

PRESIDENT OF INDIA GRACES SIXTH CONVOCATION OF JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY

New Delhi: The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu graced and addressed the 6th convocation of Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi today (March 10, 2023). Speaking on the occasion, the President said that students from all over India study in JNU. This University presents a lively reflection of the cultural unity of India amid the diversities. Students from many other countries also study in the University. Thus, JNU's attraction as a

centre of learning goes beyond India.

The President said that JNU is known for its progressive practices and rich contributions in terms of social sensitivity, inclusion and women empowerment.

The President said that students and faculty of JNU have made impressive contributions in various fields such as education and research, politics, civil service, diplomacy, social work, science & technology, media, literature, art and culture. She was happy to note that JNU has been at



the second position continuously since the year 2017 among the universities of the country under the 'National Institutional Ranking

Framework'. The President said that the vision, mission and objectives of JNU were articulated in its founding legislation. These basic

ideals include national integration, social justice, secularism, democratic way of life, international understanding and scientific approach to the

problems of society. She urged the University community to remain steadfast in its adherence to these foundational principles.

The President said that character building is also one of the main objectives of education. Invaluable opportunities for character building should never be lost by going with the flow of the moment. She said that young students have a natural tendency of curiosity, questioning and use of logic. This tendency should always be encouraged. Opposition to unscientific stereotypes by

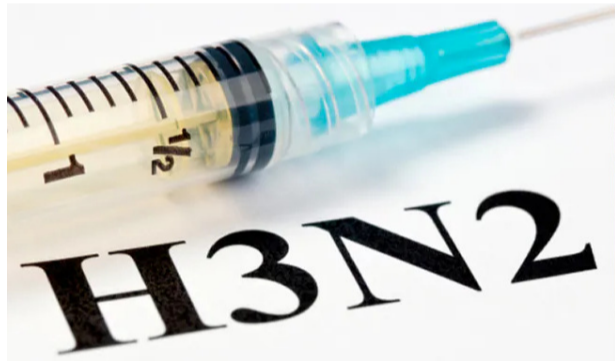
the younger generation should also be encouraged. Acceptance or rejection of ideas should be based on debate and dialogue.

The President said that the students and teachers of a university have to think about the entire world community. Many issues like climate change, pollution, war and unrest, terrorism, women's insecurity and inequality are presenting challenges before humanity. From ancient times till today, the world's leading universities have found

solutions to the problems of the individual and society and have contributed to achieving the goals of society. She said that it is the responsibility of the universities to be alert and active about these issues.

The President expressed confidence that universities like JNU would contribute effectively in upholding the ideals of our freedom struggle, preserving the values of the Constitution and achieving the goals of nation-building.

Haryana Cancer Patient Who Died Recently Was Also H3N2 Influenza Positive



Chandigarh: A 56-year-old man from Haryana, a lung cancer patient who died recently, had tested positive for the H3N2 virus in January, a health department official said on Friday.

"As per preliminary information, the patient, a 56-year-old male, resident of Jind district, died on 08-02-23 at home, was a lung cancer patient. He had tested positive for H3N2 virus on January 17 at PGIMS hospital in Rohtak," the official said.

Haryana Health Minister Anil Vij said his department is fully prepared to deal with any

situation and told people there was no need to panic.

So far, 10 people have tested positive for H3N2 in the state, and out of them, one has died. He was a resident of Jind and had lung cancer, the minister said.

"Regarding the death of the patient, we have written to the health department to investigate whether the said patient's death is due to cancer or due to H3N2 virus," Mr Vij said.

H3N2 virus is a subtype of Influenza A and the Indian Medical Association has issued an advisory.

In this disease, the

patient has high fever, severe headache, body ache, sore throat, strong cough, cold and lung congestion, according to an official statement.

In an advisory issued by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) last week, it urged people to wash hands with soap and water if symptomatic, wear masks and avoid crowded places, and cover mouth and nose while sneezing and coughing.

The apex health research body also advised people to take plenty of liquids, avoid touching eyes and nose, and take paracetamol for fever and bodyache.

Among the don'ts, it has urged people not to shake hands or use other contact greetings, spit in public, not to take antibiotics or other medicines without consulting doctor, and eat together sitting close to others.

Oppn Creates Ruckus In Odisha Assembly Over Naba Das Murder

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Opposition BJP and Congress members created a ruckus in Odisha Assembly over Minister Naba Das murder case on Friday, forcing the Speaker to adjourn the House initially till 11.30 a.m. and then till 4 p.m. As soon as the House assembled at 10.30 a.m. on the first day of the second phase of the Budget Session, the BJP and Congress members rushed to the well of the House and raised slogans against the government over the murder case. The Opposition members demanded the resignation of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik. In such a situation, Speaker Bikram Keshari Arukha first adjourned the proceedings till 11.30 a.m.

Odisha CM Inaugurates Birsa Munda Athletic Stadium, Hockey Training Centres In Sundargarh

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik today inaugurated multiple sports infrastructure projects in Sundargarh district of Odisha.

The projects will play a significant role in the holistic development of sports in Sundargarh which is reputed for producing many national and international players. The Chief Minister inaugurated Birsa Munda Athletic Stadium in Rourkela and three Hockey Training Centres at Bisra, Lahunipara and Manchmara.

"Sundargarh has been a backbone of sports in Odisha. Not just Hockey it has produced players of repute in athletics and many other disciplines. The projects launched today will enable us to nurture a large spectrum of sports talent from this district and the nearby regions," said the Chief Minister.

The Birsa Munda



Athletic Stadium in Rourkela features a 400-metre synthetic athletic track and a natural turf football field with floodlights. The stadium has four galleries with a seating capacity of more than 9,000 spectators, including differently-abled people.

The stadium has changing rooms for players, lounges, and other ancillary facilities necessary for hosting national level events and competitions.

The stadium houses an Olympic-sized indoor

swimming pool along with players' changing rooms and allied facilities. With a gallery for 500 spectators, this pool is equipped to host regional level competitions.

A multi-level car parking building with commercial office spaces is also a part of the stadium. The parking building can accommodate over 180 cars. The stadium is spread over 11 acres with a total project cost of over Rs 148 crore.

The Hockey Training

Centres have Category 3 FIH certified synthetic hockey turfs with a changing room for players, administration room, gymnasium, first-aid room and seating facility for 200 spectators.

Residential facilities for coaches and support staff have also been integrated to the training centres. The centres are well-equipped for day-to-day training. Each training centre is spread over 3 acres with a total project cost of over Rs 11 crore, sources said.

38 K CR For SCST Welfare

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Rs. 38,437 Crores will be spent on different schemes of ST&SC Dev, Minorities and Backward Classes Welfare Department in 2023-24. Tribal sub-component will be Rs. 21,950 Crores and SC Sub-component will be Rs. 16,487 Crores.

Jagannath Saraka, Minister, ST&SC Dev, Minorities and Backward Classes Welfare and Law and Roopa Roshan Sahoo, Secretary STSC Development briefed Media here on 10 March.

Speaking to the Press at Geet Gobind Sadan, Minister Sri Saraka said that our

Honourable Chief Minister is committed for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Caste, Minorities and other Backward Classes. "Education is the best means of empowering our vulnerable population."

An additional amount of Rs. 1000/- per child per annum has been allocated. This will be exclusively spent on proper nutrition to nearly 6 lakh ST&SC boarders residing in more than 5,500 hostels. To ensure qualitative education for ST & SC students pre-matric scholarship, post-matric scholarship, Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chatra

Protsahan Yojana 811 crore has been earmarked for disbursement of scholarship to more than 23 lakh students of which 60% are girls, said Minister Sri Saraka.

In ANWESHA programme, ST&SC students through 166 ANWESHA schools and 80 hostels pursue English Medium Education in English Medium Public Schools. For this an outlay of Rs. 124 Crore has been made. Similarly, Rs. 4 Crore has been allocated to the 4 hostels under the AKANKSHYA. 100 seated 100 OBC hostels are under construction out of which 66 have been



completed, said Minister Sri Saraka. Secretary STSC Development, Roopa

Roshan Sahoo gave a power point presentation and explained the roadmap

of the Department to the Press. All the dedicated High Schools will be developed as Smart Learning Centres and dedicated by December 2023. Under this Coding, tinkering, ICT Labs will be established in all our schools. An exclusive Tribal Livelihood Promotion initiative named as Mukhyamantri Janajati Jeebika Mission will be taken up in the year 2023-24 which will cover 14.5 lakh households in phases. In the first phase, 1.5 Lakh households will be covered through a cluster approach by utilizing an amount of Rs. 500 Crores, expressed Smt. Sahoo.

For the members of the minority Communities 23 exclusive 100 bedded hostels have been taken up. 100 multi-purpose community centres will be build up to preserve their cultural heritage, 100 minority educational institutions have been taken up on priority basis.

Special Development Councils (SDCs) has been established in 2017-18 in 9 Tribal dominated districts for preservation of tribal culture, tradition, heritage and unique identity of each tribe. Rs. 281 Crore has already been spent for sacred groves, tribal culture clubs, weekly

musical instruments of their culture club, dance, costumes etc. For this an amount of Rs. 176 Crore has been provided, said Commissioner-cum-Secretary Smt. Sahoo. It is worth mentioning that in the academic year 2022-23, 99% students belonging to ST & SC passed Secondary Board Examination.

Joint Director Sri Gurbir Singh coordinated the programme, Sri Indramani Tripathy, Director, I&PR and other senior officers of ST & SC Dev. Deptt. were present on the occasion.

