

## Race begins for RS Berths Senior OAS get New Berths

Bhubaneswar(KCN): all three seats without any hurdle. Senior BJD leaders lobbying hard to get a party ticket for the election. There is



for election to three RS seats from Odisha, hectic lobby began in Governing Biju Janata Dal (BJD) as the regional party is all set to win including those who have not got any position for a long time, those who lost the election and those who have recently joined the party are buzz within the party that the Party Supremo might pick at least one woman candidate for the election. Names of many lead-

ers including Sasmit Patra, Pradeep Majhi, Sulata Deo, Shrimayee Mishra, Prasanna Patsani, Santosh Amat, Susmita Bagchi and Manas Mangaraj are doing the rounds. However, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik will take the final call. Naveen, who always takes surprise moves by picking up a candidate at the grassroots level, may also repeat the same in this poll.

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Bhubaneswar(KCN): The State Government on Tuesday affected a reshuffle among senior Odisha Administrative Service (OAS) officers in the State. The General Administration and Public Grievances Department has issued a notification of transfer of the following OAS Officers.

Raghuram R. Iyer, OAS (SAG), Special Secretary, State Election Commission, has been transferred and posted as Director, Higher Secondary Education with additional charge of Director, SCERT. Sudam Charan Mandal, OAS (SAG), Registrar (Administration), MKCG Medical College & Hospital, Berhampur has been transferred

and posted as Additional Director of Industries (Khadi Board) and Ex-Officio Secretary, Odisha Khadi and Village Industries Board, District Magistrate (ADM), Khordha has been appointed as Additional Secretary to Government, Steel & Mines Department. Sourindra Kumar



Bhubaneswar. Kanhu Charan Dheer, OAS (SAG), Additional District Magistrate (ADM), Paradeep is allowed to remain in charge of Executive Officer, Paradeep Municipality in addition to his own duties, until further orders. Anuja Kumar Das Pattnaik, OAS (SAG), Additional

Routray, OAS (SAG), Executive Officer, Paradeep Municipality has been shifted as Additional Secretary to Government, H & UD Department. Suvendu Kumar Sahoo, OAS (S), Deputy Commissioner, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) is the new Additional Dis-

trict Magistrate (ADM), Khordha. Similarly, Udaya Kumar Mohapatra, OAS (S), Sub-Collector, Hindol, Dhenkanal has been appointed as ADM Dhenkanal. Puja Mishra, OAS (S), Joint Secretary, Tourism Department is the new Joint Secretary, S&T Department. Another OAS (S) officer Naresh Chandra Sabar is transferred and posted as PA, ITDA, Phulbani. Sibananda Swain, CONTINUED ON: P-7

## PM Modi discusses defence manufacturing, trade, technology with Japanese PM Kishida in Tokyo

TOKYO(KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday met his Japanese counterpart Fumio Kishida here and the two leaders undertook a comprehensive stock-taking of the entire framework of the bilateral partnership to carry forward cooperation in diverse areas, including defence manufacturing in India and trade and technology. Prime Minister Modi, who is here for the second in-person Quad summit, held a bilateral meeting with Kishida during which they underscored the importance of maintaining the momentum of regular high-level exchanges between the two countries.



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verse areas, including in the field of defence manufacturing in India, skill development, partnership, trade and technology partnership cooperation, including for

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## Uttar Pradesh: 'Boys are not allowed to make mistakes by this govt', says CM Yogi on rape cases

LUCKNOW: Reiterating his government's policy of 'zero tolerance' towards crime and criminals, UP CM



Yogi Adityanath, on Tuesday, reminded the main opposition Samajwadi Party of the statement once given by party patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav with refer-

ence to a rape case and said that in the present dispensation "boys are not allowed to make mistakes."

The CM was responding to Leader of Opposition Akhilesh Yadav's onslaught over the prevailing law and order situation in Uttar Pradesh on the floor of the Legislative Assembly. Amid sharp exchanges between the two leaders, CM Yogi reassured the house of the consecution of the crackdown on criminals saying: "Whoever is the culprit and whatever is the type of crime, it is unforgivable in the eyes of the state government." CONTINUED ON: P-7

## Odisha Adopts Olympic Edu Program

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Sports is an important part of our vision for education and personal-ity development in Odisha and the State Gov-

Olympic Values Education Programme is being launched in 90 schools of Odisha. It has been started as a pilot project in schools of



ernment has strived hard to achieve excellence in both education and sports, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik said here on Tuesday. Launching the country's first Olympic Values Education Programme here he said, "We have always strived to achieve excellence in the education sector as well as in sports. I am happy that, for the first time in India, the Olympic Values Education Programme is being launched in 90 schools in Odisha."

Rourkela and Bhubaneswar. It will be expanded to other schools in the coming days. Mr.Patnaik said this will be the beginning of new Olympic movement in the country and complimented the Indian Olympic Committee (IOC) for partnering with the State Government in this endeavor to excel in sports. He underlined that Odisha is emerging as a major sports hub in India and will continue to lead in the sports sector through its partnerships and expressed confidence that these partnerships will make a significant contribution towards impactful holistic development of our young school children. Principal Secretary School & Mass Education Bishnupada Sethi was instrumental in organizing the that the program, which will make huge difference to the lives of students. Mr.Sethi said the State Government is implementing the vision of the Chief Minister for bringing transformative CONTINUED ON: P-7

## Old wine in old bottle: Congress picks Sarat Pattanayak as OPCC president

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): After a wait of nearly two years, the Congress on Monday appointed former MP Sarat Pattanayak as the new president of the Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC), bringing him back from a sort of retirement in a bid to rejuvenate the party organisation in the State. Pattanayak's appointment has raised questions whether electoral improvement of the party was in the mind of the high command or it is just another stop-gap arrangement to nullify rising discontent in the State unit.



This is Pattanayak's second term as OPCC president. He served as the State chief from 2001 to 2004. However, it was a lacklustre affair as his tenure marked the beginning of the decline of the party in Odisha. To bring back a leader, who is not very

activenow, and entrust him with the task of rebuilding the party has come as a huge surprise for the partymen, who were hoping for handing over the leadership to such a person who would inspire and rejuvenate the almost moribund organisation in the State. That Pattanayak's appointment is not likely to bring any electoral benefit for the party is clear from the fact that he does not have a pan-Odisha base and his access to the organisational structure in coastal Odisha is limited. CONTINUED ON: P-7

## Public hearing for over bridge held successfully at Barbil

**Barbil.** 23rd May (KCB). A public hearing has been held at the Vikas Mahal to acquire land for the construction of the Railway Over Bridge (LC No. BK 61) within Barbil and BadaJamda



stations on date 23rd May 2022. Being Barbil is a mining area, the iron ores are mostly transported by rail. On a yearly average around 23 million tons of iron ores from both government and leased private companies are transported by means of roadways and railways where around 70 per cent of ores are carried by the railways. Due to this, there is frequent closing of the level crossing in those places. As a result, traffic congestion and accidents are common over there. Realising the situation the Barbilvikas parishes have demanded the construction of railways over bridges in those places. Though the railway department has completed the construction work of the overbridges, still, the Odisha government has not acquired lands for the construction of connecting roads through required lands that have already been identified. In this context, the government has invited those landowners to be part of the public hearing. Although there is support for this project from the public but some landowners had pointed out some mistakes in identifying land. The land acquisition officer has assured those landowners that typographic errors will be

rectified. In the same way, the city's oldest St. Mary's school, both English and Oriya will be affected by the process, as school's playgrounds, toilets and one side boundary wall supposed to be completely demolished. The school's will lose 41 decimal of land in this project. Sister Karuna, the principal of St. Mary's School, urged the administration to reconsider or change in the plan so that school get protected in this land acquire process. The land acquisition officer said the process would be compensated and rehabilitated in accordance with government regulations. However in this project a total of 2,0605 decimal acres land will be acquired which include 0.274 decimal from unit.8 and 0.727 decimal from Unit No. 7 and 1.0595 decimal of Unit No. 13. Naba krusna Chowdhury, an NGO and Life academy of social study are given for R & R and EIA study of the project



respectively. However the public hearing held peacefully under the Chairmanship of Additional District Magistrate Jadumani Mahala, in presence of District Land acquisition officer Sona Tudu, Block Development officer Jagannath Hanuman, Executive officer, Barbil Municipality, Abhishek Panda, Asst. Executive Engineer Ashok Mohapatra, representative of Nabakrushna Chowdhury foundation and Life academy of Social study.

