

Congress Backs New Front

Bhubaneswar(KCN): It is said two plus two do not make four in politics. It may also be 22. Similarly, addition of several zeros also does not make a number. But in politics, additions of zeros make a difference. Taking a cue from the political mathematics, Congress in Odisha, which has been losing its vote share on every



election, has started assembling the small and fringe parties having little presence in electoral politics. Once the ruling party in Odisha, has now assembled different parties before going to face the 2024 elections. So a new front is emerging in Odisha, being supported by Congress. The Congress recently held a meeting of nine small parties including left parties and the combination is ready to show a united show in the first week of August. OPCC President convened a meeting which was attended by the leaders of CPI, CPI(M), AAP, RJD, SP, RPI, TMC and Samata Kranti Dal. These parties joined hands and vowed to jointly fight against the ruling BJD and the opposition BJP in Odisha. However, other political parties like Forward Bloc, CPI(ML) Liberation, CPI(ML) Red Star, Samrudha Odisha and Janata Dal (U) have not joined the alliance. These parties are likely to join the alliance before the polls, a senior leader said. Now the question arises

whether these parties along with Congress can fight against the mighty BJD and the BJP, the ultra rich parties having presence across the state? If one goes by vote share the combination of eight parties other than Congress may not touch 10 per cent. Congress, which ruled the state for several years, has meanwhile been losing its vote share from 38 per cent in 2000 to 13 per cent now. Taking vote share of all the nine parties, the total vote share would be less than 20 which seems not a big factor in the state politics. Political observers, on the other hand, conclude that the candidates of these parties may not win elections, but may become a factor of defeat in several assembly segments in Odisha. Though left parties have been losing ground across the country except Kerala and Tripura, their existence is at stake in Odisha and West Bengal. CPI presently has one MLA (Laxman Munda) in the Assembly, while the Congress lawmakers number declined to eight after suspension of Barabati-Cuttack MLA Mohammad Moquim from the party. Though they are not able to win elections, the influence of left parties are still there in the districts of Sundergarh, Jharsuguda, Jagatsinghpur and some other pockets. The left parties play a key role in elections in certain pockets of the state.

Therefore, late Pyarimohan Mohapatra all along suggested Biju Patnaik not to ignore left parties as they have the potential of defeat of some candidates in certain segments way back in 1995. Now, the ruling BJD headed by Biju Patnaik's son, has never made any alliance with left parties, but preferred to go with right-wing party like BJP. The BJD formed alliance with BJP from 2000 to 2009 during which the left parties suffered a lot as the BJD-BJP combine become more acceptable to the people due to Atal Bihari Vajpayee factor. As denied acceptance by the BJD, the left parties have political compulsions to join hands with Congress to fight the bigger enemy like BJP. Left parties are not much against BJD, but they tilted towards Congress because the regional party has completely ignored them. This apart, the left parties also don't accept any other party supporting the BJP. Though Naveen Patnaik claimed to be maintaining equal distance with both the BJD and the Congress, his party seems tilted towards saffron. Therefore, it is natural that the left parties will remain with the party (Congress) which is opposed to the BJP. Regarding AAP, RJD, SP, RPI and others, BJP is the enemy number one in different states and therefore, they find Congress umbrella is more protective than fighting all alone against BJD or the BJP. Some other parties which have not joined the Congress's recent meeting may attend its August convention.

Odisha: Jagannath Temple Paschima Dwara To Be Reopened From July 24

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Paschima Dwara (West Gate) of Jagannath temple in Odisha's Puri city will be reopened for devotees from July 24 (tomorrow). This was revealed by Puri district Collector Samarth Verma today. The West Gate of Srimandir will be reopened for the people of Puri city from tomorrow. The residents of the Holy City can enter the 12th century shrine through the West Gate by producing their identity



proof, said the Collector. Notably, devotees, locals and several people's representatives had earlier urged the state government and the

Earlier, devotees were allowed to enter and exit Srimandir through its four gates. A few years ago, the SJTA laid a set of new guidelines and asked the devotees to enter the shrine through the Lions' Gate. The three other gates of the temple were virtually closed for the people. This has caused inconveniences for the devotees as they are being forced to wait in queues to visit the shrine, said a local.

Minor girl dies of Dengue in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar,(KCN): A minor girl of Khandagiri Dharma Vihar area in Bhubaneswar on Sunday died allegedly due to Dengue. The deceased has been identified as a seven-year-old girl of Dharma Vihar area under Ward No-63 of Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC). The deceased's family members alleged that she died while undergoing treatment at a private hospital. "My granddaughter suffered from fever. When I asked them (hospital authorities) to discharge her so that I could take her to somewhere else, they told us not to get impatient," said the deceased's grandfather. When asked, Ward No-63's corporator Sujata Chhotray said, "I am also surprised after hearing the news. I am visiting my ward. Our sanitary inspector is also visiting the ward. Awareness is being created among the people.

Hirakud Dam Releases Year's First Flood Water

Sambalpur(KCN): The Hirakud Dam in Odisha's Sambalpur district released this year's first flood water, today. According to reports, the flood water was initially released from sluice gate number 7 of the dam. Later, four more gates of the reservoir will be opened to release the flood water. The decision regarding opening of the gates of the dam has been taken in view of the heavy rainfall in the upper catchment areas and subsequent rise in the water level of the dam. The Mahanadi river and its distributaries are all set to witness increase in water level in lower catchments after opening of the dam gates, for which the authorities have advised the people of concerned areas to take precautionary measures while going to the water bodies.



Odisha govt should issue white paper on foreign investment received so far: BJP

Bhubaneswar,(KCN): The state unit of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Sunday targeted the BJD-ruling dispensation over the recent foreign trip of a team headed by the IT Minister to boost foreign investment. The BJP has demanded that the state government issue a white paper on how much investment the state has so far received from such visits. A team comprising the Sports Secretary, the ST Secretary, and the IT



Secretary under the leadership of the IT Minister has gone to America to bring investment to the state. Earlier, such teams also visited foreign countries including Israel, Japan

and Italy to bring investment in agriculture and industry sectors. The BJP alleged that the teams are visiting foreign countries and spending taxpayers' crores of money. If the government

is emphasizing such visits, then it should issue a white paper on how much money has so far been spent on such visits and how much investment Odisha has so far received. "Earlier, several teams visited foreign countries. Meetings were arranged at luxurious hotels. The money spent on these activities is the poor people's money. The state has not received a single pie of foreign investment. But after

INTACH Culinary Heritage Award for heritage tearoom "Flurys" on Park Street in Kolkata

Kolkata(Partha Roy): "Flurys" iconic heritage tearoom on Park Street in Kolkata was honoured by INTACH with Culinary Heritage Award. Plaque presented to Flurys describing the award was inaugurated by Ms. Priya Paul Chairperson of Apeejay Surrendra Park Hotels, of the Apeejay Surrendra Group, in presence of Shri Vijay Dewan Managing Director of Flurys and The Park Hotels, Shri Vikas Kumar Director Food Production of Flurys, Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh Director Operations &

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Development of Flurys, Shri G M Kapur INTACH State Convenor for West Bengal and members of INTACH , management and staffs of Flurys and media on 19th July 2023. Established in 1927 by Swiss couple Mr. and Mrs. J Flury, Flurys began as a modest confectionery shop before evolving into a distinguished tearoom. Its elegant décor, reminiscent of European tea salons, transports visitors to an era of refined indulgence. The interior showcases a perfect blend of old-world charm and contemporary sensibilities, featuring exquisite chandeliers, ornate furnishings, and inviting pastel hues that create an atmosphere of sheer sophistication. For over nine decades, this legendary tearoom has charmed generations with its sumptuous offerings, making it an essential



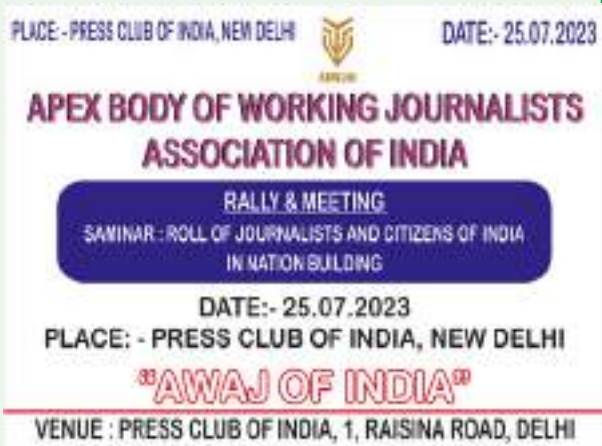
destination for food connoisseurs and history enthusiasts alike. Flurys stands as an iconic institution, synonymous with delectable desserts, impeccable service, and an enduring legacy. The legacy of Flurys extends far beyond its culinary prowess. Over the years, it has welcomed a diverse clientele, including eminent

personalities, writers, and artists, who found inspiration within its walls. Flurys has been a witness to countless conversations, celebrations, and even historical events, making it an intrinsic part of Kolkata's cultural fabric. Its influence has permeated literature, movies, and the collective memory of a city, earning it a cherished place in the

hearts of many. Despite the passage of time, Flurys has embraced evolution while retaining its essence. It has expanded its presence with additional outlets across Kolkata, Mumbai and Delhi each maintaining the same commitment to excellence and charm as the original. The tearoom has embraced modern technology, to be accessible to a wider audience. Flurys is more than just a tearoom; it is an institution that embodies the rich cultural heritage of Kolkata. With its mouthwatering pastries, exquisite ambiance, and a legacy spanning nearly a century, Flurys has woven itself into the fabric of mindspace of several generations as well as fabric of the city's identity .

