



PM visits Buddha Jayanti Park with the Prime Minister of Japan, Mr. Fumio Kishida, in New Delhi

PM Modi Holds Bilateral Talks With Japanese Counterpart Kishida, Thanks Him For G7 Summit Invite

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Japanese counterpart, Fumio Kishida on Monday held wide-ranging bilateral discussions.

The talks between the two leaders were held here after Kishida arrived in India this morning on a two-day official visit.

He also extended an invitation to Modi to attend the G7 leaders' summit, which is to be held in May this year in Hiroshima.

The invitation has been accepted by the prime minister.

During the talks, both leaders vowed to expand the India-Japan global strategic partnership, stressing that it is important for a peaceful, stable and prosperous Indo-Pacific.

Addressing the media after the bilateral talks, Modi referred to India's presidency of the G20 and Japan chairing the G7 grouping, and said it is the best opportunity to work together on priorities of both sides for global

good. "Today, I told PM Kishida in detail about the priorities of our G20 presidency. An important foundation of our G20 presidency is to voice the priorities of the Global South. A culture that believes in *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*, believes in going ahead by bringing everyone together," Modi said.

He also thanked Kishida for inviting him to the G7 leaders' summit.

"In September this year, I will again get the opportunity to welcome PM Fumio Kishida to India for the G20 Leaders' Summit," Modi said.

Welcoming his Japanese counterpart to India, the prime minister said, "In the last one year, PM Fumio Kishida and I have met several times and every time I've felt his positivity and commitment to the India-Japan bilateral relationship. His today's visit will be beneficial to maintain this momentum."

Adding further,

Modi said, "That is why we have taken this initiative. The India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership is based on our mutual democratic values and respect for rule of law on international platforms."

Kishida unveiled "on Indian soil" his plan "for a free and open Indo-Pacific". The exact details of what his vision of a free Indo-Pacific would entail though, are yet to be known.

"Our economic cooperation with India, which continues to grow rapidly, will not only support the further development of India but also create significant economic opportunities for Japan. In this regard, we welcome that steady progress is being made towards realising 5 trillion yen of public and private investment in financing from Japan to India in five years," the Japanese prime minister said after the bilateral discussions.

Oppn Creates Ruckus In Odisha Assembly Alleging Class-X Paper Leak

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Alleging leak of class-X board exam question paper, Opposition BJP and Congress party members created a ruckus in Odisha Assembly. However, school and mass education Minister Samir Ranjan Dash denied the allegation.

Soon after the House paid tribute to ex-MLA Birendra Pandey, who passed away on Sunday, the BJP and Congress members trooped to the Speaker's podium and created a ruckus alleging class-X board examination question paper leak.

Showing the photocopies of the Mathematics question paper on the last day of the class-X board examination on Monday, the opposition members demanded resignation of Minister Dash.

Speaker Bikram Keshari Arukha requested the BJP and Congress members to participate in the question hour and raise the issue during zero



hour. However, the opposition legislators continued their protest without paying attention to the Speaker's request. In such a situation, the Speaker adjourned the proceedings till 4 p.m.

Speaking to media persons outside the Assembly, BJP chief whip Mohan Majhi alleged, "Though our leader of opposition had earlier raised the leak of question papers of history and political science subjects, no action was taken. Today again matriculation question paper was leaked in Puri district

much before the commencement of examination. So, we were forced to disturb the question hour."

It is a sensitive matter. But the government is not giving any reply to it. As a result, the meritorious students will be affected, he said. Majhi demanded that the minister should admit it and resign from his post.

Alleging a question paper leak racket is running in the state, Congress legislator Taraprasad Bahinipati said proper investigation needs to

be done in this direction and strong action should be taken against the persons involved in it.

Bahinipati said that the government is playing with the future of students. He demanded the resignation of Minister Dash over the issue.

On the other hand, the school and mass education minister denied the opposition allegation and said he had talked with the district collector, board officials and Puri district education officer but there was no information about the leak of the question paper.

GSI survey found gold deposits in Odisha's Deogarh: Union Minister in Parliament

New Delhi: Union Minister of Coal and Mines, Pralhad Joshi on Monday informed that Adas block in Deogarh district of Odisha has presence of gold deposits.

In a written reply in Rajya Sabha, Joshi informed that the Geological Survey of India (GSI), during Field Season Programme (FSP) 2018-19 carried out 'general exploration' (G2) for base metal in Adas block. The survey revealed presence of gold as an associated metal, along with copper, said the Union Minister. GSI has established an indicated resource of 0.90 MT at 0.97 ppm of ores of gold in Adas



block. "The resource-bearing geological report has been handed over to the State Government of Odisha for auctioning. After auction of the block, the indicated resource may be upgraded to mineable reserve by successful bidders," an official release read.

Recently, the Odisha Steel and Mines Minister Prafulla Mallik in the

Assembly informed that Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj and Deogarh districts have gold deposits.

According to Mallik, D i m i r i m u n d a , Kushakala, Gotipur, and Gopur in Keonjhar district; Joshipur, Suriagada, Ruansila, Dhushura hill in Mayurbhanj district and Adas area in Deogarh district have gold deposits.

Woman Among 3 Killed In Road Mishap In Odisha's Nabarangpur

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Three persons, including a woman, were killed in a road mishap in Umerkote area of Nabarangpur district in Odisha today.

According to sources, the trio along with a child was travelling on a motorcycle (OR 24 A 4697) to reach Motigaon when the accident took place.

A pick-up van (OD 24 A 0302) coming from the opposite direction hit the motorcycle from the front near Bakadabedha village under Umerkote police limits, sources said.

The trio died on the spot while the child sustained critical injuries in the mishap. Locals rescued the injured child and rushed him to a nearby hospital.

The identities of the deceased persons were unknown till the filing of the last report.

"The three persons along with the child were travelling on a bike and none of them was wearing a helmet," said a local.

Odisha Govt Expands The Number Of Free Diagnostic Services To 146: Health Minister

Bhubaneswar(KCN): In yet another significant step towards qualitative universal health care for the people of Odisha, the State government has expanded the range of free diagnostic services to 146, said Minister Health & Family Welfare (H&FW) and Finance Niranjan Pujari today. Pujari further said, "These services are assured under

NIDAAN scheme launched by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik from January 1, 2018. The entire population of the State, irrespective of income level, is entitled to get these free services in the government hospitals and health sub-centres. The medical colleges and hospitals (MC&Hs) will provide 221 types of pathological tests free of cost." Secretary H&FW

Shalini Pandit said, "The list of essential diagnostic tests will be modified keeping in view the State's priority and burden of diseases from time to time."

Pandit clarified that henceforth the district headquarters hospitals (DHHs) would provide 146 types of tests, the sub-divisional hospitals (SDHs) would provide 121 types of tests, the community health



centres (CHCs) would provide 103 types of tests, primary health centres (PHCs) would provide 65 types of

tests, and sub-centres would provide 16 types diagnostic tests free of cost to all patients. Different

MC&Hs of the State will provide 221 types of cost-free diagnostic tests to all patients. The speciality and

high-end pathological tests would be provided through credible outsource agencies selected through Gem tender. The selected agency would establish sample collection centres at District, Sub-division, Block, CHC and PHC levels. Heads of the government health facilities were asked to display the list of assured diagnostic services at prominent

places of their respective institutions for public information and awareness.

The H&FW Minister assured that the quality of free diagnostic services would be ensured through appropriate external and internal quality control measures as per national quality assurance standards.

Notably, some expensive high-end diagnostic services are also to be provided free of cost.

Central, State employees / pensioners join hands against NPS

Bhubaneswar (KCN): A grand General Body Meeting of National Federation of Postal Employees, Bhubaneswar Divisional Branch was held today on 19.03.2023 in the premises of Bhubaneswar GPO under the guidance of Com. Bruhaspati Samal, General Secretary, Confederation of Central Govt. Employees and Workers (CCGEW) and Joint Convenor, National Joint Council of Action (NJCA), Odisha. A detailed discussion was held to implement the year long agitational programmes of the Joint Forum for Restoration of Old Pension Scheme (JFROPS) as scheduled by CHQ, New Delhi. Apart from Com. B Samal, the meeting was addressed by Com.

