



Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik reviewing the achievements of Agriculture & FE and F&ARD Departments through VC

## GST Collection Up

**Bhubaneswar:** The State has recorded a gross GST collection of Rs. 4397.73 crore during May 2023 against the collection of Rs. 3955.75 crore over corresponding period of previous year with a growth rate of 11.17%.

The progressive gross GST collection up to May of the financial year 2023-24 stands at Rs. 9433.47 crore against a collection of Rs. 8865.98 crore up to May of last financial year. The gross GST collection recorded a growth rate of 6.40%. Further, the collection to be retained by the State consisting of OGST and IGST settlement has recorded a growth of 30.28% during May'23 with collection of Rs. 1675.77 crore against collection of Rs. 1286.29 crore during May'22.



The progressive OGST and IGST collection recorded a growth rate of 36.03%. The collection under all Acts monitored by the Commissionerate of Commercial Tax & GST, Odisha including GST, VAT, Entry Tax, Profession Tax is Rs. 2711.04 crore during the last month. In May 2022, the State had collected Rs. 2311.78 crore. The entire revenue collection of the Commercial Tax & GST wing witnessed a growth rate of 17.27% in May. During May 2023, 20.40 lakh of waybills were generated against 17.26 lakh of waybills generated during May 2022 recording a growth of 18.19% reflecting the buoyancy in the economic sector.

## Odisha Govt Employees Go On Mass Leave Demanding Grade Pay Hike

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** The public services are likely to be affected in Odisha as employees went on mass leave from today for an indefinite period as mark of protest demanding a hike in grade pay. As many as 50,000 employees sat on dharna in front of collectorates in all 30 districts of the state to mount pressure on the government to increase their grade pay from Rs 1900 to Rs 4200. The government offices in many districts remained shut after employees went on leave from today. The state-wide strike by Odisha Ministerial Officers' Association (OMOA) affected office functioning. According to reports,



Odisha Ministerial Officers' Association (OMOA) has been demanding for hike in grade pay to Rs 4200 as per level 9 under Odisha Revised Scales of Pay (ORSP) Rules, 2017. The association had placed its demand before

the government in April this year. Later, the employees staged demonstration by wearing black badge. As it did not yield any positive result, the officers' body threatened to launch state-wide strike by boycotting

office work from today. "The employees had launched the symbolic protest from 22-5-2013 to 31-5-2023 in all the districts demanding hike in grade pay. Giving an ultimatum to the government to meet their demand during the

period, they threatened to go on mass leave from June 1 till indefinite period if the latter fails to meet the demand," said an office bearer of Odisha Ministerial Officers' Association. "We will not cooperate with the government in functioning of office till our demand is met. The mass leave and peaceful protest will continue till that period," said another member of OMOA. The association threatened to intensify the strike in upcoming days to press their demand before the government. "We will hit the streets in Bhubaneswar if the government did not consider grant our long-standing demand," said a protestor.

## SRC Orders Rescue Operation

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Acting quickly on the missing of a girl while taking bath at Aryapalli sea beach area in Ganjam district, Special Relief Commissioner (SRC) Satyabrata Sahu directed DIG, Coast Guard to deploy an aircraft in the rescue operation. Accordingly, a girl identified as Pragyan Rani Tripathy of Berhampur has been missing in the sea since morning. According to reports, five girls were swept away by strong currents while taking bath in the



sea. While villagers rescued three girls, the body of one, Swapna Rani Pandit from the Kanisi area, was fished out later. The other girl

Pragyan is still missing. The deceased has been identified as Swapnarani Pandit of Kanisi. Search operation is going on to trace Pragyan.

## IMD DG Mrutyunjay Mohapatra elected Vice President of World Meteorological Organisation

**Bhubaneswar:** Director General of India Meteorological Department (IMD), Mrutyunjay Mohapatra on Thursday was elected as one of the Vice Presidents of the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO). The development was informed by the WMO through a tweet. Apart from Mohapatra two other persons were also elevated to the



position of Vice President of the WMO. They are-- Eoin Moran, Director of Met Eireann from Ireland and Daouda Konate, director of meteorology of Cote d'Ivoire. Mohapatra from Odisha is known as the cyclone man of India. He has been heading the apex weather office of the country since 2019. World Meteorological Organisation is the United Nation's authoritative voice on weather, climate, and water.

## 80 percent of BJD leadership are mentally ready to leave party: BJP

**Bhubaneswar:** The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Thursday dropped a bomb on the political corridors of Bhubaneswar by claiming that at least 80 percent of the ruling Biju Janata Dal (BJD) leadership are mentally ready to leave the party. The claim was made by BJP's State General Secretary, Prithviraj Harichandan who said that most of the BJD leaders who want to end the 'Ravan Raj' in Odisha are in talks with the BJP. Harichandan equated BJD's rule in Odisha with 'Ravana Raj' and the claimed disgruntled BJD leaders with Vibhishan. Asserting his claims, Harichandan said, "This is true. While only one Vibhishan was required to end Ravana's empire, there are hundreds of Vibhishans waiting to erupt after getting fed up by the anarchy in the Biju Janata Dal."

## OJEE-2023 Results To Be Declared Today

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** The results of Odisha Joint Entrance Examination (OJEE)-2023 will be announced tomorrow. The results will be published at 11 am tomorrow on June 2, 2023. The Skill Development and Technical Education Minister Preeti Ranjan Gharai and Principal Secretary Usha Padhi

will brief the press at 11 am on June 2 at press conference hall of SCTE&VT, Govt. ITI Campus near Governor House Square in Bhubaneswar, an OJEE official stated today. The candidates can check their results by visiting the official website of OJEE. The entrance test was conducted from May 8 to May 15, 2023 for

admission into Undergraduate courses such as B.Pharm, B.CAT, Lateral Entry to B.Tech, Lateral Entry to B.Pharm and Postgraduate courses like MBA, MCA, M.Tech, M.Arch, M.Plan, M.Pharm, Integrated MBA and M.Sc. Computer Science in various universities, government colleges and Self-Financed Institutes in Odisha.

## Bullet-Riddled Body Of Youth Recovered From Odisha's Similipal Forest; Family Cries Foul

**Baripada(KCN):** The body of a local youth gunned down in Odisha's Similipal Forest in Mayurbhanj district was recovered today. However, the deceased's family blamed the forest department for the death. The incident was reported from Bangiriposi police limits under Talabandha range and the deceased has been identified as Jagannath Hembram, who



belonged to Burudi village of Talabandha. "Our son has been shot dead by some Forest personnel," the bereaved family alleged.

Meanwhile, the Forest department refuted the allegation saying it to be entirely baseless. The bullet-riddled body of the youth found in Talabandha

forest under mysterious circumstances has given rise to suspicion, many locals expressed. On the other hand, the shot-down incident has triggered tension in nearby villages. Keeping in mind the palpable tension prevalent in the area, two platoons of force have been deployed to control the situation and to avert any untoward law and order problem.



Secretary to CM (ST) Shri VK Pandian reviewing the progress of work of Baramunda interstate Bus Terminal

# Odia Culture Cross Borders

**Bhubaneswar:** The Odia art and culture is not only confined to Odisha only, now it has been spread to other States and across the world, thanks to the vision of the Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik. Participating in a debate in a leading News Channel, Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Odia Language, Literature and Culture Department, Satyabrata Sahu said the department's activities have gone beyond the boundaries of Odisha. Recently, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has formed the Directorate of Odia Paribar, which has organized a cultural program in Dubai.