## Robbery at Bhadrasahi, snatched Cash at gun point

**Barbil(KCN):** Five unidentified armed men allegedly looted an transport company and stole cash worth over 4 lakh at Bhadrasahi under Barbil police station of Keonjhar district, ON Monday at about 10.30pm night, five masked men entered the premises and threatened the staff at the gun point and looted the cash. They too have misfired one round. They might be of Jharkhand area as they were speaking Hindi in Jharkhandi pattern, said Iswar Jhajoria, the

proprietor of transport. However Police has reached the spot and ascertaining more information through CCTV footage to identify the accused. The consecutive robbery case will definitely alarming police to tighten night patrolling and to be more vigilant to stranger said one resident



## Kolkata GATE topper in Biotech Subhrojyoti aspires for a career in Genetic Engineering and Cancer

**Kolkata(KCN):** GATE topper in Biotech Subhrojyoti aspires for a career in Genetic Engineering and Cancer

Proud to state that Subhrajyoti Ghosh, a 4th year student of B.Tech in Biotechnology from Heritage Institute of Technology secured an All India Rank 13 in GATE 2022 examinations. Moreover the student had bagged multiple offers from 5 prestigious IITs which are IIT Kharagpur, IIT Bombay, IIT Delhi, IIT Guwahati and IIT Madras. Subhrojyoti had received these offers to pursue his higher studies i.e. M.Tech in Biomedical Engineering from IIT Bombay, IIT Delhi and IIT Guwahati. Apart from this, he received offers to pursue M.Tech in Bioprocess Engineering from IIT Madras and M.Tech in Biotechnology and Bioengineering from IIT Guwahati.

However he also received an offer to pursue M.Tech in Biotechnology and Biochemical Engineering from IIT Kharagpur but a career in Genetic Engineering or Cancer Biology motivates him more than other fields of study. Recently Michael Schatz, a computational biologist and one of the world's leading genomics experts had been added to the list of the 100 most influential people for the year 2022 for his contributions to the first complete sequencing of the human genome, "the most complete look yet at the genetic script underlying the very nature of who we are as human beings."

Human Genetic Engineering is coming in a big way and this will be the future. Now the world is weighing the pros and cons of Human Genetic Engineering.

Subhrojyoti shares his journey below from getting an AIR 13 in GATE 2022 to receiving multiple offers from 5 prestigious IITs in India.

1) How do you feel now after getting multiple offers from 5 prestigious IITs? I am extremely delighted to receive 7 dif-

ferent offers in the field of Biotechnology and Biomedical Sciences from the top IITs of India. Although I had been eyeing for IIT Madras and IIT Kharagpur right from the beginning, receiving so many tempting offers from such premier institutions was beyond my expectation. Finally, I am happy that I would be tagged as an "IIT-ian" very soon.

2) Give a glimpse of your journey in getting selected in 5 prestigious IITs?

Right from the starting days of my preparation, I was very keen to pursue PhD in future. For this purpose, I needed a decent



rank to get into the old IITs so that I can get more prospects and opportunities for higher studies from there. As my GATE Rank was good, I only applied to the top IITs of the country where more research works are carried out. I surfed their websites and looked for the research works that match my areas of interests. Some of

## Jindal Stainless signs MoU with SCTEVT, Odisha to train future-ready stainless steel professionals

**Bhubaneswar (KCN):** Odisha's State Council for Technical Education & Vocational Training (SCTEVT) today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Jindal Stainless to promote technical education in the field of stainless steel and its various applications. Under this MoU, stainless steel courses will be introduced in all the Polytechnic colleges in Odisha from June 2022. The MoU was signed by Vice Chairman, SCTE&VT, Shri Reghu G (IAS) and Unit Head, Jindal Stainless Limited (JSL), Shri Deepak Agrawal. Dignitaries present at the ceremony included Chairman, SCTE &VT and Principal Secretary to Government, Skill Development and Technical Education (SDTE) and Industries Departments, Shri Hemant Sharma (IAS); Additional Secretary, SDTE, Govt of Odisha, Shri Tapan Satpathy (OAS); Resident Director, JSL, Mr SS

Upadhyay, and General Manager, Sales & Distribution, Mr Ranit Rana.

Commending the development, Chairman, SCTEVT and Principal Secretary to Government, SDTE and Industries Departments, Shri Hemant Sharma (IAS) said, "This collaboration with Jindal Stainless will enhance the learning experience for students and faculty both, as it will give them insights about and practical exposure to the stainless steel industry. The future leaders and opinion makers of the nation will be equipped with the knowledge they need to carve a sustainable future for India."

Speaking for the stainless steel industry, Resident Director, JSL, Mr SS Upadhyaysaid, "We are committed to developing a self-sufficient ecosystem for the domestic stainless steel industry. This MoU will pave the way for equipping our nation's upcoming workforce with focused practical un-

derstanding of stainless steel and its applications. It will augment their theoretical knowledge with hands-on training for a holistic experience, thus opening up employment avenues. We at Jindal Stainless will also induct students in the Company. We applaud the Odisha government's commitment to bring about a manufacturing revolution in the state and are determined to be their partners on this growth trajectory."

There will be two modules under this MoU - compulsory and elective. A course on stainless steel will be introduced as an additional compulsory module for Metallurgy and Mechanical engineering students in the 5th semester of every batch, starting June 2022, across all the Government Polytechnic Colleges in Odisha. It will include 10 theory lectures exclusively on stainless steel. Jindal Stainless will also organise plant visits for the students.

Additionally, the Company will conduct a 'Train the Trainers' program for the faculty in these colleges.

The elective module will incorporate a 3-credit course with about 40 lectures in the 6th semester for Mechanical and Metallurgy engineering students at Government Polytechnics in Jajpur and Kendrapada, and BOSE, Cuttack. Students will be able to enrol for this elective course through an exam at the end of their 5th semester. The selected students shall undergo 20 hours of industrial training at Jindal Stainless' Jajpur plant, where they would work on various projects.

Upon successful completion of the course, all participating students will receive Certificates jointly from Jindal Stainless and their respective institutions. The Company will also extend pre-placement offers (PPOs) to students based on their performance.

them even shortlisted me for interview and I had to appear for that before receiving these offers. Obtaining so many offers from multiple disciplines is like my dreams turning into reality.

3) What is the one thing that you recommend the students to follow?

Those who are willing to pursue higher studies in IITs should start their preparation at a very early stage, stop procrastinating, solve as many questions as possible and have a clear grasp of the subject. Studying smartly along with proper utilization of 4 years will surely result in a good

score. 4) Tell me your journey on getting GATE AIR 13? I had done a lot of research on the internet regarding the score and the rank that are required for cracking GATE. Accordingly I prepared my own strategy, focused more on the topics that are important, solved previous year question papers and solved as many model and mock test papers as I could. Getting this rank wouldn't have been possible without the help my departmental teachers who constantly solved my doubts not only during class timings but also on phone calls and Whatsapp. Their thorough guidance helped me to identify my weaknesses and encouraged me to work on that to improve them.

5) What are your future plans now? Right now, I want to pursue a PhD in Genetic Engineering or Cancer Biology either from IISc Bangalore in India or abroad. For that I am thinking of preparing for some competitive exams like CSIR-NET, GRE, TOEFL etc.

6) The education system in India is undergoing a phenomenal change. Do you support this?

Yes definitely. The education system today is totally different from the system that prevailed 20 years back. In the upcoming years with the implementation of National Educational policy, the education system is bound to witness a phenomenal change in higher education. Nowadays, education should be more application based than just mugging up subjects. Having a clear concept will help students ace competitive exams easily.

7) What do you expect from private engineering colleges in supporting students to aspire for a promising rank on GATE?

Private Engineering Colleges should focus more on the topics that are important for GATE and encourage students to study and solve questions on a regular basis. My department in HIT-K had been very supportive in this matter and they have devoted utmost care and attention to clear the doubts, gave model questions in the form of assignments, suggested good books and gave utmost attention to those who needed it on a one-to-one basis. Other private colleges should follow this path.

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## I'll keep venting my anger through my films: 'Thappad' director Anubhav Sinha

**NEW DELHI(KCN):** With three back to back films on the troika of troubling contemporary issues - religion, caste and gender -- director Anubhav Sinha, who seems to have hit a purple patch, says he is an angry man and will continue to vent his ire through his cinema.