Odisha Team On Sikkim Tour

Rourkela: The Team of 31 students from Odisha and five coordinators from NIT Rourkela touring Sikkim under the Yuva Sangam program by the Ministry of Education under the Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat initiative of the Government of India concluded their tour and reached Rourkela on 8 March 2023. The team that arrived in Sikkim on 2 March were acquainted with various socio-cultural aspects of the State of Sikkim and visited numerous tourist sites and places of religious and economic interest. NIT Sikkim hosted the visiting students and coordinators at Ravangla, South Sikkim.

A vibrant cultural program had held at the NIT Sikkim campus on 3 March, where Sikkim students showcased Sikkim's cultural diversity to the visiting delegation through dance, skits, and musical performances. The visiting students from Odisha also performed folk dances representing the state's culture. Team Odisha visited "The Buddha Park" (Ravangla, Sikkim), also known as Tathagata Tsal. Apart from the surrounding view of this iconic park, the highlight was a 130ft. high statue of Buddha installed to mark the 2550th birth anniversary of Lord Gautam Buddha. Furthermore, the team



visited the Siddheswar Dham (at Namchi), also known as Char Dham Temple, picturing 108ft. statue of Lord Shiva, a Kirateshwar Mahadev statue and a replica of 4 shrines, along with 12 jyotirlingas. Sikkim is the world's first organic state. The sustainable and eco-

friendly nature of economic activities in Sikkim that aligns with a vision of conservation of local heritage, flora and fauna and natural resources along with economic development were presented to the visiting students. The team also visited the

only tea garden in Sikkim, 'The Temi Tea Garden'. It is an organic tea garden. The Temi Tea Garden officials led the group to give an insight into the functioning of the processing plant, various aspects of the organic cultivation of tea and its

processing into marketable products, etc. Estd. in 1969, this beautiful garden covers around 400+ acres of plantation. The exposure tour further interacted with organic farmers at Jhaubhari Village at Namchi, Sikkim. Students from Odisha also had a whole new perspective on organic farming and how it is beneficial both in terms of profit and health. Next was a short stay at the widely prevalent concept of 'Homestay' that provided a first-hand experience of the day-to-day lives of Sikkimese people. The team spent half the day experiencing the home-like comfort at a homestay in Namchi District. The team also

tested the famous "Dalle Khursani", or the red cherry pepper chilli, grown in Sikkim and considered one of the world's hottest varieties. The group also spent some time in the sanctity of Do-drul Chorten, a stupa in Gangtok, Sikkim. The last day of the tour of Gnathang Village (Also called Nathang), a border village (Indo-China) along the old silk route located at an altitude about 13,400ft from the sea level in the Eastern Himalayan mountain range in Gangtok District, Sikkim, was held on 6th March. This tiny village, surrounded by an army cantonment and 70 km away from Gangtok, has

been selected under the vibrant village programme of the Government of India. The Odisha Team also witnessed snowfall in Tsomgo Lake or (Changu Lake). The send-off event had the presence of Prof M.C Govil (Director NIT Sikkim) and the Nodal Officer of Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat, Mr Ram Nepal. Prof. Govil thanked the students for being wonderful guests and taking a keen interest in the various activities during their stay in Sikkim. He also encouraged other students, friends and family to visit the great state of Sikkim and enjoy its warm hospitality.

Preparation meeting for platinum jubilee of G.S. Vidyapitha held



Cuttack Sadar(KCN) : Cuttack Sadar ancient institution Gopal Smruti Vidyapitha was established in 1948 at S i d h e s w a r p u r preparation meeting held at school campus for the celebration of 75 years Platinum jubilee.1962 Matric Batch Old student Mr.Ananta Charana Dalali presiding the meeting in presence of ex Block chairman of Sadar Sadhu Jana,Ex Cell authority Umesh Chandra Jena, Professor in English department of Arunachal Pradesh Government college Krushna Chadra Mishra,industrialist Karunakar Pradhan,

Jagapathi district & Daura judge Pranaba Kumar Routray,School senior teacher Nikunja Kishore Panigrahi & all other old students.School old student eminent journalist Tapash Kumar Routray delivered welcome speech with declared about the main objectives of this get together.In this platinum jubilee will invite Honorable President Of India, Honorable Governor of Odisha,Honorable CM of Odisha,centre & state ministers & some respected personalities respectively. A temporary committee

made to join all students as 1972 batch old student Mr. Raghunath Prusy is taking the initiative for this with help of team Umesh Chandra jena,Bharat Chandra Jena, Akshaya Bhyuan,Bibhu Prasad Mahapatra, Karunakar Pradhan, Tapash Routray, Kalandi Swain, Piyush Parida (2), Paramananda Rout, Dhanajaya Mahapatra, Niranjana Lenka, Tasash Ojha & others. Platinum Jubilee souvenir The Smaranika will publish with the respected editorial board Kali Prasad Mahapatra, P i t a m b e r

Mahapatra,Lecture Anjali Routray, Laxmipriya Ojha, Piyush Ranjan Parida(1)Ramakanta Nayak, Manash Ranjan Swain, Byabga Poet Pratap Chandra Behera take the vital role for the publication.Next get together for a preparation meeting that will be held by the coming month 7th April as declared.In the end journalist Mr.Routray paid applaud & thanking to all old students & respected teachers for their kind presence & requested all for joining the coming preparation meeting & making it a grand success.

Cyber Fraud: Naba Das' Daughter Dipali Loses Rs 1.5 Lakh; Case Registered

Sambalpur: Dipali Das, daughter of late Odisha minister Naba Das, lost Rs 1.5 lakh as she fell prey to cyber fraud. Dipali filed a complaint in this regard at the Ainthapali police station in Sambalpur district, on the basis of which a case has been registered under Sections 419 and 420 of the IPC, and 66 (C) and 66 (D) of the IT



Act.As per the complainant, she received two OTPs on her mobile phone on March 6

for transactions not done by her. Suspecting foul play, she didn't share the OTPs with anyone. However, two debit transactions—one of Rs 1 lakh and another of Rs 50,000— took place in her bank account on the very day. Police have started investigation into the incident and efforts were on by cops to identify the wrongdoers.

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At OYO CEO Ritesh Agarwal's Wedding, Shark Tank India 2 judge Aman Gupta And Former Judge Ashneer Grover Clicked Together, Fans React

'Shark Tank India 2' judge Aman Gupta recently attended the wedding of OYO CEO Ritesh Agarwal and shared a picture from the marriage. However, what caught the attention of everyone was seeing 'Shark Tank India season 1' judge and businessman Ashneer Grover in the same photograph. As they both clicked together for the first time after Ashneer left the business reality show, it grabbed the eyeballs of social media users. Aman posted the picture on his Instagram handle and wrote in the caption: "Wishing you a happy married life @riteshagar. Asking on behalf of millions of Indians:- I hope the honeymoon is also at one of the Oyo



Rooms" After Aman's post, many social media users reacted. One of them wrote: "Uff Ashneer-aman in one frame !! How much we missed you both". Another mentioned: "So happy to see ashneer and you together." In the picture, Aman, his

wife Priya, Ashneer, and his wife Madhuri Jain can be seen posing with other couples. Ashneer also posted the same picture on his Instagram handle and wrote in the caption: "Wish you a happy married life @riteshagar and Geetansha! Lovely party !!"

After the announcement of 'Shark Tank India 2' judges, Ashneer unfollowed Aman and other judges stating that he is not interested to know about the show or BTS moments from it as he is no longer part of 'Shark Tank India'. Ashneer, accused of misappropriation of funds by BharatPe, was removed from the positions of the company. He was also not included among the panel of judges of the second season of the business reality show. Although, he was among the judges in the first season of 'Shark Tank India'. So, after leaving the show, this was the first time Aman and Ashneer were captured in one frame.

Hrithik Roshan Reviews Ranbir-Shraddha's 'Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar'



Actor Hrithik Roshan heaped praise on Ranbir Kapoor and Shraddha Kapoor for their chemistry and performance in the just-released rom-com 'Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar'. Taking to Twitter, Hrithik wrote, "Loved #TuJhoothiMainMakkaar! So difficult to get this genre right! Well done to the entire team! Great work by everyone !! Ranbir and shraddha are so good!!" Ranbir and Shraddha's film, which was released on Wednesday, has logged a strong opening across cities. On its opening day, the film minted Rs 15.73 crore at the Indian box office.

Taking to Instagram, trade analyst Taran Adarsh shared the new and wrote, "#TuJhoothiMainMakkaar does VERY WELL on Day 1... Got a boost due to #Holi festivities in several states, but lost out on substantial chunk of biz where #Holi was celebrated a day early [#Mumbai; working day]... Wed Rs 15.73 cr. #India biz." Helmed by Luv Rajan, the film starred Ranbir Kapoor, Shraddha Kapoor, Dimple Kapadia and comedian Anubhav Singh Bassi in lead roles. The film marks the first on-screen collaboration between Ranbir and Shraddha. It is produced by

Luv Films' Luv Ranjan and Ankur Garg and presented by T-Series' Gulshan Kumar and Bhushan Kumar. Meanwhile, on the work front, Hrithik recently wrapped the Hyderabad schedule of 'Fighter', which also stars Deepika Padukone and Anil Kapoor in pivotal roles. 'Fighter' will be India's first aerial action film. It will also be the first time that Hrithik will share screen space with Deepika. The film is tipped to cater to a global audience with a story deeply rooted in India. Presented by Viacom18 studios in association with Siddharth Anand's Marflix Pictures, 'Fighter' is set to release on January 25, 2024.

