



AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge, Former president Rahul Gandhi, Secretary general K C Venugopal discussing with Rajyasabha MP Neeraj Dangi, Minister Shakuntala Rawat, Bhajanlal Jatav other top leaders about Pool strategy & preparedness for the impending Assembly Election of Rajasthan

## Odisha Govt Takes Stringent Action Against 9 Corrupt Officials

### 3 fired from services, pensions of 6 officials stopped permanently

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Emphasizing on an initiative to ensure zero tolerance against corruption, Odisha Government today took stringent action against nine more tainted officials in different departments. While authorities fired three corrupt officials from services, the pensions of six more officials have come to a stop permanently for inefficiency and corrupt

practices, a release from Chief Minister's Office (CMO) stated today. The government dismissed former Assistant Agriculture Officer of Nabarangpur district Gokul Chandra Nayak for corruption and inefficiency after he was convicted in a vigilance case. Similarly, action was taken against former Junior Engineer of RWSS, Sohela, Bargarh district,

Upendra Bhanja Nayak by terminating him from service for failing to maintain honesty and dereliction in duty. Former Auditor of Sundargarh District Local Fund Audit Department Sushil Kumar Meher, who was convicted in a corruption case, has been sacked from his service. Besides, the government has stopped the pension

of former executive officer of RWSS Division-II Shivram Biswal, who has been accused in a graft case. Similarly, the pensions and gratuities of former Karlamunda BDO in Kalahandi district Gandaram Khamari, former Assistant Agriculture Officer of G Uadayagiri Krushna Chandra Gouda, former Soil Conservation

Officer of Malkangiri district Dasarathi Tripathy, former Social Education Officer of Udala in Mayurbhanj district Anand Chandra Nayak and former DMSN Superintendent of Chandpur in Nayagarh district have been stopped permanently after these tainted officials were convicted in different corruption cases.

## CB Gets New IGP

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** The State Government on Friday affected a minor reshuffle among senior IPS Cadre Officers. As per a notification issued by Home Department, Shefeen Ahmed K., a 2003 batch IPS officer, at present Inspector General of Police (IGP), Human Rights Protection Cell (HRPC) is appointed as IGP, CID, Crime Branch.



DIG headquarters Dr. Sarthak Sarangi has been appointed as DIG, Fire Services and Home Guard while 2008 batch IPS officer and DIG Computer, Satyajit Naik,

is transferred and posted as DIG, HRPC. Similarly, Cuttack SP Jugal Kishore Kumar Banoth is posted as AIGP, Headquarters, Cuttack and SP Headquarters Rahul Jain is the new SP, Nayagarh. OPS Officer Mihir Kumar Panda, serving as DCP, Special Crime Unit, Commissionerate of Police, is transferred and posted as SP, Cuttack.

## "They Had Knowledge": 3 Railways Men Arrested Over Odisha Train Tragedy

**New Delhi(KCN):** The Central Bureau of Investigation today arrested three employees of the Indian Railways in connection with the horrific train accident in Odisha's Balasore last month that killed more than 293 people, and left over 1,000 injured. The central probe agency was probing the possibility of a criminal conspiracy into the accident. The arrested men -- Senior Section Engineer (signal) Arun Kumar Mahanta, Section Engineer Mohammed Amir Khan and Technician Pappu Kumar -- have been charged with culpable homicide not amounting to murder, and destruction of evidence. Sources say the investigation has revealed that the actions of these three lead to the accident, and they have been charged for

culpable homicide not amounting to murder as "they had knowledge" that their actions would result in this tragedy but not the 'intent'



The Commissioner of Railways Safety (CRS) probing the accident had last week flagged human error of workers in the signalling department as responsible for it, dismissing the likelihood of a sabotage or a technical glitch or a machine fault. The CRS had reportedly

highlighted negligence on the part of a few ground officials who did not follow adequate safety procedures of inspection, particularly

by the S&T staff if "repeated unusual behaviour" of switches connecting two parallel tracks were reported to them by the station manager of Bahanaga Bazar, the spot of the accident. The report also said that there was a similar incident on May 16, 2022, at Bankranayabaz station in Kharagpur Division of South Eastern Railway, on account of wrong wiring and cable fault. "Had corrective measures been taken, after this incident, to address the issue of wrong wiring, the accident at BNBR would not have taken place," the report said.

Referring to the CRS report, the Congress alleged on Tuesday that the Narendra Modi government has "thoroughly compromised" on basic issues of railway safety. It also said the "human error" exposed the failure of the management and the political leadership. The General Manager of South Eastern Railway, Archana Joshi, was recently removed from her post almost a month after the three-train accident, and Anil Kumar Mishra took over the role. Three trains - Kolkata-Chennai Coromandel Express, Bengaluru-Howrah Superfast Express and a goods train - were involved in one of the worst railway tragedies in the country in the last two decades.

## Honorary Doctorate for Achyuta Samanta



**Bhubaneswar, (KCN):** Eminent educationist, social worker and Founder, KIIT & KISS, Prof. Achyuta Samanta has been conferred with honorary doctorate degree by Shree Jagannath Sanskrit University, Puri on its 9th convocation ceremony on Friday. He got honorary D.lit 'Prajnana-Vachaspati' for his outstanding contribution to the field of education and social service. This honorary doctorate marks the 53rd such distinction for Prof. Samanta, while it is the

first honorary doctorate by Shree Jagannath Sanskrit University. The Governor of Odisha and Chancellor of the University Professor Ganeshi Lal conferred the doctorate on him. Eminent litterateur and educationist Pratibha Ray delivered the convocation address. She expressed her happiness over the honorary doctorate bestowed on Dr Samanta and said that every university should award him an honorary doctorate for the work that he is doing for education and social

service. Dr Samanta expressed his gratitude to the University authorities, University Syndicate members and Education Council for selecting him for this honour. Dr Samanta said it is a privilege that he started his educational journey in Puri and get an honorary doctorate from this place. This will motivate him to do more for the society, he added. University Chancellor Prof. Rabindra Panda and Registrar Sumitra Pattanaik were also present at the convocation ceremony.

## Budhi Thakurani Temple In Odisha's Berhampur To Be Transformed Under 5T

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has approved the development plan aimed at transforming the Maa Budhi Thakurani Temple in Berhampur under the 5T initiative of the state government. The project will be carried out in two phases, with an estimated cost of Rs

18.91 crore. Emphasizing the importance of timely completion, the CM has issued directives accordingly. Maa Budhi Thakurani Temple holds great significance not only in Odisha but also in the neighboring state of Andhra Pradesh, as it is dedicated to the presiding deity of Berhampur. Devotees from both regions frequent the

temple daily to pay their respects to Maa Budhi Thakurani. With the convenience of devotees in mind, the state government has devised a comprehensive development plan to enhance the temple's aesthetic appeal. The renovation will incorporate the splendid Kalinga architecture style and feature amenities such as a Yajna Kund, a

temple office building, a boundary wall, a garden, and an embellished entrance. Furthermore, to facilitate the needs of devotees and visitors, the plan includes the construction of a hand wash point and a multi-purpose hall suitable for various functions. Other additions consist of a room for the servitors, a kitchen, and a Bhoga Mandapa.

## Award of fellowship to Dr Manorama patri at Indian Institute of Advanced study, Shimla

**Cuttack(KCN) :** Dr Manorama patri, associate professor of Ravenshwa University has been granted the most prestigious fellowship at Indian Institute of Advanced study, Shimla for one year to pursue research on a project entitled "A critical perspective on a historic cultural heritage building the Indian Institute of advanced study & it's emerging role in conservation of biodiversity in shimla" IIAS is a special place with a distinctive character Many



illustrious scholars have been part of the academic community at IIAS She has been congratulated by colleagues, Students and Well wishers for this great achievement Dr patri has also done her post doctoral researches at Osaka, Japan, Central university, Hyderabad, JNU, New delhi & Currently continues her research on neurobiology at Ravenshwa University.



