

ABWJAI celebrated its Inaugural Ceremony



Bhubaneswar:(KCN) The Apex Body of Working Journalists Association of India celebrated its first Welcom Ceremony or Inaugural Ceremony Program at Buddha Temple Meeting Hall, Bhubaneswar Today. Honorable, MLA and Editor of the Sambad, Odia Daily Newspaper and Kanak TV attended as Chief Guest, Dr.Pavitra Mohan Samantray, Editor of the Paryabekhyak, Odia Daily Newspaper and Kalinga Chronicle, English Daily Newspaper

attended as Guest of Honors, Dr.Maheswar of Kalinga Media Service attended as Chief Speaker, Sanjay Das, President of Organization of Working Journalists Association of Odisha, Rajani Kanta Samantray, Chief Advisor of OUWJA attended and Maheswar Sethi, Organising Secretary of ABWJAI of India were participated as Guest of Honors. The Chief Guest, Soumya Ranjan Pattanaik, Honorable MLA narrated vividly

about the role of Journalists that the Journalists have to be a special identity in the Country and they should find out the real truth fighting or coming across or passing through all hurdles, problems, obstacles and ups & down .They should not surrender before Buerocrates. They have to bring their strength, position and status in the Society by using their pen & papers as it is known to all that pen is mightier to Sword. They should not run behind cheap

Propaganda. They must have to project their certain identity in the Country. They are no doubt more to all pillars of the Constitution.The eye catching of this auspicious Occasion, Dr.Pavitra Mohan Samantray, Editor of the Paryabekhyak and Kalinga Chronicle, English Daily Newspaper told that the Journalists have to be united as they have pen & papers and why they should approach & request the Government to recognize as 4th Pillars of the

Constitution as the private Driver Association of Odisha called for strike to fulfill the their impossible demands, the the Government of Odisha assured to fulfill their demands which are totally impossible as to satisfy them ironical. Because, the Odisha Government is not able to fulfill the Genuine Demands of Government Drivers of Odisha. He told that if the Private Driver Association is creating a pressure to the Government of Odisha,

then why the Journalists are not creating a pressure to the Government to consider the Journalists as Fourth Pillars of the India as the Journalists have pen & papers, they can expose the all irregular activities of the Government. The Journalists can alert not only the Government, but also, they can alert the entire Citizens of Indi. So it is the right time to unite all Journalists of India to pressure the not only the Government of any State, but also to the Government of India, so

that the Government of India will compell to recognize the Journalists of India as Fourth Pillars of the Constitution with due Government Notification in Government of India Notification. The Chief Speaker of this auspicious Occasion told that I have an institution to guide the Journalists of Odisha for Nation Building. Organising Secretary Maheswar Sethi gave vote of thanks. The Chief Guest, Honorable MLA & Editor of the Sambad and

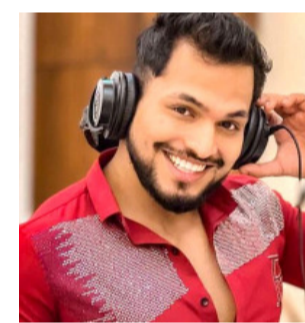
Kanak TV told that I have seen first time in my life that such an unique Progame with a well organized has been done by Senior Journalist Sunil Kumar Mishra and it is totally praiseworthy. More to one hundred Journalists across the India participated in this Journalists association function. The Organising Secretary of the Apex Body of Working Journalists Association of India, Maheswar Sethi gave vote of thanks. It is a talk of not only Odisha, but also across the India.



Hon'ble Minister Shri Pritiranjana Ghadei felicitating Dr. Pradeep Kumar Panda at "Naveen@25 Perspectives" book launch ceremony at Jaydev Bhawan, Bhubaneswar.

DJ Azex Death: Family Points Finger At Paramour And Her Male Friend

Bhubaneswar(KCN): A day after popular DJ Azex alias Akshay Kumar Maharana committed suicide at his residence in Bhubaneswar, family members filed a police complaint attributing his death to mental harassment and disturbance in his personal life. Holding Akshay's girlfriend and her male friend accountable for abetting his suicide, his mother alleged that he was being subjected to torture and mental harassment by the duo. As per the contents of



the FIR, Akshay and his girlfriend, who is an MBBS student in a private college here, were in a relationship since a year. She was apparently exploiting him for money and was demanding a two-wheeler. WhatsApp chats revealed that Akshay had even transferred Rs 15,000

to her account through PhonePe. The girl however ditched him and got involved with another male friend who started threatening Akshay to leave her failing which he would leak an intimate video of them, the FIR read. Akshay, who was known to be one of the most popular DJs in the country, was found hanging in his room on Saturday. Sources in the family had initially ruled out any rift in his personal life. Meanwhile, police have started an

15 Killed As 6.7-Magnitude Quake Jolts Ecuador

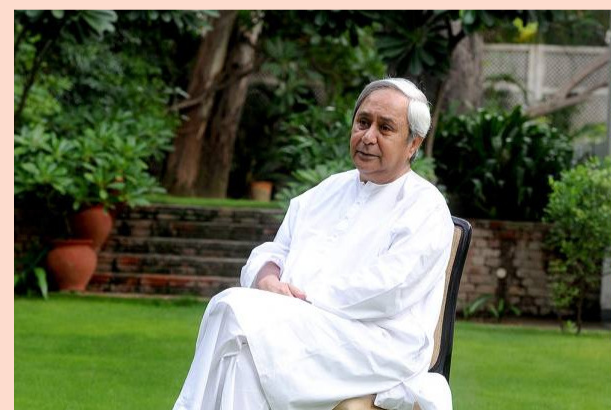
Quito: At least 15 people have been killed and more than 400 injured after an earthquake measuring 6.7 on the Richter scale struck Ecuador, the media reported citing officials. The epicentre was near Balao, about 80 km from Ecuador's Guayaquil city where about three million people live, the BBC reported. The earthquake occurred at around 12 p.m. (local time) on Saturday. The southern province of El Oro was the worst affected and 12 people died there, authorities said.

Naveen Unlikely To Join Others

Bhubaneswar(KCN): As Leader of Opposition Jaynarayan Mishra continues non-stop attack on the Governing BJD in the Odisha Legislative Assembly, the state's political landscape has changed. The BJD and BJP, which often face criticism that both were two sides of one coin, suddenly look in different directions. And adding to the changed political situation, the All India Trinamool Congress (AITMC) Supremo and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is scheduled to meet her Odisha counterpart Naveen Patnaik, who is also the President of the Governing BJD, in the last week of March. The M a m a t a - N a v e e n meeting is likely to be held on March 23. Immediately after

Naveen-Mamata meet, the state will witness another hectic political exercise as BJP stalwart and Union Home Minister Amit Shah is scheduled to undertake a one-day tour to Odisha and address a public meeting in Bhadrak district on March 26. Shri Shah's program immediately after TMC-BJD meet at Naveen Niwas, could impact Odisha politics. M a m a t a - N a v e e n meeting is likely to be significant as the TMC Supremo along with Samajwadi Party leader Akhilesh Yadav, have decided to follow Odisha Chief Minister's policy of maintaining equi-distance from both the BJP and Congress. Naveen since 2009 has been following the equi-distance though at times, the BJD supports the NDA's policies and

schemes keeping in view Odisha's interest. Now, ahead of the 2024 general elections, at least three regional chiefs have agreed that they need to oppose both the BJP and Congress. Though Congress is the main opposition party in the country, the oldest party has become weak in most of the states and languishes at the third position while regional parties either remain in number one or number two positions. Therefore, with general elections in the immediate future, nobody now wants to carry the liability of Congress. The regional parties appeared to have now understood that carrying Congress language many times weakens their fight against the mighty Modi-Shah combination in Indian politics. Likewise other regional parties



may also adopt Naveen's 14-year-old formula and maintain equal distance from both the Congress and the BJP. This is because it has been tested in the past that Congress does not help other parties and go to alliance for its own interest. Now that the party has remained out of power for nine years, the oldest party has gone further weak due to lack of able leadership. In the midst of discussion on the Mamata-Naveen meeting, questions now

come to the fore whether the BJD Supremo would close ranks with the regional parties or continue to maintain its identity as it had been for decades. Earlier, Naveen had all along avoided joining the proposed Third Front and the reason was obviously the presence of Congress with other regional parties. As regional parties are now shunning their links with Congress, will Naveen join them? This is a million dollar

question as to whether Naveen will go along with other regional parties. It is another matter that ahead of the 2014 general elections, Naveen had told a national news agency that there was a need for regional parties to come close to each other. It is now not clear whether Naveen maintains that policy even today or not. But, keeping in view the opinion of political observers who have watched Naveen since his early days, Odisha Chief Minister is unlikely to give any positive signal to Mamata when both of them meet on March 23. "It is really difficult to read minds of Naveen at this juncture whether the BJD Supremo would annoy Modi-Shah combination. He may strike a balance and may not clearly tell Mamata that he will remain with the regional

parties," a senior political analyst said. Sources close to Think Tank of BJD said that the Party Supremo would like to maintain his party's separate identity instead of being identified with TMC or any other regional party. This apart, Naveen does not have any ambition in the national politics even as the BJD had been working tirelessly to win maximum Lok Sabha seats in the 2024 elections in order to have a better bargain power with the party in power at the centre. Though Naveen's BJD won 12 of the 21 Lok Sabha seats in 2019 elections, it aims to repeat 2014 performance, when the regional party secured 20 of the 21 Lok Sabha seats. The BJD has made separate and elaborate strategy for the Lok Sabha segments now in hands of BJP- those are:

Bhubaneswar, Balasore, Bolangir, Mayurbhanj, Sundergarh, Bargarh, Sambalpur and Kalahandi. Similarly, the BJP central leadership has also chalked out strategy for the seats won by BJD. Those are: Cuttack, Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapara, Jajpur, Bhadrak, Keonjhar, Dhenkanal, Puri, Berhampur, Aska, Kandhamal and Nabarangpur. As the BJD and the BJP are eyeing for more Lok Sabha seats, the fight between the two parties is likely to be intense. Therefore, it is safe to say that both the parties can hardly afford to close ranks at this juncture. At the same time also, the BJD cannot join hands with Mamata and other regional parties as it has nothing to gain from the combination.

