

Oppn Creates Ruckus In Odisha Assembly Over 'Officer Raj'

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Alleging 'Officer Raj' is going on in Odisha, opposition BJP and Congress members created a ruckus in the Assembly on Saturday due to which the House witnessed several adjournments throughout the day.

The Opposition members started raising slogans against the government for not taking any action against Koida BDO over his unruly behaviour with an MLA, soon after the House assembled.

CPI-M legislator Laxman Munda raised the issue during

Question Hour and rushed to the Well of the House. The BJP and Congress MLAs supported him, and the Assembly could not function.

"Even as the Speaker has ordered an inquiry into the allegation, the BDO is going about saying he has strong connections," said the CPI-M leader. He requested the Speaker to transfer the BDO within 24 hours.

The Speaker had to adjourn the House till 11.30 a.m. amid pandemonium by the Opposition.

When the House reassembled again for

Zero Hour, Congress Legislature Party leader Narasingha Mishra said Minister Rita Sahu had met the Chief Secretary to hand over a cheque as a contribution to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF), which is against the democratic spirit. "Ministers are part of the government. But in this government, there is no respect for the ministers. Will the officials go to the government or the government will go to the officials?" he questioned.

Alleging Odisha is being run by bureaucrats, the Congress leader said: "Democracy is being



disrespected in broad daylight."

Mishra demanded Sahu's apology in the House and wanted the Chief Secretary to express regret in the matter.

Reacting immediately, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Niranjana Pujari defended the ministers

by saying that it was a one-off case. He dared the Opposition to show proof on other ministers.

Pujari also said that the Opposition's allegations were aimed at trimming the powers of the ministers.

Following the face-off between Opposition and treasury bench members, the Speaker

adjourned the House for 15 minutes.

Later, when the House reassembled, BJP legislators created ruckus while showing a picture of Pujari standing with folded hands in front of a private secretary to the CM.

The Chief Minister was also seen seated in a chair in the picture.

Both the opposition BJP and Congress MLAs again created a noisy scene in the House forcing the Speaker B.K. Arukha to adjourn the proceedings till 4 pm.

The Minister could have handed over the cheque to the CM or she would have invited the

Chief Secretary to his chamber for the same, Leader of Opposition Jayanarayan Mishra told reporters outside the House. Though the transport minister was asked to make a statement in the House over the recent 'drivers' strike', the chief secretary held a meeting with the drivers in the absence of the transport minister, secretary and the commissioner.

Later, Pujari said that he was wishing the Chief Minister with folded hands and not to the private secretary who was standing behind the CM. When the House met at the post-lunch session at

4 p.m., the Opposition continued their protest demanding transfer of the Koida BDO.

Unable to run the House, the Speaker called an all-party meeting, adjourning the proceedings for 15 minutes.

Later, on the instruction of the Speaker, the Parliamentary Affairs Minister made a statement in the House saying the government took the matter seriously and was examining for taking immediate action. After this statement of the Minister, normalcy returned to the Assembly.

PM Modi, Sheikh Hasina Inaugurate India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina on Saturday inaugurated the India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline, a cross-border energy pipeline, via video conferencing.

While addressing the event, PM Modi said, "I am confident that this pipeline will further speed up the development of Bangladesh and be an excellent example of the increasing connectivity between both countries." This is the first cross-border energy pipeline between India and Bangladesh, built at an estimated cost of ₹ 377 crore, of which the Bangladesh portion of the pipeline was built at a cost of approx. ₹ 285 crore, which has been borne by the Govt of India under grant assistance, read Prime Minister's Office press



release. "In the last few years, under the able leadership of PM Sheikh Hasina, Bangladesh has made remarkable progress. Every Indian is proud of that & we're delighted that we've been able to contribute to this development journey of Bangladesh," said PM Modi at the inauguration of the India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline.

PM Modi further said that the India-Bangladesh friendship

pipeline was initiated in September 2018, adding, "with the help of this pipeline Northern West Bengal districts will be provided 1 million metric tonnes of high-speed diesel. This will reduce the cost and will also reduce the carbon footprint of the supply." Speaking on the progress of connectivity between the two nations, he said, "I remember many years back Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina had talked about her vision of

restoring the pre-1965 rail connectivity. And since then the two countries together have made a lot of progress." PM Modi also highlighted the fact this rail connectivity between the two nations helped in sending Covid vaccines to Bangladesh.

"As a result of this, during the Covid epidemic, we were able to send oxygen etc. to Bangladesh through the rail network. I heartily congratulate Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina

ji for her far-sighted vision," said PM Modi.

It is pertinent to note that the inauguration of the India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline is taking place a day after the birth anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

"What an auspicious coincidence that today's inauguration is taking place a day after the birth anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman! Bangabandhu's 'Shonar Bangla' vision included the harmonious development and prosperity of the entire region. This joint project is a perfect example of their vision," said PM Modi.

The Pipeline has the capacity to transport 1 Million Metric Ton Per Annum (MMTPA) of High-Speed Diesel (HSD). It will supply High-Speed Diesel initially to seven districts in northern Bangladesh.

Covid-19 Pandemic Likely To Settle As Seasonal Flu This Year: WHO

New Delhi: Covid-19 pandemic, which has so far claimed more than seven million deaths globally, may likely end up being as public health emergency of international concern this year and pose a seasonal flu threat, the World Health Organization (WHO) has said.

"I'm confident that this year we will be able to say that Covid-19 is over as a public health emergency of international concern," WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said at a media briefing.

"And I think we're coming to that point where we can look at Covid-19 in the same way we look at seasonal influenza," he added.

The WHO chief said that Covid will continue to



pose a threat to human health. It will turn into a "virus that will continue to kill, but a virus that is not disrupting our society or disrupting our hospital system". He added that the virus may become more transmissible but not cause severe disease. Covid-19 was marked as pandemic on March 11, 2020.

"We declared a global health emergency to spur countries to take decisive

action, but not all countries did," he said on Friday.

"Three years later, there are almost seven million reported deaths from Covid-19, although we know that the actual number of deaths is much higher."

He noted that for the first time, the weekly number of reported deaths over the past four weeks has been lower than the time the virus was declared a pandemic.

Odisha: 5 College Students Among 8 Held Over Ganja Trafficking



Bhubaneswar(KCN): Nandapur police in Koraput district of Odisha today claimed to have arrested eight persons, including five college students, in connection with ganja trafficking.

The arrested college students have been identified as Sadanand Guntha of Daleiput, Bhisma Guntha, Jogesh Khada, Damodar and Dambarudhar Khara of

Arlaput. The other three arrested persons are Laxmidhar Khila of Katwa and Rahul Kumar and Saddam Hussain of Champaran in Bihar, police said.

According to police, the five college students led by Sadanand were transporting 35 kg ganja in a car to deliver the same to Laxmidhar, a middleman.

Laxmidhar was supposed to deliver the

ganja to Rahul Kumar and Sadam Hussain of Bihar at Damanjodi Railway Station in Koraput district, said Nandapur police Inspector In-Charge Prafulla Lakra.

"We have registered a case in this regard under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. The arrested will be produced in a local court," Lakra added.

KIIT Job Fair in Patia Village

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): The Founder of KIIT and KISS Dr Achyuta Samanta on Saturday handed over appointment letters to 125 unemployed youths of Patia village, taking the number of employees from the village who are engaged in the KIIT family to 325. "Today is a happy moment for all of us. We have given appointment letters to 125 youths of the Patia village after a request was made in this regard by the citizens of the village," said Dr Samanta.

He said the transformation of KIIT into one of the premier centres of learning in the country could not have been made possible without the support of the villagers of Patia. The appointment letters



were handed over at a mega job fair organized with the active cooperation of the Patia Gram Mangala Samiti and office bearers of the samiti who were present on the occasion. They included Corporators of Ward No 3 Laxmipriya Parida, Nrusingha Rout,

Chittaranjan Patra, Santosh Parida, Amulya Jena and Bishnu Patra of Patia Gram Mangal Samiti.

During his visit to the village last year, the Founder had assured the villagers to consider their demands for engaging the unemployed youths at

KIIT. As of now, 225 people from the village are already engaged in KIIT, KISS and KIMS. The total number of employees from Patia village in KIIT, KISS, & KIMS now stands at 325. The Founder said, it's a record that so many youths from villages have

got employment in one institute.

The Gram Mangal Samiti members credited the KIIT DU for giving identity to the Patia village and for its rapid growth and development. The Founder, they said, has a deep affection for the people of the village.

