

## Dalai Lama Extends Solidarity Odisha Train Tragedy: Railway Safety Commissioner Pathak Visits Accident Site In Balasore



**Bhubaneswar:** His Holiness the Dalai Lama was deeply saddened to see reports of the tragic train collision that took place at Bahanaga Bazar Railway Station in Balasore on 2 June, leading to the loss of many precious lives and many injuries.

275 People are left dead and 1200 are injured due to this massive train accident. His Holiness has written a letter to Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik in this regard and offered condolences and support for the victims of the train tragedy.

"I offer my condolences to the families of those who have lost loved ones," he wrote, "and pray for all those who have been injured and others affected by this tragedy."

"I very much appreciate that the State Government and other agencies, including those of the Central Government, are doing their utmost to provide medical treatment and support to the injured and other people affected by this tragic accident. "As a mark of solidarity with the people of Odisha, the Dalai Lama

Trust (DLT) is making a donation towards medical treatment, as well as relief and rescue efforts. As you know, I have had the opportunity to visit Odisha many times and also had the honour to meet you, as we did in 2017." His Holiness has always stood by Odisha Government in crisis and during Very Severe Cyclone-FANI and he extended wholehearted support for the State Government. Dalai Lama Trust made a donation to provide relief and reconstruction efforts for the FANI victims.

**Bahanaga:** A preliminary probe into the 3-train accident that took place on Friday evening near Bahanaga Bazaar railway station of Balasore district in Odisha is underway. Probe will take time and the reason behind the fatal mishap can be ascertained only after it is over, the Railway Safety Commissioner Shailesh Kumar Pathak said mediapersons following his visit to the accident site today.

"Commissioner of Railway Safety, South Eastern Circle has initiated a probe. He is doing his independent inquiry. Once the report is received, the findings will be intimated to you," Pathak stated.

It is premature to make a statement regarding any probable cause, the Safety Commissioner



added. Later, Pathak visited the railway station signal room and control room. He also discussed with the local stationmaster, including some officials who were present there. Worth mentioning, the movement of trains has become normal at Bahanaga Bazaar railway station. Railway line restoration work will be complete by

Wednesday morning. Treatment of injured passengers is going on at AIIMS in Bhubaneswar, a hospital in Soro, SCB Medical College and Hospital (SCBMCH) in Cuttack, and a government hospital in Bhadrak.

Efforts are on to contact the family of injured and deceased passengers with the help of State government, informed

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw earlier in the day at a presser held here in Rail Sadan. Railway Safety Commissioner will submit his inquiry report soon and appropriate action will be taken based on the report against whoever is found guilty, the Railway Minister asserted.

**Government Medical College In Kalahandi Named 'Saheed Rendo Majhi Medical College And Hospital'**

**Bhawanipatna:** The existing government medical college here in Kalahandi was named today as 'Saheed Rendo Majhi Medical College and Hospital (SRMMCH)'.

Odisha government has set up 10 Medical College and Hospitals (MCHs) in the State imparting MBBS course. One more medical college in Kalahandi will start functioning from the current academic year.

National Medical Commission (NMC) has already issued a Letter of Permission (LoP) on April 11, 2023 for admission of 100 MBBS students for the academic session 2023-24 in favour of the new medical college at Bhawanipatna. This will increase the number of government-run MCHs in the State to 11. The medical college and hospital in Kalahandi has been built at a cost of Rs 481.06 crore. The State government was pleased to announce the name of the Government Medical College & Hospital in Bhawanipatna of Kalahandi. The name will be 'Saheed Rendo Majhi Medical College and Hospital' in honour of the great freedom fighter of Kalahandi district. Saheed Rendo Majhi was a great tribal leader and the most prominent freedom fighter of Kalahandi. Majhi suffered a lot while fighting for the cause of the people of this region during the freedom struggle. He made the supreme sacrifice of his life for the cause.

## Odisha Train Tragedy: Unidentified Bodies To Be Preserved In Containers

**Bhubaneswar:** The authorities of AIIMS-Bhubaneswar have decided to keep the unidentified and unclaimed bodies of Balasore train accident victims in containers. The hospital authorities have arranged five containers from Paradip, sources said. Altogether 123 bodies had been shifted to AIIMS-Bhubaneswar from the accident site near Bahanaga railway station soon after the completion of the rescue operation, sources said.

The bodies were kept at the morgue and Anatomy department of the premier

healthcare institute. "The authorities have so far handed over 43 bodies to their family members. They are yet to identify the remaining 80 bodies," said



an official. "We are facing difficulties to keep so many bodies in our morgue. As per the direction of the Union Health Minister, we have arranged five big containers from Paradip. We can preserve the

bodies in the containers for around two months," said AIIMS Director Ashutosh Biswas. Sources, meanwhile, claimed that the state government and Railway authorities are yet to identify the bodies of as many as 105 victims of Balasore train accident.

"The mishap has claimed the lives of 275 passengers. We have so far identified the bodies of 170 deceased passengers. The bodies are being handed over to their family members and relatives," said Chief Secretary PK Jena today.

## Nearly 4K People Lost Their Jobs In US Due To AI In May: Report

**San Francisco:** Artificial intelligence (AI) cost nearly 4,000 people their jobs in May in the US, a new report has shown.

According to the US-based consulting firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas monthly report, employers in the US cited AI as the reason for 3,900 of the layoffs, roughly 4.9 per cent of May's job cuts.

In May, US-based employers announced 80,089 cuts, a 20 per cent increase from the 66,995 cuts announced one month prior, plus, it is 287 per cent higher than the 20,712 cuts announced in the same month in 2022.

"Consumer confidence is



down to a six-month low and job openings are flattening. Companies appear to be putting the brakes on hiring in anticipation of a slowdown," said Andrew Challenger, a labour expert and Senior Vice President of Challenger, Gray & Christmas. Moreover, the report said that companies have announced plans to cut

4,17,500 jobs so far this

year, a 315 per cent increase from the 1,00,694 cuts announced in the same period last year. It is the highest January-May total since 2020 when 1,414,828 cuts were recorded.

The technology sector announced the most cuts in May with 22,887, for a total of 136,831 this year, up 2,939 per cent from the 4,503 cuts

announced in the same period last year.

Retailers announced the second-most cuts in May with 9,053.

Retail has announced 45,168 cuts so far this year, up 942 per cent from the 4,335 announced through May 2022, the report said.

The Automotive sector announced 8,308 job cuts last month for a total of 18,017 this year, a 235 per cent increase from the 5,380 cuts announced in the same period last year.

Financial firms have announced 36,937 cuts through May, up 320 per cent from the 8,788 cuts through the same period in 2022.

## AIIMS Bhubaneswar leads from front, plays a significant role to preserve, identify and dispatch the dead bodies

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** After the unfortunate train mishap at Bahanaga in Balasore district, post management of the situation was very crucial. It was very difficult to store the huge number of dead bodies with care, identify them and dispatch them after all due formalities.

Being the national institute, AIIMS Bhubaneswar took the lead role and as of now received the highest number of dead bodies. Till now, 123 number of dead bodies have been received by the institute. Dead bodies have been kept in the Forensic and Anatomy Department of AIIMS with much care. 60 bodies have been dispatched to their



relatives after identification. By the time AIIMS received the dead bodies more than 30 hours had passed. To preserve the cadavers in an appropriate condition and prevent

further decaying was of paramount importance. But, AIIMS took all the steps like preserving in cold storage with ice packed in the AC rooms were done immediately followed by the embalming of the

bodies was done in a war footing manner. For this, under able leadership of Union Health Minister Dr Mansukh Mandviya, experts from other national institutes like AIIMS New Delhi, AIIMS Nagpur, AIIMS Raipur have also joined hands with AIIMS Bhubaneswar, said Executive Director Dr. Ashutosh Biswas today. Also, the forensic experts from other reputed national institutes like RML and Lady Hardinge Medical College have also joined here, added Dr. Biswas.

A 24x7 help desk by AIIMS is maintained both at the Forensic and Anatomy department for help of the family

members of the deceased.

Under able leadership of Executive Director Dr. Ashutosh Biswas, around 50 numbers of Doctors, Residents and Paramedical staff with great support from 50 (around) attendants and more than 50 officials are engaged in the process.

Also 5 large containers with 40 capacity of storage are kept standby at AIIMS. Already 3 containers have arrived on the campus of the national institute, informed Dr. Biswas. AIIMS Bhubaneswar President Dr. A K Bisoi, Medical Superintendent Dr. D K Parida, DDA Ravi Prakash, SAO Rasmi Ranjan Sethy are monitoring the process.