Odisha Diwas has been celebrated in Dubai, he said. Odia Paribar is connected to Diaspora residing across the world. Similar events were also conducted in Bangalore and Kolkata while another such event will be organised soon in Singapore, the ACS said. With the organization of such events, the Odia people who are residing in other States and countries, will remain connected with the culture and art of the State, Shri Sahu said. He also informed that the State Government has been giving much emphasis to promote Odia language, art and culture. The State has enhanced the budgetary

allocation of the Department from Rs 2.60 crore in 2000-01 to Rs 170 crore in 2023-24. If one includes the funding from CSR and other resources, the total allocation for the Department comes to nearly Rs 200 crore, which is much higher and sufficient, ACS Shri Sahu added. Similarly, the number of artistes has been increased to 50,000 from 4000. All the artists are getting Rs 1200 per month under Mukhymatri Kalakara Sahayata Yojana. Earlier, Zilla Sanskruti Parishad was there in only 13 districts. Now, such Parishads have been formed in all 30 Districts while Block Cultural



Federations have been formed in all Blocks and cultural groups are there in all Panchayats, the

CAS said. Similarly, cultural festivals were only

confined in Bhubaneswar and Cuttack cities. Now, cultural festivals are being held in maximum districts like Koraput, Malkangiri, Mayurbhanj, Rayagada, Nabarangpur, Kalahandi, etc. The activities of Odia Sahitya Academy, Odisha Sangeet Natak Academy, Odisha Lalit Kala Acamdy, and Urdu Academy have been enhanced to a larger scale, he said, adding, last year, the academies have published 550 books while earlier only 20/25 books were published in a year. The number of awards has also been increased from 50 to 75 awards in

the three academies. The award money has also been enhanced, ACS Shri Sahu said. The scope of awards has been enhanced. For example, now the government has decided to give awards to Music Directors. The Chief Minister has assured to fund all developmental initiatives and accordingly the awards in more categories added to encourage the artists, musicians and other people, he pointed out. For promotion of Odia films, the State Government has recently waived off the entertainment tax on Odia movies like

Daman, Delivery Boy so that people can see the movies in talkies. Besides, the Kalinga Studio is also being redeveloped by Odisha Film Development Corporation, he said. However, the ACS opined that Odia movies needed to become available on big OTT platforms like Netflix and Amazon Prime to reach out to a larger audience because this is the age of internet and mobile. "Our aim is to promote Odia language, art, culture from grassroots to state-level, national-level and also at international forums," ACS Shri Sahu added.

## KISS Achieves 100% Results In CHSE +2 Examinations



**Bhubaneswar:** The Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) has once again demonstrated its outstanding performance by achieving a flawless pass percentage of 100% in the Council of Higher Secondary Education (CHSE) +2 Examinations, the results of which were announced on

Wednesday. KISS, renowned for providing free education and accommodation to tribal students, continues to solidify its reputation for delivering remarkable academic outcomes year after year. Smitarani Mallick (Kandha) from Kandhamal district emerged as the top scorer in the Commerce stream, securing an impressive

83 percent. Similarly, Kajal Mardi (Santal) from Jharkhand has excelled in the Science stream, achieving 82 percent. Additionally, several students from particularly vulnerable tribal groups (PVTGs) have successfully passed in both streams. Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder of KIIT & KISS, expressed his satisfaction

with the students' success, stating, "It is a marvel that tribal students from a particular school achieve a 100% pass rate year after year. Such accomplishments are not possible without the grace of God." He extended his gratitude to all the faculty members of both streams at KISS and congratulated the successful students.

## Ozen Reserve Bolifushi Bags Award

**Bhubaneswar:** Ozen Reserve Bolifushi is celebrating being named the world's best all-inclusive hotel in the world, in TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice Award 2023. Released this week, and with rankings compiled by analysing 12 months of TripAdvisor review data from more than 1.5 million hotels, it was named number one all-inclusive hotel in the world, and placed at number two in the overall 'Best of the Best Hotels' category in the world. The success of Ozen Reserve Bolifushi credited to Salil Panigrahi, a highly accomplished hotelier in the Maldives. Guided by the core philosophy of "Joy of Giving" and prioritizing long-term relationships over short-term gains. Shri Panigrahi's leadership and vision will soon be seen with an upcoming arrival in India, as The OZEN Collection aims to offer a unique blend of opulence and immersive



experiences, showcasing the country's rich cultural heritage and natural beauty. The Resort is situated just a 30 minute luxury catamaran ride away from Male. Opened in December 2020, it is a bespoke private island resort, and one of just a few Maldives resort islands completely surrounded by coral reef, offering snorkelling opportunities. 90 secluded villas and RESERVE retreats are divided into eight categories, offering 1-3 bedrooms, located

overwater or on the beach. Each features a private pool, and either direct beach or lagoon access, with some offering fun slides directly into the lagoon, and all with a twice-daily restocked maxi bar included in The RESERVE Plan, and with 24/7 service from a private butler, or 'Hiyani'. Highlights also include four restaurants and two bars, a chef's garden offering 'garden to table' dishes, the tranquil ELENA spa and wellness centre, an overwater gym and one of the largest kids'

club in the Maldives. With plenty to entertain, options include complimentary non-motorised water sports, as well as the Maldives' first eco-friendly open air ice rink. A dive centre, motorised water sports and private yacht charters also on offer. With the Resort scoring an average 5/5 rating from over 1,971 reviews, TripAdvisor reviewers described the resort as 'Heaven on earth!', 'The best honeymoon destination' and 'Wonderful holiday in paradise'.

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**Bhuvan Arora To Star In Kabir Khan's Next Alongside Kartik Aaryan, Says 'This Will Be Challenging'**

'Farzi' actor Bhuvan Arora who captured the hearts of audiences with his remarkable performance in the hit web series starring Shahid Kapoor, is ready to embark on a new and exciting venture that is set to be a career-defining moment for the rising Bollywood star. Bhuvan has joined forces with none other than the acclaimed director Kabir Khan, who is known for his incredible storytelling and delivering blockbuster hits like 'Bajrangi Bhaijaan', 'Ek Tha Tiger' and '83', this next one is sure to create waves. It is worth noting that this big-budget venture is being produced by Sajid Nadiadwala, adding further anticipation to the project. Co-leading the movie with actor Kartik Aryan, Bhuvan will be seen in an unexplored avatar that will grip the audience. Talking about the project, Bhuvan said, 'I am very excited and happy to work with Kabir sir. I have always admired his films and the selection of stories he



wants to tell. This one too is a very challenging film that requires a lot of prep work. The film is based on a true story with a larger than life canvas. I will also be seen in a new role that I have never played before' With both actors known for their ability to

connect with audiences and deliver compelling performances, their on-screen chemistry is expected to be an absolute hit. While the specific details of the projects are yet to be revealed, the anticipation surrounding Bhuvan Arora's upcoming project is already at an all-time high. With Bhuvan Arora's undeniable talent, Kabir Khan's directorial finesse, and Kartik Aryan's appeal, we can not wait to know more about this exciting project.

**Deepika Padukone 'Almost' Kept Naina's Specs From 'Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani'**



The blockbuster and youth cult, Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani, completes ten years since its release today and as we recall the iconic scenes and dialogues from the film, apart from the fashion trends it set, we also stumbled upon a fun fact that has us intrigued – Did you know Deepika Padukone wanted to keep the spectacles she sported in the film as a memorabilia? Yes, you heard us right, Bollywood's Numero Uno who felt a strong connection to her character, wanted the accessory as a keepsake of her memories connected to 'Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani' where she essayed the role of Naina, who matures from a shy spectacled girl to a confident and accomplished woman. Undoubtedly one of her most loved roles, young girls continue to be inspired by Deepika's character as the superstar was praised for her performance in the film and for making it relatable to every modern-day Indian lady looking for love, freedom, adventure, and success. Deepika's portrayal of Naina Talwar encouraged women to let go of their inhibitions and live in the moment. Deepika has previously stated that portraying Naina Talwar came fairly effortlessly to her and that she recognized a lot of herself in the character. In fact, Bollywood's leading lady also mentioned how Naina's development and journey in the film in some ways mirrors her own.