Odisha Felicitated With 'Water Digest Water Awards 2022-23'



Bhubaneswar: The Water Resources department of Odisha has been felicitated with the 'Water Digest Water Awards 2022-23' for its exemplary work in the field of water conservation and management. The department has been felicitated with the 'Best Infrastructure

Pioneer Project Award' for Upper Indravati LI Project and 'Best Community Lift Irrigation Project' award for Odisha Lift Irrigation Corporation Ltd for the outstanding efforts made within the water sector. Managing Director, OLIC-cum-Additional Secretary, Department of Water Resources,

Sudhansu Mohan Samal and Anil Kumar Panigrahi, CCE, Upper Indravati Project received the awards from Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Sekhawat at a ceremony in New Delhi recently. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has congratulated the Water Resources Department

on receiving these two awards. Water Resources Minister Tukuni Sahu has also expressed happiness for this achievement. The Upper Indravati Mega lift Project is located in the left bank of Hati Barrage in Jayapatana Tahasil of Kalahandi District. The project irrigates at least 26,248 hectares of agricultural land. The project was dedicated to the people of Odisha on January 14, 2021. This project was awarded with 'WORLD WATER AWARDS-2022-23' in the category of 'Best Infrastructure Pioneer Project' being organised

by the Water Digest. Similarly, the Community Lift Irrigation Projects in Odisha have been empowering the farmers to diversify into other crops and get better returns on their produce. The Department of Water Resources today celebrated this achievement at Rajiv Bhawan in the city here with the presence of Development Commissioner-cum-Additional Chief Secretary Anu Garg, OLIC Chairman Amaresh Patri, OLIC MD Sudhansu Mohan Samal, Water Resources EIC Bhaktaranjan Mohanty and other senior officials.

Woman Abducted, Raped Over Rejection Of Marriage Proposal In Odisha's Cuttack

Cuttack: Markat Nagar police have arrested a person on charges of abducting a woman and raping her in CDA area of the Silver City here. Accused Abinash Mishra of Sapanpur in Jajpur district has been produced in a local court, said a police officer. According to police, Mishra was residing in CDA Sector-9 area of Cuttack city and he had moved a proposal to marry the woman last year. He had then identified himself as a scientist at the Indian Council of Medical

Research (ICMR). However, the woman's family had rejected the marriage proposal after they came to know that Mishra was not working with the ICMR, police said. Rejection of the marriage proposal had infuriated Mishra. He had abducted the woman in a car on October 3 last year and raped her at a hotel. The accused had also recorded his sexual assault on the woman in his mobile phone, said the official. The accused was

forcing the victim to marry him by threatening her with the obscene videos, he added. "The victim had lodged a complaint in this regard with police in February this year. We have registered a case and arrested the accused. The victim's statement has been recorded in the court and she has been sent for medical examination. Our investigation is on and we will submit the chargesheet after collecting all evidences in the case," said the official.

High Hopes On Jena

Bhubaneswar(KCN): High hopes are pinned on Ace Administrator Pradeep Kumar Jena, who has taken over the charge of Chief Secretary of Odisha recently.



This came to fore on 18 March, when Team Vani Vihar 86' met here to felicitate the Top Boss of the State Bureaucracy Shri Jena, who is known for his emotional and friendly approach. All his Class Mates of Vani Vihar 86' were happy to meet their long standing friend Shri Jena, who has reached the pinnacle in his illustrious career as an Administrator. Team Vani Vihar 86' lauded his straightforwardness and lively approach during his entire period in the State Administration. Replying to the warm felicitation Shri Jena said "I will work hard

to the satisfaction of the people of Odisha within the framework of the Government." He also said that he is thankful to the State Government which has bestowed faith on him while elevating to the Chief Secretary Post. Shri Jena, an ardent devotee of Lord Jagannatha said he is indebted to Lord of Universe, who has been kind to him all along and due to His Blessings and Grace; he has reached the Top Post of State

Bureaucracy. More than 100 Members of the Team Vani Vihar 86' joined the lively get together here, where they recalled their 'Golden Old Days' and were very happy to see their Class Mate has reached the 'Top' by dint of his hard work and honesty. Known for his Pro-People approach, Shri Jena talked about his determination to come up to their expectation and hope. He said that he is happy to see that his Class

Mates have also reached the pinnacle of their respective career and have been successful in their lives. Among others, Achyut Samanta, MP, Dharendra Kumar Mishra, Principal Chief Commissioner Income Tax, Educationist, Subhendu Kumar Mohanty, Senior Administrators, Top IT Professionals and others successful personalities from various sectors joined the get together.

IDS On Hindi Spread

Bhubaneswar: Institute of Dental Sciences (IDS), faculty of dental sciences of Siksha 'O' Anusandhan (SOA) is a constituent of Cochrane India Network has been entrusted with the responsibility of translating the Cochrane evidences in Hindi language for nationwide usage.



IDS has signed a new agreement with Cochrane (UK) on March 14 for taking up a pilot project in this regard which will benefit Indian patients, care givers and the public who can access and understand evidence produced by Cochrane better. It had been decided to translate Cochrane evidences in five new languages of Dutch, Hungarian, Romanian, Indonesian and Hindi. Cochrane (UK) is a

British international charitable body set up to organize medical and dental research findings to facilitate evidence-based choices about health interventions involving health professionals, patients and policy makers. The main responsibility of the organization is to provide the public with evidence-based information to help them meet their

healthcare needs. Cochrane (UK) associates with the best medical schools around the world to further quality evidence dissemination. IDS is the first dental school to be associated with Cochrane (UK) as an affiliate and is a founder constituent of Cochrane India Network alongside eight other prestigious institutions in India. A team of doctors, led by Prof. Neeta

Mohanty, Dean of IDS and Director, IDS-Cochrane Affiliate Centre will be responsible for the new translation project. The other members of the team are Prof. Anurag Satpathy, Prof. Lora Mishra, Prof. Satyaranjan Misra, Prof. Gunjan Srivastava, Prof. Swagatika Panda, Prof. Manoj Kumar, Dr. Sourav Panda, Dr. Naomi Singh and Dr. Rupsa Das.

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Chitrangda Singh Drops Glimpse Of Her First Shot From Gaslight

Actress Chitrangda Singh shared a behind-the-scenes moment of her first shot from her upcoming film 'Gaslight'. She shared that this is the "most complex" role she has played so far. Chitrangda took to Twitter, where she shared a clip of her shooting for the film, which will release on March 31. "My first day! My first shot as Rukmani! #bts This is probably the most complex role I have played so far...so special! So grateful..so excited," Chitrangda wrote as the caption.



The film also stars Vikrant Massey and Sara Ali Khan. 'Gaslight' is a psychological thriller and sees Sara essaying a specially-abled character. The film, produced by Ramesh Taurani, Tips Films Ltd and Akshai Puri, 12th Street Entertainment and directed by Pavan Kirpalani, also stars Chitrangda Singh, Akshay Oberoi and Rahul Dev. 'Gaslight' will drop on Disney+ Hotstar on March 31, 2023.

Kichha Sudeepa-Starrer 'Underworld Ka Kabzaa' Mints Rs 26 Crore On Opening Day



'Underworld Ka Kabzaa' starring superstars Upendra, Kichha Sudeepa, Shriya Saran, and Shivarajkumar is creating waves at the box office with a massive gross collection of 26 crores on its day one. Even though the film took a slow start, the evening and night shows picked up in single theatres and the movie seems to have a great weekend ahead. 'Underworld Ka Kabzaa' is a story about the Mafia World and the journey of Arkeshwara in the underworld. The film features Shriya Saran, Upendra and Kichha Sudeepa in pivotal roles and is ruling the theatres from 17th of March 2023 in Kannada, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam. The film produced by Anand Pandit Motion Pictures in association with Sri Siddeshwara Enterprise and Alankar Pandian, is currently running in theatres in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Malayalam.