## KIIT Jumps to 16th Position in NIRF Indian Rankings 2023

**Bhubaneswar:** KIIT Deemed to be University has achieved a remarkable milestone in 2023 by securing the 16th position in the prestigious NIRF India Rankings 2023, which was released on 5th June 2023. This annual ranking exercise, conducted by the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, evaluates various universities and institutions.

This impressive jump in KIIT's parameter from last year's 20th rank at the national level showcases the institution's dedication to academic excellence and compassionate outreach. KIIT has also earned a place among the top 50 research universities in the country, securing the 44th position. Expressing his happiness



over this achievement, Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS, said, "I firmly believe that slow and steady wins the race. Slowly but surely, KIIT has evolved

into a qualitative institution." He credited the diligent students, dedicated faculty, and staff for their collective efforts in attaining this recognition.



## Chancellor, S-VYASA University addressed at Heritage Group of Institutions on World Environment Day

**Kolkata:** Dr. H.R. Nagendra, Chancellor, S-VYASA University, Bangalore, visited Heritage Group of Institutions, Kolkata, on the occasion of World Environment Day and addressed the students, faculty members, and staff on 'Awakening Self through Yoga, Spirituality and Education'. Dr. Nagendra also planted a Shiv Linga tree on the occasion of World Environment Day at the Heritage campus. During the inaugural address, Dr. H.R. Nagendra spoke about the role of education in changing the overall personality of students. he also said how Yoga and Spirituality play an important role in education. Speaking on the subject of pollution, addiction to mobile



phones, and many other areas where students are facing problems, he stressed on the fact that it is very much important to plant trees and prevent global warming which is affecting human mankind adversely and also advised the students to minimize the use of mobile phones and enhance the application of Yoga for spiritual well being.

Dr. N.K.Manjunath, Pro Vice Chancellor, S-VYASA University, Dr. R.M.Acharya, Director, VYASA, Delhi, and Dr. Abhijit Ghosh, Director, VYASA, Kolkata, were also present during the session. The session was also addressed by Shri H.K.Choudhary, Chairman, Heritage Group of Institutions, Shri H.P.Budhia,

Founding Trustee, Heritage Group of Institutions and Chairman, Heritage Business School, Shri P.K.Agarwal, CEO, Heritage group of Institutions, Shri Probrir Roy, Director, Heritage Group of Institutions, and Prof. Basab Chaudhuri, Principal, Heritage Institute of Technology and Senior Director, Heritage Group of Institutions, Kolkata.

## Observation of World Environment Day 2023 & LIFE Programme at NTPC Talcher Kaniha

**Kaniha:** World Environment Day 2023 was observed at NTPC Talcher Kaniha on 05.06.2023 with current year theme "Solution to Plastic Pollution". Environmental Pledges in English and Hindi were administered by Sh. K. S. Sundaram, ED Talcher Kaniha & Sh. A.K.Seegal GM (O&M) respectively. Sh. K. S. Sundaram, ED Talcher Kaniha conveyed the message of Director (Operation) on this occasion. In his address, he emphasized to take all possible steps to reduce plastic pollution in our routine life and make effort for conservation of natural resource for the future generation and urged to contribute our bit to keep the mother earth clean, beautiful & pollution



free. The event also witnessed a nukkad Natak performed by group of school children for spreading awareness on conservation of nature and importance of trees. Subsequently, mass tree plantation drive was carried out and around 300 fruit bearing tree saplings were planted at Stage II Township. Further under Mission

LIFE initiative and WED Theme, "to say no to plastic", jute bags were distribution among the employees of NTPC Kaniha. During this event various Environment Awareness related competitions like Quiz, Drawing, collage making & Slogan etc. were also organized for various groups of participants.

The programme was also graced by the presence of all GMs, Section Heads, DC(CISF), Vice President (Tanvi Shanganam), representatives of Unions and Association, employees & associates and their family members, and GEM children who participated with full enthusiasm and made it a grand success.

## Binjhal Samaj Protection Meeting held at Debasthan, Harishankar



**Harishankar / Khaprakhol / Patanagarh/ Balangir (KCN):** The Binjal Samaj ( Adibasi ) members under the Chairmanship of their President Sri Chandra Sekhar Bag called a sensitive meeting in front of their Esta or Kula Devi Maa Bindhabasini at Devasthan Lord Harishankar on the

occasion of auspicious Deba Snanna Purnima of Lord Jagannath & same as Lord Harishankar. They have requested & have given a request letter to the Sub Collector & Executive Officer , Endowment of Patanagarh Subdivision , Dr.Bijayananda Sethi, OAS I ( SB) for the development of the Harishankar Temple, the

beautification of the Lord Harishankar Temple premises should be taken proper care of as thousands of devotees are coming daily to get blessing of Lord Harishankar & to refrain their sins taking bath in the sacred fountain of Harishankar which is flowing adjacent to the Temple. It looks such a beautiful which gives

lots of peace & pleasure. The Samaj demands that the Temples like Maa Samaleswari & others Temples which are near by the Maa Bindhabasini should be renovated properly & the Car Parking Stands which is near by the Bindhabasini Temple should be shifted to others suitable place, so that , there will not be jam & rushed of devotees .The Samaj main demand is that as per Government rules, regulations & guidelines for the Adibasi , the ROR of 56 decimils areas land which is near by the Bindhabasini Temple should be given to the name of Binjal Samaj & Dal Samaj of Harishankar of Balangir District. There should not be constructed any shopping Stalls or Shops & Cooking House or Rosei Sala & the areas should be kept in open spaces & it should be made further beautification for attracting the devotees as they are coming from different places of India to get blessing of Lord Harishankar . More to 30 nos of members of Binjal Samaj & Dal Samaj were present

## Cause Of Train Tragedy

**Bhubaneswar:** The tragic train accident in Odisha's Balasore district happened due to change in electronic interlocking, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Sunday who is there at the accident spot and supervising the restoration work said. Shri Vaishnaw said, "The Commissioner Railway Safety has completed his inquiry and will submit the report soon. Let the investigation report come but we have identified the cause of the incident and the

people responsible for it. It happened due to changes in electronic interlocking." Who is responsible for the change in electronic interlocking will be known during investigation, he said. However, he made it clear that non-fitment of Kavach or anti-collision device has nothing to do with the accident. As per the instruction of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who inspected the accident site on Saturday, restoration work is going on full swing and the restoration will be

completed by Wednesday morning, the Minister informed. In a statement, South Eastern Railway (SER) said all 21 coaches which capsized and derailed have been grounded. Now the site is being cleared from bogie/ wheel sets and other components. Three goods wagons and locomotive grounding work is going on. Track linking and OHE work is going on parallel, it said. Nearly 300 people died and over 900 were left injured after Chennai-bound Coromandel

Express and Howrah bound SMVP-Howrah Superfast Express were involved in a major accident near the Bahanaga Bazar railway station in Odisha's Balasore district on Friday evening. Meanwhile, Union Health Minister Mansukh V Mandaviya arrived in Odisha and visited AIIMS Bhubaneswar. He will also visited SCB Medical College in Cuttack to take stock of the medical assistance being provided to the victims of the train accident.

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**Bhola Shankar Song Out: Chiranjeevi Exudes Stylish Avatar In This High-Octane Actioner**

First song from megastar Chiranjeevi's highly anticipated movie 'Bhola Shankar' was released by the makers on Sunday and it took the social media by storm. With the tagline 'Bhola mania', the first single was released by Devi Sri Prasad. The music composer and singer tweeted that it's an honour for him to launch the song. Chiranjeevi also took to Twitter to thank Devi Sri Prasad. "Hope the song does Double The Kummudu," wrote the

megastar. Mahati Swara Sagar has composed the music for the song in which Chiranjeevi is seen doing some of his trademark dance moves with stylish looks. The actor is seen sitting on the bonnet of a jeep, swinging a keychain with the index finger of his right hand. Within a couple of hours, the song garnered thousands of views. Directed by Meher Ramesh and produced by Ramabrahmam Sunkara, the film is scheduled for release on August 11.



The makers recently wrapped up a song shoot in Switzerland, featuring Chiranjeevi and

Tamannaah Bhatia. The makers are expected to complete the filming by the end of June.

The cast also includes Raghu Babu, Murali Sharma, Ravi Shankar, Vennela Kishore, Tulasi,

Sri Mukhi, Bithiri Sathi, Satya, Getup Srinu, Rashmi Gautam and Uttej. This will be the second big release of Chiranjeevi in 2023. His 'Waltair Veerayya' was released on Sankranthi and it was also the first big release of the year. The film which starred Shruti Haasan in the female lead marked Chiranjeevi's return to form with a mass entertainer and was well-received by the audience. The film also featured Ravi Teja and Catherine Tresa in key roles.

