

Death Toll In Balasore Train Accident Rises To 238

Balasore: The death toll in the tragic train mishap in Balasore district rose to 238. Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik visited the accident site to take stock of the situation. There are 238 casualties, around 650 passengers were injured. The victims have been taken to the hospitals in Gopalpur, Khantapada, Balasore, Bhadrak and Soro, informed the South Eastern Railway in a bulletin this morning. The rescue operation is still underway. The identified bodies are either being handed over to their relatives or transported to their respective destinations after autopsy. Statutory procedure will be followed for the unidentified ones, informed Odisha Chief Secretary Pradeep Kumar Jena today.



Speaking to media persons at the accident spot, Vaishnaw said, "Our prime focus is on rescue and proper treatment of the injured persons, and dissemination of proper information of the passengers to their relatives and restoration of railway services as well. "Restoration will begin after clearance from district administration. All machinery required for the restoration work

have been kept ready at Soro, Balasore," he said. Expressing grief over loss of lives, he said, "This was one of the tragic accidents. We are praying for the departed souls. The NDRF, SDRF and state government are carrying out a joint operation for rescue of injured passengers since last night. We will provide the best medical facilities in hospitals in

Bhubaneswar, Cuttack and Kolkata. A high-level committee has been formed to probe into the matter. The Commissioner of Railway Safety has been asked to join the probe to ascertain the exact cause of the accident." Meanwhile, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has also reached the accident site to review the situation and rescue operation.

In view of the tragic rail accident at Bahanaga, he ordered for State Mourning for a day. There will be no State celebration will take place on June 3, informed Odisha Information and Public Relations Department. Rescue operation is still going on. The 17 overturned coaches of the Coromandel Express and SMVT-Howrah Super Fast Express are being removed to see whether anyone is still trapped under the coaches. According to reports, two coaches of Bengaluru-Howrah Superfast Express (12864) derailed at Panapana at around 7.08 pm on Friday. Chennai-bound Coromandel Express (12841), which was passing on the route, collided with the derailed coaches killing several passengers on board. The massive accident also left more than 900 people injured.

State Mourning On 3 June



Bhubaneswar: Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has reviewed the rescue operation at Control Room, SRC, Bhubaneswar. CM has instructed to provide free medical treatment to all the injured victims in the BSKY facility hospitals and other private hospitals. Cost of medical expenses shall be borne by the State Government. 5-T Secretary V K Pandian also present at SRC and discussed about the rescue operation at the spot. ACS Revenue & Disaster Management Satyabrata Sahu has rushed to the spot and coordinating the entire ongoing rescue

operation. Chief Secretary Pradeep Jena said that around 550 persons have been carried to different local hospitals like Soro, Balasore, Bhadrak, near by the train accident occurred. SCB Medical College & Hospital, Cuttack has been kept in readiness for exigencies. CS informed that more than 200 ambulances have been rushed to services for shifting of accident victims to nearby hospitals. More than 50 persons have lost their life till now and it is expected to be more. More than 30 buses have been engaged for shifting of passengers to take their destinations

and nearby railway stations from where train services are available. As nos of trains have been detained in places between Jaleswar and Ganjam, all concerned SPs and Collectors have been instructed to render all possible support to passengers and control the public including law and order situation. Principal Secretary, Industries Department Hemant Sharma, BDA Vice Chairman & MD, OMC, Balwant Singh, Eastern Range IG, Himanshu Lal, DG, Fire Services Sudhanshu Sarangi have also been deployed to the accident site to monitor rescue operation.

OJEE Results Out



Bhubaneswar: The results of the Odisha Joint Entrance Examination (OJEE-2023) have been published. Minister, Skill Development and Technical Education Department, Preeti Ranjan Gharai declared the results of OJEE-2023 and released the Results Booklet on Friday.

Addressing Media Minister Sri Ghadai said that , this year, Odisha Joint Entrance Examination (OJEE-2023) was held during May, 2023 adopting all precautionary measures in compliance with relevant COVID guidelines.

The Entrance Examination was held

for various technical / professional courses, such as B. Pharm, LE-Tech. (Dip), LE-Tech. (B.Sc.), B CAT (2 streams), MBA, MCA/ MSc (Computer Sc), Int. MBA, LE-Pharm., M. Pharm, M. Arch, M. Plan and M. Tech. (11 specializations) running in different Government and Private Institutes /

Universities of the State for the academic year 2023-24. The Entrance Examination was conducted in Computer Based Test (CBT) mode for all the courses. Test Centres were set up in all the 30 districts of the State with a total 44 Test Centres in 30 cities of the state as well as 3

centres in three cities outside Odisha, namely, Kolkata, Ranchi and Patna. This year, a total 55,979 nos. of candidates registered for the examination, while 48,815 candidates (87%) appeared in the test. Out of these, 48,783 candidates have been allotted ranks in their corresponding courses as per their performance in the examination. The list of Toppers in different courses has been declared. The candidates can download their rank cards from the OJEE website (www.ojee.nic.in). All the candidates, who have been awarded ranks, can take part in OJEE counseling for admission to different technical / professional courses in Government and Private colleges/ Institutes of Odisha corresponding to their rank and other qualifying criteria.

President Murmu To Embark On Maiden State Visit From June 4

New Delhi: President Droupadi Murmu will visit Suriname from June 4 to June 6 and will then proceed to Serbia on June 7. "President Murmu will visit Suriname on the invitation of her Surinamese counterpart Chandrikapersad Santokhi. During the visit, she will hold special talks with President Santokhi and will also participate in several activities," Saurabh Kumar, Secretary, East, in the External Affairs Ministry, said. Secretary, West, Sanjay Verma while



briefing reporters said, "President Droupadi Murmu will pay a visit to Serbia on June 7 at the invitation of Aleksandar

Vucic, President of Serbia." He said that this will be her first state visit after assuming office in July 2022.

Amit Shah, JP Nadda To Visit Odisha This Month



Bhubaneswar: Union Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP National President JP Nadda will visit Odisha for several party programmes in the month of June. While Amit Shah will visit Odisha on June 17, Nadda will head for the state on June 22, informed Odisha BJP President Manmohan Samal today. Party sources said that the party chief and party leader will visit Odisha to attend 'Maha Jansampark' campaign launched by Prime

Minister Narendra Modi on May 31 to mark completion of nine years of BJP government at Centre. Under the month-long public connect campaign, a number of programmes will be held from May 31 to June 30. During the period, party's bigwigs will take part in public programmes across the country. As the party successfully completed nine years in power, total 41 mega public meetings will be held across the country.

Five of them will be organised in Odisha which will be attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, party chief JP Nadda and union ministers Amit Shah and Rajnath Singh, the chief of state BJP said.

For the Maha Jansampark campaign, the central leadership of BJP will start stepping in to Odisha from June 6. They will participate in the party programmes in different Lok Sabha constituencies to reach out every household in Odisha. The BJP has planned to touch at least one crore people in Odisha in Maha Jansampark Abhiyan on the achievements of Modi government and failures of the state government, Samal said.

Lord Jagannath's Snana Jatra On June 4; Know Timing Of Rituals

Bhubaneswar: The Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) and Puri district administration have started preparation for smooth conduct of Debasnana Purnima festival of Lord Jagannath and his siblings at Srimandir in Puri city on June 4 (Sunday). SJTA Chief Administrator Ranjan Kumar Das has recently held a meeting with the temple servitors to take stock of the arrangement for the bathing ritual of the deities. The SJTA has

finalised schedule for the Debasnana Purnima festival and urged the servitors for timely completion of the rituals," said an official of the 12th century shrine. The SJTA, meanwhile, urged the servitors not to loiter in front of the deities at the Snana Bedi (bathing altar). "Devotees usually face difficulties to have a glimpse of the deities due to the unauthorized loitering of the servitors at the Snana Bedi," said the official. We have put up barricades and sheds on the Grand

Road from the Market Square to the 12th century shrine for the convenience of the devotees. The shops along the Grand Road from the Market Square to the palace of Gajapati King will remain closed from June 3 to 5 to avoid rush near the temple," said Puri Collector S a m a r t h a Verma. Mangalarpan 3.30 am, Pahandi 4 am to 6 am, Mangalalati 8.10 am, Mailam 8.15 am, Tadaplaji 8.25 am, Adharpochha 8.45 am, Abakash 9.20 am, Rosahoma 9.30 am, Surya

Puja 9.55 am, Jalabije, Puja & Snana 11.20 am to 12.45 pm, Mailam, Besa 1.50 pm, Chhera Panhara 2 pm, Hati Besa 2.40 pm, Mahanta Sadhibandha 3.00 pm, Ghantachhata Sakaladhoopa 4.45 pm to 6.20 pm, Dakshinaghara Bhoga 5.30 pm, Sahanamela 6 pm to 9.30 pm, Puspanjali, Deralagi 10.00 pm, Bahuda Pahandi 10 pm to 1 am, Sunachita, Rahurekha Mailam 1.30 am. As per the tradition, Lord Jagannath and his siblings are given a ceremonial bath on the occasion of

Debasnana Purnima. The servitors of the 12th century shrine collect 108 pitchers of holy water from the Suna Kua (golden well) on the temple premises for performance of the ritual. They add herbal and aromatic essence to the water before pouring it on the deities on Snana Bedi. After the completion of the bathing ritual, the deities are adorned with Hati Besa (elephant attire) on the Snana Bedi.