Rabindranath Dhal, President, CCGEW and NJCA, Odisha, Com. Pratap Chandra Dash, President, Odisha State Govt. Retired Employees Federation and Com. Prasanta Kumar Mohanty, President, Odisha State Govt. Employees Coordination Committee and Vice-President, NJCA, Odisha. Addressing the meeting the leaders stressed upon the historic judgement on 17th December, 1982 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in D S Nakra versus Union of India case which states, "Pension is neither a bounty, nor a matter of grace depending upon the sweet will of the employer, nor an ex-gratia payment. It is a payment for the past services rendered. It is a



social welfare measure rendering socio-economic justice to those who in the heyday of their life ceaselessly toiled for the employer on an assurance that in their old age they would not be left in the lurch". According to the historic observation of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, pension creates a vested right subject to CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 which are statutory in character since enacted in exercise of the power conferred under proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India. Thus introduction of NPS just through an Executive Order at the sweet will of the Govt. has not only violated the statutory provision guaranteed under Constitution of India, but also the historic decision of the Hon'ble

Apex Court as above. At last, it was unanimously resolved to conduct a mass rally in the state capital, Bhubaneswar on 26th April, 2023 by NJCA, Odisha with the seven point charter of demands which includes the demand to scarp NPS and restore OPS, Constitution of 8th Central Pay Commission, Payment of 18 months D A Arrear, Regularization of Contractual, Contingent and Part-time Workers including Gramin Dak Sewaks with Status and Pension etc. The proposed rally will be participated by the employees, pensioners and their family members of all Central and State Govt. employees and pensioners including teachers, Railway employees and pensioners of Odisha and

to submit a memorandum to the Hon'ble President of India through the Governor of Odisha. Before that a mass public lunch hour demonstration will be held in all work places on 21st March, 2023. The meeting was successfully conducted under the leadership of Com. Dipti Ranjan Mohanty, Asst. Circle Secretary NFPE (P-III), Odisha Circle and assisted by Com. Lingaraj Sahoo and Com. Gobardhan Barik, President, NFPE (P-III) and NFPE (P-IV), Bhubaneswar Divisional branch respectively. The vote of thanks was given by Com. Suratha Kumar Khuntia, Asst. Secretary, NFPE (P-III), Bhubaneswar Division.

Bhubaneswar witnesses hailstone showers; IMD predicts rise in maximum temp in Odisha



Bhubaneswar(KCN): As predicted by the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the capital city of Bhubaneswar on Monday witnessed thunderstorm and hailstone showers in the afternoon. Normal life was affected due to the hailstone showers which lasted for several minutes at various parts of the city including Jayadev Vihar and Archarya Vihar areas today.

The Millennium City of Cuttack also earlier witnessed moderate rainfall in the wee hours on Monday. As per IMD, thunderstorm with lightning is very likely to occur at one or two places over the districts of Bhadrak, Balasore, Kendrapada, Jajpur, Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar, Dhenkanal, Nuapada, Kalahandi, Nabarangpur, Rayagada, Koraput, Malkangiri and Cuttack in the next 24

hours. "There will be no large change in the maximum temperature (day temperature) during next the 24hrs and gradually rise by 3-4 degree C thereafter at many places over the districts of Odisha," said IMD. **Yellow Warning:** Thunderstorm with lightning is very likely to occur at one or two places over the districts of Bhadrak, Balasore, Kendrapada, Jajpur,

Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar, Dhenkanal, Nuapada, Kalahandi, Nabarangpur, Rayagada, Koraput, Malkangiri, Cuttack. Light to moderate rain or thundershower is very likely to occur at a one or two places over the districts of Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar, Balasore, Bhadrak, Dhenkanal, Jajapur, Kendrapada, Jagatsinghpur, Cuttack, Khurda, Puri, Nayagarh, Kandhamal, Ganjam, Gajapati, Rayagada, Nabarangpur, Kalahandi, Koraput. Light to moderate rain or thundershower is very likely to occur at one or two places over the districts of North Coastal Odisha, Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj, Malkangiri, Koraput, Rayagada, Gajapati, Kalahandi, Nabarangpur.

Naba Das murder case: 'Accused Gopal Das never applied for leave for treatment of mental condition'

Bhubaneswar: At a time when mystery still shrouds the death of Minister Naba Das, the Minister of State (MoS) Home, Tusharkanti Behera on Monday informed that the dismissed ASI and prime accused Gopal Das had never applied for leave citing his mental health condition. In a written reply to a question by senior Congress leader, Narasingha Mishra regarding leave and awards to Gopal Das, the MoS said that accused Gopal Das had never applied for leave citing medical treatment of his psychiatric disorder and he had never submitted any representation for his

transfer. However, Gopal Das remained absent from duty unauthorized from period 3.2.2014 to 3.4.2014 and for the period from 1.3.2015 to 27.6.2015. He had submitted his fitness certificate along with medical treatment papers from MKCG Medical College and Hospital pertaining to his treatment for psychiatric disorder (bipolar affective disorder), the MoS said in a written reply. "I had sought an answer regarding leave taken by Gopal Das and reasons cited. In its reply, the government stated that Gopal had never applied for leave for his own treatment, be it mental

or any other treatment. On maximum occasions, he took leave citing the health condition of his wife. It shows that Gopal Das is not mentally ill," said Congress leader, Narasingha Mishra. According to Mishra, when Gopal's family revealed before the media that he was mentally unstable, an expert team of SCB examined and stated that his mental condition was stable. "Despite this, the state government is keen to prove Gopal Das mentally unstable. It indicates that there is some conspiracy in which some highly placed officials or members of the ruling party are involved. This

needs to be probed," Mishra added. To a question by the Congress leader regarding the awards and number of cases investigated by Gopal Das, the MoS Home stated that the dismissed cop had performed normal duty as well as law and order duty which was assigned to him from time to time by his superiors. Moreover, his performance on duty in the last 10 years appeared to be satisfactory. Gopal Das investigated 299 cases as an investigating officer (IO) during the last 10 years of his service period, the MoS said in his reply.

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The Kashmir Files Bag The Award For 'Best Film Of The Year', Filmmaker Vivek Ranjan Agnihotri Shares Gratitude

Filmmaker Vivek Ranjan Agnihotri created examples of success with his film 'The Kashmir Files' all across the globe, he is gearing up for his next 'The Vaccine War' that is currently running into post-production.

As we saw filmmaker has been winning accolades one after the other for 'The Kashmir Files', it just has added yet another glory to its book by winning the Iconic Gold Awards 2023 for 'Best Film Of The Year'. While the awards have been presented to Vivek Ranjan Agnihotri and Pallavi Joshi, the filmmaker dropped his sincere apologies for not being able to



be part of the award ceremony due to his busy schedule with the post-production of 'The Vaccine War'. The filmmakers shared a poster of the

Iconic Gold Awards 2023 featuring him and Pallavi Joshi and yet another picture of the award. He further jotted down the caption writing, "Thank

#IconicGoldAwards2023 for the honour. I apologise for not being able to attend as I am locked in for the post production of #TheVaccineWar. Thanks, again from

everyone at @i_ambuddha." The award for Vivek Ranjan Agnihotri's 'The Kashmir Files' as Best Film Of The Year has indeed a

well-deserved one as the film has completed one year recently and was one of the most impactful films of the year that made a statement with its success at the box office and in the hearts of the audience. Moreover, now the audience is eagerly waiting for 'The Vaccine War' which is running in its post-production now.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Vivek Agnihotri is gearing up for the release of 'The Vaccine War', which is slated to release on August 15, 2023, in 11 languages, making it one of the most promising films ever filmed.

SS Rajamouli, Jr NTR, Ram Charan Made Oscars Producers Richer By USD 75,000



When 'Naatu Naatu' bagged the Oscar to become the first Indian and Asian song to receive the coveted award, the 'RRR' team led by director S.S. Rajamouli basked in the glory of the moment. But now it seems it came at a significant cost.

Being nominees, music composer M.M. Keeravani (and wife Srivalli) and lyricist Chandrabose were entitled to free seating at their allotted table, along with singers Rahul Sipligunj and Kaala Bhairava, who performed on stage, but other members of 'RRR' team present at the 95th Academy

Awards in Los Angeles on March 13 had to buy tickets to attend the event. And the tickets came for \$25,000 (Rs 20.6 lakh) apiece.

Rajamouli with wife Rama, son Karthikeya and daughter-in-law, NTR Jr, who came sans wife Pranathi, Ram Charan and his wife Upasana Kamineni, and choreographer Prem Rakshith were present for the historic moment along with Keeravani, Chandrabose and the singers.