**Pavan Malhotra, Aamir Bashir's Starrer 72 Hoorain's Spine-Chilling Teaser Out, Film To Release On This Day**

Feature film '72 Hoorain', directed by Sanjay Puran Singh Chauhan, will be released in Indian theatres on July 7, the makers announced Sunday. The 2019 film, starring Pavan Malhotra and Aamir Bashir in the lead, focuses on the consequences of violent extremism.



Chauhan, who has also edited the movie, said the story is a "tragic reminder of the power of manipulation" and the "urgent need to address the root causes of terrorism." "The slow poisoning of the mind by perpetrators turns ordinary individuals into suicide bombers. Let us remember that even the bombers themselves, with families like ours, have fallen victim to the twisted beliefs and brainwashing of terrorist leaders. Trapped in a deadly illusion of 72 virgins, they embark on a path of destruction, ultimately meeting a gruesome fate," the director, also known for

films such as "Lahore", said in a statement. '72 Hoorain' had its premiere under the Indian Panorama section at the 2019 International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa, where it received the ICFT-UNESCO GANDHI MEDAL Special Mention. In 2021, Chauhan won the National Film Award for best direction for the film. Producer Gulab Singh Tanwar said '72 Hoorain' is the perfect story to showcase 'how in the name of religion, fictional stories were sold to innocent and

ordinary people in order to convert them into brutal terrorists'. Co-producer Ashoke Pandit urged audiences to watch the movie with a 'rational mind'. "The movie will definitely make you ponder upon certain beliefs prevailing in the society and how they are a mere figment of imagination. It will make you think about the concepts and ideologies that are not even close to reality in any way, and how they are merely used to brainwash people to mould them into terrorists in the name of jihad," he added.

**Sharwa to romance Raashi Khanna in his next**



Sharwanand is going through a tough time in his career with back to back flops. So, he has

taken a break and made a transformation of sorts. Now, he is all set to start his new film next week. The announcement will be made on Monday. Raashi Khanna has been paired opposite Sharwa in this film. What's special is that none other than writer Krishna Chaitanya will be directing this film. On the other hand, Sharwa's new film Oke Oka Jeevitham will hit the screen next week.

**Salman Khan's Brother-In-Law Ayush Sharma Lands In Legal Trouble Over The Title Of His Next 'Ruslaan'**

Salman Khan's brother-in-law Ayush Sharma and producer K.K. Radhamohan have been served a legal notice for using the title 'Ruslaan' for their upcoming movie.



The notice claims that a movie with the same title was released in 2009 and that the use of the title 'Ruslaan' for the upcoming movie could have legal consequences. Rajveer Sharma, who played the lead role in the 2009 movie 'Ruslan', has sent the notice through his advocate Rudra Vikram Singh. The notice also demands that Sharma and Radhamohan refrain from using any dialogues or stories from the

original movie. The trailer for Ayush Sharma's movie starring Telugu superstar Jagapathi Babu and Sushri Mishra was released on April 21. According to sources, the movie is set to be released in theaters soon. The 2009 movie 'Ruslan' also starred Megha Chatterjee, the daughter of Moushumi Chatterjee, in the lead role. The legal notice has created a hurdle for the release of the upcoming movie, and the producers are yet to respond to the notice.

**Puneet Issar To Play Tough Patriarch In Vanshaj**

Veteran actor Puneet Issar, who is best known for his role of Duryodhana in BR Chopra's 'Mahabharat', will now be seen essaying a patriarch Bhanupratap in the new show 'Vanshaj'. Talking about his role, Puneet said, "As one of the living elders of this family who has witnessed the ascent of the empire, Bhanupratap has held it together and prevented it from crumbling despite the undercurrent of family dynamics." Puneet has been part of a number of films and TV shows. He acted in films like 'Chandra Mukhi', 'Prem Shakti', 'Ram Jaane', 'Border', 'Refugee', 'Krrish',



'Bachna Ae Haseeno', 'Ready', among others. He was also part of TV shows such as 'Param Vir Chakra', 'Bharat Ek Khoj', 'Junoon', 'Noorjahan', 'Choti Sarrdaarni', 'Bigg Boss 8', and many more. The 63-year-old actor further said that the values and ideals of his on-screen character are quite relatable and he personally finds a connection with Bhanupratap. "The character relates to me due to his values and perspectives on life. I am thrilled to be a part of this exciting journey," he added. 'Vanshaj' revolves around a powerful and influential business family and it highlights the imperfections in their lives despite all the wealth and power. It will be airing from June on Sony SAB.

**Remembering Wholesome Moments Of Environment Activist Allu Arjun**

On the occasion of 'World Earth Day', we look back at some videos of Allu Arjun, who, by his actions and example, have paved the way for a new generation of environmentalists. On his birthday, Allu Arjun is often greeted and gifted by fans with flower pots and plants, inspired by his love and passion for making the country a greener place to live in. Allu Arjun has always felt strongly about environmental conservation and has actively participated in several initiatives to promote environmental sustainability. In 2014, he became the brand ambassador for the 'Go Green' campaign, which aimed to promote sustainable living practices and reduce carbon emissions. As part of this campaign, he encouraged people to use public transport and plant trees. Arjun is also known for his love for



nature and wildlife. While shooting for Pushpa, he ensured that the forests were clean and pristine post-filming. His friends and family are also known to often gift him plants as he values those

above all else. From his office to his home, all of it is lit with lush greenery and trees. The megastar often posts pictures of himself watering his plants and encourages fans to plant more trees.

the brand ambassador of the Telangana Forest Department and has been promoting its initiatives to protect the state's biodiversity. Considering his constant efforts of 'going green', we today on 'World Earth Day' celebrate the Leading Man who by his actions and initiatives has set an example that's inspired millions to take up the cause and be more sensitive towards our environment.



## MASSAGE PARLOURS OR SPAS HAVE EMERGED AS NEW PHYSICAL AND VIRTUAL VENUES OF PROSTITUTION



People do various jobs to survive and make a living. As long as the profession gives an individual a source of income and happiness, no one is supposed to comment and criticize, no matter what kind of profession it is. The worst-hit people are the sex workers or prostitutes who are never treated with dignity just because they sell their bodies for income. What is Prostitution? It's the practice of male/female engaging in sexual activity for payment. Many people, and especially those with conservative, religious views, believe prostitution is immoral because it involves sex for money, and they consider prostitution a sign of society's moral

decay. People from rural areas and economically backward backgrounds are tricked into coming to the cities for employment. Men, women, or children who are promised a job are usually deceived and thrown to the evil side of society. They become the victims of sex trafficking and are sold to the brothel keepers. Therefore, it promotes sex trafficking. The reports from the capital Delhi highlights that more than 41% of women enter this stream due to sheer poverty and 39% of people enter at their own will. According to factsanddetails.com, by one count prostitution is an \$8 billion a year industry with more two million prostitutes and 275,000 brothels. In another count in all of India, there are as many as 10 million commercial sex workers. Their core clientele has traditionally been truck drivers, migrant workers and other men

separated from their families for long periods of time. Many teenage girls turn to prostitution to raise money for their families or out of need for money to deal with a debt or a problem related to their husbands. Some village girls are tricked into entering the trade in the cities with promises of good money or another kind of job. One survey found that a third of all prostitute enter the trade because of poverty and more than a fourth become prostitutes after marital problems. Between 5,000 and 7,000 young girls are brought from Nepal to India to become prostitutes every year. Children are also brought from Bangladesh. Prostitution rings in India provide children for clients abroad, particularly in the Middle East. According to human rights groups, about 90 percent of the Bombay prostitutes are

indentured servants, with close to half trafficked from Nepal. Some families sell their daughters into prostitution. Prostitution rings in India also provide children for clients abroad, particularly in the Middle East. An estimated 200,000 to 300,000 Nepalese women have been shipped to India as prostitutes and sex slaves, with between 5,000 and 7,000 new girls, usually between 10 and 20, arriving every year. Many of them are brought by traffickers who sell the girls for as little as \$1,000 a piece. A survey undertaken by The National Network of Sex Workers (NNSW) reveals that less than 35% of the people living in sex workers' households reported having a birth certificate; lack of identity documents limits their access to basic services like scholarships, housing, public distribution

system, and other government benefits. The level of education among community members is just 43%. Sex workers aspire to better education and employment opportunities for their children, but discrimination and stigma deter their children from schooling, and especially through local government schools. Most sex workers' households lack economic and social security because they are unable to own land or homes. The majority live in single rooms, with no separate kitchen and community bathrooms. Approximately 50% of the land owned by sex workers' households is in a women's name, but this number is unsatisfactory considering that the majority of women in the community are the sole income-earners in their families.