Bluff commitment of Govt. to Vocational Trainers in Odisha, after 5 times strike in last one year

Bhubaneswar (KCN) :Odisha Vocational trainers'association's strike at Lower pmg in Day 4 with Demand like no Private Company at 5T schools and Job Security for Vocational trainers , Equal salary for equal Work (Uniform salary structure for all Vocational Trainers) & Maternity leave for female trainer also statutory facilities to them , Vocational education is implementing in various High & Higher secondary school in odisha from 2016 to agenda of making students skillful and strengthen them to not dependent on job Rather creation of job by

vocational knowledge and skills. There are 10 subject/ trade in class IX & X with 100 marks students can take any one subject instead of Hindi or Sanskrit . The Students of vocational subject are performing very good in mark scoring. There are totally 2122 vocational Trainers working under Private Company officially Called Vocational Trainer Provider (VTP) in various Govt. Schools of Odisha . Speculative topic is there are no Job Security , no maternity leave no transfer policy and Vocational Trainers Under NSQF 1922 vocational Trainers are getting only 20,050 and 200 Vocational trainers

Under Start Project crediting 15050 not regularly in every month , Where Vocational trainers who are tirelessly working to making students skillful on the agenda of Government to reduce job problem and making youth self - dependent by this vocational skill, there are 22 vtp are given responsibility to mobilize vocational Trainer in govt school by giving them 15% monetary profits . It's very sad to penning that nearly 10 VTP from these 22 are not eligible and banned in other states and non performing. Also 15 VTP From them has no office in Odisha and some are



managing from other states and some are control from residence of their project manager. In last 3 year No VTP has provided Training to Vocational trainer , Many VCs are not visiting to school by destroying the agreement

of OSEPA with them . Vocational Trainers are deploying to teach others subject like Odia , History , Geography , Sports, etc and VTP Staff are forcing Vocational trainers to make false guest lecturer and industry visit the

program is the backbone of the Vocational Education by which main aim of vocational education is misleading at some school level due to proper rule of Govt level and absence of duty of VTP. Wondrous is on which parameters VTP (

private company) are choosing Vocational Trainers for Government High Schools (5T) . With interference of private company corruption are made . adding VTP are inactive to giving statuary part like EPF ESI etc .Some Problem occurs at the time of evaluation at Board of secondary education odisha, Cuttack because it is the only place where all odisha vocational subject paper are evaluating with no proper monitoring guide personal. It need at least 4 centre like Sambalpur, Cuttack, Ganjam & Mayurbhanj in odisha by which all paper can be properly check and avoid

problems . Vocational Trainers'association is demanding Infront of State assembly Without stability like Job Security and facilitating to Vocational trainer and removing Private Company, VTPs arbitrary it's very difficult to make students skillful . Surprisingly there are only one programmer for 2122 vts in Odisha School Education programe authority (OSEPA) vocational wings so that many difficulties arises at Government level for good management of Vocational education so that it's Aim is not hampered

National Workshop on Kui and Desia Language Held at Central University of odisha

Koraput (KCN) :National Workshop on Kui and Desia language concluded at Central University of Odisha Learning material prepared in Kui and Desia language To prepare learning materials for the Kui and Desia speaking learners to learn in their mother tongue, as per the NEP-2020, a five-day National Workshop organized by The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), Regional Institute of Education (RIE), Bhubaneswar and Central University of Odisha (CUO) was concluded today on 02.06.2023 at the University campus. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, addressed this occasion. He conveyed his thanks to Prof. Dinesh Prasad Saklani, Director NCERT and Prof. Prakash Chandra Agarwal, Principal RIE for their support and guidance in this noble initiative initiated by Hon'ble Union Minister of Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan. Learning materials in Kui and Desia languages were prepared in the



workshop under the Chairmanship of Dr. Basant Kumar Panda and the supervision of Dr. Mahendra Kumar Mishra and Mr. Shivshankar Patnaik. Summary of National Workshop: Importance was given to listening, speaking, reading, and writing in Kui and Desia languages while preparing books. A list of the vocabulary of child-friendly vowels and consonants in Kui and Desia languages has been prepared, with appropriate illustration. Selection and formatting of the words collected for the preparation of the elementary bookThe lessons are prepared in a simple order consisting of vowels and consonants in the Kui and Desia language. Two alphabet books in Kui and Desia languages are prepared for the primary class. Additionally the Odia

letters were also introduced appropriately. The books will be on experiments with local Kui and Desia-speaking personThe revision and edition of the book will be done after various experiments at the initial level. Members of the Kui Samaja of Semiliguda visited the University and interacted with the Committee members. They are Habika Rabi, President; Bigyan Santa, Secretary; Biswanath Disari, Sana Jani, Binod Mandingi, Damodar Jani, Anil Sarika, Rudra Santa, Syam Sundar Pujari, Sridhar Jani, Hulka Sunam Jani, and Sana Jani. It may be recalled that the Regional Education Centre, Bhubaneswar, had formed two committees of Kui and Desiya language experts to prepare textbooks in Kui and Desia languages. Dr.

Parmanand Patel, Dr. Dileshwar Rana, Dr. Govind Chandra Pe Penthai, Suresh Khora, Birendra Madangi, Sana Santa, Hanak Tadingi, and Trinath Khora are members of the committee for the preparation of textbooks in Kui language. In contrast, Dr. Rajendra Padhi, Dr. Gopabandhu Mohanty, Dr. Kapila Khemondou, Dr. Rudrani Mohanty, Somnath Amanatya, Geetanjali Pujari, Narayan Majhi, Govind Kumjharia, and Surendra Tanti were members of the committee for the preparation of textbooks in Desia language. Dr. Jugal Kishor Mishra, Retd. Principal, DAIT, Jeypore and Dr. Phagunath Bhoi, PRO of the University present on this occasion. The next workshop will be organized in the Central University of Odisha, Koraput to finalise the work.

ICAR-CIFRI organized awareness program on fish disease surveillance and health management at PurbaMedinipur, West Bengal

Kolkata: Disease surveillance provides information on the health status of fish, which is an important step towards control and eradication measures, as well as to support early warning, risk assessment, contingency plans and emergency preparedness program for aquatic animal disease management. ICAR-Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute has organized one day awareness program on fish disease surveillance and health management under NSPAAD phase II project funded by Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY). Under the supervision of Dr. B.K. Das, Director ICAR-CIFRI, the program was organized at Contai, PurbaMedinipur, West Bengal, on 1st June



2023. A total of 32 fishers were participated in the program. During the program, Dr. Vikash Kumar ICAR-CIFRI enlighten the gathering on several areas of disease surveillance and health management of fish including aquatic environment vis-à-vis antimicrobial resistance issues, status of fish disease management, sustainable approaches for aquaculture development, etc. Later, team members

of NSPAAD phase II project addressed the gathering and motivated the fishers on the fish health and chemotherapeutic management and informed the fishers on negative effect of antibiotics and chemicals indiscriminate use in fishes. Later the team visited cultured facilities and sensitize the farmers about the importance of water quality and clinical signs on disease development and outbreak.

The pamphlet on both English and Bengali were prepared on disease identification and their possible management measures and distributed among the participants to sensitize the fishers for better management of their fish farm. Dr. Vikash Kumar, Mr. Asim Kumar Jana and research scholars of NSPAAD Phase II project Mr. Souvik Dhar, Mr. Satyanarayan Parida and Mr. Kampan Bisai coordinated the program with great efficiency.

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Prime Video Releases Post-Credits Teaser for Citadel: Diana, Starring Matilda De Angelis

Today, Prime Video has released the post-credits teaser for the next series of the 'Citadel Spyverse', 'Citadel: Diana', starring Matilda De Angelis (The Undoing) as the central character in the forthcoming series. 'Citadel: Diana' was locally created, produced, and filmed in Italy, with production wrapping earlier this year. Citadel: Diana will be available exclusively on Prime Video in over 240 countries and territories worldwide in 2024.

The Season One finale of 'Citadel', starring Richard Madden and Priyanka Chopra Jonas, dropped Friday, May 26 on Prime Video. After a season full of cinematic action, high stakes, and surprises episode-to-episode, the finale episode turned the dial up further by delivering huge twists with nail-biting reveals, as the agents of 'Citadel' discovered the identity of the mole who brought down the agency at the hands of rival syndicate Manticore. Betrayals were uncovered and questions were answered, and the consequences that unfolded in the finale episode created ripple effects that will be felt throughout the Spyverse. After the finale episode, an explosive post-credits teaser of 'Citadel: Diana' was revealed, offering an exciting look at what's to come as the 'Citadel Spyverse' expands with a new series.

'Citadel: Diana' comes from Cattleya (ZeroZeroZero)—part of ITV Studios—and showrunner and executive producer Gina Gardini, with Riccardo Tozzi, Marco Chimenz, and Giovanni Stabilini also serving as executive producers and Emanuele Savoini as co-executive producer. AGBO's Anthony Russo, Joe Russo, Mike Larocca, Angela Russo-Ostot, Scott Nemes, and David Weil (Hunters) executive produce on Citadel: Diana and all series within the global Citadel universe. Midnight Radio executive produces 'Citadel: Diana' and all series within the global Citadel universe. Citadel: Diana is directed by Arnaldo Catinari and developed by Alessandro Fabbri, who is also the



head writer, and wrote the series with Ilaria Bernardini, Laura Colella, Gianluca Bernardini, and Giordana Mari. As previously announced, other cast members alongside Matilda De Angelis include Lorenzo Cervasio, Maurizio Lombardi, Julia Piaton, Thekla Reuten, Giordana Faggiano, Daniele Paoloni, Bernhard Schütz, and Filippo Nigro.