ABWJAI Meeting and Seminar at Press club of India, New Delhi on July 25

Bhubaneswar (KCN): The Apex Body of Working journalist association of India (ABWJAI) will organise a rally and a meeting on 25 th July at press club of India, Raisina road, New Delhi. A national seminar on role of Journalists i and citizen of India in nation building will be inaugurated by Sri Vibhuti Narayan ray ,IPS ,Former DGP, Vice chancellor & renowned author . Dr Pabitra Mohan Samantaray, Editor in chief of English Daily THE KALINGA CHRONICLE and odia d a i l y PARYABEKHYAK Will join as chief guest



and Former Director, I& PR, North eastern region Prof manas Ranjan Mahapatra as chief speaker, Bharatiya Adimajati Seveka sangha President Nayan Chand Hembram & President of Anti currption front Advocate N P Nagar will be special guests Renowned

astrologer & social activist Tarun sastrri of Banke vihari Lal mandir, Delhi will perform Vedapatha For more information ABWJAI Chairperson Sr. Journalist sunil Kumar Mishra may be contacted on 9773842723 (Mob)/ 9437832226 (Whatsapp)

Celebrating 55 Years of Bank Nationalisation: A Polarized Perspective on the Future of Public Sector Banks

Kolkata (ABHIJIT SETH): As India commemorated the 55th Bank Nationalisation Day, the nation reflects on the historic decision taken in 1969 that laid the foundation for the public sector's crucial role in the country's economic development. Nationalised bank officers, representing the collective voice of the public sector, celebrated the achievements of public sector banks in promoting financial inclusion, supporting priority sectors, and contributing to economic growth. Since its inception, the nationalisation of banks aimed to achieve equitable distribution of credit across all segments of society, with a particular focus on priority sectors such as agriculture, micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), and industries. Over the

years, public sector banks have successfully channelled credit to these sectors, playing a pivotal role in driving economic progress and development. One of the most notable achievements of public sector banks is their contribution to financial inclusion. These banks have extended their reach to the remotest parts of the country, mobilizing savings from diverse sections of society and directing these funds towards crucial sectors that contribute to India's economic growth. Agriculture has been a prime beneficiary of the banking sector's support, with farmers gaining access to credit for investing in modern technologies and improving agricultural productivity. Additionally, the focus on MSMEs has fostered entrepreneurship,



generated employment opportunities, and contributed to the overall growth of the economy. Public sector banks have also played a significant role in supporting the education and infrastructure sectors, empowering millions of Indians and uplifting marginalized communities. By providing access to affordable credit and financial services, these banks have driven social harmony and facilitated the implementation of

various government schemes, including Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) and priority sector lending. Perhaps the most remarkable aspect of public sector banks is their track record of stability and resilience. Since 1969, not a single instance of Public Sector Bank failure has been recorded, showcasing their ability to weather economic challenges. Moreover, despite facing obstacles and implementing non-

profitable government schemes, public sector banks have managed to generate substantial profits, exceeding 1 lakh crore. This feat is all the more impressive when contrasted with the failures of several private banks during the same period. In light of the current economic scenario characterized by unemployment, inflation, and economic inequality, proponents of the expansion of public sector banks

argue that these institutions offer a viable solution. They believe that maintaining public sector integrity and strengthening these banks will foster inclusive growth and ensure a stable and prosperous financial system for all.

The 'Bank BachaoDeshBachao Manch', a platform formed to mobilize public opinion against bank privatization, vehemently opposes any move towards privatization. The platform includes various sections of civil society, ranging from students and contractual workers to farmers and PSU workers. Shri Soumya Datta, Jt Convenor, Bank BachaoDeshBachao Manch expresses concern that amending the Bank Nationalization Act to pave the way for selling off nationalized

banks could lead to adverse consequences for common citizens. He fears that the government might wash their hands off in case of bank failures, leaving citizens' savings and financial security at stake. The Members of the Manch believe that public sector banks, in contrast to private banks focused on profit maximization, fulfil social obligations and contribute to social harmony. They argue that any privatization move would result in handing over national assets to crony corporate houses, potentially compromising the interests of common citizens. Sanjay Das, the General Secretary of All India Nationalized Banks Officers' Federation and veteran Banking Trade union leader expresses that the faithful advocates of privatization are ill-

informed of the real issues. The All-India Bank Officers' Confederation too urges policymakers, regulators, and other interested parties to recognise the invaluable contributions of public sector banks and their employees. As the nation looks back on the achievements of nationalized banks over the past 55 years, the debate surrounding the future of public sector banks continues to be polarized. While some champion their role in fostering economic development and financial inclusion, others fear the consequences of privatization. The government's commitment to navigating this delicate balance will be crucial in shaping the trajectory of India's banking sector in the years to come.

J&K Bank becomes the 1st Scheduled Commercial Bank in India to achieve PCIDSS V4 Certification

A great badge of honour for us as a financial institution: Baldev Prakash

Srinagar, (Asif Malik): In a major boost to its cyber-security system, J&K Bank has become the first Scheduled Commercial Bank (SCB) in the country to attain the esteemed Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCIDSS) Version 4 Certification for both Issuance and Acquiring Business. PCI DSS is a globally recognized set of security standards established by leading payment card brands such as Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, JCB etc. and governed by the Payment Card Industry Security Standards Council (PCI SSC). Proudly announcing the ground-breaking achievement, the Bank's MD & CEO Baldev Prakash extended his heartfelt congratulations to the dedicated teams



involved in achieving this exceptional certification. He said, "This remarkable accomplishment reaffirms Bank's unwavering commitment to customer-privacy and security-excellence. Being the first SCB as PCI DSS (V-4.0) compliant in the country is a great badge of honour for us as a financial institution and I would like to congratulate every member of our exceptional team whose hard work and commitment have made

this achievement possible. Their unwavering dedication to our customers' safety and satisfaction has been instrumental in attaining this recognition."

"While revolutionising the scope and scale of banking industry, the fast-paced digitisation continues to increase exposure of banks to cyber security risks. In such a situation, this highly prestigious certification is a great acknowledgment of our in-place information-security protocols", he added.

While reaffirming Bank's commitment to the clientele and stakeholders of Bank, MD & CEO emphasized that achieving the PCIDSS V4 certification marks a pivotal moment in its journey towards becoming a Bank with unparalleled security and

unflinching trust in the realm of digital banking. "With security of our customers' financial data as a top priority, this certification is also a testament of J&K Bank as a reliable financial partner with unwavering commitment to safeguarding the interests of its valued customers", he said, adding that the Bank will continue to innovate and invest in the latest technologies to uphold and enhance the trust of its valuable customers.

Notably, this certification process involves a comprehensive audit conducted by a team of Qualified Security Assessors (QSA) Certified by PCI Security Standards Council to evaluate an organization's adherence to stringent security controls and protocols during payment card transactions.

The Heritage College receives award of excellence from the Minister



Kolkata, (KCN): Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industry of India organized the 7th EduMeet & Excellence Award ceremony 2023 in Kolkata which was graced by eminent dignitaries like Ms. Rowan Ainsworth, Australian Consul General in Kolkata and Mr. Nick Low, British Deputy High Commissioner to Kolkata during the inaugural

session. The event witnessed various panel discussions on the New Education Policy which was introduced by the Country way back in 2020.

There were also many sessions on Early Childhood Education and the onset of foreign universities in India. The concluding ceremony was addressed by Hon'ble Minister of the State for Education, Government

of India Dr. Rk. Ranjan Singh who also gave the awards of excellence to the Institutions under various categories.

The Heritage College received the award of excellence for being The Most Upcoming General Degree College for the year 2023 which was received by Prof. Basab Chaudhuri, Senior Director- Academics, Heritage Group of Institutions, Kolkata from

the Minister in the presence of Shri Pradip Agarwal, CEO, Heritage Group of Institutions and also the Co-chairman, Higher Education, ASSOCHAM, Eastern Region. Other dignitaries who were present were Prof. Dilip Shah, Dean, The Bhawanipur Education Society College, Mr. Manoj Joshi, Chairman, Assocham Higher Education Council, East, Mr. Simarpreet Singh, Co-chairman, Assocham Higher Education Council East, Mr. Alope Tibrewal, Co-chairman, Assocham School Education Council East, Mr. Tamal Mukherjee, Chairman, National Task Force and others.

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Suriya Shines As 'Warrior' In 'Kanguva' As First Glimpse Dropped On Social Media

Actor Suriya, who is celebrating his birthday today (July 23), is all set to star in 'Kanguva' and the makers have revealed the first glimpse of his most anticipated film, which shows him as a warrior. Siva, who has directed movies such as 'Souryam', 'Daruvu: Sound Of Mass', has collaborated with the South star for this magnum opus. With music by Devi Sri Prasad and visuals from cinematographer Vetri Palanisamy, the film will be released in 10 languages in 3D format. The first glimpse is released in Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada, Hindi and English. Suriya has also shared the glimpse on his Twitter handle. Studio



Green in association with UV Creations is producing the Suriya and Disha Patani-starrer 'Kanguva', which is an action-packed drama and is planned to be released in early 2024. Studio Green K.E. Gnanavel Raja has churned out many hits in the last 16 years including films like

'Singam' series, 'Paruthi Veeran', 'Siruthai', 'Komban', 'Naan Mahan Alla', 'Madras', 'Teddy' and recently 'Pathu Thala'. The makers had previously announced the title of the film with an intriguing video. The title teaser video featured the background of a dark

night, unveiling an eagle, a dog, and a masked warrior riding a horse, followed by a massive army. Suriya also informed his fans about the news. Disha too shared the title look of the movie on her Instagram with a caption that read, "A Man with Power of Fire & a Saga of a Mighty Valiant Hero".

SS Rajamouli, Jr NTR, Ram Charan Made Oscars Producers Richer By USD 75,000



When 'Naatu Naatu' bagged the Oscar to become the first Indian and Asian song to receive the coveted award, the 'RRR' team led by director S.S. Rajamouli basked in the glory of the moment. But now it seems it came at a significant cost.

Being nominees, music composer M.M. Keeravani (and wife Srivalli) and lyricist Chandrabose were entitled to free seating at their allotted table, along with singers Rahul Sipligunj and Kaala Bhairava, who performed on stage, but other members of 'RRR' team present at the 95th Academy

Awards in Los Angeles on March 13 had to buy tickets to attend the event. And the tickets came for \$25,000 (Rs 20.6 lakh) apiece.

Rajamouli with wife Rama, son Karthikeya and daughter-in-law, NTR Jr, who came sans wife Pranathi, Ram Charan and his wife Upasana Kamineni, and choreographer Prem Rakshith were present for the historic moment along with Keeravani, Chandrabose and the singers.