**Goa Environmental Film Festival To Open With Oscar-Winner 'The Elephant Whisperers'**

The first edition of 'Goa Environmental Film Festival' (GEFF) will begin from June 3, with Oscar-winning documentary 'The Elephant Whisperers'. Addressing a press conference on Wednesday, state Environment Minister Nilesh Cabral said that more than 50 films will be screened during the three-day event at Maquinez Palace in the capital city. He said that GEFF has been organised on the sidelines of G20 meetings taking place in Goa, however, it will be an annual event from this year. Cabral informed that films from Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Finland, Ireland, Oman,



Portugal, Russia, Spain and other countries will be screened during the film festival. "Film festival will open with 'The Elephant Whisperers' and close with the Spanish film 'Alcarass'," Cabral said. He said that various aspects of protecting the

environment could be learnt by watching these films. "Hence I appeal to the student community and general public to watch these films by participating in film festival," he said. Cabral said that response for the entries of film is very good and it will help

people to understand the environmental aspects. "Goan filmmakers will also be part of this festival and local films will be screened," Cabral said. He said that the quality films will be screened during the film festival. The logo of the film festival was launched by Cabral.

**Karan Soni Is Excited About 'Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse' Indian Dubbed Versions**

As audiences are eagerly waiting to witness the Spider-Man mania in 'Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse', the film has already started creating massive buzz globally with phenomenal early reviews. Indian audiences are rejoicing with the special entry of the first ever Indian Spider-man, Pavitr Prabhakar and Deadpool fame, Karan Soni who voiced Pavitr

Prabhakar in the original film said how people reached out to him to not mess it up. Speaking about people's response to him voicing for Pavitr Prabhakar and the film being dubbed in nine Indian languages, Karan Soni shared, "I think it's so exciting that the movie is being dubbed in nine Indian languages. It's just very exciting because I grew up in India, and we absolutely love

Spider-Man. When it was announced that I was playing him, I cannot tell you how many messages I got from people. Firstly, they were just excited, and then there were a few more serious messages, saying mainly, 'Don't mess this up.' I don't think we did!" The makers had recently announced that the Hindi and Punjabi version of the film will have Indian

Cricketer Shubman Gill voice Pavitr Prabhakar. The news took social media by storm exciting the fans even more to get engrossed in the Spider-Man Universe again. Sony Pictures Entertainment India releases 'Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse' in English, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Gujarati, Marathi, Punjabi and Bengali on 1st June 2023, only in Cinemas.

**Tom Hanks reveals 'Forrest Gump 2' had been a serious possibility for 40 minutes**

Hollywood star Tom Hanks has recently revealed that a sequel to his Oscar-winning movie 'Forrest Gump' had been a serious possibility but for only 40 minutes. According to Variety, Hanks made the revelation on the 'Happy Sad Confused' podcast. He said, "I will say that, with a long time in between, we did take a stab at talking about another 'Forrest Gump' that lasted all of 40 minutes. And then we never...we said, 'Guys, come on.' "A smart thing I did is I've never signed a contractual obligation to a sequel. I've always said, 'Guys, if there's a reason to do it, let's do it. But you guys can't force me.' There is that natural inclination that is one of pure commerce that says, 'Hey, you just had a hit, so do it again and you'll have a hit," he added. The Oscar-winning drama was based on the 1986 novel, which led to the 1995 book sequel 'Gump and Co'. The film adaptation of the first book was a box office powerhouse, earning USD 678 million worldwide and becoming the top-grossing film in the



U.S. in 1994. Hanks won the Oscar for best actor, while the film won the prize for best picture and four more Academy Awards. Despite the film's

popularity and Oscar success, a sequel never took concrete shape for Hanks and director Robert Zemeckis. Hanks' career has not been jam-packed with sequels, and that's because the actor rarely hears a good enough idea to warrant a return to one of his characters, reported Variety. Meanwhile, Hanks and Zemeckis have reunited for Disney's live-action 'Pinocchio', which begins streaming on September 8 on Disney Plus. As per Variety, this new project marks the fourth collaboration between the duo, who first teamed up for 'Forrest Gump' and then reunited on 'Cast Away' and again on the animated Christmas movie 'The Polar Express.

**Ishita Ganguly to be seen as a new entry and playing a pivotal role in 'Gud Se Meetha Ishq'**

Ishita Ganguly is a renowned actress of the television industry. The bollywood beauty is full of versatility which makes her one of the prominent names in the fraternity. Soon to be seen in 'Gud Se Meetha Ishq', Ishita Ganguly gets candid about her character 'Chandini' in the show and shares her experience about the same. She says, "I'm playing the role of Chandini in the show who is a very independent and strong woman. She is opinionated and has an appealing personality. The viewers will relate to her character.

## Vidhya Bharati: Model of An Ancient Education



Ancient Indian educational system focused on building a disciplined and value based culture. Human values such as trust, respect, honesty, dignity, and courtesy are the building blocks of any free, advanced society. These values and authentic culture have crowned the title of 'Vishwaguru' to India. But India has lost the title of 'Vishwaguru' due to prolonged struggle and weakening of moral strength. India weakened by losing its rich values and culture. Under a conspiracy, the British weakened the powerful ancient education system of India. By declaring our superior Vedas knowledge; a myth & impractical and disrupted the basic stream of education. During the freedom struggle, the freedom fighters had understood this deeply, but the governments formed after independence did not pay attention to it and adopted the education system of the British, which by erasing the ethical values and filling western thinking which has become fatal for the country. As a protest against British education, Rabindranath Thakur was first followed by

Maharishi Arvind, Swami Vivekananda, Sister Nivedita, Swami Dayanand Saraswati, Lal-Bal-Pal and Gandhiji kept the flame of national education lit. At the same time, a holistic and coordinated campaign of ancient and modern education started in the form of Vidya Bharati according to Hindu ideology. When non-Indian education continued to be given even in independent India, then Vidya Bharati started the campaign of education of Indian values in the field of education. In 1952, the first Saraswati Shishu Mandir of Vidya Bharati scheme was started in Gorakhpur. Today, about 25 thousand education centers of Vidya Bharati are running, in which education is being given from person building to nation building. The role of Vidya Bharati, the contributor of the education revolution, in building a new India and making the people's consciousness all-round and strong, is neither in words nor in any medium. This campaign of active education in nation-building is not only unique, wonderful, miraculous but also vast. Vidya Bharati whose full name is Vidya Bharati All India Institute of Education. This institute has lived up to its name. From Leh in the north, Rameswaram in the south and Munabao along the border with Pakistan in the west to Haflong in the northeast are the Vidya

Mandirs of Vidya Bharati. From the prosperous colonies of big metropolises to the small settlements in Girikandara, the education centers of Vidya Bharati are engaged in this important task of nation building. From the organizational point of view, Vidya Bharati has divided the whole country into eleven regions. There is a regional committee in each region, under whose direction the provincial committees look after the affairs of their respective provinces. Under these



provincial committees, the district committee and school committee do direct work. All these eleven committees work under the guidance of the Central Committee. The head office of the Central Committee is in the capital of the country, Delhi. The total districts in the country are 711, out of which 632 are functional districts. Total formal schools 12,830, total informal centers 11,353, total educational units 24,183, the number of students studying in the country is 34 lakh

47 thousand 856, total teachers are 1.5 lakh. On the basis of this statistics, it can be said that Vidya Bharati is the largest educational institution not only in the country but also in the world at the non-government level. Despite being non-government, Vidya Bharati is also the most effective educational institution. Education plays an important role in the development of any society and nation. Education is the bridge that animates

**::Lalit Garg::**

generation, they will have to connect with their culture and values." Acharya Vinoba Bhave gave education according to Indian values instead of English education. But his suggestions and ideas were ignored. Not only this, the education of the country was handed over to those people who were suffering from English mentality. In ancient times, there was a 24-hour education system in the Gurukul. All-round

self-languages are neglected. To remove these discrepancies, despite the formation of many commissions, the education system of the country could not prove to be functional. In this situation, Vidya Bharati took the initiative to make up for the shortcomings of education. It is not only through book education that the personality of the students is formed, it is also necessary to give education of character in their life. If good values are given to the students from the

intellectual and emotional development is possible through this method. Vidya Bharati wants to develop such a national education system, through which such a young generation can be created which is full of Hindutva and patriotism, is fully developed from physical, vital, mental, intellectual and spiritual point of view and who lives life. The main aim of Vidhya Bharati is to train the students for adverse situations and successfully face the present challenges of the country and make his life harmonious,

Bharti's Alumni Council has added more than eight lakh alumni to its portal, which has become a world record. The ability to make this saying 'Sa Vidya ya Vimuktaye' meaningful lies in the education of Vidya Bharati. Here the education is given to the student not only to get more marks by passing the examination, but to become a balanced citizen while facing the challenges of life, to build the nation and to spend life for the entire humanity. Such a life is made not only by reading books, but by imparting education based on action, experience, thought, discretion and sense of responsibility. This is Indian education, through this education one can become capable, character-rich and loyal citizen, this is the realized belief of Vidya Bharati. Realizing this expectation of education, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced the National Education Policy-2020. In this way, Vidya Bharati is in the forefront of the task of re-establishing Indian education in the country. With this, India will not only be self-reliant, but on the strength of its knowledge heritage, once again it will be able to move towards becoming a 'Vishwaguru'.