All episodes of the first season of the landmark series 'Citadel' are now streaming. Season Two of 'Citadel', starring Richard Madden and Priyanka Chopra Jonas, will begin production this year, with Joe Russo serving as

colleague, Bernard Orlick (Stanley Tucci), who desperately needs his help to prevent Manticore from establishing a new world order. Mason seeks out his former partner, Nadia, and the two spies embark on a mission that takes them around the world in an effort to stop Manticore, all while contending with a relationship built on secrets, lies, and a dangerous-yet-undying love.

From Amazon Studios and the Russo Brothers' AGBO, Citadel is executive produced by Anthony Russo, Joe Russo, Mike Larocca, Angela Russo-Ostot, and Scott Nemes for AGBO, with David Weil serving as showrunner and executive producer. Josh Appelbaum, André Nemeç, Jeff Pinkner, and Scott Rosenberg serve as executive producers for Midnight Radio. Newton Thomas Sigel and Patrick Moran also serve as executive producers.

Citadel Continues - Citadel, starring Richard Madden and Priyanka Chopra Jonas and featuring Stanley Tucci and Lesley Manville, is the debut of a landmark global franchise. Executive produced by the Russo Brothers' AGBO, Citadel and its subsequent series traverse the globe with interconnected stories. Each Citadel series is locally created, produced, and filmed in-region, and stars top talent, forming a distinct global franchise. Season Two of Citadel will begin production this year, with Joe Russo serving as director. The next series in the Citadel Spyverse is the Italian series, Citadel: Diana, starring Matilda De Angelis and set to launch in 2024. An India series is also in the works, starring Varun Dhawan and Samantha Ruth Prabhu.

Ankita Lokhande Shares Throwback Video On 14 yrs of 'Pavitra Rishta', Fans Remember Sushant Singh Rajput

On the fourteenth anniversary of the iconic television serial 'Pavitra Rishta' on Wednesday, actress Ankita Lokhande, who played the memorable Archana in the show, said that she still feels connected with her "first baby." 'Pavitra Rishta' aired from June 2009 to October 2014. It is an adaptation of the Tamil television series Thirumathi Selvam. Along with Ankita, the show starred late actor Sushant Singh Rajput, who played the endearing Manav.

In late 2018, and later in 2020 after the death of Sushant Singh Rajput, the series was rebroadcast. A web series titled 'Pavitra Rishta - Its Never too Late' aired on from September 2021 starring Ankita Lokhande reprising her role as Archana and Shaheer Sheikh as Manav. Ankita took to Instagram, where she shared a clip of all her looks from the show and wrote: "14 years of Pavitra rishta and still feels so fresh and connected with my first ever baby.. Thanku God for everything!!" She added: "And thank



you so much and Thank u for giving me the new identity as Archana because the people who loved me during the show when they see or meet me now also, the first name which comes in there mind is

archu and I love it so much.."
"Thank u so much everyone around who has loved and watched this beautiful show called pavitra rishta with all there heart and soul .. I'm grateful forever."
Fans took to the comment section and shared how much they miss Sushant Singh Rajput, who ventured into acting with the show. One wrote: "Sushant u r missed every minute." Another wrote: "Sushant Singh Rajput is missing your video plz one pic SSR."

Happy Birthday R Madhavan: 'Rehna Hai Tere Dil Mein' To 'Rocketry: The Nambi Effect'



He ventured into diverse roles across genres, showcasing his versatility as an actor. With his talent and charm, the 'Rocketry' actor has won the hearts of millions of fans worldwide.

Madhavan's ability to seamlessly transition between romantic, dramatic and character-driven roles has solidified his position as a multitalented actor in both industries. As the actor will turn 53 on Thursday, here are some of his notable performances that highlight his versatility.

Maddy in 'Rehna Hai Tere Dil Mein'
His portrayal of Maddy in 'Rehna Hai Tere Dil Mein' left a lasting impression and made the audience fall in love with his character's journey. Maddy starts off as a carefree and mischievous college student, but his life takes a turn when he falls in love with Reena Malhotra, played by Dia Mirza.

Sara Ali Khan Wraps 'Ae Watan Mere Watan,' Shares Heartfelt Note

Sara Ali Khan is the most promising actress in the industry who has always given her best to portray her characters on the screen with sheer brilliance. Well-known to be a director's actor, Sara is an actress who believes in surrendering her art to the director to put their vision in front of the camera.

Sara was just shooting for 'Murder Mubarak' and then shifted to 'Ae Watan Mere Watan' shoot which indeed speaks a lot about the dedication that she put into her craft as she effortlessly shifts from one character to another which is very different from each other. She treated the fans with a glimpse of her from the sets of 'Ae Watan Mere Watan' capturing the stills of her character while she thanked her director Kannan Iyer for choosing



her to portray such a powerful character. As Sara shared some glimpses of her character in 'Ae Watan Mere Watan' on her social media, she can be seen donning a white saree as she carries the intensity of her character. Fully drenched in her character, the actress further jotted down the caption in which she thanked the director and her attachment to the character. She wrote - "Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever." - Mahatma Gandhi. Thank you Kannan sir for choosing me to portray this powerful character; a true personification of strength, dignity and passion. Some parts stay

etched in our souls, and I know I will carry this one with me forever... Jai Bholenath"
Apart from this, the actress also shared a picture of her with the clapboards of her upcoming films 'Murder Mubarak' and 'Ae Watan Mere Watan' as post 'Murder Mubarak' wrap, the actress jumped on to 'Ae Watan Mere Watan' sets and wrapped that film too. So, by now, Sara already has two films wrapped. Marking the Labour Day, she wrote - "Other than 'Murder Mubarak' and 'Ae Watan Mere Watan', Sara will also feature in Laxman Utekar's next opposite Vicky Kaushal titled 'Zara Hatke Zara Bachke' and also Anurag Basu's 'Metro...In Dino' for which she will resume shoot in Mid-May.

SOCIO-ECONOMICS OF GROWING INDIA'S FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES



Prof. Sunil Goyal

India's foreign exchange reserves witnessed an increase from \$7.196 billion to \$595.98 billion as on May 5, 2023, shows the Reserve Bank of India data. India's foreign exchange reserves rose to a 10-month high of \$588.8 billion in the week to April 28, recovering from a decline of \$524.5 billion last October when the rupee hit a record low against the US dollar. Expressed in dollar terms, foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units such as the Euro, Pound and Yen held in foreign exchange reserves. Overall FCA increased by \$6.536

billion to reach \$526.021 billion. Gold reserves rose by \$659 million to \$46.315 billion, while special drawing rights (SDRs) declined by \$19 million to \$18.447 billion. India's reserve position with the IMF increased by \$20 million to \$5.192 billion. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.03 per cent to 101.90. In October 2021, the country's foreign exchange reserves were to touch an all-time high of USD 645 billion. Reserves were declining as the central bank deployed its kitty to protect the rupee amid pressure mainly due to global developments. Economists said India's foreign exchange reserves are currently at a comfortable level,

benefiting from frequent RBI interventions and the possibility of less volatile revaluation changes. From October 2022, the RBI is rebuilding

the forward market. Its net outstanding forward dollar purchases rose to \$20.4 billion in February, the latest month for which data

here that foreign exchange reserves are the amount of money or other assets kept in the central bank of any country, so that it can pay its liabilities when

bank notes, foreign bank deposits, foreign treasury bills and short-term and long-term government securities. However, gold reserves, special

Emphasis has been laid on increasing exports of the government is emphasizing on reducing imports and increasing exports. Due to this, the government has also started Production Linked Incentive (PLI). According to this plan, the Center will give incentives on additional production and is allowing companies to export products made in India.

current foreign reserves are sufficient to meet the country's import bill for one year. Increase in foreign exchange reserves helps the rupee to strengthen its position against the dollar. At present the foreign exchange reserves to GDP ratio is around 16.8%. The growing foreign exchange reserves are enough to give the market an assurance that the country is capable of dealing with external and domestic problems.



reserves, taking advantage of the recovery of the rupee. According to its data, the central bank bought more than \$ 8 billion in the spot market in November and December. RBI is also buying dollars in

is available, after declining to \$241 million in October. "Reserves (both spot and forward) are now equivalent to 10.4 months of import cover, as against about 8.9% in October 2022." It is worth mentioning

needed. Foreign exchange reserves are held in one or more currencies. Foreign exchange reserves are held mostly in dollars and to a lesser extent in euros. Overall foreign exchange reserves should consist only of foreign

drawing rights (SDRs), and deposits with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) also form part of foreign exchange reserves, mainly, if the government behind the increase in foreign exchange reserves.

For a fast-growing economy like India, the importance of foreign exchange reserves for the economy is immense. The increase in foreign exchange reserves not only helps the government and RBI to deal with any external or internal financial crisis arising due to the decline in economic growth, also, it provides a comfortable position to the country in times of crisis on the economic front. The

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Facial Mist for Skin Brightening

Shahnaz Husain



Cucumber is one of the cheapest, safest, and most sustainable options in summer and it works excellent for our skin.

Its high water content not only hydrates your skin but also acts as a natural coolant for the skin. It soothes, calms, and revitalizes sun-damaged skin. Moreover, it closes the pores and reduces oiliness. Cucumber face masks can revive tired skin and get rid of sun tan and acne.