That the 'RRR' team members had to buy tickets to the 95th Academy Awards was a shock to Indian fans, who were already upset

that Rajamouli and others were seated at the rear, close to the exit, during the ceremony. They took to social media to register their displeasure.

Though the viral heel-tapping hit created history by winning a prestigious award, the on-stage performance of the song during the ceremony without any dancer of Indian descent has also sparked a row.

Dancers of South Asian origin were outraged that Billy Mustapha and Jason Glover, both Americans but not of South Asian descent, had replaced Junior NTR and Ram Charan,

while choreographers Napoleon and Tabitha adapted Rakshith's original choreography.

Junior NTR and Ram Charan were expected to perform on stage, but reportedly backed out due to multiple reasons. They did not feel comfortable recreating the dance on the stage. Some reports attribute this to the other professional commitments of the actors and the limited time they had to rehearse.

'Naatu Naatu' won the coveted award beating 'Applause' from 'Tell It Like a Woman' (from the segment 'Sharing A Ride' by Leela Yadav), which, incidentally, featured Bollywood actress Jacqueline Fernandes; Lady Gaga's 'Hold My Hand' ('Top Gun: Maverick'), Rihanna's 'Lift Me Up' ('Black Panther: Wakanda Forever') and 'This Is A Life' by Son Lux, Mitski and David Byrne ('Everything Everywhere All at Once').

Ranveer Singh, Alia Bhatt Reach Bareilly's Jhumka Chowk To Promote 'Rocky aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani'

As Alia Bhatt and Ranveer Singh are gearing up for their next release, 'Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani', the duo recently turned the spotlight towards themselves with their colourful avatar at Bareilly's iconic Jhumka Chowk.



Taking to Instagram, the official page of Dharma Production dropped a picture and wrote, "Rocky finally found Rani's Jhumka at Bareilly! Thank you for the warmest welcome, this is what you call iconic! #RockyAurRaniKiiPremKahaani, a film by Karan Johar in his 25th anniversary year - in cinemas this Friday."

The 'Gully Boy' co-stars arrived in Bareilly and strolled effortlessly hand in hand, all while their song 'What Jhumka' played in the background, adding to the joyous ambience. Alia channelled her character Rani, who wears stunning sarees in the film, for the occasion. She opted for a beautiful yellow saree and elevated her look with minimal make-up.

Ranveer, on the other hand, left everyone drooling with his dapper look. He looked dapper in all black outfit. His cool hairdo amped up his style quotient. The film marks filmmaker Karan Johar's comeback after seven years. 'Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani' stars Ranveer, Alia Bhatt, Dharmendra, Jaya Bachchan and Shabana Azmi in the lead roles and is set to hit the theatres on July 28.

The movie promises to be a wholesome, big-screen entertainer, blending Johar's storytelling finesse with an impressive ensemble cast, grandeur and music. There were also many scenes of the two romancings and fighting, celebrating all kinds of festivals with their families, and possibly a wedding.

Sonali Bendre Sets 'India's Best Dancer 3' Stage On Fire With Norwegian Dance Group

This weekend, 'India's Best Dancer 3' is all set to captivate its audience with an exhilarating episode. Contestants of 'India's Best Dancer 3' will be challenged this weekend to step out of their comfort zone in the thrilling 'Adla Badli' special episode, aiming to prove their mettle in the dance arena. Adding to the excitement, the evening will be graced by the presence of the hilarious duo, Bharti Singh and her husband Harsh Limbachiya, along with Harshdeep Kaur and Mukti Mohan.

The show will witness an international flair with the appearance of the enigmatic Norwegian dance sensation 'Quickstyle.' Along with Sonali Bendre, The Quickstyle group will perform on 'Pyar Kiya Toh Nibhana' from the film Major Sahab. 'India's Best Dancer 3' airs this weekend at 8pm only on Sony Entertainment Television.

Bigg Boss OTT 2: Double Elimination To Leave House Ablaze This Week?

The table is set, the main course is done and finished and now the house will be set ablaze as the eliminations will begin this time on 'Bigg Boss OTT 2' on the 'Weekend Ka Vaar' special. The 'Weekend Ka Vaar' is always special given that it has new guests and more challenges, but this time, the house is truly hot because no one knows who will pack up and go home and who shall still remain.

The drama and conflicts coupled with the twists and turns is a 'Bigg Boss' trope and audiences have witnessed much, ranging from Salman Khan's 'Dabangg' swag to contestants engaging in various tasks, heated arguments and controversies. Each and every time, the contestants are forced to up their game if they want to stay in the house, but now the time for listening and thinking is long past, it is time for action now as each contestant will have to put their best foot forward if they want to survive the harsh judgments that come their way.

In the midst of all that has transpired, between the drama, the challenges, the thrills and conflicts, 'Bigg Boss OTT 2' has witnessed an



interesting roster of nomination this week wherein six contestants were made prime candidates for eviction, with online polls not really able to determine who that person could be. The roster of names include Elvish Yadav, Avinash Sachdev, Falaq Naaz, Aashika Bhatia, Jiya Shankar and Jad Hadid. Ever since the nominations were announced, there has been speculation about who will get eliminated from 'Bigg Boss OTT 2'.

The Captaincy Task was a big factor in determining who may still stay in the house. The recent antics of Elvish and the arising conflicts and controversies such as Jiya putting hand wash in his water, Falaq refuting his orders to make parathaas, or Avinash and Aashika engaging in fiery arguments taking pot shots and doing personal attacks have all collectively added to the anticipation.

Deduction from Capital Gains U/S 54 AND 54F Part-3



Adv. Narayan Jain & CA DilipLoyalka

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13. Assessee claimed exemption u/s 54F, on purchase of a residential house property, subsequent use of the said residential house property for non-residential purpose: Where the house property constructed is a residential house property, its use for non-residential purpose, does not make the house property non-residential. Deduction u/s 54 or u/s 54F cannot be denied on said ground - N. Revathi v. ITO. (ITA No.67/Hyd/2013). It was held that even a residential building can be used as a school or for any other commercial purpose but the relevant factor to judge is whether the construction made is for residential house or for commercial purpose. If the building has been constructed for residential use with all amenities like kitchen, bath room etc., which are necessary for

residential accommodation then even if it is used as a school or for any other commercial purpose, it cannot lose its character as a residential building. The Tribunal relied on decision of AP High Court in case of CIT v. Syed Ali Adil, judgment dated 20-12-2012 in ITA No.410 of 2012 (AP). 14. Where assessee sold a house property and purchased another house property vide 4 different deeds for different portions of property: If assessee has purchased one residential house property, it is immaterial that four different deeds were prepared for the different portions of the house property. So long there is one residential unit, assessee will be entitled to deduction u/s 54 -CIT v. Smt. Sunita Aggarwal [2006] 284 ITR 20 (Del.). W.e.f. asst year 2020-21 section 54 provided that an assessee can purchase

2 house properties if capital gain does not exceed Rs.2 crore. The deduction can be claimed once in life time.

15. Where assessee owns two house properties, he transfers one house property to his spouse before deriving Long Term Capital gain on transfer of a capital asset other than a house property and invests the LTCG in acquiring another house property: As per sec. 54F assessee is entitled to deduction of LTCG, if he invests the same in acquiring a new House property and on the date of transfer he should not own more than one house property. In the given case assessee had only one house property on the date of transfer of the capital asset other than house property he is entitled to exemption u/s 54F as he acquired a house property within the prescribed time. Section 64 deals with clubbing of Income and it does not make spouse the owner of the transferred asset. As such sec 64 has no application - Smt. Maya A. Ajawani v. ITO 56 taxmann.com 255 (Mum Trib). 16. Whether any capital gain arises on entering into sale agreement without handing over possession of property: As per Sec. 2(47) of the Income Tax Act

read with Sec. 53A of Transfer of Property Act immovable property is said to be transferred on the basis of sale agreement, only if the possession of said property is handed over to transferee. Since possession has not been handed over there is no transfer as such no capital gain arises - Godha Realtors (P.) Ltd. v. ACIT [2022] 135 taxmann.com 24 (Bang. Trib.).

17. Whether Agreement to sell amount to transaction of immovable property if sale deed was not executed: Agreement to sell does not amount to transaction of immovable property and, thus, where assessee failed to prove sale of residential property by execution of sale deed there was no capital gain and consequently, assessee's claim for deduction u/s 54F was to be rejected - Smt. Shobha Jain v. CIT [2016] 75 taxmann.com 223 (All.).

18. Where the entire transaction of development of land envisaged in JDA fell through, whether any profits or gains arose from the transfer of capital asset if there was only agreement but no sale deed was executed: The Supreme Court in the case of CIT v. Balbir Singh Maini [2017] 86 taxmann.com 94 (SC), held that if an

agreement, like Joint Development Agreement (JDA), was not registered then it shall have no effect in law for the purposes of section 53A of the Transfer of Property Act, in short, there is no agreement in the eyes of law, which can be enforced u/s 53A of the Transfer of Property Act. In order to qualify as a "transfer" of a capital asset u/s 2(47)(v) of Income Tax Act, there must be a "contract" which can be enforced in law u/s 53A of the Transfer of Property Act. Where for want of permissions, entire transaction of development of land envisaged in Joint Development Agreement (JDA) fell through, in those facts of the case, the Supreme Court held that no profits or gains arose from the transfer of capital asset so as to attract sections 45 and 48.

The said Supreme Court decision has been followed in Satish Kumar Magon v. ITO ITA No. 2338/Kol/2016 decision dated 15.6.2018. In this case, the assessee entered into an agreement for purchase of flat and acquired certain rights. The flat was not registered in assessee's name. Assessee transferred these rights by way of an agreement to another person M.

Property was registered by builder in favour of "M". As such, assessee is not the owner of the property in question, he has only certain rights in the property as neither the agreement was registered nor any sale deed was executed by the assessee. Under these facts, income in question/ the capital gain cannot be brought to tax by applying sec. 50C.

