

## Modi attacks Rahul, says people 'putting Indian democracy on trial' are insulting the nation

**New Delhi:** In a thinly veiled attack on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Sunday that some people were putting Indian democracy on trial and insulting the citizens of the country.

"The roots of Indian democracy draw from our history. No power in the world can damage the democratic tradition of our country. Yet some people are putting Indian democracy on trial.... Such people are insulting the people of Karnataka, its tradition and the 130 crore citizens of the country," Modi said.

He was speaking after inaugurating the world's largest railway platform, at Hubballi's



Sri Siddharoodha Swami railway station, and the new campus of the Indian Institute of Technology in Dharwad, among other projects.

Modi said that owing to the presence of historical democratic institutions such as Anubhava

Mantap of social reformer Lord Basaveshwar, "we can claim that India is not only the largest democracy, but also the mother of democracy". Recalling that he had inaugurated a Lord Basaveshwar statue in London, Modi said it was unfortunate that

Indian democracy was questioned in the same city.

"People of Karnataka should be aware of such people," the prime minister said, apparently in response to Gandhi's criticism of the BJP government's policies during his recent visit to England.

Modi said that under the BJP government, infrastructure was growing as per people's requirements. "Earlier, roads and railway projects were announced only based on political benefit," he said, hitting out at past governments.

In Supreme Court, Centre opposes recognition of same-sex marriages

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"At the station, there is the world's longest platform. This is not just a record. This is not just the expansion of a platform. This is the expansion of the thought where we give prominence to infrastructure," he said of the new platform at the Sri Siddharoodha Swami railway station.

## PRESIDENT OF INDIA GRACES A ALL WOMEN BIKE RALLY ORGANIZED BY NAVBHARAT TIMES THROUGH VIDEO MESSAGE

**New Delhi:** The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu graced the flagging off ceremony of an All Women Bike Rally, organized by Navbharat Times today (March 12, 2023) through a video message.

In her message the President said that if the women are safe then the family is safe; if the family is safe then the society is safe; if the society is safe then the country is safe.

The President said that according to our Constitution it is duty of every citizen of India to give up such practices which are against the dignity of women. To perform this fundamental duty, it is necessary that the thinking of every citizen should be respectful towards women. The foundation of respectful conduct towards women can be laid in the family



itself. She urged every mother and sister to inculcate in their son and brother the values of giving respect to all women. She said that along with the family, it is also the responsibility of the teachers to strengthen the culture of respect and sensitivity towards women among the students.

The President told girls that nature has given women the ability to become mothers; and the one who has the capability of motherhood, the capability of leadership naturally exists in her. She said that despite all

the limitations and challenges, women have set new records of success on the strength of their indomitable courage and skill.

The President said that it is expected from media that they would have complete sensitivity towards the dignity and safety of women in their advertisements, news and programs.

The President said that the goal of building a 'self-reliant India' and a 'New India' will be fulfilled only when our daughters move forward with a sense of self-reliance and self-confidence.

## 3 Dead, 1 More Injured After Motorcycle Collides Head-On With Pick-Up Van

**Chhendipada(KCN):** In a tragic road mishap, two persons were killed on the spot and two others sustained grievous injuries as a motorcycle on which they were traveling had a head-on collision with a pick-up van on NH-55 near Samantarapur village under Jarapada police limits in Angul, today afternoon.

Meanwhile, one injured person who was undergoing treatment in a nearby

hospital has succumbed. Identities of the three deceased have not been ascertained yet, a senior police official said. According to an eyewitness, the four bike-borne youths were on their way from Badakera locality to Jarapada at around 3.30 pm when they met with an accident. The van (bearing registration number OD-19 Q-5052) was confronted with the ill-fated

motorcycle leading to untimely deaths. The injured youths were rescued by some local residents and with the help of police rushed to Angul district headquarters hospital (DHH) in critical condition for treatment. However, one of the injured could not be saved despite attempts, a doctor treating at the health facility expressed.

## Freehold Sop For Urban Allottees

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** The Government has taken a significant decision to grant freehold status to Land and houses allottees in the residential projects completed by the DAs and OSHB. More than a lakh allottees will be benefited.

The Development Authorities (DAs) and Odisha State Housing Board (OSHB) have allotted land and houses to more than one lakh households in the Residential Projects on leasehold basis. The allottees of these land and houses



are required to obtain NOCs from the competent authorities every time they intend to transact such properties.

There are about 99 projects developed over

Ac.2797.492 of land in the entire State and in the absence of any law for conversion of such properties to freehold status, the allottees are facing serious hardships for beneficial

enjoyment of such properties. They have been consistently demanding such properties in to be granted freehold status

Even though there are provisions under the law, which allows conversion of leasehold land allotted by GA&PG Department to freehold status on payment of prescribed conversion fees, there is no such provision for conversion of land leased out by DAs and OSHB.

All these citizen-centric decisions of the Government will

benefit more than one lakh households allotted with leasehold properties by DAs and OSHB.

Apart from that all the households intending to acquire the properties in the residential projects, to be developed by DAs and OSHB, in future will have the privilege of possessing and transacting such properties in a hassle-free manner without having to obtain permission from any one according to Housing & Urban Development sources.

## Sundargarh On Transformation Mode

**Sundargarh(KCN):** Ace Mandarin, V K Pandian, an ardent devotee of Lord Shiva offered prayers at the Lord Shive Temple Ghoghar in Rajgangpur.

There he interacted with Sevayats and other stakeholders and invited suggestions from them on various aspects of transformation of the temple.

He asked the authority to take steps for development of the periphery of the temple premises including provision for parking the place near temple and. For conducting the development of adequate facilities for conducting annual mela of the temple.

He also, instructed to prepare a comprehensive development plan as per the demand of the people including construction of boundary wall, bridge, restoration of old

Dharmasala, etc. On Day Two of his Sundargarh district Sri Pandian reviewed various developmental works of Rajgangpur, Hemagari, Balisankara and Tangerpali blocks.

The Secretary to CM began his visit with offering prayers at the Shiva Temple, Ghoghar in Rajgangpur Block.

Then he visited the Community Health Centre, Rajgangpur which is taken under Ama Hospital Yojana for transformation. Interacted with the doctors and staff of the hospital as well as visiting patients. Then, visited the ongoing development works at the CHC and asked to expedite the ongoing work for timely completion.

He then proceeded to the Railway Overbridge at Rajgangpur. Reviewed the progress of



construction work and asked to expedite the land acquisition process by removing the bottlenecks & have proper coordination among all stakeholders. Later Shri Pandian proceeded to the Shiva Temple, Belsara under Tangarpali block. Interacted with Sevayats and other stakeholders

and took feedback on development of amenities for devotees. He asked the authorities to create a comprehensive development plan involving renovation of temple, construction of children's park, boundary wall, gateway, staircase, merger of 5 ponds to a water

reservoir, boating facility and ropeway connecting two hills, etc.

Sri Pandian also visited the Mission Shakti Café, Hemgiri and interacted with the members of the Mission Shakti Group.

He then proceeded to the Panchayat Samiti Junior College, Hemgiri and interacted

with the students' Principal & Lecturers and asked the college authority to create a comprehensive development plan, with special focus on smart classrooms, library etc.

Secretary to CM then inspected the beautification work of Kanika Kata Tank at Hemgir. He advised the authority for overall holistic development plan bearing the three broader components namely Development of rural park with all amenities, beautification of water body, plantation & landscaping.

The Secretary, 5T then proceeded to Kukuda Nallah Dam at Deobhubanpur, Balisankara. Interacted with the beneficiaries and asked to formulate an effective plan for its renovation so that full potential is utilized.

He then visited the

Govt. SSD Girl's High School, Tileikani, Balisankara. Interacted with the teachers and staff and asked the authority to ensure adequate staff & manpower at the school at the earliest. He also inspected the educational infrastructure available at the school and advised to maintain the quality of all the infrastructure.

The Secretary, 5T visited Samlei Temple, Sundargarh. Interacted with Sevayats and other stakeholders and invited suggestions from them on various aspects of transformation of the temple. Sri Pandian asked the authority to take steps for development and beautification of the river bank.

During his visit to the Govt. Women's College, Sundargarh. He discussed with the

principal, lecturers and staff about various issues and asked to take immediate steps for provision of smart class, e-library & laboratory.