# Sex In Case Of Breach Of Promise For Marriage Cannot Be Deemed Rape: Orissa HC

**Cuttack(KCN):** In a landmark verdict, the Orissa High Court has held that in a relationship, initially started and developed genuinely with friendship but souring after the male partner decided not to marry his partner, sexual intimacy should not always be branded as a product of mistrust and mischief, thereby accusing him of rape. This judgement was delivered by a bench of Justice R.K. Pattanaik on July 3, while hearing a petition challenging the legality of criminal proceedings initiated against a man in a case where a relationship had gone sour after

seven years. The court observed that in case that a relationship goes sour and a person decides not to marry his partner, the sexual intimacy that preceded should not always be considered as rape. Terming the act as sex under the false promise of marriage, Justice Pattanaik said: "There is a subtle difference between breach of promise, which is made in good faith but subsequently could not be fulfilled, and a false promise to marriage. In the former case, for any such sexual intimacy, an offence under Section 376 IPC (sexual



assault) is not made out, whereas, in the latter, it is, since the same is based on the premise that the promise to marriage was false or fake from the very beginning, which is given on the understanding by the

accused that it would be broken finally." The court, considering the complaint and other materials, said that is of the view that the entire story unfolded revealed the existence of friendship and thereafter, a

relationship which was developed under different circumstances. During the initial period, the petitioner was inclined to marry the other party, to which she agreed later and even a settlement

was reached on February 4, 2021. Therefore, it may be said that a promise by the petitioner was broken though he had the initial interest and inclination to marry the woman, who, for certain reasons, was not ready for it at that point in time, the judge observed. It is alleged that under threat or compulsion, the other party agreed for the marriage after she was blackmailed by the petitioner. Interestingly, the woman agreed later and even entered into a written agreement with the petitioner in 2021. It indicates that the parties had a difficult time in

dealing with each other and managing their relationship which finally worsened leading to separation. "From the conduct of both the parties as made to suggest considering the complaint and pleadings, it would not be just and proper to allege sexual mischief against the petitioner, who for reasons unknown declined to marry opposite party No.2," the court said in its judgment. Justice Pattanaik noticed that the parties are educated and well placed and were quite aware of the consequences and still engaged themselves in

a relationship which remotely appear to be one-sided and having understood the kind of relationship it was developed and had become later on. Keeping in view the settled position of law, the HC reached at a conclusion that it would not be justified to allege rape against the petitioner. However, so far as other allegations are concerned, it should be left open for enquiry and investigation, it said. The court has quashed the charge under Section 376 (sexual assault) of IPC pending against the petitioner in this case.

## Partnership between Corporates through CSR, Government, and Civil Society Organisations vital for the Inclusive development of Odisha



**Bhubaneswar, (KCN):** The Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) in collaboration with the Government of Odisha successfully organized the CSR Summit 2023, a platform dedicated to discussing and deliberating on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) policies, regulations, and challenges. The summit, held in Bhubaneswar, showcased insights from experts in the field and emphasized the vital role of CSR in localizing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in rural and tribal areas of Odisha. The theme of the summit, "Mainstreaming CSR for Sustained Inclusiveness," was set by Jagadananda, the Convenor of the CSR & Sustainability Committee of ICC Odisha State Council and former State Information Commissioner for Odisha. In his address to the gathering, Jagadananda stressed the significance of creating

collaborative partnerships between Corporates through CSR, Government, and Civil Society Organisations vital for the Inclusive development of Odisha. "Leaving no one behind - as per the SDG Agenda 2030 - can never be truly realised without robust collaborations," emphasized Jagadananda. In his welcome address, J.B. Pany, the Chairperson of ICC Odisha State Council, emphasized the need for quality of engagements at the community level by Corporate CSR entities operating in the State of Odisha. Distinguished guests, Hemant Sharma, IAS - Principal Secretary, Industries & Department & Chairman, IDCO & IPICOL, Government of Odisha, and Usha Padhee, IAS - Principal Secretary, Skill Development & Technical Education and Commerce & Transport

Department, Government of Odisha, delivered the inaugural address as the Guests of Honor. The CSR Summit 2023 witnessed active participation from renowned personalities in the CSR domain, including Prashant Hota, President, JSPL and Ambika Prasad Nanda, Head of CSR, Tata Steel, who emphasized the significance of meaningful CSR activities in improving the happiness index of communities. The summit featured representative heads from the CSR teams of prominent corporates such as Ruchi Food Line, AMNS Ltd, GMR Kamalanga Energy Ltd, JSW Group, TATA Steel, PPL Ltd, and JSPL, who presented their respective companies' CSR activities and the milestones achieved. The summit also fostered discussions on the future roadmap for achieving inclusive development in Odisha

through CSR initiatives. Key topics of the thematic sessions included "Human Development & Livelihood Promotion" and "Disaster & Climate Change." Given Odisha's vulnerability to disasters, the experts underlined the importance of shifting from non-renewable to renewable energy sources to address environmental and climate change concerns. The panel discussions featured insights from esteemed speakers such as Shri Bhupendra Singh Poonia, IAS - Additional Secretary, Department of Industries & Managing Director, IDCO & IPICOL, Government of Odisha; Dr. Gyana Ranjan Das, IAS - Managing Director & Executive Director, OSDM; and Shri Sangramjit Nayak, IAS - DMA - Cum - Mission Director, Jaga Mission, Housing & Urban Development Department, Government of Odisha. The CSR Summit 2023 served as a catalyst for fostering collaboration and knowledge-sharing among corporate, government bodies, and civil society organizations, ultimately working towards achieving sustainable development and inclusivity in Odisha. Regional Director of ICC Mr. JP Pal and other member of ICC present in this occasion.

## Birendra Lakra In Trouble As Orissa HC Orders Crime Branch Probe In Friend Anand Toppo Death Case

**Cuttack:** Trouble mounted for international hockey player Birendra Lakra as the Orissa High Court has directed for a Crime Branch investigation into the death of his friend Anand Toppo. The deceased's family members have been accusing Birendra of murdering Anand at a house in Infocity area of Bhubaneswar. Hearing a petition filed by Anand's father, the



High Court issued directive for a probe into the case to be led by a DIG rank officer as the accused is an officer of

DSP rank. The High Court also directed that the investigator would submit the probe report

in the lower court. The deceased's father had moved the High Court alleging lack of impartial investigation by police in the death case. Anand's kin had alleged that Birendra Lakra and his friend Manjeet Tete were involved in killing him. He was found hanging inside the house on February 28, last year. At that time, Anand had gotten married mere ten days ago.

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# Prime Video's Maitri: Female First Collective Hosts Its First Session In Chennai

Prime Video released the latest session of 'Maitri: Female First Collective', hosting its maiden discussion in Chennai. Launched last year, the collective is an endeavour to create a safe space where women from the Indian media and entertainment industry can come together to discuss their experiences, challenges and successes, and offer their perspective on bringing about a positive shift.

The session featured 8 eminent women from India's various entertainment industries, ranging from award-winning prolific actors who have worked across languages like Malavika Mohanan, Aishwarya Rajesh and Madhoo, to women who have left an indelible mark behind the camera, like creator, writer, showrunner & producer Reshma Ghatala, writer & director Swathi



Raghuraman, and cinematographer Yamini Yagnamurthy, in addition to Aparna Purohit, creator - Maitri & head of India Originals, Prime Video, and Smriti Kiran, creator and curator of Maitri & founder, Polka Dots LightBox. Sharing personal anecdotes, the participants discussed the existing gender dynamics in the film industry, the challenges faced by female professionals, including stereotyping, colourism,

ageism, and much more. Surprisingly, the women noted how the issues were similar irrespective of whether they worked in front of the camera or behind it, or whether they worked in production or corporate roles. The core discussion also touched upon the true essence of feminism and empowerment, what gender-equality really means for the trailblazers gathered in the room. An interesting insight that was shared by all was

that true equality can be achieved when the industry stops tagging a particular role, a narrative or a job as woman-oriented or male-oriented. The group as a whole agreed that age-old conditioning often restricts the personal and professional growth potential of women, and can be changed only if it is internalized in one's home and social environment. The interaction also highlighted the critical role that streaming was

playing in improving female representation, creating new opportunities for actors, regardless of their age, body size, or skin colour, and for creators to tell all kinds of unique stories. "Equitable representation opens up a new world for young girls to draw inspiration from, making it all the more important to have women in positions of influence, where they can provide a platform for newer voices and open up doors for more women," said Aparna Purohit, creator - Maitri & head of India Originals, Prime Video. "However, we know that change is a gradual process. It is, therefore, important for us to continue having these discussions across the country, and we are thrilled to have hosted our first session in Chennai. Even though it is only a year old, Maitri has managed to drive change in the right direction. It is heartening to see people

having a conversation about diversity, equity and inclusion when writing or planning their projects." Speaking about the need to have such conversations frequently, Smriti Kiran, creator & curator of Maitri and founder, Polka Dots LightBox said, "There is an undeniable need for spaces where women can voice their stories without any fear. Creating an environment that allows women to share their experiences without judgement is the first step in enabling any change, whether it is in the industry or society. This is precisely why we have to keep the conversation going relentlessly. Thrilled that Maitri is in Chennai today, tomorrow it will be in another part of India. We will continue to connect women across sections and states through conversation and collaboration."

## Prabhas, Deepika Padukone's Project K To Create History, To Be First Indian Film To Debut At San Diego Comic-Con



There's good news for Bollywood lovers who have been waiting for a long to get an update on Amitabh Bachchan, Deepika Padukone, Kamal Haasan and Prabhas-starrer 'Project K'. According to Variety, The hugely-anticipated Indian big-budget sci-fi film will unveil exclusive footage in the presence of talent at the San Diego Comic-Con (SDCC). Kicking off the SDCC celebration, Vyjayanthi Movies will offer fans a look at the film as part of an opening night party on July 19. On July 20, the film's

team will host a panel titled "This is Project K: First Glimpse of India's Mytho-Sci-fi Epic" with Deepika, Prabhas and Haasan during which the film's full title, teaser trailer and release date will be revealed, Variety reported. Interestingly, the stars will also feature in a performance on SDCC's largest stage. "This exclusive event will transport guests into India's most ambitious cinematic universe yet with their captivating storytelling, futuristic setting, and 'Spice Punk' aesthetic inspired by the film," the producers said

in a statement. Director Ashwin also expressed excitement. He said, "We are thrilled to present 'Project K's debut at San Diego Comic-Con. India's storytelling tradition has ancient roots, with its epics serving as the origins for many civilizations worldwide. A world as big as this needs a platform as big to introduce it to the people. Comic-Con felt like the perfect place, where the honesty and enthusiasm needed for 'Project K' will be found."