Further, in a study, conducted in seven states of India to capture the characteristics of FSWs associated with Targeted Interventions (TI) and who operate in non-TI settings, undertaken by TISS, it was found that the traditional forms of solicitation practiced by Female Sex Workers (FSWs) are undergoing a change and the role of mobile based technology and social media has become crucial now. Hence, existing intervention strategies must be changed or modified to address the changing dynamics of female sex work in India. The study found that apart from the existing traditional forms of solicitation, there are now new physical spaces such as massage parlours or spas where solicitation takes place. Further, the use of mobile phones and various social media fora through information

technology now play prominent roles in solicitation. This use of technology makes FSWs more independent and helps them to hide their identity, thus making it difficult for the TIs to reach them. These findings highlight the need to reach FSWs through new physical (massage parlours, spa, etc.) and virtual venues; to strengthen the consistent use of condom among FSWs; to provide differentiated prevention and support services to these subgroups of FSW and to provide training to TI, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)/Community Based Organizations (CBOs) on virtual and new physical venue outreach. Sex workers face discrimination at every level of society, be it in medical, educational, or cultural places. They lack an identity of their own. Both the

central government and the state governments have enacted statutes to repress and abolish prostitution. The central act, The Suppression of Immoral Traffic in Women and Girls Act (SITA), 1956, has been amended as The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act (ITPA), 1956. However, these statutes have made little impact on the increasing traffic in persons and sexual exploitation and abuse."

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## WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEMOLITION OF MARADU HOMES – AN INJUSTICE WHICH HAS NO PARALLEL IN HISTORY.



Keralites across the breadth and width of the globe, nay, millions of people, with bated breath, watched five apartment buildings in Maradu, a prime location of Cochin surrounded by lakes and lush green, crumble down with a mushroom of dust being formed, as if an atom bomb has been dropped. While a few sadists, insane minds, knowing not what the ramifications are, celebrated, clapping their hands and beating drums, millions all over the world were deeply pained by the demolition, which was nothing but madness. They could not believe their eyes and they pondered why such madness was allowed to happen, bringing down world class apartments which were purchased by the flat owners out of the sweat of their brows. I write these few lines to tell the curious to know why such madness was allowed to happen in a democratic India and that too mandated by its Supreme Court. Sometimes truth is stranger than fiction. The reason I offered to many, at least at the first blush, may appear to be too remote. But I am sure, the unfortunate victims of the disaster, the flat owners, or at least those among them involved

in the conduct of the case in the Supreme Court, will realize that what I state is not fiction, but hard reality. I hold the celebrated judgment of the Supreme Court in Kesavananda Bharati v. the State of Kerala (1973) Supp. SCR 1, popularly known as the fundamental right case, in which reversing its judgment in I.C. Golaknath and Ors. v. State of Punjab and Anr., AIR 1967 SC 1643, the Full Court of the Supreme Court held that Parliament is competent to abrogate every Article of the Constitution, including the fundamental rights, but not the basic structure, is responsible for the scenario leading to the judgment in the Maradu case where the Supreme Court, forgetting that its role is that of an adjudicator, usurped to itself the role of an actor/executive and judex (Judge), both at once. The reason I offer is not strange indeed. Let me explain. Kesavananda Bharati led to the theory that independence of judiciary is one of the basic structures of the Constitution and that independence is preserved only when the Judges appoint themselves, otherwise known as Judges-2 case viz. the collegium system of appointment of Judges. Blood is thicker than water, and since the judgment in Judges-2 case of 1993 the collegium appointed mostly the kith and kin, nephews and juniors of sitting and former Judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts, so too of celebrated

lawyers, Chief Ministers, Governors et al, and a few first generation lawyers who are all politically connected or are close to big industrial houses. The Judges so appointed in turn designated as Senior Advocates their kith and kin and juniors, which meant the Supreme Court, nay, the Indian judiciary, literally becoming the exclusive monopoly of the elite few families. With the judgment in Kesavananda Bharati that basic structure cannot be abrogated even by a Constitution amendment, a new era of litigation unknown to jurisprudence came into existence, the so-called Public Interest Litigation (PIL). Prior to Kesavananda Bharati, nobody could have invoked Article 32 of the Constitution without complaining of violation of his or her fundamental right. With the invention of the so-called basic structure, people claiming to be acting in public interest, a camouflage for promotion of their vested interest, name, fame and money, kept on instituting petitions in the Supreme Court under Article 32 claiming that basic structure of the Constitution has been infringed, though he has not suffered any legal injury, much less infringement of his or her fundamental rights. The so-called Centres of public interest litigation and the like, a good majority of them being extortionists, kept on instituting petitions under Articles 32 and

226 claiming that they represent the public at large, and the Supreme Court and the High Courts kept on entertaining such petitions which are on matters which fell in the exclusive domain of the executive and the legislature, namely, matters of policy. Since some of the petitions involved questions concerning the day-to-day life of the common man, PIL as a jurisprudence came to receive wide acceptance in no time. If one were to question the soundness of such a practice, which a few like the instant author dares to do, that will readily be brushed aside, often with a question "Who are you to question the soundness of a practice which has found acceptance by iconic lawyers and erudite Judges?" With the PIL receiving such kind of acceptance, probably legendary Justice Krishna Iyer being the sole exception, yet another era of jurisprudence has come into existence in India, which has no parallel in the rest of the world, namely, the Courts taking cognizance on its own motion; PIL where the Court acts upon the post card written by a school student, as in the recent case, where the High Court of Kerala took suo motu notice of a letter of a school student complaining that because of the pathetic condition of the roads he cannot attend the school. Many well-meaning

people started to believe that suo motu PIL is the answer to all evils which we face in our day to day life due to governmental failure. I have heard many informed people, lawyers, Judges, academicians and even politicians complaining that the Court should have taken cognizance of such mischief in suo motu PIL. Very few would have ever thought of the pernicious implication of the Court acting on its own taking suo motu PILs. Many staunch admirers of PIL felt its danger when former Chief Justice of India Shri Ranjan Gogoi constituted a Three-Judge Bench consisting of himself and Justices Arun Mishra and Sanjiv Khanna to hear the sexual harassment allegation by a junior Court staff and to pronounce upon his own innocence. There are many such instances and the most outrageous are the PILs instituted in the Bombay High Court seeking demolition of shanties of millions of slum dwellers on the plea that their structures are illegal. The buildings at Maradu were not ordered to be demolished in a PIL, but in a SLP where the Court has acted on its own motion. The thousands who cheered the demolition do not know that after the Municipality issued a Show Cause Notice/stop memo to the Builders, the next legal step was the order to demolish the

apartments without any inquiry as contemplated under the Kerala Municipality Act, without the vested right of regularization/appeal etc., being exhausted. What was before the Supreme Court was the correctness or otherwise of the Show Cause Notice/stop memo and nothing else. The Court could have held that the Show Cause Notice is valid and restore it. Then the Municipality was bound to conduct an inquiry and the jurisdiction to demolish the apartments was exclusively vested in the Municipality, subject to correction by an appeal, writ etc. Nobody, except probably the instant author, realizes that the Supreme Court has no jurisdiction to order demolition of the buildings, for, to do so would mean the Court acting both as an actor/Plaintiff/ executive and the judex (Judge), all at once. It has no jurisdiction to continue the Civil Appeal under the title "Court on its own motion" after it having passed the order of demolition on 8th May, 2019. When the flat owners came to consult me on the very next day when the demolition was ordered, I pointed this out to them. I wrote an article on the subject and published it on the WhatsApp group of National Lawyers' Campaign for Judicial Transparency and Reforms. When Shri Kalyan Banerjee, fearing Shri Justice Arun Mishra's anger, withdrew the Writ Petition of the flat

owners complaining that they were not parties to the SLP and they were not heard, I advised them that refusal on the part of the Judge to hear them amounts to bias in law and if a Judge is biased, he is no Judge at all; he is a coram non judge. When they asked me whether they could seek Justice Arun Mishra's recusal, I told them in unmistakable terms that they are entitled. However, they came back to me after a week or two complaining that the lawyer in Delhi is not willing to seek Justice Misra's recusal. I advised them that if a lawyer is so fearful of the Judge, for, it is his sacred duty to act without fear of the Judge, of the society, and even his client who may stab him from behind, they themselves should appear as parties in person and place their grievances before the Court and to do so is not any disrespect to the institution, and it is their right to seek recusal by the Judge where the Judge is biased and the bias can be non-conscious, subconscious or unconscious, which the Judge himself may not be aware of. I told them that the concept of recusatio justicio – is the foundation of the classic Roman law, one of the sources of the common law which we have adopted by virtue of Article 372 (2) of the Constitution. However, no lawyer was daring enough to seek recusal by Shri Justice Misra and I could not help them because Shri Justice Rohinton Nariman has barred me from practising in the Supreme Court for

one year. I believe that my raising the issue of Shri Fali S Nariman practicing in the court where his son is the judge probably had invited such an order without notice, without a charge, without a hearing and in my absence, nay, in violation of all the principles of natural justice which is sacrosanct and in particular, that nobody should be a judge of his own cause. The allegation was that I took the name of Shri Fali S Nariman during the course of my arguments in a case seeking the abolition of the senior designation system because it has unfortunately been reduced to nothing but a synonym for nepotism and bounty. I expected the calamity, I professed, not in private but in public, that Sri Harish Salve, will not utter a word questioning the order of Justice Misra, for he himself is the greatest beneficiary of the "neo jurisprudence" where the court is no longer a mere judex but an actor as well. But I was devastated when I was told that on 13.1.2020, Shri Dushyant Dave, President of the Supreme Court Bar Association, representing the flat owners who lost their home, said that 'the majesty of the rule of law has been upheld', and thereby endorsed the demolition, to prevent which alone he was engaged. I was not present in the court, and I prefer to believe it to be untrue.