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development of the student was done by being in front of the Guru all the time, but at present, life is not becoming strong and capable due to the education received in the form of wages, literacy and livelihood. The reason for the need for education of Vidya Bharati was that "in the present day education the concept of livelihood is being taught, but the concept of life is not taught. The whole personality cannot be formed by merely joining the matter of livelihood." Emphasis is given on the English language,

beginning, their mind is inspired by value-based education, then they can become a gift for the country. In the absence of proper training, they can also put their lives in the pit of destruction by participating in unrest, disturbance and violent tendencies. Vidya Bharati's project is a boon for all round personality formation of students in the field of education. It is not only about bookish knowledge, but it is about building a balanced and all-round personality through experimentation. Physical, mental,

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## SAVAGERY IN COUNTRY



There is no word other than 'Savagery' to describe the act of murder first by stabbing and then by bludgeoning of a 16-year-old girl in New Delhi by a young man who was described as her boyfriend. That he stabbed her as many as twenty times and then thrashed her head three times with a cement slab, can be imagined only in

horror films or fiction. Yet this savagery incident took place in full public view in a narrow lane in New Delhi—bringing shame to the larger society. This news shocked to each and every people of the country. And the reaction is also the reaction of all common people across the country. THERE is something far more serious than just the act of brutality – and that concerns all of us, the larger society. The questioned arised in mind that when the young man was attacking the 16-year-old girl with

knife and stabbing her repeatedly in that narrow and crowded lane, there were people who were people who were video graph the incident. And also there were countless many others who saw the murder taking place but did not feel as humanitarian ground to breaking the attacker and overpower him and save the girl's life? THIS TYPE OF S O C I A L INACTION is far more shocking than anything else. That is our concern, a very serious concern. For when such an act of brutality is taking place in full

public view and no one stepping forward to intervene, is something that is most difficult to digest. If just five or six persons had gathered courage and trap the attacker, they could have stopped him from the brutality act. But it did not happen. Many people passed by in panic, unwilling to intervene, while some had the raw temerity to film the incident without doing anything or informing the police to save the girl's life. Utterly disgusting! What has happened to our society—may we

ask?! Why have our people become so self-centred so as not to intervene even a brutality activities taking place in full public view,?! There, of course, are multiple dimensions to this situation, one being some missing factor in our education in schools and colleges and also in the Sanskaar at home, in the family. Something critical is missing in our upbringing which needs to be researched and pinpointed so that corrective measures can be initiated. V I N A Y A K SAVARKAR in his

novel once had told 'Mala Kai Tyache'? means What is that to me ?or it does not matter to me. The novel set in the social background of Kerala describes the whole society was afflicted by heinous crime just because there was nobody to intervene when one person or one family was being attacked by hordes of goons. Hence the Administration and policepersons take some bold steps to break this type of Savagery on the open Sun light.

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## Letter To Editor

Dear sir,  
**Erdogan a tough nut to crack**

Tayyip Erdogan's authoritarian rule has entered its third decade with his palm in Turkey's runoff presidential election. The US and its abettors were hoping that the drift would turn in their favour, but now they've no choice but to deal with Erdogan, who has proved to be a tough nut to crack for the West. Amid the Ukraine war, Erdogan's been brazenly engaging with Russia. Erdogan's has indicted Stockholm of being soft on terror groups hostile to Ankara. Political durability in Turkey doesn't help India as well since Erdogan has maintained good relations with China as well as Pakistan. Turkey was among the notable absentees from the G20 Tourism Working Group meeting held lately in Kashmir. Before this time, India had hit out at Turkey for combing up the Kashmir issue at the UN Human Rights Council, weeks after New Delhi commenced Operation Dost to give philanthropic aid to the earthquake hit nation. Both India and Turkey are aspiring global powers that have Russia as their common supporter. They've a lot to gain from each other in profitable and strategic terms. Their participated interests should goad them to reset their ties.

**Dr. Vijaykumar H K Raichur, Karnataka**



The Union Minister for Home Affairs and Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah interacting with Meitei community members during his visit to Meitei relief camp at Imphal, in Manipur

## DMK Will Take Wholehearted Efforts To Coordinate Opposition: MK Stalin

**Chennai:** Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin on Wednesday said his DMK will take all steps to coordinate the opposition ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. Addressing reporters upon his arrival here from Japan, he also charged the ruling BJP at the Centre with trying to "intimidate" opposition parties using agencies like Income Tax, CBI and ED, while responding to the I-T searches at relatives and individuals linked to his cabinet colleague V Senthil Balaji last week. The Chief Minister returned here following a nine-day official trip of Singapore and Japan to attract more investments in the state. Asked about his meeting with AAP leaders -- CMs of Delhi and Punjab, Arvind Kejriwal and



Bhagwant Mann Chola dynasty as claimed. "The Sengol was bent following the way in which our women wrestlers were assaulted" that day by police, he said, referring to their protest demanding arrest of Wrestling Federation of India chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh for alleged sexual harassment. On his two-nation trip, MK Stalin said investment proposals over ₹ 3,000 crore have been signed.

## I'm Sure Protesting Wrestlers "Will Get Justice": BJP MP Maneka Gandhi

**Srinagar:** BJP MP Maneka Gandhi on Thursday said she was confident that the protesting wrestlers, who are seeking the arrest of outgoing WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh over sexual harassment allegations, will get justice.



Ms Gandhi was here to attend an event "Let's Co-exist" -- to celebrate the spirit of living and thriving on a shared planet. "I am sure that they will get justice at the end of it," the Lok Sabha MP told reporters when asked about her stand on the wrestlers' issue. The wrestlers are on a protest demanding the arrest of Singh over sexual harassment charges. On Tuesday, Olympic medallists

Sakshi Malik and Bajrang Punia, and Asian Games gold medallist Vinesh Phogat went to Har Ki Pauri in Haridwar along with their supporters to throw their medals in the Ganga. However, they relented after khap and farmer leaders sought five days' time to address their grievances. The Delhi Police has filed two FIRs against Singh. While

the first FIR relates to allegations by a minor wrestler and has been registered under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, the second is related to outraging modesty. Singh, who has repeatedly denied all charges against him, said on Wednesday that he would hang himself if a single allegation is proved against him.

Maneka Gandhi, who is a renowned animal rights activist, said the dog menace in Srinagar city will end if the sterilisation is done properly. "The man-animal conflict will end when we stop deforestation. The man-dog conflict in the city will also end in a year if you start sterilisation in a proper, disciplined way," she said.

The BJP leader said there is a sterilisation centre in Jammu and the result is that there are no complaints of dog menace there. The Srinagar Municipal Corporation has set up a good sterilisation centre in the Tengpora area and they are making another sterilisation centre at another place, so they will have two such centres. Hopefully, they will do it then properly, Maneka Gandhi said. The MP said a Kashmiri, Vasant Dhar, who is living in the US has donated an animal ambulance for the Valley. This is the first animal ambulance in the whole UT. It will make a big difference for animals on the road, she added.