Teachers' Scam: Major Part Of Proceeds Are Invested In Tollywood, ED Tells The Court

A major part of the proceeds of the multi-crore scam in the recruitment of teaching and non-teaching staff in different state-run schools in West Bengal was invested in the Tollywood film industry, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) told the special Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) court here on Friday. ED Counsel Phiroze Edulji told the court that amounts as high as Rs 6.50 crore was transferred to a number of Tollywood actors and actresses from two bank accounts held by expelled and arrested youth Trinamool Congress leader Kuntal Ghosh over a period of time. One such Tollywood actor, Bonny Sengupta aka Anupiryo Sengupta



had admitted accepting Rs 40 lakh from Ghosh for purchasing a vehicle and late Thursday evening, he had already returned that amount to ED. However, no other actor or actress who has received money from Ghosh has come up with a submission on this count. Sources said that

the central agency sleuths will summon them for questioning in the coming days. ED counsel said that despite repeatedly asking for the source of such huge funds, Ghosh had not come forward with any definite answer on this count. Even the judge of the special court was heard

telling the counsel of Ghosh that his client should divulge the sources of unaccounted money in his bank account. "If one earns Rs 5 crore from illegal means and then pays tax on Rs 2 crore, the entire money does not become legal," the judge observed. Meanwhile, the ED has already freed 10 bank accounts of Ghosh and 15 bank accounts of another expelled and arrested youth Trinamool leader Santanu Bandopadhyay, from where transactions of several crores of rupees were detected by ED sleuths. After hearing arguments from both ends, the special court ultimately extended the judicial custody of Ghosh till March 30.

Man Vs Algorithm: Filmmaker Nandita Das Reveals The Dark Secrets That Kapil Sharma's 'Zwigato' Exposed

It's been 87 years since Charlie Chaplin released "Modern Times". The film, a satirical black comedy, told the story of a factory worker and his struggle to survive in the modern, industrialised world in the face of the Great Depression. Little seems to have changed, rather only the means of exploitation of workers have changed. And when it comes to gig workers, the conditions are far grimmer since they're not full-time employees and are devoid of any benefits and security that a permanent job brings.



Filmmaker-actress Nandita Das' new film "Zwigato" tells the human story of a gig worker who works with the titular food delivery platform. Nandita told IANS that the idea of the film came into existence during a discussion about growing unemployment and the complexity of gig work with her publisher friend Samir Patil. The filmmaker said: "We then began writing a short film about a day in the life of a delivery rider. Then Sameer (Nair), CEO of Applause Entertainment, who was to produce it, nudged me to expand it for a feature film. Initially, I felt the subject would not immerse me enough, but

as I began to delve deeper into it, I was drawn to the human aspects of this collision of new technology and the life of the workers, who are just a cog in the wheel." While the gig economy has been functioning since the 21st century as different kinds of freelance jobs emerged, of late, it has gone mainstream with the advent of the high-speed Internet coupled with the pandemic. Services like Zomato, Swiggy, and Dunzo have not just brought comfort to the people but have also strengthened India's GDP. Every day, countless delivery partners and cab drivers snake through the roads of Indian cities to feed people or to help them with transit and delivery of their goods. Whatever be the conditions, bad

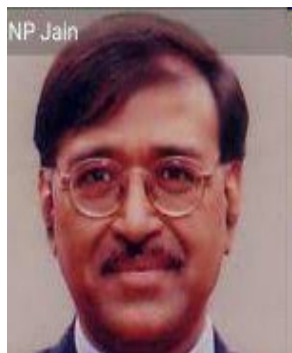
weather, traffic congestion, festivals, the machinery of India's gig economy keeps running without fail. But, when one looks at the microscopic level, it paints a different picture of the humans behind this machinery, and unlike machines, humans wear out, battle anxiety, mental burden and financial insecurities on a daily front. Nandita said: "With the rise of the gig economy, the struggle between man and machine that Chaplin depicted in 'Modern Times' has now shifted to one between man and algorithms. So 'Zwigato' is a story about the relentlessness of life, but not without its silver lining." "During the pandemic, we consumers, for our own convenience, became more and more dependent on the gig

workers and less and less aware of their struggle. All of us have ordered during Covid-19 and seldom did we thank them or rate them or even acknowledge their existence. While this was the trigger point, 'Zwigato' is also about our normalised biases of class, caste, and gender." All of these subtly find their way into the film, making the invisible, visible. And, a huge credit for blending these themes into the narrative goes to the solid research work that Nandita put up. The team invested two years in the research of the film. The more the mind brews the primary data, the merrier is the output. Nandita added: "Before starting the film, I understood the world of incentives and algorithms as little as my protagonist did! As I

delved deeper, I became more and more fascinated and disturbed by what I got to know about the gig economy. We gathered facts as well as personal stories by interviewing many riders. Their struggles, dilemmas, fears and aspirations helped me understand their world closely." Nandita and her team also spoke to ex-employees of food delivery companies and in confidence, also with senior managers in analytics departments of food delivery apps. "These conversations enabled us to understand the shifts that are made in the app and algorithms and the thought process behind such changes. While all of it is not in the film, it was important to understand how things work in the gig economy," Nandita said. "I was surprised by the fact that a small change in the size of the 'zone' from where the orders can come from -- the invisible button that all of us click on -- makes a huge difference to them. "The farther away the deliveries are, the more the riders have to spend on fuel. They get a petrol fee for going out of their zone but not for returning, and this is not just in India but everywhere in the world." Asked about her choice

of casting a television superstar in the form of Kapil Sharma for a humane story like this, the filmmaker said that the decision was driven by her instinct. "Casting Kapil was no act of bravery, I found him to be natural, uninhibited and candid. I had never seen his show but in the clip I saw he felt real and right for my character, Manas." "I reached out to him on an impulse, not fully knowing if he would be right for the part or if he would be open to doing the film. He promptly responded. And the first time we met, we knew we wanted to work together. Then we had many interactions and rehearsals that convinced me that he would perfectly represent the common man that he no longer was in real life," Nandita told IANS. She also said that in this case working with a superstar came with no limitation, "Casting is extremely crucial in a film. If the characters are believable that is when the audience takes that leap of faith and travels with the characters on their journeys. Looking the part is really 50 per cent of casting. So it was not a limitation for me at all. And for Kapil to do something different from what he has been doing was in fact exciting and not limiting at all."

Authority of Joint Commissioner (Appeals) introduced



The Finance Minister has proposed to substitute section 246 of the Income Tax Act to introduce the Authority of Joint Commissioner (Appeals). As per the current scheme for appeals, the first appellate authority for an assessee aggrieved by any order is the Commissioner (Appeals). Such Commissioner (Appeals) has the powers to confirm, reduce, enhance or annul/ cancel an order of assessment or an order of penalty, after providing an opportunity of being heard to the assessee and the Assessing Officer. The order passed by the Commissioner (Appeals) are appealable before the Income Tax

Appellate Tribunal (ITAT). The main points are as under: 1. It has been noted that as the first authority for appeal, Commissioner (Appeals) are currently overburdened due to the huge number of appeals and the pendency being carried forward every year. In order to clear this bottleneck, a new authority for appeals has been proposed to be created at Joint Commissioner/ Additional Commissioner level to handle certain class of cases involving small amount of disputed demand. Such authority has all powers, responsibilities and accountability similar to that of Commissioner (Appeals) with respect to the procedure for disposal of appeals. 2. The earlier section 246 was providing for the appeal functions of Deputy Commissioner

(Appeals). That institution was discontinued in the year 2000. Accordingly, it has been proposed to substitute section 246 of the Income Tax Act to provide for appeals to be filed before Joint Commissioner (Appeals). Sub-section (1) of the proposed section 246 seeks to provide that any assessee aggrieved by any of the following orders of an Assessing Officer (below the rank of Joint Commissioner) may appeal to the Joint Commissioner (Appeals) against— (i) an order being an intimation under section 143(1), where the assessee objects to the making of adjustments, or any order of assessment under section 143(3) or section 144, where the assessee objects to the amount of income assessed, or to the amount of tax determined, or to the amount of loss

Narayan Jain computed, or to the status under which he is assessed; (ii) an order of assessment, reassessment or recomputation under section 147; (iii) an order being an intimation under section 200A(1); (iv) an order under section 201; (v) an order being an intimation under section 206C(6A); (vi) an order under section 206CB(1); (vii) an order imposing a penalty under Chapter XXI; and (viii) an order under section 154 or section 155 amending any of the orders mentioned in (i) to (vii) above; 3. It has been proposed to insert a proviso under sub-section (1) that an appeal cannot be filed before the Joint Commissioner (Appeals) where an order referred to under this sub-section is passed by or with the approval of an income-tax authority

above the rank of Deputy Commissioner. 4. Sub-section (2) of the proposed section seeks to provide that where any appeal filed against an order referred to in sub-section (1) is pending before the Commissioner (Appeals), the CBDT or an Income-tax authority so authorised by the CBDT in this regard, may transfer such appeal and any matter arising out of or connected with such appeal and which is so pending, to the Joint Commissioner (Appeals) who may proceed with such appeal or matter, from the stage at which it was, before it was so transferred. This will enable transfer of certain existing appeals filed before the Commissioner (Appeals) to the Joint Commissioner (Appeals). 5. Sub-section (3) of

the proposed section seeks to provide that notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1) or sub-section (2), the CBDT or an Income-tax authority so authorised by the CBDT in this regard, may transfer any appeal which is pending before a Joint Commissioner (Appeals) and any matter arising out of or connected with such appeal and which is so pending, to the Commissioner (Appeals) who may proceed with such appeal or matter, from the stage at which it was before it was so transferred. 6. Sub-section (4) of the proposed section seeks to provide that where an appeal is transferred under the provisions of sub-section (2) or sub-section (3), the appellant shall be provided an opportunity of being reheard. 7. Sub-section (5) of the proposed section seeks to provide that for the purposes of disposal of appeal by