## OMG 2 New Poster: Yami Gautam Surprises In Lawyer Avatar, Release Date Announced



Actress Yami Gautam will soon be seen in Akshay Kumar starrer OMG 2. The makers dropped the character poster and guess what? The actress it seems is playing a lawyer in the movie. Her on-screen pairing with Akki will be a fresh one and surely fans looking forward to it. The actress shared the poster online with a

caption: Miliye Kamini Maheshwari se #OMG2 in theatres on August 11! Teaser drops soon. The actress got rave reviews for her quality content films in the past including 'A Thursday', 'Chor Nikal Ke Bhaaga', 'Lost', 'Uri', 'Dasvi' among others. The actress has had a phenomenal year so far with movies such as 'Lost' and 'Chor

Nikal Ke Bhaaga' getting critical acclaim. She gained appreciation from critics as well as the audience for her performance. On the upcoming movie front, Yami has 'Dhoom Dham' and 'OMG 2' in store for her audience. OMG 2 is written and directed by Amit Rai and is a sequel to the 2012 release of the same name, OMG - Oh My God! It features Akshay Kumar, Pankaj Tripathi, Yami Gautam and Arun Govil in lead roles. The first intriguing look of the film featuring Akshay Kumar as Lord Shiva was launched in October 2021.

## The Nun 2 Trailer Teases Returns Of 'The Conjuring' Universe

The makers of 'The Nun' are all set to come up with the film's sequel. On Thursday, they unveiled the film's trailer and it has definitely left fans excited. The sequel, which is headlined by Taissa Farmiga, is set to be out on September 8. As per Variety, the film begins in 1956 after a priest is viciously murdered in France. According to the film's official logline, 'The Nun 2' follows Sister Irene (Farmiga) as she once again comes face to face with the demonic Valak. Farmiga returns alongside Bonnie Aarons and Jonas Bloquet who will reprise their roles as Valak and Maurice "Frenchie," respectively. "The Nun 2" will introduce new additions to the "Conjuring" universe, including Katelyn Rose Downey as Sophie, Anna Popplewell as Marcella and Storm Reid as an



unknown new character. The USD 2 billion franchise began in 2013, with the original "The Conjuring" film, starring Patrick Wilson and Taissa Farmiga's older sister, Vera Farmiga. The original film was inspired by paranormal investigators Ed and Lorraine Warren's nonfiction book, "The Amityville Horror." "The Conjuring's" first spinoff "Annabelle" premiered in 2014. Soon after, "The Conjuring 2" was released in 2016, "Annabelle: Creation" in 2017 and then the second

spinoff, "The Nun" in 2018. Since "The Nun," the "Conjuring" universe has released "The Curse of La Llorona," "Annabelle Comes Home" and "The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It." Directed by "The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It's" Michael Chaves, "The Nun 2" was written by "M 3 G A N" screenwriter Akela Cooper and "Fear the Walking Dead" screenwriters Ian Goldberg and Richard Naing.

## Tamannaah Bhatia Sets Screen Ablaze With Her Fiery Moves In Jailer's First Single 'Kaavaalaa'

Tamannaah Bhatia has recently been riding on the success of her back-to-back Hindi releases, 'Jee Karda' on Amazon Prime and 'Lust Stories 2' on Netflix. Now, the actress has once again become the talk of the town as her dance number from the Tamil film Jailer, titled Kaavaalaa, was finally released on July 6th amid much anticipation. Tamannaah will be seen sharing screen space with the legendary Rajinikanth in the much-awaited film. After the launch of a quirky promo video for Kaavaalaa, featuring music composer Anirudh Ravichander and director Nelson, which went viral, the peppy number has now taken social media by storm. Tamannaah



Bhatia has set the screen ablaze with her fiery dance moves in the music video of Kaavaalaa. Ardent fans of the actress cannot get over her captivating moves and have also been hooked to the catchy tunes of the Jailer song. She has never looked so graceful and alluring, as she does in Kaavaalaa, and the masses are completely enamoured by her magnetic screen presence in the music

video. Tamannaah Bhatia is truly on a roll, basking in the success of her recently released projects. And she continues to garner immense love from audiences with the release of Kaavaalaa. But that's not all for the actress this year! Besides Jailer, she has 'Bandra' in Malayalam and 'Bhola Shankar' in Telugu, 'Aranamanai 4' in Tamil in the pipeline.



## India received 3rd highest FDI in the world in 2022: UN Report



**Pradeep Kumar Panda**

India was the third largest recipient of foreign direct investment (FDI) in greenfield projects in the world in 2022, according to the World Investment Report 2023 published by UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). The FDI flows into India rose 10 per cent from \$44.7 billion in 2021 to \$49.3 billion in 2022. This is lower only than the FDI flows into the US and the UK. Apart from a sharp increase in greenfield—or new—projects in India, the report also noted that India was the second-largest recipient of international project finance in the world in 2022. International project finance is when international lenders provide debt or equity to infrastructure projects in various countries. The inflows into India in 2022 were, however, significantly lower than what was seen in

2020 during the Covid-19 pandemic, during which \$64 billion of FDI entered the country. Global foreign direct investment (FDI) declined by 12 per cent in 2022, to \$1.3 trillion. The decline was mainly a result of lower volumes of financial flows and transactions in developed countries. Real investment trends were more positive, with growth in new investment project announcements in most regions and sectors. FDI in developing countries increased marginally, although growth was concentrated in a few large emerging economies. Inflows in many smaller developing countries were stagnant, and FDI to the least developed countries (LDCs) declined. Industry trends showed increasing project numbers in infrastructure and industries that face supply chain restructuring pressures, including electronics, automotive and machinery. Three of the five largest investment projects were announced in semiconductors, in response to global chip shortages. Investment in digital

economy sectors slowed after the boom in 2020 and 2021. After a steep drop in 2020 and a strong rebound in 2021, global foreign direct investment (FDI) declined by 12 per cent in 2022, to \$1.3 trillion. The slowdown was driven by the global polycrisis: the war in Ukraine, high food and energy prices, and debt pressures. International project finance and cross-border mergers and acquisitions (M & A s) were especially affected by tighter financing conditions, rising interest rates and uncertainty in capital markets. The global environment for international business and cross-border investment remains challenging in 2023. Although the economic headwinds shaping investment trends in 2022 have somewhat subsided, they have not disappeared. Geopolitical tensions are still high. Recent financial sector turmoil has added to investor uncertainty. UNCTAD expects downward pressure on global FDI to continue in 2023. Early indicators for Q1 2023 show weak trends in international

project finance and M & A s. Greenfield investment trends provide a positive counterweight. The number of project announcements was up 15 per cent in 2022, and Q1 2023

greenfield investment projects announced in developing countries increased by 37 per cent, and international project finance deals by 5 per cent. This is a positive sign for investment prospects



data also shows resilience. Trends in international investment in real productive assets are therefore more positive than the headline FDI data suggests. The 2022 decline in FDI flows was driven mostly by financial transactions of multinational enterprises (MNEs) in developed economies, where FDI fell by 37 per cent to \$378 billion. The number of actual greenfield and project finance announcements increased by 5 per cent. In developing countries, FDI increased by 4 per cent to \$916 billion, or more than 70 per cent of global flows, a record share. The number of

in industry and infrastructure. The FDI increase in developing countries was unevenly shared. Much of the growth was concentrated in a few large emerging economies. FDI in Africa fell back to the 2019 level of \$45 billion after anomalously high levels in 2021 caused by a single financial transaction. Greenfield project announcements increased by 39 per cent, and international project finance deals by 15 per cent. The energy sector, both extractives and energy generation, saw the biggest increase. FDI inflows in developing Asia were flat at \$662 billion but still accounted for more than half of

global FDI. India and ASEAN were the most buoyant recipients, with increases of 10 and 5 per cent, respectively, and strong growth in project announcements. China, the second largest FDI host country in the world, saw a 5 per cent increase. FDI in the Gulf region declined, but the number of project announcements increased by two thirds. Flows to Latin America and the Caribbean increased by 51 per cent, reaching \$208 billion, the highest level ever recorded. High commodity prices pushed up reinvested earnings of foreign affiliates in extractive industries. Project growth across the region was more modest, with 14 per cent more greenfield announcements and a decline in international project finance deals. FDI flows to the structurally weak and vulnerable economies declined. Despite the increase in developing countries overall, FDI in the 46 least developed countries (LDCs) fell by 16 per cent to \$22 billion—less than 2 per cent of global FDI. Greenfield