## Woman Strangled To Death In Uttar Pradesh: Cops



**Sitapur:** A woman was allegedly strangled to death in the Sadarpur area of Sitapur in Uttar Pradesh, police said on Thursday. According to the Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Narendra Pratap Singh, the victim was identified as Janaki Dev. ASP Singh said on the information of the villagers, the police officers reached the spot and started an investigation. "The incident took place in Saraiyan Patti village in the Sadarpur

police station area. The victim had left her old home to light a lamp in her newly constructed home, which was built with funds allocated under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana," said the ASP. He informed further that as time ticked by and the woman did not return home, her relatives started looking for her. After searching for a while, the woman was found dead by a road, at some distance from her home, informed ASP Singh. He added that the victim's body bore

external injury marks, thereby indicating that her death may have been the fallout of a domestic issue. "The victim had injury marks all over her body. We suspect that her death may have been the fallout of a domestic issue," he said. The ASP added that further action will follow once a case of murder is registered in the matter. "We have taken custody of the victim's body and sent it for a post-mortem examination," the officer said.

## "I Presume My iPhone Is Being Tapped": Rahul Gandhi In US

**Washington:** Congress leader Rahul Gandhi Wednesday spent the first half of his day with Silicon Valley-based startup entrepreneurs, known for doing path-breaking work in the field of Artificial Intelligence and cutting-edge technologies. Sitting in the front row of the Plug and Play auditorium along with Indian Overseas Congress chairperson Sam Pitroda and some other key aides who have been travelling with him from India, Mr Gandhi was seen engrossed in the panel discussion of experts on various aspects of artificial intelligence, big data, machine learning and

their implications on mankind in general and on issues like governance, social welfare measures and also disinformation and misinformation. Based out of Sunnyvale in California, the Plug and Play Tech Centre is one of the largest incubator of startups. According to its CEO and Founder Saeed Amidi, more than 50 per cent of the startups founder at Plug and Play have been Indians or Indian Americans. Mr Amidi told PTI after the event that Mr Gandhi has shown a deep understanding of the IT sector and his knowledge of latest and cutting edge technologies are quite

impressive. Participating in a fireside chat with Mr Amidi and Shaun Shankaran, founder of FixNix Startup, Mr Gandhi tried to link all the technologies with the impact this would have on the common man in the remote villages of India. "If you want to spread any technology in India, you have to have a system where power is relatively decentralized," he said in response to a question and then went on to share with the select group of invited entrepreneurs about his personal experience of drone technology and its regulation, which,



according to him, "faced massive bureaucratic hurdles". Data, Mr Gandhi said, is the new gold and countries like India have realized the real potential of it. "There is need to have appropriate regulations on data safety and security". However, on the issue of Pegasus spyware and similar technologies, Mr Gandhi told the audience he is not worried about it. At one point of time he said he knows his phone is being tapped. And jokingly said, "Hello! Mr Modi" on his iPhone. "I presume my iPhone is being tapped. You need establish rules with

regard to privacy of data information as a nation and also as an individual," he said. "If a nation state decides that they want to tap your phone, no one can stop you. This is my sense," he said. "If the nation is interested in tapping phone, then this is not a battle worth fighting. I think whatever I do and work, is available to the government," he claimed. Mr Shankaran, who hosted Mr Gandhi for the AI event at Plug and Play, said he is very much impressed about the knowledge he has shown about the latest developments in technology.

# 2500 CR For Sports Infra

**Bhubaneswar:** One of the hallmarks of Odisha's sporting landscape is its exceptional sports infrastructure. The State Government has been investing about Rs 2500 crore in the creation of sports infrastructure in the State, Minister Sports and Youth Services Tushar Kanti Behera said. Sports & Youth Services, Secretary R Vinnel Krishna was present in Media Meet. The Birsamunda Hockey Stadium, Rourkela, the world's largest seated hockey stadium, has earned a prestigious place in the Guinness Book of World Records. The facility, which also houses an Olympic-style Hockey Village with 225 rooms, was built in just 15 months. This stadium stands as a symbol of Odisha's unwavering dedication to the sport of hockey, offering state-of-the-art facilities and an impressive grandeur, he said.

In addition, he said, Odisha houses other sporting venues such as the Birsamunda Athletics Stadium in Rourkela, the Kalinga Stadium Tennis Center, Dharanidhar Sports Complex in Keonjhar amongst others, providing athletes with top-tier facilities to train and excel in their respective disciplines. Recognizing the significance of grassroots development, the Odisha government has taken proactive measures to nurture young talent and establish a strong foundation for sports in the region, Shri Krishna said. As part of this initiative, 17 astro-turf hockey fields have been set up across the Sundargarh district, known as the cradle of hockey in Odisha. This strategic move aims to identify and nurture promising talent, ensuring the sustained growth and success of the sport. Moreover, the state is establishing 90 multipurpose indoor



stadiums in urban areas. Six FIFA standard pitches have also been developed. Over the last four years the sports budget has raised to Rs 1217 crore reflecting the commitment of Odisha and its Chief Minister towards sports development and promotion, the Secretary said. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik today reviewed

the progress on the manifesto commitments and achievements of the Sports & Youth Services Department over the last four years. Sports & Youth Services Minister Tusharkanti Behera presented a detailed development report and other transformative initiatives undertaken by the Department for achieving the targets. Sports & youth Services

Minister apprised Chief Minister that Odisha has rapidly emerged as a favoured destination for sports owing to its exceptional infrastructure, facilities and successful organization of numerous global sporting competitions. Under the visionary leadership of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik the state is actively promoting and nurturing a wide range of

sports, propelling its journey as a flourishing sports hub, he said. The State has established itself as a global hub of hockey, having successfully organized consecutive editions of the FIH Hockey World Cup in 2018 and 2023. Furthermore, Odisha has been the venue for prominent hockey events like the FIH Hockey Junior Men's World Cup, Pro League, FIH Olympic

Qualifiers, and FIH Series Finals, solidifying its position as a global destination for hockey. Kalinga Hockey Stadium and Birsamunda Hockey Stadium are the top hockey stadiums in the world, Behera said. Odisha has also made remarkable strides in hosting noteworthy international events in other sports. In football, the state successfully organized the FIFA U17 Women's World Cup and the SAFF U20 Championship, providing talented young footballers from around the world with a platform to showcase their skills. Odisha Open, Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships and a plethora of national events across sports have redefined Odisha as a Sports Hub in India, he said. Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar serves as the home ground for Odisha FC, the reigning Super Cup Champions. Odisha Juggernauts the

State's franchise in the Ultimate Kho Kho League. It has set a precedent by launching High Performance Centers in various sports disciplines with corporates and eminent sportspersons, in a unique partnership model that has been lauded widely. It not only extended its support to Hockey India by another ten years it is also supporting National Federations in Football, Rugby, Kho Kho and Swimming. Throwing light on the sports development in the state, Minister Shri Behera said, "Odisha has come a long way in sports and is fully committed to fostering a vibrant sports culture. With the support and guidance of the Chief Minister and through unique initiatives, Odisha aims to encourage talent, inspire future generations, and position itself as a leading sports destination in India."

## Girls Outshine Boys

**Bhubaneswar:** Once again girls outshine the boys in the annual higher secondary (Class-XII) science examination in Odisha, results of which were announced by School and Mass Education Minister Sudam Marndi here on Wednesday. Secretary School & Mass Education S Aswathy and other senior officers were present. In science and commerce streams, the performance of girls is better than the boys in the annual examination. The pass percentage of boys and girls in science stream stood at 84.28 and 85.67 percent, respectively. In the commerce stream too the girls outshine then the boys. The pass percentage of boys and girls stood at 79.52 per cent & 83.87 per cent, respectively. Out of 93,734 enrolled students, 92,950 students have appeared in the annual Plus-II science examination, of which 78,938 students have cleared the test



conducted by the CHSE, he said. Out of 90,679 regular students who have appeared in the science stream, 77,468 have passed out. Similarly, 1470 of the 2437 ex-regular students cleared the test. While 358 students have secured more than 90 per cent marks, 291 schools have scored 100 per cent results and two schools

have zero results. Nayagarh district has recorded the highest 96.41 per cent result while Gajapati district is at the bottom with a pass percentage of 61.55, the Minister said. Moreover, 39,573 students have secured first division, 24,257 in second division and 14,852 got third division in the Class-XII science examination, he said.