the Joint Commissioner (Appeals), the Central Government may make a Scheme, by Notification in the Official Gazette, so as to dispose appeals in an expedient manner with transparency and accountability by eliminating the interface between the Joint Commissioner (Appeals) and the appellant in the course of appellate proceedings to the extent technologically feasible and direct that any of the provisions of the Income Tax Act relating to jurisdiction and procedure for disposal of appeals by Joint Commissioner (Appeals) shall not apply or shall apply with such exceptions, modifications and adaptations as may be specified in the Notification. 8. Sub-section (6) of the proposed section seeks to provide that for the purposes of sub-section (1), the CBDT may specify that the provisions of that sub-section shall

not apply to any case or any class of cases. 9. It has also been proposed to insert an Explanation in this section to define "status" to mean the category under which the assessee is assessed as "individual" & "Hindu undivided family" and so on. 10. It has also been proposed to amend section 2 of the Income Tax Act by inserting a definition for Joint Commissioner (Appeals) and to amend section 116 to make Joint Commissioner (Appeals) an income-tax authority under the Income Tax Act. These amendments will take effect from the 1st day of April, 2023.

(The Author is National Deputy President of AIFTP and author of famous books "How to Handle Income Tax Problems" and "Income Tax Pleading & Practice" with CA Dilip Loyalka)

"Jal shakti abhijan"- blessing for men

Pratap chandra sahu

India has 17% of the world's population and 4% of the world's fresh water resources, ranking it among the top ten water rich countries. India is the second most populated nation in the world and it is designated as water stressed by intergovernmental panel on climate change with current utilisable fresh water much lower than international standards.

Jal shakti abhijan is a time bound mission mode water conservation campaign. It has been launched in 2019 to ensure India's water security with an aim to provide access to safe and adequate drinking water to all Indians. Jal shakti abhijan ministry has been entrusted with the management of country's water resources and water supply in an integrated and holistic manner. It will work with states to ensure hargarh jal (piped water supply) to all rural household by 2024. The JSA aims at making water conservation a jan andolan through asset creation and extensive. In Indian culture has considered water as sacred. Water has a pervasive influence on various facts of human life. Water is considered as purifier, life giver, and destroyer of evil. India's per capita water storage capacity is low which is only 8% of annual rainfall being stored. Heavy dependence on ground water, years of deficient rains and inappropriate demand for water due to rapid population increase, urbanisation and industrialisation have put considerable stress on water management. Jal shakti abhijan is executing the government's mission to provide clean & piped drinking water to every household in the country.

During this campaign the government of India will work along with states and union territories officials as well as district officials to emphasize to implement the Jal Shakti Abhijan programme i.e. water conservation and rain water harvesting and renovation of traditional and other water tanks.

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High Court Dismisses Vice-Chancellors of 29 Universities, Calls for Reforms in Appointment Process

Dr. Mamidala Istari



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 vice-chancellors 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, his appointment 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 Fine Arts University, Osmania University professor Dr. Karunakar Reddy, and the NSUI and Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad student bodies

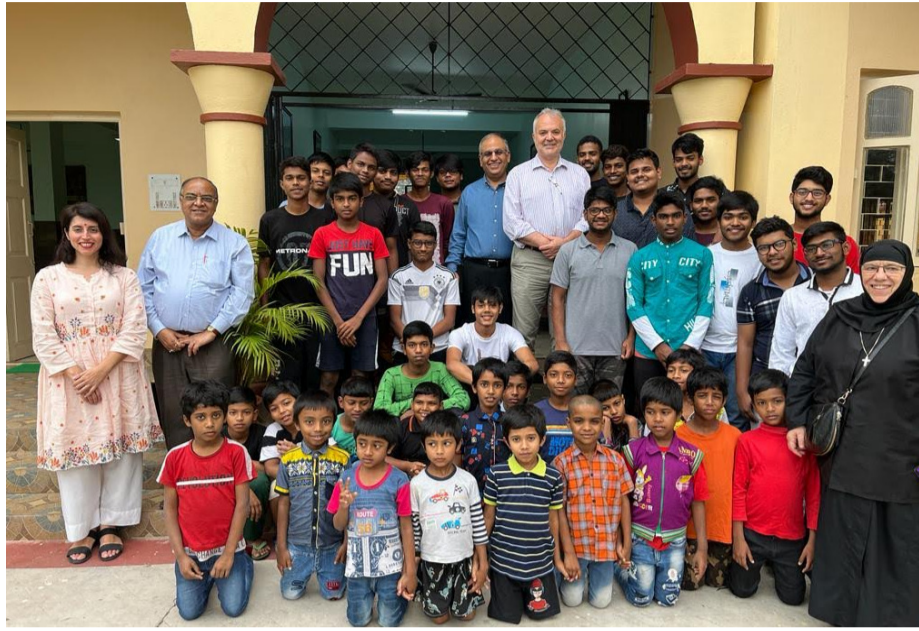
also filed cases against the appointments of various VCs. The cases are scheduled for another hearing on the 21st of this month, and following the recent West Bengal High Court verdict, there will likely be further discussion on the appointment of VCs in Telangana state universities. According to the 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.

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Ambassador of Greece in India Dimitrios Ioannou visited Kolkata

Kolkata (Partha Roy): Ambassador of Greece Mr Dimitrios Ioannou made an official visit to Kolkata on 16th & 17th March 2023. On the 16th, Ambassador Ioannou met the members of the Philhellenic Literary Society of Kyklos, which is based in Kolkata since 1988 and whose members are working on translations of Greek literary works in Bengali, and on original works in Bengali inspired by Greece. Ambassador Ioannou visited the Office of the Administrator General and Official Trustee of West Bengal Mr. Biplab Roy, and admired an exhibition of important ancient artefacts at the building of the New Secretariat office. He congratulated the Administrator General for the initiative of the High Court to open a



Judicial Museum of Kolkata, which, as Mr Roy said, would include some rooms on the culture of Greece as well. Ambassador of Greece Mr Dimitrios Ioannou visited the emblematic Indian Museum in Kolkata and met Director of Indian Museum, Dr Arijit Dutta Chowdhury. Ambassador Ioannou then marvelled at the archaeological and numismatic

collections of the Museum. The Museum contains one of the most important collections of Indo-Greek coins in the world and sculptures from the Gandhara and Mathura schools of art, which bear elements of Indo-Greek fusion, inter alia. Ambassador Ioannou gave a lecture on the exchanges and interactions between the Indian and the Greek world over the

millennia and stressed that the possibility of joint exhibitions with the Indian Museum will be considered in the immediate future. Ambassador was impressed at the turnout and interesting questions of the Indian audience which included many University students and Professors. On the 17th of March, Ambassador of Greece Mr. Ioannou visited the monuments of the vibrant

community of Greek merchants of the 18th-20th century in Kolkata. The Greek cemetery in Phoolbagan and the Greek Orthodox Church of the Transfiguration in Kalighat in the company of the Warden of the Orthodox Church in Kolkata, Mr P. R. Bharat and of Sister Nektaria Paradissi only Greek in Kolkata. The Ambassador was also delighted to visit the St Ignatius Schools and Orphanages in Bakeswar, run by the Philanthropic Society of the Greek Orthodox Church. This network is giving lots of opportunities to underprivileged children from rural areas of West Bengal. Altogether, the Ambassador was impressed by the rich cultural heritage and the warm hospitality and kindness of people of Kolkata.

Seminar on women Inclusive Network Held

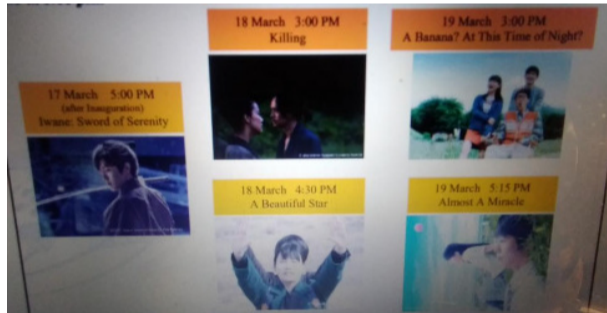


Warangal (KCN): National Institute of Technology, Warangal (NITW) organised the valedictory function of the two day international conference titled Women Inclusive Network (WIN) 2023 in connection with International Women's Day 2023 at the Bose Hall. Prof. K. Madhavi, Head, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences presented an overview of the conference. Prof. M. Sailaja Kumari moderated the feedback reception from various parts of India. Guests of Honour Prof. K. Nayanathara

Sattiraju, Dean Academics, CVR College of Engineering, Hyderabad, Smt. K Pushpa Additional DCP, Warangal and Shri S. Govardhan Rao, Registrar NITW addressed the gathering. Prof Nayanathara highlighted the need for ensuring the employment of more women in Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). While Smt. Pushpa underlined how Indian women are already empowered and have explained the daily challenges women face and how they overcome. Shri. S. Govardhan Rao, Registrar, NIT Warangal pointed out the need for

digital literacy in women empowerment. Chief Guest Prof. Kirti Srivastava, Retired Chief Scientist National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI), Hyderabad opined about essential inclusiveness of women in all walks of life. Later, the certificates were presented to the participants. The vote of thanks was proposed by Prof. M. Sailaja Kumari of Electrical Engineering Department followed. Prof. H. P. Rani, Dr. S. P. Rani, Dr. Anjana along with Prof. Madhavi and Prof. Sailaja were the coordinators of the programme.

