars.

Suryakala made her debut at the KIYG on Friday and has underlined her prowess.

The young raider scored 14 whopping points in her team's