International Conference on 'the Importance of Sanskrit Language in India and the World' inaugurated at CUO

Koraput: The three days International Conference on 'Importance of Sanskrit Language in India and the World' organized by the Department of Sanskrit, Central University of Odisha, Koraput was inaugurated on 17.03.2023 in the University campus. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi inaugurated the conference in the presence of eminent Indian and foreign Sanskrit scholars. He highlighted the importance and use of

Sanskrit in the present world. He said "Sanskrit is the classical language of India, the oldest and the most systematic language in the world. Sanskrit which was once the language of munis and rishis is now attracting the modern world". He remembered the place where the University was established as a part of D a n d a k a r a n y a mentioned in the Ramayana and He welcomed the foreign and Indian Sanskrit scholars to this holy place. Prof. Chirapat Prapandvidya, Adviser,



Silpakorn University, Thailand attended as the Chief Guest Honor and addressed the gathering. Prof. Rabindra Kumar Panda, Vice-Chancellor, SJSU, Puri and Prof. Dipti Tripathi, President, IASS spoke on this occasion as Guest of Honour and Keynote Speaker. Prof.

N. C. Panda, Dean, School of Language, CUO delivered the welcome address. Other foreign and Indian dignitaries

including Prof. Chirapata Prapandvidya Dr. Phillip Rucinski; Prof. Sadananda Dixit, CSU, Puri; Prof. Sombat Manmeesukiri, Thailand; Dr. Nirajan Sahu, Ajmer; Prof. Aurn Ranjan Mishra, VBU, W.B.; Prof. Kashinath Neupane, Nepal; REV. Dr. Wadingal Pannaloka Thero, Srilanka; Prof. Aurn Ranjan Mishra, Viswa Vharti, W.B.; Prof. Do.Thu.Ha, Vietnam; Prof. Sudhendu Mandal, Advisor-Academic & Administration, CUO, Prof. Himansu Mahapatra, Visiting Professor and Prof. Hemraj Meena, Guest Professor along with faculty members, research scholars and students of CUO were present on the occasion.

New MD at Kalinga Hospital

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The first corporate hospital of Odisha - Started serving since 1997. Over the Last 26 years KHL has earned the reputation in Odisha and neighbouring State for its excellent tertiary healthcare services at an affordable price. In May'2022 KHL management was taken over by globally recognized scientist Dr. Sita Kantha Dash who is a great visionary, entrepreneur, and philanthropist. He is the founder of UAS Laboratories, the Leading probiotic



company in the world. He is also the Chancellor of Jagadguru Krupalu University, Cuttack and the Chairman and founder of DD

Leader in healthcare industry took over the position of MD, KHL on 15 March 2023. Before joining KHL she was the Vice-President and unit head of AMRI Hospital, Bhubaneswar. KHL welcomed the new MD- Mrs. Nilanjana Mukherjee - by organizing a simple yet tasteful ceremony which was presided by Chairman Dr. Sk Dash and attended by the top management and senior Consultant, Doctors of KHL and also a few invited dignitaries who are also the patrons of KHL

Karnataka Dealers Meet of HBC Held



Puri (KCN): The Hindustan Biotech & Chemicals celebrated today its Karnataka Dealers Meet at Hotel OM Leisure. The Managing Director Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Shrivastav of Hindustan Biotech and Chemicals presided the Dealers Meet, Sr.journalist Sunil

Kumar Mishra attended as Chief Guest, Mr. Bheemareddy Bhandari, Area Sales Manager and Mr.Susanta Parida, Area Sales Manger were participated as Guest of Honors. More to 100, Dealers of Karnataka State of Hindustan Biotech & Chemicals were attended in this auspicious Dealers

Meet Program. Today morning, all Dealers took blessing of Lord Jaganath Jee. They praised their MD, Shreevastav Jee friendly relationships with the Dealers and they expressed the praiseworthy hospitality of the MD of the Company. The Chief Guest of this Meet Senior Journalist, Sunil Kumar Mishra assured that if all Dealers of across India will give cooperation, then, there is no doubt that Hindustan Biotech & Chemicals Company will be number one company in India as its products are of quality one & the rates are reasonable. MD, Sanjeev Jee gave thanks all the Dealers and he requested to all Dealers to come forward for making No 1 Company in India in the field of Fertilizer and Chemicals Products. The Meet was grand successful and one attractive musical grand Program was organized.

10th Plenary of Indian Journalists Union held at Raipur

Raipur / Bhubaneswar:(KCN) :The two days 10th Plenary Meeting of Indian Journalists Union from 17th & 18th, March held at Panjab Keshari Hall, Raipur, Chhatishgarh State. Seven Senior Journalists of Odisha participated from Odisha Journalists Union which is being affiliated with Indian Journalists Union, Delhi. In this Plenary Meeting, the Honorable Chief Minister of Chhatishgarh State, Sri Bhupesh Baghel attended as Chief Guest & he declared that the Chhatishgarh State has taken a historical step to pass today the



Journalists protection & safety Bill for the Journalists in his Cabinet & he declared that after the signature of the Honorable Governor of Chhatishgarh State, this Bill will be implemented. He told that those

Journalists are working in Naxal, Mao prone areas, sensitive places, the Government of India should pass a certain protection & safety Bill for Journalists of India. Odisha Journalists Union, president, Sashibhusan Praharaaj, General Secretary K.Shrinibash Rao, Vice President Deepak Kumar Nayak & National Council Member, Sarat Chandra Behera & others Journalists participated in this Meeting.

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Mandana Karimi reveals she had an abortion

Actor Mandana Karimi, who is currently a part of Kangana Ranaut's show 'Lock Upp', has opened up about her personal experience with abortion.

When Mandana was asked to reveal her secret in the show's latest episode, she disclosed about having a secretive

relationship with an ace director.

She said that their relationship became very strong in a few months and he planned to settle down with her but they decided to keep it secret because she was awaiting divorce from her ex.

Mandana revealed that she got pregnant

with his child and when she informed it to her boy friend, he backed off, citing the reason that he was not emotionally and mentally prepared to take care of this responsibility. His reaction strengthened her decision to discontinue her pregnancy

Lock Upp: Mandana Karimi claims that her ex-husband Gaurav Gupta slept with other women; says, 'In these four years of separation, he slept with whoever I knew

Mandana was married to businessman Gaurav Gupta in 2017 and separated from him five months later.



Shah Rukh Khan's 'Jawan' Postponed? Fans Speculate It Might Clash With Salman Khan's 'Tiger 3'

After Pathaan's massive success at the box office, Shah Rukh Khan is all set to collaborate with Atlee for 'Jawan' and the superstar's looks leaked from the sets have kept fans excited. However, the latest update on the film is that it has been postponed.

Film trade analyst Ramesh Bala took to his Twitter handle and wrote, "#SRK - Dir #Atlee's #Jawan release is being pushed from June to October."

This left the fans confused as Salman Khan's Tiger 3 is also headed for a Diwali release so pushing



the release date might led the two films to clash at the box office. "Oct means Diwali period? But, 2023's Diwali is pre-occupied by

@BeingSalmanKhan's #Tiger3," a user commented. "Well, hang on! Diwali is on 12th Nov this year. #Tiger3 on 10th Nov. Maybe #Jawaan on 1st Friday of Oct?," wrote

another user. Jawan is helmed by Atlee. It also stars actress Nayanthara and Vijay Sethupathi. The film is billed as an event film with high-octane action sequences. Shah

Rukh's production company Red Chillies Entertainment has produced it. Salman Khan's 'Tiger 3' on the other hand, is all set to release on November 10.

In June 2022, SRK unveiled the film's teaser which opened with a glimpse of the Northern Lights over mountain tops. We then saw Shah Rukh with his face in the dark, wrapping bandages on his face as the film's theme played in the background.

'Jawan' is set to hit the theatres on June 2, 2023, across five languages - Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Kannada. Apart from Jawan, SRK also has Rajkumar Hirani's 'Dunki'. The film marks SRK's first collaboration with Taapsee Pannu.

Sameer Khakhar, Khopdi from 'Nukkad', dies at 71

Actor Sameer Khakhar, best known for playing the lovable drunk Khopdi in the classic 1980s TV serial "Nukkad", died at a hospital here in the early hours of Wednesday due to multiple organ failure.