Japanese Film Festival in Kolkata from 17th to 19th March at Nandan-3



Kolkata: A Japanese film festival will be organized at Nandan 3 from 17 to 19 March 2023. Japan Talkies Consulate General of Japan in Kolkata, The Japan Foundation and Federation of Film Societies of India will organize Japan Talkies, where a selection of 5

Japanese films with English subtitles will be screened. The festival will be inaugurated by Consul General of Japan in Kolkata, Mr. NAKAGAWA Koichi and Secretary of Federation of Film Societies of India, Mr. Sankar Pal on 17 March 2023 at 5.00 pm.

A complaint has been filed by Jyoti Jatav, assistant professor of Maharishi Mahesh Yogi Vedic University located in district Katni, against Arvind Singh Rajput, registrar of Maharishi University and other officials at Harijan police station - According to sources, the female employee was harassed by the university officials several times. She has been harassed by saying caste derogatory words - and there has also been a complaint of death threats - the teacher has told that

The registrar of Maharishi Vedic University was accused of harassment

since 2014 she has been holding the regular post of Assistant Professor Political Science in Maharishi Mahesh Yogi Vedic University Working as an employee - but conspiring that she was appointed only for 11 months in the year 2022, her services were terminated, while the woman has given several documents along with her complaint in which she has been given Maharishi University Government documents such as the Annual Report sent to higher

education by the management and the documents given to the UGC and NAAC have shown regular employees, the surprising thing is that she was not given an appointment letter by the University Management but since his appointment, his



Employee Provident Fund (E.P.F.) is being deducted and he has P.F. given by the University. The number is also available - After the complaint of the female teacher, the police and the administration are trying to cover up the matter. Her

statements have been taken by calling the female teacher to the police station and her statement can also be recorded by calling the concerned officers and employees. - But so far no FIR has been registered by the police against any official of the school - In this regard, the police say that the investigation of the matter is still going on, after the completion of the investigation, legal action will be taken against the concerned officials. The harassed female teacher is pleading with all the high officials to get her justice.

Jharkhand Government cancels the Netarhat field firing range Practice

Ranchi (KCN): A Jharkhand's Hemant Soren government by issuing notification to cancel Netarhat field firing range is like giving justice to the tribals of Netarhat, Gumla and respecting their sentiments. Jharkhandi Information Rights Forum wholeheartedly congratulates and thanks the Chief Minister of Jharkhand Mr. Hemant Soren for this.



The above things were said today by the Central President of Jharkhandi Information Rights Forum, former MLA candidate Vijay Shankar Nayak. He also further said that some people kept spreading rumors

about the state government not stopping the extension of Netarhat Field Firing Range period, whereas, after the order of the Chief Minister Hemant Soren, the closure of the artillery practice

from the year 1994 till now and due to the long period. The Manoeuvres, in the face of opposition from thousands of villagers Field Firing and Artillery Practice Act, 1938 Act Chapter. The proposal

to re-notify Alok Netarhat Field Firing Range of Kandika-9 in the year 2022 has been rejected by the State Government. Mr. Nayak further said that the information being spread by some people in this context is baseless and the media is spreading through social media that Netarhat Field Firing Range has not been canceled which is completely wrong. He further said that letter no. 582 dated 29.08.2022 and letter 376 dated 14.06.2022 clearly mentioned that the proposal to re-notify Netarhat Field Firing Range has been rejected on the orders of Chief Minister Hemant Soren. Now, after the decision of the

state government, no military exercise will be conducted here considering the sentiments of thousands of villagers. Through the letter issued by the Home Prison and Disaster Management Department of Jharkhand Government, it is clear that the Hemant government, while respecting the sentiments of the tribal native society of Gumla and Latehar, to stop their struggle and do justice to those people, Notification has been issued which is commendable. The Chief Minister deserves congratulations for the work.

Holi Milan Utsav by Churu Nagarik Parishad



Kolkata (KCN): Churu Nagarik Parishad organised Holi Milan programme on Sunday at Aatindra Banquet. President BL Soti, former Sheriff of Calcutta Dr SK Sharma, Industrialist Rajendra Bachawat, Social Activist and former President

Narayan Jain, Secretary Jagat Baid, RP Saraf and Pawan Dhanuka (both Vice President) and Treasurer Sumit Seksaria, Kanti Surana, Deepak Jain, Ishwar Goenka, Kuldeep Manot, Vaneeta, Ashok Mittal and Ritika actively helped in making the prog

successful. Narayan Jain thanked Ram Prasad Saraf Vice President for hosting the prog so well. All enjoyed Thandai, Nasta, Lunch and hospitality. The musical program including Phulon ki Holi by Singers Goutam Halder and Runy Das was also highly appreciated.

Development On Fast Track

Nabarangpur: Top Administrator V K Pandian visited Nabarangpur district on 17-18 March 2023, to make field assessment of various development schemes and projects of the Government. He interacted with citizen groups to take feedback on the implementation of the government programs and suggestions to improve service delivery. At Mandodongri under Nabarangpur Block, Shri Pandian offered prayer in the temple and discussed with the local community and public representatives about the development of the temple and the surrounding area as the tourist destination. He asked the Collector to prepare a plan of action within

15 days in consultation with the local public representatives and local community. Later he visited the SSD High School, Jatabal under Papadahandi Block. He expressed satisfaction over the available infrastructure of the High School. He interacted with the students and teachers. He visited Bidri shrine under Jharigam Block. He offered prayer in the temple and discussed with the Mission Shakti groups as well as temple committee members on the overall development of the shrine. He suggested to develop the approach road and to construct a guard wall on the backside of the temple to avoid water logging within the premises of the



temple. Then Secretary to CM visited the historical shrine of Podagada under Umerkote Block. He offered prayer to Baba Bhairabnath and visited the Museum. He stated that he will apprise the Chief Minister for overall development of this historical location of Nabarangpur district.

Later, Shri Pandian proceeded to Indoor Stadium, Umerkote. He expressed satisfaction on the near completion of the indoor stadium within a short period. Many citizen groups and sports persons met and requested for support for various community projects. Chief Minister Secretary also visited RMC yard, Umerkote. He

interacted with the Mission Shakti group members and Farmer Producer groups were present. He assured the support of Government for their activities. He discussed with them regarding the Maize production and any problems they were facing. He assured that Maize development will be a focus area for the government.

Shri Pandian also visited Maa Pendrani Temple, Umerkote and offered prayer to the deity. He discussed with the temple committee members regarding the development of the facilities. Later, he visited CHC Pujariguda. He appreciated the Medical Officer, doctors and staff for proper functioning of the centre. He asked

them to work in the same spirit to provide best services to the patients. He also interacted with patients and enquired about the facilities in the CHC. After that, Secretary to CM visited the Bhaskel dam site. Advised the officials to prepare the DPRs for repair and renovation of the dam and also tourism development nearby. Shri Pandian visited High School, Jamorunda which was developed under 5T project. He interacted with the students and staff. He inspired them to dream big and make the best of the facilities provided. Later, he visited the Aahar centre and appreciated the quality of the food prepared and the cleanliness of the centre. He also visited

Satighat under Jharigam Block. Visited the Satighat Minor Irrigation site. Interacted with the villagers present in large numbers at the location. Discussed about the proposed irrigation project with the CE & EE, Minor Irrigation and advised them to prepare plan and estimate & design for a Minor Irrigation Project. He assured that Hon'ble Chief Minister prioritizes the irrigation projects and will positively consider their proposal. Secretary to CM visited Malgam village under Chandahandi Block. He also visited the proposed Tel Minor Irrigation project site. Interacted with the villagers and assured that it will be taken up on priority.

Diversion Of 2540 Ha Forest

Bhubaneswar: The State Government has got approval from the Centre for diversion of 2540.691 hectares of forest land in between April to December of 2023-23. According to official data, 2540.691 hectares of forest land has been diverted for execution of 18 developmental projects in the State during the period. The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India have accorded

approval for diversion of the above forest land for non-forestry purpose under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for different developmental projects. Highest 1962.513 hectares of forest land has been diverted for implementation of five mining projects while 372.962 hectares of forest land diverted for two road & bridge projects and 133.459 hectares for four power transmission projects. Similarly, 43.266 hectares of forest land

has been diverted for three railway projects, while another 24.834 hectares diverted for three irrigation projects and 3.657 hectares for other projects. Apart from the above forest diversion, the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change have accorded permission for exploratory drilling of minerals in forest land under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. From 01.04.2022 to 31.12.2022, permission has been accorded for exploratory drilling of different minerals by five

project proponents involving 55.341 hectares of forest land. Moreover, 249.258 hectares of forest land were diverted for 623 projects under section 3(2) of the Forest Rights Act, during the period. The Divisional Forest Officers are authorized to grant permission for diversion of forest land up to 1 hectare in each case and which involves felling of trees not exceeding 75 per hectare for small projects of Government Departments in 13 categories as envisaged under the Forest Rights Act, 2006.