Fresh from the success of his latest film "Thappad", a nuanced look at domestic violence and male entitlement, Sinha said this is his "most fertile" period.

"I'm jumping between stories. As soon as I finish one, I start my next. I want to address everything. I'm still an angry man. I'll keep venting my anger through my films," the director told PTI in an interview.

Patriarchy, in his view, "is in our blood, in our bones".

"It has been for centuries and we don't even realise that we have it," Sinha said.

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Before "Thappad", which released on February 28, Sinha made "Article 15" on the caste divide in 2019 and "Mulk" on religious polarisation in 2018.

"Perhaps this is the most fertile time for me. I keep finding good stories so I don't

see a reason not to work. I'm a workaholic and there

Thappad: The slap that Indian society needed?

make mistakes while telling the story of "just a slap".

wakes up when we fast asleep to cook for us and then leave for

makes his own tea, loves his family and has a special corner in his heart for his daughter. "The film talks about 'anupayukt' (unsuitable) men but that doesn't mean there are no good men around. I wanted to have one good man in the middle but realised that he was too sweet. That is why, I wanted to say that even he made a mistake."

A revealing conversation between Mishra's character and his wife, played by Ratna Pathak Shah, tells the audience how he overlooked her musical aspirations even while being the caring husband.

Sinha said "Mulk", "Article 15" and "Thappad" are not a trilogy, but the success of the first two gave him the confidence to tackle the latest.

"When I made 'Mulk', a courtroom drama, it was a little verbose because there were things I had to say. So it ended up speaking more. Its box office success gave me a certain degree of confidence. I truly believe my films should do well at the box office," he said. "Article 15" made Rs 65 crore at the box office and "Mulk" almost Rs 30 crore.

"Thappad" is also on a healthy profit track with Rs 21 crore in its first week.

Sinha is happy. It is not on a blockbuster point because this is not a Rs 100 crore film. It has its own loyal audience and the reaction has been really strong.

is no other engagement in my life. I'm meeting good writers, some are one or two films old, some are new. Things are falling into place organically," he said.

The 54-year-old, who began his career in 2001 with the romantic drama "Tum Bin" and went on to make commercial potboilers such as "Cash", "Dus" and "Ra.

One" before changing gears to more meaningful cinema, said he works on two scripts simultaneously.

That is why he is able to come up with at least one film a year. So, while he was making "Article 15" with co-writer Gaurav Solanki, he was also working on the script of "Thappad" with Mrunmayee Lagoo.

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"Similarly, while Mrunmayee and I were busy with 'Thappad', two other writers were writing my next two," he said.

"I spend time with my writers, meet them at 8 in the morning to discuss what we have written. I am always working on two scripts. It takes more time between two films when you don't have a ready script," he added.

Sinha credits the women in his team for "Thappad", hailed as a landmark film by many critics.

The Taapsee Pannu-starrer is about a homemaker whose life falls apart when her corporate executive husband slaps her in a party.

According to Sinha, the women in his crew ensured he didn't

"After the #MeToo movement, I told my team to hire as many women as possible. So there are always a lot of women in my team. I talk to them and they read the script and come up with their own suggestions.

"While constructing a shot, if I have some confusion or a question, I discuss with them and try to find a solution. The only credit I take is that I'm receptive to their ideas." His late mother did not connect with his earlier films but would have loved "Thappad", he said.

In 2010, he started cooking as a hobby. But it took his mother to make him realise that cooking can be a chore if you have to do it four times a day, every day.

"I realised this woman

her school. She was a teacher. This affected me even as a child. Thankfully, I never saw any kind of violence, physical or otherwise, but yes, we are all misogynists.

"My father would carry his own plate from the table and made the morning cup of tea. There were no words like 'feminists' and 'chivalry' in our lives then but it must have subliminally affected me that my father was like that. Still the cooking chores were done by my mother," he said.

Though the director does not mention it, the protagonist Amrita's father, played by Kumud Mishra, may have something to do with Sinha's personal experience.

He is gentle and large-hearted, quotes poetry,

## 'Shakeela' trailer falls flat, lacks the punch expected in a star biopic



The trailer of Indrajit Lankesh's Hindi language film "Shakeela" doesn't hold much to impress.

From using modern-day Hindi music to cliched film sets, it feels like a repackaging of Vidya Balan's 'Dirty Picture' except that this version fails to bring the charm Vidya brought to the

screen. The film, as described by the filmmakers of 'Shakeela', is "inspired by life events of a famous star Shakeela who predominantly starred in southern cinema."

It features Richa Chadha as the titular adult actor who was one of the biggest stars of the 1990s ar-

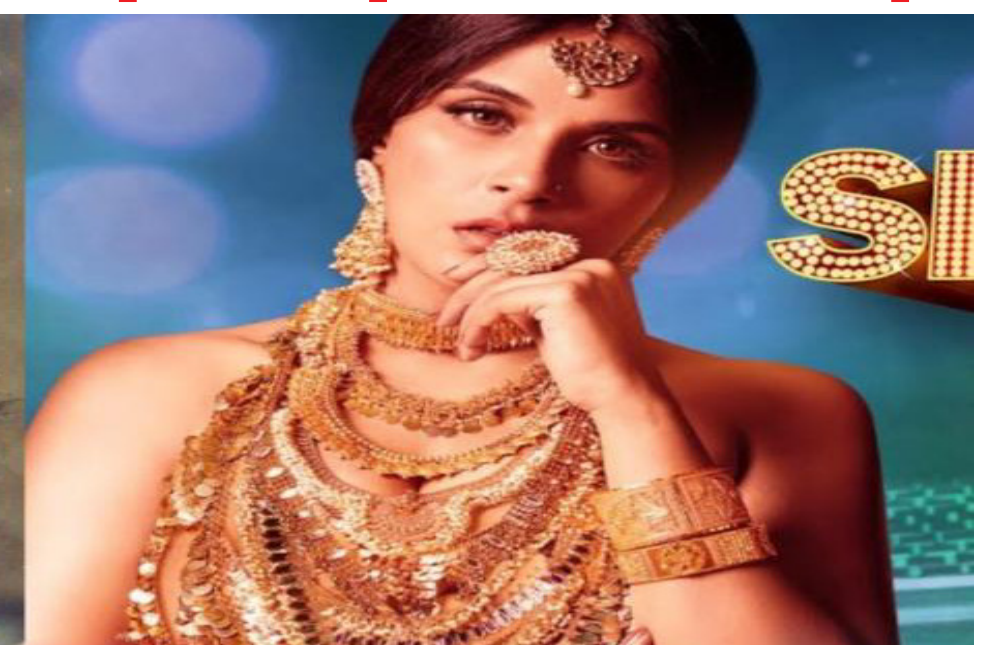
riving from Kerala who went on to act in several adult films in languages spanning Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Kannada, while Pankaj Tripathi is the male lead.

The film is described to "portray the hardships of the actress as she had to face a lot of criticism, insults and betrayals from

her own family members and the film fraternity who were influential in getting her films banned." The main reason for the success of 'Kinnarathumbikal', one of the films that catapulted her into the limelight, was solely her screen presence and energy, and with no other male lead in the

movie. Trying to fill in the gaping hole left by Silk Smitha in the low-budget softcore industry, Shakeela made her own mark with around 250 movies in her kitty -- heralding the 'Shakeela Tharangam' (The wave of Shakeela). Meanwhile, the Shakeela that

Indrajith is trying to portray doesn't look like she has much story to tell. The screen-space also seems to be overpowered by star cast Pankaj Tripathi. Let's hope the full length movie holds more than what the trailer showed. The film is produced by Sammy Nanwani and Sahil Nanwani, with music by Meet Bros and Veer Samarth.



# Sedition Vs. Freedom of Speech

The Constitution of India under Article 19(1)(a) guarantees the freedom of speech and expression. The



sub-clause (a) of clause 1 of Article 19 contemplates that the constitutional right under the said sub-clause shall not affect the operation of any existing law or

prevent the State from making any law in so far as such law imposes reasonable restrictions on the exercise of that right conferred by the said sub-clause in the interest of the sovereignty and integrity of India, the security of the State, friendly relations with foreign states, public order, decency or morality or in relation to contempt of court, defamation or incitement to an offence.