The actor, who was most recently seen in the Prime Video series "Farzi" and moved to the US in the 1990s for a few years to become a software developer, was 71. Sameer Khakhar was admitted to MM Hospital in Borivali in suburban Mumbai on Tuesday morning following respiratory issues, his younger brother Ganesh Khakhar told PTI.

"He had respiratory problems since yesterday and later became unconscious. We called the doctor at home and were

asked to hospitalise him. He was admitted to the intensive care unit of MM Hospital," he said.

"Slowly and gradually, he suffered multiple organ failure. He was unconscious and then he collapsed. He passed away at 4.30 am today," Ganesh Khakhar added. The last rites were conducted at a Borivali crematorium in the presence of his family and some friends from Sameer Khakhar days in Gujarati theatre.

Sameer Khakhar's notable works include the TV show "Circus", "Shrimaan Shrimati" and films such as "Parinda", Salman Khan-starrer "Jai Ho", Sidharth Malhotra and Parineeti Chopra's "Hasee Toh Phasee", Sudhir



Mishra-directed "Serious Men", and Vikas Bahl's web series "Sunflower". Filmmaker Hansal Mehta thanked Sameer Khakhar for the memories of Khopdi. "For some reason, I was nicknamed Khopdi in college after his iconic character in Nukkad. My closest friends from the time still call me Khopdi. But I guess it's time to say goodbye to the OG. Goodbye Sameer Khakhar. Thank you for the memories,"

Mehta captioned a series of the late actor's photos on Twitter. "Khopdi has left this Circus and gone to the Nukkad in the sky," wrote director Nila Madhab Panda on the microblogging site. "Goodbye Sameer Khakhar, thank you for all those wonderful memories, your character will always stay with us. Om Shanti," he added. Sameer Khakhar hit the headlines in early 2021 after a

tweet from a film journalist, informing industry people that the actor was looking for work, caught the attention of industry colleagues such as Satish Shah and Gulshan Devaiah. "Everybody is looking for work and so am I. And by looking for work I mean approaching and applying for a job. In the case of actors, it is a daily exercise with every film or show. But I am a bad salesman," the actor told PTI in January 2021.

"I am hopeful people who know me will offer me work. I would like to work till my last breath. I want to entertain people all my life, I am not tired yet," he added. His claim to fame may have been playing the inebriated Khopdi in Kundan Shah and Saeed Akhtar Mirza's "Nukkad", but the actor didn't like being stereotyped.

"I said no to a lot of films because I didn't want to do anything similar every time. Change is a constant, you have to adapt to it. You can't be rigid saying I will only do films or TV or only this kind of a role," he said about his decision to move to the US in the 1990s where he enrolled in a computer software course and worked at a company as Java developer till recession hit in

Battle 2024: Will Modi to be PM again thanks to Yogi's magic



It is almost certain that Lok Sabha election fever would have gripped the country by this time next year and political parties would be finalising their manifestoes as well nominees for the battle royal of 2024. Already political parties have started gearing up for the election. In the corridor of powers of Delhi, political pundits are discussing: Would Narendra Modi again be the next Prime Minister of the country? Another question that is hotly discussed and debated now: If the BJP lead National Democratic Alliance (NDA) would retain the power, which state or states play an important role? While there is no debate on the first question, political experts say that BJP can bank upon Uttar Pradesh which sends 80 members in the lower house of the parliament. Thanks to the able leadership of 24x7 active Chief Minister Yogi

Adityanath, Uttar Pradesh has become the bedrock of BJP lead NDA. Yogi Adityanath has recently asked party workers to start preparations for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls and move forward with the target of winning 75 out of the state's 80 seats. In 2019, the BJP had won 62 Lok Sabha seats in Uttar Pradesh while its ally Apna Dal(S) registered victory in two seats. Will NDA thrash opposition and grab 75 seats out of 80? Yogi Adityanath, who has a reputation of making comments after lot of thought, must have gauged the mood of the voters of gigantic Uttar Pradesh.

"We have to prepare the ground for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections from now only. We should move ahead with the target of winning 75 seats," Yogi Adityanath said at the BJP's one-day state executive meeting in Lucknow.

Those who follow the political mood of the state where both Lord Ram and Lord Krishna were born, BJP has made huge inroads thanks to two reasons. A. Yogi Adityanath government has

changed the very dubious image of the state. Now UP is not known for caste based tensions and communal riots. Now, the state is known for attracting Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and all round growth. Indian investors are too investing in Uttar



Pradesh in a big way. Thus, it creates thousands of new jobs. B. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also contests Lok Sabha poll from Varanasi seat. So, the formidable combo of Modi and Yogi are doing wonders for the state. "In the 2024 general elections, under the

leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, we have to march ahead with the target of winning 75 seats in Uttar Pradesh," said a BJP leader.

BJP chances look bright as opposition in UP have not learnt their lessons to fight

Vivek Shukla

80 seats]." Imagine his audacity to make such a hilarious statement.

It goes with saying that the increased focus on Uttar Pradesh is not only due to the State's importance in the saffron party's

serious. They make mockery of themselves with their very irresponsible statements. Imagine Samajwadi Party leader Akhilesh Yadav has recently predicted that in 2024 the BJP might lose all 80 Lok Sabha seats in Uttar Pradesh. "BJP is baar ho sakta hai saari 80 seats haar jaaye [BJP might get defeated in all

scheme of things as it aims for a third straight term in New Delhi but also due to the evolving national political landscape, where the BJP's old alliance combinations have changed in other politically crucial States like Maharashtra and Bihar. This has made party strategists turn

the spotlight on U.P. The BJP has planned to expand its base among the Yadavs, Jatavs and Pasmanda Muslims as part of its strategy to win all 80 Lok Sabha seats in the state. According to experts, Yadavs form 11 per cent of the UP's population. Dalits are around 21 per cent of

elections, the BJP had won 62 out of 78 Lok Sabha seats it contested in Uttar Pradesh, forcing Congress down to just one seat in India's most politically significant state. Even Rahul Gandhi lost from Amethi.

Meanwhile, a serious effort is underway on behalf of the central leadership of the BJP to woo back Other Backward Classes (OBC) leaders into the party fold. The measure is aimed at bolstering the party's ranks before the 2024 General Elections and recapturing the entire non-Yadav OBC space. Sources in the BJP confirmed that channels of communication had been opened with several of these leaders and also leaders of parties who had been allies of the BJP in the past and represented specific caste groups.

Says political expert Nistula Hebbar, "The Samajwadi Party had realised that the BJP's capture of non-Yadav OBC votes in the 2014, 2017 and 2019 polls had left the Akhilesh Yadav-led party with only Yadavs and Muslims, denting the party's strength in the

State." The crossing over of these leaders, while not resulting in BJP's loss, had created a narrative and ground crisis for the BJP in the midst of the campaign. Well, BJP in the run up to 2024 Lok Sabha poll want all the communities from whom it gained support in 2019 to be back in the fold. OBCs comprise nearly 40% of the vote in Uttar Pradesh and the BJP's success in the State has been attributed to the way it has been able to shore up support among non-Yadav OBCs and non-Jatav Dalits in the State. With alliances with the Apna Dal (led by Union minister Anupriya Patel) and previously with the SBSP, the 2019 polls saw the NDA polls 51.19% of the vote and register a big victory despite the alliance between the SP and the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP).

In nutshell, it can safely said that BJP led NDA would give run for its money to opposition in Uttar Pradesh in the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections.

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A good facial massage every other day can reduce the appearance of fine lines, tighten your skin, and make it appear more radiant. Besides, it also makes you feel relieved from

stress and rejuvenated. Face packs play a vital role in skin care because they are rich in nutrients, moisturizers, vitamins, and minerals that are beneficial for the skin.

The regular use of packs Lets your skin soak up the mask let you absorb all the goodness that is found in the ingredients and help you achieve a glowy and youthful look and delay aging signs.

Based on your skin type, prepare a mask that fits your needs, put it on and relax! You can use ingredients like honey, aloe vera, gram flour, yogurt, oatmeal, and fruits, as these are some very popular options for homemade masks.

Depending on the kind of mask you use, some masks are designed to pull out impurities, hydrate your skin, or infuse your skin with mega doses of feel-good nutrients.

Eat well ----- A healthy diet is exceptionally vital. Looking and feeling healthy has a lot to do with what you put into your body. Skin. A sufficient intake of protein and vitamins is absolutely essential for

Shahnaz Husain

the maintenance and repair of your skin. Include fresh fruits and vegetables in your diet and drink plenty of water throughout the day to keep your skin nourished and hydrated. When thirsty, opt for a cool and refreshing glass of water with fruits or try to consume more fruits and vegetables full of water content, such as watermelon and cucumber.