project announcements to LDCs recovered some ground after the 2020–2021 decline, but they remained well below their 10-year average. Landlocked developing countries (LLDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS) saw small increases in FDI. Industry trends showed increasing project numbers in infrastructure and global value chain (GVC)-intensive industries, stable numbers in energy and a slowdown in digital economy sectors. GVC-intensive industries that face supply-chain restructuring pressures, including electronics, automotive and machinery, saw project numbers and values grow. Three of the five largest announced investment projects were in semiconductors, in response to global chip shortages. The degree of internationalization—the ratio of foreign over total assets, sales and employment—of the largest MNEs remained stable overall. The trend documented in successive WIRs of overseas sales growing at a faster pace than assets and employment continued

in 2022. Whereas in previous years this was driven by asset-light MNEs in the digital economy, in 2022 it was caused by high energy prices, which boosted revenues of companies in oil and gas, commodity trading and utilities. Overseas sales of the top 100 MNEs increased by more than 10 per cent, while the value of their overseas assets declined marginally. The major disparities in global investment patterns remained. The growth of investment in developing countries is concentrated in a small number of large emerging economies. Foreign direct investment flows to many smaller developing countries are stagnant, while flows to the least developed countries fell by 16 per cent from an already low base. Similarly, at the sectoral level, strong growth in some sectors—such as semiconductors in response to chip shortages—is accompanied by weak performance in other industries that are important for the build-up of productive capacity in developing countries.

**Economist, Bhubaneswar**

## Healthy Competition and Jealousy: Striking a Balance for Personal Growth

**Surbhi Mishra**



Competition is an inherent part of human nature, driving progress, innovation, and personal growth. It pushes individuals to reach their full potential, surpass their limitations, and achieve remarkable feats. However, when competition becomes unhealthy and transforms into jealousy towards friends and peers, it can hinder personal development and strain relationships. Healthy competition serves as a catalyst for self-improvement. When we observe our friends achieving success or reaching their goals, it can inspire and motivate us to strive for our own aspirations. We

can learn from their achievements, adopt their best practices, and challenge ourselves to perform at a higher level. Healthy competition fosters a growth mindset, pushing us beyond our comfort zones and unlocking untapped potential. Furthermore, a healthy competitive spirit encourages collaboration and teamwork. Instead of being envious of a friend's accomplishments, we can appreciate their hard work and channel our energy into uplifting one another. Celebrating the successes of our friends not only enhances our relationships but also cultivates an environment where everyone can thrive together. Jealousy, on the other hand, is a toxic emotion that can poison both personal and professional relationships. When we become consumed

by envy, we lose sight of our own journey and focus solely on the achievements of others. It breeds negativity, erodes self-esteem, and inhibits personal growth. Jealousy can morph into a destructive cycle, where we constantly compare ourselves to our friends, fostering resentment and unhappiness. Moreover, jealousy often leads to strained relationships. Instead of celebrating our friends' victories, we find ourselves distancing from them, unable to genuinely share their joy. The bonds we once cherished become weakened, as jealousy taints our perspective and diminishes the authenticity of our interactions. Jealousy can foster a sense of competition at any cost, leading to unethical behavior and the erosion of trust within friendships. Jealousy undermines

our self-confidence and self-esteem. Constantly comparing ourselves to others can create a negative self-image, where we feel inadequate and unworthy of success. It hampers our ability to appreciate our own achievements and stifles personal growth. Jealousy breeds a host of negative emotions such as resentment, bitterness, and frustration. These emotions can take a toll on our mental and emotional well-being, leading to increased stress, anxiety, and even depression. When jealousy takes hold, we lose sight of the positive aspects of our own lives. It becomes challenging to appreciate our own accomplishments and blessings, as our focus shifts solely to what others have achieved. To navigate the delicate balance between healthy competition and jealousy, self-reflection and

introspection are vital. Acknowledging our emotions and insecurities is the first step toward growth. When we feel jealousy creeping in, we must consciously reframe our mindset. Instead of dwelling on negative feelings, we can choose to find inspiration in our friends' successes, appreciating their accomplishments while remaining focused on our own goals. Building a support system of like-minded individuals is also invaluable. Surrounding ourselves with friends who uplift and motivate us creates an environment conducive to personal growth. When competition arises, it should be rooted in encouragement, with the understanding that we can all succeed in our unique ways. In a world driven by competition, it is

crucial to strike a balance between healthy competition and jealousy. Healthy competition propels personal growth, fosters collaboration, and inspires us to reach our full potential. Jealousy, however, hinders progress, damages relationships, and inflicts negative consequences on our well-being. By acknowledging the side effects of jealousy, engaging in self-reflection, and building supportive networks, we can harness the power of healthy competition while maintaining meaningful connections with our friends. Let us celebrate each other's achievements, for in doing so, we unlock the keys to our own success and fulfilment.

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## Letter to Editor

Sir

The monsoon has arrived and it is raining cats and dogs in the Western coast lashing the states of Kerala, Karnataka, Goa and Mumbai region and many other parts. Heavy downpour results in complete day today life going out of gear and along with it problems created by sudden rain floods and diseases make life disastrous. Precautions taken can mitigate rain woes. Along with flash floods on streets falling of trees also cause sudden mishaps and even turn out to be life takers. Trees no doubt offer shade and do function as "oxygen givers", but at the same time they pose heavy disaster and are a menace to the public if their growth is unchecked. Planting trees and saving trees is good but when the same turn out to be a threat to human life the same protectors turn out to be killers. Definitely the authority concerned or the organisation that took the job to plant them will have to either prune or cut them to avoid mishaps. Organisations and departments while planting trees must definitely bear in their mind that with the planting of saplings in the name of celebrations and functions their work is not over, truly it is their task to see that the growing saplings do not turn out to be "death causing green monsters" especially during rainy season as most of these green giants fall down partially or fully during heavy downpour causing severe damage to life and property. The lackadaisical attitude and the 'perennial ignoring' attitude of the authorities to check the growth of trees end up in severe destruction to the life of citizens, vehicle's and property. Let us not turn shady trees into 'shady green monsters'.

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# United Arab Emirates 's UAQ FTZ seeks Indian Investment & offers range of incentive to Investors

**Kolkata, (Partha Roy):** An interactive session on investment opportunities in United Arab Emirates's UAQ FTZ, UAE was organised by Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) in Kolkata on Friday, 7th July 2023. The discussion centred on business networking opportunities, investment opportunities for Indian companies in the UAE, how to set up a business in a Free Trade Zone and get a license from UAQ FTZ, gateways for goods and services around the world, and investment incentives with 100% foreign ownership, repatriation of capital, and no sectoral restrictions. Mr. Johnson M George, General Manager, UAQ FTZ, Government of Umm Al Quwain, Mr. Tarun Sharma, Business Development Officer, Indian Subcontinent, Government of Umm Al Quwain, Mr. Sanjay Budhia Past President Indian Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Sudip Datta, Chairman Infrastructure National Committee ICC led the session.

Welcoming august gathering Mr. Sanjay Budhia, Past President Indian Chamber of Commerce said "I'm genuinely amazed and appreciative of each and every one of you for taking part in this initiative in such large numbers, which demonstrates your collective enthusiasm for it. Welcome to this interactive session on investment prospects in

the United Arab Emirates with Umm Al Quwain Free Trade Zone (UMQ FTZ). It is a joy to have Mr. Johnson George and Mr. Tarun Sharma is here with us.... We all know that India and the UAE have diplomatic ties dating back to 1972. India and the UAE have maintained strong and stable diplomatic and business ties ever since. Indian and UAE commerce in the 1970s was estimated to be worth USD 185 million annually. As of the conclusion of the fiscal year 2022-2023, there will be 85 billion US dollars. India is currently the second-largest trading partner for the UAE, and the UAE has moved up the ranks to become India's third-largest trading partner and seventh-largest investor. 3.35 billion dollars, or three times as much as 1.03 billion dollars in 2021-2022, will be invested directly by the UAE in India. You are all aware that the conclusion of the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) between India and the United Arab Emirates is anticipated to secure bilateral trade and investment as well as increase India's exports to the UAE across a variety of sectors, including gems and jewellery, textiles, leather, sporting goods, pharmaceuticals, and much more. Additionally, this deal would provide Indian businesses the chance to obtain access to the UAE gateway for exporting their goods to