It is a matter of fact that despite the constitutional assurance for freedom of speech, the citizens of the country have been booked under Section 124-A of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 for prosecution on the allegation that the accused persons have committed sedition. Although there is no definition of the offence "sedition".

As per Advanced Law Lexicon Dictionary, sedition means an offence tending towards treason (conspiracy) but wanting the overt act, the raising commotions or disturbances in the State. It is a revolt against the legitimate authority.

As per the Chamber dictionary, sedition means insurrection, public tumult. If the person is found guilty at the end of the trial under Section 124-A, the accused has to be punished with the imprisonment for life but the fine may be added or the imprisonment may be extended to three years to which fine may be added. The relevant provision under Section 124-A is reproduced as under:

"124-A. Sedition.- Whoever, by words, either spoken or written or by signs, or by visible representation, or otherwise, brings or attempts to bring into hatred or contempt, or excites or attempts to excite disaffection towards, the Government established by law in India, shall be punished with [imprisonment for life], to which fine may be added, or with imprisonment which may extend to three years, to which fine may be added, or with fine.

Explanation 1.- The expression "disaffection" includes disloyalty and all feelings of enmity. Explanation 2.- Comments expressing disapprobation of the measures of the Government with a view to obtain their alteration by lawful means, without exciting or attempting to excite hatred, contempt or disaffection, do not constitute an offence under this section.

Explanation 3.- Comments expressing disapprobation of the administrative or other action of the Government without exciting or attempting to excite hatred, contempt or disaffection, do not constitute an offence under this section.

Classification of Offence.-The offence under this section is cognizable, non-bailable, non-compoundable and triable by Court of Session."

The Constitution bench of the Hon'ble Supreme Court while examining the constitutional validity of the section in the case of KedarNath Singh Versus State of Bihar has upheld the constitutionality of the Section 124-A reported in (1962) SCR 769. In the said case the Hon'ble Supreme Court has also taken into account the conflicting decisions of the Federal Court and the Privy Council.

It is pertinent to mention here that the Federal Court has held that the words, deeds or writings constituted an offence under Section 124-A only when they had the intention or tendency to create public disturbance or to promote disorder while the Privy Council has taken a different view holding that an

essential ingredient of the offence of sedition under

Section 124-A that the words etc. should be intended to or be likely to incite public disorder. It is well settled that if certain provisions of law construed in one way would make them consistent with the Constitution and another interpretation would render them unconstitutional. The court would lean in favour of the former construction. Keeping in mind the reasons for the introduction of Section 124-A and the history of sedition, the section must be so construed as to limit its application to acts involving intention or tendency to create disorder or disturbance of law and order or incitement to violence.

In the above mentioned Constitution Bench cases the appeals were filed against the order of the High Court of Patna and Allahabad High Court. In these appeals there were two interpretations of Section 124-A before the Hon'ble Supreme Court i.e. one taken by the Federal Court and the other taken by the Privy Council as stated supra. The Hon'ble Supreme Court finally accepted the interpretation given by the Federal Court confirming the validity of the section whereas the interpretation by the Privy Council was not taken into consideration. As a result the appeal filed against the order of the Patna High Court was dismissed and the appeals filed against the order of the Allahabad High Court by the State of Uttar Pradesh were allowed. The relevant paragraph of the KedarNath case wherein the interpretations have been given of the Section 124-A is reproduced as under:

"There are two interpretations of s. 124A before the Court, one taken by the Federal Court and the other taken by the Privy Council. This Court should accept the interpretation given by the Federal Court, as that interpretation would make the section constitutional. Even if the interpretation put by the Privy Council be accepted as correct one, section 124A will still be valid. The section certainly contemplates cases where the speech is likely to disturb public order and as such the section in the interest of public order as contemplated in Art.19(2) and the mere fact that some cases in which the public order is not likely to be disturbed are also included therein, cannot invalidate the section. This court took a similar view in RamjilalModi's case [1957] S.C.R. 308, the decision in Lohia's case [1960] 2 S.C.R. 821 does not affect this case, as in that case it was found that the provisions curtailing freedom of speech were not in the interest of public order as the connection between the provisions and disturbance of public order was too remote. Even if the section be held according to the Privy Council view to include cases which threaten public order and those which do not, the section can be held valid with respect to cases where public order is threatened as the two types of cases are severable. [1957] S.C.R. 930, A.I.R. [1941] F.C. 72 [1951] S.C.R. 682, [1953] S.C.R. 1059 and 65 L. Ed. 1139."

The factual positions of both the appeals leading to filing the appeals before the Hon'ble Supreme Court as enumerated in the present Constitution Bench judgment are as under:

"In Criminal Appeals 124-126 of 1958, the State of Uttar Pradesh is the appellant, though the respondents are different. In Criminal Appeal 124 of 1958, the accused person is one Mohd. IshaqIImi. He was prosecuted for having delivered a speech at Aligarh as Chairman of the Reception Committee of the All India Muslim Convention on October 30, 1953. His speech on that occasion, was thought to be seditious. After the necessary sanction, the Magistrate held an enquiry, and finding a prima facie case made out against the accused, committed him to the Court of Session. The learned Sessions Judge, by his Judgment dated January 8, 1955, acquitted

**Radha Shyam Jena**

him the other charge under s.124A, of the Indian Penal Code,

and sentenced him to rigorous imprisonment for one year. The convicted person preferred an appeal to the High Court. In the High Court the constitutionality of s.124A of the Indian Penal Code was challenged.

In Criminal Appeal No.125 of 1958, the facts are that on May 29, 1954, a meeting of the Bolshevik Party was organized in village Hanumanganj, in the District of Basti, in Uttar Pradesh. On that occasion, the respondent Rama Nand was found to have delivered an objectionable speech in so far as he advocated the use of violence for overthrowing the Government established by law. After the sanction of the Government to the prosecution had been obtained, the learned Magistrate held an enquiry and ultimately committed him to take his trial before the Court of Sessions. In due course, the learned Sessions Judge convicted the accused person under s. 124A of the Indian Penal Code and sentenced him to rigorous imprisonment for three years. He held that the accused person had committed the offence by inciting the audience to an open violent rebellion against the Government established by law, by the use of arms. Against the aforesaid order of conviction and sentence, the accused persons preferred an appeal to the High Court of Allahabad.

In Criminal Appeal 126 of 1958, the respondent is one ParasnathTripathi. He is alleged to have delivered a speech in village Mansapur, P.S. Akbarpur, in the district of Faizabad, on September 26, 1955, in which he is said to have exhorted the audience to organize a volunteer army and resist the Government and its servants by violent means. He is also said to have excited the audience with intent to create feelings of hatred and enmity against the Government. When he was placed on trial for an offence under s. 124A of the Indian Penal Code, the accused person applied for a writ of Habeas Corpus in the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad on the ground that his detention was illegal in as much as the provisions s. 124A of the Indian Penal Code were void as being in contravention of his fundamental rights of free speech and expression under Art.19(1)(a) of the Constitution. This matter, along with the appeals which have given rise to appeals Nos.124 and 125, as aforesaid, were ultimately placed before a Full Bench, consisting of Desai, Gurtu and Beg, JJ. The learned judges, in separate but concurring judgments, took the view that s. 124A of the Indian Penal Code was ultra vires Art. 19(1)(a) of the Constitution. In that view of the matter, they acquitted the accused persons, convicted as aforesaid in the two appeals Nos. 124 and 125, and granted the writ petition of the accused in Criminal Appeal No. 126. In all these cases the High Court granted the necessary certificate that the case involved important questions of law relating to the interpretation of the Constitution. That is how these appeals are before us on a certificate of fitness granted by the High Court."

While dismissing the appeal by KedarNath Singh and allowing the appeal of State of Uttar Pradesh, the Hon'ble Supreme Court at the end has observed as under:

"It is only necessary to add a few observations with respect to the constitutionality of s. 505 of the Indian Penal Code. With reference to each of the three clauses of the section, it will be found that the gravamen of the offence is making, publishing or circulating any statement, rumour or report (a) with intent to cause or which is likely to cause any member of the Army, Navy or Air Force to mutiny or otherwise disregard or fail in his duty as such; or (b) to cause fear or alarm to the public or a section of the public which may induce the commission of an offence against the State or against public tranquility;

or (c) to incite or which is likely to incite one class or community of persons to commit an offence against any other class or community. It is manifest that each one of the constituent elements of the offence under s. 505 has reference to, and a direct effect on, the security of the State or public order. Hence, these provisions would not exceed the bounds of reasonable restrictions on the right of freedom of speech and expression. It is clear, therefore, that cl.(2) of Art.19 clearly saves the section from the vice of unconstitutionality.