That the 'RRR' team members had to buy tickets to the 95th Academy Awards was a shock to Indian fans, who were already upset

that Rajamouli and others were seated at the rear, close to the exit, during the ceremony. They took to social media to register their displeasure.

Though the viral heel-tapping hit created history by winning a prestigious award, the on-stage performance of the song during the ceremony without any dancer of Indian descent has also sparked a row.

Dancers of South Asian origin were outraged that Billy Mustapha and Jason Glover, both Americans but not of South Asian descent, had replaced Junior NTR and Ram Charan,

while choreographers Napoleon and Tabitha adapted Rakshith's original choreography.

Junior NTR and Ram Charan were expected to perform on stage, but reportedly backed out due to multiple reasons. They did not feel comfortable recreating the dance on the stage. Some reports attribute this to the other professional commitments of the actors and the limited time they had to rehearse.

'Naatu Naatu' won the coveted award beating 'Applause' from 'Tell It Like a Woman' (from the segment 'Sharing A Ride' by Leela Yadav), which, incidentally, featured Bollywood actress Jacqueline Fernandez; Lady Gaga's 'Hold My Hand' ('Top Gun: Maverick'), Rihanna's 'Lift Me Up' ('Black Panther: Wakanda Forever') and 'This Is A Life' by Son Lux, Mitski and David Byrne ('Everything Everywhere All at Once').

Naatu Naatu Singer Rahul Sipligunj Greeted By Huge Crowd As He Arrives In Hyderabad



'Naatu Naatu' singer Rahul Sipligunj arrived in Hyderabad a while ago to a grand welcome by his fans at the airport. Upon arrival, he was greeted by a huge crowd of fans and media persons. A sea of fans gathered at the airport to shower their love on the singer. He was welcomed with a gigantic garland as fans cheered for him in excitement and pride.

The actor made sure to greet his fans through the sunroof of his car. Earlier, in the day, Ram Charan was also greeted by hundreds of his fans as he reached Hyderabad airport. Several images and videos circulated online show Ram Charan being showered with flower petals by the sea of fans.

'Naatu Naatu' was the first Telugu song to be nominated in the 'Original Song' category at the Oscars. It won the award trumping big names such as Rihanna and Lady Gaga. Singers Rahul Sipligunj and Kaala Bhairava and composer along with director SS Rajamouli and lead actors Jr NTR and Ram Charan were also present at the big event.

The lyrical composition by MM Keeravani, high energy rendition by singers Rahul Sipligunj and Kaala Bhairava, unique choreography by Prem Rakshith, and lyrics by Chandrabose are all the elements that make this 'RRR' mass anthem a perfect dance craze.

Box Office War: Rani Mukerji-Starrer 'Mrs Chatterjee v/s Norway' Goes Well, While Kapil Sharma's 'Zwigato' Struggles

Rani Mukerji-starrer 'Mrs Chatterjee v/s Norway' and Kapil Sharma's 'Zwigato' were released on Friday (March 17). Helmed by Nandita Das, 'Zwigato' has received good reviews from critics, though, the box office numbers are not overwhelming.

On the other hand, Rani Mukerji's movie had a mixed bag of reactions so far. However, the movie started on a promising note at the box office.

Trade analyst Taran Adarsh tweeted on Saturday, "Released at limited screens [409]



and shows, #Zwigato puts up a dull score on Day 1... The word of mouth is positive, but it needs to convert into footfalls over the weekend... Fri Rs 42 lacs. #India biz."

On day 2, Zwigato raked 62 lakhs rupees. According to the estimate given by Adarsh, "#Zwigato witnesses an upward trend on Day 2 [+44.19%], but the 2-

day total remains very low due to its biz on Day 1... Biz needs to have a miraculous turnaround/jump on Day 3 for a respectable weekend total... Fri 43 lacs, Sat 62 lacs. Total:

Rs 1.05 cr. #India biz."

Meanwhile, 'Mrs Chatterjee v/s Norway' is leading with more than 3 crores rupees. Taran tweeted, "#MrsChatterjeeVsNorway witnesses SOLID GROWTH on Day 2 [+77.95%]... The super-strong word of mouth should translate into higher footfalls on Day 3... National chains dominate the show [Day 1: 83 lacs, Day 2: 1.58 cr]... Fri 1.27 cr, Sat 2.26 cr. Total: Rs 3.53 cr. #India biz. #MCVN" 'Zwigato' is about the struggles of a food-

delivery boy and his family. Asked about choosing such subject matter, Nandita said, "I like this kind of subject. Because nowadays we see less of the common man's story in movies."

Directed by Ashima Chibber, 'Mrs. Chatterjee VS Norway' talks about the life of an immigrant mother who fights against all odds to win back the custody of her children. Neena Gupta, Jim Sarbh and Bengali actor Anirban Bhattacharya play pivotal roles in the movie.

Reviving the dying art of string puppetry



You must have probably familiar with puppets and if you're like most people, you must have probably seen a puppeteer in action and may have even played with a puppet yourself. Every year 21st March is celebrated as World Puppetry Day to recognize puppetry as a global art form. Puppetry is considered to be one of the oldest forms of storytelling in the country. Puppetry is a real challenge to the imagination of the individual and is one of the oldest forms of entertainment. Puppetry is a beautiful and colourful art. It is so sad to see that puppeteers are slowly fading away. Puppetry is an animated visual art form. Kathputli that means a puppet which is made from wood. Whereas the words kath means 'wood' and putli means 'a doll or toy'. The craft of making

Kathputli, was practiced by a community of performing artists. The puppeteer uses his or her skills to makes the puppet, an inanimate object, talk, sing, dance and behave the way humans do. Most of the puppeteers around the country and even in Gujarat are of the opinion that that the competition from cinema and TV had hit them hard. As one puppeteer from Ahmedabad Ramesh Rawal 72 Year old an Indian folk and Puppet Artist says "Television, especially, has given us a big blow". Rawal a puppet artist from Ahmedabad, Gujarat who has participated in various International Puppet festivals in Afghanistan, Tehran, Iran, Rome, Italy, Japan and in various places of India, is striving very hard to keep the culture of puppet shows active but he is helpless as he is not getting any support from concerned authorities. The Puppetry has been his family profession since many generations. Over a

period of time, the colourful art started fading away and the artists like Rawal started struggling to get any work opportunities. The prospects of making good money from doing puppetry shows are quite minimal now-a-days. Modern day entertainment options like television, movies and the internet are pushing traditional puppetry towards a slow death. In order

Vinod Chandrashekhar Dixit to keep the culture and heritage of our nation alive with more charisma, we need to they help them to overcome shyness and stage fear. Puppet shows have an integral part of cultural functions and festivals in villages, towns and cities. On a personal level, wealthy patrons can also arrange for puppet shows during their celebrations. Puppet shows are one of the notable marvels in the lap of the heritage of India. It is quite essential to maintain the trade of ancient artworks. Due to the lack of patronization of government and lack of audience

interest, most of the people engaged in puppetry quit from it and are involved in other lucrative source of Income but all cannot afford. Poor puppeteers like Ramesh Rawal are not able to introduce modern techniques in their performance due to Lack of sponsors. Further, many of the puppet troupes are not adequately literate. Most of the traditional Puppeteers are not willing to teach puppetry to their children as they do not want to see their children in problem, as puppetry cannot provide adequate money to live life. Schools can arrange for puppet shows on different themes from which the children can learn new things. Teenagers can easily search valuable information, which is not in their textbooks, in a novel way. Puppets provide a way of holding children's attention and in a way helps in behaviour change. The families of puppeteers like Ramesh Rawal see a new hope to revive

the lost art of puppetry to help them earn a little more than what they usually get. Let us understand that Puppets are a different mode of communication. Besides entertainment, these dolls convey social message to everybody, irrespective of age groups. It is clear that Puppetry is one of the arts facing extinction. Government must think over for a permanent source of income to provide them livelihood on a regular basis, Let us make efforts to breathe life into it by introducing it to school students and also in financial literacy. It will be worthwhile for the government to look into the neglected art form and evolve schemes for its revival in a big way. Let us make an effort to bring back this art form viz puppeteer back in action.