He also visited Gurljore Nallah MIP, Sundargarh. and enquired about the purpose and benefits of the project. He asked the concerned authority to take immediate steps for repair, renovation and restoration of canal & dam for better irrigation facility. At the Parijat Park, Sundargarh Shri Pandian reviewed availability of different amenities and leisurely activities at the park. For further development of the park, asked the district authority to prepare master plan and DPR at the earliest. At the end of his tour sri pandian met the hostel inmates coaches of the District Sports Hostel, Sundargarh.



# Women Leaders of the World clamours for equal treatment IIPM and WOS celebrate International Women's Day

**Cuttack/Bhubaneswar/ New Delhi/ London/ Canberra/Rhodes Island:** Women are entitled of equal right, honour and treatment in the Society, opined distinguished dignitaries. Participating in the Second Shakti Utsav, hosted by International Indecency Prevention Movement (IIPM) in association with World Odisha Society (WOS) to celebrate International Women's Day, the Honourable Guests emphasised that women are discharging their roles, duties and responsibilities for the growth of community and Nation very competently and earning acclamation all over the World for their exemplary services. Organised both in

physical and virtual manner, the celebration was attended by hundreds of eminent women leaders, prominent non-resident Odias from different countries, members of IIPM and WOS across the Globe and students, staffs and teachers of physical venue Sovaniya Sikhayashram at Bidanasi in Cuttack. Befitting to the Occasion the meeting Place was aesthetically decorated with hues of colourful cottons and flowers. The invited Guests offered flowers at the portrait of the Founder of IIPM venerable Kumar Bhai placed on the stage and lighted the ceremonial lamp at the outset of the meeting.



Delivering his welcome address Chairman of World Odisha Society Kishore Dwibedi, observed that since women are the creator of the mankind, they are supposed to be worshipped. The Director of IIPM and Founder of WOS Dr Arundhati Debi underlined that Mother's

power all over the World should be acknowledged with dignity for the establishment of a safe, sound and sober Society. The President of Women's Wing of WOS Dr Sunanda Mishra Panda described that Women in Indian culture have been put in high esteem since vedic

ages. The General Secretary of Women's Wing of WOS Dr Chidatmika Khatua asserted that Women have been excelling in all professions and earning laurels for their achievements. Guest of Honour Deputy Collector of Bolangir Subhashmita Mishra said Women are the epitome

of mercy, forgiveness and gratitude and the best creator of GOD. Since men and women are complementary to each other proper balance approach has to be drawn between masculine and feminine power for the judicious development of the Society, Ms Mishra added. Renowned Odissi exponent from Italy Ileana Citaristi, described Mother as the ultimate in power structure. Writer Kavita Gupta argued in favour of equal treatment and ample empowerment of women. Spiritual Guru from Indonesia Agus Indra Udayana recited some couplets in Indonesian language on universal happiness. Senior Member IIPM Dr Banalata Debi

stressed on the imbibement of moral values and self reliance among Debasishus. Lecturer Jyotirmayee Mohanty wanted the unfolding and utilisations of the inherent power within the women. Vice Chairman of WOS Dr Nalini Pati from Australia presented vote of thanks. The students of Sovaniya Sikhayashram presented number of scintillating dance performances in the tune of Invocatory songs with Ananya Dev and Gungun as the lead. Noted singer Anindita Das enthralled the audiences with her soul soothing numbers. Dr Bhagyashree Singh from London conducted the proceedings

smoothly. Priyaranjan Mohanty and Nandan Dwibedi ably managed the digital control room. Important persons present during the Mega Event include Senior Bureaucrats Guru Prasad Mishra, Satya Gopal Rajguru, Dr Mrutyunjay Dash, Akshay Mohanty from USA, Dr Sitansu Sekhar Nanda from South Korea, Debasis Srichandan from Italy, CA Sudhir Dash, Fame Singer Susmita Das, BMC Corporator Preetinanda Routray, Dr Anita Panda, Dr Anita Sabat, Mamata Pradhan, Pushpanjali Barik, Kaveri Behera, Reeta Patra, Gitanjali Swain, Debadipti Biswal, Tapaswinee Das and Sushree Mishra.

## CUO felicitates six women including two blind women on the occasion of International Women's Day Nari Shakti Rashtra Shakti Hai : Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi



**Koraput:** The Central University of Odisha Koraput felicitated six working women from several strata of society for their outstanding contribution in their respective fields including two blind women on 10.03.2023 on the occasion of International Women's Day 2023. Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of the University

felicitated them in presence of the University community. They were outstanding social activists Ms. Basanti Behera, Village-Parajangi, Dhenkanal & Ms. B. Rojalin, Village Balugaon, Khurda from Welfare of Blind Organization, Jajapur for their outstanding contribution for devoting themselves to the welfare and

empowerment of blind persons; Dr. Rudrani Mohanty, outstanding women educationist, for her dedication towards the welfare of students and empowerment of women; Ms. Bijayalaxmi Takri, a security guard of Girls Hostel of the University for her outstanding contribution and dedication for safety and security of the Hostel boarders; Ms. B. Swarnamala, Caretaker,

Girls Hostel for her devotion towards the welfare of the girls' students and Ms. Laxmi Khilla, Sweeper for her outstanding contribution towards cleanliness of the campus felicitated on this occasion. The Vice-Chancellor also financially supported the 11 blind students of the organization Welfare of Blind as a token of love.

## Odisha: Rare Species Of Chousingha, Bison Sighted At Atei Reserve Forest



**Bhubaneswar:** Rare species of chousingha (four-horned antelope) and bison have been sighted at Atei reserve forest in Keonjhar district of Odisha recently. The images of the chousingha and bison have been captured in the camera traps installed inside the reserve forest, said a source in the Forest department today.

This is the first occasion when rare species of chousingha and bison were sighted at Atei reserve forest. The Forest department has intensified surveillance at Atei and its nearby areas, it added.

Earlier, there were reports that a Royal Bengal Tiger was roaming inside the reserve forest. The Forest department had installed as many as 55 camera traps inside Atei and its surrounding areas to track the movement of the tiger, sources said.

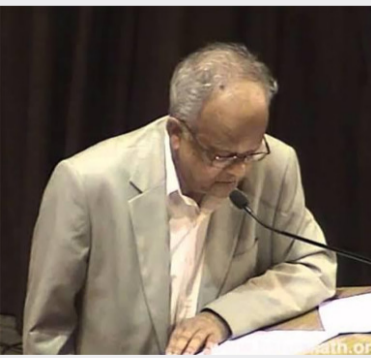
Images of the rare species of chousingha and bison along with other wild animals like common deer, barking deer and bear were captured in the camera traps, they added.

## Eminent philosopher Prof. J.N. Mohanty passes away

**Bhubaneswar:** Internationally renowned philosopher Prof. Jitendra Nath Mohanty passed away in his residence in Philadelphia in U.S.A. on Dola Purnima. He was 95.

Prof. Mohanty was born in 1928 in Chaudakulat village in the district of Kendrapara. He passed the H.S.C., B.A. and M.A. (Philosophy) examinations from Ravenshaw Collegiate, Presidency College and Calcutta University respectively and stood first class first in all the examinations. He got the Ph.D. degree from University of Goettingen, Germany. He was Emeritus Professor of Philosophy in Temple University, U.S.A.

Prof. Mohanty has authored more than 20 books and numerous articles on different branches of Philosophy. His autobiography 'Between Two Worlds : East and West' written in English was published in 2002. Senior educationist Dr. Narayan Mohanty has expressed his grief over the demise of Prof. Mohanty.



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## TJMM New Song 'Maine Pi Rakhi Hai': Shraddha Kapoor Sizzles In This Mesmerizing Dance Number

Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar' fever is constantly on the rise and has garnered 36.59 Cr. Net in 3 days. Having rejuvenated the essence of rom-com after a long time on the screen, the film has made its distinct presence in the hearts of the audience. The film is grabbing its stronghold with a huge crowd of family audiences flocking to the theaters. While the audience is still grooving over the songs of the film, the makers have dropped the entry song of Shraddha Kapoor aka Tinni, 'Maine Pi Rakhi Hai'



with a special caption that read, "Chadhega sirr par nasha iss naye gaane ka. #MainePiRakhiHai song out now!