Dora; New OSCB Chief

Bhubaneswar: Eminent Co-operator T Prasad Rao Dora is the new President of Odisha State Co-operative Bank. Shri Dora along with 21 Directors have been elected to the Board of Director of OSCB. Shri Dora is having long standing experience over two and half decade in Co-operative Sector of Odisha. After being elected to the Apex Co-operative Bank, he thanked Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, Minister Co-operation Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak. Shri Dora has thanked Secretary to CM V K Pandian, who is the Architect of 5T Charter in the State. OSCB has been implementing 5T Charter for providing banking facilities to customers in general and farmers in particular. He also thanked



Pranab Prakash Das, BJD Organizing Secretary for his election to OSCB. Shri Dora has an illustrious career in Co-operative Sector for last 25 years and gained enormous experience in the field. He has served as Chairman of FISHCOPFED-India and President of FISHFED-Odisha. As Chairman of FISHCOFED,

Mr. Dora implemented the policies and programmers of the Central Government for the benefit of fish farmers and other economically weaker sections through cooperatives and worked for strengthening the Co-operative Movement. As President of FISHFED, Odisha he organized Co-operative Movement in Fisheries

Sector and made it a vibrant one. He is the first Odia to be the Vice Chairman of the International Fisheries Cooperative Federation. Global Co-operative Organization in Fisheries Sector has recognized his efforts. Ace Co-operator, Shri Dora has also authored 'The Odisha Cooperative Societies Manual', a handbook of reference for all the stakeholders of the Co-operative Sector. This book is an encyclopedia of all sorts of Cooperative Acts and Rules. Shri Dora is also Vice President of Odisha State Bharat Scouts & Guides (OSBCG). With Shri Dora as Chief of OSCB, it is expected that the Apex Co-operative Bank will expand its coverage across the State in a big way, feel Financial Analysts.



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Emcure launches EmWocal campaign to raise awareness on Anaemia

Pune: To raise awareness on important women's health issues around Anaemia, Breastfeeding and Menstruation, pharma major Emcure Pharmaceuticals has launched the EmWocal initiative. It is an awareness campaign that has been launched in association with the Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecologists of India (FOGSI). Harnessing technologies like Augmented Reality (AR) and personal digital assistant, the initiative aims to reach 1 crore women across India. EmWocal campaign will be live in nine Indian

languages (Hindi, English, Odia, Marathi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam and Bengali). At the core of the EmWocal campaign will be smart kiosks displaying QR codes, and thoughtfully installed at the waiting areas of hospitals and clinics. This is to make sure that the long waiting time to see the doctors can be well utilised by visiting patients in educating themselves. Women scanning the QR code will be guided on to Augmented Reality (AR) videos, Frequently Asked Questions and chat with a personal digital assistant among

others. Patients will also be asked to partake in the digital interaction related to their basic health and lifestyles. The nudges provided by the personal health assistant during the AR journey will help patients discuss their problems with doctors and in turn help doctors having better informed patients.

As per India's fifth National Family Health Survey (2019-2021), the prevalence of anaemia in females aged 15-19 years is a whopping 59.1 per cent whereas that among pregnant women aged up to 49 years of age was 52.2%. Through digitally accessible information

and informative videos, EmWocal campaign will raise awareness about anaemia and prompt women to take appropriate actions to deal with this. While the benefits of breastfeeding for the child are widely discussed, the EmWocal campaign will drive understanding on the significance and benefits for the mother's health. EmWocal's third awareness area is menstrual health. Menstruation is still considered a taboo in India with multiple misconceptions which need to be changed.

Pratin Vete, President - India Business, Emcure

Pharmaceuticals said, "Issues related to women's health are still widely associated with irrational taboos. This leads to lack of awareness, and in turn affects the health of most women. It gives us a great satisfaction to launch EmWocal, a long needed initiative to help women deal with their health issues through easily available and medically verified information. The best thing about this initiative is that it is personalized to the women accessing the information and guides them to discuss important issues with their doctors."

Overwhelming response received to Asian Granito India Limited's Rs. 441 crores Rights Issue

Ahmedabad : Asian Granito India Limited (AGL) today announced that its Rights Issue of Rs. 441 crores, largest ever by any Ceramic Company in India, achieved successful closure, receiving overwhelming response from the shareholders and investors despite challenging times. The public portion of the Rights Issue was subscribed more than 1.38 times receiving bids for 6.87 crore shares or Rs. 432 crores of bids received. On an overall basis, the Company received bids for over 8.89 crore shares or Rs. 561 crores of bids in the Rights Issue on the closing date (May 10) against 6.99 crore shares or Rs. 441 crores offered, representing more than 127% subscription.

The allotment of equity shares will take place on or about 19th May, 2022. The Rights shares are expected to be listed on the BSE and NSE on or around 24th May, 2022. Equity shares in the Rights Issue were offered at a price of Rs. 63 per share. The Rights Entitlement Ratio for the Rights Issue was 37:30 (37 Rights Equity Shares of Rs. 10 each for every 30 equity shares of Rs. 10 each held by the equity shareholders on the record date). The Rights Issue of the Company was open for subscription from April 25, 2022 till May 10, 2022. The proceeds of the Rights Issue would be utilised to fund the Strategic Mega Expansion Plans in Value Added Luxury

Surfaces & Bathware Segments including Tiles, Sanitaryware and SPC Flooring etc. and to fund various strategic initiatives.

The Company had launched a highly innovative campaign to create awareness about the Rights Issue, using broad-based and multiple means of communication. These included television, print, digital and social media, emails and SMSs to reach out to the shareholders. The Rights Entitlement (RE) was actively traded in demat form on the stock exchanges since SEBI introduced this platform and it was a resounding success reflecting broad-based interest in the Rights Issue.

JioFiber expands footprint to major cities and towns across Odisha, now available at Bargarh and Semiliguda

Bhubaneswar : Continuing its rapid expansion across various key cities and towns in Odisha, JioFiber, the most popular high-speed broadband service in the country, has now commenced its services in key areas of major cities and towns across the state. Further consolidating its leadership in the high-speed broadband segment in the state, JioFiber broadband service has now become available in the towns of Bargarh and Semiliguda. With this, JioFiber service is now available in key localities of 29 cities and towns across Odisha including Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Puri, Jatni, Angul, Sambalpur, Rourkela, Jharsuguda, Belpahar, Bradaraj Nagar, Sundargarh, Bolangir, Keonjhar, Bhawanipatna, Koraput, Rayagada, Kendrapada, Jagatsinghpur, Jajapur Road, Bhadrak, Talcher, Khordha, Berhampur, Balasore, Jeypore,

Rajganapur, Dhenkanal, Semiliguda, Bargarh and fast expanding its services to other major cities and towns in the state. In Bargarh, JioFiber high speed broadband service is now available at Sibananda Nagar, Kharajpur, Tikra, Bhatlichhak, Milan Vihar, George High School area and is in the process of fast expanding its services to other parts of the town. Similarly, in Semiliguda town of Koraput district, JioFiber is now available at Sastri Nagar, Indra Nagar, Aravinda Nagar, Satya Nagar, Saraswati Nagar, Kodigaon, Santoshi Maa Nagar, Gopabandhu Nagar, Kailash Nagar, Santi Nagar, Talasahi and nearby areas and expected to roll out fast in other areas of the city over the next few weeks. JioFiber has also fast expanded its service across the exiting cities and towns where JioFiber has already been available, covering new areas and city

outskirts. Fast expanding footprints of JioFiber has helped thousands of students and teachers in pursuing education and benefiting from dependable and seamless high-speed broadband internet. Hundreds of professionals especially from IT and other service sectors could also continue working from home smoothly from their native places in the state. Several small enterprises and educational institutions in these cities have seamlessly switched to the digital mode in tune to the demand of their respective businesses and professions. It is worth mentioning here that JioFiber now offers zero entry cost for new post-paid plan users, wherein users get Internet Box (Gateway Router), Set Top Box and Installation valued at Rs 10,000 at zero cost when they opt for a JioFiber Post-paid connection.

Vi ties-up with SonyLIV to offer exclusive plans bundled with premium content

In line with its continuous endeavour to offer unmatched entertainment to its users, Vi, the leading telecom brand, today announced its partnership with SonyLIV to offer premium content services which will bring the world of binge-worthy content and add-on data benefits together for Vi users. Creating a unique bundle option for the customers, Vi in association with SonyLIV has launched a new Prepaid pack offering subscription of SonyLIV Premium along with extra data benefits to the users.

From sports properties like UEFA Champions League, WWE, Bundesliga, UFC to originals like Scam 1992 - The Harshad Mehta Story, Maharani, Tabbar, Rocket Boys, Gullak Season 3; regional content like Salute, Kaanekkaane, Shantini Kranti and James and international shows The Good Doctor, Fantasy Island and Magpie Murders, SonyLIV has a bouquet of attractive content offerings appealing to audiences across age and interests. The new proposition will enable all Vi prepaid users to enjoy SonyLIV Premium without having to worry about data quota.

For Prepaid Users, Vi has introduced a new add-on recharge of Rs. 82 offering free mobile only subscription of SonyLIV Premium for 28 days along with an added data benefit of 4GB with 14 days validity.