It has not been contended before us on behalf of the appellant in C.A. 169 of 1957 or on behalf of the respondents in the other appeals (No. 124-126 of 1958) that the words used by them did not come within the purview of the definition of sedition as interpreted by us. No arguments were advanced before us to show that even on the interpretation given by us their cases did not come within the mischief of the one or the other section, as the case may be. It follows, therefore, that the Criminal Appeals 169 of 1957 has to be dismissed. Criminal Appeals 124-126 of 1958 will be remanded to the High Court to pass such order as it thinks fit and High Court to pass such order as it thinks fit and proper in the light of the interpretation given by us." After about six decades, the constitutional validity of the said section has been raised before the Hon'ble Supreme Court in a Writ Petition (Civil) No.682 of 2021 titled S.G. VombatkereVs Union of India as well as in a batch of writ petitions. On 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the said writ petitions before finalizing the re-examination of the provision of the Section 124-A of the Indian Penal Code, ordered the Central Government and the State Government for not taking any coercive measures by invoking the Section 124-A of the IPC. The relevant paragraph 8 of the said order is reproduced as under:

"In view of the clear stand taken by the Union of India, we deem it appropriate to pass the following order in the interest of justice:

- The interim stay granted in W.P.(Crl.) No. 217/2021 along with W.P.(Crl.) No. 216/2021 vide order dated 31.05.2021 shall continue to operate till further orders.
- We hope and expect that the State and Central Governments will restrain from registering any FIR, continuing any investigation or taking any coercive measures by invoking Section 124A of IPC while the aforesaid provision of law is under consideration.
- If any fresh case is registered under Section 124A of IPC, the affected parties are at liberty to approach the concerned Courts for appropriate relief. The Courts are requested to examine the reliefs sought, taking into account the present order passed as well as the clear stand taken by the Union of India.
- All pending trials, appeals and proceedings with respect to the charge framed under Section 124A of IPC be kept in abeyance. Adjudication with respect to other Sections, if any, could proceed if the courts are of the opinion that no prejudice would be caused to the accused.
- In addition to the above, the Union of India shall be at liberty to issue the Directive as proposed and placed before us, to the State Governments/Union Territories to prevent any misuse of Section 124A of IPC.
- The above directions may continue till further orders are passed."

If the Hon'ble Supreme Court refers the above mentioned writ petitions to the larger bench, the fate of the constitutional validity of the Section 124A of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 will hang in the balance till the pronouncement of the final verdict.

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# State Signs Gopalpur Port Agreement

Bhubaneswar: Port Major, Gopalpur Port Limited and Odisha

Sethi. Gopalpur Port was initially controlled

nance Pvt. Ltd. took the management control of the Gopalpur

proval for signing the revised agreement which came to effect



State Commerce & Transport Department on Tuesday have signed a Revised Concession Agreement for the development and expansion of the Port. The agreement was signed at the Commerce & Transport Department conference hall here today in presence of State Commerce & Transport Minister Padmanav Behera and Principal Secretary Bishnupada

and managed by Odisha State Commerce & Transport Department. With change of management, an agreement was signed between Orissa Stevedores Limited (OSL) and Gopalpur Port on 14 September, 2006 to develop it as an all-weather deep sea port and operate in public-private partnership (PPP) mode. Later, with 51 percent stake, Shapoorji Pallonji Port Mainte-

Port on 18 January, 2017 and the balance stake remained with the original promoter OSL. The change in management of the port required a fresh and revised concession agreement to be signed between the State Government and the port authorities, informed Minister Mr. Behera. To recall, the State Cabinet in its meeting on 7 December, 2021, had given its ap-

today, the Minister added. Among others, State Commerce & Transport Department Special Secretary Sanjay Mishra, Gopalpur Port Director Padmalochan Roul, Port CEO Captain Sandeep Agrawal, Senior Advisor Arabind Panigrahi, Corporate Affairs Vice President Jagdish Rout and Manager Ratiranjana Dash were present during signing of the agreement.

# PM Modi holds 'fruitful' discussions with Australian counterpart; agrees to further cement bilateral ties

TOKYO (KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday held fruitful discussions with Australia's newly-elected Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and discussed ways to add even greater momentum across key sectors of their robust bilateral strategic ties. Modi and Albanese met on the sidelines of the Quad Summit here, a day after the center-left Labor Party leader was sworn-in as the Australian Prime Minister. ALSO READ | Incoming Australian PM Anthony Albanese had visited India as backpacker "India's Comprehensive Strategic Partnership with Australia is robust and benefits not only the people of our nations but also the world," Modi tweeted after his maiden meeting with his new Australian counterpart. "Was delighted to meet PM @AlboMP and take stock of bilateral ties. We discussed ways to add even greater momentum across key sectors," he wrote. "Warmly welcomed my meeting with @narendramodi for an engaging discussion on Australia and India's full strategic and economic agenda, including on clean energy technology. Australia-India ties have never been closer," Albanese tweeted. Earlier, the Prime Minister's Office tweeted that Modi and Albanese held fruitful

discussions in Tokyo. "The talks focused on deepening the developmental cooperation between India and Australia across diverse sectors," it tweeted. ALSO READ | India-US relations a 'partnership of trust': PM Modi in meeting with Biden Prime Minister Modi congratulated Albanese for his election victory. "Both leaders reviewed the multi-faceted cooperation under the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, including in trade & investment, defence manufacturing, renewable energy including green hydrogen, education, science and technology, agricultural research, sports and people-to-people ties," the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said in a press release. Both Prime Ministers affirmed their desire to continue the positive momentum in the bilateral relationship, it added. Prime Minister Modi extended an invitation to the Australian

Prime Minister to visit India at an early date. "Warmly welcomed my meeting with @narendramodi for an engaging discussion on Australia and India's full strategic and economic agenda, including on clean energy technology. Australia-India ties have never been closer," Prime Minister Albanese tweeted. ALSO READ | Quad moving ahead with a constructive agenda for Indo-Pacific: PM Narendra Modi Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi termed the meeting as a renewed momentum in the India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. "Renewed momentum in the India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. PM @narendramodi held talks with the newly elected Australian PM @AlboMP. Leaders reviewed the multifaceted bilateral cooperation and reaffirmed their desire to deepen it," he tweeted. Earlier, the two leaders attended the Quad

summit along with US President Joe Biden and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida. At the Quad summit also, Modi had complimented Albanese saying his presence at the sum-



# Fire Services Saves 7929 Lives

Cuttack(KCN): Due proactive action of the Fire Service wing of the State Government, 7929 human lives were saved during the period of April, 2021 to March, 2022. Santosh Upadhyay, DG Fire Services took stock of action taken during the period. He is leading Team Fire Services in the State with all sincerity and dedication. Now Directorate of Fire Services is working on 5T Charter of Mo Sarkar.

The Fire Service Directorate has saved 95 human lives and 258 cattle from fire while the lives of 7834 human beings and 10454 cattle from other incidents like downing/ accidents. All Fire Stations across the State have received a total 21,267 numbers of special service calls of which 17841 were rescue calls and others were for various other issues like accidents etc. Similarly, the Fire Service offices have received 15451 num-

bers of fire calls of which 14 were serious calls (involving actions were pressed into delivery of public service like attend-

60.47 crore including insured property of Rs 26.14 crore, unin-



deaths of human beings), 290 major, 1571 medium and 13512 were small incidents during the year. Besides, 64 false fire calls were also received by the Fire Stations (major-property loss more than Rs.1 lakh, medium- in between Rs.50,000 to Rs. 1 lakh, small — below Rs. 50,000). During the aforesaid period, 339 fire sta-

ing to fire calls, rescue of men/ animals and assistance to civil administration towards disaster management as first responder. Loss of 14 human lives and 441 lives of cattle due to fire were also reported during the year. Similarly, the Fire Stations have attended 996 numbers of death incidents due to drowning/ accidents etc. Properties worth Rs

34.23 crore and others Rs. 9.66 lakhs were lost due to fire incidents during the year. Moreover, total properties worth Rs 247.35 crore (uninsured property Rs. 166.51 crores, insured property Rs.80.38 crores and others Rs. 44.60 lakhs) saved due to timely action by the Fire Service personnel during 2021-22.