Crooned by Shreya Ghoshal and Divya Kumar, Maine Pi Rakhi Hai is composed and penned by the famous composer-

lyricist duo Pritam and Amitabh Bhattacharya respectively. Luv Ranjan and choreographed by amazing dance guru's Bosco - Ceasar giving

us one more hook step to groove on!

The song begins with showcasing Shraddha in a sensuous dress, who arrived on the stage and sets it on fire with her sexy and fiery moves. Mesmerised by Shraddha, Ranbir joins her on the stage to showcase his extraordinary dancing talent with whistle-worthy steps. Towards the end, both the love birds come on the dance floor to groove together. Moreover, with songs like, "Tere Pyaar Mein", "Pyaar Hota Kayi Baar Hai", "Show Me The Thumka", and "O

Bedardeya", the film has given the audience a treat of different emotions. While all these songs rule over, the 'O Bedardeya' song is currently topping the charts and ruling the binge-listening list of the audience with its melody. 'Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar' is directed by Luv Ranjan, produced by Luv Films' Luv Ranjan and Ankur Garg, and presented by T-Series' Gulshan Kumar and Bhushan Kumar. Marking its festive release, the film is running successfully in theatres!

## Salman Khan's Photos From Tiger 3's Turkey Sets Leaked Online, Go Viral



Salman Khan's upcoming film 'Tiger 3', an upcoming action-drama, is one of the most awaited Bollywood projects of the year. Directed by Maneesh Sharma, 'Tiger 3' is the third installment of the hit franchise and also stars Katrina Kaif and Emraan Hashmi in key roles. The film is currently being shot in Turkey and some pictures from the sets have been leaked online and are being widely shared.

In the photos, Salman, dressed in a casual brown tee, is seen seated on a boat. In another photo, he has been

captured seated on the driver's seat of a car. The photos have gone viral on social media. Take a look at the leaked pics from Tiger 3 sets below: Earlier in February, a few more pictures from the Delhi sets of Tiger 3 had surfaced on the internet. For the unversed, Shah Rukh Khan will make a special cameo in his Pathaan avatar in Tiger 3. A while back, Salman Khan had left his fans surprised after he announced that the action-drama will arrive in theatres on April 21, 2023. Sharing the post on Instagram, the actor wrote, "And the journey

continues. Get ready for Tiger3 on Eid 2023. Celebrate Tiger3 with YRF50 only at a big screen near you on 21st April 2023. Releasing in Hindi, Tamil and Telugu." However, the film release date has been pushed back and now it is all set for release on Diwali 2023. Major portions of the film were shot in Russia, Turkey, and Austria in 2021. In Tiger 3, Salman Khan will reprise his role of Avinash Singh 'Tiger' Rathore, a former RAW agent. Katrina Kaif will also reprise her character called Zoya, a former ISI agent and Tiger's wife.

## Emily in Paris star Lucien Laviscount poses for a picture with NTR Jr in LA

'Emily in Paris' star Lucien Laviscount posed for a picture with Indian star NTR Jr, whose song 'Naatu Naatu' has been nominated at the 95th Oscar Awards. NTR Jr is currently in the US to attend the 95th Academy Awards where his epic period action drama RRR's song 'Naatu Naatu' is nominated in the Best Original Song category. Laviscount, ran into the Indian star at a cafe in Beverly Hills and he talked about 'RRR' and NTR's tiger sequence. Recollecting the meeting between the two, a source said: "Lucien recognised NTR instantly from RRR and came to greet him and congratulate him on his success of RRR. They later even chatted about the film and Lucien was very keen on knowing how NTR shot the interval sequence with the animals and could not stop himself from



praising NTR and his performance." 'Naatu Naatu' has been a flavour of the award season. It has already won a Golden Globe and a Critics Choice Award this year. At the Oscars, the song is contending against tracks sung by Lady Gaga and Rihanna. 'RRR' stars NTR Jr., Ram Charan, Ajay Devgn, Alia Bhatt and Shriya Saran and tells

the fictional story of two real-life Indian revolutionaries, Alluri Sitarama Raju and Komaram Bheem and their fight against the British Raj. Set in the 1920s, the plot explores the undocumented period in their lives when both the revolutionaries chose to go into obscurity before they began the fight for their country.

## Disha Parmar and Nakuul Mehta recreate the poster look of Pyar Ka Dard Hai as the show completes 10 years

Bade Achhe Lagte Hain 2 actors Disha Parmar and Nakuul Mehta are remembered for their characters as Pankhuri and Aditya Kumar in Pyar Ka Dard Hai. Disha tweeted about completing 10 long years of Pyar Ka Dard Hai. Not only Disha but even actor Nakuul Mehta celebrated 10 years of Pyar Ka Dard Hai on Instagram.

Disha Parmar and Nakuul Mehta went on their respective social media handles and celebrated 10 years of their show Pyaar Ka Dard Hain Ye and also celebrated the completion of 10 years in the industry. Disha congratulated everyone who was in the show. Disha, who is currently working with Nakuul Mehta,

was also paired opposite him for her first TV show. She is yet again paired with Nakuul Mehta in Ekta Kapoor's Bade Achhe Lagte Hain 2. Disha tweeted on Twitter and said "Happy 10 Years to my First... The show that got me to Mumbai and gave me the life I have today! Happy 10 Years to everyone, who's lives we touched through this show even in the smallest manner! #10YearsofPKDH (Play the PKDH background score for feels!)"

Nakuul wrote "A decade to these kids & that show." Shubhaavi from Bade Achhe Lagte Hai 2 commented on Nakuul's post, she wrote "Awwwwwwwww",



even Janki Mehta, Nakuul's wife commented "O M G !! Look at u two." Even actor Nakuul Mehta celebrated 10 years of Pyar Ka Dard Hai. He also shared a beautiful reel. Both Disha and Nakuul were seen recreating the poster look of their show. Many fans of Disha and Nakuul wrote

back in the comments and celebrated 10 years of their first TV show together. Disha's fans tweeted "Happy Happy 10 to the beautiful show and to you Disha. If I can say much it'll be too little but Pankhuri was and is such a beautiful soul and u played her amazingly. Cheers to #10yearsofPKDH"

one more fan tweeted "Congratulations!! Disha aka pankhuri on completing freakingg 10 years in this industry. So happy for You, NM and the entire cast and creww Listening PKDH songg on loopp. Loved that song so muchh!!" Even Nakuul's fan commented on Instagram, one fan

wrote "Omg already 10years but mhujhe toh ajj ki lagti hai show because this is my mood booster every 6months repeat to watch this show # p k d h congratulations guys for 10years of friendship humesha ase hi rehna dono all the best both of you" another fan wrote "10 years already & It feels like only yesterday ! Ah! Plethora of emotions." Disha Parmar and Nakuul Mehta who worked together 10 years back in Pyar Ka Dard Hai are back together in Bade Achhe Lagte Hain 2 as Ram Kapoor (Nakuul Mehta) and Priya Sood(Disha Parmar) and fans have been loving them in this new love story.



## Amendments relating to search and seizure



In the Finance Bill, 2023, the Hon'ble Finance Minister has proposed to make the following significant amendments regarding provisions of Search & Seizure in Income Tax Act. 1. Assistance to authorised officer during search and seizure: Section 132 of the Income Tax Act contains provisions related to search and seizure. The section makes detailed provisions for powers of income-tax authority during the search and seizure proceedings, procedure to be followed, requisition of services of other officers for assistance, examination of books of account or other documents, procedure for custody of

evidence, provisional attachment etc. The section also provides the timelines to be followed by the income-tax authority during and post search proceedings.

2. Section 132 provides that during the course of search, the authorised officer may requisition the services of any police officer or any officer of the Central Government, to assist him for any of the actions required to be performed during the course of such search, and it shall be the duty of such officer to comply. Similarly, there is also a provision that the authorised officer may make a reference to a valuation officer for estimating the fair market value of the property and such reference can be made during the search or within 60 days from the date of executing the last authorisation for search.