We're well into the sweltering heat of summer. Looking fresh and glowing all day long can be quite a task, especially in summer when skin is exposed to harsh weather, scorching heat, sweating, and pollution. Homemade Face mists are great skin coolers to beat the scorching heat that will keep your skin shining and your pockets safe. A face mist helps refresh the skin and keep it balanced throughout the day. Whether you want to hydrate your parched skin, brighten your faded complexion or restore nutrients lost due to continuous exposure to harsh sunlight, face mists are your answer.

Depending on the ingredients, the spray mist can tone the skin, or close the pores, or reduce oiliness. It can also have a healing effect on eruptive conditions and may moisturize the skin. Simply formulated, a facial spray can be a wonderful pick-me-up treatment. Facial mists also help to "set" your make-up. Instead of a powdery or chalky finish, you can have a moist and healthy look after

applying makeup. To make a spray mist at home, you will need a spray bottle and distilled water. Or, you can use mineral water, instead of distilled water. Rose water

be a wonderful face toner and an astringent. It closes the pores and reduces oiliness of the skin. It also has a mild skin-whitening effect. Cucumber is packed

It will not only tone the skin, but also remove tan over a period of time. Cucumber juice can also be mixed with one teaspoon of mint juice and a cup of mineral water.



may also be used. In fact, you can put rose water in the spray bottle and chill it in the fridge. You can also mix rose water in equal quantities with cucumber juice. Cucumber is a natural coolant and cucumber juice can

with natural toning properties, so you can use it twice a day as a toner alone. You can make a facial mist with cucumber juice, mixing the juice of one cucumber with one tablespoon of rose water and one cup of mineral water.

The juice of one cucumber can also be mixed with half a teaspoon of lemon juice, one teaspoon aloe vera juice and one cup rose water. Chill the mixture in the fridge. This spray mist will close the pores and also moisturize the skin,

without making it oily. You can also mix one tablespoon of cucumber juice with one cup coconut water. It makes a most refreshing skin toner, also cooling the skin. It is also a skin whitening beauty treatment if used over a period of time and lightens skin blemished. You can also take 10 gms of rose petals and put them in a bowl. Add two cups of hot water to cover them and let them infuse in the water. Leave overnight. Next morning cool and strain and then add one tablespoon of cucumber juice and the contents of one Vitamin E capsule. Mix well. Put in a spray bottle and use it to spray a fine mist on the face. It helps to tone, refresh and nourish the skin. Cut a fresh cucumber and ripe tomato into chunks. Blend the chunks in

a food processor and process until smooth. Pat the mixture, without rubbing, onto your face and neck using your fingers. Let it sit on your skin for five minutes. Rinse well with lukewarm water and pat dry with a clean towel. Keep the remaining mixture in a container and store it in your refrigerator for up to 15 days. Use it daily. Take the juice of medium size ½ cucumbers in a small bowl. Pour ½ cup of distilled water. Add 1 tsp of aloe Vera juice. Finally add 1 tsp of witch hazel. Mix it well and keep it in a small bottle. Use it whenever you need freshness. One should take care not to use too much facial mist sprays. They provide a cool, fresh feeling, but that does not mean you drench yourself with it. Too much can actually cause your

make-up to run, instead of helping to set it. Hold the spray bottle about 6-8 inches away from the face and spritz the solution 2-3 times. Allow it to dry naturally while ensuring that the skin absorbs all the goodness! Home beauty recipes should not be made in large quantities. You should use a light moisturizing spray and avoid using too much. Different ingredients can be steeped in hot water, cooled and then strained and used in a facial mist. Among these are lemon and orange peels, lemon or orange slices, grapefruit, aloe vera juice, etc., apart from cucumber. Store the liquid in a refrigerator.

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EU India to step up Global Gateway cooperation in North East India

Shillong: With an objective to boost smart, green and secure connectivity investments in North Eastern States of India, European Union (EU)-India Global Gateway conference was today inaugurated in Shillong, Meghalaya. Organized by the Delegation of the European Union to India and Bhutan, the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and Asian Confluence, the two-day conference brings together public and private stakeholders to enhance connectivity policy dialogue and investments between the EU, India's Eastern and North-Eastern States (Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, and Sikkim) and its immediate neighbours (Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Nepal). The conference aims to enhance dialogue and

identify priority connectivity needs in the region. It was inaugurated by Mr. Conrad Kongkal Sangma, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Meghalaya, and Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of External Affairs, in the presence of Mr. Koen Doens, Director General, Directorate General for International Partnerships, European Commission, Mr. Ugo Astuto, Ambassador of the European Union to India and Bhutan and Mr. Santosh Jha, Ambassador of India to the European Union. Senior government officials of the North Eastern States, Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh and stakeholders from the private sector will be participating in the conference. The conference is organized as part of the EU's Global Gateway.



This initiative will help to map out the existing connectivity projects in North-East across three Global Gateway priorities – digital, climate & energy, transport, – with a view to identifying gaps and opportunities for future EU India cooperation. The recently held EU and India Trade and Technology Council (TTC) also recognised

these as key deliverables. On the first day of the conference, Mr. Koen Doens, Director General, Directorate General for International Partnerships, European Commission said, "Global Gateway is part of the positive agenda we are implementing under our partnership with India. We very much welcome the Union Cabinet's approval of the

CITIIS 2.0 programme. We look forward to helping deliver better connectivity in the North East of India, as Team Europe, for which this conference can play a significant role in generating new ideas." Speaking at the event, EU Ambassador to India Mr. Ugo Astuto said, "Through Global Gateway the EU and India can work together

for sustainable and resilient infrastructure. This is also true for the North East, which has much to gain from enhanced connectivity with the rest of India and the region." The insights generated through the discussions will complement the findings of the mapping study to identify the priority investment needs in the region as per five Global Gateway sectors serving as a stepping-stone towards drafting an "EU-India North East Investment Pipeline Roadmap 2025". The initial mapping has identified 120 projects across all five sectors of the Global Gateway led by Team Europe and Indian stakeholders, international organisations and partner countries. To promote jointly a transparent, viable, inclusive, sustainable, comprehensive, and rules-

based approach to connectivity, the EU and India signed a connectivity partnership during the leaders' meeting held in May 2021. Global Gateway: European strategy to boost smart, clean and secure links in digital, energy and transport sectors and to strengthen health, education and research systems across the world. It stands for sustainable and trusted connections that work for people and the planet, to tackle the most pressing global challenges, from climate change and protecting the environment, to improving health security and boosting competitiveness and global supply chains. Global Gateway projects are driving sustainable and transparent investment in Europe's partner countries all around the world.

C Sivakumar takes over as Regional Executive Director (WR-II & USSC)

Raipur: C Sivakumar has taken over as Regional Executive Director (WR-II & USSC) of NTPC Nava Raipur on Thursday. Prior to this, Sivakumar was Executive Director-USSC (Unified Shared Services Centre) at NTPC Nava Raipur. A Mechanical Engineer from Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, Sivakumar joined NTPC in 1985 as an Executive Trainee. He has rich and varied experience in the areas



National Convention of All India Joint Advocates Forum held at Sindhu Bhawan, Bhopal



Bhopal (KCN): National Convention of All India Joint Advocates Forum was organised at Sindhu Bhawan, Bhopal. Thousands of advocates from all over the country were present. The program was started by Saraswati Vandana. The national president of the program, Chandra Kumar Baleja ji told about this forum that here the advocate forum has been working for the Advocates Protection Act for the last 3 years and the team of this forum is directly trying for its work in the state. And the Rajasthan team has been successful in this effort, now we have to get the Act implemented by the government at the national level for advocates. Today the advocate makes his full contribution in providing justice to the people of every region and this society, but the government does not take a single step in his interest, the government will have to take steps in the interest of the advocates by changing this rule. After this, all the state presidents expressed their condolences for the advocate ad in their respective addresses and said that today if anything happens outside the court building with an advocate, So no one is responsible for it, even the report of the advocates is not written by the administration and administration and advocates do not get priority in any field. The people of the areas get the same rights, the government will have to

implement them for the advocates as well. So that the advocates can live with their heads raised in the society and lead a fearless life. Along with this, some other speakers told about the injustice done to the advocates in their address and said that if an advocate is killed outside the court building or if something wrong is done to him, then any administration and government will take care of him. Does not help, nor is there any such law that he gets his compensation, nor is any compensation given to the advocate's family after his death so that his family can live their lives. The main objective of the All India Joint Advocates Forum is that such an act should be made for the advocates or an act should be implemented in which the advocates are given compensation to their families after their death, they are given a pension after their retirement, concession in toll tax should get, there should be a reservation in train, an act should be made to give them priority in every field, the way it is for people of other fields. After the address, all the advocates on the dais were welcomed to the state president, who were the guests on the dais during the reception. Ravindra Founder Patron National, National President Chandra Kumar Baleja Manohar Chanchlani State President Rajasthan, Jai Shankar Prajapati State President Gujarat, Ganga Prasad Yadav State President Uttar Pradesh, maadhav

maalaveey raashtreey prabhaaree, tarun patel varishth pradesh mahaamantree ved prakaash nema raashtreey mahaasachiv, shailendr saksena pradesh adhyaksh madhy pradesh, monika jain pradesh upaadhyaksh madhy pradesh, jameel kuraishiee raashtreey mahaasachiv, raajshree panchavaalee raashtreey mahaasachiv pavan saksena raashtreey sachiv, manoj sanapaal raashtreey sangathan mantree keke sharma raashtreey sachiv, jinendr jadavaanee raashtreey adhyaksh yuva prakoshth. Madhav Malviya National Incharge Tarun Patel Senior State General Secretary Ved Prakash Nema National General Secretary Shailendra Saxena State President Madhya Pradesh Monika Jain State Vice President Madhya Pradesh Jameel Qureshi National General Secretary Rajesh Panchwali National General Secretary Pawan Saxena National Secretary Manoj Sanpal National Organization Minister KK Sharma National Secretary Jinendra Jadwani National President Youth Cell. Jaya Aggarwal media in-charge said, It is the endeavor of the advocates that the advocates get an opportunity to earn their living with the same rights that the people of other areas get, so that the young advocates who become advocates should also be proud to be advocates.