West Asia, Europe, and Africa. In this context, I'd like to discuss West Bengal, our state. Numerous significant enterprises are located in our state, which also benefits from an abundance of natural mineral resources and favourable climatic conditions. It is also India's top grower of rice and the country's second-largest producer of tea. In the fiscal years 2022-2023, this state exported a total of \$12.74 billion. West Bengal exports 50% of India's leather goods. Furthermore, the state has a successful track record in the growth of MSMEs, particularly handlooms and handicrafts, which is essential for creating jobs for the state. Finally, West Bengal has a long and storied legacy of gold jewellery workmanship that is renowned around the globe. Therefore, there is a great chance for enterprises in India, especially those in West Bengal, to consider their alternatives, invest in the UAQ FTZ, and discover

this excellent location, which offers a secure environment in which to expand their operations." While addressing, Mr. Johnson M George, General Manager, UAQ FTZ, Government of Umm Al Quwain, said, "Seeing so many interested people makes me very pleased. I'm sure many of you here travel to the United Arab Emirates frequently, and as Indians, the UAE holds a special place in our hearts. Umm Al Quwain is one of the seven states that make up the UAE, therefore I don't believe I need to say much about the venue. The international airports of Dubai and Sharjah are very near to where we are from in the country's north. We are a typical Umm Al Quwain Emirate licensing alliance with significant logistical benefits. As we put it, this is the beginning of relocation and growth. We provide you chances for startups, so you may come and establish enterprises there. Anyone interested in moving and growing

their business should consider working with us." While delivering the presentation, Mr. Tarun Sharma, Business Development Officer, Indian Subcontinent, Government of Umm Al Quwain, said, "We are Umm Al Quwain's India representative, and we take care of all the needs for your company's establishment. I'll give you a little history of Umm Al Quwain. We have a fairly solid government with clear laws and guidelines. UAE has the strongest economy in the world and is ranked 20th in terms of free markets. According to the Indian Embassy, who are quite vigilant in protecting and promoting investors, we now have assets totaling close to 85 billion dollars. For foreign investors, our legal system is open and transparent. UAE is ranked number one for road quality, number twelve for logistical advantage, and number twenty on the global health innovation index.

Either in the free zone or on the mainland, businesses can be built. On the mainland, you must form a business partnership with a local Emirati, who will have 51% of the company's shares, as opposed to the free trade zone, where you will hold all of the shares. Our position is in the north of the United Arab Emirates; it takes us only 30 minutes to get to Dubai International Airport and 20 minutes to get to Sharjah International Airport by car. Modern infrastructure may be found at Umm Al Quwain, which is quite advanced. In 1987, we were founded under the name Rulers Highness, and in 2014, we reestablished ourselves under the name Umm Al Quwain. A company may be established in one or two days thanks to our quick and easy registration process. We provide access to 2 billion consumers across various nations with access to cutting-edge office space. In Umm Al Quwain, the maximum number of

stockholders can be upto 50, compared to 5-6 on the mainland. Our startup fee is 1,80,000 INR. We have simple access to the markets in several nations. We have three mega roads that link to the whole UAE: F11, E311 and E611. Our economy is interwoven into a cluster. We operate much like an ecosystem: people may live, work, and play here, and they can rent land for a 25-year term with the option of an extension. Water and power are also readily available, and we provide office space that is ready to move into and starts at 90 square feet. Our country has a thriving education industry, and several Indian and foreign universities have made investments. We provide a variety of company permits, including industrial permits, service permits, consultant permits, and many more. Several licence alternatives with simple paperwork are also available. You may launch your business for 1,84,000 INR without a visa, but it will cost you 3,00,000 INR to do so with a visa, which covers registration. Along with the package, we'll provide you access to co-working space, a licence. Your visa must be renewed every two years. In Umm Al Quwain, compared to other emirates, it is quite affordable, and we have a great tourist entrance. We have about 10,000 businesses in various business categories registered with us. If you base yourself in Umm Al Quwain for exporting, it necessitates less duties

and provides the chance to export globally. It is quite simple to incorporate a business: choose a commercial name and activity, submit the incorporation form, pay, and insure the licence within one or two working days. Umm Al Quwain makes it relatively simple to establish a business." While delivering the vote of thanks, Mr. Sudip Datta Chairman Infrastructure National Committee Indian Chamber of Commerce, said, "I must admit that the proposal was quite well organised and thought out. It was fascinating to see how the UAE has set so many tax breaks and offers a good standard of living. I was highly enlightened to learn about the UAQ FTZ's organisational structure and prime location. Because the UAE has a stable administration. Additionally, the UAE government offers a high-quality living. They also provide a lot of tax benefits and physical benefits, as well as access to international markets like those in Asia, Europe, Africa, and others. All things considered, it's an intriguing proposal, and the Indian Chamber of Commerce will be pleased to work with the FTZ. India and the UAE have maintained a long-standing and close bilateral relationship that they have been enjoying. This is due to interpersonal ties and the fact that India is now the UAE's top export market."

## Chaturmas will be held in Dabra after 20 years, Muni Shri 108 Vihant Sagar Ji Maharaj



**Bhopal (KCN):** Most respected state guest Upadhyay Muni Shri 108 Vihant Sagar Ji Maharaj, and Muni Shri 108 Vishwa Samya Sagar Ji Mangal Pravesh took place on 1st July in Dharmanagari Gwalior. Muni Shri is seated in Sant Niwas, Jain temple of Thatipur. Dharmchand Jain (Royal Furniture) organized a grand religious program and legislation on the occasion of Guru Purnima at his private place under the guidance and guidance of Muni Shri, all the residents of Gwalior were present to participate in the religious program and legislation. In which Jayakumar Jain, president of Thatipur temple, Dharam Chand Jain, vice-president,

Royal Furniture, secretary Narendra Jain and Monika Jain, advocate, state president, Rashtriya Swyamsevaka Sangh branch, Bharat Tibet Sahyog Manch, Jaya Jain, were specially present. On July 3, a program of Guru Purnima will be organized at Mahavir Bhawan Kampu in the presence of Muni Shri. After this, Muni will move towards Shri Dabra. Muni Shri will enter Dabra on July 5, and Chaturmas Kalash will be established in Dabra on July 9. Muni Shri had renovated 57 temples a few years ago, whose Panchkalyan is being done there in sequence. So far, he has done Panchkalyan at places like Bhind, Ghatigaon, Rairu etc. After the end of

Chaturmas, Muni Shri will organize Panchkalyan at Chinaur near Ghatigaon. Muni Shri told in his discourse that in the coming time there will be renovation of 108 temples and Panchkalyan will be done there.

## PM Opens OD-CG Connect

**Raipur (KCN):** Prime Minister, Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation the doubling of 103 km long Raipur - Khariar Road Rail Line which has been completed at a cost of Rs 750 crores. This will facilitate smooth movement between Odisha and Chhattisgarh. PM Shri Modi also laid the foundation stone and dedicated to the nation various development projects worth around Rs 7500 crores in Raipur, Chhattisgarh today. He dedicated and laid the foundation stone for 5

National Highway projects worth around Rs 6,400 crores. The Prime Minister also dedicated to the nation the doubling of 103 km long Raipur - Khariar Road Rail Line which has been completed at a cost of Rs 750 crores, a 17 km long new railway line connecting Keoti - Antagarh developed at a cost of Rs 290 crores. Further, the Prime Minister dedicated to the nation a bottling plant of the Indian Oil Corporation with a capacity of 60 thousand metric ton per annum at



Korba constructed at a cost of over Rs 130 crores. He also flagged off Antagarh - Raipur Train via video link. Further, the Prime Minister initiated the distribution of 75 lakh cards to the beneficiaries under the Ayushman Bharat. Addressing the

he congratulated the people of the state for the projects. The Prime Minister emphasized that the delay in the development of any given region is directly related to the lack of infrastructure. Hence, the Prime Minister continued, the government is prioritizing infrastructure development in those specific regions which have lagged behind in terms of development. "Infrastructure means ease of living and ease of doing business. Infrastructure means employment opportunities and fast-paced development", the Prime Minister asserted. He said that modern infrastructure development can also be witnessed in Chhattisgarh where in the last 9 years, road connectivity has expanded to thousands of tribal villages of the state under the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana. He noted that the Government has approved projects of about 3,500 km long National Highway where about 3000 km have also been completed.

## NIT Warangal inks MoU with IIT Hyderabad

**Warangal (KCN):** NIT Warangal inked a MoU with IIT Hyderabad today at IIT Hyderabad campus. Prof. Bidyadhar subudhi, Director, NIT Warangal and Prof. B.S. Murthy, Director, IIT Hyderabad signed and exchanged the MoU. As part of the MoU, B. Tech final year students from NIT Warangal can pursue their course work for last two



semesters, PG and PhD students can pursue research at IIT Hyderabad. Deans, faculty from NIT Warangal and IIT Hyderabad were present during the event. Earlier in the day, 80 faculty from NIT Warangal visited IIT Hyderabad and visited the labs and research facilities at IIT Hyderabad.



# Banks Fail SHG Loan

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Under the 5T mandate of Mission Shakti, the State Government has targeted to increase the loan size to Rs 4 lakh per women self-help group (SHG) by the end of Financial Year 2022-23. However, the banks have failed to achieve the target by the end of March 2023.

According to data provided by banks at the recent meeting of the State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC), the average SHG loan size during the last financial year stood at Rs. 3.01 lakh, which is Rs 1 lakh less than the target set by the State Government for the banks.