The Odisha government has also declared the Class-XII commerce result today. Marndi said that 24,331 students have enrolled in the commerce stream, of which 24,082 students have appeared in the examination and 19,536 students have passed out. The overall pass percentage in the commerce stream stood at 81.12. The Minister informed that 102 students have secured more than 90 per cent marks in commerce. While 7410 students have secured first division, 4543 got second division and 7492 got third division in the exam. Nayagarh district has recorded the highest 93.9 per cent result while Boudh district is at the bottom with a pass percentage of 55.55, he said. The students can get their marksheets in Digilocker June 10 onwards. The result of Plus-II arts and vocation courses is likely to be declared on June 8, officials said.


## A Vigilance case locked in CMC's Kalyan Mandap

**CUTTACK:** In two rooms of a Kalyan Mandap, owned by the Cuttack Municipal Corporation (CMC) near its office here in the millennium city, a decade-old Vigilance case on pilferage of relief materials allegedly by officials and corporators of the civic body have stay shut since 2013. Seized as part of the investigation, the relief materials are either rotting or eaten away by insects which most are clueless about. Just like the Vigilance is, about the case. So far, no chargesheet has yet been filed in the case registered in 2013. And over the years, several accused have either

retired from service while some have even passed away. After cyclone Phailin hit the state, the state government had provided relief materials including 191.80 quintal rice, 79 bags of dal of 50 kg each, 1,500 oil packets, 80 bags of potatoes of 50 kg each, 48,636 packets of biscuits, 20 boxes of lanterns and candles to CMC for distribution among 24,830 people who were affected by the storm and shifted to 73 cyclone shelters. Sources said, as the civic body was unable to provide cooked food to the affected people for two days after the cyclone on October 11 and 12, 2013, it was decided that

relief materials would be distributed on October 13. However, some corporators and outsiders allegedly took away the relief materials from CMC office premises. It was alleged that the corporators, instead of distributing the relief materials among the affected, gave some of it away to people at their own will. The remaining was distributed elsewhere. After allegations surfaced, the state government on October 21 transferred the then CMC commissioner and suspended the deputy commissioner. BJD's city unit president Madhusudan Sahu too

was suspended from the party by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik who ordered a Vigilance probe into the incident. Following the order for probe, around 30 teams of the Vigilance searched the premises of corporators and the CMC office and seized the relief materials on October 29. After verifying documents relating to procurement and distribution of the relief materials at CMC office and quizzing officials of the civic body, the Vigilance sleuths registered a case against four senior officials and 29 corporators (22 of them from the BJD) vide case no-27 on December 9, 2013.




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# Some 10,000 People Attend First Power of Colour Festival at Kirovsk Ski Resort

New Delhi : Approximately 10,000 people attended the Power of Colour Festival at the Big Wood Ski Resort in the Murmansk Region city of Kirovsk. The festival took place on 6-7 May as part of the plan of events of Russia's chairmanship of the Arctic Council in 2021-2023, which are managed by the Roscongress Foundation. The main goal of the festival was to promote Arctic tourism. The musical part of the festival was headlined by Olga Seryabkina, Moya Michel, and DJ Clubkilla. Regional stars, including DJ Deep Touch, DJ

Silinsky, DJ Tanitsoy, DJ Gabur, and DJ No Izi, as well as the cover band Naveka Band, also performed on the main stage of the festival. Nine public catering establishments from the Murmansk Region and Karelia presented their dishes during the gastronomic part of the festival. Visitors to the Taste of the Arctic food court learned about the unique restaurant dishes in a street food format. Over two days, guests tasted 5,200 servings of Arctic dishes and 3,300 servings of beverages. The event was held under the patronage of the Gastronomic Map of Russia project with

the involvement of project manager Yekaterina Shapovalova. In addition, the MURMANSK.TRAVEL Market site provided guests with an opportunity to take sightseeing tours with the best guides of the Khibiny tourism cluster, take part in master classes, purchase exclusive souvenirs, and also send a postcard around Russia for free. The festival guests sent a total of 6,500 postcards. The Power of Colour Festival was organized by the Ministry for the Development of the Russian Far East and the Arctic, the Murmansk Region's Tourism



Committee, the Kirovsk City Administration, the company PhosAgro, and the Kirovsk Agency for the Development of Tourism and Entrepreneurship with the support of the

projects Gastronomic Map of Russia, Silver Necklace of Russia, as well as the Tourism Information Centre of the Murmansk Region. The Big Wood ski resort is the highest mountain resort in northwest Russia. It is located on the southern and northern slopes of Aikuyevchorr Mountain and includes trails with every level of difficulty. Big Wood is

on list of Russia's best ski resorts, and in 2022 it won the nomination 'Best Ski Resort in Russia in the Northwestern Federal District' of the Mountains of Russia National Award. It remains open for skiers even in June. Russia is chairing the Arctic Council in 2021-2023. A cross-cutting priority of the chairmanship is to ensure responsible governance over the sustainable development of the Arctic. The comprehensive programme of Russia's chairmanship of the

Arctic Council aims to promote cooperation to improve the well-being and quality of life of the Arctic population, including the Indigenous peoples of the North, adapt the Arctic to the effects of climate change, conserve the biodiversity and unique ecosystems of the Arctic, ensure socioeconomic development, find solutions in matters concerning global energy and transport security, promote scientific cooperation in high latitudes, and strengthen international cooperation.

## Spice Money nearly doubles its nanopreneur (Adhikari) network hitting 1 million milestone in FY22

New Delhi: Spice Money, India's leading rural fintech that is revolutionising the way Bharat banks, achieved the significant milestone of 1 million Adhikaris (nanopreneurs) in FY22, growing by nearly double over the last financial year. Spice Money's strategy, to provide the first-of-its-kind zero investment model, continues to yield results and growth in Adhikaris. This network is spread across rural India covering more than 95% rural pincodes, 700+ districts serving a base of over 100 million consumers, through the Spice Money app and web portal. In FY23 Spice Money aims to expand into other digital and financial services. The company will consolidate its ATM, banking and payments

business, while scaling its enterprise Cash Management Services (CMS) business. The company, additionally, will be introducing a financial products & services marketplace which will offer solutions such as insurance, credit etc. Considering the crucial role agriculture plays in the rural economy, Spice Money will also venture into digital solutions for the industry. With the country emerging from the pandemic, Spice Money will expand its travel tech platform, Travel Union, to offer a first-of-its-kind solution for all travel agents in semi-urban and rural India. Through its phygital super app, the company will disseminate multiple digital services including education, ecommerce

and healthcare to the masses. On this occasion, Dilip Modi, Founder, Spice Money said "FY22 has witnessed commendable growth, with Spice Money showcasing consistent double-digit growth over the past eight quarters.

We continue to remain bullish about rapid adoption of digital services in rural India, as we aim to foray into new business segments in FY23. Spice Money's phygital super app will further help rural communities get essential services like basic banking, payment services, financial services, travel services and entrepreneur solutions along with healthcare and e-commerce at their doorstep, assisted by Spice Money's 1 million+ Adhikaris.

## Sterlite Power wins orders worth INR 1600 crores

New Delhi: Sterlite Power, a leading power transmission developer and solutions provider, has secured multiple orders worth ~INR 1600 crores across its Solutions business in the domestic and international markets.

The company has secured orders from customers like Power Grid Corporation of India (PGCIL), Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC), and West Bengal State Electricity Transmission Company Limited (WBSETCL) in the MSI (Master System Integrator) segment. The orders are for the installation and supply of high-performance conductors and reconductoring solutions for transmission projects. In the Products segment, Sterlite Power has acquired strategic maiden orders of EHV cables for state transmission utilities in Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Karnataka and orders for overhead lines from large and reputed international

customers in North America and CIS regions.