19. Where assessee owns two house property out of which one is subject to life interest of his mother: Where one of the house property is subject to life interest of his mother, he cannot be said to be owner of the said house property till the life interest is over and he becomes absolute owner. As such exemption u/s 54 cannot be denied - V.R. Usha v. ITO 70 taxmann.com 340 (Chennai Trib).

20. Where assessee was owner of a residential house property and a commercial property. Can deduction u/s 54F be claimed on acquisition of new residential house property: As per sec. 54F assessee should not own more than one house property on the date of transfer of the capital asset. In the given case assessee has only one residential house property, he can claim deduction u/s

54F if he invests the consideration in acquisition of a residential house property in accordance with provision of section 54F - CIT v. I Ifthiqaq Ashiq 68 taxmann.com 25 (Madras) [2016].

21. If an assessee derives long term capital gain from transfer of a residential house property and purchases or constructs another house property outside India within the specified period: W.e.f. asst. year 2015-16, section 54 and 54F specifically provides that new residential house must be purchased or constructed in India only. However, prior to the amendment there was no such requirement.

22. An assessee sold his residential house property and purchased another house property in joint name with his father or with wife or with brother or exclusively in name of widowed daughter, but paid the entire consideration himself: In JCIT v. Smt. Armeda K. Bhaya 95 ITD 313 (Mum. ITAT) it was held that since the consideration has been paid by assessee, the entire amount of investment will be eligible for deduction u/s 54. Purchase in the joint name shall not disentitle the assessee for claiming the entire

exemption. Similar view has been taken in the case of DIT (Int. Taxation) v. Mrs. Jennifer Bhide [2012] 349 ITR 80 (Kar.); Jitendra V. Faria v. ITO [2017] 81 taxmann.com 16 (Mumbai- Trib.), Bhatkal Ramarao Prakash v. ITO [2019] 102 taxmann.com 145 (Bangalore - Trib.); Mir Gulam Ali Khan v. CIT [1986] 28 Taxman 572/[1987] 165 ITR 228 (AP); CIT v. Kamal Wahal [2013] 30 taxmann.com 34 (Delhi); Laxmi Narayan v. CIT [2018] 89 taxmann.com 334 (Raj); Krishnappa Jayaramaiah v. ITO, Ward 6(3)(4), Bangalore [2021] 125 taxmann.com 110 (Bangalore - Trib.). However, a contrary view has been expressed in the case of Prakash v. ITO [2008] 173 Taxman 311/[2009] 312 ITR 40 (Bom.). Similarly, where property acquired by HUF is registered in name of Karta, benefit of Section 54 or 54F cannot be denied.

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Uniform Civil Code : A Vision of Equality, Justice, and Harmony



India is renowned for its multifariousness in terms of culture, religion, and ethnicity. The implementation of a uniform civil code has been a topic of debate and discussion in the country for several years. In this article, an attempt has been made to explore the intricacies of the Uniform Civil Code (UCC), the various arguments and controversies surrounding it, the historical and Legal background that has contributed to the emergence of this issue. India presently maintains distinct personal laws for various religious groups, including Hindus, Muslims, Christians, Parsis, and Jews. The legal frameworks pertaining to marriage, divorce, and inheritance are frequently influenced by religious texts and

traditions, resulting in variations across different jurisdictions. The Uniform Civil Code is a proposed legal framework intended to establish uniformity in personal laws with the objective of promoting gender justice and equality. The term, 'Uniform Civil Code' is explicitly mentioned in Part 4, Article 44 of the Indian Constitution. Article 44 says, "The State shall endeavor to secure for the citizens a uniform civil code throughout the territory of India." From a legal standpoint, the Supreme Court has emphasized the importance of a Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in numerous cases, ranging from the Shah Bano Begum case to the more recent Shayara Bano versus Union of India case. The Supreme Court addressed the matter of UCC in Mohd. Ahmed Khan v. Shah Bano Begum and others case, wherein Shah Bano's husband had issued a talaq against her. During the case proceedings, Chief

Justice YV Chandrachud made the observation that the Parliament should delineate the parameters of a Uniform Civil Code, as it serves as a tool for promoting national concord and legal parity. Notwithstanding this, the Government failed to redress the matter and introduced the Muslim Women's Protection of Rights on Divorce Act in 1986. Following a decade of silence on the matter, in the case of Sarla Mudgal, the Supreme Court implored the Government to establish a Uniform Civil Code modelled after the Hindu code in order to safeguard those who have been subjected to abuse and promote national unity. Similarly, the legal cases of Lily Thomas versus the Union of India and ABC v. the State (NCT of Delhi) were addressed as well. In the former case, the Supreme Court underscored the importance of the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) with regards to succession. In the latter

case, the court ruled that a Christian single mother could seek sole guardianship of her child without the consent of the biological father, as per the Guardian and Wards Act of 1890, which did not previously recognize this right for Christian single mothers. Within this particular context, the Court highlighted the adverse effects resulting from the lack of a standardized civil code. People and opponents have several arguments against the implementation of a Uniform Civil Code. One of the central contentions against the implementation of the Uniform Civil Code is that it has the potential to encroach upon the religious liberties of diverse communities. The personal laws of various communities are derived from their respective religious texts and traditions. Any endeavour to supplant these laws with a uniform code will likely be perceived as a challenge to their religious distinctiveness. There

also exists a concern that the adoption of the Uniform Civil Code could potentially incite communal strife and aggression. An additional contention against the Uniform Civil Code is its perceived impracticability and infeasibility of execution. India is a nation characterized by a multitude of cultures and traditions, rendering it challenging to devise a uniform code of laws that would garner widespread acceptance. Additionally, personal laws are firmly rooted in the cultural practices and customs of diverse communities, and any endeavour to modify them may encounter agitation as well as opposition. On the other hand, a Uniform Civil Code is advocated on the basis of its potential to establish uniformity and promote gender justice. At present, the personal laws pertaining to various communities' exhibit gender-based discrimination against

women with respect to inheritance, divorce, and maintenance. In the context of personal laws in India, it is observed that a Muslim man can unilaterally dissolve his marriage by uttering the word "talaq" three times, whereas a Hindu woman is required to undergo a protracted legal procedure to terminate her marriage. The implementation of the Uniform Civil Code is expected to establish a uniform legal framework for all citizens, regardless of their religious affiliations, thereby facilitating the advancement of gender parity. Another rationale supporting the implementation of the Uniform Civil Code is its potential to advance the principles of national integration and secularism. India is a nation that upholds the principle of secularism, and its Constitution ensures that all citizens are entitled to equal treatment under the law. The presence of distinct personal laws for various communities is incongruous with the principles of secularism.

The implementation of the Uniform Civil Code is expected to foster national unity and uphold the principle of legal equality among all members of society. The implementation of a Uniform Civil Code is a multifaceted matter that necessitates meticulous examination and contemplation. The Uniform Civil Code has been a persistent request of numerous individuals who contend that its implementation would foster uniformity, gender equity, and national cohesion. Nonetheless, there are apprehensions that this measure could potentially encroach upon the religious liberties of various groups and trigger intercommunal strife. It is imperative to acknowledge that the implementation of a uniform civil code does not entail the eradication of the religious traditions and rituals of diverse communities. The ambit of the Uniform Civil Code is limited to issues pertaining to personal laws, including but not limited to marriage,

divorce, inheritance, and adoption. The observance of religious traditions and rituals pertaining to worship may persist among diverse communities. Despite suggestions such as the implementation of measures such as raising the minimum age for girls to marry to 21, which is a commendable effort towards achieving gender equality, the practical application of such measures has been lacking. The current Government must consider implementing a uniform civil code to promote the holistic development of society, including women, while balancing the objectives of Article 51 A (f) and 51 A (e) of the Constitution.

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Mynd Polyclinic Plans to Transform Suburban Bengal's Healthcare by Combating Diabetes & Enhancing Primary Care

Kolkata (ABHIJIT SETH): Mynd Polyclinic, a prominent healthcare provider, has introduced two groundbreaking initiatives aimed at enhancing primary healthcare access and promoting diabetes awareness in suburban Bengal. With a vision to improve the well-being of individuals by providing affordable and equitable healthcare services, Mynd Polyclinic has taken significant strides in its mission to upgrade primary healthcare facilities across Bengal. In commemoration of the 77th Independence Day, Mynd Polyclinic is launching the 'Diabetes Free Bengal' campaign. This initiative seeks to

raise awareness about diabetes and its impact on people of all ages, including children, teenagers, and young adults. Stressful and sedentary lifestyles, along with family history, are factors recognized to influence diabetes prevalence. By promoting healthier lifestyles, the campaign aims to foster a better quality of life for individuals in Bengal. Latika Sinha, Chief Communication Officer for Mynd, expressed that as part of the 'Diabetes Free Bengal' campaign, individuals can avail themselves of complimentary services at their nearest Mynd Polyclinic branch. These services include doctor consultations and essential

blood work, encouraging proactive health monitoring and timely identification of diabetes to prevent potential complications. Additionally, Mynd Polyclinic is dedicated to ensuring affordable and accessible primary healthcare services for the community through the 'Aarogya Bandhu' plan. By joining hands with the community, the organization aims to create a healthier Bengal, promoting responsible healthcare practices and reducing the risks associated with self-medication and unreliable medical sources. The initiatives introduced by Mynd Polyclinic signify a positive step towards better healthcare provisions in suburban Bengal.