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# Sanskriti National Dance Festival and Seminar 2023 Concludes with a Spectacular Valedictory Ceremony

**Ranchi(KCN)** :The Sanskriti National Dance Festival and Seminar, a prestigious cultural extravaganza that celebrated the rich heritage of Indian dance forms, reached its grand finale with a mesmerizing valedictory ceremony. The week-long festival brought together renowned artists, scholars, and dance enthusiasts from across the country to explore and promote the diverse traditions of Indian dance. Hosted at the esteemed NIAMT Hatia, the festival showcased captivating performances, thought-provoking seminars, and interactive workshops, making it a platform for artists and scholars to

exchange ideas and inspire each other. The event was organized by Sanskriti Ranchi with the aim of fostering cultural exchange, nurturing talent, and preserving the invaluable art forms of India. The valedictory ceremony, held on 4th June 2023, marked the culmination of three days session filled with extraordinary talent and breathtaking performances. Esteemed dignitaries, renowned artists, and distinguished guests graced the occasion, creating an atmosphere of anticipation and appreciation. Shri Gyan Shankar ji, was the chief guest and Shri Nandlal Nayak ji, Shri Karamveer Singh ji, Shri



Hemant Das ji were the guest of honour of the Event. The ceremony began with an invocation to the divine, paying homage to the roots and spiritual significance of Indian dance. During the event, various awards were presented to

recognize exceptional contributions in the field of dance and academia. Accomplished artists and scholars were honored for their dedication, skill, and unwavering commitment to preserving and advancing the Indian

dance traditions. The highlight of the valedictory ceremony was captivating dance production that showcased the traditional classical and folk dance styles. The performance embodied the essence

of unity in diversity, symbolizing the harmonious coexistence of different art forms. The audience was enthralled by the seamless choreography, vibrant costumes, and

spellbinding music that brought the performance to life. In addition to the breathtaking performances, a stimulating seminar was held, featuring esteemed speakers who delved into the topic 'various challenges and opportunities created with transformations of Indian classical dance tradition'. The seminar provided a platform for meaningful discussions, insightful debates, and the exchange of knowledge among scholars and enthusiasts. The Sanskriti National Dance Festival and Seminar 2023 not only celebrated the beauty of Indian classical dance but also emphasized its

importance in preserving cultural heritage, fostering unity, and promoting artistic expression. It provided a platform for talented artists to showcase their skills, learn from one another, and inspire the next generation. The organizer Mr. Ashok Malik founder of Sanskriti Ranchi extend their heartfelt gratitude to all the artists, scholars, sponsors, and volunteers who made the Sanskriti National Dance Festival and Seminar 2023 a resounding success. Their dedication and support contributed immensely to the promotion and preservation of Indian dance forms.

## Indo Tibetan Cooperation Forum Women's Cell Meeting held



**Bhopal (KCN)** :Today at Bhopal Quality Hotel New Market, a discussion meeting of the women's department of Bharat Tibet Cooperation Forum, Bhopal executive was organized. In which the posts of all the newly elected executive members were announced and honored. Monika Jain Advocate, President of Madhya Bharat Province Women's Department was present in the event and Bhopal Women's Department Executive honored Monika Jain, Monika Jain said in her address that Indo-Tibetan Cooperation Forum has been working for the independence of Tibet and the liberation of Kailash Mansarovar

for 25 years. By announcing this Bhopal Executive Committee, we hope that we will be able to make a good effort for this work in Bhopal region as well and at the same time they have asked the workers in all Shiva temples to take vows for the liberation of Mansarovar in the coming monsoon. People were also asked to take vows, The pledge is that we will contribute as much as possible for the liberation of Mansarovar and boycott China. Jaya Aggarwal, state media in-charge and contact head told about Indo-Tibet Sahyog Manch, this forum was founded by senior RSS campaigner Rajju Bhaiya and Sudarshan ji,

today this forum is guided by senior RSS campaigner Indresh ji Here Manch has been supporting the local people of Tibet for the freedom of Tibet and the liberation of Mansarovar for many years. Here the Manch through its workers and through its actions provides assistance to the people of Tibet and makes an important contribution to the government in preserving the culture of Tibet. After this, all the newly elected office bearers were honored and the executive members were honored. In which the chief officers were. Central India Province Women's Department Vice President Samta Agarwal

"District Bhopal Women's Department Executive Member and Officer" District President Jyoti Chauhan Verma, District General Secretary "Alpana Gupta", District General Secretary Devmani ji, District Vice President Sushma ji, District Vice President Rekha ji, District Vice President Sunita ji, District Vice President Shobha Gupta, District Publicity Head Rekha Tiwari, District media in charge Priya ji Here the forum will always work to achieve its objectives. The workers encouraged themselves with the slogan of Jai Bharat Jai Tibet

## Spread Happiness Foundation Empowers Women on World Women's Menstrual Hygiene Day

**Pune(KCN)** :Spread Happiness Foundation, a leading non funded NGO from Pune known for its remarkable work on novel causes, organized a special campaign on the eve of World Menstrual Hygiene Day. The foundation, which strives to uplift disadvantaged sections of society, including children, women, and the elderly, focuses on providing education, skill-building opportunities, health and hygiene awareness programs, and support for marginalized communities across the country. The campaign witnessed the active participation of college students Varun Mahajan and Tejas from the University of Petroleum and Energy Studies in Dehradun, along with intern Ishita Bhumkar. Ishita passionately explained the menstrual cycle and related hygiene points to the women residing in the Chinchwad slum area and school-going students. Local social workers Narendra Chavan and Suresh Borhade also joined this initiative for the first time, eager to gain valuable experience through collaboration



with the organization. A gathering of 350 women took part in the enlightening awareness camp, where sanitary pads, snacks, and drinks were distributed to the attendees. During the event, a 15-minute awareness session was conducted by the NGO's founder, Mr. Soumya, who shed light on the importance of preventing cervical cancer through proper hygiene practices in daily life. Saroj Roul, Satya Dash,

software engineer Dwarika Choudhary, Naveen, and Sachin actively supported the event and ensured its smooth functioning. Their presence greatly contributed to maintaining discipline and order throughout the session. Expressing gratitude, Saroj Roul from Spread Happiness Foundation delivered a vote of thanks at the conclusion of the event, acknowledging the

collective effort and support that made the campaign a success. The Spread Happiness Foundation continues to make a significant impact in the lives of underprivileged communities by addressing critical issues and promoting positive change. Their unwavering dedication to creating a happier and healthier society serves as an inspiration for others to join hands in making a difference.