3. Reason for amendment: In the recent past, due to the increased use of

technology and digitisation in every aspect including management and maintenance of accounts, digitisation of data, cloud storage etc., the procedure for search & seizure has become complex, requiring the use of data forensics, advanced technologies for decoding data etc., for complete and proper analysis of accounts. Similarly, there is an increasing trend of undisclosed income being held in a vast variety of forms of assets or investments in addition to immovable property. Valuation of such assets and decryption of information often require specific domain experts like digital forensic professionals, valuers, archive experts etc. In addition to this, services of other professionals like locksmiths, carpenters etc. are also required in most of the cases, due to typical nature of the operations

4. Amendments proposed: a)

### Narayan Jain, LL.M., Advocate

Substitution of section 132(2): It has been proposed to substitute section 132(2) to provide that during the course of search the authorised officer, may requisition the services if any police officer or any officer of the Central Government, or of both as also services of any other person or entity, as approved by the Principal Chief Commissioner or the Chief Commissioner, the Principal Director General or the Director General, in accordance with the procedure prescribed by the Board in this regard, to assist him for the purposes of the search under sec. 132 or action under section 132(1A) and it shall be duty of every such officer or person or entity to comply with such requisition.

b) Substitution of section 132(9D): Similarly, section 132(9D) has been proposed to be substituted to provide that the authorised officer may, during the course of search or

receipt of the reference. c) Meaning of Execution of last authorisation: Prior to the enactment of the Finance Act, 2021, the procedure for conducting such assessment in search cases was laid out in section 153A and the time limit for their completion was laid out in section 153B. Consequent to the changes in 2021, the assessment or reassessment in consequence to search is now performed under section 147 and provisions of sections 153A and 153B are no longer applicable. The timelines for completing assessment or reassessment in search cases is linked to the execution of the last of the authorisations during such procedure, in order to establish the day of conclusion of search proceedings, and what constitutes as last authorisation is provided in section 153B. As the provisions of section 153B are no longer applicable, it is

proposed to provide the meaning of execution of last authorisation under section 132 itself. This amendment will take effect retrospectively from 1st April, 2022. Explanation 1 to section 132 has been proposed to be substituted and shall be deemed to have been substituted w.e.f. 1st April, 2022 to provide that for the purposes of subsection (9A), (9B) and (9D) of section 132, the last of the authorisations for search shall be deemed to have been executed: (a) In the case of search, on the conclusion of search as recorded in the last panchnama drawn in relation to any person in whose case the warrant of authorisation has been issued; (b) In the case of requisition under section 132A, on the actual receipt of the books of account or other documents or assets by the authorized officer. d) Insertion of the term Joint

Commissioner (Appeals) in addition to the term Commissioner (Appeals): It may be noted that section 246 has been substituted to provide that in certain cases as may be specified by the CBDT, appeal can be filed before Joint Commissioner (Appeals) and he may hear such appeals. In view of this, it has been proposed to insert the term Joint Commissioner (Appeals) in addition to the term Commissioner (Appeals) in section 131, 133, and section 134 to confer appropriate powers to the Joint Commissioner (Appeals) as well.

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## Letter To Editor

### Dear Sir, Monitoring H3N2 is imperative

Experts in India have suggested that increased monitoring and precautionary measures are needed to combat the H3N2 virus in the country. India has already confirmed its first two influenza-related deaths. According to data released by the ministry on Friday, 600 cases of H3N2 were reported in the country between January and March. According to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, H3N2 is a non-human influenza virus that normally circulates in pigs and has infected humans (CDC). Symptoms are similar to seasonal flu viruses and can include fever, respiratory symptoms like coughing and running nose, and possibly other symptoms like body ache, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhoea. As fears grew, some wondered if this was another Covid. Hospitalization has not been very common, with only about 10% of cases reported to be hospitalised. Lockdowns and the extensive use of masks for extended periods of time aids in the control of more virulent versions of the virus, but also prevents good exposure to regular seasonal respiratory viruses according to experts. H3N2 outbreaks can "in fact cause death" and are more severe than the common flu. The occurrence is two to three times higher than usual for this time of year. This virus is classified as an influenza subtype. Though the Covid pandemic appears to be over, a wave of respiratory illnesses among adults continues, with a significant number infected with influenza viruses such as H3N2, adenovirus, and H1N1. According to the most recent data available on the Integrated Health Information Platform, states reported a total of around 4000 laboratory confirmed cases of various subtypes of influenza. Therefore The Union Health Ministry has to monitor the seasonal influenza situation in various states/UTs in real time via the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme network. Flu surveillance is an essential component of public health, saying that disease monitoring is critical to addressing the situation.

Vijaykumar H K Raichur, Karnataka

### Dear Editor

Recreational hunting is a commonly accepted, conservation and revenue generation tool in many countries across Europe, the Americas, Asia, Africa and Oceania. The idea behind such a practice has been the fact that, since the number of predators in the natural ecosystems of several by geographical regions, have drastically reduced over time; there is a tendency of the existing herbivore populations to explode. This causes disruption to both domestic and rural lives and in agricultural production, since the herbivores move in to forage upon standing crops causing economic losses. However, by taking out the most majestic wild herbivore males across different species; we as humans are posing a serious threat in negatively impacting the population genetics of these herbivore species. The larger males with such beautiful structures are the ones that keeps the population fit by contributing the best genes. By constantly taking this highly prized breeding alpha males we are doing an outstanding job of slowly decimating the population by pushing them towards a genetic bottleneck in the not so distant future. Herbivore males with their big sizes, attractive coat colours, horns etc certainly attract hunters for trophy collection and for taxidermy. But the cost in nature is not small as we are playing with the population dynamics of the species impacting the quality of gene flow among its members. Such an action only destroys the genetic diversity of different population groups with long standing impact on our ecosystem.

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## A Proper use of Time means Proper use of an Opportunity

### Uma Shankar Prasad

Time is precious, more precious than money and jewels. Time is opportunity. Procrastination is the thief of time. So a proper use of time means proper use of an opportunity. They are fools who think they can waste time. It is time who is wasting them. Time is destiny and opportunity; it is all powerful. One of the greatest poet-dramatist Shakespeare declared "There is tide in the affairs of man, which taken at the floor, leads on to fortune, omitted, all the voyages of their life. Is bound in swallows and miseries. On such a full sea are we now afloat" And we must take the current when it serves or lose our venture.

Self-control, self-confidence, farm decision, honesty of purpose and in dealings, sturdy physical body able to with stand any struggle, temperance are other ingredients of success in life. Never find fault with

your luck or tools. Man is the maker of his own destiny. He can become or achieve what he desires. There is nothing ill luck or

always realises his own energy and resources. He is self confident and so always free and independent. Self

successful man always valued time and he has also the ability to learn from others, from their mistakes, experiences and

because the time gone is never going to come back. It is better to follow and respect time instead of regretting afterwards. We have all heard the proverb "Time and tide waits for none". So we should make time our opportunity and grab it as it is really precious and vital for our life. Lastly it is my view that it time is very important because life is nothing but a final duration between birth and death. When Buddha was asked that "what is the biggest mistake we make in life?" he replied, "the biggest mistake is, we think we have no time". So "A proper use of time means proper use of an opportunity". Opportunity and good period always gives good positive thoughts, optimistic attitude, faith in God and self generosity, compassion attitude to success in life.



good luck. It is by the right choice of a carrier, right application of tools and resources coupled with determination that you can be a successful man. Right time and right methods are also important. The truly wealthy man is he who knows his strengths and weaknesses and increases the former and reduces the latter. Such a man

reliance is a great and godly virtue; It is a pilgrims staff and workers best tool in life. Men should not waste time at all the end moment of his life. Time is very strong and powerful then everything in this world. Time is unique. It is the thing that one can't use the money to buy. To grow strong through self Reliance and sufferings is the mystery of success. A

achievements. He is a good observer of things. Such a person is always courteous, polite, well behaved and believes that honesty is the best policy. Honest man always gives importance on time. As time always plays a significant role. Our whole life revolves around time. We should respect the time and also understand the value of time

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# Migrant Labours must get insurance before leaving Odisha : Spread Happiness Foundation

**Pune:** Migrant workers facing big problems for treatment in the absence of medical insurance and losing their valuable lives. Due to financial issues many who died in other state or countries, their remains could not be brought to home state. The current dadan problem is a major problem for the state. The maximum unskilled or semiskilled labours those who leave Odisha and live in other state or countries to work for their live hoods are sometimes tortured and their lives lost due to improper treatment of illness due to financial issues. In end of February, a young 22 years old lady migrant labour from Cuttack district was flown back to Odisha for her treatment from Pune. She was employer of a private manufacture company from 9 months. As reported by her room partners, from last one month she was not well due ti kidney related



problem and under treatment in a local clinic . After one month of treatment with no improvement and when the condition of the young lady went serious, the doctor asked to take her and try for better treatment in other hospital. That time the condition of the young lady was very bad the local doctor also said the chances of survival is very low. Because of the high medical expenses and low chances of survival the family member managed to take her home state Odisha.