Sara Ali Khan Wraps First Schedule Of Homi Adajania's 'Murder Mubarak', Says, 'Can't Believe Its...'

One of the most promising actresses of her generation, Sara Ali Khan is rightly the director's actor and her performance in her films is a proof of it. Be it her debut film 'Kedarnath', or her latest success in 'Atrangi Re', we have only seen Sara mould according to the director's vision. Taking to social media, Homi Adajania, director of her upcoming film 'Murder Mubarak' shared a pic with the actress as she wrapped up the first schedule of the film. He wrote, "Here's lookin at you kid. Well done on your first sched... Now the real work starts." To this Sara sweetly replied "Can't believe it's done, only love to you". Meanwhile, running a busy schedule, Sara is also currently busy with the promotions of her much-awaited film, 'Gaslight', opposite Vikrant Massey and Chitrangada Singh, for a few days, after which she will resume 'Murder Mubarak' in Delhi again.



There's enough work for everyone, but there's pressure to be visible: Chitrangda Singh

Elegantly draped in a chic black and white outfit, Chitrangda Singh was an absolute vision during her whistle-stop tour at a promotional event in Ahmedabad. Chitrangda best known for her outings in Hazaaron Khwaishein Aisi, Desi Boyz, Yeh Saali Zindagi and Baazar, says the pandemic made her realise the importance of finding happiness in small things in life (she even started painting), focus on wellness with regular workouts, healthy meals and sleep schedules and not to worry about her "next project". Excerpts from a chat: 'THE PANDEMIC HAS CHANGED OUR VIEWING HABITS' Professionally

speaking, 2021 has been a satisfying year. While work has slowed down (a major chunk of the first half of the year was spent in lockdowns), there have been new learnings too. We are now medium agonistic and content creation is no longer reserved for big screens. I recently had my first OTT release. The pandemic has redefined the way we are consuming entertainment and our viewing habits have undergone a massive change. I think OTT is a great way to reach out to the Hindi speaking diaspora across the globe. We have seen some interesting faces and smart content on OTT platforms this year.



'I FOLLOW A SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE AND FOCUS ON FITNESS' I believe in a sustainable lifestyle. On the fitness front, I have begun doing more strength training and multi-gym workout. I do 45 minutes to one hour of cardio every day and sometimes go cycling in the evening. It is important for everyone to follow some kind of fitness regimen — be it yoga or something as basic as brisk walking. 'LOVE GORGING ON GUJARATI THALI' I have been to Ahmedabad many times. It is such a beautiful city! I simply enjoy the sumptuous Gujarati thali during every trip I make here. Having said that, I would love to explore the

city as a tourist too, in the not too distant future. 'YOU CAN ONLY SELECT FROM THE FILMS YOU ARE OFFERED' I have always been selective about the kind of films I have done. As an actress I can only select from the films that I have been offered. Sometimes we are simply not fortunate to get the kind of roles we want to do. There was a time when I was offered only glam roles which I wasn't keen on doing. I wanted meaningful and meatier roles, so I chose to wait for the right opportunity and started writing (she's currently writing scripts) instead. I believe in pushing my creative boundaries. While there is enough work for all of us right

now— there is also pressure of getting good work and staying viable and visible. 'SATISFYING TO BE INVOLVED IN THE FILM MAKING PROCESS' I turned producer in 2018 (with Soorma) and it was an enriching experience for me. For a change I was not just restricted to emoting on camera and then going back to my vanity van after the shot. I was involved in all stages of the filmmaking process — from selecting the right story, locking the cast and crew, getting the actual filming process start, editing the film and then finding distributors/ screens to planning its overseas and satellite rights.

Will technology dictate the education of our next generation ?



A recent viral news has been circulating in both traditional and social media platforms about a school in Bangaluru is initiating the use of robotics and Artificial Intelligence for teaching their students. The news has captured both positive as well as negative views of the netizens and broader audience; some seems to appreciate the grand success of technology into our life while others criticizing it. Some have targeted the process of technology as our path to self destruction and unemployment and social injustice. Many others have pointed fingers to the face that we are completely immersed in innovative technology that is taking over our intellect, emotions and empathy towards nature and society. Some has even pointed to our cultural and intellectual suicide due to adoption of robotics and Artificial Intelligence. Therefore

it is quite important for us to understand this crisis of culture and life from a broad perspective. Obviously human teachers cannot be replaced by application of advanced robotics and Artificial Intelligence. This may aid the teachers in performing their duties, as done by computers and softwares. But can they fully replace them in the class rooms or lecture rooms? Our students always need cheering and boosting to excel in their career paths rather than just empowering them with mechanical knowledge. Sometimes it really feels tiring for the environment around us and we fail to find suitable sustainable solutions to solve our problems. Let us take this short lecture on Kathak as it is taught to our students: "Kathak is one of the eight Indian classical dance that has its origin from the modern Indian states Uttar Pradesh (erstwhile United Province of British India). It has evolved through many years under various experts and is known for its elegant style, design and

colourful costumes. Kathak as a performance art has survived and thrived as an oral tradition, innovated and taught from one generation to another verbally and through practice. The Mughal emperors of medieval India were the greatest patrons of Kathak, that evolved greatly between 16th-17th centuries. It was the official dance performed in the royal courts of the Mughals and included Central Asian and Persian instruments and styles embedded within its unique Indian style. The origin of Kathak is traditionally attributed to the traveling groups in ancient northern India known as Kathakars (storytellers). These storytellers communicated stories from the Hindu epics and ancient mythology through dance, songs and music. Kathak has three distinct "gharanas" (styles) namely, Jaipur, Banaras and Lucknow. Jaipur style focuses on the foot movements; while the Banaras and Lucknow styles emphasizes on facial expressions along with the elegant movements of hands. This dance

Saikat Kumar Basu

highlights upon use of rhythmic foot movements, adorned with 'numerous tiny bells' (gungroo) harmonized to the music. In Kathak, the story is narrated via unique gestures of arms and upper body movements, facial expressions, neck, eyes and eyebrow movements, stage movements, bends and turns." (Summarized from Wikipedia). No wonder the above piece is a very good information source, packed with data, examples and brain busters. But one can see that the much needed humanitarian part is missing. It only has the dry content; but the connectivity to our social and cultural background is missing. The example is provided to appreciate the role of proper teaching in the classroom that aids in the process of learning, understanding and appreciating the topic, content as well as the context of what we learn and understand in the classroom environment. Can a high powered robot and Artificial Intelligence provide such love, care, attention and empathy for the learners while teaching? Kathak is not

just a piece of information for the students; but a great national heritage that each of us should be very proud of inheriting from our forefathers. Our present lies in the ashes of our past; and our future lies on the ground we touch today with our own feet. This realization of the crude realities of life and similar perspectives are important to our core learning system. If technology starts regulating every arena of teaching and learning process, we will soon become the slaves of the technology. The same robotics that genius humans forests discovered and developed seem to be the controlling factor of our life and destiny in the not so distant future. The impact of technology is not just restricted to our mental capacity only; but also negatively impacts the health of our next generation. Today juvenile diabetes, obesity, hypertension, high blood pressure, high cholesterol levels, strokes and cardiac arrests are widely

reported among young kids, teenagers and young professionals in large numbers. The important factor has been too much adoption of technology into our life style thereby by restricting our much needed, normal and spontaneous movements. This has been specifically making our next and younger generations into couch potatoes; dependent on expensive medication. This is because our children do not go to the fields to play anymore, but rather enjoy their time by simply playing virtual games, watching movies and chatting or texting with others online. This destructive culture is slowly taking our next generation towards our socio-cultural and intellectual demise. We need to understand that when a new being is born; everything changes. The world grows, hearts get full, and life means more because we interact with one another through multiple platforms and media outlets. A society is defined not only by what it creates, but by what it refuses to

destroy. In a conventional class we teach students protect the living beings of this planet, encouraging them to strategize sustainable plans to protect wildlife, forests, biodiversity, soil, air and water, and in fact we train them to think in positive terms to think about how to protect human society, culture and dignity. Can the new Artificial Intelligence and advanced robotics teach the students such necessary ethics and values as well as morality to the young learners who are starting with a blank page in their brain? They train the students with knowledge and information at the blink of the eyelid; but can such an artificial system generate humanity and compassion among the learners? Or, we are moving towards transforming our new generations into emotionless and empathy less humanoid robots? It is good to welcome new technology, mainly if it is beneficial for the students. But who will make lesson plan, lesson note, question

paper? Who will check answer sheets? Make result cards? And conduct open house? Who will do activities? Who will accompany in field trips? Who will make birthday cards, well-done cards for students? Who will evaluate students daily, monthly or yearly? Who will make timetable? Who will take care of students' tiffin time? Who will take care of sick students and give intimation to parents? Who will look after the discipline of students? Who will conduct assembly? Who will do endless duties of the school? School teachers are not only the teachers, they are the mothers/fathers of the students at school in their formative years. No Robot can replace a teacher. It's a tough job. Lastly, handling growing school students needs an emotion which a robot can not provide. Therefore the genuine and unbiased food for thought is that we need to think about this highly sensitive issue with impartial objectivity from the lens of reality from different perspectives.

Kolkata, West Bengal India

How can the nation grow uneducating the girl child?