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Letter To Editor

Sir,
Regulate illicit sand mining
National Green Tribunal has to direct the state governments to take remedial action against illegal sand mining especially in a submerged water area. Extraction of sand-mainly through an open pit -mined from beaches and inland dunes or dredged from ocean and river beds. Beach sand may contain garnet, leucosene, sillimanite, and monazite. Sand mining presents opportunities to extract rutile, ilmenite, and zircon. Sand mining is the world's largest mining endeavour, responsible for 85 percent of all mineral extraction. Disturbance of underwater and coastal sand is due to illicit sand mining. It can also destroy fisheries, Can alter the river bed. Globally 80% of the beaches are retreating for example in Indonesia more than 20 islands already disappeared. Due to loss of the natural sand barrier salt water seeps into soil making land unsuitable for farming. Dredges destroy the natural habitat of countless maritime species endangering the marine food chain from plankton to whales. Coastal areas will face tourism crisis if illegal sand mining continues in the country. Sand extraction from the river banks weakens the foundation of near by infrastructure for example in our country already bridges collapsed due to sand mining. Therefore illicit sand mining should be regulated.
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Sanatan Gita for the sake of Spiritualization

(Continuing one) – Chapter II – The Second Cuckoo
Mr. Radha Shyam Jena

This is continuing from the earlier article in regard to the message carried by the characterized Cuckoo bird and motivate the devotees towards the Karma Yoga or Yoga of Actions without desire or attachment for the fruit of the actions as narrated by Jagadguru Abhinav Prabhakar to the mankind at large for the spiritualization of life. The cuckoo has been categorically asked to carry the message for a motivation to be seated in a spiritual boat to cross the river of illusion and the mundane pain and sorrow. The said boat of spiritualization is under the control of Gururji as the helmsman who would help cross the river of illusion. One who sits in the said boat has no fear since he is in the right way and under the full observation of Gururji, the Almighty. Those who are not spiritual and attached with the hedonistic life such as woman, wealth are attracted towards the boat of sacrilege.



That boat is under the control of Kali (Period of Black Era). In kaliyuga many hypocrite saints may appear and motivate the hedonistic and luxurious oriented people to sit on the boat of profanity resulting the accident of drowning in the midst of river of illusion. He has categorically and strictly asked the devotees or the human beings through the messenger Cuckoo not to involve with the untruth and violence but to involve with the non-violence with the realization of the presence of God in every human being. Such a realization of presence of God in every human being or animal is not prominent or visible or tangible but it is realizable if the ignorance just like cloud is removed, the sun appears in the sky. Similarly, the face of a person is visible in front of a mirror which is a glass smeared with the chemical of its back. If the said chemical is wiped out from the mirror the appearance

of the person would never be visible. Similarly if soul, wisdom, knowledge are detached from the worldly pleasure then the person would enjoy the valuable life, the same is also equal to a comparison like lotus grown in the mud but it is never smeared with the mud. In the same manner the soul holding the body lives in it but the soul has nothing to do with the body. It is quite independent. If a swan is offered milk mixed with water, it can separate water from the milk. Therefore, the body is an illusion. Soul has no attachment with body. Soul is quite independent and has nothing to do with the worldly pleasure. Consciousness of soul is independent and keeps soul free from bodily attachment. Soul is always attracted towards Almighty or God which can be realized through the meditation. Meditation can be performed by soul. Through the practice of meditation, one can realize the existence of God with the feeling of existence of God everywhere and in everybody. It is an explanation and glaring propagation. Gururji has also asked the carrier of a message 'the Cuckoo' to surrender the taste of tongue to Almighty. If such a consciousness remains constant or in a status quo position, one can be free from all worldly pleasure. Therefore, the realization of the presence of God everywhere and in everybody would fortify one's faith and the fruit of actions should be sacrificed or surrendered for the sake of God. As a result one would be free from all attachments and all pleasure of senses. Such consciousness enlightens a person and helps him reach Almighty by virtue of such practice of consciousness. The same has been cited by Lord Krishna in the Gita at Chapter IV as under:
नादत्तेकस्यचित्वापन्नचेवसुकर्तव्यम् ।
अज्ञानेनावृतज्ञानेनमुक्त्वात्तिजन्तवः ॥ 15॥
The above said enlightening lines signify that the omnipresent God does not receive the virtue or sin of anyone. Knowledge is enveloped in ignorance; hence it is that beings are constantly falling a prey to delusion.
(To be continued.....)

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The Union Minister for Home Affairs and Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah attends the 71st Convocation of Maharaja Sayajirao University, as the Chief Guest at Vadodra, in Gujarat

"Will Perform Last Rites Of My Daughter After...": Shraddha Walkar's Father

New Delhi: Vijay Walkar, father of Shraddha Walkar, who was murdered by her live-in partner Aftab Poonawalla last year, today said that one year of his daughter's murder will be completed in May but he has not been able to perform her last rites yet. After attending a hearing in the Shraddha murder case in Saket Court, Shraddha's father said, "one year of my daughter's murder will be completed in May, and I have not been able to perform her last rites."

"I would perform the last rites after the accused is awarded the death sentence," he told ANI. He also said that he is not in a position to perform the last rites as the body parts of her daughter will be handed over to him only after the conclusion of the trial. Vijay Walkar also said that he wants that the accused must be given a death sentence and the hearing should be conducted in a time-bound manner. "We will be in a position to perform the last rites only after the conclusion of the trial. It is a question when it will be concluded and I would get the body

parts of my daughter, he asked. Advocate Seema Kushwaha, counsel for Vijay Walkar, said that the Nirbhaya case took seven years to reach its conclusion. This case should not take years to be concluded like the Nirbhaya case. Earlier in the day, Delhi Police concluded its arguments on the charges against Aftab Amin Poonawala. Aftab was produced in the Saket court. Vijay Walkar was also present during the hearing of the matter. The counsel for Delhi Police submitted that she was taking counselling

from doctors from the "Practo" app. Audio-video recording of the online counselling was also played in the courtroom in the presence of Aftab. The recordings made Shraddha's father emotional. In the recording, Shraddha was heard saying, "he will hunt me, find me, and will kill me." In one of the recordings, she was also confessing to the doctor (counsellor) that one day Aftab grabbed her throat. "I was totally blacked out and was not able to breathe," Shraddha could be heard in the recording.

Centre Recommends CBI Inquiry Against Activist Harsh Mander's NGO

New Delhi: The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has recommended a CBI inquiry against Aman Biradari, an NGO established by writer and human rights activist Harsh Mander, for alleged violation of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, officials said on Monday. Harsh Mander, who was a member of the Sonia Gandhi-led National Advisory Council during the erstwhile UPA government, founded Aman Biradari -- "a people's campaign for a secular, peaceful, just and humane world". Official said a CBI inquiry has been recommended against Aman Biradari for violation of various provisions of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act. All NGOs receiving foreign funding have to mandatorily register with the Home Ministry under the FCRA.



According to Mander's website, he is the "founder of Aman Biradari, a people's campaign for a secular, peaceful, just and humane world, established after the Gujarat communal carnage of 2002". "Aman Biradari works closely with other people's organisations and groups for the defence of secularism; for public compassion; and for promoting the values of the constitution," it states. In October 2022, the MHA had cancelled the FCRA registration of the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation (RGF) and the Rajiv Gandhi Charitable Trust (RGCT) -- two NGOs headed by Congress leader Sonia Gandhi --

for alleged violation of laws. Officials said that between 2018 and 2022, the FCRA registration of 1,827 associations were cancelled due to violation of its provisions and rules. As on March 10, 2023, there were 16,383 FCRA-registered organisations. A total amount of ₹ 55,449 crore in foreign funding has been received by Indian NGOs in the last three years, the Rajya Sabha was informed last week. An amount of ₹ 16,306.04 crore was received by NGOs across the country in 2019-20, ₹ 17,058.64 crore in 2020-21, and ₹ 22,085.10 crore in 2021-22.