In addition to this, Vi offers a rich content library for its customers under Vi Movies & TV (VMTV) on the Vi app. VMTV app has 450+ live TV channels, live news channels and premium content from other OTT apps.

L&T and VMware join hands to accelerate digital infrastructure adoption across verticals

Mumbai: Smart World & Communication (SWC) business of L&T, a leading Indian multinational engaged in EPC Projects, Hi-Tech Manufacturing and Services and VMware Inc, a leading global provider of multi-cloud services have announced a strategic partnership to accelerate the adoption of digital infrastructure solutions across industries, through incubation of a VMware Centre of Excellence (COE).

The offerings would include an AI and automation-led 'Intelligent, secure SD-WAN on-demand' solution, to help clients improve the experience and efficiencies across their enterprise networks. This partnership will help clients attain digital versatility through multi-cloud solutions, leveraging VMware suite of products. The partnership will focus on innovation in the areas of cloud engineering and disaster recovery, improving the resilience of businesses and enterprises.

L&T SWC will also leverage VMware's cutting-edge Telco Cloud products to create unique value propositions for clients through robust, secure Industry 4.0 solutions across verticals over 5G/IOT/Edge.

"With the advent of 5G, we believe, the market is set to see large scale adoption of Industry 4.0 solutions across manufacturing, healthcare, education and other industries. L&T SWC and VMware join hands to build a robust suite of digital infrastructure solutions, to help businesses become highly agile, versatile and resilient," says Mr. J. D Patil, Whole-time Director and Senior Executive Vice President for L&T's Defence Business & Smart Technologies Business.

Policybazaar findings indicate a higher propensity to purchase insurance in tier-2 & 3 cities after the Covid outbreak

Bhubaneswar : Policybazaar, one of India's largest online insurance marketplaces, conducted an online survey to understand the changing consumer sentiment towards insurance purchase, household finances and investments over the last two years of the pandemic. Policybazaar surveyed 5000 consumers to closely understand the behavioral shift in insurance buying trends. Interestingly, the findings revealed a growing level of propensity to buy insurance, especially in tier-2 and 3 cities of India. At 89%, the highest number of respondents willing to renew their health cover belong to tier-2 cities, as compared to 77% from tier-1. Similar trends

were observed in term insurance, where 59% of respondents who want to increase their coverage belong to tier-3 cities, as compared to 26% from tier-1 cities. The survey results clearly point towards the sense of urgency spurred by the pandemic with respect to insurance awareness across the country. The pandemic has definitely given the cognitive push when it comes to health insurance purchase. Out of the respondents who had contracted Covid, 25%* were hospitalized. We found out that 18% of them ended up spending over Rs 15 lakhs, and 22% were not adequately covered by their existing policy. Also, it is disquieting to see that 13% of those who got Covid did not have health insurance in

place. These figures clearly demonstrate that one should opt for at least Rs 15-20 lakhs coverage for each family member. However, health insurance purchase trends definitely drive positive optimism. As many as 62% of the total respondents had an active policy and didn't just depend on their corporate cover. The figures also vouched for the fact that Covid had acted as a catalyst in health insurance purchase. While 50% of these policies were bought after Covid first wave, 41% were purchased after the Delta wave. Also, 80% of these policies were family floater plans, thereby revealing a higher inclination towards ensuring sufficient coverage for the entire family.

'DigiSaathi' - 24x7 Helpline for information on Digital Payments now enabled on additional channels

Mumbai : DigiSaathi - a 24x7 helpline for information on digital payment products and services setup by NPCI on behalf of a consortium of payment system operators and participants (banks & non-banks). DigiSaathi will be accessible on WhatsApp for the customers to access all the information they need pertaining to digital payment products and services. DigiSaathi will assist the users with all their queries on digital payments via the chatbot facility on WhatsApp by simply messaging on +918928913333. The facility will soon also be available on other social media channels as well.

Launched recently by Governor, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), DigiSaathi is an automated response system that helps customers in addressing their queries related to multiple products and services under the payments system umbrella including Cards (Debit/Credit/Prepaid), UPI, NEFT, RTGS, IMPS, AePS, NETC, BBPS, USSD, PPI Wallets, ATM, QR (UPI/Bharat), NACH, TReDs, CTS, MTSS, Mobile and Net banking. The Consortium of Payment System Operators and Participants including ecosystem Partners, Banks, Card Networks,

PPIs, Fintechs, Payments Council of India (PCI), and Indian Banks' Association (IBA) came together for implementing this to empower people to adopt digital payments with even more conviction.

DigiSaathi is available in both English and Hindi for customers wherein they can access information about any of the digital payment products and services. It even guides them on how to avail or use any particular product or service. DigiSaathi also helps customers with their transaction-related queries, by guiding them and sharing the contact details of concerned banks/Institutions.

Kansai Nerolac Paints Ltd announces results for Q4 2022 & FY

Mumbai : Kansai Nerolac Paints Limited (KNPL), one of the leading Paint companies in India, today at the Board meeting announced its audited results for the quarter and year ended 31 March 2022.

For the quarter, the company earned Net revenue from operations of Rs.1412.8 Crores, a growth of 4.2% over the corresponding quarter of the previous year. For the year, the company earned Net Revenue from operations of Rs.

5948.9 Crores a growth of 24.7% over the corresponding period of the previous year. EBITDA was at Rs. 82.9 Crores, a de-growth of 59.9% over Q4 of 2020-21. PAT was at Rs. 24.5 Crore, a de-growth of 80.9% over Q4 of 2020-

21. For the year period EBITDA was at Rs. 647.3 Crores, a de-growth of 23.3% over previous year. PAT for the year was Rs 374.3 Crores, a de-growth of 29.5% over previous year. The Board has recommended a final

dividend of 100% (1.00 ? per share). In addition, the Company had declared interim dividend of 125% (? 1.25 per share) paid on November 22, 2021. Accordingly, the total dividend is 225% (? 2.25 per share) for the

financial year ended March 31, 2022, as compared to total dividend of 525% (? 5.25 per share) including Special Dividend of 200% declared last year. Commenting on the results, Mr. Anuj Jain, Managing Director,

Kansai Nerolac Paints Ltd said, "The quarter witnessed impact in terms of demand for decorative on account of the steep price increase towards end of Q3 FY 21-22. In Automotive, Passenger Vehicles demand was good

though impacted because of supply side constraints. On raw material costs, the quarter continued to witness inflationary pressures along with volatility in crude and exchange rates on account of the tough geo-political situation globally.

Hridoy has no regrets after missing ton on ODI debut

Dhaka: Bangladesh young batsman Towhid Hridoy said on Saturday that he does not have any regrets after missing a hundred on his ODI debut against Ireland in the three-match series opener at Sylhet.

The young right hander played a masterful knock on his debut to rewrite history as he became the country's highest scorer as a debutant and he had an opportunity to make it big and score a hundred before falling for 92. "I don't have regret (missing the hundred) and I could have got out in the first ball. I am always grateful to Allah for whatever I have done. Hopefully I will do it next time," Hridoy told reporters after the game. Hridoy, who passed Nasir Hossain's 63 runs against Zimbabwe to become the highest scorer on ODI debut,



made 92 off 85 balls that included eight fours and two sixes. His knock was instrumental in Bangladesh posting their highest ODI total on the board on the back of Shakib Al Hasan's 93 as the duo added 135 off just 125 balls after they were reduced to 81-3. "I always wanted to bat

with the proper intent and I never felt like I need to get set and things like that. I wanted to play according to the merit of the ball. Batting with Shakib bhai is always helpful as he is an experienced batsman and was learning a lot while batting with him in the middle," said Hridoy.

"We had talks while he gave me space and he was saying take the game deep." Hridoy added that he was inspired by his childhood idol Mushfiqur Rahim after the veteran presented him with his cap. "Mushfiq bhai was telling me that you have a good future and support

Bangladesh (while giving the cap) and it was very inspiring," he said about Mushfiqur with whom he added 80 runs for the fifth wicket.

"When I was small in 2007, Mushfiqur bhai got a stump after beating India and one day I went to the stadium and when I saw the stump in a program of Mushfiqur bhai it really inspired me," he said.

Hridoy, who earlier spoke about his long journey, said that his mother will be the happiest person considering she always backed him to pursue his dream of playing cricket. "At one point I wanted to quit cricket but later Sujon (Khaled Mahmud) Sir helped me from the young age," said Hridoy. "Today my mother will be the happiest person."

"Will Bring Back Interest In ODIs": Ex-India Star's Massive Take On Hardik Pandya's Captaincy



New Delhi: With the advent of T20 cricket, longer-format games have been fighting hard for their survival. While the Test cricket has seen a revival of late, it is the ODI format that finds itself in danger. Amid the ongoing discussions about the future of the 50-over format, former India cricketer Ajay Jadeja feels that aggressive style of captaincy that Hardik Pandya does would bring the interest of the fans back in the format. Notably, Hardik led India

for time in an ODI during a match against Australia in Mumbai on Friday. The hosts won the game by 5 wickets.