Pratap chandra sahu

Women education is very important because women are the first teacher of their children. They receive the very first lesson from their mother's lap. Hence if mothers are educated, they can perfectly shape their children. Education plays a major role in social and economic growth of the nation. A nation can be educated in the real sense of the term, when its entire population is educated. It is said "if we educate a man, we educate only a man, but if we educate a woman, we educate the whole family. So female education is important for all round progress of a country. Women are sharing equal responsibility like men in every field of society. Education enhances the intellectual, social and emotional development of women and enables them to meet their basic needs of daily life. It helps in reducing inequalities in the society. Apart from this, educated women help to reduce the population of a nation as they have great confidence that enables to make right decisions. An educated mother will have high expectations for her children's educational success. Educated woman

can also help to reduce child & maternal mortality. Till now female education is not given much importance in many parts of India. Revati is still alive in remote areas. Some of the reasons are dowry, child marriage, caste system and purdah system prevalent in society. Many people in rural areas are of the belief that money would be needed during her marriage to be given as dowry, so investing the money for her education is regarded as waste. Another major reason for deprivation of girl's education is the child marriage. It is a strong belief in India that for a girl it is more important to become a perfect household works for marriage than getting education. A girl of lower caste is not allowed to go to school, where the girls of higher caste are studying. The gap between male and female, the percentage of educated according to census 2011, literate male is 82.14% & female is 65.46%. Among the states Kerala literacy of female is highest 91.98% & lowest in Rajasthan 52.66%. Important schemes & policies initiated by the government for girl

education --(1) Sakshar Bharat mission for girls literacy launched in 2008, (2) Kasturba Balika Bidyalaya for establishment of residential up school girl children. (3) National programme for education of girls at elementary level for reduction in school drop outs by giving special attention to weak girls. (4) Rastriya Madhyamik Dikhyia Abhijan to provide infrastructure for girls hostel for secondary education. (5) Balika Samrudhi Jojana is a scholarship designed to provide financial support to young girls. (6) Beti Bachao Beti Padhao started in 2015 aims to generate awareness and improving the efficiency of welfare services of women. (7) Sukanya Samrudhi Jojana launched under Beti Bachao Bati Padhao campaign to meet expenses of the girl child's higher education. The present day girl is the mother of tomorrow. She is the most crucial and revered entity. She must be given necessary education. Ignoring her, keeping her illiterate means we are creating an illiterate generation.

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THE MISSING DEER ON BIJU BABU'S DAKOTA

Anil dhir



the tickets, timetables, and stationery of Kalinga Airlines. On the letterheads, they were embossed in gold. In all my research I could only get

photographed by Jimmy Wadia in July 1978. The aircraft has been since scrapped. I could find no trace of it when I made a search two years ago. The parked aircraft at



photographs of two Dakotas which bore the logos. The prominent one was on VT-CRA (Serial No 12505-Dakota C-47 A) last parked outside the hangar at Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai. It was

Bhubaneswar Airport should have these logos in the right place. The size of the font used to paint Kalinga Airlines too is twice the size that was originally painted. These corrections should be made. I have a big collection

of memorabilia from Kalinga Airlines which includes letters, stationery, tickets, maps, time-tables, etc. If the powers that be are interested, I will gladly give them to the Ananda Bhavan Museum at Katak after I have completed my

book. Quite a few photos that are displayed at the Museum were given by me, which is duly acknowledged in the captions.

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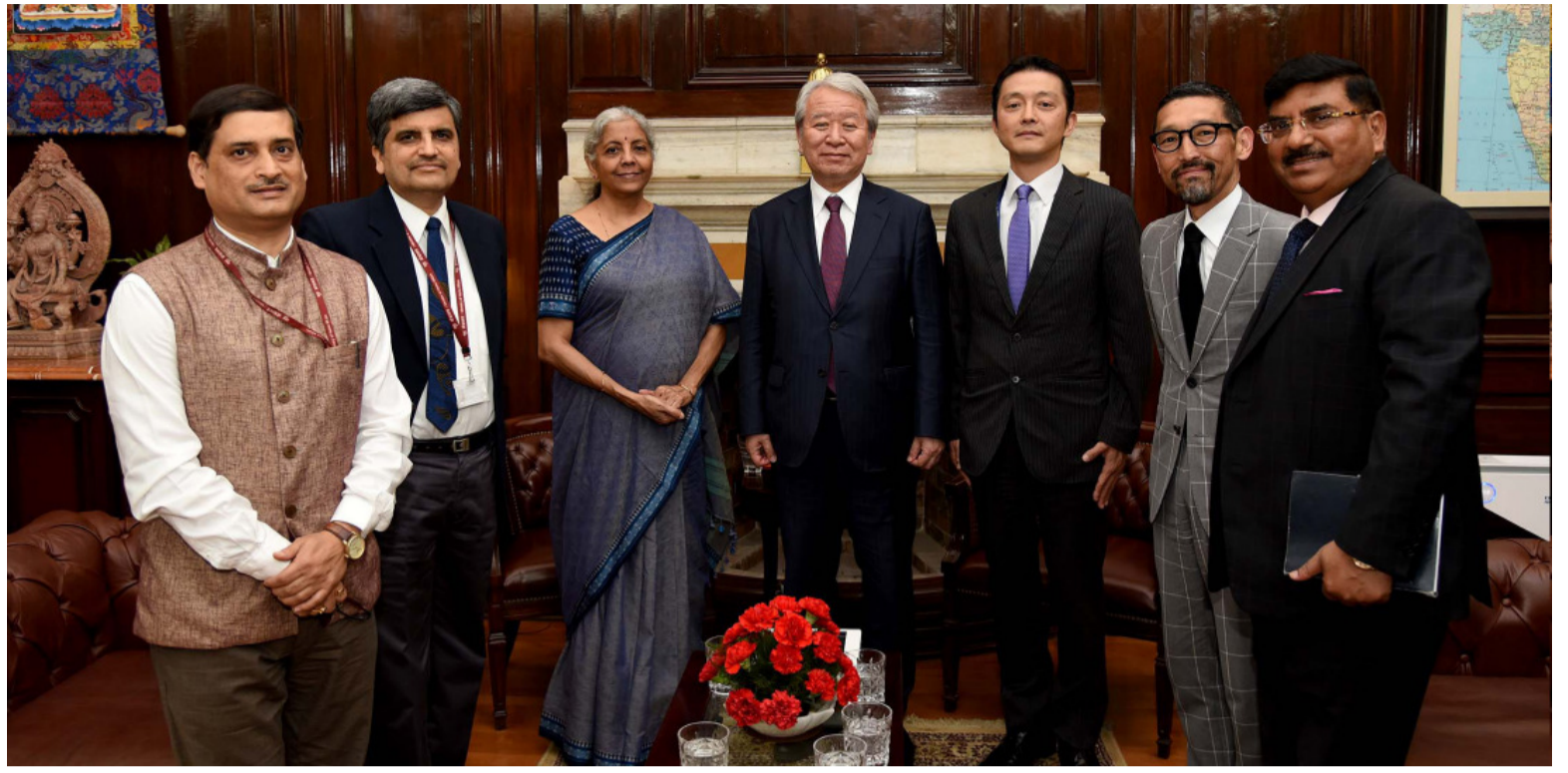
DELEGATION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF KENYA CALLS ON THE PRESIDENT



New Delhi: A delegation of the Supreme Court of Kenya, led by Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Kenya, Hon'ble Lady Justice Martha K. Koome, EGH, called on President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan today (March 10, 2023). Welcoming the delegation to Rashtrapati

Bhavan, the President said that Kenya is a country with which India has centuries-old friendly relations. India is proud to be a development partner of Kenya. India is eager to maintain the tradition of high level political engagement with the new Government of Kenya. Both countries

should also work together to further strengthen bilateral trade ties. The President noted that Justice Koome is the first woman Chief Justice of the Kenyan Supreme Court. She commended her efforts for making justice accessible to all and to empower women in Kenya.



The Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman in a Bilateral meeting with the president of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Dr. Akihiko Tanaka, in New Delhi

PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA CALLS ON THE PRESIDENT



New Delhi: The Prime Minister of Australia, H.E. Mr Anthony Albanese called on the President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan today (March 10, 2023). Welcoming Prime Minister Albanese and his delegation, the President said that India and Australia enjoy a very friendly relationship. The Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between the two countries has given

a boost to the bilateral engagements. She expressed confidence that this visit would instil greater momentum in India-Australia ties. The President was happy to note the growing defence cooperation and deepening institutional engagements between India and Australia. She added that both countries should continue their practical cooperation in the emerging areas of critical minerals, new

and renewable energy, cyber diplomacy and innovation. The President said that the Indian community in Australia is known for being hardworking and peace-loving, with entrepreneurial skills. She expressed confidence that the Australian Government would take all necessary steps to provide a safe, secure and positive environment to the Indian community in Australia.