On Cops Notice To Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi Says "Exploits" Of Centre

New Delhi: Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Monday attacked the Centre over the Delhi Police's notice to Rahul Gandhi and said the people of the country are watching all the exploits of "the corrupt BJP government" and will reply when the time comes. Her attack came after Rahul Gandhi on Sunday faced a Delhi police team that reached his residence to inquire about his "women are still being sexually assaulted" statement made during the Bharat Jodo Yatra. In a tweet in Hindi, Priyanka Gandhi said, "Notice is being given to Mr Rahul Gandhi as to why did you raise the voice of women, dalits, tribals, poor, farmers and



youth who were suffering from atrocities?" The people of the country are watching all the exploits of "the corrupt BJP government" and will give a reply when the time comes, she said. In another tweet, Priyanka Gandhi slammed the BJP government in Uttar Pradesh over the reported suicide of a girl student over alleged eve teasing. "In the media, advertisements say that 'criminals are trembling

in UP. But, in reality, everyday criminals commit crimes against women without fear and the women are not given a hearing in the government system," she said. The Congress has condemned the Delhi Police action after police knocked on Gandhi's doors on Sunday for the third time in five days asking him to provide information on the women "victims" so that the police can take up their case. The opposition party attacked the central government, accusing it of harassment, intimidation and political vendetta, but the BJP rejected the charge and said the police was "only discharging its lawful duty".

IIT Kharagpur Inks MoU with University of Edinburgh

Kolkata: Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur signed a MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the University of Edinburgh on shared academic collaboration in promoting teaching, education curriculum, research and service to the community. Prof. Neil Robertson, Dean International Partnerships, College of Science and Engineering, University of Edinburgh signed the MoU in the presence of his counterpart Prof. Jayanta Mukhopadhyay, Dean Outreach & Alumni Affairs, IIT Kharagpur. The two renowned institutions earlier conducted many

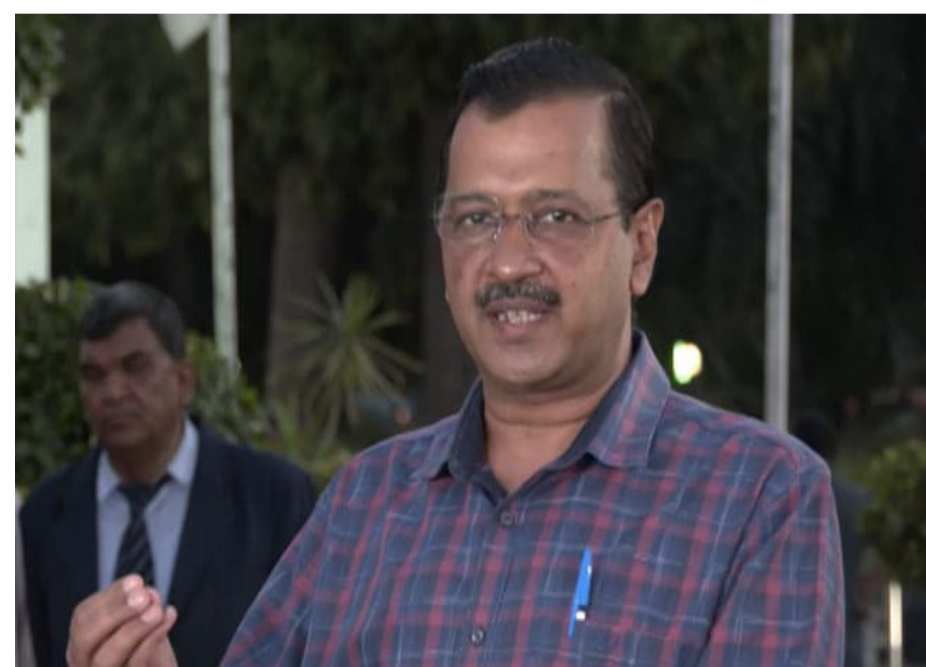


activities like faculty visits and joint workshops. The current MoU will not only increase these activities manifolds but also engender new activities in research and academics. The duration of the MoU is for five years. Prof. Mukhopadhyay in this connection commented, "This collaboration would orchestrate academic curriculum between both the universities in

creating synergy with several academic and research facilities for the students as well as the faculties of the respective universities. Being the oldest IIT in the country, the internationalisation of the education curriculum to meet the global standards of academics, technicians and professionals is the priority." Prof. Goutam Chakraborty, Associate Dean, International Relations stated, "With this association we need to expand our horizons into globalisation of Indian education. The adoption of a universal and inclusive academic ecosystem will enhance our ideation to approach future technological pursuits."

Third Front Attempt? Arvind Kejriwal Planned Meet With 7 Chief Ministers

New Delhi: A fresh effort to move towards a Third Front ahead of 2024 general elections appears to have nosedived. This time, the author was Aam Aadmi Party chief Arvind Kejriwal, who wanted to enhance cohesion and form a forum of non-BJP, non-Congress Chief Ministers, with what, sources indicated, could be an eye to 2024. But the dinner he invited them to, never happened, with his invitees returning a less-than-warm response. The Delhi Chief Minister -- who has been battling the Centre and its representative, the Lieutenant Governor, since coming to power in 2014 -- wrote to seven Chief Ministers, inviting them to Delhi on March 18. The idea was to find common cause and form a "progressive group of Chief Ministers" who



were battling the Centre on similar issues. The letter -- which has been accessed by NDTV -- was sent on February 5 to Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, Kerala's Pinarayi Vijayan, Tamil Nadu's MK Stalin, Jharkhand's Hemant Soren and others. Sources, however, said Telangana Chief Minister K

Chandrasekhar Rao, who was also among the invitees, has turned it down, citing poor health. In recent years, Mr Rao has been the first to push for a non-BJP, non-Congress coalition, but appeared to have abandoned his efforts in view of the lukewarm response from other parties. He is focussing his attention now on

taking his party to other states. Mr Kejriwal was one of the few attendees when Mr Rao's Telangana Rashtra Samithi morphed into the national Bharat Rashtra Samithi last month. Sources in Bihar and Bengal governments have also confirmed Mr Kejriwal's invite. The Delhi Chief Minister's office is yet to respond on the

issue. Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee -- one of the key interlocutors of the opposition in 2019 -- has already declared that she intends to go it alone in the 2024 general elections. Bihar's Nitish Kumar, who was also seen by many to take a leadership role after he broke away from the BJP a second time, has insisted that he is not looking for the Prime Minister's post. His deputy Tejashwi Yadav today said, "Neither he (Nitish Kumar) wants to become the Prime Minister nor do I want to become the Chief Minister. We are happy where we are". A united opposition for 2024 appears to be a long shot even though the Congress has declared that it is ready to work with like-minded parties, without seeking the leadership role in the alliance.

Odisha to deploy separate agencies to manage Bhubaneswar, Cuttack bus terminals

BHUBANESWAR: The state government has decided to deploy separate agencies for providing comprehensive facility management services (CFMS) at Inter State Bus Terminal (ISBT), Bhubaneswar and Cuttack Netaji Bus Terminal (CNBT). At a high level meeting chaired by chief secretary Pradeep Kumar Jena, it has been decided to go for selection of partner agencies for operation and maintenance and revenue collection

separately instead of selecting a single agency for both the purposes. While the ISBT project with 300 parking spaces being implemented by Bhubaneswar Development Authority (BDA) over 15.5 acre of land at a cost of Rs 180 crore is nearing completion, the Rs 84 crore CNBT is expected to be ready in next few months. A technical committee constituted for finalisation of request



for proposal (RFP) documents and to monitor the bid process for selection of CFMS agency has approved the

provisions of the RFP documents and directed to initiate the bid process at the earliest for operation and maintenance of

both the terminals. A Transport department official said the proposed contract period for the selected CFMS

agency will be five years. It has been decided that the CFMS agency will be brought on board prior to the operationalisation of the terminals for smooth operation and maintenance of the facilities. "The implementing authorities will work out PPP models for the collection of revenue from renting/licensing the commercial spaces, advertisement fees and parking fees within the terminals.

They can engage single or multiple agencies as suitable for the collection of revenue from the activities in a fair and transparent manner," he said. The BDA, CDA, Commissioner of Police and STA officials have been asked to consult with the stakeholders for the finalisation of the entry and parking fee to be charged from the bus owners. The chief secretary also asked to

relinquish a land area of 16.95 acre belonging to other departments to the Revenue department for the eventual transfer of the land parcels to the Housing and Urban Development department or CDA for the CNBT. It was decided that the land area of 1.88 acres reserved for monetisation will be transferred to CDA on a free hold basis while the rest of the land parcels will be alienated in the name of the H&UD department.