Ms Madhushree Chowdhury:- Buddhism, Dance and Drama



Kolkata: This is a pioneering work of Prof.V. Subramaniam on dance dramas as a perceptive sociologist of the arts. His dance dramas have been choreographed and performed by the

leading dancers of India and abroad. His ICCR, Sahitya Academy, Lalit Kala Academy etc and inaugurated by Indira Gandhi on 10 October, 1984. Attodeep President Hemendu Bikash

Chowdhury participated in this historic conference and contributed a paper on the contribution of Karmoyogi Kripasaran in the revival of Buddhism in modern India.

2ND NATIONAL DANCE FESTIVAL ORGANISED BY SAI ARADHANA DANCE ACADEMY

# NRUTYA MOHINI - 2022 CONCLUDED

Bhubaneswar(KCN):The 2nd edition of National dance festival

association of the state Niladrivihar Youth & Cultural

dancing stars from different parts of the State and outside

dancing talents & their mentor gurus were felicitated after their performance with uttariya, citation, memento & flower bouquet. In the evening session the renowned film producer & director Shri Sabyasachi Mohapatra, the Chairman of the Odisha State Housing Board Shri Priyadarshi Mishra, National President of WHRPO Shri Abhinna Kumar Hota, Eminent Odissi Dance Guru Dr. Monoranjan Pradhan, Principal of DAV school, Kalinganagar felicitating the winners joining as the Guests of the honours. Along with this for taking a major role in spreading the



NRUTYA MOHINI-2022 organised by the leading Dance & Music academy of the state Sai Aradhana Dance Academy is concluded at Utkal Rangamanch hall of Guru Kelu Charan Mohapatra Odishi research center Bhubaneswar. Supported by the Odia Language, Literature & Culture Deptt of Odisha the programme was inaugurated in a glittering ceremony presided over by the Festival Director and the Secretary of the Academy Smt. Prangya

Association performed their tal-



Manisha Gachhara Chhai was released ents through classical, semi-classical,

Odissi culture in the country and abroad eminent Odissi Dance exponent Guru Smt. Minati Pradhan is being honoured with the prestigious Nrutya Mohini - 2022 Samman with uttariya, citation, memento & flower bouquet by the guests and applauded this unique effort of the academy. Among others the president of the academy Shri Ranjan Prasad Das and its members, President of the Niladrivihar Youth & Cultural Association Dr. Prakash Chandra Panigrahi, secretary Shri Biswajit Pattnaik Cultural Secretary Shri Bata Krushna Panda, other members of the association, officials from the Odissi Research centre were present and conducted the event. The academy expressed its gratitude to the guests, participants, parents, sponsors and all others cooperated with the successful competition of the programme.



Priyadarshini Pattnaik by the Dy. Mayor of Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation Smt. Manjulata Kanhar, Corporator of ward no.16 & 14 Shri Achyutananda Swain & Smt. Monalisha Sahoo, Eminent Jatra Director Shri Bulu Biswal joining as the Guest of Honours. During the occasion the printed book of the script play performed by the leading socio-cultural

folk, traditional and other dance forms in 55 programmes



human life. After this around 150 round the day. In order to encourage the

# Yuzvendra Chahal unleashes the cricket fever with #MojGullyCricket

Kolkata (KCN): To celebrate the cricket fever around the ongoing IPL season, Moj, India's number one short video app, introduced #MojGullyCricket for cricket fans. The campaign demonstrates India's passion and fandom for cricket and aims to further excite and energize the cricket buffs on the platform. Yuzvendra Chahal, the ace leg-spinner, joins #MojGullyCricket to amplify the cricket fervor that is gripping the country at the moment. The 9-week-long campaign has launched a series of innovative cricket filters, exciting contests that will award prizes worth 10 lakhs, and exclusive cricket merchandise autographed by Yuzi Chahal. Each day, one creator will win an IPL ticket for creating the most viral content.

#MojGullyCricket highlights the true essence of cricket that is experienced in every Indian street and brings all gully cricketers together on a platform. Sports fans can take part in this challenge in one of five categories -

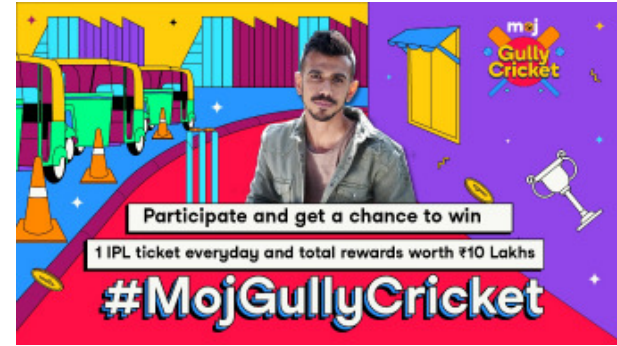
- 1% Introduce themselves, their gully gang, their team playground, and share inside conversations with #GullyTeam.
- 1% Exemplify their bowling abilities by trying out various bowling styles and shots through #GullyBowler.
- 1% Unleash their inner batsman by creating content centered on batting with the hashtag #GullyBatsman.
- 1% Use their imagination to create fun and light-hearted content such as funny jokes, acting, commentary, memes, and reaction videos using the hashtag #GullyEntertainer.
- 1% Create original content using Moj Lenses specially designed for Gully Cricket using

the hashtag #GullyLensStar.

Yuzvendra, a youth favorite thanks to his quirky and captivating social media platform, has elevated Moj Gully Cricket by sharing insider cricket tips and tricks with all of his Gully fans exclusively on Moj.

On being the face of the campaign, leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal said, "We are all aware that Gully cricket brings Indians together, and my passion for the sport is indescribable. So, I'm extremely happy to be a part of this campaign, which uses Gully cricket as a canvas to illustrate the passion with which Indians play and love this sport. We're eagerly awaiting some exciting content from Moj creators who are excited about this season."

Taking the opportunity to introduce the campaign, Shashank Shekhar - Sr Director-Content Strategy & Operations, ShareChat & Moj said, "If there is one thing that unites the people of our country is our undying love for cricket. With #MojGullyCricket, we are happy to see creators pushing boundaries by creating thematic content and celebrating their love for this game with India's favorite, Yuzi. The campaign has already received more than 29 billion views from the creators, and we are expecting a multifold response before it ends." It is certain that sports fans are excited for this ongoing cricket festive season, and they will be able to participate with their gully gang until May 31. If you are a cricket enthusiast, join Moj now and get a chance to win some exciting prizes like - exclusive cricket merchandise autographed by Yuzi Chahal, IPL tickets, and other prizes worth ten lakhs.





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## Facebook, Instagram to reveal more on how ads target users

WASHINGTON: Facebook parent Meta said it will start publicly providing more details about how advertisers target people with political ads just months ahead of the US midterm elections. The announcement follows years of criticism that the social media platforms withhold too much information about how campaigns, special interest groups and politicians use the platform to target small pockets of people with polarizing, divisive or misleading messages. Meta, which also owns Instagram, said **PM Modi discusses defence manufacturing, trade, technology with Japanese PM Kishida in Tokyo**

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resilient supply chains in the region, and other areas," Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra said in a media briefing.

This is Prime Minister Modi's fifth visit to Japan since becoming Prime Minister and his second meeting with his Japanese counterpart Kishida, he said.

Prime Minister Kishida invited Prime Minister Modi to visit Japan later this year for the annual summit, the Foreign Secretary said. "In fact, during the summit, both Prime Ministers underscored the importance of maintaining the momentum of regular high level exchanges between the two countries," he added.

Prime Minister Modi, US President Joe Biden, Japanese Prime Minister Kishida and Australia's newly-elected Prime Minister Anthony Albanese on Tuesday attended the second in-person Quad summit which took place under the shadow of the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

The summit also took place at a time when the relations between China and the Quad member countries have become tense, with Beijing increasingly challenging democratic values and resorting to coercive trade practices.

India, the US and several other world powers have been talking about the need to ensure a free, open and thriving Indo-Pacific in the backdrop of China's rising military manoeuvring in the region.

China claims nearly all of the disputed South China Sea, though Taiwan, the Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia and Vietnam all claim parts of it. Beijing has built artificial islands and military installations in the South China Sea.