Proactive Approach Required To Handle Natural Disasters: PM Modi

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday pitched for a "proactive rather than reactive" approach and the use of future technologies in handling natural disasters to minimize damage. Inaugurating the third session of the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (NPDRR) here, the prime minister said, "We cannot stop natural disasters but we can come up with systems to minimize damage from them." "We have to be proactive rather than reactive. What was the situation in the country (earlier) for being proactive and what is the situation now? Even after five decades of Independence, there was no law in the



country to tackle disasters," he said. He said that after the 2001 earthquake in Kutch, Gujarat was the first state to come up with a disaster management act. On the basis of this act, the Centre enacted the National Disaster Management Act in 2005, he said. Subsequently the

National Disaster Management Authority was set up. The prime minister said traditional housing and town planning process should be enriched with future technology to better manage disaster planning, and added real-time assessment of resilience of local

infrastructure was the need of the hour. He said it should be a matter of pride for every Indian that the entire world has applauded the country's disaster relief work after the massive earthquake in Turkiye and Syria. Speaking on the occasion, Home Minister Amit Shah

lauded the work of the Indian relief and rescue contingent in Turkiye and Syria. The massive earthquake last month killed at least 50,000 people and injured many more in these two countries. During the programme, the prime minister felicitated awardees of the Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar for 2023 -- Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA) and the Lunglei Fire Station, Mizoram. The NPDRR is a multi-stakeholder platform constituted by the government to facilitate dialogue and share experiences, views, ideas, action-oriented research and explore opportunities in the area of disaster risk reduction.

Professor put clues to a cash prize in his syllabus. No one noticed

Washington : Kenyon Wilson, a professor at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, wanted to test whether any of his students fully read the syllabus for his music seminar. Of the more than 70 students enrolled in the class, none apparently did. Wilson said he knows this because on the second page of the three-page syllabus he included the location and combination to a locker, inside of which was a \$50 cash prize.



"Free to the first who claims; locker one hundred forty-seven; combination fifteen, twenty-five, thirty-five," read the passage in the syllabus. But when the semester ended Dec. 8, students went home and the cash was unclaimed. "My semester-long experiment has come to an end," Wilson wrote on Facebook, adding: "Today I retrieved the unclaimed treasure." He said he was unaware of the reach of his post until the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. contacted him about

doing a story about it. Wilson said he wanted to include the hidden clues to brighten up the semester during the pandemic. "Teaching in a pandemic, I'm trying to do creative things and, you know, make it interesting," he said Saturday. "The syllabus is a really dry document. I mean, it's not supposed to be exciting to read, but I thought if my students are going through and reading it, I might as well reward them." Wilson,

the associate head of performing arts, surmised that the prize remained unclaimed during the semester because if someone had found it, the student "would not have stayed quiet about it," he said. Also, at the start of the semester, he set the combination lock at the noon position and it remained unchanged. Tanner Swoyer, a senior studying instrumental music education, said that he felt "pretty

dumb, pretty stupid" when he saw the professor's post about the money in the locker, which was in the fine arts center. Swoyer immediately texted his classmates, who also felt "bamboozled," mostly because, he said, this was something Wilson would do. Wilson said he was not disappointed with his students. When he was a student, he most likely would have also missed the clues, he said. "We read the parts

that we deem important," he said. "You know, what's the attendance policy? What are the things I need to do to pass this class? And then there's other stuff." "The other stuff" in this case also included a passage about what to do if a student tested positive for COVID-19. "It's something that I thought would be read and something on the first day of the semester I pointed out: 'Hey, there are some new things in the syllabus. Make sure you, you know, make sure you catch them,' and then no one did," he said. Since his Facebook post, he has gotten suggestions about what to do next semester. Other professors have recommended turning the next clues into a group activity. "This is a class that has every music major in it, from freshmen to seniors," Wilson said. "Some suggested to make sure that this can only be solved with seniors and freshmen getting to know each other or something of that nature." But he was unsure he'd do it again.

Iran, Saudi Arabia To Restore Ties In China-Brokered Deal

Tehran: Regional rivals Iran and Saudi Arabia agreed Friday to restore ties and reopen diplomatic missions in Chinese-brokered talks, they said in a joint statement, seven years after relations were severed. The move caps a broader realignment and efforts to ease tensions in the Middle East. Riyadh cut ties with Tehran after Iranian protesters attacked Saudi diplomatic missions in the Islamic republic in 2016 following the Saudi execution of revered Shiite cleric Nimr al-Nimr. Shiite-majority Iran and Sunni Muslim Saudi Arabia support rival sides in several conflict zones across the Middle East, including in Yemen where the Huthi rebels are backed by Tehran, and Riyadh leads a military coalition supporting the



government. "Following talks, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia have agreed to resume diplomatic relations and reopen embassies and missions within two months," Iran's state news agency IRNA said, citing the joint statement. The official Saudi Press Agency also published the statement, which said talks took place in Beijing for five days immediately before the announcement. Ali Shamkhani, the secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council, had travelled to Beijing on Monday for "intensive negotiations with his

Saudi counterpart in China in order to finally resolve the problems between Tehran and Riyadh", IRNA said. Iraq, a neighbour to both countries, had hosted several rounds of talks between Iran and Saudi Arabia since April 2021. Those encounters were held at a relatively low level, involving security and intelligence officials. Iran's Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian had said in July that the two countries were ready to move talks to a higher level, in the political and public spheres. But no talks had been publicly announced since April last year.

Odisha to expand coffee cultivation in six districts SOA Boosts Women Workforce

BHUBANESWAR: Buoyed by the success of Koraput coffee, the state government has set a target to expand cultivation of the beans by 10 times in the next five years. As a part of 'Coffee Mission' announced in the state budget recently, the Agriculture department has decided to expand cultivation to districts of Rayagada, Gajapati, Kalahandi, Kandhamal and Keonjhar. - under a new scheme called 'Coffee Plantation for Sustainable Livelihoods'. At present, coffee is grown on a large scale in Koraput only. While the scheme will be implemented in mission mode from the current financial year till 2028, the department has planned to extend it to the year 2030. Agriculture and Farmers



Empowerment secretary Arabinda K Padhee said it has been planned to increase coffee cultivation in the state to nearly 40,000 hectare and coffee production to 20,800 metric tonne (MT) by 2030. While the government has made a budgetary provision of Rs 126 crore for Coffee Mission, the scheme will require around Rs 1,406 crore. In the coffee map of India, Odisha is a non-traditional coffee growing area. As per the Coffee Board of India statistics, coffee is

currently planted over 4,339 hectare of land in the state of which 4,135 hectare is coffee bearing area. Odisha produced 600 MT Arabica coffee in 2021-22 and 610 MT in 2020-21, which is less compared to Andhra Pradesh and the North East - the two other non-traditional coffee growing areas in India. While Andhra Pradesh has 94,956 hectare under coffee cultivation, the North East has 4,695 hectare. The three non-traditional areas make up for 21 per cent of the total area in the country

under coffee cultivation. However, Odisha grows only Arabica coffee whereas Andhra and North East have some areas under Robusta cultivation. "Under the new scheme, we will grow Robusta coffee in 20 to 25 per cent areas where the land elevation is slightly lower," the Agriculture secretary said. He said the focus will be on tribal farmers and women self help groups (SHGs) along with private involvement as far as cultivation, production and value

addition is concerned. Roughly, around 150 kg coffee beans per hectare is being produced in the state. Sources said processing of approximately 6 kg ripe coffee cherries yields 1 kg of parchment coffee. Koraput district, one of the major coffee producing areas, grows Arabica coffee over 2,894 hectare in Koraput, Nandapur, Semiliguda, Pottangi, Dasmantapur, Lamtaput and Laxmipur blocks. While 1,700 hectare of the land under coffee cultivation is owned by the government and provided to tribals with the average landholding size per farmer is 1.5 to 2 acre, the rest belongs to private coffee growers. The coffee grown in the district is organic in nature.

Bhubaneswar: With 47 per cent of Siksha 'O' Anusandhan (SOA)'s students being girls and women comprising 51 per cent of its workforce, the Deemed to be University has been endeavouring to provide a boost to women's empowerment in the state, SOA Vice-President Ms. Saswati Das said on Tuesday. Women have been proving themselves in different professions while making notable contribution to various innovations and discoveries to make their presence felt in the society, Ms. Das said while addressing a special program organised in the university to mark the International Women's Day (IWD). Congratulating the women serving the university, she said they had made a mark for



themselves by dint of their determination and hard work. Referring to the current year's theme for the IWD— 'Digital: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality', Ms. Das said women were proving themselves in every field including digital technology. The gathering was also addressed by SOA's Controller of Examination Prof. Manjula Das, Dean of Institute of Dental Sciences, Prof. (Dr.) Neeta Mohanty and Head of Centre for Preservation,

Propagation and Restoration of Ancient Culture and Heritage of India (PPRACHIN), SOA's arm for preservation and restoration of ancient heritage and culture, Ms. Gayatribala Panda, Prof. Renu Sharma, Additional Dean (Student Affairs) at the Institute of Technical Education and Research, SOA's faculty of engineering, proposed the vote of thanks. Eight women employees of SOA and three others serving its media wings were felicitated on the occasion.

e-Voucher From 1 Apr

Bhubaneswar : Odisha Government has decided to implement Paperless Processing of Financial Transactions in the Government Treasuries. Accordingly e-Voucher will be introduced in all the Treasuries across the State from 1 April, 2023. No Manual Vouchers will be accepted by the authorities of Treasuries. Vishal Dev, Principal Secretary Finance has recently issued Office Memorandum Notification in this regard stipulating the procedure.



Department of Finance vide OM No-6688 dated-02.03.2023 has issued notification regarding procedure for implementation of e-Voucher in all Treasuries across the

State. The Treasury computerization which started in 2005 with the objective of completely digitalizing Government payment and receipt system is going to attend its final stage of digitalization. From 1st of April 2023, all bills will be sent to the Treasury along with supporting documents electronically in IFMS using DSC/e-Sign. e-Voucher will be mandatory w.e.f 1st of April, 2023, said a senior official in Department of Finance.