We lose water through breathing, sweating, urination, and digestion so it is important to rehydrate and replenish the water that we have used.

Our body uses water to help regulate our body's temperature and carry out other bodily functions

Most people prefer to drink carbonated drinks or sugar-packed artificial juices. Although it still contains water, it also contains other ingredients that may not be healthy for us.

Take a vitamin supplement if you feel you are not getting all of your daily requirements from your diet alone. Vitamins A, C, and E are all particularly beneficial for the skin. Try to cut out as many

greasy, fatty, sugary foods as possible and load up on fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean meats instead

The Do's and Don'ts of skin care should be kept in mind.

Nighttime cleansing is a must, in order to remove dirt, pollutants, stale sweat, oil, dead skin cells and make-up that are deposited on the skin during the day.

Do protect your skin with broad-spectrum sunscreen. Apply sunscreen 20 minutes before sun-exposure. If you are in the sun for more than an hour, re-apply the sunscreen. A sunscreen with SPF 20 is adequate for most skins. For sensitive skin that burns easily, use sunscreen with higher SPF.

The use of scrubs is an integral part of skin care. It helps to remove dead skin cells, unclog pores and brightens the skin.

Moisture helps to keep the skin soft, smooth, supple and youthful. Moisturizers are available in both

liquid and cream forms. For dry skin, use a creamy moisturizer. It should also be applied under make-up.

Nourishing is important for normal to dry skin. It helps to keep the skin lubricated and soft, so that it can hold moisture.

After cleansing the skin at night, apply nourishing cream and massage it on the skin for 2 to 3 minutes. Wipe off with moist cotton wool.

Don't wash the face with soap and water more than 2 or 3 times a day. Alkaline soaps can disrupt the normal pH balance and leave the skin prone to acne.

Avoid heavy moisturizers on oily skin as the pores can get clogged, leading to blackheads and acne. For oily skin, mix 100 ml rose water with one teaspoon pure glycerin. Keep in an airtight bottle in the fridge. Apply this lotion to moisturize a normal to oily and combination skin.

Don't apply facial scrub on skin with pimples, acne or rash. Don't pick or pinch blackheads and pimples. Don't stretch or pull

the skin around eyes while removing make-up. Scrubs and masks should not be applied around eyes. Avoid leaving under-eye creams overnight. Remove them gently with moist cotton wool after 15 minutes. Leaving it on all night can lead to puffiness.

The concept of beauty has undergone a real change over the last few decades. The emphasis has shifted from superficial treatments to a more

positive approach that aims at protecting and preserving the natural beauty of the skin. Skincare with natural ingredients, based on the tried and tested Ayurvedic system, has shown a complete lack of harmful side effects and irritative reactions. Indeed, Nature is not only an expert chemist but the best cosmetologist.

The author is international fame beauty expert and is called herbal queen of India

Letter To Editor

Sir,
Eutrophication a threat

Eutrophication is a ailment of the ecosystem, response to the addition of artificial or natural nutrients such as nitrates, potassium and phosphates through fertilizer (sewage, industrial wastes etc) that fertilize the aquatic ecosystem. It is predominantly caused by the leaching of phosphate and nitrates containing fertilizers from agricultural lands and industries into lakes or rivers. The growth of green algae on the lake surface layer is the physical identification of a eutrophication which not only makes aquatic plants and animals to perish but also makes water unfit for drinking therefore awareness and prevention of eutrophication is important and imperative therefore the awareness program on eutrophication has to be carried out by concerned regime swiftly.

Vijaykumar H K Environmentalist Raichur, Karnataka



PM graced the occasion of Global Millets (Shree Anna) Conference on International Millets Year 2023 at Subramaniam Hall (USA), in New Delhi

Samajwadi Party Begins 2-Day National Executive Meet In Kolkata

Kolkata: The Samajwadi Party on Saturday began its two-day national executive meeting in Kolkata during which it will discuss the party's policies and strategies for the elections in three Hindi heartland states due later this year and the Lok Sabha polls next year. The party's national executive is being held in Kolkata after a gap of 11 years. Samajwadi Party founder, the late Mulayam Singh Yadav had flown down to the city to chair the previous meeting in the eastern metropolis. "We will discuss the party's strategy for the upcoming elections due later this year in Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and



then the Lok Sabha polls in 2024. The party will also adopt a political resolution after the meeting." Kiranmoy Nanda, the party's national vice-president, had said. Ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, Trinamool Congress and Samajwadi Party had on

Friday agreed to put up a united front against the BJP and sought to edge the Congress out of any such formation, stating that the grand old party needs to shed its "big boss attitude". "It has been decided that the TMC and the SP would unite to fight the BJP. Both

the parties would also maintain distance from the Congress," Mr Nanda had told PTI after the meeting. SP president Akhilesh Yadav on Friday said that his party is following a policy of maintaining equal distance from both the BJP and the Congress.

Conference held on World Sleep Day in Kolkata

Kolkata: World Sleep Day observed on March 17th happens to be an internationally recognized awareness event bringing researchers, health professionals and patients together to recognize the importance of sleep and intended to be a celebration of sleep and a call to focus on important issues related to sleep. A conference was recently organized to celebrate World Sleep Day by the World Sleep Society and the aim was to lessen the burden of sleep problems on society through better prevention and management of sleep disorders. A press conference was arranged on 16th March, a day prior to World Sleep Day, at Kolkata on the following topics - When snoring becomes an alarm in children? (Sleep-related problems are frequently encountered during childhood developmental stages. Approximately one-fourth of children have some form of sleep problems, with daytime sleepiness being extremely prevalent); and Why doctor should pay more attention to Obstructive Sleep Apnea? (Obstructive Sleep

Apnea is considered mother of many diseases. Insurance coverage of OSA will help to prevent downstream complications). The meet was arranged by Institute of Sleep Sciences, Kolkata and a group of doctors including Dr. Alok Gopal Ghoshal - Pulmonologist, Dr. Goutam Ghosh - Paediatrician, Dr. Subhasis Roy - Paediatrician, Dr. Dipankar Datta - ENT, Dr. Pallab Chatterjee - Paediatric Pulmonologist, Dr. Arup Kumar Halder - Pulmonologist and Dr. Rajarshi Neogi - Psychiatrist attended the conference and delivered their thoughts. Dr. Pallab Chatterjee, Paediatric Pulmonologist said that Paediatric Sleep Disorders is a growing concern for children's health. It is important to shed light on an issue that affects millions of children worldwide. According to recent studies, about 25% of children suffer from some form of sleep disorder. The prevalence of these disorders is increasing, and they can have a significant impact on the health and well-

being of children. Paediatric sleep disorders can take many forms, including insomnia, sleep apnea, restless leg syndrome, and narcolepsy. These conditions can cause problems with behaviour, learning, mood regulation, and overall quality of life for affected children. Additionally, poor sleep in childhood has been linked to a range of health problems later in life, such as obesity, diabetes, and cardiovascular disease. Early intervention can lead to better outcomes and improved quality of life for affected children. Mr. Somnath Maity, Director of Institute of Sleep Science described his thoughts pertaining to importance of acquiring good quality polysomnography. He said diagnosis has important implications for patient care, treatment option, research and policy for these issues. The doctors unitedly stressed on the importance of promoting good sleep habits while celebrating World Sleep Day during the conference.

Punjab Internet Snapped As Cops Move In To Arrest Separatist Leader Amritpal Singh

New Delhi: A special team of the Punjab police, gearing up to arrest self-styled radical Sikh preacher and Khalistan sympathiser Amritpal Singh, today detained six of his associates and deployed heavy police force in the Moga district. Internet has also been suspended across the state till 12 pm tomorrow. Sources say the state government waited for the G20 event to get over to initiate action against him. Amritpal leads "Waris Punjab De", a radical organisation started by actor and activist Deep Sidhu, who died in a road accident in February last year. Sources said police personnel from seven district chased Amritpal Singh and his associates, and have surrounded him at Mehatpur village in Jalandhar's Shahkot tehsil. Police had closed all roads and set up huge barricades in Shahkot as they had prior information of Amritpal Singh's visit.