IIT Kharagpur inks MoU with HCLTech to Jointly Develop Innovative and Sustainable Solutions for Petroleum Industry

Kolkata: IIT Kharagpur inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with HCLTech, a leading global technology company on Wednesday (May 31, 2023), to collaborate in the field of petroleum engineering and earth sciences. HCLTech and IIT Kharagpur will jointly develop innovative and sustainable solutions to address critical challenges of the petroleum industry including reduction of carbon footprint and provide significant sustainable solutions towards net zero carbon emissions. Under the agreement, HCLTech will work to provide opportunities to

students and research scholars from IIT Kharagpur to undertake projects and internships at the company, using state-of-the-art technologies to develop digital solutions in the exploration, drilling and production of hydrocarbons. Both IIT Kharagpur and HCLTech will initiate collaboration on programmes of sustainability that includes discussions, podcasts and joint presentations at international forums on transformative initiatives in the oil and gas sector. We are pleased to work with HCLTech on this path-breaking initiative. Academia and industry

need to forge such symbiotic partnerships that will be instrumental in advancing research and innovation in technology, besides creating a skilled workforce. Joint activities in research and development have tremendous potential for creating economic and social impact on society," remarked Prof. Chandan Chakraborty, Dean (R&D), IIT Kharagpur. "The joint partnership is focused on developing advanced solutions for the oil and gas industry using cutting-edge technologies such as AI/ML, IoT, Industry 4.0, digital engineering,

and cloud computing. We aim to introduce eco-friendly solutions that promote innovation, optimise value and prioritise low-carbon sustainability within the industry," said Ajay Bahl, Chief Growth Officer, Americas, Mega Industries, HCLTech. Across the value chain, HCLTech provides solutions spanning complex engineering in the upstream and leverages its experience and capabilities in digital transformation, IoT, automation, analytics and artificial intelligence to help unlock value for organisations in their transformation journey.

Jagannath Bhajan at ICCR Kolkata mesmerized the audience on 31st May 2023

Kolkata (Partha Roy): ICCR Kolkata hosted "Lok Sangeet Sandhya" as a part of its Horizon Series program on 31st May 2023. Renowned Lok Sangeet Singer from Odisha Smt. Susmita Das enthralled the audience by singing varieties of Lok Sangeet. As Puri in Odisha, Kolkata in West Bengal and around the world famous Jagannath Ratha Yatra will be celebrated soon, Jagannath Bhajan sung by Susmita Das held the audience spell bound. People of Odisha, West Bengal and followers of Lord Jagannath Deva around the world entered into mood and spirit of annual celebration of festivities of Lord Jagannath Deva in the month of June 2023. Susmita Das enthralled Kolkata Audience by her mellifluous voice. Renowned Singer Susmita Das (Kendriya

Sangeet Natak Akademi Winner) enthralled the audience at the Satyajit Ray Auditorium, ICCR, Kolkata, with a captivating performance during the Lok Sangeet Sandhya. She regaled the crowd with rendition of Tribal songs from Odisha, Shiv Tandav, Raja song, Aau Nakara, Bahana, Jagannath Bhajan, Rasagola, Anka Banka, Bengali Folk, a few old Hindi Film songs. The program was for an hour and the attendees were left spellbound. Susmita Das's efforts to promote tribal songs of various tribes of Odisha in national and international platforms facilitate to promote rich cultural heritage of various tribes of Odisha

to international audience as well as spread awareness of rich cultural heritage of indigenous people of Odisha and near by regions. In the last year alone, Susmita Das's songs and music videos won 20+ national and international awards for her and Odisha.

Her versatility pans through poems and literature folk and covers devotional and contemporary themes. Susmita Das is an extremely popular name in India, particularly in Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Dehradun, Mumbai, Kolkata, and Jharkhand and among Odia diaspora around the world. Susmita Das has performed more than 500 live performances. Her mission has been to attract serious listeners to meaningful music based on high quality lyrics. Susmita Das's forte has been soulful music with meaningful lyrics, which seeks to revive interest of listeners and audiences to quality based writings in musical compositions

of Mechanical Erection and Maintenance, Project Construction, Safety and Unified Shared Services. He held several important positions in a career spanning around 38 years and worked at Vindhyachal, Korba, Mouda, BRBCL (Nabinagar), Dadri and CC-EOC Noida of NTPC. To his credit, Sivakumar also headed BRBCL and Dadri stations of NTPC. With his rich and varied experience, NTPC Nava Raipur will be benefited greatly under his guidance and dynamic leadership in the days to come.



– a marked feature of the yesteryears. Expressing her gratitude, Susmita Das said, "Performing at Lok Sangeet Sandhya was a truly fulfilling experience. I am grateful to the audience for their love and support. Music has the power to transcend boundaries and unite people, and I am humbled to be a part of this magical journey." Susmita Das thanked ICCR and it's Zonal Director Ms. Minakshi Misra and Team ICCR for organising the musical evening. ICCR Kolkata live streamed the program in social media platform Facebook Live to connect to global audience. Susmita Das has been known to champion topical songs in her works, for which she has been honoured by various government and private institutions.

IAS Meets IAS

Bhubaneswar: Ace Mandarin, Satyabrata Sahu has appreciated efforts of Budding IAS Officer, Kasturi Panda for her success in UPSC 2022 Examination, in which she came out with flying colors.

Ms. Panda called on Satyabrata Sahu, ACS Revenue & Disaster Management, Odia Language, Literature and Culture, Forest Environment & Climate Change here on 1 June. Shri Sahu congratulated her for the grand success in UPSC Exam and presented a handicraft piece depicting Odisha Culture. Ms. Panda gave out details as to how she succeeded in the UPSC Examination with Sociology as subject.

ACS Shri Sahu said the Indian Civil Service presents lot of



opportunities to serve people and society at large.

He said no post is unimportant or punishment, one has to apply innovative thinking and service minded approach towards the work.

ACS Shri Sahu said one has to work without any agenda but with an intention to serve the people, which will earn goodwill and happiness.

While Ms. Panda did brilliantly well in State Civil Service, she also proved her mettle in UPSC Exam to get into elite IAS. All along a brilliant student and hard working personality. Ms. Panda has her support and inspiration from her loving father, Sarada Prasad Panda, a Civil Servant serving in the Government of

Odisha. Shri Panda is the Joint Secretary in the Department of Housing & Urban Development is known for his efficiency and hardwork. Shri Panda is also the Director of the State Urban Development Agency (SUDA), which is spearheading development process in the Urban Zones of the State.

Gandhiji's statue unveiled at Dhumat in Kendrapara

KENDRAPARA: A statue of Mahatma Gandhi was on Tuesday unveiled at Dhumat village where the Father of the Nation had stayed during his historic padayatra in Kendrapara district in 1934.

Kendrapara MLA and former minister Sashi Bhusan Behera unveiled the statue to mark the 89th anniversary of Gandhi's visit to

Dhumat.

The fibre statue has been built to remind people of the significance of 1934 padayatra and highlight Gandhi's role in the freedom struggle. On this occasion, many people paid rich tributes to Gandhi. The event was organised by the Kendrapara administration in collaboration with the district freedom

fighters' Association. The Father of the Nation had halted at Dhumat village on May 30, 1934. During his padayatra, he spent five days in Kendrapara and toured different places in the district. Gandhi also took bath while sitting on a stone in Dhumat village. A pedestal and busts of Gandhi and freedom fighter Gopabandhu Das have

been built around the bathing stone.

A large number of villagers of Dhumat, Indupur and nearby areas took the plunge in the freedom struggle in response to the call given by Gandhi during his visit to Kendrapara. He also allowed Dalits to enter temples in some villages during his long walk in 1934.

Villagers lynch two 'anti-socials' in Sundargarh

ROURKELA: Two anti-socials who had kept the remote J Raiboga village on tenterhooks were allegedly lynched to death by a group of angry locals in the intervening night of Monday and Tuesday. The matter came to light after Bhasma police swung into action and arrested 16 villagers for what is believed to be a revenge killing. The 16 arrested are in the age group of 25 to 45 years. They were produced before a court in Sundargarh town by

Bhasma police on Wednesday evening.