However, the physical vouchers should be duly preserved by Drawing & Disbursing Officer (DDO) in Government offices and due care should be taken that they are not misused and preserved for future reference of Audits and Accounts. Even for submission of bills during the current month i.e., March 2023, all Sanctioning Authorities, DDOs should use either Digital Signature (DSC) or e-Sign and submit their claims in the e-Format only, said sources.

TN farmers meet Odisha Agriculture Minister, seek support

BHUBANESWAR: A delegation of Tamil Nadu All Farmers Organisation Coordination Committee led by its leader PR Pandian on Thursday met Agriculture and Farmers' Empowerment minister Ranendra Pratap Swain at Krushi Bhawan here. The members of the delegation discussed problems confronting the farming community across the country. The delegation is on a journey from Kanyakumari to New Delhi demanding fulfilment of promises made by Prime Minister

Narendra Modi during farmers' protest in 2020. It held wide-ranging discussion on farmers issues with Swain seeking the support of the state government to its demands. The charter of demands of the committee include a law assuring a profitable minimum support price (MSP) for all agricultural produce, loan waiver of farmers by commercial banks, preventing big corporates from engaging in contract farming and agriculture marketing, supply of organic inputs to farmers and revocation of cases



slapped against agitating farmers. Swain explained the steps taken by the Odisha government under the leadership of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik for the farmers who constitute 60 per cent of the total work force of the state's population. The minister said the state

government has made an outlay of Rs 24,829 crore for agriculture sector which is 21 per cent higher than last year's budget. Apart from providing agricultural inputs to farmers and farm loans up to Rs 1 lakh without interest, the government has launched KALIA scheme to financially assist small and marginal farmers for undertaking farm activities. The delegation also submitted a memorandum addressed to Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik seeking his government's help in realising its demands.


Odisha government may soon promulgate Lingaraj Temple Ordinance

BHUBANESWAR: Amid frequent incidents of delay in conduct of rituals and tussling among servitors, the state government may soon promulgate the Lingaraj Temple Ordinance, 2020. This was decided at a meeting among ministers, officials and servitors presided over by chief secretary Pradeep Kumar Jena on Tuesday. The meeting was called in view of a three-hour delay in conduct of Shivaratri rituals and other irregularities at the shrine. With the servitor bodies time and again

demanding implementation of the ordinance to maintain and manage the affairs of the temple in a smooth and prescribed manner, the Law department officials present at the meeting said the government may soon introduce the ordinance. The state government will soon file its replies to two queries that were recently raised by the Centre on the ordinance, they informed. In December 2020, the state cabinet had okayed the ordinance to govern the 11th century temple and subsequently, sought the approval of the


Centre for its promulgation. However, the Centre had raised objections and sought replies to several questions it had raised including the ordinance's conflict with the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 (AMASR Act). The state had replied to the queries between March 3 and March 20, 2022. "However, the Centre has again asked two questions on the ordinance and we will send the replies within a week's time. This may be the final leg of queries the Centre has on the

ordinance," said an official of the Law department. On the occasion, the three nijogs demanded the endowment commissioner to re-allot the land to servitors that have been allocated entirely in the name of Lingaraj temple trust in the last few months. The chief secretary asked the sevayats to produce the judgements basing on which, a decision on recording of Lingaraj land rights will be taken. It was also decided in the meeting that a permanent temple trust board will be formed for management of Lingaraj temple after six months (by September).



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Vedanta launches 'Project Panchhi' for recruiting 1000 girls from underserved communities nationally, in Odisha

Bhubaneswar: On the occasion of International Women's Day, Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest producer of aluminium, has launched 'Project Panchhi' at its Alumina Refinery, in Lanjigarh (Kalahandi, Odisha). Project Panchhi is Vedanta's innovative corporate recruitment drive which aims to employ 1000 girls from economically backward communities, across its diverse businesses in metals, mining, oil & gas situated pan-India. The target demography of this drive is girls from lower income families who are likely to opt out of pursuing further

studies and a fulfilling career, owing to financial and social constraints. In the first phase, 40 such girls have been identified for recruitment, at Vedanta Aluminium's Lanjigarh operations. The selected candidates were handed over their offer letters in the felicitation ceremony attended by Shri. Pradeep Kumar Dishari (MLA of the constituency), Ms P Anwesha Reddy (District Collector & Magistrate), Dr Biswajit Das (Sub-Collector), Shri. Jitendra Mishra (Block Development Officer), Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI)

members from the 10 Gram Panchayats in the peripheral community spanning Rayagada and Kalahandi districts, Mr. GG Pal, Dy. CEO of Vedanta Limited - Alumina Business, and Mr. Dilip Kumar Sinha, CHRO, Vedanta Limited - Aluminium Business, and Group Anchor for the project. The fact that these girls, many of whom are first generation learners, have made it to the last leg of their schooling is indicative of the many odds they have overcome and are hence, a talent pool Vedanta is keen on exploring. Vedanta is undertaking a rigorous selection

process to identify the right set of candidates based on various criteria and will then sponsor their graduation as they undergo courses in leading institutions of national repute. Post completion of graduation, the job offers will get formalised and these girls will then join Vedanta's operations as graduate trainees in core operations. Vedanta's Lanjigarh operations house a world-class 2 MTPA alumina refinery, which feeds the company's state-of-the-art aluminium smelters at Jharsuguda (Odisha) and BALCO (Chhattisgarh). The refinery is currently

undergoing expansion to 5 MTPA and will deploy significant manpower across various departments. This offers immense opportunities for the recruits to get a hands-on learning experience. It will also serve as an inspiration for thousands of other girls and women across India to aspire for a career in the manufacturing industry. **Speaking about Project Panchhi, Mr. GG Pal, Dy. CEO - Alumina Business, Vedanta Ltd., said, "At Vedanta Lanjigarh, our developmental endeavours in the realms of education, healthcare, livelihood & skill**

development, art & culture, and community infrastructure have women & children at the heart of it. 'Project Panchhi' is a visionary initiative by our Chairman, Mr. Anil Agarwal, to reach deeper into India's hinterlands and enable aspiring young girls with the knowledge and skills they need to self-empower. We are delighted to select our first batch of 40 girls and look forward to the prospect of welcoming them into our workforce in the near future, grooming them and seeing them evolve into stalwarts in their fields." **Speaking about the noble cause, Shri. Pradeep Kumar Dishari, MLA, Lanjigarh said, "Vedanta has had an immense contribution in the growth of Lanjigarh and the communities**

here. The initiative of Project Panchhi is a very noble program which will encourage more girls to pursue higher education and aspire for fulfilling careers, which will also make them financially sufficient. This initiative will break a lot of social boundaries and help in creating sustainable livelihoods for the community." Applauding the initiative, **Ms P Anwesha Reddy, IAS, District Collector and Magistrate, Kalahandi said, "Project Panchhi is a unique initiative of Vedanta towards promoting women empowerment in the nation. Providing young girls who couldn't pursue higher studies with avenues to lead an independent career in Vedanta speaks volumes about the social impact they are willing to**

generate in the communities. I would wish all these young girls the best for their careers and would wish for all of them to have long independent careers and potentially grow up to become bright women leaders across the nation." Chakri Majhi, father of Suriyakanti Majhi, one of the girls selected under this program shared his thought on the initiative saying, "Vedanta has come up with a very never-seen-before initiative in Project Panchhi. It gives me immense happiness to see that the company is taking a step towards giving our young girls the opportunity to pursue higher studies which would not have been possible otherwise, and eventually become employed in one of the world's greatest aluminium plants

HAIER INDIA PARTNERS WITH KICKSTART FC WOMEN'S FOOTBALL TEAM TO SUPPORT INDIA'S 'SILENT PERFORMERS'

Bhubaneswar: Haier, the global leader in Home Appliances & Consumer Electronics and World's Number 1 brand in Major Appliances for 13 Consecutive Years*, today announced its partnership with the Bengaluru based Kickstart FC's Women's Team for two years - 2022 and 2023. The partnership is an extension of the company's continuous focus to acknowledge the determination and success of Indian women achievers and athletes who continue to perform

big but silently, denoting them as 'Silent Performers'. The team is currently competing in the fifth edition of the Indian Women's League, the top division of women's professional football club competition in India. Haier is partnering with the women's team of the Bangalore-based Kickstart FC to become a behind-the-scenes supporter of the players by providing the necessary equipment and resources required for improving their training process to further hone

their skills, and enhance their overall performance on the field. Most of the players in the team hail from humble backgrounds, with many being from underprivileged sections, which sometimes becomes a deterrent to their following their passion for football. Through Haier's brand philosophy of 'Inspired Living' to support the 'Silent Performers' of India, the brand hopes to create a conducive environment for the players to continue their journey hassle-free.

DSP Flexi Cap Fund completes 25 years; delivers 19.1% CAGR returns

Mumbai: DSP Investment Managers announced the 25-year completion of the DSP Flexi Cap Fund. Launched on 29th April 1997, DSP Flexi Cap Fund has a proven portfolio that has been through many market cycles and has delivered returns of 19.1% CAGR (Compounded Annual Growth Rate) since inception*. Rs 1 lakh invested at inception in DSP Flexi Cap Fund would have grown to over Rs 78 lakh by now, whereas a similar investment in Nifty 500 TRI would have grown to Rs 31.74 lakh. The DSP Flexi Cap Fund takes a structured approach to investing by focusing on business longevity, prudent management, and growth sustainability (BMG Framework). The BMG Framework followed by the fund includes businesses that are less capital intensive, having a high cash conversion, market share dominance, judicious capital allocation, and superior margins reflecting in higher ROE and growth rates of profits. The CAGR rolling returns of DSP Flexi Cap Fund over any 10-year period has been a minimum of 6.9% and a maximum of 33.5%. While, the fund, like equities, has intermittent NAV fluctuations, over a decade it has always earned positive returns for patient investors. DSP Flexi Cap Fund is managed by Atul Bhole and Abhishek Ghosh.