# In 8 Years, Pollution Dipped In Delhi, Development Didn't: Arvind Kejriwal

**New Delhi:** Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Monday said pollution levels have dipped in the city in the last eight years despite swift pace of development and the construction of schools, hospitals and flyovers. Addressing a gathering at Thyagaraj Stadium on the occasion of World Environment Day, he asserted that both PM 2.5 and PM 10 levels "fell by 30 per cent" in 2022 compared to the figures in 2016. Whenever development happens, it is accompanied by

pollution due to the felling of trees, road construction, and kicking of dust, among others, he said. "In Delhi, the pace of development has not gone down in the last eight years. Schools, hospitals and flyovers are being constructed," Kejriwal said, adding work on development has taken place at a swift pace. "But, the pollution level has dipped in this period," he said. Sharing data, he said in 2016, on 26 days, pollution level was 'very bad' when the city was "akin to a gas

chamber" with grey skies and bad air. In 2022, only six such days were there, he said. In 2016, on 109 days, the pollution level was 'low with clear sky' and 'very good air outside', but in 2022, the number of such days were 163, he said. In his address, the chief minister also said that the tree cover percentage (of total land area) in the city has risen to 23 per cent today from 20 per cent in 2013. Led by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and held annually on June 5 since 1973, World Environment Day



is the largest global platform for environmental public outreach, and is celebrated by millions of people across the world, the UN says on its website. Mr Kejriwal, in his address, said it has been 50 years of World

Environment Day celebrations. And, in these 50 years, pollution has "increased in every city, village and locality", but it has gone down in Delhi, "as we have worked with 2 crore people of the city and taken a number of measures to mitigate

pollution". In an impassioned plea, he called upon the people of Delhi to transform the fight against pollution into a 'jan andolan' (people's movement). Meanwhile, the Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly, Ramvir Singh Bidhuri, in a statement, dismissed Mr Kejriwal's claiming credit for reducing pollution in the national capital. The BJP leader alleged that the condition of Delhi's roads is "very poor", and the deteriorating state of public transportation is contributing the most to

pollution. "The government has not taken any steps to clean the Yamuna River. If pollution has decreased in Delhi, it is only possible due to the efforts of the central government," Bidhuri claimed. Earlier in his address, Mr Kejriwal said, "We often hear in the news that the pollution caused, particularly during winter season, is because of the burning of farm stubble. So, to tackle this problem, the state government collaborated with the PUSA Institute and came up with a chemical that is now being used by nearly

all farmers within Delhi. "An area of around 5,000 acres is within cultivation in Delhi and all the farmers here now use this liquid that eliminates the need to burn stubble. Therefore, none of this pollution now originates from Delhi," he said. Mr Kejriwal said initially most of this stubble-burning-induced pollution originated from the fields of Punjab. But in the last year since the AAP-led government has been formed in the state, there has been a "30 per cent decline" in the level of pollution that originates there.



# Railways Require Odisha Acumen

**Bhubaneswar:** When the Odisha Government's rescue operations in the train crash incident at Bahanaga in Balasore district was praised by none other than Prime Minister Narendra Modi, time has come for the Ministry of Railways to stress on the human resources development along with upgrading technology. Indian Railways need to skill its manpower after its Minister Ashiwini Vaishnav revealed that the Balasore train accident happened due to changes in the electronic interlocking system. It is good that the Indian Railways used technology and installed electronic interlocking devices. But, it might not have trained the people properly who were operating it. While the investigation is on whether human error was there in the non-functioning of the system, it could safely said that the people in railways, particularly working at the field level need to be skilled and the old habits need to change. Railways in fact employ the maximum number of people. Starting from work sarkars to labourers, all working in the railway operations need to have minimum safety knowledge for providing a safe journey of the people. Prime Minister Shri Modi during his accident site

visit on Saturday said that this accident was a lesson for the nation and more stress would be given to passenger safety. Therefore, in order to enhance passenger safety, the Railways need to upgrade and implement new technologies besides skilling its personnel, even those working on contractual basis. Meanwhile, the Odisha Government reaps huge praises from different quarters for the successful management of rescue and relief operations. Thanks Odisha's experience in handling the natural calamities like cyclones, flood or for that matter the COVID-19 pandemic. The state's operation was clinical and target oriented. As soon as the information regarding the train accident was received, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik took no time to ask Revenue and Disaster Management Minister Pramila Mallik and ACS Revenue & Disaster Management SRC Satyabrata Sahu to rush to the accident site and monitor the rescue operation. Both of them reached the site and SRC Shri Sahu coordinated the rescue operation. He was on the accident site all the fateful night and next 2 days along with the rescue operation team. DG Fire Services Sidhanshu Sarangi along with Fire Services and ODRAF Team worked relentlessly in the crisis.



Principal Secretary Hemant Sharma and OMC MD Balwant Singh were helping out the district Administration in a big way with a proactive Collector Dattatraya Bhausaheb Shinde. Team spirit worked wonders. Bishnupada Sethi, Principal Secretary Higher Education mobilized more than 1000 volunteers from NSS and Red Cross, who worked relentlessly on the spot helping the victims. Chief Secretary Pradeep Jena and Secretary to CM V K Pandian were monitoring the arrangements every hour along with Team of Development commissioner Anu Garg. This apart, taking the line of calamity operations, Odisha government rushed the

personnel of ODRAF, Fire service and NDRF teams for the rescue operation which was later joined by the Army's engineering wing jawans. The district administration and local police took control of the situation and safely completed the rescue operation while Railway people carried out their restoration work. It was in fact considered as the biggest train mishap in the country in recent times as at least 275 people were killed while over 1100 passengers got injured. Retrieving dead bodies and rescuing the injured persons were big tasks for the rescue team. This is because, nobody in fact knows whether there is life in the person whom they are rescuing. Therefore, one has to be very careful in this regard. The personnel of ODRAF, NDRF and Odisha fire service are

quite skilled to perform the act for their past experience while dealing with calamities. Odisha Government's community involvement policy in natural calamities seems to have worked a lot as a large number of people thronged at the accident site and started rescuing the passengers before arrival of any official or police.

The enthusiasm and attitude among the people to help the persons in crisis came to the fore at the Balasore train accident as the volunteers worked day and night without food and water in hot and humid conditions. This kind of spirit in public is likely to have come from their experience of working during calamities. This is not that only government people do the public work, here the Balasore accident showed the way that the people from among the public also take the risk of helping victims of train accidents. While the entire focus is on the rescue, relief and restoration activities, the real heroes who worked without food and water in hot humid conditions, remain unnoticed to the open eye. They are real heroes and not the ones who are seen on silver screens.

The Odisha government also showed the way to others for its manner of handling the situation and completing rescue and relief works within 48 hours of the incident. It also took the right decision to preserve the unclaimed bodies as of the 275 deaths, corps of only 108 people were identified. As the task become difficult for the state government due to the requirement of more morgues, the state government drew attention of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who made an on the spot inspection of the accident site. Odisha's presentation of facts was so specific that PM Shri Modi was forced to pick up a mobile phone to talk to the Union Health Minister. By the evening, the authorities of the AIIMS, Bhubaneswar, started preparation to preserve the unclaimed bodies.

This is not all, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya also rushed to Bhubaneswar and took the responsibility of preserving the unclaimed bodies at AIIMS, Bhubaneswar. This is not all, the Union health Ministry also sent a batch of 17 expert doctors from Delhi to look after preservation of dead bodies. Overall, the state government dominated in the both rescue and relief operation while Railways also proved its worth by restoring both the Up and Down line within 48 hours. Anyway, the train accident in Balasore, is in some way an eye opener as stated by the Prime Minister. All the states including the railway ministry should take a lesson from the incident and prepare themselves to face the challenge if any.

## Odisha To Build Another Bridge Over Kathajodi River In Cuttack

**Bhubaneswar:** The state government will soon build another bridge over Kathajodi river near Trisulia in Cuttack district of Odisha.

The proposed four-lane bridge will boost road communication between the twin cities of Bhubaneswar and Cuttack, said an official. The Odisha Bridge and Construction Corporation Limited (OB&CC) has invited tenders for the bridge project. "The construction work for the project is expected to begin in September this



year. A target has been set to complete the project work by the end of 2025," said OB&CC Superintending Engineer Manas Ranjan Sethi. The proposed bridge over Kathajodi river will connect Trisulia with Belview Square in Cuttack city. The state

government has allocated Rs 220 crore for the project, sources said. "The new bridge will have footpaths and proper lighting facility. The bridge will be constructed with modern technology," Sethi added.

The Cuttack district administration and the Cuttack Municipal Corporation (CMC) will take steps to further develop Trisulia and Belview squares for seamless traffic. The CMC has already sanctioned Rs 8 crore for the development of Belview Square, sources said. Notably, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik had inaugurated Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Setu (bridge) over river Kathajodi in 2017. The 2.88-km bridge connects Trisulia with Belview Square in Cuttack.