As per the recent update she is under medication in Cuttack medical college. Because of the absence of health insurance she was bound to go back to her state believing on her fate. Above is a recent example of a migrant labour issue. Since Spread Happiness Foundation is working for the migrants labours closely in different states have number of examples. In the absence of insurance for the migrant workers, many of who died in the destination states or

countries, their remains could not be brought to the home State. As a NGO we are requesting to the Minister of labor to ensure the migrant workers be brought under the insurance scheme of the destination state or country by the employer. If this is going to happen, then insurance to migrant workers will provide access to health services in the situation of an accident or death. According to the report 6.7 million migrants

reached Odisha in last covid-19 lockdown. Those who have worked in other states and countries. Interestingly, the figures are not too accurate and the last Migration Survey data is not clear on migrant workers number details. Spread Happiness Foundation Chairperson who is working closely with district administration and migrant labors from different states suggested to prepare and maintain migration details in the panchayat-level. "It will help keep a tab on the exact numbers and include them for the government programs. Also Mr.Soumya said people who return to the Odisha failed to get a job, the "District-level and state authorities should identify them and provide jobs based on their skill or counsel them. Government schemes for migrant workers should also be extended to them."



PM receives grand welcome on his arrival at Mandya, in Karnataka

## Make use of the light of the eye: siktha Patnaik, DM



**warangal (KCN)** :Hanmakonda district collector Sikta Patnaik said that all the people should take advantage of the Kanti Velangu scheme introduced by the Telangana government. On Friday, he paid a surprise visit to the Kanti Velangu camp organized at the government community hall in Kazipet town

Somidi UPH. She inquired about the services provided to the patients and congratulated the medical staff. She inquired about the facilities provided to the medical staff. She said that it is clear when asking the people who got glasses in the eye examination how the eye glasses are. After that she

said that the eyes are the most important thing in human beings and suggested that everyone should undergo eye examination and take precautions. In this program, Somidi UPH Medical Officer Dr.Madhulatha, camp doctor Dr. Madhavi, CO Jyoti, Asha workers, ANMs, medical staff and others participated.

## RIMS should be made Autonomous or handed over to Army

**Ranchi (KCN)** :In Jharkhand state's biggest hospital RIMS, 11,205 poor patients die every month the Chief Minister and Health Minister should die by drowning in a handful of water. The above mentioned things were said today by the Central President of Jharkhandi Information Rights Forum -cum-former candidate of Kanke Assembly Constituency, Vijay Shankar Nayak. He also said that the Jharkhandi leaders-ministers-officers of the state are working to save the lives of their families by getting their families treated in private and high-quality hospitals outside the state, while on the other hand Jharkhandi poor Gurba

patients are trying to save their lives. Hellish condition to RIMS Hospital, a victim of disorderI have kept it ready.If the government of Jharkhand is not able to run RIMS smoothly, then at least now RIMS should be handed over to the army by making an MoU so that the lives of poor Gurba patients can be saved. Mr. Nayak further said that 11,205 poor Gurba helpless Jharkhandi patients have died in RIMS, the biggest hospital of Jharkhand state, from January to December of last year 2022. The death toll is n14.14% compared to the total admitted patients of 79,302, a matter of concern and outrage. It is that most of the patients die of New



Traumacenter where 604 patients were admitted, in which 342 people died, the percentage of death is 56.6 and in the department of medicine

also the death toll is 6,010, which is 24.76 percent of the total admitted patients in the department, here 24,277 patients Was admitted in

1st year.Mr. Nayak also further informed that 1,963 patients died in Neuro Surgery Department in 1 year, this death is 22.71 percent as compared to total admitted patients 8,644. So in RIMS Surgery Department, 10,723 patients were admitted for operation in which 946 people died. Died during treatment. 5,961 were treated in cardiology out of which 238 died.Today the situation is so dire that according to a report released by the Union Ministry of Health in 2015, where 10 patients die daily in AIIMS, this figure is 30 patients in RIMS, while more than 2.50 lakh patients are admitted annually in AIIMS. And about 80 thousand patients in RIMS.

# BJP MLA Says Cops Caused Neck Injury During Pulwama Widows' Protest

**Jaipur, Rajasthan:** Rajasthan Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Kirori Lal Meena who was protesting along with widows of soldiers killed in Pulwama attack, said on Sunday that the police shoved him inside their vehicle which caused a neck injury. "They forcibly picked up the widows of Pulwama attack soldiers at 3 am and took them away from the protest site. They [the

personnel] also pushed and misbehaved with them and when I was going to meet one of them, then they barricaded the route, about 30-40 km away from Jaipur, and shoved me and my workers forcibly in the vehicle due to which I got an injury in my neck," Mr Meena said. He also said that his condition is serious and he is leading to paralysis. "I have requested the doctors to refer me to a higher centre," he added.



The BJP leader was rushed to Sawai Man Singh (SMS) hospital

in Jaipur after he reportedly sustained 'injuries' during a

clash with police on Friday. Mr Meena and the

workers of the party were detained by police on Friday on their way to Jaipur. He has been supporting the protesting widows of Pulwama attack soldiers, in favour of their demands. Mr Meena had alleged that the widows were insulted by the police. However, the police denied the allegations. Deputy Leader of Opposition Rajendra Rathore and former BJP State President Arun Chaturvedi also

reached the hospital. "Such kind of treatment is not even given to terrorists. His condition is deteriorating. Police tore his clothes. It is a matter of shame for the Rajasthan Chief Minister," Arun Chaturvedi told ANI. However, he couldn't specify the nature of injuries sustained by MP but said "Reports suggested that injuries were not life-threatening". Rajendra Rathore alleged that BJP MP Meena was manhandled, and kicked by the police.

Meanwhile, the protests by the Pulwama widows intensified on Thursday as they sought justice from the Ashok Gehlot-led Rajasthan government by putting grass in their mouths. They staged a protest in front of Sachin Pilot's residence on Wednesday and marched towards the Chief Minister's residence on Saturday where they were stopped by the police. The widows had earlier alleged that the police personnel had misbehaved with them.



# Mantra For Local Resilience

**New Delhi:** Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, PK Mishra today addressed the Valedictory program of the 3rd Session of the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, here today. Shri Mishra who has attended all three sessions of NPDRR since 2013, expressed happiness about the enlarged scope of conversation and The breadth and depth of the discussions. In its Pan India presence, The event is turning disaster risk reduction into a 'Jan Andolan' as envisaged by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Principal Secretary underlined the importance of the theme of the session "Building Local Resilience in a Changing Climate" as

It responds to the need for localising disaster risk management at a time when disaster risks are not only increasing but new patterns of risks are emerging. Shri Mishra referred to the Prime Minister's 10-Point Agenda that emphasizes the need for building local capacities and initiatives, and especially women's leadership in disaster risk management. Learning from the proceedings of the sessions will go into implementation of the Prime Minister's ten-point agenda and the Sendai Framework, he said. Shri Mishra suggested two overarching themes for the stakeholders to pursue. First, relates to professionalizing the



disaster risk management setup at the State and district levels, and, second, developing programmes and interventions which are responsive to the needs of the people. With regard to the first theme, the Principal Secretary to Prime Minister said that "all

aspects of disaster management functions at all levels - national, state, and district - need to be supported by professionally trained staff, a fit-for-purpose structure, administrative infrastructure, modern workspace, and necessary facilities

such as Emergency Operations Centers." This professionalization needs to cover SDMSs, DDMA's both. He said disaster preparedness and disaster mitigation needs to be professionalized on the lines of professionalization of

disaster response that happened with the arrival of NDRF and SDRF. States, Shri Mishra said. The states have adequate resources and they will be supported by NDMA, NIDM, and NDRF in a coordinated manner, he added. With regard to the second theme of programme development, Shri Mishra said that Policies and programmes go hand in hand. "In the development of programmes we must work across sectors. This will require combined efforts of disaster management, environment, water resources, education, urban development, agriculture and public health sectors", he said. The Principal Secretary asked

NDMA to consider developing inter-sectoral programmes as the appropriate context for advancing the application of disaster management as mainstreaming of disaster risk management in development is not possible until we know how to apply our regular programmes for risk reduction. He also highlighted the need of prioritizing the needs of the most vulnerable. He expressed satisfaction with the availability of resources for both the tasks of professionalization and programme development. New technologies, he continued, can make disaster management tools and practices more effective in

events like cyclones, disaster resilient infrastructure. He said that the next three years are very critical, and we must pursue this with single minded focus. The Principal Secretary concluded by alerting the stakeholders of slow progress on Sendai Framework, whose eighth anniversary falls in one week. "More than half of this 15-year Framework's time has passed and the world is way off track from achieving the Sendai targets. We must rededicate ourselves to creating a more effective, more responsive system of disaster risk management to work towards a safer country and safer world with more resilient communities", he added.