In March last year, President Biden hosted the first-ever summit of the Quad leaders in the virtual format that was followed by an in-person summit in Washington in September. The Quad leaders also held a virtual meeting in March. Australia will host the next Quad summit in 2023.

In November 2017, India, Japan, the US and Australia gave shape to the long-pending proposal of setting up the Quad to develop a new strategy to keep the critical sea routes in the Indo-Pacific free of any influence, amidst China's growing military presence in the strategic region.

**Old wine in old bottle: Congress picks Sarat Pattanayak as OPCC president**

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Besides, giving charge of the State organisation to a 65-year-old leader also goes against the demand of the party's rank and file. They wanted overhauling of the organisation with young leaders, and certainly not with persons who were active in politics two decades back.

Congress picks Sarat Pattanayak as OPCC president

Party insiders maintained that it will be difficult for Pattanayak to persuade all the leaders to join hands and work for the Congress revival in the State as all the legislators would not agree with his leadership. There was a demand from the legislators to appoint someone from them as the OPCC president.

His name had cropped up during a meeting of State leaders with Rahul Gandhi at New Delhi recently, but it was reported to have been vehemently opposed by leader of the Congress Legislature Party Narasingha Mishra.

It will be a major challenge for the new OPCC president to unite all factions in the party and work for its reorganisation. Mohammed Moquim, the Cuttack-Barabati MLA, one of the contenders for the OPCC president post, did not react to the development. Congress whip Tara Prasad Bahinipati also adopted a policy of wait and watch.

Political observers, however, maintained that Pattanayak will face a difficult time in strengthening the organisation in coastal and northern districts where he does not have any influence. Organising funds will be a huge challenge as the Central party has stopped financing the State unit, they said.

It will start releasing details in July about the demographics and interests of audiences who are targeted with ads that run on its two primary social networks. The company will also share how much advertisers spent in an effort to target people in certain states.

"By making advertiser targeting criteria available for analysis and reporting on ads run about social issues, elections and politics, we hope to help people better understand the practices used to reach potential voters on our technologies," Jeff King wrote in a statement posted to Meta's website.

The new details could shed more light on how politicians spread misleading or controversial political messages among certain groups of people. Advocacy groups and

the OVEP curriculum to the school children of the state. Teachers will be trained and empowered to deliver the programme in their own unique ways to suit the respective needs of their prefectures and local environments.

"India is a land of great opportunities and infinite possibilities," said IOC member Nita Ambani.

"We have over 250 million children in our schools, brimming with talent and potential. They are the champions of tomorrow, the future of our nation. Only a small number of children in the world will become Olympians, but every child can be touched by the ideals of Olympism! That is the mission of OVEP, and that is what makes it a huge opportunity for India. As we prepare to host the IOC Session 2023 in Mumbai, I look forward to further strengthening the Olympic Movement in our country," she said.

OVEP-based projects and activities help address the global challenges of sedentary lifestyles, lack of concentration, and adolescents dropping out of school. The resources and toolkits are designed to make it possible for young people of any skill level to enjoy and learn from physical activity, and gain life-long social, cognitive and physical skills. To help adapt the content of the programme to Odisha's needs, the Abhinav Bindra Foundation Trust will partner with the IOC in implementation, training, delivery, monitoring and evaluation.

"My vision is to deliver the values of Olympism to all school children in India and promote the Olympic Movement in our country," said Bindra, India's first individual Olympic gold medalist, and founder of the ABFT. He said, "It is crucial to equip our school children with the right skills to be able to cultivate a strong sense of morality, respect, equality and inclusion. Sport, as we all know, has a unique potential to spur social change and increase community engagement, and can be used as an educational tool. It is our primary focus area at the Abhinav Bindra Foundation Trust to ensure that children are equipped with better tools than we had to build more meaningful, peaceful and inclusive lives for themselves and, by extension, everyone around them."

The Olympic Foundation for Culture and Heritage (OFCH), which leads OVEP for the IOC, will conduct training sessions for "master trainers" nominated by the state of Odisha, along with trainers from the ABFT, who will in turn kick-start the programme with focus groups of eight to ten schools in the state. Orientation sessions will be held for school principals, education and sports officials, and other core group members involved in the project. "OVEP is designed to benefit young people from all walks of life, various cultures and all levels of athletic ability," said Angelita Teo, Director of the OFCH.

Democrats, for example, have argued for years that misleading political ads are overwhelming the Facebook feeds of Spanish-speaking populations.

The information will be showcased in the Facebook ad library, a public database that already shows how much companies, politicians or campaigns, spend on each ad they run across Facebook, Instagram or WhatsApp. Currently, anyone can see how much a page has spent running an ad and a breakdown of the ages, gender and states or countries an ad is shown in.

The information will be available across 242 countries when a social issue, political or election ad is run, Meta said in a statement.

**Uttar Pradesh: 'Boys are not allowed to make mistakes by this govt', says CM Yogi on rape cases**

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"It is the BJP-led government and we do not believe in the philosophy that 'boys often commit mistakes'," the CM said mockingly in Vidhan Sabha.

Back in 2014, the then Samajwadi Party supremo Mulayam Singh Yadav had referred to a rape case in Mumbai saying, "it is natural for boys to err at times and it is wrong to give them the death penalty."

Reminding the opposition of UP's law and order situation before 2017, the CM accused the SP of playing patron to criminals.

"Samajwadi Party played a patron to criminals pushing the state into anarchy and hooliganism. Today, the law and order situation in Uttar Pradesh is an example in itself," he claimed while responding to the SP chief's tirade, especially, on crime against women with reference to recent incidents in Chandauli, Lalitpur, Siddharthnagar and Prayagraj.

Earlier, the Leader of Opposition said it was difficult to fathom that the cops, in a state which claimed to have a policy of zero toler-

**Odisha Adopts Olympic Edu Program**

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changes to every sector including education and sports.

The IOC has launched the first Olympic Values Education Programme (OVEP) in India, with the Olympism-themed curriculum being integrated into the school education system in the state of Odisha.

The program was officially launched by Mr. Patnaik, IOC Education Commission Chair Mikaela Cojuangco Jaworski, IOC Member Nita Ambani, Olympian and member of the IOC Athletes' Commission Abhinav Bindra, and President of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) Narinder Batra.

One of the first major IOC projects to be implemented in India, OVEP is being developed in partnership with the Government of Odisha's Department of School and Mass Education and the Abhinav Bindra Foundation Trust (ABFT).

The Olympic Values Education Programme is a practical set of resources designed by the IOC to introduce young people to the Olympic values of excellence, respect and friendship. The programme aims to disseminate this values-based curriculum to help children become active, healthy and responsible citizens. In its first year, the programme aims to impact 32,000 children enrolled in 90 schools in the cities of Bhubaneswar and Rourkela and, once in full swing, it will reach around 7 million children.

Odisha intends to take OVEP to all its schools and higher education institutions in a phased manner, thereby enabling its young population to truly take on board the Olympic values.

School & Mass Education Principal Secretary Mr. Sethi thanked IOC for introducing this movement in Odisha.

"It will help children learn life skills and a healthy lifestyle," he said.

"Education is an integral part of the Olympic Movement's continuous contribution to society," said IOC Education Commission Chair Mikaela Cojuangco Jaworski.

The Olympic Values Education Programme has been developed and implemented around the world since 2006. Today, we are very happy that we are taking the first steps to disseminate this Olympic values-based education to children and young people in India. Olympic education and Olympic culture can be a powerful tool to bring about positive change in the world, he said.

Indian Olympic Association Chairperson Narendra Batra said this movement will instill the values of sports in education, will create respect for cultural diversity.

"With this unique movement, Odisha will create an example for other states," added.

The programme also aims to leverage the rich cultural and art history of Odisha in tailoring

ance towards crime, could hang the body of a girl to make it a case of suicide after thrashing her to death in Chandauli.

He asked the CM to respond to his posers and put forward the policy to stop crime against women in the state.

While responding to the issues raised by Akhilesh Yadav, CM Yogi claimed that the state government was very sensitive to the crime against women while underlining the steps taken to stem it by bringing the culprits to books and taking the strictest action against them to ensure justice to the victims.