## Highly Qualified Man Impersonating As Vigilance Officer Arrested For Extortion In Odisha

**Bhubaneswar:** Impersonating as a Vigilance officer, a man having high educational degrees, was arrested for extortion. Odisha SFT apprehended the accused during a raid at his residence in Puri yesterday. The accused has been identified as Manoj Kumar Majhi, a resident of Phulbari village under Krushna Prasad police limits in Puri district. He was nabbed following a complaint by an Additional Chief Engineer and other complainants alleging extortion of Rs 1 crore. Based on the complaints, a team of STF raided the accused's village on May 6 and arrested him. During interrogation, the accused confessed to his crime before



police. He was trying to extort money from various government officials as well as some contractors impersonating himself as a senior Vigilance officer. It is also ascertained that the accused has cheated some persons promising to arrange government jobs, the STF stated in a release today. The investigation revealed that the accused was a highly qualified person having M.Sc in Chemistry and Ph.D degree from the Sambalpur University. He allegedly cheated at least 14 officials in different ranks including special secretary and many contractors. The arrested accused will be forwarded to the Court of SDJM, Bhubaneswar, today



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## World Environment Day celebrated by Narbheram Power and Steel Company



Keonjhar: World Environment Day was celebrated by various organizations, mining and Industries in Barbil and Joda mining regions. On this occasion Narbheram Power and Steel Company located at Tonto village of Bhabrasahi Grampanchayat in the Keonjhar district celebrated World Environment Day with enthusiasm. A large number of local villagers participated in this programme. Bhadrasahi Sarpanch Pramila Naik, Naib Sarpanch Suresh Munda, ward Member Bina Panda and Forest Department officials also participated. All of them planted trees in the company premises. A total of hundred fifty different forest trees like Bel, Palm, Jamu, amla,

Karanj etc. were planted. The villagers were requested to plant fruit trees in the village during the rainy season. Highlighting the responsibility of man towards the environment, Mr. Sadanand Rana, Vice President of the company, said that man and nature are an integral part and it is everyone's responsibility to strengthen the relationship between them. To meet the population growth and its needs, we are putting a lot of pressure on nature. Due to deforestation, increasing dependence on plastic products, many changes have been observed in our climate condition. Global temperatures have increased dramatically. We need a

multi-pronged approach to combat plastic pollution. It begins with reducing the production and use of single-use plastics. These items designed for convenience have become symbols of our culture. We have forced our mind-set to use plastic. He urged to change and reduce the use of plastic based products as much as possible. Piyush Pandey, Head of the company's Human resources department, Prashant Mahanty, Manager Mines, Ghanshyam Bera, mine's safety officer, Atanu Vandopadhyay, head of geology and environment department Shubham Behera and other employees were present in the programme.

## GRANT OF EX GRATIA TO SURVIVORS, FAMILY MEMBERS BY RAILWAYS

Kolkata: The South Eastern Railway (SER) authority today through a press release informed that many passengers suffered casualties and injuries in the tragic accident as the Train no. 12841 Shalimar-Chennai Coromandel Express & the Train no. 12864 Sir M Visveswaraya-Howrah Superfast Express derailed near Bahanaga Bazar railway station on June 2, 2023.

According to the release, rescue operations were over and the injured were taken to nearby hospitals. The mortal remains of the deceased victims were handed over to their family members. As of now 77 bodies of the deceased were identified at Balasore, Soro and Bahanaga Bazar.

Though no compensation is enough to match the sorrow of the grieved families, yet as an ex gratia, monetary compensation has been granted to the deceased and injured victims of this tragic incident.

The SER authority stated that the survivors, family members of the victims can approach Balasore station, hospital or may contact at the helpline numbers of Balasore (8249591559, 7978418322, Rly no. 64810, 9439981999) and claim their ex gratia relief by producing valid documents.

Railways is trying to extend all hands to help the victims and their family members.

## PAND DOWN MAIN LINES DECLARED FIT FOR NORMAL TRAIN MOVEMENT

Kolkata: According to the information provided by the South Eastern Railway (SER) authority today, the train services of SER were affected due to the derailment of Train no. 12841 Shalimar-Chennai Coromandel Express and Train no. 12864 Sir M Visveswaraya-Howrah Superfast Express near Bahanaga Bazar Railway station at around 6.55 pm in the evening of May 2, 2023.

The restoration work had been completed with the continuous monitoring by Union Minister for Railways, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw and both up & down lines had been declared fit.

The first train was run on Down Line at 10.40 pm at night on Sunday (June 4, 2023) and the first train was run on Up line at 00.05 am today. Normal traffic movement has resumed on both the lines

## Adani Foundation Celebrates World Environment Day



Dhamra, June 5, 2023: Adani Foundation, the corporate social responsibility wing of Adani Group, commemorated World Environment Day in 46 government schools in the port vicinity. The initiative aimed to instill environmental consciousness among students and the community by organizing various activities centered around the theme of this year's campaign, #BeatPlasticPollution. Our Utthan Sahayaks conducted a widespread plantation drive within the school premises as well as at their household. This effort aimed to foster a greener environment and create awareness about the significance of combating pollution. By

encouraging tree plantation, the Adani foundation aimed to contribute to the restoration and preservation of the ecosystem in the region. In alignment with the global call for solutions to tackle plastic pollution, Adani Foundation remains committed to creating a sustainable and eco-friendly environment within the school premises. The plantation drive is just one aspect of the Foundation's comprehensive approach to environmental conservation. The Utthan Sahayaks also conducted awareness campaigns to educate students about the importance of plantation and the detrimental effects of plastic pollution. These

campaigns focused on promoting sustainable practices, such as reducing single-use plastics and adopting recycling initiatives. By empowering the students with knowledge, Utthan aims to nurture a generation of environmentally conscious individuals who actively contribute to the betterment of the planet.

Adani Foundation remains dedicated to its mission of social development and environmental sustainability. By organizing initiatives like the World Environment Day celebrations, the Foundation continues to make a positive impact on the communities it serves.

## Observation of World Environment Day – Beat Plastic save earth



Bhubaneswar 05/06: Every year, World Environment Day is observed on June 5 worldwide. The reason for this day's observation is to generate mass awareness for the protection and preservation of our environment. This year's theme for World Environment Day is "Beat Plastic Pollution" by PECUC and Ecosavers Youth Network. Ranjan Kumar Mohanty, Secretary of PECUC, gave the opening address and shared the purpose of this workshop. Plastic pollution is posing a serious threat to the Earth's environment, and it is also destroying ecosystems. It is our responsibility to work towards creating a plastic-free environment. Mr. Mohanty said that the young generation should come forward and take the lead in this drive. Stuti Ranjan Pradhan, State President of Ecosavers Youth Network, gave the welcome address and chaired the webinar. In this webinar, Deepak Kumar Mishra, an environmentalist with the Baitarani Initiative, spoke about the various measures that can be

adopted for managing plastic waste to save the earth and its environment. Rubi Rout, an expert resource person, spoke about the role of youth in generating awareness and bringing about a change in people's behaviour and practices. Anuradha Mohanty, Executive Director, also inspired the youth to be changemakers and leaders in protecting the environment. In this programme, Ecosavers group members Stuti Ranjan, Subhas, Kirti, and other youth shared their success stories. A vote of thanks was given by Subhas Chandra Mahant of Kendujhar. At various Districts of PECUC's operational areas activities like cleaning drives, plantations, painting, messaging, etc. were carried out by youth, children, and women to create mass awareness about the harmful impact of plastic pollution. This programme was facilitated by Alpana Das, Satyanarayan Mahanta, Upama Mohanty, Priyadarshini Swain, Sumitra Mohanty, Binod Kumar Das of PECUC.

## Business icons confer with Utkal Tycoons Awards

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

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

the Saloon; Sreejet Patnaik, MD, Mother's Public School; Harshavardhan Didwania, Co-founder and MD, EeVe Scooters; Pradeep Pansari, Director, Rajhans, Rajiv Swain, MD, Odisha Hotel; Punya Prakash Parida, MD, Embassy and Biraja Prasad Rout, founder, Biggies Burger. To uplift the fashion statement of Odisha to higher level Bhubaneswar Runway season-6 also organized where eminent fashion designers showcase their creativity and woo the audiences with their authentic design statements. 30 models participated in the event

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

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

## Vedanta Aluminium sweeps awards for fly-ash utilization

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

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

production of low-carbon 'green' cement. Besides improving product quality, in cement manufacturing, every tonne of fly-ash used can help save around 700-800 kg of carbon emissions, 4.2 million KJ of energy, and 341 litres of water. Similarly, Vedanta Aluminium is working with hundreds of local brick manufacturing MSMEs near its operations in Odisha and Chhattisgarh, transitioning them away from mud bricks. Bricks made of fly-ash are not only lighter and stronger than traditional clay bricks, but also play a

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

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



## Litton Das to lead Bangladesh in one-off Test against Afghanistan

**Dhaka:** Litton Kumar Das is all set to lead Bangladesh in the upcoming one-off Test match against Afghanistan. The Bangladesh Cricket Board, on Sunday, announced a 15-member squad that included two uncapped players in Shahadat Hossain and Mushfik Hasan.

Litton will become the 12th Test captain of the country, the post going vacant following a finger injury to Shakib al Hasan during the tour of Ireland, which forced him to be ruled out of the series.

"I think he (Litton) has got all the credentials to lead the Test squad and it's a big honour for him," BCB chief selector Minhajul Abedin told Cricbuzz after the team was announced.