Punjab police has, through a tweet, requested all citizens to maintain peace and harmony, and "not to panic or spread fake news or hate speech". Anticipating disturbance, a large contingent of police has been deployed outside Amritpal's native village, Jallapur Khaira, in Amritsar district. Sources said police and paramilitary forces have sealed the village. The radical separatist leader, who has been active in Punjab for a few

years, is often seen escorted by armed supporters. Amritpal Singh was at the centre of a massive protest on February 23 against the arrest of his key aide, kidnapping accused Lovepreet Singh. His supporters, some of them brandishing swords and guns, broke through barricades and barged into a police station in Ajnala on the outskirts of the Amritsar city, extracting an assurance from the police that Lovepreet Singh would be released.

He had later blamed the Punjab Police for the violence. Six police personnel, including a Superintendent of Police rank officer, were injured during the clash. The police have not yet revealed whether an FIR was lodged against Amritpal for the violence. After the Ajnala incident, BJP demanded Governor's rule in the state, and the Punjab Congress sought the arrest of Amritpal Singh and his supporters for attacking

police personnel. Punjab police was heavily criticised for dragging its feet in taking action regarding the incident. Reacting to the police action today, Congress MP Ravneet Singh Bittu said the man who "used to talk about taking up arms for Khalistan is today running away fearing the police". "Does a Sikh ever run away? He would have faced the police if he had courage. He is running around in the streets like a gidad (jackal). I used to say earlier, too, that he has come to get our children killed. He is a man of (intelligence) agencies," he said. Facing heat from the opposition parties in the state, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann had recently said his government was committed to maintaining law and order in the state, and no one would be allowed to disturb the hard-earned peace.

Chhattisgarh Branch of World Odisha Society Formed Purnashree Raut appointed President and Ajay Dewta General Secretary

Raipur/Bhubaneswar/ New Delhi: The Chhattisgarh State branch of World Odisha Society (WOS) has been formed. Ace Administrator, Renowned Art Writer and Noted Odissi Dance exponent Purnashree Raut has been chosen to head the chapter as President. Eminent philanthropist and entrepreneur Ajay Dewta would be the new General Secretary of the Branch. Young and upcoming Odissi Dancer Ankita Patel and youth leader Piyush Mishra have been appointed as two Vice - Presidents of the Organisation. Senior Bureaucrat Janardan Singh and leading Fashion Designer Sharmila Samantaray

have been nominated as Joint General Secretaries of this Global body. Former Chief

been designated as Chief Patron of the Branch. World Odisha Society is the apex Association of

Non - Resident Odias, Odisha Lovers and Community leaders representing Odia Socio-

statement declared that WOS is committed to work for the Safety, Security, Solidarity and well being of Pravasi Odias staying in this neighbouring state of Odisha. Smt Raut sought the co-operation of all Non - Resident Odias and Odisha lovers in Chhattisgarh to promote, propagate and popularise Odisha's rich art, vibrant culture and lofty tradition in the state. International Chairman of WOS Kishore Dwibedi and President of Indian Chapter, Dr. Bipin Mishra congratulated Smt Raut and her team members and expressed confidence that with the blessings of Lord Jagannath the Newly appointed Office Bearers will definitely be able to fulfil the hopes and aspirations of Odia inhabitants in Chhattisgarh.



M K Raut, Purandar Mishra, Purnashree Raut, Ajay Dewta, Ankita Patel, Piyush Mishra, Janardan Singh, Sharmila Samantaray

Distribution of Exam Pads to Class X, Senior Inter students



Warangal (KCN): Distribution of Exam Pads to Class 10th and inter student by Ambuja Gas was done. The exam pads were provided by the agency on Saturday. On this occasion P. V. Madan Mohan, the ex-mandal vice-chairman of Ambuja Gas Agencies, BhimdevaraPalli, said that for a long time, they have been

providing exam pads to the students of class 10 and senior inter with the aim of encouraging them. Dr. P. V. Ranga Rao, the then Education Minister when P.V. was the Prime Minister, reminded that the school was started with the aim. College Principal Surekha said that the local public representatives,

legislators and P. V. family are cooperating a lot for the development of the school and they have to work to solve some problems. School staff Dharma, Bhargava Afrin SultaNa samukta, Saikasudharani, Sirisha, Rajita, Vasantha, Mahesh, Perumalla Ravi participated in this program

OSL Director Charchit Mishra Bags ET's "Influential Personality Award East 2023"

Bhubaneswar: Orissa Stevedores Limited (OSL)'s young and dynamic Director Charchit Mishra was conferred with the coveted "ET Influential Personality Award East 2023" for dynamic leadership in the field of Shipment and Logistics by the Economic Times at a grandiose event held at JW Marriott in Kolkata on Thursday.

The prestigious award was given away to Mishra by British Deputy High Commissioner Peter Cook. The "ET Influential Personalities of

EAST" is a one-of-its-kind first edition award recognizing and felicitating the front-runners of organizations in the east. It has been endorsed by prestigious corporate captains and industry specialists in a bid to duly honor the relentless contribution and inspirational feat of business leaders as a community.

Charchit Mishra's remarkable guidance has been a pivotal force in OSL's achievements and accomplishments to date.

On receiving the



honor, the young and dynamic OSL Director remarked, "I'm grateful and humbled to receive an award that speaks volumes, not just about me, but about our journey as a company. It bears

testimony to how beautifully we set sail into the world of shipping, mining, logistics, and exports of eastern India with sheer determination and expertise."

Mishra further

contended, "This may be an award for me as an influential personality, but there is always a number of people steering my knowledge and OSL towards excellence. We have always

strived for distinction by pushing our boundaries, creating new goals, and receiving every challenge as an opportunity. It has been my greatest pleasure to contribute to various philanthropic activities, making the world we live in better, bit by bit."

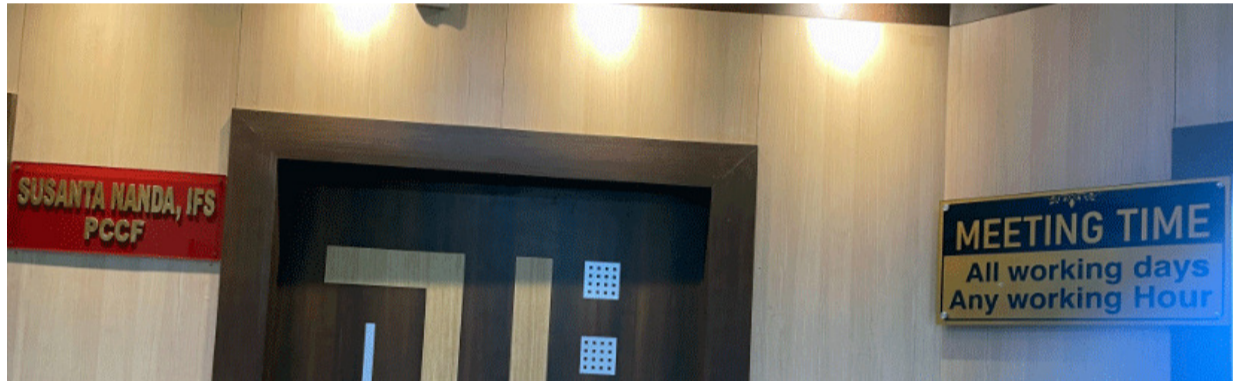
"I want to continue making a significant change in the field along with my team. This award goes out to the whole team who complete the OSL group like pieces of a puzzle. It would be my honor and pleasure to carry forward this

legacy and give back to the society, as an organization," were the humble words of the young and enterprising OSL director Charchit Mishra.

This recognition reinforces Charchit Mishra's contribution to the field of Shipping and Logistics as he has also been a recipient of the "Times Dynamic Entrepreneur of the Year Award" in 2022. The young visionary leader has succeeded in creating a virtual monopoly with OSL with regard to the stevedoring operations at Paradip Port, India's second-largest port in

cargo traffic handling. Notably, OSL is a significant stevedoring and cargo handling enterprise at the ports on India's East Coast and presently manages more than 50 million tonnes of cargo across various industries. OSL has been exhibiting its expertise in stevedoring, project cargo handling, C&F activities, custom house agency, steamer agency, etc.. In addition, the company has interests in a variety of industries, including mining, transportation, hospitality, dredging and warehousing.

Meeting Time; 'Any Working Hours'



Bhubaneswar: When a senior Corporate Honcho telephoned his Private Secretary for a meeting with his Boss, the humble officer told there is no need to ask for an advance time or date. He said MEETING Time is fixed- "All Working Days and Any Working Hours"

The Top Brass of the Multinational Giant was taken aback! He said for the first time in any

Government Office such an open timing is available for meeting very senior officers. 'Yes Sir' said PS to PCCF Nodal of Odisha Government has made it clear that "This is an open office and he is available for anybody for a meeting during the working days and in working hours.