## Advise On Timely Spending

**Bhubaneswar:** Ace Financial Analyst, Rajib Sekhar Sahoo said that the State Government in a major boost for infrastructure spending in its Annual Budget aiming to provide a 'strong impetus' for job creation and strengthen critical infrastructure system, has thrown a challenge for the system to perform in a timely manner. Shri Sahoo was speaking to Media on huge infrastructure arrangement in Annual Budget of Odisha Government, which has allocated Rs.51000 Crore from Infrastructure Development. On the line of Union Government Budget for 2023-24, which allocated Rs.10 Lakh Crore for Infrastructure Sector, the State Government has decided to pump in more



resources to improve its roads, schools, hospitals, water supply, irrigation, connectivity and other infrastructure, a major boost has been given for infrastructure sector. However, spending funds in a time bound manner is an issue as the State Administration has to spend in 12 months

time in 2023-24. Rigorous Monitoring and Continuous Review by the Senior Officials of the Development Departments is required, said Shri Sahoo, who has been auditing the financial dealings of the Central PSUs and State PSEs for long years. While the State

Government has identified crucial infrastructure projects for implementation in both Social and Development Sector, close monitoring is needed, said Shri Sahoo. Top Financial Consultant strongly feel that the State System has to take steps to further increase the pace of expenditure for revival of the economy and employment generation. While special emphasis has been given to increase CAPEX, Infrastructure and Social Sectors spending needs to be increased to achieve the desired results enshrined in the Annual Budget.. Shri Sahoo has advised that high impact new Capital Projects may also be worked out for funding in medium term, which will have impact on economy.

## OSBC Pays Dividend To State



**Bhubaneswar:** Odisha State Beverages Corporation (OSBC), a State owned Public Sector Undertaking paid its dividend to the State Government today. Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mohapatra received the a cheque of Rs.7,58,01,326.00 from the Principal Secretary Excise and Chairman OSBC S.K.

Lohani in Lokseba Bhawan. Development Commissioner Pradeep Kumar Jena and Principal Secretary Finance Ashok Kumar Meena were present on the occasion. Principal Secretary Mr.Lohani said, "As per the decisions of the Annual General Meeting of the Corporation, we have

paid this amount to Government towards dividend for the year 2019-20". He added, "apart from this amount, the OSBC has also donated Rs.15 crore to the Chief Ministers' Relief Fund; and, Rs.1.43 crore to the Health & Family Welfare Department for purchase of the ambulances with advanced life support

system and technology during the year". Managing Director OSBCL Saroj Kumar Sethi present on the occasion said, "OSBCC in its fight against ongoing pandemic of Covid-19 has distributed sanitizer and masks to the differently-abled persons and transgender communities during the current year".

## Book release Ceremony Held at Jaydev Bhaban

**Bhubaneswar (KCN) :** the Book "Ama Gaon "of writer Natabar Khuntia Opening Ceremony held at Jaydev Bhaban, Bhubaneswar. In this auspicious Opening Ceremony of this Book under the Chairmanship or presidency of Sri Somya Ranjan Pattanaik, Honorable MLA, Editor of the Sambad, Odia Daily , the book was opened by Dr.Bibhuti Pattanaik and Sri Bhagaban Prakash attended as chief guest, Dr.Gobinda Bhuanya



attended as Guest of Honors & Professor Biswaranjan attended as chief speaker. In this valuable Book , the

Eminent Writer Natabar Khuntia has narrated the Village culture, Village life, Village Politics, experiences and

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# LVPEI managed 1,00,000 preterm babies for ROP blinding eye disease

**Bhubaneswar:** “LV Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI) crossed a major milestone in preventing avoidable blindness in newborn babies by managing 1,00,000 preterm babies for Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP) across its network centres in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha. ROP is a blinding eye disease and an emerging epidemic of the 21st century. Babies born early (premature) or with low birth weight (less than 2 kg at birth) are at the risk of developing ROP,” said Dr Tapas Ranjan Padhi, Faculty, Anant Bajaj Retina Institute, Mithu Tuls Chanrai Campus, LV Prasad Eye Institute, Bhubaneswar, Odisha. To mark this milestone achievement, the LVPEI team launched the unique, one-of-its-kind ‘LVPEI Atlas of Retinopathy of Prematurity and other Neonatal Retinal Diseases’ - a useful guide for clinicians, researchers, health care

personnels and policy makers, she further added. LVPEI is the pioneer in starting ROP screening and management program in India. It was first started in 1998 in the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad and later extended to the tertiary centres of LVPEI in Bhubaneswar, Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam. Over 1,00,687 babies from across the country and neighbouring countries have been managed for ROP by providing preventative, curative and rehabilitative care. Of these, 64,000 babies have been managed at LVPEI’s Kallam Anji Reddy campus in Hyderabad, 17,000 at the Bhubaneswar campus, 9000 at the Vijayawada campus, 8000 at the Visakhapatnam campus and 9500 through the LVPEI rural secondary centres. Among those identified with ROP, 6685 babies (20,362 eyes) were safely operated, 4559 babies (10,273 eyes)

received lasers, and 1510 babies (2901 eyes) received injections to manage difficult stages of ROP. “Each treated baby can take anywhere from 1-4 hours of focused care by the team followed by months and years of follow-up care to achieve the best possible vision for these babies by the time they enter school life. Additionally, the ROP program has significantly contributed towards training over 350 health care professionals, including nurses from across the country, and setting up neonatal anaesthesia and care units and neonatal rehabilitation and early intervention programs for the first time within eye care hospitals in India. The learnings from the program have resulted in twenty-five scientific publications and reports on better management of ROP babies,” said Dr Subhadra Jalali, Network Director, Newborn Eye Health Alliance (NEHA), LV Prasad Eye Institute.

The launch of ‘LVPEI Atlas of Retinopathy of Prematurity and other Neonatal Retinal Diseases’ is another important milestone in the care and management of newborn babies. The atlas, supported by an educational grant from Carl Zeiss India, contains 100 ROP images of varying disease severity and in different clinical situations – entire spectrum of ROP presentations, follow-up, pre and post treatment and its natural history. “Taking fundus photographs (images of the interior surface

of the eye - retina) of tiny babies is not an easy task and requires tender handling coupled with efficient technology. This atlas is a great tool for clinicians and health care professionals to better understand ROP and other neonatal eye diseases and their management,” said Dr Akash Belenje, Consultant, Anant Bajaj Retina Institute, LVPEI Prasad Eye Institute. Dr Belenje along with Mr R Ugandhar Reddy, Optometrist at LVPEI, have compiled the images for this atlas.

## Vodafone Idea Foundation to Set up Robotic Labs in Schools

**Bhubaneswar:** Digital Skills are at the centre of the fourth industrial revolution and a prerequisite for future employment opportunities for today’s children. With the objective of playing a role in building a future ready talent force from the school level onwards, Vodafone Idea Foundation, the CSR arm of Vi, and Ericsson India have partnered to set up state-of-the-art Robotic Labs in ten schools across the country to provide new-age learning experiences to children from

underserved communities, preparing them to participate in future technological studies. Digital Labs, an innovative education programme, is designed to hand-hold school going children aged 11-14 years, through their first experience with the world of programming and new technologies. By creating an open atmosphere for learning, Digital Labs aim to instill courage in these students to embrace technology and imbibe a problem-solving approach. The partnership is

aimed at improving the students’ education and employment prospects across Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) by providing an exciting learning experience and develop skills such as teamwork, problem-solving skills, critical thinking. Through this partnership, ten Digital Labs will be set up at Vodafone Idea Foundation schools in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Gujarat.