The CM also sought to compare the state of communal flare-ups in the present regime with the SP rule. "Between 2012 to 2017, Uttar Pradesh witnessed over 700 major communal riots across the districts. Curfew was imposed in districts like Muzaffarnagar, Lucknow and Bareilly for several months. There was no district where there was no riot," he said adding that since 2017, when the BJP government came to power, there had not been a single communal flare-up in the state.

"Moreover, after the formation of the new government, there were communal riots in seven states on Ram Navami, but not a single one in UP. Perhaps for the first time, the namaz of Alvida was not offered on the streets. There was no chaos on the occasion of Eid as well. All the festivals were celebrated in a peaceful atmosphere," he added.

The CM attributed the poll success of 2022 to a better law and order environment created in the state during the last five years. "The truth neither needs a proof nor it can be hidden and the number of MLAs in the house is a reflection of it," the CM asserted.

Expressing his gratitude to religious leaders, CM Yogi claimed that previous state governments lacked the will to create a peaceful environment for every citizen without discriminating on the basis of caste and religion. He claimed that through the communication with spiritual and religious leaders, he got support from all sections to stop the unnecessary usage of about 1 lakh loudspeakers across the state without any ill will and without appeasement of any particular community.

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OAS (S), BDO, Bari is the new Sub-Collector, Hindol, Dhenkanal.

Baranyendu Mohanty, OAS (S), Additional Sub-Collector, Anandpur, Keonjhar is transferred and posted as Land Officer, IDCO, Bhubaneswar on foreign service terms & conditions.

Birendra Kumar Das, OAS Gr.A (SB), presently serving as PA, ITDA, Phulbani is transferred and posted as Special LAO, Chelligada Irrigation Project, Gajapati.

Moreover, Priyabrata Padhi, OAS Gr.A (SB), Additional PD.(Admin), DRDA, Mayurbhanj is transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, BMC.

**Race begins for RS Berths**

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The Secretariat of the Odisha Legislative Assembly on Tuesday issued an official notification for the conduct of the election to three vacant Rajya Sabha seats in the State.

"An election is to be held of three members to the Council of States by the elected members of the Odisha Legislative Assembly in pursuance of Election Commission notification," read the official notice.

As per the notification, candidates can file their nomination papers till May 31. The scrutiny of nominations will be held on June 1. The last date for withdrawal of nominations is June 3. If required, an election will be held on June 10. The polling will be held from 9 AM to 4 PM while counting of votes will take place at 5 PM, as per the schedule.

Notably, the tenure of RS MPs Prasanna Acharya, N Bhaskar Rao and Sasmit Patra will end on July 1.

## Medvedev eases through at French Open as Holger Rune strikes teen blow

PARIS: World number two Daniil Medvedev eased into the French Open second round on Tuesday as Denmark's Holger Rune reminded Roland Garros that Carlos Alcaraz is not the only teenager dreaming of the title.

Medvedev, who came into Paris with just one match on clay this year following hernia surgery, routed Argentina's 103rd-ranked Facundo Bagnis 6-2, 6-2, 6-2 on the back of 35 winners and eight breaks of serve.

"I love Roland Garros, especially since last year," said Medvedev, who had lost in the opening round on his first four trips to Paris before reaching the quarter-finals in 2021. "I hope this year I can go further."

Rune, 19 and just a week older than the highly-rated Alcaraz, marked his main draw debut with a 6-3, 6-1, 7-6 (7/4) dismissal of 14th-seeded Canadian Denis Shapovalov.

Rune, the boys champion in 2019 and a former

world junior number one, entered Paris at a career-high 40 having started 2021 outside of the top 400.

In the current clay season, he won his first title in Munich, beating world number three Alexander Zverev on the way.

Shapovalov committed 53 unforced errors in a tie played at breakneck speed.

"I didn't really show up today but Holger played great tennis," said Shapovalov, a Wimbledon semi-finalist in 2021.

Later Tuesday, fourth seed Stefanos Tsitsipas, who lost last year's final to Novak Djokovic after leading two sets to love, has a dangerous assignment against Italy's Lorenzo Musetti in the night session on Court Philippe Chatrier.

The 20-year-old, ranked 66, also led Djokovic by two sets in the last 16 in 2021 before injury curtailed his challenge.

This year on clay he made the quarter-finals in Marrakech and third round at Monte Carlo, Barcelona and Madrid where he was forced to retire against world number three Alexander Zverev.

However, Tsitsipas is enjoying an impressive clay court season in which he has successfully defended his Monte Carlo title, was runner-up in Rome and made the semi-finals in Madrid.

The Greek also enjoys a season-leading 31 wins on the tour this year.

Ostapenko Wimbledon doubt Two former women's champions were also in action.

Simona Halep, the 2018 champion, who is working with Serena Williams's coach Patrick

Mouratoglou, faces Nastasja Schunk, an 18-year-old lucky loser from qualifying, ranked at 165 in the world.

Jelena Ostapenko, who was a shock Roland Garros winner in 2017, defeated Italy's Lucia Bronzetti 6-1, 6-4 to end a five-match losing streak having started the year winning 14 of 18. Ostapenko became the latest player to cast doubt on her appearance at Wimbledon after the tournament was stripped of ranking points in response to its banning of Russian and Belarusian players.

"If there are no points, I'm not really sure what I'm going to," said the Latvian.

"I think maybe they are going to change their mind. I'm not sure about points. But I think a lot of things may happen within the next week

or two weeks." Spain's world number four Paula Badosa, a quarter-finalist in 2021, takes on France's Fiona Ferro.

Before that match on Court Philippe Chatrier, French fans will possibly bid fare-

well to Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, the former world number five who will retire once his French Open campaign ends.

Tsonga, unseeded, lost the 2008 Australian Open final to Djokovic as the Serb claimed the first of his 20 Grand Slam titles.

He made it to the semi-finals twice at both the French Open and Wimbledon and finished runner-up to Roger Federer at the ATP Finals in 2011.

"It's a moment which I am sure will be full of emotion," said the 37-year-old who takes on eighth seed Casper Ruud, the champion in Geneva at the weekend.



## BBC apologises to fans after 'Manchester United are rubbish' gaffe

LONDON: The BBC was forced to apologise to Manchester United

the ticker and was "writing random things not in earnest". The presenter said:

text on the ticker, so they were just writing random things not in earnest and that com-

Manchester City fan Clive Myrie tweeted: "I had nothing to do with this!!" with the



fans on Tuesday after a message appeared on their news ticker labelling the Premier League club as "rubbish".

The insult popped up at the bottom of the screen during a tennis update.

Later in the morning, a presenter apologised to any United fans who may have been offended. She said the mistake had occurred as someone was learning how to operate

"A little earlier, some of you may have noticed something pretty unusual on the ticker that runs along the bottom of the screen with news making a comment about Manchester United, and I hope that Manchester United fans weren't offended by it.

"Let me just explain what was happening -- behind the scenes someone was training to learn how to use the ticker and to put

ment appeared. "So apologies if you saw that and you were offended and you're a fan of Manchester United." A BBC statement to the PA news agency said: "There was a technical glitch during training with our test ticker, which rolled over to live programming for a few seconds. We apologised for any offence caused on air."

BBC presenter and

hashtag #mfcf.

Manchester United, who have not won silverware since 2017, finished sixth in the top-flight table with their lowest points tally of the Premier League era.

Their new manager, Erik ten Hag, was formally unveiled on Monday, less than 24 hours after Manchester City clinched a fourth league title in five seasons.

## J&K LG meets cricket Umran in Jammu; says government will take care of his training

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday evening visited the pace sensation Umran Malik here and said the

against South Africa starting June 9, reached his Jammu residence Monday after taking part in the Indian Premier League (IPL).

his house. Umran has picked up 21 wickets in 13 games for Sunrisers Hyderabad in the IPL but it's his ability to bowl consistently at

take care of his training and other facilities," the Lt Governor told reporters outside his house after meeting the cricketer, nicknamed



government will take care of his training and other facilities.

Umran, who received his maiden call-up for the national team for the upcoming five-match T20 International home series

A large number of enthusiastic youngsters visited him at his Malik Market residence during the day and clicked selfies with him.

He was also seen waving at the crowds from the balcony of

95 miles per hour that has caught the imagination of all and sundry with calls for his immediate selection in top-flight cricket.

"The whole country is proud (of Umran). The government will

'Jammu Express'. Asked whether the government will provide him a job, he said "there is a provision in the sports policy and whenever he wishes the government will provide him this opportunity."

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