During the last financial year 2022-23 (as on 31 March 2023), 3,65,542 SHGs have been credit linked with loan amounting to Rs. 11005.10 crore against the annual physical &

financial credit linkage target of 3,50,000 & Rs. 8750.00 crore respectively. The physical and financial achievement as percentage of the target comes to 104% & 126% respectively. But the average loan size has not been increased as per the desire.

Considering the yearly growth, utilization and repayment of loans, the annual target for the current Financial Year (2023-24) has been fixed for 4,00,000 SHGs amounting Rs. 15,000 crores.

When the State Government aims at graduating SHGs to entrepreneurs, the quantum of loan to the SHGs is crucial for undertaking livelihood and entrepreneurial activities in a sustainable manner. However, the poor show by banks has



upset the Government. To expedite the credit flow to WSHGs, the State Government has proposed for the constitution of the Sub Committee of SLBC in this regard. The Sub-Committee led by Mission Shakti Secretary will look into credit flow to WSHG,

Mission Shakti Loan – State Interest Subvention, BCA, Mission Shakti Scooter Yojana, and Financial Literacy program etc. and provide an institutional mechanism for interfacing with the Banks for credit linkage to WSHGs in Rural and Urban Areas.

Banks have been asked to issue suitable advisory to their field offices to adhere the decision taken in the 167th SLBC on minimum loan size to SHGs i.e Rs. 2 lakhs for fresh/1st linkage, Rs. 4 lakhs for 2nd linkage and Rs. 6 lakhs for 3rd linkage onwards

irrespective of the SHG corpus.

Considering the growth in demand of credit and women entrepreneurship at the SHG level, the State Government has increased the interest subvention benefits from Rs. 3 lakhs to Rs. 5 lakhs providing loans at 0% effective annual rate of interest to WSHGs (both rural and urban) w.e.f 1 April 2022. This benefit is applicable to SHGs in case of prompt and regular repayment of loans.

Interest subvention claims amounting to Rs. 216.42 crore have been settled under 'Mission Shakti Loan' -State Interest Subvention Scheme during 2022-23, benefitting 3.05 Lakh eligible SHGs. Now, the annual target (FY 2023-24) for

Mission Shakti Loan – State Interest Subvention has been fixed to Rs. 250crore. The banks operating in the state have been impressed upon to educate their field functionaries on the Interest Subvention Scheme so as to aware loanee SHGs about the scheme and facilitate for availing the benefits of the State's flagship scheme of reimbursement of interest.

Similarly, a total of 2318 WSHG/Federation Members engaged as Business Correspondent Agents (BCAs) across the state. Transactions amounting to Rs. 1159.49 crore have been undertaken by these BCAs during the last financial year 2022-23. To ensure last mile delivery of banking services in unbanked and

underbanked Gram Panchayats, it is targeted to cover all unbanked GPs during the current financial year (2023-24). Further, the banks have been asked to implement the new scheme–Mission Shakti Scooter Yojana during the current year. Under the scheme, the Government is providing interest subsidy benefit by bringing down the effective rate of interest to 0% (interest free) per annum for bank loan upto Rs. 1 lakh for purchase of scooter. Provisioning of financial support towards mobility empowerment of nearly 2 lakh SHG members across the State to be mobile. The scheme will be implemented within a period of 5 years (FY 2023-24 to 2027-28) with a total budget outlay of Rs 528.55 crore.

## 216% Growth On Coal

**New Delhi:** Union Minister of Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs, Pralhad Joshi reviewed coal production performance of commercial and captive mines in a meeting with senior officials of the Ministry of Coal here today.

In a tweet, the Minister said that production from captive and commercial coal mines have been steadily increasing over the years, registering 216 % growth during the last six years.

In today's meeting Shri Joshi deliberated on ways to increase coal production by 39% in this fiscal from commercial and captive mines. The Minister also took stock of production



from underground coal mines and emphasized on Underground Coal Mine Mission Plan to achieve 100 million tonne coal production. In June 2020, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the first-ever commercial coal mines auction under the CM (SP) Act of 2015/ MMDR Act of 1957. So far, six tranches of commercial coal mines auctions have been completed and a total of 86 coal mines with

a total annual production capacity of 218.9 million tonne per annum (MTPA) have been successfully auctioned. The 7th tranche of commercial coal mines auctions offering a total of 98 mines is in progress. Prior to the start of commercial coal mine auctions, the average duration for operationalization of coal mine was around five years. However,

the average duration of operationalization of coal mines after commercial auctions has been reduced considerably and the result is already seen with contribution of production from the commercial mines.

The first commercial coal mine started production within one year from its allocation. Coal production from commercial coal mines in FY 2021-22 was 1.15 million tonne (MT) and 7.12 MT in FY 2022-23 with four commercial coal blocks i.e. Sulyari, Garepalma IV/1, Garepalma IV/7 and Gotitoriamines. It is expected that additional six commercially auctioned coal mines are likely to be operationalized in FY 2023-24 with an expected coal production of 12.2 million

## OSL director bags ET's influential personality award

**BHUBANESWAR:** Orissa Stevedores Limited (OSL) director Charchit Mishra has been conferred ET's 'influential personality award east 2023' for dynamic leadership in shipment and logistics. The award was presented to Mishra by the acting British deputy high commissioner to Kolkata, Peter Cook at Kolkata on Thursday.

"I am grateful and humbled to receive an award that speaks volumes not just about me but about our journey as a company. It bears



testimony to how beautifully we set sail into the world of shipping, mining, logistics, and exports of the eastern region with sheer determination and expertise," said Mishra. He added, "This

may be an award for me as an influential personality, but there are always a number of people steering my knowledge and OSL towards excellence. We have always strived for distinction by

pushing our boundaries, creating new goals and receiving every challenge as an opportunity. It has been my greatest pleasure to contribute to various philanthropic activities in an effort to make the world better".



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## MCL to impart Virtual Reality-based safety and operational training to 17,000 workforce

Sambalpur, (KCN): Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) has introduced Virtual Reality (VR)-based skill development programme for providing safety and operational training to 17,000 workforce by year 2026.

The company has earmarked a budget of Rs 6.5 crore for skill enhancement among coal miners as a paradigm shift initiative under Mining 4.0.

Emphasising on skilled workforce as a key to safe and productive mining operations, Shri Om Prakash Singh, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, said regular training and up

gradation of skills is required by leveraging modern cutting-edge technologies to match the advancements and introduction of new technology in mining sector.

“We have strategically planned to upgrade the technical skills of workforce involved in operational activities, including contractors’ workers, to successfully achieve 300 MT coal production by 2026 and enable Coal India achieve 1 BT (billion tonne),” Shri Singh said, that the VR-based training to the workers would save cost and time yet provide impartial and auto-generated feedback on the

skills attained by the trainees.

Initiated as a giant step towards digitalisation in business processes, Shri Keshav Rao, Director (Personnel) said, “The introduction of VR-based training for around 17,000 departmental as well as contractors’ employees will serve as a path-breaking initiative to run on 18 training modules leveraging this modern technology”.

MCL, which has been the flag bearer in Coal India for introduction of new technologies in business processes, is moving fast to modernise business operations through coordinated efforts and knowledge-sharing with

R&D institutions and industry experts, Shri Rao said.

In line with the recommendations of Annual Safety Conferences, Shri Rao said the training will focus on both the departmental as well as contractors’ employees engaged in operational activities.

The initiative, spearheaded jointly by the Innovation Cell, Safety & Rescue, Electrical & Mechanical, Excavation and Electronics & Telecommunications departments of MCL, is envisaged to integrate seamless training on 3D simulated VR-platforms and would provide safe training environment to the workers before they actually take up jobs in the coal

mines or workshops, all the while mitigating direct exposure to hazardous activities in initial trainings and induction.

M/s Concoct Human Resource Practitioners (CHRP-India) Pvt. Ltd., a Hyderabad-Based Virtual Reality Technology company has been entrusted with the job, through competitive bidding at the Government-Marketplace (GeM), for development of simulated environment and running the training programme in areas like blasting, mine inspection, electrical safety, working at height, HEMM operation, traffic simulation, engine/transmission maintenance, etc.

## Tata Steel Kalinganagar observes Van Mahotsav with Mass Plantation



Kalinganagar (Sapan Kar) : - Tata Steel Kalinganagar (TSK) observed Van Mahotsav with a mass plantation drive within its plant premises at Kalinganagar and Rehabilitation Colony at Gobarghati in Jajpur district of Odisha on Friday.

Organised by

Environment Department of Tata Steel Kalinganagar, more than 2100 saplings were planted as part of the celebrations at various locations inside the plant premises and Gobarghati colony.

The plantation drive inside plant premises was graced by Yogesh

Kumar, Sub-Inspector, CISF Unit, TSK, Mukul Kumar, Head, Security, TSK, and Raju Agrawal, Head, Environment, TSK. More than 1600 saplings were planted by employees and contract employees at various locations inside the plant premises.