Commenting on this initiative, P Balaji, Chief Regulatory and Corporate Affairs Officer - Vodafone Idea Limited, and Director - Vodafone Idea Foundation said, “Digital skills are a necessity for the holistic growth of the youth in the digital era. Exposing school going children to coding and robotics helps spark creativity, stimulates critical thinking, imbues a collaborative mindset and opens up a world of opportunities. Using our technology based tools, we have been working with

underprivileged children through various programmes aimed at giving them an opportunity to learn, grow and compete. Taking our ‘Technology for Good’ mission forward, we are happy to partner with Ericsson, to expose the young minds with higher-level skills and development, as well as encourage underserved groups to pursue advanced ICT education and enter science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields.”

## Funskool rolls out exclusive new range of toys for children this summer

**Chennai:** India’s leading toy manufacturer, Funskool India Ltd is back with launching yet another blockbuster range of toys for children this summer. The wide range of new products are from a diverse range of categories such as board games, puzzles, Infants & pre-school, dough etc. This range will not only encourage the development of multiple skills: cognitive, physical,

social, and emotional but also help parents to fully engage their children. The product offerings include a 3 in 1 Deluxe Play Gyman Mini Vehicles combo packs for Toddlers, traditional board games such as Goats and Tigers (better known as Aadu Puli Attam in Tamil), Mancala, 9 in 1 Super Games apart from other products in Handy Crafts, Fun Dough and Puzzles for young children.

Commenting on the launch of the new products for summer 2022, Mr. R. Jeswant, CEO, of Funskool India said, “Funskool has always strived to introduce the best inspiring and engaging toys with a focus on edutainment. Being indigenously developed and manufactured, the new range of toys and games align with the nation’s goal of Atma Nirbhar Bharat.”

## Samsung Launches High-Performance Premium Jet™ Cordless Stick Vacuum Cleaners in India

**Bhubaneswar:** Samsung, India’s largest and most trusted consumer electronics brand, has launched its premium, highly powerful and intuitive Samsung Jet™ cordless stick vacuum cleaner line-up, delivering the ultimate end-to-end hygienic home cleaning solution to consumers in India. The line-up of vacuum cleaners will be available on Samsung’s official online store, Samsung Shop starting May 04, 2022 and soon on Flipkart. The launch marks Samsung’s foray in the vacuum cleaner segment in India with a range that can generate up to 200W of industry-leading suction power. The range comes with a Jet Cyclone system that features nine cyclones with 27 air inlets to securely trap fine dust particles that are sucked into the vacuum cleaner without compromising on suction power. Samsung Jet™ cordless stick vacuum cleaners release clean air out with a Multi-layered Filtration System, which

traps 99.999% of fine dust particles and allergens. This is certified by the British Allergy Foundation & SLG Prof & Zertifizierungs. Running on a robust Digital Inverter Motor that optimizes airflow with its ultrasonic welded airfoil blades for high energy efficiency, Samsung vacuum cleaners – Jet 70, Jet 75 and Jet 90 – come with the promise to provide high-speed and enhanced cleaning for consumers. “With increased focus on safety, health and hygiene in the post-pandemic era, consumers are looking for agile and efficient home cleaning solutions. Our all new Samsung Jet™ cordless stick vacuum cleaners are here to provide unmatched convenience to our consumers with best-in-class features for a hassle-free cleaning experience. Equipped with cutting-edge technology such as a Multi-layered Filtration System, the vacuum cleaners trap 99.999% of fine dust and allergens and provide powerful

and hygienic cleaning. Despite Samsung Jet’s remarkably powerful suction capabilities, its body has been designed to be lightweight, allowing our consumers to enjoy the Jet’s easy-to-use features more comfortably,” said Mohandeeep Singh, Senior Vice President, Consumer Electronics Business, Samsung India. The all-new range of Samsung Jet™ cordless stick vacuum cleaners will be available in three models – Jet 70, Jet 75 and Jet 90 – with prices ranging from INR 36,990 to INR 52,990. The models will be available on Samsung’s official online store Samsung Shop starting May 04, 2022 and soon on Flipkart. For a limited period between May 04 and May 09, 2022, consumers buying Samsung Jet™ cordless stick vacuum cleaners can avail no cost EMIs of up to 12 months, starting INR 2,799. Consumers will get one-year warranty on Samsung Jet™ cordless stick vacuum cleaners.

## Gifting ideas for Mother’s Day

With Mother’s day just around the corner, we must appreciate the role she plays in our lives. While mothers deserve our love round-the-clock, it’s all about going all-out on Mother’s day. From grand-mothers to new moms, these super women play myriad roles in our lives. And they deserve much appreciation and a lot of CARE! However, the plethora of choices tend to daunt a person while picking out the perfect gift for your mother. But worry not! If you are on the lookout for a gift that would be the perfect token of love - Here’s a gifting guide for mother’s day that will tick all your check boxes for the 8th of May 1. Clensta’s Super Women Combo Pack for your Super Woman: The super women that our moms are, they hop from one task to another

and make it look effortless and breezy without caring about the toll it takes on their mind, body and skin. This Mother’s Day pamper your super-mom with Clensta’s Super Women Combo Pack which comprises of a Face Moisturizer, a Sunscreen, a Face Serum and an Under-eye Cream. Laced with the goodness of magical Red Aloe Vera, this essential combo will help your mother in replenishing her natural glow and having the perfect skin she has always dreamt of. The higher concentrations of beneficial phytochemicals in Red Aloe Vera provide it a 22-times more powerful anti-inflammatory effect. High concentrations of salicylic acid and polysaccharides help relax tight muscles and provide a soothing effect.

## India Poker Championship and India Online Poker Championship

**Mumbai:** Spartan Poker announced the dates for its leading poker championships. The India Poker Championship (IPC) is heading to Casino Vegas by Big Daddy, Nepal, and will be held from 17th - 22nd May 2022. The 13th edition of the Indian Online Poker Championship (IOPC) will be held from 2nd - 19th June 2022. Indian poker enthusiasts will get to experience the best of both felts this summer with a whopping combined Prize-Pool of 36.5 Crore GTD.

’22 MegaStacks edition is also designed in a best-in-class live tournament structure with heavy buy-ins & deep stacks for a high-quality gaming experience. The India Online Poker Championship, which follows immediately post IPC, would be the biggest ever online poker series in India with a massive prize pool of 33 Crore GTD! The 18-day-long virtual series will provide an online experience unlike any other gaming event in India.

India Online Poker Championship that will be hosted on the Spartan Poker platform, along with other streaming partners like AIO Games, Blitzpoker, PokerHigh, and PokerDaddy. We know how incredible the level of play in these competitions can be! We aim to offer an even better experience for players & fans, and even more opportunities for skilled players to raise their games and win huge prizes.” At Spartan Poker, we provide a seamless and a fair gaming experience to the Indian poker community, and we are driven to build Poker as a professional sport in India, along with all its inherent thrill, while also showcasing the country’s untapped poker talent. Added Mr. Rozani.

Speaking on the launch, Mr. Amin Rozani, CEO of Spartan Poker Group said, “We are excited to host the India Poker Championship live this year and follow it up with our very successful

international markets, including Asia, Africa, and more recently in Europe. Prof Sir Ralf Dieter Speth, Chairman, TVS Motor Company said, “Sudarshan has got a clear vision and brings with him both a tremendous passion for advanced technologies and sustainable growth, deep-seated in values. He thinks future-oriented, staying ahead of the emerging trends. Personal, smart mobility, including electrification, are two of his big areas of focus. He has also spearheaded the international growth of

## Sudarshan Venuelevated as Managing Director of TVS Motor Company

**Chennai:** TVS Motor Company, a reputed manufacturer of two-wheelers and three-wheelers globally, announced at its board meeting today the elevation of Sudarshan Venue as Managing Director of the Company, effective today. Sudarshan has been charting the future of one of India’s leading two-wheeler manufacturer and has made it the most awarded two-wheeler company. He has played a pivotal role in the company’s growth in India and key

TVS Motor. He has the ability to lead high performing teams internationally with empathy. He takes care of people and society. I am sure that with his leadership, the company will grow stronger and further pivot to the future.” Mr Venu Srinivasan, Chairman Emeritus, TVS Motor Company said, “Sudarshan’s extraordinary efforts have witnessed key decisions to develop aspirational products and grow fast in India and overseas.