Future of Mahanadi water tribunal hangs in balance



BHUBANESWAR: Uncertainty prevails over the Mahanadi River Water Disputes Tribunal as the Centre is yet to extend its tenure after it expired on March 11. Official sources maintained that the next hearing of the tribunal which was scheduled on March 25 has been cancelled. The field visit of the tribunal along with officials of the two states, Odisha and Chhattisgarh, planned during the last week of March will also not take place. As the tribunal was constituted on March 12, 2018 following an order of the Supreme Court on January 23, 2018, the state government is now

contemplating to approach the apex court in this regard. The Odisha government had sought to refer the water dispute regarding the inter-state river Mahanadi and its river valley to a tribunal for adjudication under the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956. Sources, however, said that a decision on the matter is yet to be finalised and will be taken very soon. Meanwhile, the Opposition political parties in the state have come down heavily on the government for not taking any interest in resolution of the dispute. Leader of the Congress Legislature

Party (CLP) Narasingh Mishra said even if the government approaches the Supreme Court now, it will have no impact on addressing the problem as Mahanadi has become almost dry in March and is going to be completely dry in a month. Had the state government taken timely action and shown interest, such a situation would not have arisen, he added.

The BJP on the other hand alleged that the state government is not taking any action to keep the dispute alive to politically exploit it. Stating that the BJP was for resolution of the dispute through talks between Odisha

and Chhattisgarh from the beginning, BJP general secretary Golak Sahu alleged that the state government went for a tribunal only to prolong it. In fact, in 25 sessions of the tribunal which has so far been held, there was no progress as common information format is yet to be finalised. The information format would have been finalised after the field visit. The ball is now in the court of the Centre to extend the tenure of the tribunal. The term of the tribunal expired on March 12, 2021, following which it was given two years extension up to March 11, 2023.

Amit Shah visit to Bhadrak postponed

BHUBANESWAR: The proposed visit of Union Minister for Home Affairs Amit Shah to the state on March 26 has reportedly been postponed.



"Information available from Delhi said that the March 26 visit of Shah has been called off without assigning any reason. There is no official communication from either the central party office or from the office of the Home Ministry about the cancellation of the visit," sources in

the state unit of the party said. It is assumed that Shah might have some pressing engagement in Delhi or poll-bound Karnataka. It will be

cleared within a day or two, the sources said. Shah was scheduled to visit the state for a day on March 26 as part of his Lok Sabha Pravasa programme.

Arrangements were underway for his visit to Bhadrak district where he was scheduled to address a public rally in the Dhama Nagar Assembly constituency and meet party workers. Some leaders from other parties were expected to join the BJP in the presence of Shah. A BJP team led by the party's state general secretary Golak Mohapatra had visited the public meeting venue a couple of days ago to take stock of the preparations.



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On World Happiness Day, Vedanta Aluminium launches 'Employee Wellness and Lifestyle Program'

Brings on board MantraCare as Corporate Wellness & Lifestyle Partner

New Delhi: On World Happiness Day, Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest producer of aluminium, launches Umang, an Employee Wellness & Lifestyle Program to improve the wellbeing and happiness quotient of employees and their families. The company announced its partnership with MantraCare, one of India's top health technology companies working in the realm of holistic health management. Vedanta Aluminium is one of the world's largest aluminium

producers with expansive operations in Odisha and Chhattisgarh which are run by a vibrant & diverse workforce. The employees work in a highly competitive environment, striving for excellence and pushing the boundaries on innovation. Vedanta Aluminium has world-class townships, well-equipped with gyms, sports complexes, swimming pools, playing grounds and more, for employees to be able to maintain a high-level of physical fitness.

While the company has been conducting sessions on various facets of health, it has now gone a step further to create a structured round-the-year programme with the firm belief that holistic wellbeing can help employees and their families improve their physical health, boost morale and work-life balance. As part of the Umang program, the company will offer online psychological counselling, physiotherapy, yoga, meditation, weight management, de-addiction and various



other services to employees through an interactive app. Speaking about the program, Mr. Rahul Sharma, CEO, Vedanta Limited – Aluminium Business, said, "Our people are at the heart of our aspirations to be a world leader in aluminium. We believe that happy employees create happier workplaces, more cohesive teams and a high-performance working culture. We have created several

policies and welfare programs designed to help our employees lead a healthy and balanced life. Through Umang, we are now expanding the ambit to enable our employees and their families further in leading happier and more fulfilling personal & professional lives." Mr. Himanshu Jain, CEO of MantraCare, Vedanta Aluminium's partner in the corporate wellness & lifestyle program, adds, "We are pleased

to announce that Vedanta Aluminium, India's foremost aluminium company, has partnered with MantraCare to provide wellness solutions to their employees. At Vedanta, the health and well-being of their workforce is a top priority, and this partnership with MantraCare will help them achieve their goal of a healthy and engaged team. MantraCare's expertise in providing personalized wellness

solutions and their focus on mental health will complement Vedanta's existing initiatives and help employees lead a more wholesome lifestyle. We are excited to be working with Vedanta and look forward to a fruitful partnership." This collaboration will see the rollout of a comprehensive wellness program that focuses on the physical, mental, and emotional health of Vedanta Aluminium's employees.

MantraCare's team of experts will work closely with the company to tailor the program to meet the specific needs of its people, ensuring that it is inclusive and accessible to all. The program will be rolled out in phases, starting with an assessment of the employees' health needs and preferences, followed by a range of activities, workshops, and resources designed to support their overall well-being.

The company's initiatives towards ensuring a conducive, growth-oriented work environment for its employees have resulted in several top industry accolades. It has been conferred with the prestigious 'The Happiest Workplace Award 2022' by Happy+ in association with Business World and has also received the esteemed 'Great Place to Work' certification for FY23.

Sony announces the Next-Gen Smart BRAVIA 32W830K Google TV with crystal clear picture and refined sound

Bhubaneswar : Sony India today announced the launch of BRAVIA 32W830K television with attractive picture quality and life like sound. The all-new 80 cm (32) HD ready Google TV lets you enjoy movies, games and shows from apps or broadcast in an instant with advanced voice controls and built-in Chromecast.

Now seamlessly integrate Google TV and bring together more than 700,000 movies, shows, live TV and more from

apps and subscriptions and organize seamlessly. With BRAVIA 32W830K, browse content from across your apps, intelligently organized just for you. Customers can easily find something to watch with personalized recommendations and bookmark shows and movies by adding a watchlist from phone and watch it on TV to keep track of what to watch. Users can even add to their Watchlist from their phone or laptop with Google Search and find

everything in one place. BRAVIA 32W830K supports Apple Home Kit and AirPlay that seamlessly integrates Apple devices like iPads and iPhones with the TV for effortless content streaming. Easily control your TV with Hands-free voice capabilities. The hands-free voice control is built into the TV, no need to reach for the remote every time to search for entertainment, get answers, or control the TV and smart home devices. Simply say, "OK Google" to issue a voice command.

Ambulance employees felicitated for their humanitarian works

Bhubaneswar : Ziqitza Healthcare Limited (ZHL), the operating agency for 108 ambulance services in Odisha, today felicitated its ambulance employees for showing exceptional humanitarian support in difficult times to patients while on duty. Whereas the company also felicitated 13 meritorious children of their staff members who were top scorers in the Class 10th examinations. The awards were given under the Ziqitza Odisha Scholarship 2022, organized here today. A total 7 Cluster Leaders, 7 Maintenance Executives (ME), One Quality Auditor, 21 Crew members were awarded for their distinguished efforts. Attending as chief guest, Sri Sabyasachi Biswal, State Head - Odisha, ZHL

Odisha inaugurated the programme by lighting up the lamp. Whereas Sri Deepak Srivastav, HR-Head Odisha and Rajiv Kumar Das, Head of Operation, ZHL were also present on the occasion.

Speaking on this occasion, Sri Sabyasachi Biswal, State Head, said, "Ziqitza Healthcare Limited & its employees are always committed to serve the public with utmost care. Our crew members have shown their highest resolve in serving people at many occasions. Be it bringing patients in stretcher from their home in case of no motorable roads, Donating blood to patients in difficult time, showing highest devotion towards duty during natural calamities or returning of money and other valuable belongings

to patients are among few noble works."

The crew members who got felicitated on the occasion were Sri Prasanta Ku Barik, Shaktisri Dalai, Uttam Kumar Mohanta, Susanta Kumar Majhi, Gagan Bihari Mahanta, Suman Kalayan Mahakud, Prasanta Behera, Sukant Paikray, Sudipta Rana, Dasrathi Maharatha, Biranchi Narayan Ratha, Rabindra Kumar Badatya, Bansi Harijan, Manisanta Hira, Rajkumar Patel, Gopabandhu Swain, Motilal Pradhan and Jitu Seth. This apart three crew members Bhabanishankar Mahakud, Padmalochan Maharana & Parikhita Naik were chosen as best crew members for their outstanding effort in serving people at distress going an extra mile.