J.D. Birla Institute, Kolkata Breaks Gender Barriers: Embrace Co-Education for Excellence

Kolkata (ADVAITA SETH): J.D. Birla Institute (JDBI) is a distinguished private unaided college in Kolkata, affiliated with Jadavpur University, renowned for its higher education standards. Acknowledged for its continuous pursuit of excellence, JDBI received the highest "A" Grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in 2010. Currently, the college is preparing for its 3rd cycle of accreditation and is also part of the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF). Established in 1962 as a girl's college, JDBI has evolved over 60 years to meet the changing demands of education. Presently, it offers six undergraduate courses, four postgraduate courses, one PG diploma, and several certificate courses. With a growing number of applications from boys seeking

admission to science and commerce programs, the college has decided to admit boys to these courses from the academic year 2023-2024, following approval from Jadavpur University. JDBI takes pride in offering new-age programs focused on skill development and entrepreneurship. All courses have earned recognition, attracting a higher number of applications than available seats. The college's 4-year (8 semesters) curriculum adheres to the NEP framework, ensuring students receive up-to-date knowledge. JDBI emphasizes all-round development, offering co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. MoAs with national and international organizations promote educational collaborations, broadening students' horizons. The college's

active placement cell has secured opportunities with renowned organizations like Wipro, Godrej, PwC, and more. Over 3000 alumni bear testimony to JDBI's impact. With 50 distinguished faculty members, JDBI encourages research despite being primarily an undergraduate college. Faculty members have published 250 research papers and completed 17 UGC-sponsored projects in the last decade. JDBI's pedagogy fosters boundary-less learning and knowledge-sharing. The campus boasts impressive infrastructure and a digitized library. J.D. Birla Institute has excelled for over 60 years in providing quality education. As it embarks on its 3rd accreditation cycle and opens courses to boys, JDBI remains committed to nurturing excellence, offering holistic growth, and staying at the forefront of educational distinction in India.

Capacity building of the fish farmers of Nawada district, Bihar

Nawada (KCN): Nawada district is a part of the ancient Magadh division of south Bihar and the climate of the district is sub-tropical to sub-humid in nature. The district also faces the problem of water scarcity during the dry season. A seven days training programme on "Inland Fisheries Management" was organized at ICAR-CIFRI, Barrackpore during 13 July to 19 July 2023 as a part of skill development and capacity building programme with an objective towards doubling the fishers' income of this district. A total of 30 trainees took active part in this programme.

Inaugurating the programme, Dr. B.K. Das, Director of the Institute emphasised on the skill development of the fishers on various aspects of inland fisheries management ensuring their sustainable livelihood security. He also urged the fishers to

explore their available resources for optimum production and productivity by acquiring scientific knowledge and applications. During the training, the farmers were exposed to both in-house theoretical and practical knowledge along with on-field demonstrations covering different aspects of inland fisheries management, including pond construction and management, soil and water quality management, feed and feeding protocol, ornamental fish farming, breeding aspects of fishes, nutritional requirements, fish health management, enclosure culture, economic aspects of different fish culture activities, fish marketing, governance pattern, impact of climate on fisheries etc. Besides, the trainees have been taken to field exposure visits which include ICAR-CIFA Kalyani Centre, balagarh, East Kolkata Wetland

(EKW) as well as the ornamental fish markets of Galib Street (Kolkata) etc. The trainees also visited and gained firsthand information on Bio-floc system, Recirculatory Aquaculture System (RAS), ornamental fish farming practice and fish feed preparation process in the institute's feed mill. The trainees have been provided with hands-on training facility on different need-based aspects like basic water quality parameters, fish feed preparation using locally available feed ingredients etc. The trainees were also given their certificates after the interaction session with Dr. B.K. Das, Director CIFRI, Dr. S. Samanta, HOD, FRY Division; Dr. R.K. Manna, HOD, RWF Division. The feedback session was marked with overall satisfaction of the trainees admitting their up-scaling of knowledge which would be applied in their respective water resources.

Ambassador of Kazakhstan in India Mr. Zhalgasbayev Nurlan addressed session on 'India-Kazakhstan Emerging Ties : Focusing on West Bengal' in Kolkata

Kolkata, (Partha Roy): Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan in India Mr. Zhalgasbayev Nurlan addressed a Special Session 'India-Kazakhstan Emerging Ties : Focusing on West Bengal' organised by Merchants' Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MCCI) on 20 July 2023 at its premise.

The special session also witnessed signing of MOU between MCCI and EEPIC INDIA to promote export from West Bengal. The MoU was signed by Mr. Namit Bajoria, President, MCCI and Mr. Arun Kr. Garodia, Chairman, EEPIC India.

Ambassador Nurlan in his address said that the emerging ties between India and Kazakhstan clearly indicate that despite several roadblocks to the growth of relations, there are immense prospects for future cooperation. The sectors like natural resources, logistics and transportation, digital markets, and Information technology will create opportunities for both countries to expand overall trade. Ambassador Nurlan mentioned that the International North-



South Transport Corridor (INSTC) is the multi-mode ship, rail, and road network for low-cost moving freight between India and Central Asia. Mr. Nurlan mentioned that during the previous year, India and Kazakhstan's overall trade had registered at \$2.4 billion which was 17% higher than the previous year. The sectors including food processing, pharmaceuticals, machinery and engineering, ICT, and green & renewable energy are priority sectors.

To attract Indian investors to Kazakhstan, Mr. Nurlan mentioned that Kazak Invest National Company has already introduced Single Window Support for the investors. Besides this, the country is also providing incentives for

investment, import duty exemption, import subsidy, land availability, and legislation stability for the investors. There are 36 Special Economic Zones in Kazakhstan. Mr. Arun Kr. Garodia, Chairman, EEPIC India said that West Bengal is now all set to play a lead role in facilitating bilateral economic and commercial relations with Kazakhstan. Mr. Garodia mentioned that India's commercial relation with Kazakhstan has been strengthening in recent years with merchandise export from India rising continuously even during the years of Pandemic and more than trebled in the last five completed fiscals to reach its all-time high at USD 436.5 million in 2022-23. Mr. Namit Bajoria, President, MCCI in his

address suggested that to reap the full potential of bilateral trade between India and Kazakhstan, both the countries should explore prospects of product diversification. Bajoria further mentioned that Indian companies can take up new initiatives like setting up manufacturing units for pharmaceutical products, textiles & leather products to cater to the demands of not only the Kazakh market but also of other fast-growing countries in Central Asia. Bajoria mentioned that there are more opportunities for collaboration at higher levels, such as cooperation between the Indian IT sector, high technological fields like bio- and nano-technology as well as promotion of clean

energy. However, he expressed concern over the fact of absence of land connectivity and direct land access between India and Kazakhstan. Mr. Vishal Jhajharia, Hony. Consul of Kazakhstan in Kolkata and Past President, MCCI said that Kazakhstan's vast mineral resources and energy reserves can open up opportunities for Indian investment in various sectors, including energy and infrastructure. He further added that the West Bengal Government's proactive approach in promoting investment and industrial development, coupled with Kazakhstan's commitment to being an investor-friendly destination, creates an ideal environment for mutually beneficial partnerships to flourish. Mr. Mahesh Chandra Keyal, Chairman, Council on Foreign Trade, MCCI while delivering vote of thanks highlighted the fact that countries need to rework their trade strategy to reflect the current global reality and derive benefits from the comparative advantages of the two partners.

BOBBY CHAKRABORTY WINS YOUNG HEARTS AND MINDS IN RURAL BENGAL WITH HIS ANTI ADDICTION CAMPAIGN NO. 401

Kolkata (KCN): It was a rainy afternoon on 21st July, at IIMC Sikshangan Ushapara, a rural school in Bhojerhat, 24 Parganas (South), when Bobby Chakraborty won the hearts and minds of all his 'soldiers' there, through his award winning, global, free of cost awareness program for the youth against addiction of all sorts and harmful social trends. Bobby as we know is an Actor, Activist and a Teacher of Method Acting who reaches out to the children globally to sensitize them against evils which are destroying their physical and mental health, for more than a decade.

He started this mission of charity due to the loss of life in his own family out of addiction, which extremely disturbed his growing up years. He associated with IIMC (Institute for Indian



Mother and Child) Sonarpur, along with its founder Director duo Dr. Sujit Kr. Brahmochary and Mrs. Barnali Brahmochary to start with his 1st session there, in 2012. Here he was with his 401st session yet again in a school of IIMC.

The Teacher-in-Charge Mr. Amar Kr. Naskar, along with other teachers like Prasenjit Sir, Mintu

Sir and Mr. Prabir Kr. Karmakar organised this powerful session perfectly, with refreshments for the children after the session. Students of 7th to 10th grade assembled to hear out this much acclaimed awareness 'adda', from their favourite 'Bobbydada'. They understood the importance of their physical and mental health which is directly

linked with their career and family through the formula of life which is 'HCF'. They learnt the easy but effective way to learn to control their minds through the mantra 'I AM THE KING OF MY MIND'. They promised to behave appropriately online. They were made aware of the perils of the internet and interacting with strangers online. All of this happened

through the trademark wit and humour of Bobby, which kept the children engaged and entertained them for over 2 hours, instead of only preaching. The official photographer was Shrabanti Sardar from Class 9, assisted by Piu from Class 7, who also won the ceremonial title of 'the 1st soldier'. The title of 'the trendsetter' went to Misty.

The winners of the surprise contest at the end were Soumyadip, Sipra and Dishu, who along with Shrabanti were awarded special HCF t-shirts, prizes and community service certificates by their Bobbydada. There were hugs, tears and euphoria among the children, as Bobby took selfies with them before he left the school campus, promising to return soon.

Ministry of Railways Distributes Appointment Letters to 1,39,652 Candidates So Far Through Rozgar Melas

Kolkata, (KCN): So far, the Ministry of Railways has distributed appointment letters to 1,39,652 job seekers through Rozgar Melas. As of now seven tranches of Rozgar Melas have been organised starting from October, 2022. Today's Rozgar Mela is the seventh one. The last one occurred in June, 2023. The Eastern Railway authority informed today, that the Ministry of Railways

will be appointing more than 1.52 lakh people through such melas in near future. Prime Minister Narendra Modi today addressed the National Rozgar Mela through video-conferencing and distributed more than 70,000 appointment letters to the newly inducted recruits in various Government departments, including Revenue, Railways, Financial Services,

Posts, School Education, Higher Education, Defence, Health & Family Welfare, Public Sector Undertakings, Water Resources, Personnel & Training and Home Affairs. During the Prime Minister's address today, 44 places across the country were connected. In Howrah Division, the Rozgar Mela event was organised by Department of Revenue CBIC (Howrah) at Swami

Vivekanand Sabhagar, Belur Math. Almost 150 appointment letters were handed over to the candidates of different Departments including Eastern Railway by Shri Subhash Sarkar, the Union Minister of State for Education. Similarly, Rozgar Mela event for the Headquarters offices of the Eastern Railway was organised at Salt Lake, Kolkata wherein appointment letters to new recruits were

handed over by Shri Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, the Minister of State for External Affairs and Education, Government of India. Senior Officers of Eastern Railway were also present on the occasion. The remaining candidates for the Ministry of Railways will be covered in the next Rozgar Mela likely to be organised by Railways in October, 2023.