The deceased were identified as Radheshyam Raxa (30) and Ranjit Magda (45). Raxa was an anti-social element, while Magda was a criminal notorious in the area. On Sunday, Magda and Raxa with a few other associates assaulted a village youth following which a police complaint was lodged against them. The duo and its aides again allegedly attacked another youth and wanted to rob him on

Monday, creating widespread resentment among other villagers, Sundargarh SDPO Himanshu Behera said. The villagers then tracked down Raxa, Magda and others and unleashed a fatal attack on them on Monday night. Raxa was critically injured, while Magda and others managed to escape. Raxa who was undergoing treatment at Sundargarh district headquarter hospital succumbed in the early hours of Tuesday. The angry villagers, however,

did not stop there and kept searching for Magda. When they found him hiding on the outskirts of the village, they attacked and killed him too, in the wee hours of Tuesday. Police said the villagers used sticks and stones to kill the duo. Magda's son in a complaint alleged that his father was killed with a hammer which is yet to be verified. As the complainant claimed the villagers also stole mobile phones of the deceased duo, they were booked for committing dacoity and murder.

Odisha government announces substantial hike in ex gratia for wildlife attack victims

BHUBANESWAR: Odisha government on Wednesday announced a substantial hike in ex gratia compensation for damage to life and property in wildlife attacks, in a decision that seeks to address growing man-animal conflict in the state.

Now, kin of people losing their lives in human-wildlife conflicts will be entitled to a compensation of Rs 6 lakh, up from Rs 4 lakh earlier. Similarly, existing compassionate grant of Rs 1 lakh, provided for permanent injury in wild animal attacks, stands hiked to Rs 2.5 lakh for suffering disability of more than 60 per cent and Rs 1.5 lakh for less than 60 per cent disability.

The Chief Minister's Office (CMO) said, the compassionate grant provided for permanent injury, temporary injury,

loss of property and crop damage has also been increased significantly as a measure to check escalation of conflicts.

The announcement comes days after The New Indian Express carried a report 'Man-Animal Conflict: Too much pain, too little relief' highlighting how poor compassionate grant is forcing people with permanent injuries to live in misery, making the crisis worse in the state. PCCF (Wildlife) SK Popli said with the fresh announcement, Odisha's compassionate grant has become highest among states in the east-central belt. "Our compassionate grant for those permanently injured is also one of the highest in the country," he said.

As per the notification, people who suffer temporary injuries will be provided free treatment and a compensation of Rs

5,000, while those in need of treatment of more than a week will be provided free treatment and financial aid of Rs 10,000. The PCCF said compensation for loss of livestock in wild animal attack has also been raised to Rs 37,500 for cow and buffalo and Rs 32,000 for bullock against the existing assistance of Rs 5,000. The compassionate grant for crop damage has also been doubled. As per the notification, financial assistance provided to farmers for loss to paddy and cereal crops in wild animal attacks has been increased to Rs 20,000 from existing Rs 10,000 per acre. Similarly, compensation for cash crops has been hiked to Rs 25,000 from existing Rs 12,000 per acre.

Moreover, financial assistance for partial

damage to house in wild animal attack, which was Rs 2,000 till now, has been increased to Rs 10,000, while assistance for complete damage of house, which was Rs 10,000 has been hiked to Rs 20,000.

Provision of a house under Biju Pucca Ghar for permanent damage to property is still there. However, the government has decided an amount equivalent to the pucca ghar will be given where it is not possible to provide the victim with a concrete dwelling, forest officials said.

Rs 6 lakh ex gratia for kin of people losing lives in man-animal conflict Rs 2.5 lakh for suffering disability of over 60 % Rs 1.5 lakh for suffering disability of less than 60 % Rs 10,000 and free treatment for those who suffer temporary injuries

Some farmers count blessings, many distressed over crop loss

BARGARH: While some farmers of Bargarh district are gearing up for the procurement of the rabi paddy which is scheduled to begin from May 6, several others who suffered crop loss due to hailstorm and pest attack are now in distress. The procurement of paddy for the rabi season in Attabira block of the district will begin from May 6 while in other blocks including Bargarh, Bheden, Barpali, Bhatli and Ambhabona, the process is slated to commence from May 12. Considering the summer heat, necessary arrangements like drinking water and tarpaulin sheds have been ensured for the farmers who will be participating in the procurement process. This season, paddy will be procured from as many

as 85,000 registered farmers in the district across 62 market yards and 100 Paddy Procurement Centres (PPC). Around 84 Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS) and Women SHGs will be engaged to ensure the process is completed smoothly.

On the other hand, due to unforeseen calamities, hundreds of farmers who suffered complete loss of their standing paddy crops are in a bad state. Unseasonal heavy rainfall between the end of March and first week of April shattered their hopes of reaping a bounty. Subsequently, due to fluctuation in temperature, the paddy crops were infested with pests later identified as neck blast. To add to the woes, the recent hailstorm on April 22 ravaged crops over large

tracts of land.

As per the eye estimation report, Bargarh has recorded crop damage of over 6050 hectares of land in 52 villages. This includes the maximum damage in Bargarh block at 2631 hectares, followed by 2314 hectares in Attabira, 885 hectares in Bheden and 220 hectares in Barpali. The farmers of Attabira and Bheden have already submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister through Attabira MLA Snehangini Chhuria, demanding to take appropriate action towards compensation considering the hailstorm related damage.

Farmer leader, Ramesh Nahapatra said, "While the eye estimation report was sent on April 26, several other land on

which crops were damaged due to hailstorm were identified much later. The actual figures could be ascertained only from the joint verification report."

However, on the basis of field visit and observation, crops over at least 10,000 hectares of land has been damaged this season, he said. "Considering the massive damage, input subsidy and crop insurance compensation to the farmers should be disbursed at the earliest," he added.

Paddy procurement centres will be opened in Koraput district from June 3 and about 12.42 lakh quintal paddy has been targeted to be lifted by Odisha State Civil Supplies Corporation through 20 LAMPS, 15 SHGs and three pani panchayats.



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Organising union is not crime BWI demonstrate before UNO broken chair

New Delhi: Building and Wood Workers International, one of the very global union federations, demonstrated before the United Nations building broken chair protesting the arrest of thousands of trade union around the world including Myanmar, Hong Kong, Philippine, South Korea after taking firm resolution in the World Board meeting of BWI on 31st May and 1st June in Geneva. Under the Presidentship of Per-Olof Sjöo the General Secretary Mr. Ambet Yuson and Board Member expressed



concern on the non implementation of nonbinding UNO convention and the change of the attitude of Qatar Government after game over. Dr. Rama

Chandra Khuntia said that migrant workers are the real architect for the building of National where they work and earning and sending remittance for the

country they belong to so they are not a danger to the country they work in the country they belonged to Mr. Gilbert F. Hounbo, Director General of ILO while

attending the conference as guest said that all issues could be resolved only by dialogue between the country, employer and trade unions, ILO would facilitate the discussion Dr. Rama Chandra Khuntia, Ex-MP President INBCWWF and National Vice President of INTUC were declared unanimously elected as the Chairman of BWI Working Group for Migrant Workers. This committee has to consult, discuss and prepare an action plan and strategy to protect the rights of migrant workers.

Navi Finserv Limited is planning to raise ₹600 crore through public issuance of Non-Convertible Debentures

Bengaluru: Navi Finserv Limited (NFS), a wholly owned subsidiary of Navi Technologies Limited (Navi), today announced the public issue of Secured, Rated, Listed & Redeemable Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs) amounting to ₹600 crore with a base issue of ₹300 crore and an option to retain over-subscription of another ₹300 crore. The issue will open on Monday 23rd May, 2022 and is scheduled to close on Friday, 10th June 10, 2022 with an option of early closure or extension.

The proposed NCDs have a rating of A (Stable) by India Ratings & Research Pvt Ltd. This rating is considered to have adequate degree of safety regarding timely servicing of financial obligations. Such instruments carry low credit risk.

Investors get an opportunity to participate in secured NCDs under various series for tenure of 18 months and 27 months

with an effective yield of upto 9.80%* and a minimum application size of ₹10,000.

Speaking about the NCD issue, Ankit Agarwal, Managing Director of NFS said, "The upcoming NCD issue aims to raise funds for onward lending and financing purposes. This will further diversify our borrowing profile and add more retail investors to our portfolio to complement our wide base of Institutional partners. This is a secured instrument with A (stable) rating, a low application size and an effective yield of upto 9.80%*. Sachin Bansal, Chairman & CEO of NFS added: "At Navi, our mission is to provide financial products that are simple, affordable and accessible. I believe that our customer centric and technology first approach along with our robust underwriting and collections capabilities adds value to Navi Finserv's maiden public debt issue."

NFS offers personal

loans and home loans under the "Navi" brand and we have approved personal loans to customers across over 84% of all Indian pin codes. The Company's net worth stood at Rs 11,895.72 million as on December 31, 2021 and maintained a comfortable standalone debt to equity ratio of 2.1x as on December 31, 2021.

NFS has maintained a strong asset quality reflected by its Net NPA of 0.08% (as on December 31, 2021), which is supported by a collections efficiency of 96.63% (for personal loans disbursed subsequent to April 1, 2021 till December 31, 2021). Its outstanding borrowings on a standalone basis of ₹27,749.76 million as of March 31, 2022 was diversified across an array of instruments such as NCDs, sub-debt, term loans, market linked debentures, commercial papers and, securitisation instruments such as PTCs.