LIC HFL revises its rates for loan products

Mumbai : LIC Housing Finance Ltd (LIC HFL), one of India's largest Housing Finance companies, has revised the rate of interest for its loan products on the back of the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) announcement on 4th May 2022, revising the repo rate. Accordingly, LIC HFL has revised its rates of interest upwards across retail loan product

categories. The new interest rate on home loans starts from 6.9% with effect from 13th May 2022.

Commenting on this interest rate revision, MD & CEO Shri Y. Viswanatha Gowd said, "RBI has after a long time increased the policy rates and the effect is being seen across the lenders. We have kept our home loan rates

competitive despite the increase in the cost of funds to support the aspirations of home buyers. For borrowers with CIBIL score 700 and above the rate hike has been limited to only 20 bps. In my view, this increase may not have significant impact on the EMI outgo. I am confident that demand for Home Loans continues to be high."

Apeejay Education and AWS Announce New Accelerator Program

Bhubaneswar – Apeejay Education, an academic institution in India established for more than 50 years, and Amazon Web Services (AWS), an Amazon.com company, today announced the launch of the National Education Policy Accelerator Program (NEPAP), an initiative to enable academic institutions in India to align with the technology requirements documented in the Government's National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020). This is the first program in India to support the technology transformation of education institutions as per the NEP 2020.

The NEP 2020 aims to strengthen India's education sector that directly contributes to the country's growth and development, demonstrating the need to integrate technology in education to improve learning and teaching at all levels. The accelerator program will address two key tenets of the NEP 2020 – on the extensive use of technology in teaching, learning, education planning, and management; and in the creation of open, interoperable, evolvable, public digital infrastructure in the education sector to support multiple platforms and point solutions.

The accelerator program will guide academic institutions on multiple aspects of the NEP 2020. It will support academic institutions by conducting digital innovation workshops to focus on identifying and prioritizing unique challenges of the academic institutions, and co-building solutions or proof-of-concepts (POCs) using technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML). AWS will drive these workshops based on the Amazon Working Backwards innovation methodology, which uses design thinking to identify and define a customer-focused problem or opportunity and develop prototypes. Through the accelerator program, AWS and Apeejay Education will support academic institutions with AWS credits, capacity building workshops, and access to dedicated resources, to build and implement the POCs. Apeejay Education will bring expertise on the use cases of digital solutions in the education sector, and support with testing the solutions to extend the reach to other institutions across India. Apeejay Education is a pioneer in the adoption of technology and cloud computing and today, Apeejay Styra University – part of Apeejay Education – runs its entire learning management, fee and billing, governance, administration and admissions systems on AWS. The university's digital readiness enabled it to offer online classes to students within 24 hours of the initial lockdown imposed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and scale its learning management system as needed. By running its critical systems on AWS, the university accelerated its journey to align with the NEP, and effectively engage its 35,000 students and 2,500 faculty members across 26 campuses in India.

HCL's Roshni Nadar Malhotra says demand environment robust

North Asia, Central America, Eastern Europe and Africa are newer geographies for the company, she said, adding "this is where we plan to grow in the future as new frontier countries, in addition to our existing large geographies and markets". Citing her interactions with various customers in Europe and the US, Nadar said their utmost priority has been about accelerating digital transformation programmes with efficiencies.

The demand environment for technology "continues to be robust" despite the challenges seen over the last two years, and global clients have a razor-sharp focus on accelerating

digital transformation with efficiency, HCL Technologies Chairperson Roshni Nadar Malhotra said on Thursday.

North Asia, Central America, Eastern Europe and Africa are newer geographies for the company, she said, adding "this is where we plan to grow in the future as new frontier countries, in addition to our existing large geographies and markets". "The last two years have been unpredictable, challenging, and yet the demand environment continues to be robust," Nadar said at a media briefing. Citing her interactions with various customers in Europe and the US, Nadar said their

utmost priority has been about accelerating digital transformation programmes with efficiencies. Nadar noted that the majority of the company's "very steady healthy growth" has come organically, and that continues to be a focus for the IT services provider. "...Tuck in acquisitions, specialised acquisitions, which give us certain domain expertise and a certain strength in different business lines is something that we will do, but the focus has been organic growth." And that's something that we have demonstrated very well over the last couple of years, and we continue to focus on that as well," Nadar said.

Empowering the mother is crucial for ensuring wholesome childcare and development

New Delhi: To raise awareness about wholesome childcare and development, SHEROES, the world's largest social platform for women, recently hosted a panel discussion, with experts from SOS Children's Villages of India, India's largest self-implementing NGO. The sharing of journeys and experiences served as inspiration, especially since the stakeholders talked about their challenges, solutions they adopted, and milestones achieved despite hurdles.

During the conversation, Mr. Sumanta Kar, Secretary

General, SOS Children's Villages of India said, "At SOS Children's Villages of India, mothers serve a crucial role, across all initiatives. The organisation's Family Like Care programme is 600 plus Mothers and Aunts strong; these dedicated team members take care of more than 6000 plus children in 32 Villages, across 22 states / UTs. In the Family Strengthening Programme, as also the other Basket of Care Solutions, mothers or caregivers are empowered to secure a caring, loving and safe environment for their children, and communities. The core

idea is to make caregivers empower in order to ensure a Domino Effect that encourages sustainable and positive change for a better today and brighter tomorrow. Of course, there are many challenges faced during the journey; hence, maintaining balance and health are crucial. Besides this, gender equality and equity are paramount." Sairee Chahal, Founder & CEO of SHEROES and Mahila Money says, "Women have many aspirations – from growing skills, launching businesses and building remote careers, to accessing capital to fuel their businesses.

Virat Kohli's Reaction After Suryakumar Yadav's Golden Duck In 2nd ODI Goes Viral

New Delhi: Former India captain Virat Kohli looked on in horror as Mitchell Starc managed to rip through India's top order in the second ODI at Visakhapatnam on Sunday (March 19). Starc took India's first wickets to fall to set up a dramatic collapse for Rohit Sharma's side as India crumbled to a 10-wicket defeat in the second ODI to help the visitors level the three-match ODI series at 1-1.

One of Starc's four wickets was world No. 1 T20I batter Suryakumar Yadav, who once again fell for a golden duck - his second in succession, leg-before to Australian left-arm pacer. Kohli, who top-scored for India with



31 as they were bundled out for 117, was left shocked as Starc managed to catch 'SKY' plumb lbw.

After the match skipper Rohit Sharma came out in defence of Mumbai Indians teammate Suryakumar

Yadav. 'SKY' has struggled to live up to his high standards of T20I in ODI cricket. In his last 10 innings in ODI, the Mumbai middle-order batter has managed a top-score of just 34.

Suryakumar had walked out at No. 4, a

spot vacated by Shreyas Iyer, who is out due to a back injury with no set timeline for return. "We don't know about (Shreyas) Iyer's return. At this time there is a spot available so we have to play him

(Suryakumar). He has obviously shown a lot of potential with white ball and I have said it many times before (that) guys with potential will be given some run," Rohit told the media after India's 10-wicket defeat to Australia in the second ODI.

"Of course, he knows that he needs to do while in a slightly longer format of the game as well. I think things are there in his mind as well. Like I said, guys with potential will have enough run where you know they should not feel that 'Okay, You know I wasn't given enough chances in that particular slot'," he added.

The Indian captain said that Suryakumar would be given a

'consistent run' so that he feels comfortable with the format. "Yes he got out in the last two games and the series before that as well, but he needs that consistent run, like back-to-back games, 7-8 or 10 games like that so that, you know, he feels more comfortable.

"Right now, he has got in the place when someone's been injured or someone's not available. As management we can look into the performance when you give that consistent run and then you feel that okay, the runs are not coming and (he's) not looking comfortable. Then, we will start thinking about it. Right now, we have not gone that route," Rohit explained.