## Virecords top download speed of 5.92 Gbps during the ongoing 5G trials in Pune

Mumbai : Vodafone Idea (Vi) and Ericsson (NASDAQ: ERIC) today announced achieving a technology milestone during the ongoing 5G trials by demonstrating a peak download speed of 5.92Gbps. The new speed record by Vi, was achieved on a single test device during its 5G trials in Pune, Maharashtra, being conducted on a combination of mid-band and high-band (mmWave) 5G trial spectrum using Ericsson Massive MIMO radios, Ericsson cloud native dual mode 5G core for Standalone architecture and NR-DC (New Radio - Dual

Connectivity) software. With 5G Standalone NR-DC software, Vi can deliver latency-sensitive and high-performing applications such as AR/VR and 8K video streaming as well as innovative new use cases for consumers and enterprises once it deploys 5G on its commercial network.

Earlier during its 5G trials and use cases’ showcase in Pune, Vi had demonstrated speeds of over 4 Gbps. The new speed record of 5.92 Gbps has been achieved using the Govt allocated 5G spectrum for the trials.

Commenting on this achievement, Jagbir

Singh, Chief Technology Officer, Visaid, “The trial demonstrates how Vi is constantly testing and preparing its network for new 5G based applications that will rely on the low latency, reliability and high speeds of 5G. Given the growing consumer demand for immersive media and video streaming services, the 5G speeds that we have demonstrated will help us prepare for the mobile broadband speeds and greater network capacity requirements of customers, as we ready for ‘5G for a Better Tomorrow’ in India.”

Vi’s focus on leveraging new

technologies and partnerships for a better tomorrow for its users has led the company to showcase a wide range of 5G use cases during the 5G trials in Pune and Gandhinagar, to make enterprises and citizens smarter.

Amarjeet Singh, Vice President and Head of Customer Unit Vi at Ericsson says, “Achieving this technology milestone of 5.92 Gbps download speed by leveraging Ericsson’s 5G Standalone NR-DC software and cloud-native dual-mode 5G Core represents a milestone in India’s evolution to 5G Standalone with mmWave. Based on our

global 5G deployment across 121 live networks, we are confident we can help our customers like Vi seamlessly evolve their network to 5G.”

5G is expected to account for 39 per cent of all mobile subscriptions in India by 2027 according to Ericsson Mobility Report, November 2021 edition. 5G is on track to become the dominant mobile access technology by subscriptions globally by 2027. By this time, 5G is expected to account for around 50 percent of all mobile subscriptions worldwide – covering 75 percent of the world’s population and carrying 62 percent of the global smartphone traffic.

## Business icons confer with Utkal Tycoons Awards

Bhubaneswar: Noted business icons of Odisha conferred with Utkal Tycoons Award in an exotic platform organizes by Utkal Updates and Addiction Fashion Management today at WelcomHotel by ITC Hotels, Bhubaneswar. As part of Epari Sadashiv Jewelry presents Odisha’s unique award show and fashion fest ‘Utkal Tycoons Awards’ with Bhubaneswar Runway Week Season-6, numbers of well known and successful face of Odisha business fraternity got thumping applause for their wonderful contribution to the economy of Odisha.

Their contributions were recognized and awarded.

Program starts with lighting of lamp by organizer Sushree Sangeeta Sahu, John Ajay, Gaurav, Sridhar, Epari and Sunil Murarka. Surya Narayan Patra, Speaker, Odisha Assembly attended as chief guest and Sulochana Das, Mayor, Bhubaneswar as guest of honour. Today, Utkal Tycoons Awards conferred to Rashmi Sahoo, Director, Frozit; Nirupama Biswal, Director, Gayatri Devi Group; Kabir Taneja, Director, Epirit Toyota; Ratnamala Swain, real estate player; Sukirti Pattnaik, MD, Indulge

the Saloon; Sreejet Patnaik, MD, Mother’s Public School; Harsvardhan Didwania, Co-founder and MD, EeVe Scooters; Pradeep Pansari, Director, Rajhans, Rajiv Swain, MD, Odisha Hotel; Punya Prakash Parida, MD, Embassy and Biraja Prasad Rout, founder, Biggies Burger.

To uplift the fashion statement of Odisha to higher level Bhubaneswar Runway season-6 also organized where eminent fashion designers showcase their creativity and woo the audiences with their authentic design statements. 30 models participated in the event

to showcase designs. Oily wood celebrities like Elina Samantray and Bhoomika graced the occasion as guest designers and brands like Priya’s (Priya Mohapatra), Tasa Wings (Sipra Das), TP Garments (Savitri Panigrahi), AJ Fashion Realm (Selina Dashon) and Reemly Design Studio (Reemly Studio) participated and showcase their designs. Priya’s By Priya Mohapatra showcases handloom collection “EKATRA” which is amalgamation of sambalpuri handloom fabric and pipli appliqué work. AJ Fashion Realm

by Selina Dason has showcased summer collection which is inspired by gorgeous butterfly hamadryas. Sipra Das’s Tasa Wing has brought collection ‘Fusion’ which is inspired form ‘the galaxy’ is fit for festive season, evening party and wedding season. Reemly’s Design studio is showcasing the Bridal Collection “RooH” at Bhubaneswar Runway Week 2022 (season 6). TP Garments are here with some of our evening gowns collection, rich in colours, unique designs, patterns, and Using shades nude, grey, navy blue, teal blue.

## Vedanta Aluminium sweeps awards for fly-ash utilization

New Delhi: Vedanta Aluminium, India’s largest producer of aluminium, has scored a hat-trick of awards at the 11th edition of Fly Ash Utilization Conference Expo Awards by Mission Energy Foundation for efficient management of fly-ash. Vedanta Power Plants at Jharsuguda (Odisha) won in the >=500 MW and <=500 MW categories respectively, and Vedanta’s Chhattisgarh-based subsidiary BALCO won in Captive Power Plant category. Around 160 companies participated in the competition, and Vedanta Aluminium led

the way for its significant steps in ensure gainful utilization of fly-ash in circular economy avenues.

Fly-ash is a by-product of thermal power generation using coal, which caters to electricity requirement of Vedanta’s aluminium smelters. The inherent properties of fly-ash find impactful usage in the cement, construction & infrastructure industries, to offer three-fold benefits in terms of cost, quality and sustainability. The company supplies fly ash from its Jharsuguda and BALCO plants to cement industry for the

production of low-carbon ‘green’ cement. Besides improving product quality, in cement manufacturing, every tonne of fly-ash used can help save around 700-800 kg of carbon emissions, 4.2 million KJ of energy, and 341 litres of water.

Similarly, Vedanta Aluminium is working with hundreds of local brick manufacturing MSMEs near its operations in Odisha and Chhattisgarh, transitioning them away from mud bricks. Bricks made of fly-ash are not only lighter and stronger than traditional clay bricks, but also play a

crucial role in preserving nutrient-rich topsoil from being used as raw material. This amounts to estimated savings of 1.9 metric tonnes of topsoil for every tonne of ash brick manufactured. Besides, ash brick manufacturing is an eco-efficient process, contrary to the energy-intensive process of producing clay bricks in brick kilns that results in substantial greenhouse gas emissions. In fact, for every tonne of ash bricks manufactured, an estimated 5900 kg of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions are avoided. It also makes for a healthier working

environment for those involved in the brick manufacturing process.

The company has also entered a long-term partnership with the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for building greener roads with fly-ash in Odisha. To find out innovative ways of utilizing this industrial by-product, Vedanta Aluminium also conducts technical & business workshops with global waste utilization experts to create greater awareness on the benefits of using fly-ash in cement construction and develop the market for such products.

## RapiPay launches De Dhana Dhan Offer

New Delhi/ Bhubaneswar: RapiPay Fintech Private Ltd, one of the leading fintech companies in India, has announced the launch of RapiPay De Dhana Dhan offer pan India for its 5 Lakhs + agents, also known as, Direct Business Outlets (DBOs). The new scheme incentives thousands of lucky DBOs daily with prizes such as Smart TVs, Smartphones, mobile accessories and cashbacks. To become eligible, DBOs need to do AEPS or Recharge transactions

on RapiPay between 6am – 12pm in the morning and 5pm to 11pm in the evening. The first winner of Smart TV is from Darbhanga (Bihar) and he has been awarded his 55 inch Smart TV with much fanfare and celebration on 12th May 2022. Similarly, every week winners of TV and Smart phones are being gratified instantly so that they don’t have to wait for their prizes for long. Mr. Nipun Jain, CEO, RapiPay Fintech Ltd. said “We believe, it is important to bring excitement in the business with regular incentives for

our DBOs, RapiPay’s De Dhana Dhan Offer is a step towards that. An effective incentive scheme like this does not just improve customer experience and build your business, but also helps with DBOs retention. Moreover, as a category leader, we are committed to grow the Assisted Payments space and take the financial inclusion to the last mile. “RapiPay is one of top players in AEPS and Micro ATM services. It has witnessed 200% growth in AePS and Micro ATM transactions from April 2021 to March 2022.



# New tricks up his sleeve, Speedy Wood shows he can be just as incisive at home

New Delhi: Perhaps the wickets at Edgbaston and Lord's were more down Mark Wood's alley. It's how England have usually used him - on flat surfaces that offer little assistance where the speedster can bring his airspeed in to make the difference. It is reflected in the disparity in his bowling averages - 24.18 away versus 40.71 at home.