2nd YUVA Summer Camp - 2023 Held



Cuttack Sadar, (KCN): 2nd YUVA summer camp - 2023 held, Living with nature and learning from grassroots experiences was organized by Patang Organisation from 27th to 31st May by taking 17 students from Sambalpur, Bargarh and Sonepur districts in Jarang village of Sambalpur. Jarang, a habitat of Munda tribes is situated 50km away from the town. The objective of the camp was to make students know more about resources like water, forest, land, animals and humans by

experiencing the ground realities. The participants also witnessed the relationship between forest and tribal people, how they depend on the forest for their livelihood. Students in the camp donated labour to prepare seed balls for plantation, dug pits for bio-manure preparation, prepared mud huts etc. Doing the mentioned activities they lived the lives of farmers, labourers and developed empathy and respect for them. On the last day of the camp participants and villagers were felicitated by giving certificates and

souvenirs. Jayamasi, Piyush, Bandhan, Sasmita, Lilima and other villagers took the lead role in completing this camp. Mr Sachidananda Mishra, Mr Pratap Singh Deo, Mr Ashirbaad Mahapatra and Fire department, Jujuomura were thanked by the staff of Patang and villagers for sharing their knowledge with participants. Patang's team members Dibyadarshini, Deepangini, Govinda and Amina supported in facilitating the camp for five days.

Walkathon organized by Shanti Memorial Hospital on the occasion of World hypertension day

Bhubaneswar: In observance of World Hypertension Day 2022 - commemorated every May 17th, to create awareness amongst people, a walkathon was organized by Shanti Memorial Hospital, Cuttack which covered some important roads of Cuttack city on the day. The walkathon was flagged off by Dr. Sreejoy Patnaik, Chairman & Managing Director and Prof. Dr. Rekha Das, Executive Director of the hospital after a briefing on the purpose of the observation day presented by Dr. Priyadarshi Tripathy, Cardiologist of the hospital. More than 150 employees joined the walkathon with plaque cards and banners carrying awareness message on hypertension prevention and treatment to communicate to the public the importance of hypertension and its serious medical complications, and to provide information on prevention, detection and treatment.

World Hypertension Day was first inaugurated in May 2005 ever since it has become an annual event. The main purpose behind the celebration of the World Hypertension Day is to promote public awareness of hypertension and to encourage citizens of all countries to prevent and control this silent killer, the modern epidemic. Later at Shanti Memorial Hospital, a free hypertension check-up camp was held in which around 100 persons checked their blood pressure and received free consultation.

Ecom Express announces 55,000 registrations for its Delivery Partner Program

Bhubaneswar / Gurugram: Ecom Express Limited, a new-age technology-driven end-to-end logistics solutions provider to the e-commerce industry, announced that it has crossed 55,000 gig workers registration on their dedicated app called 'EcomSanjeev' to onboard delivery partners since its launch in September 2021.

The company's delivery partner program aims to create part-time work opportunities for individuals with the option of flexible timings to maximize their earnings by delivering e-commerce shipments to customers. Delivery Partners working through Ecom Express' gig model can earn

anywhere between Rs. 15,000 to Rs. 60,000 per month.

Close to 60 per cent of registrations have been from Tier 4 cities and towns, indicating massive affinity for gig opportunities in those areas. The top 10 cities/towns with the highest registrations include from Delhi, Bengaluru, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Chennai, Kolkata, Pune, Lucknow, Gurugram and Patna.

In Odisha, over 4000 gig-workers have registered for part time engagement as delivery partners with Ecom Express. Most of the registrations have been from Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Rourkela, Berhampur and Sambalpur among other

cities.

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

The company has also

announced provision of accidental insurance of Rs. 2 lakhs to safeguard delivery partners from any mishaps, besides offering a host of other benefits, including attendance bonus depending on their work continuity. Referral programs are run from time to time to expand the delivery partner base while rewarding the existing partners. To create stronger affiliation with delivery partners, Ecom Express has further collaborated with leading brands to provide numerous enticing benefits.

Any individual, male or female, fresher or experienced, can earn extra income by applying for this part-time job online using the

app, Ecom Sanjeev, available on Google Playstore. They will have the flexibility to choose their preferred time slots and workdays.

To join as a Delivery Partner with Ecom Express, candidates must possess a valid Aadhaar card, preferably own vehicle, and have a smartphone. Ecom Express also allows gig workers who don't have any owned vehicle to register themselves and work. All personal documents for enrollment can be uploaded through the Ecom Sanjeev app and the verification (PAN card, Bank account) is done online along with physical document verification at the nearest Ecom Express center.

JioPhone Next 'Exchange to Upgrade' Offer

Bhubaneswar: Reliance Retail has launched a limited period Exchange to Upgrade offer for JioPhone Next. As per the offer, customers can exchange a functional 4G featurephone or smartphone for a brand new JioPhone Next for just Rs. 4,499.

The JioPhone Next 'Exchange to Upgrade' offer allows many more Indians to embrace a truly smart Digital Life. With this offer existing 4G feature phone and smartphone users will no longer be held back by their device constraints and be able to enjoy the true 4G Jio Digital Life to the fullest. Current users of 4G feature phones will now be able

to migrate much more easily to the large screen digital experience on the world's most affordable 4G smartphone. Similarly, the current 4G low-end smartphone users too can affordably upgrade to a seamless and enhanced digital life offer by JioPhone Next which runs on Pragati OS - the optimised version of Android that supports a rich suite of applications and usage without compromising on the user experience.

The offer is available through Reliance Retail's extensive network of JioMart Digital, Reliance Digital and other outlets in the remotest corners of the country, making it

geographically and economically accessible to many more Indians.

It is worth mentioning here that JioPhone Next, designed jointly by Jio and Google, is the world's most affordable 4G smartphone that comes with a 5.45" HD screen with Corning Gorilla Glass 3 anti-fingerprint coating, 2GB RAM, 32 GB in-built storage (expandable up to 512GB), 13MP back camera, 8MP front selfie camera, 3500 mAh battery, and a range of other advanced features which include voice fast capabilities, read aloud, translate now, easy and smart camera, automatic feature update, easy media share, OTG support etc.

JK Lakshmi Cement Posted Net Profit up at Rs 161.26 Cr.

Bhubaneswar: JK Lakshmi Cement Ltd., one of the leading cement companies of India, recorded a turnover of Rs. 1497.64 crore in Jan-Mar. 22 with an increase of 13% over Rs. 1321.99 crore in the corresponding quarter Jan-Mar 21. Despite unabated increase in Petcoke and Diesel prices which are hovering at all time high, JK Lakshmi Cement could achieve healthy profitability by continuous improvement in operational

efficiencies, energy cost, better product mix and higher volume. JK Lakshmi Cement's EBIDTA before Other Income moved up to Rs. 276.23 crore in Jan-Mar. 22 from Rs. 267.88 crore in Jan-Mar. 21. After providing for interest, depreciation & Exceptional Item, PBT stood at Rs. 197.93 crore in Jan-Mar. 22 as against Rs. 186.53 crore in Jan-Mar. 21. After Providing for Taxes and Other Comprehensive Income, JK Lakshmi Cement's Profit was up at Rs. 161.26

crore in Jan-Mar. 22 against Rs. 138.27 crore logged in the corresponding quarter. During the Twelve months April 21 - March 22 Company's Sales increased by 15% to Rs. 5040.78 crore (Rs. 4384.71 crore) and EBIDTA was up at Rs. 868.52 crore (Rs. 864.22 crore). JK Lakshmi Cement's profit at PAT level during this period moved up by 14% to touch all time high at Rs. 417.56 crore against profit of Rs. 366.24 crore in the same period last year.

Ambuja Cements and ACC's ChangeTheStory campaign wins Bronze at the ABBY Awards

Mumbai: The first sustainability campaign 'Change The Story' of Ambuja Cements and ACC, has won a Bronze Award at the recent ABBY Awards 2022, under the Green Award category. This category is awarded to outstanding communication that features planet conservation etc. The

"Change The Story" campaign aimed to create awareness about sustainability and showcase technology-backed solutions that offer effective and measurable outcomes in this regard.

The #ChangeTheStory campaign highlights a non-invasive bubble barrier technology, which will remove around 2,400 tonnes of

plastic waste from Agra's Mantola canal, thereby preventing its entry into the Yamuna river. The crux of the campaign lay in reaching out to a wide audience across India and globally—and communicating the campaign's features. The campaign winning this honour at the ABBY Awards—often touted as the Oscars of Indian advertising—was

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

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

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

and the basic functioning of the Bubble Barrier technology. This game convinces the user to play their role in driving change by encouraging players to "bubble pop" their way to cleaner oceans and safer habitats for marine organisms.

Mr. Neeraj Akhoury, CEO India Holcim and Managing Director & CEO of Ambuja Cements Ltd., said that the

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

MS Dhoni undergoes knee surgery successfully Afghanistan hopeful of Rashid's return at the back end of the series

New Delhi: Former India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni has undergone surgery on his left knee. The hospital and sources within Chennai Super Kings (CSK) have revealed to Cricbuzz that the operation went well and Dhoni is perfectly fit. Initially it was expected that he would be remain in hospital for two more days, but late in the evening it emerged that Dhoni had been discharged.

CSK CEO Kasi Viswanathan revealed that he spoke to Dhoni after the surgery on Thursday morning. "I spoke to him after the operation. I cannot explain what the surgery is about but we have been told it is a key-hole surgery. He sounded fine in our conversation," the CSK official confirmed. Dr. Dinshaw Pardiwala, a sports medicine specialist who had previously operated on Rishabh Pant for a



similar problem, conducted the operation on Dhoni (41) at the Kokilaben Hospital in Mumbai. Dhoni's wife Sakshi is by his side in the hospital. Dhoni got admitted to the hospital on Wednesday (May 31) evening.