MS Dhoni's CSK Sign South Africa's Sisanda Magala As Replacement For Kyle Jamieson Ahead Of IPL 2023



Chennai: Chennai Super Kings (CSK) have secured the services of South African fast bowler Sisanda Magala as a replacement for injured New Zealand pacer Kyle Jamieson in the upcoming Indian Premier League (IPL) 2023 season. Jamieson, who was purchased by CSK for INR 1 Crore, had to withdraw from the tournament due to an injury.

Magala, who will join CSK for his base price of INR 50 Lakh, brings a wealth of experience in the T20 format, despite playing only four T20Is for South Africa. The talented bowler has earned a reputation as a consistent wicket-taker in domestic T20 matches over the years.

CSK's decision to sign Magala as a replacement for Jamieson is a smart move, as the South African's ability to take wickets consistently could prove to be a valuable asset for the team. With the IPL season just around the corner, CSK will be hoping that Magala can make an immediate impact and help the team achieve success in the tournament.

New Zealand seal 2-0 whitewash despite Sri Lanka's resistance

New Delhi: Despite a strong resistance by Sri Lanka's lower order, three wickets apiece by Tim Southee and Blair Tuckner helped bundle out the visitors for 358 to help New Zealand clinch the second Test at the Basin Reserve in Wellington by an innings and 58 runs, on Monday. With the win, the hosts also sealed the two-match Test series 2-0. The visitors, who were asked to follow on after bundling out for 164 in the first innings, in response to New Zealand's 580 for 4, provided a strong fight for most parts of the first two sessions, led by Dhananjaya de Silva's 98 - and well supported by

Dinesh Chandimal's 62 and Nishan Madushka's 39. However, on either side of the two partnerships - for the fifth and sixth wicket respectively - the hosts triggered collapses. They struck in the first over of the day itself, with Kusal Mendis mistiming a pull off Matt Henry to mid wicket, without adding to the overnight score. The short-ball which got them the success early in the day, was used rather generously by the New Zealanders throughout the day, especially Blair Tuckner who filled in that role in the absence of Neil Wagner. In the fourth over of the day, the other overnight

batter - Angelo Matthews - departed pulling Tuckner to square leg. Despite losing two wickets early in the day, Sri Lanka continued to be on the offensive, with Chandimal and Dhananjaya taking on the short-pitched attack. The duo stitched a 126-run stand for the fifth wicket, in what proved to be a high-scoring session where Sri Lanka picked 136 runs. The attacking approach that the two batters maintained also helped them quickly take advantage of the loose deliveries as well. However, late in the morning session, Chandimal eventually fell to the ploy, top-edging a

pull off Tickner to the fine leg fielder. Madushka, on debut, got off the mark by going down the track off Michael Bracewell and hitting the offspinner for a six in the last over before Lunch. He attempted to drive the next delivery, but was tricked by the dip and eventually hit it just short of the fielder. The approach post Lunch though was rather cautious. Against the moving new ball, the batters were tested by Matt Henry and Tim Southee. However, apart from a couple of leg before appeals and a few beating the bat, there wasn't much threat posed to them. They slowly kept chipping away at the deficit with a

76-run partnership for the sixth wicket before Madushka fell at the stroke of Tea - yet again dismissed pulling against Tickner, this time caught at mid on. Sri Lanka's chances of wiping off the deficit took a massive hit when Dhananjaya was dismissed in the second over after tea. Looking to sweep Michael Bracewell, he got a top edge to the short-leg fielder. Thereafter, the lower order only delayed the inevitable. They kept the New Zealand bowlers at bay for nearly two and a half hours from thereon to hand them the last three wickets, two of which were eventually scalped by Southee.

'Upar Wala Jab Hai...', Sunil Shetty's Reaction To KL Rahul's Match-Winning Knock In IND vs AUS 1st ODI Goes Viral

New Delhi: KL Rahul's return to form in the ODI series against Australia proved to be crucial for India, as he helped the team secure victory in the first match of the three-match series. After a poor performance in the Test series, Rahul played an unbeaten knock of 75 runs to take the hosts over the line at Mumbai's Wankhede Stadium. Despite a top-order collapse while chasing 189, Rahul's partnership with Ravindra Jadeja ensured that the Men in Blue achieved victory without any significant challenges in the tense run chase against Australia's fiery bowling attack. This win helped India take a 1-0 lead in the series and brought

immense relief to Rahul, who had faced intense criticism recently. Rahul's father-in-law, veteran Bollywood actor Sunil Shetty, expressed his delight and fired shots at critics by crediting God for Rahul's success. Former India pacer Venkatesh Prasad was one of the most vocal critics of Rahul, questioning his place in the Indian team on social media. However, Prasad praised Rahul after his sublime knock in Mumbai. However, India suffered a setback in the second ODI at Vizag, as they lost the game by ten wickets, registering their biggest defeat in ODI cricket history. Rahul made just nine runs

before falling prey to Mitchell Starc. Rahul got married to Bollywood actress Athiya Shetty, Sunil Shetty's daughter, in January 2022 after dating for a few years. Overall, Rahul's performance in the ODI series against Australia showcased his resilience and ability to bounce back from criticism. While India faced a setback in the second ODI, Rahul's contribution in the first match was instrumental in securing the team's victory. His father-in-law's words serve as a reminder that, when supported by loved ones and a higher power, one can overcome criticism and succeed.

Ireland focussed on progress, and not necessarily results

New Delhi: Ireland head coach Heinrich Malan said on Sunday that his charges need to be well aware that playing in Bangladesh is not only about dealing spin since the hosts have a formidable pace attack as well.

Ireland lost the opening game by 183 runs in the opening game of the three-match ODI series and would be keen to win the second game to remain alive.

Bangladesh pace bowler Ebadat Hossain (4-42) and Taskin Ahmed (2-15) shared six wickets among them while Shakib al Hasan and Nasum Ahmed (3-43) picked up the remaining four wickets to help Bangladesh earn their biggest win in the ODIs.

With rain and overcast conditions, while it looks that the weather will be more suited to the Irish side but Malan insisted that the hosts will also be looking forward to capitalize on it as their fast bowling unit, with Mustafizur Rahman as third seamer, is quite a formidable one. "It is a lot more our sort of conditions, isn't it? Hopefully it keeps raining and hopefully it (the ball) keeps moving around," Malan told reporters at Sylhet International Cricket Stadium on Sunday.

"Look, let's not look beyond the fact that Bangladesh has three quality seamers too. They highlighted last night that they have become a very good all-round side," he



said. "It is not just about playing spin anymore. They have an accomplished seam attack. If it is a little overcast and rainy, it will be a little more comfortable for us. We have to play in what's in front of you and we are looking forward to the challenge in

Bangladesh," he added. Ireland reduced Bangladesh to 81-3 before Towhid Hridoy (92) and Shakib al Hasan (93) added 135 off just 125 balls to give the host a solid platform for a big total and Mushfiqur Rahim capitalized it to the fullest making 26-ball

44 that included three sixes and as many fours, coming at number six. "We are trying to find ways to get wickets in the middle overs of white-ball matches. We picked up some wickets in the Powerplay, they built a nice partnership through the middle and

allowed them to get a foundation, to have a successful death period," said Malan. "We are taking that into account, looking at tomorrow we have to come up with one or two creative ways to get some quality players in the opposition under pressure," he said adding that he is quite impressed with four-for in the opening game against the host. "We know what we will get from Hume. He is a very consistent performer. He has been around for a long time. It has been a great addition to our bowling stocks. He has got a lot of opportunities over the last year with a few injuries. It is exciting that we are building a pace bowling stock. He has put his name up in

lights now through his performance. Hopefully he can keep doing that for us." Malan added that they are not looking for just results but rather focusing on the way they are progressing as a team, but also insisted they still feel they can upset the hosts. Ahead of the series, Irish skipper Andrew Balbirnie echoed a similar sentiment. "It is not the result that we are obviously after. I think it was a nice little opportunity for us to get a feel for the conditions. They were better than what we anticipated. It was a nice surface. It wasn't as effected as we thought it would be. It is something that we identified and something we will rectify tomorrow (in the

second game)," said Malan. "The captain said that we are focusing on the way we play. Of course it is about results. We understand international cricket is about winning and losing, but it is the way we go about our business," he said. "I think if you look at the last 12 months, the way we have tried to play got us into opportunities to beat some of the bigger sides. We beat England in the World Cup," he said. "We look at this series as one of those opportunities as well, to come here, in different conditions against a team that just beat the world champions, and show what we got in the bank," he concluded.