The 54th Garment Buyers & Sellers Meet and B2B Expo by West Bengal Garment Manufacturers & Dealers Association

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Kolkata: The West Bengal Garment Manufacturers and Dealers Association's 54th Garment Buyers & Sellers Meet 2023, organized the spread over three days (20th, 21st & 22nd July 2023) held at Biswa Bangla Mela Prangan, Kolkata. At this landmark event, over 700 local and national brands participated. This Exhibition is the oldest one in this region and has been very successful once again like always. The Meet here registered 2000+ visitors from all around the country and abroad and had an approximated Rs. 700 Crore business transaction at the wholesale deals. The

visitors have shown appreciation for decor and ambience and the hospitality offered by the Association.

On this occasion, Sri. Hari Kishan Rathi, President of West Bengal Garment Manufacturers & Dealers Association stated, "This industry already has one of the biggest workforces (over 50 lac employees employed in direct or indirect capacity). This Meet has proven itself time and again to boost the Readymade Garment Industry in Bengal. We highly appreciate the efforts of the government for the textile industry and the ready-made garments to promote clothing business and marketing." Mr. Rathi also expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the team of Executive



Committee, The Sponsors and the participants who have made this event a grand success. He also thanked the Pragati Maidan PS and WBIDC

for their support and cooperation." The other Key Committee members who were present at West Bengal Garment Manufacturers & Dealers

Association were: Sri Vijay Kariwala, Sr. Vice President; Sri Pradeep Murarka, Vice President; Sri Devendra Baid, Hony. Secretary; Sri Kanhiyalal Lakhotia,

Treasurer; Sri Prem Kumar Sinhal, Jt. Treasurer; Sri Amarchand Jain, Sri Tarun Kumar Jhajharia, Sri Ashish Jhavar, Sri Manish Rathi, Sri

Kamlesh Kedia, Sri Manish Agarwal, Sri Kishore Kumar Gulgulia, Sri Vikram Singh Baid, Sri Sourav Chandak, Sri Vijay Agarwal, Sri Manish Jain, Sri Saket Kumar Khandelwal, Sri Ajay Sultania, Sri Rajiv Kedia, Sri Sandip Raja, Sri Brij Mohan Mundhra, Sri Bhuwan Arora, Sri Mohit Dugar-Executive Committee Members along with Sri Hari Prasad Sharma and Sri Chand Mal Ladha, Former Presidents. About WBGMDA: West Bengal Garment Manufacturers and Dealers Association is a leading organization representing readymade garment industry and trade in Eastern India. Established in 1962, the Association has been rendering dedicated

services for development of readymade garment industry in this region. Our Association was formed under the banner of Bharat Chamber of Commerce, which we are still affiliated to. The Association has over 500 members, a democratic structure, is led by a Core Committee, Committee Members and Co-opted Members to give proper direction to this institution. The Association organizes Buyers and Sellers Meet twice a year, organizes seminars, helps members to understand Government decisions and policies, celebrates Holi and Diwali together with its members and patrons and also organizes Blood donation and Vaccination camps.

National Integration Excellence Awards 2023 given by International Human Rights Social Council

New Delhi(KCN): Celebrities and talents who have done commendable work in the direction of national integration were honored with the National Integration Excellence Award 2023. It may be known that the National Integration Excellence Awards ceremony, season 3, was organized by the International Equitable Human Rights Social Council, an organization doing better work in the field of human rights, at the Gandhi Peace Foundation Auditorium, Delhi. In this ceremony, those talents and personalities were awarded this award, who are doing better work in their field and are also doing commendable work in the direction of national integration. The ceremony started with the lighting of the lamp. Chief guest Padma Shri Jitendra Singh Shunti, senior Supreme Court advocate Dr. Romesh Gautam, distinguished social worker and National President of Bharatiya Lokmat Nationalist Party Pankaj



Kumar Sharma, Inspector Prashant Nema of Delhi Police, Sr. Journalist Sunil Kumar Mishra etc. lit the lamp. Sanjay Sinha, chairman of the Social Council, while expressing his gratitude to the guests, congratulated and encouraged the dignitaries who received the honour. He said that we want to do better work in the field of human rights. National convenor of the organization Arun Barman gave the welcome speech. All the guests kept their views on the issue of human rights. The dignitaries who were honored include social

activist Jitendra Singh Shunti, police officer Prashant Nema, Dr. Romesh Gautam, Social Worker Dr. Raj Gautam, Manish Sankhla, Amar Singh Sagar, Jahnvi Kakati, Arundhati Mishra, Vivek Sharma, Munindra Nath Kalita, Rope Jump Athlete Zorawar Singh, Poet Imran Ahmed, Actor Varun Suri, Journalist Yogesh Kaushal, Anil Arora, Para Athlete Dr. Divya Goel, Radio Jockey Rahul Makin, Motivation Speaker Rupam Mukherjee, Sufi Singer Sameer Khan Niazi, poetess Kavyamani Bora, film

actress Nisha Singh, Urdu journalist Abid Anwar, film director Ramesh Juglan, Deepa Mendiratta, journalist Ravindra Singh Modi, Yoga Instructor Shreya Rathore Deb, Journalist Chowdhary AN Shah, Ravindra Chahal, TV Anchor Nidhi Singh, Lokesh Verma, Pankaj Banai, Dr. Pawan Verma, Anoop Patnaik etc. On receiving the honour, lines of happiness were visible on everyone's faces. Nidhi Singh conducted the stage. The whole auditorium echoed with thunderous applause. Arun Mishra did the vote of thanks.

Bharat Sevashram Sangha 's PIMT hosting "Healthy Living and Wellness Therapy" workshop on 23rd July in Kolkata

Kolkata (Partha Roy): Bharat Sevashram Sangha's PIMT hosting "Healthy Living and Wellness Therapy" workshop on 23rd July 2023 in Kolkata at its Ballygunje Campus. Bharat Sevashram Sangha, an international philanthropic organization of worldwide network presently running large number of vocational trainings on multi facet disciplines & large number of youth upliftment programmes through their academic & technical institutions all over India & abroad. Pranavananda Institute Of Management & Technology (PIMT) is



organising "Career Skill Community Development Workshop" every month.



Main Speaker of "Healthy Living and Wellness Therapy" workshop will be

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Dalmia Bharat Foundation Signs MoA with BSL to Enable Social Transformationin Bokaro

Bokaro, Jharkhand : Dalmia Bharat Foundation (DBF), the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) arm of Dalmia Bharat Group has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoA) with Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL) to drive its community-centric initiatives in Jharkhandby upskilling 600 youth, annually.The aim of the MoAis to establish a skill training centre to impart short term, placement-basedcourses to local youth in the surrounding villages through DBF’s DIKSHa (Dalmia Institute of Knowledge and Skill Harnessing)centre. The MoAwas signed by

Shri Chaudhary Ratnesh Kumar Sudhanshu, Dy. General Manager (CSR & SAIL-Uday), SAIL-Bokaro Steel Plant and Shri Vishal Bhardwaj, Group Head – CSR, Dalmia Bharat Group and ChiefExecutive Officer, Dalmia Bharat Foundation. “Since our inception in 2009, we’ve witnessed our role gradually transform from being a resource provider to a key enabler for positive change in society. While we’ve created a legacy of development and change for the better, we continue to strive to ensure that we meet newer economic and environmental needs and close wider societal gaps as much as possible,”

said Mr. Vishal Bhardwaj, Group Head - CSR, Dalmia Bharat Group and CEO, DBF. “Through our leadership and dedication towards achieving social transformation, we will continue to work towards our vision of creating opportunities for people across the nation so that they can reach their full potential and give back to the community. We look forward to our partnershipwith BSLand also call upon our industry peers to join us as we make significant and sustainable differences and ensure social, economic, and environmental progress. The skill development center at Bokaro Steel City, in association with

DBF, will help strengthen the social ecosystem in Jharkhand.While BSL will provide the necessary infrastructure support, DBF has been entrusted with managing day to day activities of the center including faculty and placement support. “BSL and DBF share a common vision and value system for bringing about a transformative change in society by leveraging its demographic dividend through empowering the local youth through training that makes them market-ready,” said Mr. Chaudhary Ratnesh Kumar Sudhanshu, Dy. GM (CSR & SAIL-Uday), SAIL-Bokaro Steel Plant.“It is our firm belief that this combined expertise and experience

will ensure that the youth being educated at the DIKSHafacility will receive quality and need-based training for the purpose of gainful employment across industries.” To ensure viable and sustainable income generation,training will be imparted in tradesfor self-employment and tradessuch as Assistant Electrician, Solar PV Installer, General Duty Assistant (GDA) and Customer Relationship Management, to begin with. Subsequently, more courses will be added as per demand and future prospects.The center shall largely focus on the development of the youth residing in BSL’s peripheral villages.

Flipkart’s Shopsy Summer Store steers tremendous growth for sellers in Odisha

Bhubaneswar: As the summer starts rolling in, Shopsy - Flipkart’s social commerce platform, recently launched the Summer Store, a unique curation to address customers’ nuanced seasonal needs by offering a wide range of products across categories under one umbrella. As a testimony to this endeavor, sellers in Cuttack recorded nearly a 9X growth in sales and sellers in Puri recorded nearly a 16X growth in sales bolstered by the summer store initiative. Sellers in Sundergarh have garnered atremendous 34X growth in their sales over the past month.The summer store recorded increased traction from women buyers which indicates a positive women reseller growth

in Cuttack. Amongst several categories, Hygiene and Wellness, Fashion, Kitchenware and Home Decor emerged as top priorities for customers with demand for products such as deodorants, sunglasses, body washes, essential oils, sarees, table covers, bedsheets and kitchen tools topping the charts. Shopsy Summer Store is a one-stop-shop for products ranging from electronics, personal care, baby care, food and beverages, apparel, swimwear and kitchenware including air conditioners, deodorants, baby sunscreen, aerated drinks, cotton clothes for men and women, swimsuits and juicer mixer grinders. Of this, deodorants have taken up

the major share of the demand pie clocking over 50% growth, followed by sunglasses which grew by close to 22%. Kitchen tools also contributed to a 6X growth over the past month in Cuttack. This was followed by categories such as kurta sets, cotton sarees, deodorants and body washes that witnessed a 3X jump over the past month in Puri. Shopsy aims to continue its endeavor to offer a wide range of quality and engaging products for customers at affordable prices, while being a value-based and reliable platform. By providing a simplified social media interface, Shopsy is able to overcome user apprehension of trust and authenticity while shopping online.