Commenting on the order wins, Mr. Manish Agarwal, CEO - India Transmission Business, Sterlite Power, said, "We are happy to win these new orders across our Solutions business which significantly adds to our robust orderbook. Our integrated model provides us with a strategic advantage in delivering complex projects successfully while also diversifying our revenue base."

As part of its Solutions business unit, the company manufactures and sells a diversified portfolio of products, covering high performance conductors, OPGW and EHV power cables, to international customers, including central and state electricity transmission companies, transmission developers and transmission engineering, procurement, and construction ("EPC")

contractors. Further, its MSI sub-unit is a provider of specialty contracting services, delivering bespoke solutions for the upgrade, uprate and fiberization of brownfield transmission infrastructure projects. In addition, the company also offers underground EHV turnkey services including cable laying and substation development.

Under its infrastructure business segment, where the company bids to develop transmission projects, it has recently won inter-state transmission system projects in J&K as well as north-east India which will play a pivotal role in connecting clean and green power to the national grid. The Kishtwar transmission project is based in Jammu & Kashmir and comprises a 400/132kV GIS substation at Kishtwar and 400 kV Kishenpur - Dulhasti LILO (Line in Line out) transmission line.

## Lifestyle announces launch of Miss Raja Season 2 contest to celebrate Raja Parba in Odisha

Bhubaneswar : Lifestyle, India's leading fashion destination, announces its second season of Lifestyle Miss Raja in Bhubaneswar, to celebrate the occasion of Raja Parba. The #LifestyleMissRaja2022 contest aims to showcase the passion and unique fashion sensibilities of the city's young women. The three-day festival in Odisha, which is a celebration of womanhood, will be commemorated by Lifestyle through its 2nd season of Miss Raja Parba contest. Popular Ollywood actress Bhoomika Dash announced the contest on 27th May on her social

media. #LifestyleMissRaja2022 welcomes young women from Bhubaneswar to participate in the contest by uploading their most stylish picture on Instagram using the hashtag and tagging @LifestyleStores. The entries would be evaluated basis the stylish look created, and the number of likes garnered on the post. 10 pre-finalists will be announced on the 9th of June and invited for a stylish makeover in Lifestyle's newest trends by an industry expert and photographed professionally. These images will be further posted by the pre-finalists on their Instagram page for a voting round. The

contest will culminate on the 15th of June with the announcement of the winner with the highest votes. The grand finale will be conducted at the Lifestyle store in Esplanade One Mall and will have none other than the popular actress Bhoomika Dash announce the Lifestyle Miss Parba of 2022 and hand over voucher worth Rs. 50,000. The contest is being aggressively promoted through different online and offline avenues.

All the young fashionistas of Bhubaneswar who aspire to be successful models, #LifestyleMissRaja2022 provides a perfect platform to be recognized

for one's great fashion sense.

Announcing the contest, celebrity Bhoomika Dash said, "I feel glad to be associated with Lifestyle for the 2nd season of #LifestyleMissRaja2022 contest. This is a great way for the brand to connect with the young women of Bhubaneswar. Lifestyle is best known for its latest and trendy fashion collection across all categories with an affordable price range. Do visit the Lifestyle store at Esplanade mall for your Raja Parba shopping!"

Rohini Haldea, Assistant Vice President - Marketing, Lifestyle said,

"Celebrating the Raja Parba Fest in Bhubaneswar has been a great experience for us. The passion and enthusiasm of the participants truly fuel the energy of the contest. Lifestyle, with its trendy festive collection and #LifestyleMissRaja2022, proudly celebrates the festival with the young women of Bhubaneswar as a true ode to womanhood."

Lifestyle offers a great range of ethnic wear with vibrant colours and modern silhouettes that perfectly capture the vibe of the festive season.

## Airtel Xstream Fiber unlocks its NEW All-in-One plans

Bhubaneswar: To serve the needs of premium households who want the next generational connectivity and entertainment experience, Bharti Airtel ("Airtel"), India's premier communications solutions provider, has once again raised the bar in the home broadband segment with the launch of three new all-in-one plans built for the evolving entertainment needs of today's connected homes.

Vir Inder Nath, CEO - Homes, Bharti Airtel had this to say: "Our new plans are built for India's emerging entertainment needs. Through these bundle offers we plan to offer our discerning customers great value, convenience and unlock a multi-faceted digital experience."

Increased broadband consumption in Indian homes has given rise to the phenomena of hybrid viewing, where families are looking to consume OTT content on the TV screen along with linear TV without the hassle of managing multiple subscriptions and devices. Airtel's plans are the first of their kind in terms of catering to the evolving entertainment needs of the whole family and come with: Subscription to 17 premium OTTs to go with unlimited data. This includes Netflix, Amazon Prime, Disney+ Hotstar and Airtel Xstream Premium ((SonyLiv, Lionsgate, Hoichoi and 11 more OTTs). 350+ TV channels covering the best of linear TV. Airtel 4K Xstream TV Box\* that allows you to enjoy OTT and linear TV content with a single device and single remote.

## WHEC recognizes Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham as excellence worldwide in Gender Equality

Barcelona: Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham was invited to the UNESCO World Higher Education Conference (WHEC), which recently took place in Barcelona, Spain. UNESCO recognized Amrita as one of five universities of excellence worldwide for its performance in gender equality. The WHEC aims to reshape ideas and practices in higher

education to ensure sustainable development for the planet and humanity, as well as to define and prepare a roadmap for a new era of higher education. As the world comes out of COVID-19, the WHEC's goals and strategic scope remain, and the new timeframe represents an opportunity to deepen and expand common efforts of knowledge

production, policy dialogue, exchange, and networking.

Swami Amritaswarupananda Puri, President of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, participated in a round table called "Universities' Contribution to Gender Equality: A global perspective". Adding to his views Swami Amritaswarupananda expressed how Amrita is

making a difference in terms of gender equality and which policies have been put into place at the university level. Gender equality is number five in the United Nations' list of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). He explained how the culture of gender equality is not implemented only in terms of policies within Amrita, but also practiced in spirit.

The round table included Dr. Gloria Bonder, UNESCO Chair on Women, Science and Technology; Dr. Ricardo Vilanueva Lomeli, Rector General, University of Guadalajara; Ms. Elizabeth Shepherd, Leader of the Consultancy team, Times Higher Education; and Dr. Victoria Galan-Muros, Chief of Research and Analysis,

## Chennai Super Kings Players Reveal MS Dhoni's Dressing Room Speech After Winning IPL 2023 Title, Skipper Said 'Yeh Zaroor Sochna...'

**Chennai :** Chennai Super Kings (CSK) players like Shivam Dube and Tushar Deshpande have become Indian Premier League (IPL) champions for the first time in their career. But more than that the Mumbai duo have grown as cricketers under the leadership of MS Dhoni. Dube ended the IPL 2023 season after the second-highest six-hitter with 35 sixes, behind South African skipper Faf du Plessis while Deshpande ended up as the sixth highest wicket-taker with 21 wickets in 16 matches.

The duo revealed MS Dhoni's inspirational dressing room speech after CSK won their record-equalling fifth IPL title. "He told everyone hard work is paid off, but do remember what we did



right this year and where we went wrong. Mahi bhai said, 'Yeh season tumko kya seekha ke gaya hai, aur aage kya karna hai, yeh zaroor sochna', " Deshpande was quoted as saying by Indian Express newspaper.

Mumbai all-rounder Dube ended up as CSK's third highest run-getter

after Devon Conway and Ruturaj Gaikwad with 418 runs in 16 matches with 3 fifties and a strike-rate of 158.33. "Mahi bhai gave me clarity of thought. He told me what my role is. It was simple tuje jaake team ka run rate badhana hai. (You have to increase the run rate). Even if I get out early no problem but try

to complete the task given. The brief was clear," Dube told the Indian Express newspaper. Although Deshpande was expensive while bowling but he ended up as the leading wicket-taker for CSK. "Once I didn't bowl well, he said not to worry. Don't get bogged down and just follow the

process. Once during presentation he had said that the new impact rule, 200 plus score is the new normal. His mind is clear when he speaks. He gave the surety which is what (young) players want," Deshpande told the newspaper.