Anna University Vice Chancellor Dr. R. Velraj inaugurated the PROJECT DAY 2022

Bhubaneswar: SRM Group of Institution, Ramapuram Campus, Chennai (Easwari Engineering College, SRM Institute of Science and Technology and SRM Dental College) has organized a three day event - "Project Day 2022" from 21st to 23rd April 2022 in Ramapuram campus, Chennai. The main objective of organising this event is to bring out the hidden innovative product development talents of the young Engineers and Dentists and it was inaugurated by Dr. R. Velraj, Vice - Chancellor, Anna University, Chennai. More than 250 highly innovative projects covering different branches of Engineering, Technology, Dental, Management and Film Technology were showcased by students with a lot of youthful exuberance. More than 6000 visitors from around 60 schools of different parts of the city attended and witnessed the exhibits.

Moj to help content creators earn INR 3,500 crore by 2025

Bhubaneswar: Moj, India's number one short video app, today announced its plans to facilitate creator earnings worth INR 3,500 crore (over USD 450M) through the 'Moj For Creators' program. This program is Moj's flagship creator initiative that builds a path for accelerated growth for Moj creators at different stages in their journey. Targeting creators from every region of India, the program is an ambitious step towards building a robust monetization model for creators and driving engaging content on the platform in the long term. Earmarked for the next three years, Moj plans a myriad of growth and development initiatives for all creators at different levels. The program includes grooming through preliminary and advanced genre-based training courses, mentorship, spotlight program, boot camps, influencer townhalls, one-on-one coaching, and in-depth workshops on industry trends. These initiatives will enable Moj creators to emerge as strong influencers across different genres and languages. Furthermore, as the creator community expands, Moj For Creators will assist creators in bolstering their reach through unique community activations like Moj Madhouse.

Chai Sutta Bar Brings Kulhadi Coolness By Launching Another Outlet in Rourkela, Odisha

Bhubaneswar: Chai Sutta Bar, a national and global beverage brand, spreads the taste of Kulhad Chai with its newly arrived branch in the Planned City of Odisha - Rourkela on the 25th of April 2022. Rourkela is a Planned steel city of Odisha with an assimilation of cosmopolitan culture and vibrancy. The brand addresses the absolute chai-lovers and alike. The brand-new store was welcomed like a gala festival in Block No-1, Gap No-1 Janata Bipani, Market, Sti, 769012 Rourkela, Odisha. The area is strategic as it is connected with major roadways and is a well-known commercial centre of the city. It was all possible because of the love people showered throughout the stretch,

stated Anubhav Dubey on the launching day, Co-founder of Chai Sutta Bar. Chai's amazing blessing has left a sweet spot in their hearts who greeted the store with their welcoming warmth and shining grins. Looking at the scorching heat the brand also introduces some summer special beverages like a refreshing variety of lassi and mojitos to give respite from this heat. The company uses over 3 lakhs kulhads every day and supports more than 1500 potter families. It also employs more than 500 people from a diverse section of the society with special emphasis on weaker sections. The brand's soulful Tea has been delivered to over 150+ cities with 300+ outlets all over India and also in

countries, including Dubai, Oman and Nepal to name a few. "We're on a mission to spread the word about our Kulhad Chai and get people to try it globally & taste the aroma of India's soil through Kulhad in their every sip," Anubhav Dubey, Founder of Chai Sutta Bar, stated at the event. The CSB philosophy is to give outstanding customer service and an excellent experience. Our goal is to grow CSB into a global brand dedicated to cultivating people's happiness, benefiting both individuals and society as a whole. We hope to grow enormously with our novel location in Rourkela and celebrate chai with cheers and chuski."

realme introduces realme GT NEO 3 along with the realme Pad mini, realme Buds Q2s and realme Smart TV X Full HD

Bhubaneswar: realme, the world's fastest-growing smartphone brand, today disrupted the smartphone market yet again with its latest launch, realme GT NEO 3, which is the world's first smartphone to be equipped with 150W fast charging technology, also making it the world's fastest charging smartphone. Alongside this path-breaking smartphone, realme introduced three new additions to its already expansive AIoT portfolio - realme Pad Mini, realme Buds Q2s and realme Smart TV X Full HD. realme GT NEO 3 is the World's first and fastest charging smartphone to come with

150W Ultra Dart Charge, which charges up to 50% in just 5 mins. It is equipped with one of India's First Dimensity 8100 5G Processor, realme's first Dedicated Display Processor, a 120Hz AMOLED Ultra Smooth Display, 94.2% Largest screen-to-body display, a Wide-angle triple camera with Sony IMX766 flagship sensor, World's first Wireless Burst Technology, 4500mAh Massive Battery and sports a mesmerizing Racing Stripe design. realme GT NEO 3 will come in three colors - Nitro Blue, Sprint White, and Asphalt Black, and have 80W and 150W charging variants. The

flagship 150W charging variant comes with a storage of 12GB+256GB and is priced at INR 42,999. The 80W variant will come in two storage options - 8GB+128GB priced at INR 29,999, and 8GB+256GB priced at INR 31,999. The first sale for realme GT NEO 3 begins on May 4, 12 noon onwards, on realme.com, Flipkart & mainline channels. As part of special launch offers on 1st sale day, users can avail flat INR 7000 Instant Discount on Flipkart and through SBI debit card, credit card, and EMI transactions and a flat INR 7000 Instant Discount on realme.com.

38,000 practitioners physically participate every day 123rd Birth Anniversary

Hyderabad: A three-day celebrations marking the 123rd birth anniversary of the second Guide of Heartfulness Shri Ram Chandra ji from Shahjahanpur, reverentially called 'Babuji Maharaj' was carried out in full swing at the world's largest meditation centre at Kanha Shanti Vanam, the headquarters of Heartfulness Meditation in the outskirts of Hyderabad between 29th April to 1st May 2022. Babuji Maharaj founded Shri Ram Chandra Mission in 1945 to spread the simplistic means of meditation called Sahaj Marg, which through the years is being practiced by the

spiritual seekers from across the 160 countries worldwide. Sahaj Marg is also known as Heartfulness Meditation. This unique heart-based meditative practise is made effective through spiritual transmission or 'Pranahuti' wherein the living Guide introduces his subtlest energy of the heart into that of the seeker for inner development. Babuji formalised this meditation practise to be spread through Shri Ram Chandra Mission. Born on 30th of April 1899, in Shahjahanpur (Uttar Pradesh), Babuji attained mahasamadhi on 19th of April 1983. From an early age, he displayed a yearning for spiritual

realization. In June 1922, at the age of twenty-two, he met Shri Ram Chandra ji of Fatehgarh, also known as Lalaji Maharaj, whom he accepted as his guru. Lalaji at once identified Babuji as the person who had appeared in his dream years earlier to be his successor. In 1972, he took the Heartfulness method of meditation across the length and breadth of India beyond the limited circles to Europe and America and popularised it in those countries as well. As part of the 123rd birth anniversary of Babuji, this year practitioners from across 160 countries gathered both physically and virtually to join the celebrations held between 29 April - 1 May 2022,

NXTDIGITAL'S "NXTHUB" BAGS THE "BEST INNOVATIVE PROJECT OF THE YEAR"

The prestigious National Feather Award for the "Best Innovative Project of the Year" was awarded to NXTDIGITAL Limited for its innovative and future-ready digital NXTHUB project; at a function in Mumbai today. The NXTHUB is a one-stop digital solution - delivering digital TV, broadband, OTT and WIFI. The "NXTHUB" concept was designed and rolled out by NXTDIGITAL Limited ("NDL"), the media vertical of the global Hinduja Group and India's premier integrated digital platforms company, with a presence in digital cable, satellite (HITS), broadband, WIFI, content and OTT distribution and teleshopping. NDL has a presence in more than 4,500 pin codes, covering over 1,500 cities and towns. The NXTHUBs are owned and operated by NDL and equipped with



the latest technology comprising an ADDS or Advanced Digital Distribution System - with the capability to deliver over 650 Digital TV services received via satellite to Last Mile Owners (LMOs) and their end subscribers. NXTHUB's avant-garde technology, with the plug-and-play model eliminates the need for LMOs to invest in headend and related technology, whilst being able to give their customers, the width and depth of digital services. Expanding the current offering that includes digital video, broadband, OTT and WIFI; these NXTHUBs are future-ready to offer a slew of additional digital services to a wider geography. NDL has set up over 90 NXTHUBs and is in the process of rolling out more, strengthening its footprint across the country to ensure affordable digital services to all, in line with the Government's vision of a "Digital India".

Ind vs Aus, 4th Test, Day 2: India Bundle Out Australia For 480, Post 36/0 At Stumps

New Delhi: Usman Khawaja's resilience found its able ally in Cameron Green's audacious flair as Australia tested India's bowling depth as well as patience to put up a commanding 480 on the second day of the fourth Test in Ahmedabad on Friday. At stumps, Indian openers were also hardly troubled on a track that hasn't deteriorated one bit as Rohit Sharma (17 batting) and Shubman Gill (18 batting) added 36 runs in 10 overs. But to make a match out of it, onus will be on India to score quickly on day three on Saturday. The most awkward time to start an innings is during the last 10 overs of the day but Gill lofted Nathan Lyon for a six down the ground to signal his attacking intent in that short span of time.