Ecom Express announces 55,000 registrationsfor its Delivery Partner Program

Bhubaneswar / Gurugram: Ecom Express Limited, a new-age technology-driven end-to-end logistics solutions provider to the e-commerce industry, announced that it has crossed 55,000 gig workers registration on their dedicated appcalled ‘EcomSanjeev’ to onboard delivery partnerssince its launch in September2021. The company’s delivery partner program aims to create part-time work opportunities for individuals with the option of flexible timings to maximize their earnings by delivering e-commerce shipments to customers. Delivery Partners working through Ecom Express’ gig model can earn

anywhere between Rs. 15,000 to Rs. 60,000 per month. Close to 60 per cent of registrations have been from Tier 4 cities and towns, indicating massiveaffinity for gig opportunities in those areas.The top 10 cities/ towns with the highest registrations include fromDelhi, Bengaluru, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Chennai, Kolkata, Pune, Lucknow, Gurugram and Patna. In Odisha, over 4000 gig-workers have registered for part time engagement as delivery partners with Ecom Express. Most of the registrations have been from Bhubaneshwar, Cuttack, Rourkela, Berhampur and Sambalpur among other

cities. Saurabh Deep Singla, Chief People Officer, Ecom Express said, “Since the launch of our ESP program last year, we have created opportunities for students, homemakers and individuals looking to supplement and maximize their income by delivering e-commerce shipments during their spare time. This flagship program, besides empowering gig workforce,also helped the company to scale their delivery capabilities in assuring speed, reliability, and effective logistics solutions to deliver online-ordered products at end-customers’ doorstep safely.” The company has also

announced provision of accidental insurance of Rs. 2 lakhs to safeguard delivery partners from any mishaps, besides offering a host of other benefits, including attendance bonus depending on their work continuity.Referal programs are run from time to time to expand the delivery partner base while rewarding the existing partners.To createstronger affiliation with delivery partners, Ecom Express hasfurther collaborated with leading brands to provide numerous enticing benefits. Any individual, male or female, fresher or experienced,can earn extra income by applying for this part-time job online using the

app,Ecom Sanjeev, available on Google Playstore. They will have the flexibility to choose their preferred time slots and workdays. To join as a Delivery Partner with Ecom Express, candidates must possess a valid Aadhaar card, preferably ownavehicle,and have a smartphone. Ecom Express also allows gig workers who don’t have any owned vehiclesto register themselves and work. All personal documents for enrollment can be uploaded through the Ecom Sanjeev app and the verification (PAN card, Bank account) is done online along with physical document verificationat the nearest Ecom Express center.

Ambuja Cements and ACC’s ChangeTheStory campaign wins Bronze at theABBY Awards

Mumbai: The first sustainability campaign ‘Change The Story’ of Ambuja Cements and ACC, has won a Bronze Award at the recent ABBY Awards 2022, under the Green Award category. This category is awarded to o u t s t a n d i n g communication that features planet c o n s e r v a t i o n , sustainability etc. The

“Change The Story” campaign aimed to create awareness about sustainability and showcase technology-backed solutions that offer effective and measurable outcomes in this regard. The #ChangeTheStory campaign highlights a non-invasive bubble barrier technology, which will remove around 2,400 tonnes of

plastic waste from Agra’s Mantola canal, thereby preventing its entry into the Yamuna river. The crux of the campaign lay in reaching out to a wide audience across India and globally—and communicating the campaign’s features. The campaign winning this honour at the ABBY Awards—often touted as the Oscars of Indian a d v e r t i s i n g — w a s

designed in collaboration with Alok Nanda and Company and serves as another reminder of the crucial role sustainability plays at Ambuja Cements and ACC. #ChangeTheStory campaign was rolled out across multiple platforms, including print and digital, reaching out to an approximate 32 million people. One of its lead video films conveyed the

message, through the lens of a scientist, that it’s time to change the story by taking out the plastic and freeing our rivers of their polluted past. The campaign further leveraged the power of music and created a rap song across owned platforms featuring the campaign mnemonic “Bubble Sharma”. This was followed by a bouquet of informative posts and

videos on social media. ACC and Ambuja Cements collaborated with micro and nano influencers to drive engagement around the bubble barrier technology. The two companies were the first to launch an augment reality-based game in India, which created an immersive experience for users by illustrating the state of marine plastic pollution

and the basic functioning of the Bubble Barrier technology. This game convinces the user to play their role in driving change by encouraging players to “bubble pop” their way to cleaner oceans and safer habitats for marine organisms. Mr. Neeraj Akhoury, CEO India Holcim and Managing Director & CEO of Ambuja CementsLtd., said that the

award served yet another reminder of the company’s efforts towards sustainability. “We are elated and honoured that a campaign that’s important to us has received the recognition that it deserved. Sustainability and business go hand in hand at Ambuja Cements and ACC Ltd. This will encourage us to further step up our efforts in this direction.”

Tribals of Manipur raised table fish throughpen culture technology in Khoupum Reservoir: A Success Story

Khoupum reservoir is a small reservoir with a total area of 58 ha, constructed across the Manchen Diu River in Western Hill in Noney district of the North-Eastern state, Manipur. The dam was commissioned with the main objective of irrigation and supplying drinking water to the people of Noney and Tamenglong district way back in 1983, however, the dam is dysfunctional for decades due to technical failures, and it remains a water

introduction of exotic carp like common carp, sliver carp and grass carp from the nearby aquaculture farms.The reservoir lies in the beautiful Khoupum valley, hence, there is not much slope at the bottom of the reservoir which made a suitable site for the pen culture of fish. To support the livelihood of the tribals populace of the co-operative society operated in and around the reservoir, ICAR-CIFRI has given two Pens (0.1 ha) along with fish seed, 2 tons pelleted feed (CIFRI CAGEGROW) for

3%. Fish were cultured in pens for 120 days from September to December 2022. Feeding and pen maintenance was carried out by the members of co-operative society. The average weight recorded at the end of the culture period was 3 7 2 . 9 4 ± 1 . 7 0 g , 7 2 5 ± 1 7 . 0 2 g , 210.00±0.87g in common carp, grass carp, and rohu, respectively. The survival of fish ranged from 82 to 86%. The specific growth rate (SGR) of the common



reservoir. The habitants of Khoupum Valley in Noney district are the community of the Kabui/Rongmei tribe, the second major tribe of Manipur. After a rapid survey of the reservoir by the ICAR-CIFRI team in May 2022, the reservoir was selected for demonstration of ICAR-CIFRI HDPE Pen culture technology to produce table fish to support the livelihood and nutritional security of the tribal populace of the area. Aco-operative society called “The C h w n c h a m M u l t i p u r p o s e Integrated Co-operative Society” was registered with 73 members in December 2017. There was no report of fish stocking in the reservoir todate either by the existing society or any other g o v e r n m e n t a l organization. Fishery in the reservoir is totally dependent on the natural fish stock and the accidental

production of table fish from the pen installed in the reservoir as a source of livelihood and nutritional security. Additionally, a motorized FRP boat of 10Meter Overall Length was also given to the society by CIFRI.Two pens (0.1 haarea) were installed in the marginal area of the reservoir with about 2.5 m average water depth. Fingerlings of Common carp (Cyprinus carpio), Grass c a r p (Ctenopharyngodon idella), and Rohu (Labeo rohita) of average sizes 8.9±0.22 cm, 11.2±0.30 cm and 8.5±0.03 cmwere stocked in the installed penin the ratio 2:2:1 at the rate of 38 numbers per square meter. Fish were fed with floating pelleted feed (C I F R I C A G E G R O W ®) containing 28% crude protein and 5% fat twice daily (09.00 h; 14.30 h). Initially, fish were fed at arate of 5% body weight and then the feeding rate was adjusted to 4% and

carp, grass carp, and rohu were 1.5, 2.11 and 2.7, respectively. The net fish production per pen was recorded as 1535 kg and the species-specific as 466 kg, 935 kg and 134 kg common carp, grass carp and rohu respectively. The Cost Benefit Ratio of the Pen culture of the stocked fishes were 1.50 indicating its profitability. Feed and seed costs formed over 60% of the total cost of production, so, it would be more profitable if the costs of feed and seed can be reduced. Utilizing all the pens for grass carp will give a higher benefit-cost ratio. The technology is found feasible and economically viable to the fishers of the society, which motivates them to implement/adopt it in the coming years as their major source of income besides capture fisheries from the reservoir.