"It's an opportunity for us to see him as Test leader and we believe he will lead from the front," he said further about Litton, who led Bangladesh's ODI squad against India in December last year but has hardly led in the domestic circuit.

Minhajul added that



Chattogram Division batsman Shahadat Hossain Dipu and Rangpur Division paceman Mushfik Hasan were always in their radar.

The 21-year-old Shahadat is a right-handed middle-order batter who made his first-class debut in 2021. He has scored 1265 runs from 20 first-class games with two hundreds and 10 half-centuries.

Mushfik burst onto the scene after his debut in the 2022 first-class season. The 20-year-old fast bowler has taken 49 wickets from

13 matches with three five-wicket hauls. Both were part of the Bangladesh A side in the just-concluded unofficial Test series against West Indies A and did reasonably well.

"Both of them (Shahadat and Musfik) have been with us from the Under-19 level and they were also part of the High Performance Unit so they were always in our radar. We are confident if they get a chance they will do well," Minhajul said.

Minhajul added that they are also confident that Mahmudul Hasan

has left behind his lean patch with the match-saving unbeaten century against West Indies A in the last game of the three-match four-dayers. Shadman Islam and Rezaur Rahman failed to make the cut in the squad while Taskin Ahmed and Zakir Hasan returned to the squad. Bangladesh included Taskin Ahmed even though the pace bowler has gone through a rehabilitation recently for his side strain, that ruled him out of the Test series against Ireland as well as the three ODIs against Ireland.

The right-arm pace

bowler bowled at full strength for the first time as the hosts began their practice at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium on Sunday under the guidance of Chandika Hathurusingha, who arrived in Dhaka a day before (June 3) to prepare his charges for the series, scheduled at SBNS from June 14. "I think he (Taskin) will get fit before the Test," Minhajul said. BCB appointed Allan Brown as mind trainer for upcoming two weeks and he started his activities from Sunday with meetings with a couple of players.

**SQUAD:** Litton Kumer Das (Captain), Tamim Iqbal, Zakir Hasan, Najmul Hossain Shanto, Mominul Haque Showrab, Mushfikur Rahim, Mehidy Hasan Miraz, Taijul Islam, Syed Khaled Ahmed, Ebadot Hossain Chowdhury, Taskin Ahmed, Shoriful Islam, Mahmudul Hasan Joy, Shahadat Hossain Dipu, Mushfik Hasan.

## Josh Hazlewood ruled out of WTC Final



**New Delhi:** Australian seamer Josh Hazlewood has been ruled out of the World Test Championship Final against India that begins on June 7.

Even though Hazlewood has been bowling at full tilt in the training sessions, he is managing a left Achilles issue apart from the side injury that he picked up during his IPL stint recently. With Australia immediately playing the Ashes after the WTC Final, the cautious step has been taken.

"Josh was very, very close to being given the

green light but we are cognisant that our upcoming schedule means this is not a one-off Test match for us," Chair of Selectors George Bailey said. "This will give Josh an ideal preparation leading into Edgbaston. With six Test matches in a little over seven weeks we will need all of our fast bowling assets."

Australia have added 33-year-old fast bowler Michael Naser to the squad following the development. After making his debut in the home Ashes series in

2021-22, Naser went on to play just one more Test after a 12-month gap. However, he is not expected to add to that tally during the WTC Final with Scott Boland emerging as the favourite candidate to fetch a place in the Australian XI.

"Michael's County form has been strong and knowing that he was going to be close by allowed for him to keep playing and for us to be able to call on him," Bailey said on Naser. "He is a great strength to have as part of the fast bowling group."

## Kylian Mbappe Crowned As Ligue 1 Top Scorer For 2022-2023 Season

**New Delhi:** The French goal scoring machine Kylian Mbappe on Sunday has been officially crowned as Ligue 1's top scorer for the 2022-2023 season. With 29 goals, the capital club's striker has been named as Ligue 1's top scorer. Mbappe received the award for his achievement after the game against Clermont Foot 63 on Matchday 38. The French forward has registered a tally of 29 goals in 34 league games this season. Mbappe has now developed a habit



of ending his season with this individual honour as this is the fifth time in a row, the Frenchman has walked away with the award. On the final day of the Ligue 1, he surpassed Olympique Lyonnais's striker Alexandre

Lacazette (27 goals) and Lille OSC's forward Jonathan David (24 goals).

The French sensation found himself on the scoresheet against Clermont as PSG ended up losing the game by a score of 2-3. PSG struck

two goals inside 21 minutes to take full control of the game. But Clermont scripted an unforeseen comeback as Johan Gastien (24), Mehdi Zeffane (45+1) and Grejohn Kyei (63) found the back of the net to end PSG's campaign with a loss on an emotional night.

The French Giants said their final goodbye to two football icons who have been making history in the French League for the past two seasons.

The Spanish defender Sergio Ramos and The Argentinian maestro

Lionel Messi played their final game in the Paris colors. While Ramos was able to mark his time with PSG by scoring a goal in the final game, Messi on the other hand, failed to end his time with PSG on a memorable note.

Both these players will now embark on a new journey with a different club and in a different league as well. As of now, their next destination is still unclear but it will start to clear up with each passing week.

## Trott unsure of Rashid's participation in series decider



**New Delhi:** Afghanistan Head Coach Jonathan Trott has admitted that he is unsure of Rashid Khan's participation in the series decider against Sri Lanka at Hambantota on June 7. Sri Lanka leveled the series by earning a comprehensive 132-run win over the tourists on Sunday. Ahead of the series, Rashid was ruled out of the opening two games due to a back issue but Trott said on Sunday that they will make a call on him only after assessing his condition ahead of the third game.

"We will just check and see on his fitness and see how his back's feeling and then you will know when the team is announced on Wednesday," Trott said regarding

Rashid's availability in the do-or-die game.

Trott pointed out Afghanistan's poor start with the ball and the finish where they conceded too many runs as the primary reason for the defeat. "I think we didn't start well enough with the ball and throughout the middle overs we were consistent enough and obviously they have got in last 10 overs 109 runs and so that's not great," he said.

"When you lose a 50-over game by a margin of over a 100 runs you didn't do much right. So that's where we are and that's what we need to improve for next game.

"We have a day off tomorrow and practice on Tuesday and obviously the game was on Wednesday

and its about the process in this game and getting it flushed from the memory looking forward to the next game which will be I am sure a very good game," he said.

In the run chase, Trott believes Afghanistan were not proactive and failed to put pressure on the Sri Lankan attack. Afghanistan had only 144 runs on the board after the first 30 overs while chasing 324. "With the bat we were obviously behind the rate," he said. "Chameera came and bowled pretty well and I think we allowed them to put enough pressure back on the Sri Lankan bowlers when chasing that target and so that's what we have got to work on for the next game."

## French Open 2023: World No.4 Elena Rybakina Withdraws Due To Respiratory Illness

**New Delhi:** World No.4 Elena Rybakina has pulled out of the French Open due to an upper respiratory illness. The current Wimbledon champion made the announcement before her third-round match against Spain's Sara Sorribes Tormo. Rybakina, 23, revealed that she started feeling unwell after her second-round match. Despite hoping to compete, she struggled to endure even 10 minutes of court time. According to WTA, Rybakina stated, "I saw the doctor and they said that actually, it's all a virus here in Paris. I guess with my allergy, my immune system just went down and I picked up something. As I said, I was not sleeping well for two days. I had a



fever and headache. I think you can hear [my voice] also." She added, "So, yeah, it's difficult to perform and obviously to run and even breathe. So I think that was the only right decision I could make." Having triumphed in two WTA 1000 events this

year, including a recent victory on clay in Rome, Rybakina aimed to capitalize on her momentum in Paris after reaching the quarterfinals in 2021. She had not dropped a set in her first two matches, defeating Brenda Fruhvirtova and Linda Noskova. Her 6-3,

6-3 win over Noskova marked her eighth consecutive victory.

Expressing her disappointment, Rybakina remarked, "Of course, I'm really upset about not being able to play, but I guess that's life. There are a lot of ups and downs. Today I just wanted to give

100 percent, and obviously, I'm far from being 100 percent." She further explained, "Yeah, I was actually coming positive here, but as I said, you never know how you're gonna feel. Was unlucky for me. Yeah, I just try to recover and do my best to be prepared for the grass season already." Rybakina's upcoming tournaments during the grass season include Berlin, Eastbourne, and her title defense at Wimbledon. With her withdrawal, Sorribes Tormo advances through a walkover and secures her first Round of 16 appearance in a Grand Slam. She will face the winner between 14th-seed Beatriz Haddad Maia and 23rd-seed Ekaterina Alexandrova.