"Whenever you watch Hardik Pandya play, he plays in a different way. Not just playing, watch him walking in the afternoon, he has a different vibe. He is always aggressive, so when you look at the playing XI, who were the bowlers, Shami, Siraj, be it a good or bad day for him, that's different. Then he has kept Kuldeep, then he himself

bowls aggressively. Jadeja is a defensive bowler but is not really defensive. His mindset is aggressive so the captaincy doesn't have a drag in games. Everyone has their own way, some are successful, some are not," said Ajay Jadeja on Cricbuzz.

"If you look at Kane Williamson, if he would have been far that day in the run out, then people would have said, why did they take it so close. That's his style of playing. Similarly, MS Dhoni had a style, so this is Hardik Pandya's style. This is attacking style, it won't bore you. It will bring back your interest in ODI cricket", he added.

Hardik won't be the captain of the Indian team in the second ODI as regular skipper Rohit Sharma will return in the role. He had missed the first game due to family commitments.

Legends League Cricket: Shahid Afridi's Asia Lions Thrash Gautam Gambhir's India Maharajas By 85 Runs To Enter Final

New Delhi: Asia Lions avenged their 10-wicket loss in the group stage of the Legends League Cricket (LLC 2023) to India Maharajas on Saturday (March 18) as they thrashed and knocked out Gautam Gambhir-led side with a massive 85-run victory in the Eliminator match at the Asian Town Cricket Stadium in Doha. After winning the toss, Lions decided to bat first and posted a whopping 191 for 5 in the 20 overs. Opener Upl Tharanga shone with the bat, striking a 31-ball 50 while Tillakaratne Dilshan also contributed with 27 runs. T



huge total on the board. Mohammad Hafeez and Asghar Afghan played fine knocks of 38 and 34 runs on equal number of deliveries to keep the momentum with Lions. Later,

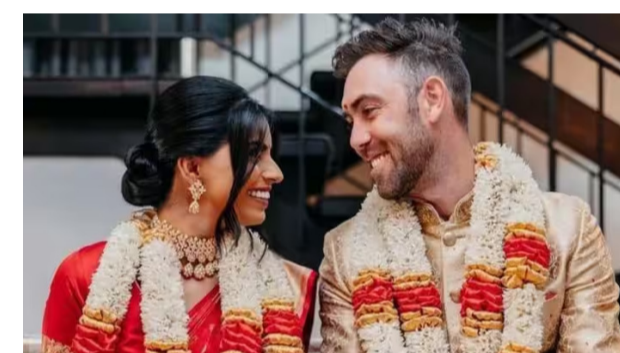
former Sri Lanka all-rounder Thisara Perera smashed 24 off just 12 balls, including 1 four and 2 sixes respectively, to take the total to 191 for 5 at the end of 20 overs.

Chasing the target of 192 runs, India Maharajas got off to a brilliant start as skipper Gambhir and his batting partner Robin Uthappa put on 47 for the first wicket in quick time.

Uthappa fell for 15 in the fifth over and then wickets began to tumble at regular intervals. The middle order crumbled as the likes of Yusuf Pathan, Mohammad Kaif, Suresh Raina and Irfan Pathan all got out cheaply. India Maharajas eventually got out for just 106 in 16.4 overs, losing the game by 85 runs. Tharanga was named the Man of the Match for his quickfire innings at the top of the order.

With this massive win, Asia Lions reached the final of Legends League Cricket 2023 which will be held between them and World Giants on March 20 at West End Park International Cricket Stadium in Doha, Qatar.

New Delhi: Australia and Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) cricketer Glenn Maxwell completed one year of his marriage with Vini Raman, who's an India-origin pharmacist by profession. The couple tied the knot exactly one year ago in a wedding followed by Indian rituals. Vini shared an adorable video to wish her husband a very happy anniversary. The couple got married a few days before last season's Indian Premier League (IPL 2022). Maxwell recently injured himself with a freak accident on a friend's birthday party in November 2022. He even revealed he screamed for his wife straight away after realising he was not able to move his broken



leg. (READ: IPL 2023: Harbhajan Singh Breaks Silence On Rift Rumours With MS Dhoni) "It just snapped. I heard and felt every part of it. It was pretty painful. I was screaming a bit and he (my friend) was like, 'please tell me you're joking, please tell me you're joking'. Then I hit this ultimate calmness and shock and was like - just broken my leg. I am pretty sure both bones are broken. Don't think I

should move. Can you please get my wife?", he remembered "After surgery I probably didn't sleep for two days while I was in agony. It was it was a pretty horrible couple of days. My wife was unbelievable through it all," Maxwell recalled. Recently, Virat Kohli met his Royal Challengers Bangalore teammate Glenn Maxwell in the ongoing ODI series between India and Australia.

USA to remain co-host of 2024 T20 WC despite recent turmoil

New Delhi: The United States will continue to remain the joint hosts of the 2024 Twenty20 World Cup along with Cricket West Indies (CW). Cricbuzz can confirm that the matches will be spread across the US and the Caribbean islands (across the West Indies) with a formula for the distribution of number of games in each country to be finalised.

A formal clarification on the matter was issued at the Chief Executives Meeting (CEC) of the International Cricket Council (ICC) on Saturday and a source, who was a member of the CEC, has confirmed this to Cricbuzz. An announcement on the issue could be made

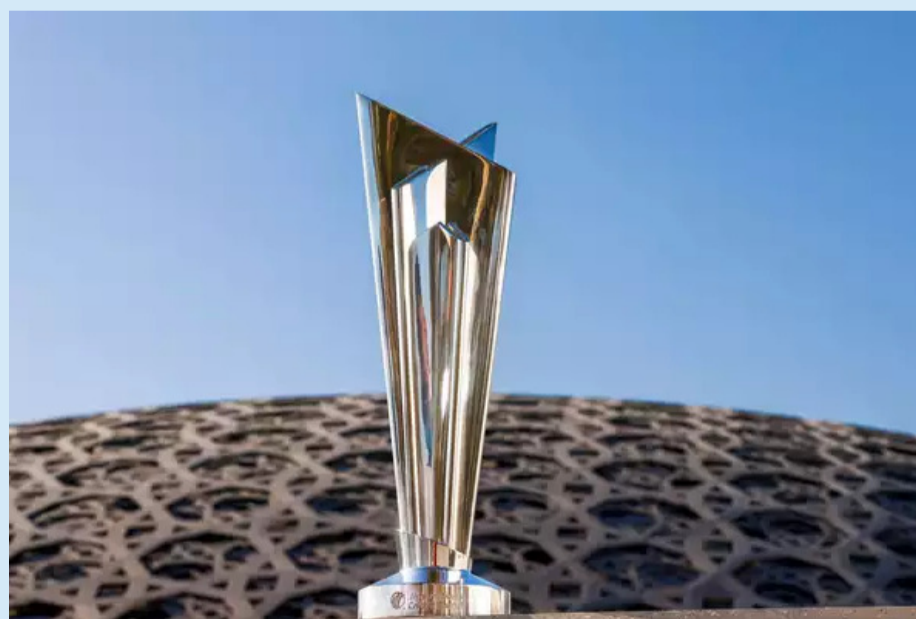
after the ICC is done with the on-going series of meetings on Monday.

The CEC clarification, when it was raised by a participant, comes amid speculation of internal turmoil in the USA Cricket and questions being raised over the country's right to host the global event. There was further clarification from the CEC that by virtue of being the co-host, the United States national team will auto-qualify for the tournament and it will be one of the 20 teams that will compete in it. There will be four groups in a 55-match tournament to be played over 25 days starting in June next year. There will be four groups in the 55-

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Over the next couple of days, the global administrators will formally kick-start discussions around the principles of financial distributions for the next cycle of the ICC events. One may recall that it was one of the contentious points among members and it had led to the much-debated Position Paper and emergence of the Big Three who had argued that the distribution model should be commensurate with the revenue generated from each member country.

The ICC, under the chairmanship of Shashank Manohar, managed to neuter the



Big Three -- the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and Cricket Australia (CA) - but the financial distribution principle underwent major overhaul. The Big Three were allotted a major chunk of the revenue but not

necessarily to their satisfaction.

India has been a major source of revenue for the ICC with more than 70 per cent of its income coming from the Indian firms. That could go beyond 80-85 per cent this time around after Disney Star's recent mega bid for the ICC rights of

next four years. It was tipped to be around \$ 3 billion and there will be renewed focus on the distribution model. A decision will be deferred to another meeting but the ICC members will start discussing it. For the record, Jay Shah, the secretary of the BCCI, is the chair of the

finance and commercial affairs (F&CA) committee of the ICC.

Meanwhile, there will be discussions on how the Future Tours Programme (FTP) should look post the 2027. There has been a global call for a balance between international cricket and domestic, franchise-based Twenty20 leagues and ICC will start planning for it. Recently, the World Cricket Committee of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), the authority of the game's laws, passed a resolution stating that the game has reached an important crossroads, recommending urgent intervention from the game's leaders (ICC)

to ensure international and franchise cricket can thrive together harmoniously. Incidentally, the meeting was held in Dubai, the headquarters of the ICC.

The ICC Board, meanwhile, will get an update from the working group on Afghanistan. The country under the Taliban has not allowed women's cricket, a requirement for a full member of the ICC, and it had led to calls for sanctions against the Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB). Although serious action against the ACB is unlikely, the ICC may come out with a statement on Afghanistan.