In fact under 5T Charter of the Government of Odisha, providing

service in time to people is a major approach and for this to be available to the people for listening People's Grievances has to be done. Keeping this in view, PCCF Nodal Odisha, Susant Nanda has kept his Office 'Open' for All Public. Shri Nanda is known for his 'Openness'.

In fact this is helping the people visiting Bhubaneswar to sort out their grievances from far

flung areas of the State. Hearing somebody's grievance lessens his/her problem to a great extent, said Daitari Barik of Mayurbhanj, who came all the way to meet the Top Brass of State Forest Administration. This is indeed a great sign of 'Positive Administration' and it is needed to be emulated by others as a 'Best Practice', said a former PCCF of Odisha.

Mayurbhanj Among TIME Magazine's 'World's Greatest Places 2023'




Bhubaneswar: Odisha's Mayurbhanj district has found place in the prestigious TIME Magazine's 'World's Greatest Places of 2023' list. Describing the natural beauty of the district, the magazine has mentioned about Similipal National Park, Mayurbhanj Chhau and Belgadia Palace.

"Similipal National Park in Mayurbhanj, an under-the-radar region in India's eastern state of

Odisha, reopened in November with strict restrictions to the number of daily visitors—only 60 vehicle entry permits are available each day—in order to safeguard its sprawling delicate ecosystem, home to over 40 mammals including Asian elephants and Bengal tigers. Visitors can now explore its unique flora and fauna on guided safaris or self-guided cycling tours," the


magazine mentioned. "There's plenty more to do while you're in town. This April, Mayurbhanj Chhau, a captivating dance festival on UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list will take place on a much larger scale following a pandemic hiatus. Bespoke chhau performances that combine ancient martial arts and folk dance are scheduled at The Belgadia

Palace, an elegant boutique hotel and royal residence. Guests staying at the 11-bedroom old-world property can also participate in experiential retreats and visit the area's Indigenous handicraft communities (many of which are composed of all women) that focus on intricate handlooms, Sabai grass weaving, and the dying art of Dokra (metal casting)," it added.



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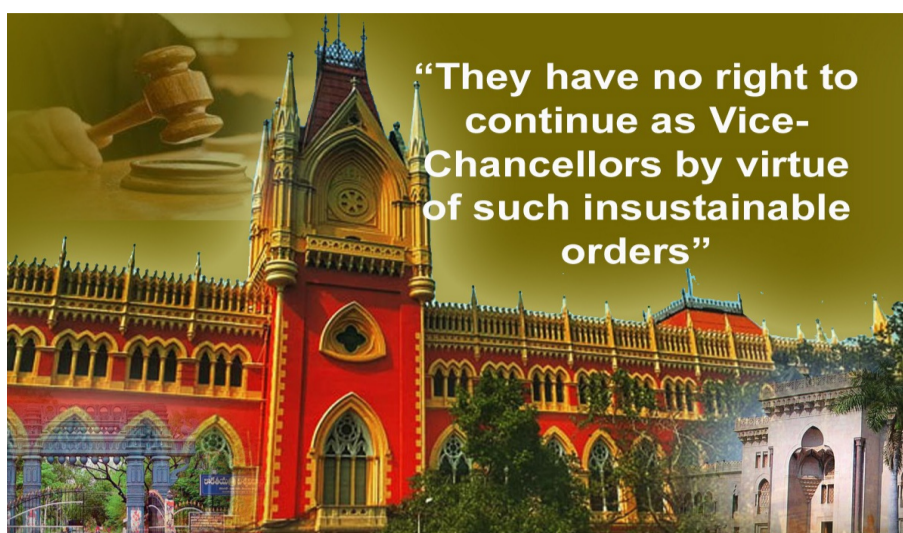
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States violating UGC norms in appointment of Vice chancellors

warangal(KCN): "The fate of VCs of Telangana universities is questionable with the judgment of West Bengal High Court As West Bengal High Court's decision leaves Telangana VCs uncertain, questions arise on state government's control over universities. The appointment process and the politicization of positions have sparked concerns, leading to a call for qualified VCs and a change in attitude towards university development. Will this mark the beginning of a common man's revolt against political interference in higher education? Last year, a public interest litigation was filed in the Calcutta High Court challenging the appointment of vicechancellors of various universities in the state of West Bengal. The litigation, which included the state government as respondents, alleged that the appointments were made in violation of UGC-2010 and 2018 regulations. After a year of arguments, Calcutta High Court Chief Justice Prakash Srivastava and Justice Rajarshi dismissed 29 vice-chancellors in contravention of UGC norms, lacking minimum qualifications, in a 46-page judgment by the Bharadwaj-led bench. Following the invalidation of the appointment of the vice chancellors of Sardar Patel University in

Gujarat by the Supreme Court, the appointment of vice-chancellors for 10 universities in Telangana is also likely to be questioned. State university associations have stated that the high courts of several states may also be cited. While the Supreme Court criticized the appointment of the vice-chancellor of Sardar Patel University, who lacked 10 years of experience as a professor, a similar vice-chancellor was appointed for the second-largest university in Telangana. The judgment on the petition filed in the high court for the removal of the VC is still pending. "The appointment of unqualified individuals as vice-chancellors in West Bengal universities, and the lack of proper procedures in selecting candidates, has raised concerns among education experts. These appointments were made without the approval of the governor, in contravention of rules requiring a three-member search committee nominated by the state government, the governor, and the UGC. This has resulted in the appointment of 29 vice-chancellors who do not meet the minimum qualifications. Experts say that such appointments undermine the integrity of the education system, and are an insult to the state's universities. "In other states, the appointment of vice-chancellors has

also come into question, with some governments disregarding the approval of governors who act as chancellors. A recent judgment found fault with the appointment of the vice-chancellor of the University of Calcutta by the state government without the governor's permission. Despite the vice-chancellor challenging the verdict in the Supreme Court, the appointment was eventually deemed invalid, and the state government was forced to remove the VC from the position. "The appointment of vice-chancellors in ten Telangana state universities has been called into question due to non-compliance with UGC norms, similar to the situation in West Bengal. Seven petitions were filed in the state high court last year seeking the removal of these VCs, including a case filed by retired Nizamabad principal Dr Vidyasagar Reddy, who argued that the appointment of the state's second-largest university's vice-chancellor was invalid due to insufficient experience as a professor. However, disappointment followed as the case was transferred to another judge for further arguments and a verdict. In March this year, retired Osmania University professor D Manohar Rao filed a case against the appointment of VCs in almost all



universities in the state, naming 40 respondents. Professor S. Pradeep Kumar of Jawaharlal Nehru Fin arts University, Osmania University professor Dr. Karunakar Reddy, and the NSUI and Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi

Parishad student bodies also filed cases against the appointments of various VCs. The cases are scheduled for another hearing on the 21st of this month, and following the recent West Bengal High Court verdict, there will likely

be further discussion on the appointment of VCs in Telangana state universities. "According to the intellectual class, the recent cases of illegal appointments of Vice-Chancellors (VCs) in various universities in

Telangana reveal a political conspiracy to undermine the universities. The academic community is eager for the illegal appointments to come to an end, as these VCs are creating issues in the universities they lead. The government is also facing criticism for filing police cases against protesting students and creating an environment of fear, which is preventing the resolution of issues in the universities. Both student and employee unions have expressed concern that the government is not taking any action to address the widespread illegal appointments of VCs in universities

across the state, even though these appointments are causing many irregularities and disruptions. In the past, some universities, such as Kakatiya University, have faced fake certificate scams due to such irregularities. "To ensure the smooth functioning of the universities, the student and employee unions are calling for the appointment of VCs to be free of political interference. Additionally, the appointment of VCs that are currently under scrutiny in court should be protected from further irregularities until the completion of their terms.

Godrej Appliances offers wide range of home appliances and enhanced shopping experience to consumers

Bhubaneswar: Godrej & Boyce, the flagship company of the Godrej Group announced that its business Godrej Appliances plans to strengthen its presence and expand its network of exclusive brand outlets further, inaugurating its first store in Chandol, Kendrapara district in the state of Odisha, India. This will be the brand's 26th exclusive outlet in Odisha under Bhubaneswar branch.