Both Dube and Deshpande will be hoping that Dhoni will be back in 2024 to guide them further but the CSK skipper will probably need to undergo surgery after playing with an injured knee throughout the IPL 2023 season. "Yes, it is true that Dhoni will be taking medical advice for his left knee injury and accordingly decide. If surgery is advised, it can only be ascertained after reports come out, it will be completely his call," CSK CEO Kasi Viswanathan told PTI.

## MLC 2023: Dale Steyn appointed bowling coach of Washington Freedom

**New Delhi:** Australian all-rounder Moises Henriques has been appointed as the captain of the Washington Freedom for the inaugural edition. Henriques, 36, comes in with a wealth of T20 leadership experience having won 2 titles with the Sydney Sixers in the last 5 seasons. Henriques is set to lead an array of international stars previously announced by the franchise including Anrich Nortje, Wanindu Hasaranga, Glenn Phillips, Marco Jansen and Adam Milne.

High Performance partners with Washington Freedom, Cricket New South Wales totally synergized their leadership resources with the franchise with the additional announcement of Greg Shipperd as the head coach. Shipperd has been incumbent in his role as head coach with the Sydney Sixers since the 2015 edition, after a 4



year stint with the Delhi Daredevils. The Freedom have also managed to rope in Dale Steyn as their bowling coach. Highly sought after as a coach after he called time on his playing career in 2021, Steyn will coach the Freedom after spells with Sunrisers Hyderabad and Sunrisers Eastern Cape. "We are very happy with the squad we have assembled so far. Moises and Greg have a history of winning championships together

at the Sydney Sixers. It is important to build that winning culture around a young franchise right from the offset. Also delighted to have the legend Dale Steyn on board with us. The idea of having such a figure on American shores spending time with some of the youngsters of the squad is truly exciting", said Sanjay Govil, owner of Washington Freedom MLC's inaugural edition is set to kick off on July 13 at the newly overhauled Air hogs stadium in Dallas.

## Sevilla Beat Jose Mourinho's AS Roma Via Penalties To Clinch UEFA Europa League Title



**Budapest:** Five months after scoring the winning penalty in the World Cup final, Gonzalo Montiel converted the clinching spot kick for Sevilla in the Europa League final Wednesday to beat Jose Mourinho's Roma. It earned Sevilla a seventh title in the competition. The Argentina international sent Roma goalkeeper Rui Patrício the wrong way with his

retaken penalty to seal a 4-1 win in the shootout after the match finished 1-1 after extra time in Budapest, where Mourinho was aiming to maintain his record of having never lost a final in European competitions. "I've won five finals and I lost this one, but I'm coming back home proud again," Mourinho told Sky Sport Italy. "The

boys gave everything." Gianluca Mancini and Roger Ibanez failed to convert for Roma from the spot against Sevilla goalkeeper Yassine Bounou. Montiel missed his first attempt but had another chance after Patrício was judged to have come off his line. Sevilla has still never lost a final it has contested in the Europa League or its precursor,

the UEFA Cup — the team also won the competition in 2006, '07, '14, '15, '16 and '20 — and secured a place in next season's Champions League. At one stage close to the relegation zone in the Spanish league and already eliminated from the Champions League, it had looked like a season to forget for Sevilla. But clearly it

was not over yet. A new coach, José Luis Mendilibar came in and things turned around quickly. "I'm happy to be here, to have won for the club, which was having a hard time when we got here," Mendilibar said. "We have done something good that can have repercussions for the good of the club."

Before the final, Mourinho actually had more European title wins than Mendilibar had total games managed in those same competitions. The 62-year-old Mendilibar's career is peaking since joining Sevilla just two months ago. As Sevilla players celebrated on the field, Mourinho kept his calm and congratulated the Spanish club on the victory.

"We lost a game but not dignity. I've never gone home prouder than today," Mourinho said. "Great match, great final. Intense, vibrant."

## Dhoni consults specialist for troubled knee, may undergo surgery

**New Delhi:** After winning the IPL final on Monday night, Mahendra Singh Dhoni vowed to return next season fitness-permitting, and he is already off the blocks in that regard. Less than 48 hours after making the announcement, he was consulting a specialist for his knee that troubled him all through the just-concluded season.

He was at the Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital and Medical Research Institute in Mumbai on Wednesday to have his knee treated, and may undergo surgery on Thursday. Dr. Dinshaw Pardiwala, who is the director of sports medicine at the hospital with specialisation in sports orthopaedics, is being consulted by the Chennai Super Kings captain. Dr Pardiwala is the same specialist who is treating another



wicket-keeper-captain of another IPL franchise - Rishabh Pant of Delhi Capitals. Dhoni has had consultations with CSK management before flying into Mumbai. In fact, the franchise has deputed its team physician Dr Madhu Thottappill along with the Dhoni's to Mumbai. The franchise confirmed the development. "He has gone to meet Dr Pardiwala and he is prepared to take the surgery route to recover fully for the next

season," CEO Kasi Viswanathan told Cricbuzz on Wednesday. During IPL 2023, Dhoni was constantly troubled by an injury to his left knee, something team coach Stephen Fleming had acknowledged mid-season. "He (Dhoni) is nursing a knee injury, which you can see in some of his movements, which is hindering him somewhat. But still what you saw is a great player for us. His fitness has always been very professional," the New Zealander had said.

## Matter of ticking off every session - Hazlewood on his fitness

**New Delhi:** Josh Hazlewood, the Australia pacer, sounded confident about his fitness ahead of the World Test Championship final following a training session at the Formby Cricket Club in West Lancashire on Tuesday (May 30).

Hazlewood, who has been hampered by a side issue in recent times, had to cut short his IPL campaign with the Royal Challengers due to the problem resurfacing. He got to play only three matches in the T20 league as he was recovering from an Achilles injury which forced him to miss the four Tests against India

and the subsequent three-match ODI series. "My fitness is pretty good and it is just a matter of ticking off every session from here until that date (June 7) basically," Hazlewood told the ICC after Australia's first official practice session. "We will probably have anywhere from three to four more sessions - bat versus ball and then a couple of longer days in the nets as well or centre wicket down in London - so it is just ticking off those last few boxes and pulling up well from every session."

"It was pretty close (to full pace today). I came down for a little bowl

yesterday just to loosen up and to get a bit more out of today's session, so it is feeling good. After a long few travel days it is always a case of the first one getting the cobwebs out and stretching out and doing some run-throughs just to get the blood flowing. It is always good to get the first one out of the way and when we get to London we will steam in."

Hazlewood bowled only nine overs during his recent IPL stint but the number of variations he employed could have led to the flare up of the side injury, the 32-year old reckoned.

"In T20 you are bowling



a lot of various different balls every over," he said. "A wide yorker, to a bouncer, to a slower ball and it probably got jammed up a little bit and

a bit of scar tissue from previous injuries flared up. It calmed down pretty quickly, I had a week off but I didn't quite get back to going 100 percent at

IPL. But the last few bowls have been good and I have been building up nicely."

After the WTC final scheduled from June 7 to

11, Australia will take on England in the Ashes which begins on June 18. When asked about his chances of featuring in all six Tests, Hazlewood said it was unlikely and that the Australian pacers, barring skipper Pat Cummins, are likely to be rotated during the series.

"If you asked that question three years ago I probably would have said I would have liked to play all six but it is just different now," Hazlewood said. "It is just so tightly consumed together now and coming off not an ideal build up ... but we have got enough quicks here and a couple of others

playing County cricket to cover all bases.

"Pat is perhaps looking at (playing) all six potentially depending how much we bowl in each, so you play it by ear a little bit. It is such a dense schedule, it is tough," he said. Some of the quicks in the squad like Michael Neser and Sean Abbott have been part of the ongoing County season while Scott Boland has shown a steady growth over the years. Hazlewood feels this will hold the Australian pace department in good stead ahead of their upcoming assignments.