As previously reported by Cricbuzz, the CSK management has deputed its team doctor, Dr Madhu Thottappil, to Mumbai to oversee Dhoni's treatment. The exact time of his full

recovery is still not known but it is projected that Dhoni will be up and running in about two months. After winning the IPL on Monday night, Dhoni promised to come back next year and play one final season for his fans who have been backing him throughout the just-concluded IPL season. According to John Gloster, the former India and current Rajasthan Royals physio, who has worked with Dr

Pardiwala, Dhoni is in safe hands. "Dr Dinshaw is a very competent surgeon, particularly for knees and shoulders. We are lucky to have someone of his capability in India. He is a surgeon who would intervene only when he is assured that the outcome will be significant," Gloster told Cricbuzz. "Dhoni can rest assured when the treatment has been done by such a capable surgeon. I have worked with him very

closely in treating a number of athletes over the years. Whenever Dinshaw is involved, you are assured of a very good outcome." Keyhole surgery is another name for arthroscopic surgery. It is not an open procedure and one does not cut open the whole knee. It is just a very small insertion in three or four points around the knee through which cameras and tools are inserted which are needed for the procedure inside the knee. Experts say most surgical procedures on a knee these days are done under arthroscopic methods. Only when one does the major ligament repair, an open operation may be needed. Assuming that because it was done through arthroscopy, the repair and healing time, it is believed will be under three months.

New Delhi: Afghanistan captain Hashmatullah Shahidi said on Thursday that they are wishing for Rashid Khan to be available for the last game of the three-match ODI series against Sri Lanka. The Afghans received a huge blow as a back injury has ruled Rashid out of the opening two games of the series, which starts at Mahinda Rajapaksa International Stadium Hambantota on June 2. The second and third games are slated respectively on June 4 and 7 at the same venue. "He [Rashid] has a back issue, a little bit of a niggle on his back so we are praying for his recovery that he comes back. I think he will miss the first two games and he comes back to the squad," Shahidi told reporters on Thursday. "As you said he is our main bowler and our superstar bowler we will



miss him and at the same time it's a good opportunity for other youngsters to show their talent," he said. "He is one of the guys very important and we should keep him for the future games and he is important for us for the Asia Cup and the World Cup," he added. Shahidi added that he feels it will be a good preparation for them ahead of the World Cup, scheduled in India from October-November, as the conditions of both countries are quite

similar. "It will be good preparation for us because the condition in Sri Lanka and India are the same and it will not change [in World Cup] so this will be good preparation for us for our team combination as it will be like good preparation for us," said Shahidi. "We haven't played here [Sri Lanka] but some of the boys played league cricket here so I have talked with them about the condition and the pitch and ground to have an idea," he said.

Elena Rybakina Eases Into Third Round Of French Open 2023 With Win Over Linda Noskova

New Delhi: Elena Rybakina's comfort on clay improved as she eased into the third round at the French Open by beating another Czech teenager on Thursday. The Wimbledon champion and No. 4 seed at Roland Garros beat 18-year-old Linda Noskova 6-3, 6-3 on Court Suzanne Lenglen. "I cannot say that here it's easy for me. It's still every match getting better and better," Rybakina said on court. "It was a bit slippery for me today, I don't know why." She ought to be feeling cosy on dirt after winning the Italian Open, but the 6-foot (1.8-meter) Kazakh is banking most of her confidence on her height advantage.



"This is my good weapon," she said, "but, at the same time, to move on clay it's not easy. It's always I need more to prepare and, of course, be more patient during the rallies." The Australian Open runner-up hit 30 winners to Noskova's 16, though both players had 26 unforced errors. The Moscow-born Rybakina, who beat Brenda

Fruhvirtova in the first round, will next face Sara Sorribes Tormo of Spain. Teenager Mirra Andreeva's Grand Slam debut keeps getting better. The 16-year-old Russian beat Diane Parry of France 6-1, 6-2, to reach the third round and a possible matchup with Coco Gauff. Andreeva has dropped just six games through two rounds.

French Open 2023: Casper Ruud Battles Past Giulio Zeppieri To Enter Third Round

New Delhi: Casper Ruud continued to build early momentum at the ongoing French Open 2023 as he overcame a spirited second-round challenge from Giulio Zeppieri on Thursday at the clay-court major. The fourth seed downed the Italian qualifier 6-3, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5 on Court Philippe-Chatrier. Ruud put on a high-level all-around performance for much of the three-hour, four-minute match, but Zeppieri used his gritty lefty game to grab a foothold in the contest and win the third set. The Norwegian's consistently deep groundstrokes were vital in his triumph, as he converted five of 13

break points overall to reach the third round at Roland Garros for the fifth year in a row. The 24-year-old continues his latest campaign in the French capital with a third-round clash against China's Zhang Zhizhen or Argentine qualifier Thiago Agustin Tirante. "It was a tough match. I started well, got a break early and served well myself. That's the beauty of best-of-five sets. In a normal match, I would have won 6-3, 6-2, but here you have the chance to fight like he did. He played much better in the third set and the fourth set and it became very tough,"



ATP.com quoted Ruud as saying in his on-court interview. "In the end there also, I served for the match, and he played well, and it gets pretty physical out here. So, I'm very happy to come through and not having to play a fifth set was nice today. I have extra time to recover for my next match." The Norwegian claimed his

10th tour-level crown in Estoril in April but has also suffered some surprise early exits. Ruud's semi-final run at the ATP Masters 1000 in Rome last month suggested he was recovering confidence on the greatest stage, and his strong start to Roland Garros will boost hopes that he can make another deep run

in Paris. Despite the fact that the circumstances were warmer than during his remarkable run last year, the 24-year-old demonstrated his ability to adapt with a fairly rock-solid performance in which he produced only 28 unforced errors to his opponent's 51. "So far quite good, but still many matches to play in the tournament. I'm just happy to be here, happy to win my first two matches... These are perfect playing conditions if you ask me. Twenty-four or 25 degrees, sunny, beautiful Paris. There's a lot of things to enjoy on this court and in this tournament," said Ruud.

Pothas wary of over-preparing for spin at the cost of pace

Dhaka: Bangladesh assistant coach Nick Pothas said on Thursday that they need to make sure not to put all their attention on Afghanistan spin attack as it might backfire in the upcoming home series, scheduled to start with a one-off Test at Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium from June 14. Afghanistan, who are scheduled to arrive on June 10, will kickstart their upcoming tour of Bangladesh with a one-off Test is scheduled to depart for India for a proposed white-ball series on June 19 that is still under a cloud and will later return to Bangladesh again on July 1 to complete the remainder of the series, which includes three ODIs and two T20Is running until July 17. The 50-over games will all be played in Chattogram on July 5,

8 and 11 respectively. Later, both the teams will move to Sylhet to play the two T20Is on July 14 and 16 respectively. Afghanistan's spinners played a huge role in beating Bangladesh in the one-match Test series in their own backyard in 2019, with Rashid Khan picking 11 wickets with the other spinners complementing him. Pothas, who joined Bangladesh recently after being appointed the assistant coach recently, is not ready to lose sleep over past results while at the same time urged his players to not get hung up on the touring spinners, as it might hurt them for ignoring the threat posed by the pace unit of Afghanistan. "They have a top spin attack, so the challenge is exciting. The excitement is in



solving the problem," Pothas told reporters at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium on Thursday. "Having said that, you have to play the seam before you get to the spin and we can't focus all our attention on spin, because before we know it, we might

be five down against seam," he said matter-of-factly. "We will do our analysis and research. Come the time, Test match is like a game of chess. We have to make sure we have solutions for what they bring. It is exciting," he said. Bangladesh batting

looks a real concern in the longer version and it has been exposed in the ongoing three-match four-day game series against West Indies A, where they have returned poor scores despite several Test probabilities featuring as part of their preparation for

the Afghanistan series. Pothas said mentioned that he doesn't expect the batters to change overnight as it will take time for him to understand them and their flaws. "I have got a magic wand. I will just wave the magic wand. Very quickly we will make batsmen... I am joking," said Pothas, on a lighter note. "These things (correcting batters' techniques) take time. I cannot come into a new culture and suddenly just start to change things. I have to watch the batsmen for a period. We have to observe how they go about their things," he said. "Every country goes through waves. In your opinion, your guys are not doing as well as you'd like them to do in Tests. That wave will come again. Having seen their

ability in the camp and away, there's no reason why we can't get better. But it is international cricket. Some teams are at the top of the world one moment. Some teams are not where they'd like to be. We will ride the wave, but I have to take my time to know the players," he said adding that he was impressed with the talent of Towhid Hridoy, who is considered to be a batsman for the future. "First and foremost, he is a fantastic kid. Unbelievable work ethic and drive to be successful. Along with that, huge amount of skill. He has a high ceiling in terms of his skills, but we gave a results-driven game. The support staff's job is to help him maximize his potential. He is very exciting,"

"Hridoy is a phenomenal batsman all around the wicket. He is young to international cricket. The difference between international cricket and local cricket is that bowlers can expose, because they are good enough to put the ball in the right place over and over again. Hridoy has the skill and ability to solve all of those problems. "Not many people have come into international cricket and all of a sudden done what he has done. It is a natural phenomenon. We expect these young cricketers to come in, and suddenly be world-beaters just like that. It is not possible. He has a lot of potential and a desire to learn. He has a high work ethic. I am excited about what he can do."