Towards strengthening the supply chain and creating a next-level experience for customers in Kendrapara, Godrej Appliances has launched its exclusive brand outlet - called Godrej

Inspire Hub spread over 1200 sqft, strategically located on the Chandol main road, in collaboration with its channel partner Jagannath Electronics.

Convenience and comfort are primacies for consumers today. This is evident from the gradual increase in demand for premium products, even in tier II and tier III cities. Moreover, with the pandemic in the backdrop, appliances have emerged as a necessity in every Indian home.

EBOs solidify Godrej Appliances' already extensive network across the country, fulfill the premium product requirement of its

customers and most importantly give them a much wider display to choose from thus enhancing their purchase experience. The brand currently has 120+ exclusive outlets across the country and aims to have 140+ EBOs by this financial year.

Speaking on the occasion of the launch, Sanjeev Jain, National Sales Head - Godrej Appliances said, "We have always endeavored to be as close to our customers as possible. We believe our Exclusive Brand Outlets will give even greater value to our loyal customers. With our exclusive showroom, we have the opportunity to

showcase our entire range of best-in-class appliances at a single location. Odisha is an important market for us and we look forward to delighting our customers with the best shopping experience."

Adding further, Sanjay Kumar Behera, Owner of Jagannath Electronics said, "We are extremely delighted to have partnered with Godrej Appliances, which is a highly respected and trusted brand. We are sure that our outlet will prove to be a great destination for the discerning customers of Chandol through its unique offerings from Godrej Appliances."

The exclusive brand outlet will display the

entire range of Godrej appliances including refrigerators, washing machines, air conditioners, dishwashers, air coolers, deep freezers, microwave ovens, thermoelectric technology-powered Godrej Qube and UV-C technology-based Godrej VirosShield. To top it, there are inaugural assured gifts on purchase of select models for customers. Consumers will also be able to avail one-year free extended warranty on select models and one year of product insurance, exclusively, at every Godrej Appliances' exclusive brand outlet. The brand also provides priority after-sales service to every Godrej exclusive store customer.

Bank of Baroda launches Industry-First end-to-end Digital Co-Lending Platform

Mumbai: Bank of Baroda (Bank), one of India's leading public sector banks and named the Best Technology Bank by Indian Banks' Association (IBA), today announced the launch of an end-to-end Digital Platform to facilitate co-lending of loans in partnership with NBFCs. The platform provides seamless integration between the Bank and multiple NBFC partners to strengthen, accelerate and simplify the co-lending process. The platform uses rule-based algorithms for underwriting, enables credit assessment checks, enables Retail, MSME, Agri co-lending product offerings and

increases process efficiency. The digital co-lending platform has state-of-the-art capabilities to handle both the option 1 (Non-Discretionary) and option 2 (Discretionary) models of co-lending for secured as well as unsecured products as per the latest RBI guidelines on the co-lending model.

Shri Vikramaditya Singh Khichi, Executive Director, Bank of Baroda said, "The Digital Co-Lending Platform will pave the way for both Bank of Baroda and our NBFC partners to seamlessly integrate and enable lending to borrowers with improved TAT. Co-

lending is a priority area for the Bank and we believe that this state-of-the-art platform will help to achieve significant milestones in the coming years. The Bank is targeting to partner with at least 10 NBFCs and also to build a Rs. 10,000 crore co-lending loan book through the digital platform in the next two years."

Shri Akhil Handa, Chief Digital Officer, Bank of Baroda added, "The Digital Co-Lending Platform is an agile tech-driven multi-dimensional solution that provides an end-to-end solution for the complex accounting issues which are common under co-lending.

Amazon.in launches 'Back to School' store

Bhubaneswar: With the opening of schools and resuming of offline classes, Amazon.in announced the launch of 'Back to school' store - a one stop destination to simplify the shopping needs of children. The specially curated store offers deals on a wide range of products across study essentials like stationery, laptops, tablets, mobile phones, PCs, headsets & speakers, printers, Amazon devices, home furnishing among others

to help parents, teachers and students with school supplies and to create an effective learning and productive environment. The offers and deals will be available till 12th June 2022.

Here are some popular products customers can choose from the 'Back to school' store on Amazon.in. All offers & deals are from participating sellers. HONOR MagicBook X 15, Intel Core i3 Anti-Glare Thin and Light Laptop - It has stylish

appearance with premium aluminum metal body with 16.9MM thickness, 5.3 MM narrow bezels and the weight of the laptop is only 1.56kg, which allows you to carry it easily, making it very convenient for school, travel, and work. It is available for starting INR 37,990 on Amazon.in. Lenovo Tab M10 FHD Plus Tablet, Platinum Grey - Make way for the stylish 8.1 mm Tab M10 FHD Plus.

Annual General Meeting of Vitesco Technologies

Regensburg: Vitesco Technologies, a leading international developer and manufacturer of cutting-edge drive systems for sustainable mobility, held its first Annual General Meeting (AGM) today. The AGM was held virtually due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.

In separate votes, the shareholders formally approved the actions of all the Executive Board members during their term of office in the 2021 financial year. The actions of all members of the Supervisory Board in office in 2021 were also approved for their respective terms. "We are delighted to have received this vote of confidence from the Annual General

Meeting. We regard this outcome as a clear mandate to continue the successful collaboration and positioning of Vitesco Technologies as a supplier of sustainable drive solutions with a clear goal," said CEO Andreas Wolf.

All current members of the Supervisory Board representing the shareholders who were up for election were re-elected to office. The members of the Supervisory Board who represent the employees will be elected separately. A complete list of all Supervisory Board members and the results of the voting at the AGM are available on the Vitesco Technologies website under 'Annual General Meeting'.

LV Prasad Eye Institute Organizes a Retinoblastoma Awareness Walk

Bhubaneswar: L V Prasad Eye Institute's Mithu Tuls Chanrai Campus in Bhubaneswar organized a Retinoblastoma Awareness Walk on 8th May 2022. This walk is part of the 'Whitathon' event organized by LV Prasad Eye Institute across its campuses in Bhubaneswar, Hyderabad, Visakhapatnam and

Vijayawada. Celebrity actor, Mr Sabyasachi Mishra, will be flagging off the walk.

Whitathon is L V Prasad Eye Institute's annual cause-related event focusing on raising awareness and funds for early diagnosis and treatment of Retinoblastoma - a Life and Vision-threatening Eye Cancer in Children. One of the most common

symptoms of Retinoblastoma is White Reflex (white glow) in a child's eye. Through this walk, LVPEI aims to raise awareness among the public that if they spot a 'White Reflex' in a child's eye, it could be a sign of eye cancer that needs immediate medical intervention. Hence, the event is named 'Whitathon'.

Dr Devjyoti Tripathy,

development & management.

Commenting on the appointment of a new member in the leadership team, Mr. Mehul Nanavati, Managing Director, Raj Petro Specialities Pvt Ltd. stated, "We are thrilled to have a seasoned industry leader join our team. With Prasad onboard, we are confident that he will accelerate the growth momentum. His unique domain expertise will further help strengthen Raj Petro's market position and expand footprint across markets."

Ms. Archana Gharte - Head HR said, "We would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr. Prasad Vaze, our newest member to the LT team. He will be

taking on the important hat of managing Raj Petro's Lubricants Business, and we wish him all the best for his journey! With his knowledge and extensive experience, we are confident that Prasad will assist Raj Petro in reaching new heights."

On his appointment Mr. Prasad Vaze said, "I am very thrilled to take on this new role. My vision is to create a world class experience for our consumers and channel partners. Our aim is to leverage Kyros, Onwo and Zoomol brands, explore humongous potential that India and international markets offer and grow the Lubricant business profitability."

the Retinoblastoma Awareness Walk and spreading awareness about Retinoblastoma. We also acknowledge the support received from Aroh - Giving Hope, an NGO working for children with Cancer and their families."

Dr Tripathy further added that it is time to make detailed eye check-ups a part of mandatory paediatric examinations.