## WhatsApp rolls out emoji reactions, bigger groups

**San Francisco:** With an aim to make the messaging platform more user friendly, Meta-owned WhatsApp has announced that it is rolling out new features, including emoji reactions, bigger files and groups. The company said that it is slowly rolling out the ability to add up to 512 people to a group, which, till now, allowed to add only up to 256. “We are excited to share that emoji reactions are now available on the latest version of the app. Reactions are fun, fast, and they reduce overload in groups too. We will continue improving them by adding an even broader range of expressions in the future,” the company said in a blogpost.





## 4th Test, Day 4: Australia trail India by 88 runs after Virat Kohli makes a magnificent 186

**New Delhi:** Talismanic batter Virat Kohli showed impeccable grit, discipline and concentration to make a magnificent 186 as India took a 91-run lead over Australia after being bowled out for 571 in their first innings during the fourth Test at Narendra Modi Stadium on Sunday.

At stumps, Australia reached 3/0 in six overs of their second innings and trail India by 88 runs with just one day left in the match. Travis Head making all the runs, as he and makeshift opener Matthew Kuhnemann, negotiated the tricky six overs from Ravichandran Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja and

Mohammed Shami. If Shubman Gill was the talk of the town with his sparkling 128 on Saturday, it was Kohli's turn to be in the spotlight on Sunday to break his drought of Test century which lasted 1025 days through his determined 364-ball stay at the crease, hitting 15 boundaries and enthralling a sizeable Sunday crowd.

He was also supported by a nice 44 from KS Bharat and an excellent 79 from Axar Patel. For Australia, Nathan Lyon and Todd Murphy took three wickets each while Mitchell Starc and Matthew Kuhnemann

took a scalp each.

After 3.3 overs into the start of final session, Axar got India in the lead by cutting Todd Murphy through backward point for four. When Cameron Green was brought back in the attack, Kohli was quick to unfurl a cover-drive to an outside off-stump delivery.

On the very next ball, which was angled into pads, Kohli shuffled across to flick through mid-wicket and go past 150. When Green bowled a high full toss, Kohli got a thick edge past keeper for four, before taking a brace of boundaries off Lyon - a delightful pull was followed by a drive through mid-off.

Axar reached his fifty in 95 balls with a single off Murphy and then attacked Matthew Kuhnemann with a big swipe over mid-wicket for six. He then moved across to sweep Murphy through mid-wicket for four, before slog-sweeping twice off Kuhnemann for sixes.

Axar's knock came to an end when he tried to drive off Mitchell Starc, but chopped on to his stumps. Lyon got his third wicket of the match when he had Ravichandran Ashwin slog-sweeping to deep mid-wicket. In the next over, Umesh Yadav was caught short of the crease at the non-striker's end by a direct hit from

Peter Handscomb.

Kohli was dropped at 185 when Handscomb tried to take the catch with both hands while diving, but shelled the chance. In the next over, Murphy bowled outside off-stump and Kohli went for the slog-sweep, but holed out to deep mid-wicket, bringing an end to India's innings as Iyer was unavailable to bat due to lower back pain which needed scans.

**Brief Scores:** Australia 480 in 167.2 overs trail India 571 in 178.5 overs (Virat Kohli 186, Shubman Gill 128; Todd Murphy 3/113, Nathan Lyon 3/151) by 91 runs

## Van Niekerk set for retirement from international cricket

**New Delhi:** Through a cryptic message posted on her Instagram account, Dane van Niekerk has suggested her intentions of retiring from international cricket, although there hasn't been an official announcement yet. "You have to accept that some chapters in our lives have to close without closures. There is no point in losing yourself by trying to fix what's meant to stay broken," van Niekerk posted on her Instagram account on Saturday (March 11).

Van Niekerk didn't play for South Africa since injuring her ankle in a freak accident at the start of 2022, forcing her to miss the 50-over World Cup in



New Zealand. She wasn't included in the T20 World Cup that recently took place in South Africa, missing out due to not meeting the fitness benchmark for selection. She missed the fitness mark by 18 seconds, with Sune Luus captaining the team in

the T20 World Cup where South Africa reached their maiden final before losing to Australia. Van Niekerk had led South Africa in 50 ODIs and 30 T20Is, with the team winning 29 and 15 games respectively under her captaincy. She also

featured in the Test match against India which was played in Mysore. She scored 2175 runs in 107 ODIs since making her debut in 2009, along with 138 wickets. In T20Is, van Niekerk represented South Africa in 86 matches, scoring 1877 runs and

picked up 65 wickets. Marizanne Kapp, van Niekerk's wife, later said it was heartbreaking and felt like she herself was retiring. "Sometimes it feels like I am the one who's retiring, just so heartbreaking. We've grown up in this South Africa team. It was difficult to hear her decision. But she seems in a better place mentally now, and that's what matters," Kapp told the official broadcaster following Delhi Capitals' victory over Gujarat Giants in the WPL.

Van Niekerk, who plays for the Royal Challengers Bangalore, was seen in the stands cheering for Kapp who bagged a five-wicket haul against the Giants.

## Jhye Richardson ruled out of IPL, doubtful for Ashes



**New Delhi:** Jhye Richardson, who underwent a surgery to fix his hamstring problems, will miss the upcoming season of the IPL and is also doubtful for the Ashes to be held in England later this year.

Richardson, who had been earlier part of the Punjab Kings team, was due to play for Mumbai Indians in IPL 2023. However, he had

a recurrence of a hamstring injury playing club cricket, having first picked up the injury during the Big Bash League. The injury ruled him out of the ODI series against India beginning March 17, and he subsequently underwent a surgery. Richardson had been hit by a spate of injuries in the past. He had to undergo

shoulder surgery in 2019 which forced him to miss the 50-over World Cup and the Ashes. He returned to the Test format in December 2021, even picking up a five-wicket haul in the Adelaide Test against England. But a heel injury meant that he couldn't play the next match and he hasn't played a Test match since.

## Virat Kohli Adds Another Milestone To His Name, Surpasses Brian Lara In Elite List

**New Delhi:** Star Indian batter Virat Kohli surpassed West Indies legend Brian Lara, becoming the second-highest scorer against Australia in international cricket history.

Virat accomplished this landmark during India's fourth and final Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy against Australia at Ahmedabad. The star batter ended his Test half-century drought which started in January 2022, ending the third day of play unbeaten at 59\* in 128 balls, consisting of five fours. Virat loves playing against Australia and has numbers to prove it. In

89 matches and 104 innings, he has scored 4,729 runs at an average of 50.84. He has scored 15 tons and 24 fifties against the Aussies, with the best individual score of 169. Virat Kohli Adds Another Milestone To His Name, Surpasses Brian Lara In Elite List Virat Kohli added another major milestone to his already illustrious career with a fifty against Australia. Asian News International Updated: March 12, 2023 08:00 Virat Kohli in action during fourth India-Australia Test match © AFP Star Indian batter Virat Kohli surpassed West

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average of 50.84. He has scored 15 tons and 24 fifties against the Aussies, with the best individual score of

169. Lara on the other hand, has scored 4,714 runs in 82 matches and 108 innings against Australia. He has

12 centuries and 26 innings against them, with the best score of 277. The leading run-scorer

against Australia is legendary Indian batter Sachin Tendulkar. In 110 matches and 144 innings, Tendulkar has scored 6,707 runs at an average of 49.68. He has a total of 20 tons and 31 fifties against Aussies, with the best individual score of 241\*. Coming to the match, a hard-hitting century from opener Shubman Gill and Virat Kohli's half-century helped India end the third day of play of the fourth and final Test against Australia at Ahmedabad on a high, with the scoreboard reading 289/3 at the end of the final session of day three on Saturday.

At the end of the final session, Virat (59\*) and Jadeja (16\*) were unbeaten. However, India still has a mountain to climb as they trail by 191 runs in the match. The spin trio of Nathan Lyon, Matthew Kuhnemann and Todd Murphy got a wicket each. Earlier in their first innings, Australia was bundled out for 480 runs. Centuries from Usman Khawaja (180) and all-rounder Cameron Green (114) helped the Aussies reach such a massive total. Ravichandran Ashwin was the pick of the bowlers for India, taking 6/91 on a surface offering no help to spinners.