But in this Ashes series, Ben Stokes and Brendon McCullum waited until Headingley and being 0-2 down to unleash him. And it was not what one might call - a prototypical Wood pitch. A decent covering of grass, assistance in the air and off the pitch would have usually brought England's usual bowling suspects in

action but it was the returning speedster who walked away with figures of 5 for 34 from 11.4 overs of visceral fast bowling with just a smidgen of subtlety. As it turned out, it was Wood's first five-wicket haul at home and he had been champing at the bits to make up for lost time in the series.

"I was really happy that I could show in home conditions that I can bowl as well," he told Sky Sports at the end of the opening day in Leeds. "I'm delighted. Obviously I haven't played a Test match in a while, but to be able to come back fairly fresh and produce that was pretty special."

Wood was able to marry his air speed with movement. Memorable



among his victims was Usman Khawaja, who has been something of a thorn in England's flesh this series. Wood breached through his defences with a delivery clocked at 94.6 miles per hour, which swung back

in ever so slightly. It's something that he said he'd been working on in the background.

"Movement, that's what's deadly I think. If you just bowl fast, these top players are just used to that. They face dog-stick

guys [throwing the ball] off 17 yards, so they're used to facing quick bowling. So I the thing that helped today was the movement really," he said.

"I'm usually on the flat ones, to be fair, and my

record is much better away from home. On wickets like today, when the ball moves around, you're automatically thinking Anderson, Broad, Robinson, Woakes. They are your top guys who can trouble people in these conditions.

"For me, being able to move the ball today, it's really helped me, because that's not something that I've always done to be, to be brutally honest. I've tried to work hard behind the scenes on the wobble-seam, through speaking to the other guys and the bowling coaches. It's something I'm trying to get better at. I'm 33, but I'm still trying to get better and better, even though it's a slow

progress. It doesn't just happen overnight.

"But I like bowling away from home, because it brings in reverse-swing. And the bouncer attack on flat pitches, I feel really that suits me, because they sometimes skid through and it's hard to play especially with the field."

England used the short ball extensively at Lord's but it wasn't much of an option here in Leeds with Mitchell Marsh taking them on in his thrilling counter-attacking century in the second session. "If you bowled it too short, it looped over the keeper, and then if you didn't get short enough, it's in that Australian sweet spot, where they play it really

well," Wood said. "It's about that happy medium you got to find.

"Mitch Marsh played fantastically well. He was difficult to bowl at in that period, when the ball went from having that zip off the wicket, and all of a sudden, it looked very different when he was in. But of course, when a new batter came in, it was tough again.

"I've had a good day. But let's not get ahead of ourselves, I've got to back it up. This is a must-win game, and we've got to back it up in the second innings. But the outfield is rapid and rock hard. We're gonna score quickly if the lads can get in tomorrow."

## 'They Started Talking About What I Wore...', Sania Mirza Opens Up On Various Controversies During Tennis Days

New Delhi: Indian tennis legend Sania Mirza has won many Grand Slams and collected several trophies. But her playing career also saw many controversies. The Hyderabad-born tennis player was once mocked for wearing short clothes on the tennis court. The fact that she did it without giving caring about anyone or anything made her haters even more rattled. Sania continued to play despite all the hurdles. Not to forget, a Fatwa was issued in name of Sania in 2005 as a group of muslim clerics wanted her to cover her up properly while playing tennis. Sania's dress code was also written extensively by media, something which she did



not like. Not to forget, with internet's onset, she has also been a regular receiver of hate on Twitter, getting trolled for wearing something, being fat or marrying a cricketer from Pakistan. Sania, in a conversation with JioCinema, opened up on her love-and-hate relationship with the media and how she dealt with her haters.

"I think that a lot of it was also media created because it got boring to

talk about one same girl, every day playing forehands and backhands, so how much will they want to talk about it. So, it got boring and they wanted to make it spicy and a lot of my issues that happened with me in my early years were a lot media created, unfortunately. And that is just the way it was. And I was never nervous. And that is because I had my parents.

## Rony Talukdar drafted in, Litton set to lead after Tamim's retirement

Dhaka: Bangladesh is all set to include Rony Talukdar in their squad for the remaining two matches of the ODI series against Afghanistan.

A top BCB official confirmed the development to Cricbuzz adding that they need to have a third opener in the team after the post went vacant following the sudden retirement of ODI skipper Tamim Iqbal from international cricket.

Talukdar earned a maiden call-up during the home series against Ireland after injured batter Zakir Hasan while he was also part of the squad that had flown to England to play three ODIs against Ireland.

However, he lost his place in the series against Afghanistan before Tamim's unexpected departure paved the way



for him to make a return in the ODI set-up.

"Rony (Talukdar) will be drafted in the squad as we need to have another opener in the squad considering there is no Tamim Iqbal for us," said the official adding that Litton Kumar Das is

expected to lead the side while a new captain will be announced soon with Shakib al Hasan being the top runner for the post. Bangladesh lost the opening game against Afghanistan by 17 runs in D/L method at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury

Stadium on July 5. They will play the second and third games at the same venue respectively on July 8 and 11.

Tamim has already left the team hotel and went to his house in Chattogram. The batter is from a cricketing family

in Chattogram as his uncle Akram Khan and elder brother Nafees Iqbal also represented Bangladesh while he established himself as one of the country's most dependable players.

BCB called an emergency board meeting at a city hotel at night and following the meeting board will give their reaction over Tamim's decision to quit international cricket.

It was learned Tamim did not pick up the phone calls made by the board high-ups before he made the official announcement of his retirement and it prompted them to send a former national skipper to go and talk with him in person though that effort went in vain.

## Nazmul Hasan asks Tamim to reconsider 'emotional and hasty' retirement call

Dhaka: Bangladesh Cricket Board president Nazmul Hasan is hoping Tamim Iqbal will reconsider his retirement decision and return to international cricket, remarking that his sudden decision to pull the plug on his career was surprising as well as disappointing.

Tamim, who was expected to lead the side at this year's ODI World Cup in India, quit the game after the opening ODI of the ongoing series against Afghanistan and barely three months before the mega event. Nazmul sat with his board directors in an emergency meeting at a city hotel and later informed media that the board was expecting Tamim to return as he was yet to retire 'officially'.

"The reason why we sat today is that suddenly we have seen that Tamim announced in the

media that he retired. It was totally unexpected for us because we have had regular communication... and because he was the ODI skipper, even three days back we spoke with him about the squad and even today I have spoken with him," Nazmul told reporters following the meeting.

"I did not have any clue that this kind of decision can come. I have spoken with him personally about his future and he said that he will play till the next Champions Trophy and later he spoke about World Cup captaincy with Jalal bhai (BCB cricket operation chairman) and I told him that he is the captain. As the World Cup is close there were no talks about change of captaincy and from a player like him when such things (announcement of sudden retirement) come it is very



unfortunate," Nazmul said.

"I am trying to communicate with him since the morning and later tried with Nafees Iqbal (Tamim's brother and manager of Bangladesh team) but still could not get hold of him. At that point, I sent a message to Nafees stating that I want him to lead the

side in this series and later we can sit and discuss what can be done. A legendary cricketer like him should not take hasty and emotional decision and he is very important for the team," he said.

"As I have sent a message I have to wait and see if he replies. I am hoping that we can

sort out the matter. It does not look good if one captain retires at the midst of the tournament and it is even not right. We want to give a good farewell but even after that if they don't want it, what can we do," he said.

"To me he is the ODI skipper and it remains that way till

now," he added. As reported by Cricbuzz, Litton Das will lead the side in Tamim's absence in the remaining two ODIs against Afghanistan and Nazmul revealed that it remained the plan for the time being.

"If he [Tamim] does not play vice-captain will run the show and

Litton is there as vice-captain," he said. "We want him to return after changing his decision and he did not resign to us, rather whatever we are hearing, was said in the media," he added. Meanwhile, Nazmul brushed aside allegations that his remarks following Tamim's announcement ahead of the opening ODI that he would play despite not being hundred percent fit played a part behind the sudden decision of retiring from international cricket.

It is said that Tamim was hurt when Nazmul Hasan pointed fingers at his integrity while telling a Bengali Daily that coach Chandika Hathurusingha was angry after seeing Tamim deciding to play despite not being hundred percent.

"It is out of question (that my remark played a part). Do you feel this kind of

decision can be made all of a sudden before the Asia Cup and World Cup, what are you saying? I feel it is an emotional decision though he said that he has taken the decision after thinking for a while and talking with his family," said Nazmul.

"I feel there is some factor and if we can know it, it will be good for the cricket board. At the same time I would be happy if he changes his mind as he is an important member of the ODI side.

"There is no reason that it won't have an impact on the team and I feel already there is an impact. Not only this series there is Asia Cup and World Cup in the coming days and when we were thinking that Bangladesh could do well in the World Cup, at this point of time I feel this kind of decision is harmful for us," he concluded.