Williamson-Nicholls triple-century stand flattens Sri Lanka

New Delhi: Kane Williamson (189*) and Henry Nicholls (130*) continued to bury Sri Lanka under a mountain of runs in Wellington, their unbeaten 325-run stand taking New Zealand to 443/2 at Tea on the second day at the Basin Reserve. Nicholls completed his ninth Test match ton while Williamson moved on serenely towards a double century as the hosts plundered 139 runs from 26 overs at a rate of 5.39 in the post-Lunch period. It was a second straight wicketless session for the visitors, who were being run ragged by the batting pair. Interestingly enough

they'd begun the session with the promise of the second new ball to make some inroads into the New Zealand line-up. And in the context of how the first session panned out - 149 runs at 4.38 - the first four overs after Lunch were curiously quiet. Then Williamson punched Kasun Rajitha for a four through cover point and flicked away the overcompensated full delivery through mid-wicket to set the ball rolling once more. Two more boundaries came off Lahiru Kumara for Williamson, courtesy a flick and a pull as the former New Zealand



captain raced away to his 10th score of 150 or more in Test cricket. Along the way, an already beleaguered Sri Lankan attack was hamstrung when Rajitha suffered a strain to his left shoulder while attempting to stop a boundary at deep square leg. Dimuth Karunaratne introduced spin in search of some control and Dhananjaya de Silva should have ended the partnership when Nicholls punched a ball straight back to the bowler, who put down a straightforward chance. Reprieved on 92, Nicholls put away the next ball for four and moments later

completed his century with a punched single towards mid-off. He cut loose thereafter, emphatically taking on the short ball challenge in the final over before Tea, finishing the session with two sixes and a four. Earlier in the morning, with the pitch playing true, Williamson marched to his 28th Test century and his third ton in as many Tests, feasting on Sri Lanka's bowling waywardness. The visitors continued to bowl too short and then followed those deliveries by dishing out half-volleys. They face a tough path back if they are to make a contest out of this match.

Van Niekerk officially calls time on stellar career

New Delhi: Dane van Niekerk ended her international career on Thursday, six days after her wife, Marizanne Kapp, hinted on social media that the decision was imminent. Van Niekerk leaves a skills, experience, leadership, character and personality void and a string of stellar stats, but also controversy over the circumstances that led her to walk away from South Africa's teams at the age of 29.



Just five players have scored more runs for South Africa in ODIs than Van Niekerk, and only Lizelle Lee has made more in T20Is. Van Niekerk is third among South Africa's ODI as well as the T20I wicket-takers. She is one of six women players worldwide with more than 1,000 runs, 50 wickets and 50 catches in ODIs. She won 29 of her 50 ODIs as captain, and half of her 30 T20Is. She

led South Africa to the World Cup semifinal in July 2017 and to the T20 version in March 2020. She played 193 white-ball internationals and one Test in a career that started in March 2009. But Van Niekerk didn't play for South Africa after September 2021. She fractured her ankle in a fall at home in January last year, put on weight during her downtime, and was

ruled out of the T20 World Cup in February because she failed CSA's stringently applied fitness test - she was 18 seconds too slow in her two-kilometre run. Her axing divided opinion in the game in South Africa and beyond. In an interview with Cricbuzz published on Monday, Van Niekerk admitted that she had succumbed to "20,000 beers and KFC for no

particular reason" while she was away from the game. It would have been bittersweet for her that South Africa reached their first senior World Cup final, by a women's or a men's team, in her absence: Sune Luus was in charge of the side that went down to Australia by 19 runs at Newlands on February 26. "We are merely custodians of this sport; I hand it over

knowing I have given it my everything and that women's cricket is in a better place than when I arrived," Van Niekerk was quoted as saying in a CSA release on Thursday. "That must be the responsibility of the new group, to always make sure you are improving and making a difference. It is time for me to support the new leadership and wish them all the very best." To my amazing family. Thank you for your incredible love and support. From the age of four, you have seen the potential and did everything and anything to help me exceed. I will forever be grateful. "My wife, Marizanne, you stood by my side since day one. Thank you for putting up with me and all that came with it, but yet, here you are. You are at the pinnacle of your career and it is my time to support you, the way you have supported me. I love you."

Trisha Chetty announces retirement from professional cricket

New Delhi: Trisha Chetty, the South African wicketkeeper-batter, announced her retirement from professional cricket. A recurring back problem forced the decision, bringing to an end a 21-year career in domestic and international cricket. The 34-year old, who made her international debut in 2007, featured in 134 ODIs and 82 T20Is as well as two Tests, finishing close to 4000 runs in international cricket. With 184 dismissals, Chetty ended her career as the wicketkeeper with most dismissals in women's ODIs while she also finished with 70 dismissals in T20Is. "I can still remember the incredible feeling I had back in 2007 as I walked over the boundary rope, dressed in green and gold for the first time. For the past 16 years, it has been a privilege to represent my country and play for the Proteas, and that feeling has never gone



away - each time I pulled on my South African kit I felt honoured to be doing so," Chetty said in a statement released by CSA on Friday (March 17). "But now, due to a recurring back injury for the past 5 years, the time has come for me to hang up my boots and let the gloves catch dust. I have tried everything to keep playing and have pushed as hard as I can but my body is signalling that it has no more to give and it is time to retire from all forms of cricket. "This was not an easy

decision for me, and even now, I can't quite believe my career is over. However, my cricket career has been a life-changing experience and I look back with no regrets and a full heart...Cricket has taught me about life, being disciplined, what it means to be professional and how to be a team player. For this, I will always be grateful. And I choose to continue to be grateful for cricket as I retire and transition into the next chapter of my life," she said.

Injured Mehidy doubtful for Ireland series opener

New Delhi: Mehidy is understood to have endured a blow to his forehead and eyes by a football during the team's training session at the Sylhet International Cricket Stadium. While the initial scans didn't show anything serious, Mehidy's subsequent visit to the eye specialist detected a blood clot in the eye, thereby putting his participation for the first ODI in doubt. "He is under observation and let's see what happens because there is some blood clot in his eye and it is red," said a BCB official to Cricbuzz. "He is under observation and unless he feels well chances of his participation is very slim and we are making our plans accordingly though you never know he just might get completely

okay after a good night sleep but if that is not the case he is unlikely to play in the series opener," he said adding that as he has sustained injuries in his eyes tea management are not very keen to take any chances even if there is slightest bit of risk involved." Mehidy's injury is the latest blow to Bangladesh who have seen their skipper Tamim Iqbal being hit by illness. While the veteran seems to be progressing well, Chandika Hathurusingha refused to spill the beans on the captain's latest update. "There's a little bit of a concern with his (Tamim) health. Not fitness. I think he has some kind of a viral infection. He will bat and field today. We will make the call afterwards," Head Coach

Hathurusingha told reporters at the Sylhet International Cricket Stadium on Friday. Hathurusingha had words of praise for opener Rony Talukdar who made an eye-catching comeback in the recently concluded T20I series against England. The 32-year-old was back in the mix after an eight-year gap and his intent was what pleased Hathurusingha the most. "He impressed me helluva lot," said Hathurusingha. "In the first T20, his start gave us a lot of momentum. The coaching staff was impressed with his body language. Talking about characters, those are the things that I am looking at, lot more than runs and wickets. We know it can go up and down, but if the players show good character and strong will



to perform the way they did in domestic cricket, that's all we want." A major talking point in recent times regarding Bangladesh's limited-overs squads has been the future of senior batter Mahmudullah. Lack of runs and importantly, the absence of a modern-day

tempo in his game has seen him being left out of the side recently. Hathurusingha though, felt that the former captain had a lot more to offer. "I don't think he is past his prime. We are trying to expand our pool of players before the World

Cup. In case something happens close to the World Cup, we want to have enough players that we have seen and can trust to do a role. We are rushed to do that as we have only 15 matches before the World Cup. We are trying to give opportunities to players

we think can do the role. Riyad is still in the mix," he said. "Riyad has done enough. He has a lot of experience. We know what he can bring. We want some other players to get up to the mark at the international level. Not just skill-wise. It is about seeing whether they have the character to do the (role) at this level. It doesn't mean that if that guy performs well, Mahmudullah is finished. He is still in our plans," he said. The head coach along with the senior players had a look at the pitch for the first ODI and Hathurusingha liked what he saw of the 22 yards. Pitches in Bangladesh have generally been on the slower side with a lot of help for the spinners. The recent white-ball series

against England was a whiff of fresh air in that regard with a better balance between bat and ball. Hathurusingha expects more of the same in Sylhet. "It is a very good wicket. It looks like a belter which will give a good contest for bat and ball," said Hathurusingha adding that they are trying to manage fast bowlers like Taskin Ahmed and Mustafizur Rahman going forward. "We want to manage him (Taskin). He is one of our strike bowlers. He is world class. He bowled as quick as anyone in that series. We wanted to manage him and Fizz. There's a lot of cricket coming up. It will also allow us to give more game time to the other fast bowlers as well," he said.