Australia still hold a massive advantage as their three spinners are likely to get more purchase than their Indian counterparts going into the third day. Khawaja's marathon knock of 180 lasted 10 hours and 11 minutes and he faced 422 balls, which is effectively 70.2 overs of the total 167.2 overs faced by the Australian team. Green's maiden Test hundred, an eminently attractive 114, laced with 18 boundaries, was a good counter-punching effort on a track which was easy to bat on and which gives value for shots playing within the 'V'. Their 208-run stand that lasted 59.4 overs will certainly add a lot of confidence in the Australian dressing room, after failing to cross 275 even once in the five completed



innings during the first three games. The plight of the Indian attack was evident when Todd Murphy (41 off 65 balls) and Nathan Lyon (34 off 96 balls) added 70 runs for the ninth wicket in just 19.2 overs

in a stand where a few audacious shots were played in between a couple of streaky ones. When a bowling unit concedes a total of 11 boundaries off batter Nos. 9 and 10, the going really gets tough.

No credit will be enough for Ashwin (47.2-15-91-6), who gave his all manfully and got his 32nd five-wicket haul in Test cricket and is now only 27 wickets short of becoming second Indian after Anil Kumble to

complete a coveted 500 wickets. By the time he reached the milestone, Australia had crossed the 475-run mark and are in a position to dictate the flow of this game. But the day certainly belonged to Green, who completed a well-deserved maiden hundred. The giant 6-foot-8-inch all-rounder, who missed the first two Tests due to a finger surgery, let Khawaja play his own game during their double century stand. After back-to-back barren sessions, it was Ashwin, who got three quick wickets for India. Having already qualified for the WTC finals, Australia looked like trying to play 'party-poopers' for India as they never forced the scoring rate during the course of the two days. The Indian

bowling unit struggled big time on a good batting track as the Australians dictated terms both on attacking as well as defensive fronts. Not for once the Australian batters looked in any kind of discomfort on a track that has remained firm and hasn't shown any distinct signs of wear and tear. Having leaked a lot of runs with the second new ball on the first evening, India captain Rohit Sharma couldn't afford setting an attacking field as he had to check the flow of runs. Hence, a deep point, deep square leg and deep fine leg were employed to stop the boundary count. But with a left-right pair at the crease, the bowlers had to alter the length as the two batters kept the

scoreboard ticking. Khawaja, however, was in no tearing hurry even though he hit 21 boundaries with at least a dozen coming in the leg-side with his favourite whip shot or on-drive. In the morning, as Khawaja continued his grind, Green blended attack with defence during a session that yielded 92 runs. As someone who loves playing the drive, save a couple of fours, most were hit on the off-side in the area between extra-cover and mid-off. In fact, India's pacers had a poor first innings with 40 boundaries being conceded by Umesh Yadav (19) and Mohammed Shami (21). Some were inside and outside edges but they never consistently hit right lengths while conceding more than 100 runs in 25 and 31 overs respectively.

'I Believe India Are...', Sanjay Manjrekar On Men In Blue's WTC 2023 Final Qualification Chances

New Delhi: The Rohit Sharma-led India need a win in the fourth and last Test vs Australia to ensure they easily qualify for the final of the World Test Championship which is to be held at The Oval in London in June this year. Even if India lose the match, they can still be in race for the qualification. Men In Blue will wait and watch and hope that Sri Lanka do not beat New Zealand in the two Tests. Day 1 of the Ahmedabad Test did no go India's way. But former Indian cricketer and now a commentator Sanjay Manjrekar feels that India need not panic as they are almost through to the finals already. Manjrekar refused to believe that Sri Lanka have the arsenal to beat New Zealand in New Zealand. "I believe India are already in the final.



But, you still have to actually, you know, officially get there. So that tension was there. Plus the series hanging the way it has, Australia making that brilliant comeback in Indore and plus a figure like Narendra Modi at the ground. That buzz was there. Every box was ticked before the start of this Test," Manjrekar told Star Sports. Manjrekar added, "I don't think Sri Lanka is capable of upsetting New Zealand." "On Day 1 of the fourth Test, thanks to a brilliant hundred by

Usman Khawaja, Australia finished the day on a high at 255 for 4 in 90 overs. Cameron Green played a good hand too and continues to occupy the crease. Green attacked the Indian pacers in the last 10 overs of the day. He will resume innings at personal score of 49 which he has accumulated off just 64 balls. India must try and pick quick wickets in the first hour of the game on Day 2 to ensure that Aussies do not cross the 35-run mark. Otherwise, the match can slip out of their hands.

Southee, Henry bundle out Sri Lanka early on Day 2

New Delhi: Tim Southee's fifer bundled out Sri Lanka for 355 in the morning session on Day 2 at the Hagley Oval in Christchurch. The last four wickets of the Sri Lankan innings were split between Southee and Matt Henry as the visitors managed to add only 50 runs to their overnight total. In response, New Zealand openers made a watchful start, adding 12 runs before Lunch. Resuming the second day's play on 305 for 6, Dhanajaya de Silva and Kasun Rajitha got going with first-ball boundaries in the first over of the day itself, bowled by Blair Tickner. While Dhananjaya leaned into a drive, Rajitha whipped one through the square leg region. However, the hosts struck in the second over of the day as Dhananjaya's attempted cut off Southee



took the outside edge to the 'keeper. Rajitha and Prabhat Jayasuriya looked reasonably assured for a while till the old ball was in operation. However,

once the new ball was taken, the challenge mounted, and Henry struck in the second over. Two balls after he dropped Jayasuriya on his follow

through, Rajitha got a leading edge to Kane Williamson at extra cover, ending his handy innings on 22. Jayasuriya and Lahiru

Kumara kept the New Zealand bowlers at bay for almost half an hour from thereon, picking useful runs despite getting troubled. Two balls after a loud appeal for leg before was turned down, Jayasuriya was dismissed poking at a delivery outside off to the 'keeper and handing Henry his fourth wicket of the innings. Asitha Fernando and Kumara threw their bats around a bit, and even picked three boundaries. But it was only a matter of time before the innings was wrapped up. The former was undone by a full delivery from Southee and was trapped leg before, but not before adding 19 runs for the last wicket. Brief Scores: Sri Lanka 355 (Kusal Mendis 87, Dimuth Karunaratne 50; Tim Southee 5-64, Matt Henry 4-80) vs New Zealand

Need to ensure funding is more evenly distributed across member nations - MCC

New Delhi: The Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), the custodian of the game, has called for even funding among the cricket playing nations and has sought harmony between franchise and international cricket. The clarion call was issued after a recent meeting of its World Cricket Committee (WCC), which consists of stalwarts of the game like Sourav Ganguly, Alastair Cook, Kumar Dharmasena, Justin Langer, Ramiz Raja, Kumar Sangakkara and Graeme Smith. "The WCC unanimously concluded that the game has reached an important crossroads, recommending urgent intervention from the game's leaders to ensure international and

franchise cricket can thrive together harmoniously," the MCC said in a statement about the panel's topics of discussion at the meeting in Dubai. Mike Gatting, the Chair of the committee, went even further over the subject of inequality. "Bilateral cricket, and indeed Test cricket, is more popular in some parts of the world than others. With this in mind, we need to ensure that funding is more evenly distributed across the member nations. It is inconceivable that the game's heart and soul can be affluent in some countries and almost unaffordable in others." The elaborate statement released on Thursday did not specify how a balance in funding can be achieved and how

harmony can be established between mushrooming franchise-based private leagues and international cricket. The members, however, were vocal about the growing trend of franchise-based leagues. "The committee felt strongly that the opportunity to better balance the global economics of the game must be seized now so that this current position of strength can help secure the sustainability of the international game for all ICC Member nations and future generations," the MCC said. The concerns of the members, admittedly, centred on the future of the game, specifically what global cricket might look like in ten years' time, should it be left to evolve organically.



"The purpose of such foresight was to examine how international cricket can be protected, amidst a global cricketing schedule that is increasingly filled with short-form franchise tournaments," it said. Specifically, it pointed

out the disparity between the amount cricket played by different nations. "Also notable in the new men's FTP is an alarming and growing disparity in the amount of international cricket played by a minority of member nations

compared to others; a situation which is clearly neither equitable nor sustainable." Now that the FTP has been locked in till 2027, the WCC called on the ICC to ensure a more equitable spread of international cricket.

Interestingly and ironically enough, the committee members have felt that the game has never been in a healthier position. "There has never been more money circulating through the global cricket economy, the quality of all formats of international cricket continues to thrill, and the number of playing opportunities for both men and women continue to grow," the statement noted. In the context of the WPL, the committee welcomed increased playing opportunities in both the men's and women's game but said these leagues cannot be to the detriment of international cricket. "Continued overlap and congestion will see an increasing number of

players forced to choose between club and country, which will threaten the 'best v best' status that is so critical to the success and appeal of international cricket." The MCC statement had a comment from Ganguly, who echoed the sentiments of the members. "I still believe that Test cricket is the biggest platform for cricket. That is where you find the great players, and that is why it is called a Test. It is a test of skill. That should always continue to be the pinnacle and I am sure that countries will give importance to it and find the right balance between franchise cricket and Test cricket," the former India captain and former BCCI president said.