On this wicket, it'll be quite a challenge to pick 20 wickets: Mhambrey

New Delhi: Paras Mhambrey, the Indian bowling coach, praised his team's bowling attack for soldiering on despite the unhelpful surface at the Queen's Park Oval in Port of Spain on Saturday. Only four wickets fell in 67 overs as West Indies displayed resilience despite ending a rain-marred third day 209 runs behind India's first innings total. Led by Kraigg Brathwaite's 235-ball vigil, in which he scored only 75 runs, the hosts scored only 143 runs in the day. Jermaine Backwood (92-ball 20) and Alick Athanaze (111-ball 37*) also followed a similar approach on a day when there was little threat for the batters, to

take West Indies to 229 for 5. Mhambrey defended his bowlers and said, "The pitch is extremely slow. When we had come in the morning, even Rohit had spoken about it - the ball wasn't seaming or spinning a lot. It was extremely slow. Towards the end, the ball was turning slightly, but it was very easy for batting. "To top it, they were batting extremely defensively. Had they played some shots, maybe there would have been some opportunities to pick wickets. But they weren't even trying for that. But to sum it up, our bowlers put in the effort. Whatever was expected from the team

and the captain, they fulfilled that." For a second game in a row, the conditions haven't been like the ones witnessed in the West Indies over the last few years for Test cricket. In Dominica, there was excessive support for the spinners while in Port of Spain, the pitch has been mostly flat. With only two days of play remaining and possibility of rain, India will be racing against time to take 20 wickets in the contest, Mhambrey admitted. "The wicket should be sporting, where all departments have an opportunity - whether it's batting or bowling. If you go to either



extreme... Dominica was turning a bit and we could use that wicket better given the bowlers we had. On this wicket, it will be quite a challenge to pick 20 wickets. The first

challenge would be to bowl them out in the first innings and then see at what stage the game is at. Then we'll reassess what to do in the second innings. These wickets are challenging and will

be a lot of hard work for the bowlers. Wickets shouldn't be so flat." The bowling coach reserved praise for debutant Mukesh Kumar, who picked his maiden international

wicket when he dismissed Kirk McKenzie caught behind on 32 to hand India their first wicket of the day. That was the solitary wicket he bagged in the 14 overs he bowled - with the old and new ball. "Given the conditions, he has bowled very well," Mhambrey said. "The way he has gone about, putting everything that he has, is very heartening to see. That's what was from him, by the captain the captain and the team management. That's what we wanted and that's what he has done. The progress he has shown from the first ball and the way he bowled with the second new ball was impressive." Following an impressive show by India's second

new ball duo, the Indian bowling coach is hopeful that an opportunity to breach through West Indies' defense lies in the first hour on Sunday, especially with the second ball still relatively new. "The first session is important," he said. "It was heartening to see Siraj and Mukesh swing the second new ball and trouble the batsmen. The first hour in the morning is going to be extremely crucial. If we pick up a couple of wickets and make inroads, we can take the game forward and see where we are going ahead. First hour is going to be crucial. Just hit the right areas, stay patient and make the batsmen play."

Harmanpreet directs ire at 'pathetic umpiring' after tied game

Dhaka: A thrilling tie at the Shere Bangla National Stadium in Dhaka ended the Bangladesh Women vs India Women ODI series with the trophy being shared, but there were some heated moments on Saturday (July 22), with Harmanpreet Kaur's ire directed especially towards the umpires. The first major incident took place when Yastika Bhatia was given out lbw. She stood her ground and stared at the umpire before eventually taking the route towards the dressing room. It reached a boiling point after Harmanpreet Kaur smashed the stumps with her bat and had a heated exchange with umpire Tanvir Ahmed after being given out leg-before. Later Harmanpreet lamented the umpiring as pathetic. "Some pathetic umpiring was done and we are really disappointed about some decisions given by the umpires," Harmanpreet said at the post match presentation. "A lot of learning from



this game. Even apart from the cricket, the type of umpiring that was happening there, we were very surprised. The next time whenever we are coming to Bangladesh, we'll have to make sure we have to deal with this kind of umpiring and accordingly we'll have to prepare ourselves." The story did not end with the post match presentation as Harmanpreet apparently made some remarks that prompted the home team

skipper Nigar Sultana to back out in the midst of the official photo session. "There are some discussions which can't be told. Whatever happened there, I didn't think I should stay there with the team. So I left the place," Sultana told reporters during a press conference after the match when her attention was drawn regarding what happened in the photo session. "Cricket is a game of respect and discipline. It is called a

gentleman's game. I don't think there was such an environment so I left with the team. Sultana was not willing to comment on the umpiring either. "I think whatever she said, it was completely hers and it was not a matter for us. I think as a cricketer, she should have talked in a better way. I think I shouldn't say more than this. Umpires didn't give them out if not they were out. There were best umpires, who also did

umpiring in men's cricket... We respect their decision, I think as a player, we should obey their decisions whether it's out or not out." Meanwhile, Fargana Hoque, who scored the maiden ODI century for Bangladesh, credited her skipper for her support. "70 to 80 percent credit of my century is due to her [Sultana] because I wanted to show that if anyone has the chance it is me. I had faith in my skill and was thinking as I am getting good start I should try to carry it. And at the end of the day got the century," said Fargana. She added that the three-figure mark wasn't a distraction for her initially in the 90s but she did think about it when she reached closer to it. "I was not thinking of century when I was in my nineties and only felt a bit tense when I was 96 and was thinking what I need to do. Later I thought a good batter needs to stay till the end."

Andries Gous finds 'Freedom' at Washington to express

New Delhi: Andries Gous had a pretty forgettable first couple of outings in Major League Cricket. The Washington Freedom wicketkeeper-batter lumbered his way to 28 off 33 balls and followed it up by fluffing a crucial stumping in the first game. He was cleaned up by his former countryman Gerald Coetzee for 7 in the second game. But come the Morrisville leg of the league, Gous came into his element to bludgeon his way to 40 off 15 deliveries. Formerly with the Knights franchise in South Africa, his country of birth, 29-year-old Gous gave up on his dream of playing for the Proteas a couple of years back. He emigrated to America in 2021 in search of greener pastures after being at his wit's end with a busted South African cricket structure. Gous brought his appetite for runs in America, scoring by a truckload for his minor league franchise and

various weekend pop-up tournaments. He gave an account of his power-hitting abilities on a world stage with 68* off 33 balls at Abu Dhabi T10, which included a dress down of Adil Rashid, clubbing him for 3 sixes and a boundary inside his 2-over spell. Amassing over 1000 runs in 2 minor league seasons and his exploits at T10 made him a hot commodity at the domestic MLC draft, where Gous was rewarded with being the second overall draft pick after Harmeet Singh. Gous was the number one pick for Washington Freedom. He acknowledged the pressure and responsibility of backing up his exalted draft signing with performances on the field before the start of the tournament. In a tournament where the resourcefulness of non-international players have come under the scanner and with former Pakistan batsman Saad Ali waiting in the wings

for a crack in the 11, Gous admitted to having some jitters before the game. "It's not easy on the mind coming back after a couple of failures. Luckily we have a fantastic team that backs you all the way. The conversation before this game with the team management was really good, they back us in a way that they don't expect you to change your natural game. So, there wasn't much of a change for me. I just went out there and played it as I saw it" said Gous after his blitzkrieg which set the tone for Freedom to overhaul Knight Rider's 175. There was never a question over Gous' pedigree as a batsman. He averaged 40 over 60 first-class games on pitches deemed as fast bowlers' paradise. Gous was more prolific with his white ball game with an average of over 50 in his final 5 seasons with several hundreds against bowlers like Anrich Nortje and his ilk.

We would have loved to play a Super Over - Smriti Mandhana

New Delhi: India's vice-captain Smriti Mandhana admitted that her side would have loved to play a Super Over in the final ODI against Bangladesh Women in Dhaka on Saturday (July 22). The teams were forced to share the series after the final ODI witnessed a thrilling tie as India faltered in the run chase of 226 despite being in command for most parts of it. However, we did not witness a Super Over as the scheduled time for the game was over already. "We would love to play a Super Over and I don't think there was a question which was asked about Super Over to us. It was all decided. But

we would've loved to play a Super Over. But yeah, I think, the kind of game that happened, I'm sure that it's good for women's cricket going forward." Despite the thrilling finish, a lot of the attention after the game centered around Harmanpreet Kaur's comments. The Indian skipper expressed her displeasure at calls made by the on-field umpires and had also smashed the stumps with her bat when she was adjudged leg-before-wicket during the chase. "What happened in the middle it's part and parcel of the game," Mandhana said. "We've seen these incidents so much in the past as well when we see men's cricket.

"I think it's just when you play for India, you want to win the match and it happens in the heat of the moment. But I think she wasn't really happy with the decision given. And she felt that she wasn't out. So that came about. But yeah, I just feel that it's just the heat of the moment and nothing much. Just knowing Harman as a person and knowing her how much she wants to win for India, I'm sure from the spirit of the game, I wouldn't say that it is (acceptable), but when you really want that W on the board for India, these things happen." With DRS not being available for the series, Mandhana called for the presence of neutral



umpires the next time India tour Bangladesh. "I think in any match, sometimes it happens that you are really not happy with the kind of (decisions), and especially when there's no DRS in a match, in a series of this kind," she pointed out. "We kind of expect a little better level. I would term it in a better level of umpiring in terms of

some decisions because it was very evident, there was not even a second thought given when the ball was hitting the pad, when our batters were batting. And there's not even one second thought given before the finger went up. "But yeah, I think it's all part and parcel and we will take everything in our stride. It is trying to

be a little positive about everything, and I'm sure that the ICC, BCB and BCCI will definitely have a more of a discussion on that and maybe we can have a neutral umpiring system from next time so that we don't sit here having these discussions and maybe we can focus more on cricket and cricket-oriented questions." While refusing to delve into Harmanpreet's alleged comments directed towards the match officials asking them to join the players when the trophy was presented, Mandhana also defended her skipper's decision to not front the media. "I don't think there is any reason (for her

not being here in the presser)," she said. "Harleen [Deol, Player of the Match] batted really well, that is why she's here. And yeah, I think the kind of partnership we had, we both are here. "There's no reason to that, I don't think it's fair enough that you put reasons to that now. But I think we are no one to really sit down and decide on a (potential) ban or anything. I'm sure there's an ICC panel and umpiring panel who have the right to decide on all of those things and I'm sure they will. And so, I wouldn't really comment anything on it because it's not right from a player

that I comment anything on it." For a change, a question did pop up on the positives India could take from the tour in which India lost twice to Bangladesh. "Finally, some cricket-related questions, I'm really happy to answer that," she said. "I think lots of learning for us. We've assembled as a group, I think post-T20 World Cup together as a team. And we really wanted to play a good brand of cricket. "There's a lot of positives, a lot of learnings as well for the whole team in terms of what we can do better and how to adapt quickly to the conditions more.