

Cong MLAs Wear Black Samal Boosts BJP Youth

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Protesting disqualification of senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi from Lok Sabha, State Congress MLAs attended State Assembly wearing black dresses and created a ruckus in the House over the issue. Speaker BK Arukha adjourned the House till 4 PM without transiting any business in the pre-lunch session.

As soon as the House assembled for the Question Hour at 10.30 AM, the Congress members trooped into the well of the Assembly raising anti-Modi slogans.

Speaker Bikram Keshari Arukha appealed to the Congress legislators to go back to their seats as there is discussion on important departments like finance, home, mines.

However, the opposition Congress members continue their protest raising slogan, "Narendra Modi hai down down..... Narendra Modi



muradbabad...." In such a chaotic scenario, the Speaker adjourned the House till 4 p.m. The House had on March 24 witnessed several adjournments as Congress legislators protested against Rahul Gandhi's disqualification from the Lok Sabha. "We observe the day as black day for our democracy. So, we all are wearing black clothes. They (BJP government) have murdered democracy. If democracy will survive, the country will survive," senior

Congress MLA Tarapasrad Bahinipati told reporters outside the Assembly. Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) president Sarat Pattanayak said, "To protect democracy, we are continuing our protest inside and outside the Assembly. Rahul Gandhi's voice was surpassed and he was not allowed to speak in the Lok Sabha and later disqualified. The people of this country will decide whether an attempt was made to murder the democracy or not?"

While many Chief Ministers have expressed their views for the protection of democracy, here Odisha CM is not making any statement in fear of CBI and ED probe into chitfund and mining scams, he alleged. A delegation of representatives from various political parties will meet Governor Ganeshi Lal this afternoon and submit a memorandum to him, informed the OPCC president. Reacting to the protest by Congress members,

Leader of Opposition Jayanarayan Mishra (BJP) said, "Those who have put all behind the bars during the emergency period are advocating for democracy today. Which kind of democracy are they talking about? Whatever decision was taken, it is as per the law, which was enacted by the then Congress government in 1951." Surprise is that, the House was directly adjourned till 4 p.m., he said, adding, "If any disturbance occurs during question hour, only the question hour should have been suspended. But, the zero hour and adjournment motion discussion were also not taken up for the adjournment." Notably, Rahul Gandhi, representing Wayanad parliamentary constituency in Kerala, was on March 24 disqualified from the Lok Sabha, a day after his conviction in a defamation case by a court in Surat in Gujarat.

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Soon after assuming charge, newly appointed Odisha BJP President Manmohan Samal started his work by visiting BJP youth wing activists including state president Irasis Acharya at Jharpada jail. At least 22 BJP youth leaders and workers were arrested following violence at a protest organised here on February 28 over Naba Das murder case and law & order problem in the state. Since then, the BJP workers are in Jharpada jail. BJP State President and Leader of Opposition Jayanarayan Mishra along with several party leaders visited the jail here this afternoon. After meeting his party workers, Shri Samal slammed the BJD Government for trying to suppress the voice of Opposition over Naba Das murder case. "Our Leader of Opposition repeatedly said that there is no move in the investigation into the murder case. It is not proper to suppress the voice of the Opposition by putting them behind



the bars. We will not tolerate it. This fight will continue further in coming days," the BJP State President said. The BJP will not allow this dictatorship to run any more. Now, they are committing several wrong doings to hide one fault. So, BJD's time is coming to an end, he said. A rousing welcome has been given to Shri Samal on Sunday by the BJP. Severely senior leaders including national vice president Bajjayant Panda, state party in-charge D Purandeswari, Leader of Opposition Jayanarayan Mishra and former Union minister Pratap Sarangi here. Acknowledging the hard task ahead, the third-time

president gave a clarion call to party workers to take a pledge not to take rest till the ouster of BJD from power. Shri Samal asserted that his party will come to power in Odisha in 2024 with an absolute majority. "The BJP has come a long way from being dubbed as a signboard party to the position of main Opposition replacing the Congress. With a popular mandate of nearly 39 per cent vote, the party needs a little push to reach the goalpost," he said. "I am ready to work day and night. I need your support. We must set aside our difference till the common goal is achieved," he told his party workers.

Odisha: Plus II Student Drowns, 2 Others Missing While Taking Bath In Devi River

Bhubaneswar(KCN): A 15-year-old boy drowned and two of his friends went missing while taking bath in Devi river under Balikuda police limits in Jagatsinghpur district of Odisha today. The deceased has been identified as Satyajit Barik, son of Khirad Barika of Ambashala, sources said. According to villagers, Satyajit, a Plus-II student, along with three of his friends went to Machhagaon ghat of Devi river for taking bath in the morning. Satyajit and two others went missing in the river after they were drifted away by the strong current, they said. On being informed,



Balikuda fire brigade personnel and police launched a rescue operation. Satyajit was rescued in a critical condition and rushed to Balikuda hospital, where doctors declared him dead-on-arrival. "Two Plus-II students from Ambashala and two of their friends from Bhubaneswar went for taking bath in Devi river in the morning. Three of them went missing in the river.

The fire brigade personnel rescued one in a critical condition while two others are still missing. The rescued student was declared dead by the doctors at Balikuda hospital," said a police officer. One of the missing students has been identified as Swabhimani Barik, son of Manas Barik of Ambashala while the other one is from Bhubaneswar, said a villager.

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Once again, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has urged the Government of India to evacuate 20 lakh metric ton (LMT) of surplus rice from Odisha. Chief Minister Shri Patnaik has written a letter to Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Piyush Goyal, in this regard. In his letter, Shri Patnaik said Odisha has adopted the decentralized procurement (DCP) system from the Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2003-04. Since then, the State has been undertaking MSP operations for procurement of paddy in decentralized mode. The

procurement has improved the outreach of MSP support to paddy growers, he said. During this Kharif season, a record 14,94,320 number of farmers have sold paddy to the Government at MSP. The rice milled from the paddy so procured is being used under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) and other welfare schemes of the Government and the surplus rice is being delivered to the Food Corporation of India (FCI), Shri Patnaik said. The CM said paddy procurement for Kharif season (KMS 2022-23) is going to be closed by March 31, 2023 and about 65.23 LMT of paddy equivalent to 44.23 LMT Kharif rice



has been procured as on March 22, 2023 and MSP dues of about Rs.13,081 crore have been transferred to the bank account of the farmers within 42 to 48 hours of purchase of paddy. The State has expected that about 10 lakh MT of rice will be procured in the State during the ensuing Rabi (KMS

2022-23) season. Thus, total 54 lakh MT of rice is likely to be procured during the entire 2022-23, he pointed out. Odisha's own consumption will be 24 lakh MT of rice under NFSA, State Food Security Scheme (SFSS) and other welfare schemes. The Department of Food and Public Distribution, Government of India has set a target to procure 10.33 LMT (4 LMT in 1st phase & 6.33 in 2nd phase) of fortified parboiled rice for acceptance by FCI during KMS 2022-23 (Kharif) for the State of Odisha. So, the State will be left with approximately 20 lakh MT of surplus rice, Shri Patnaik informed Shri

Goyal. "Non-evacuation of above quantity of surplus rice from the State will severely affect the State's paddy procurement operations in the coming seasons as well as it will adversely impact the livelihood of lakhs of farmers of the State whose main source of earning is through MSP operations of paddy procurement," Shri Patnaik wrote. He, therefore, sought the personal intervention of the Union Minister for issuing a direction to accept additional 20 lakh MT of surplus rice (17 lakh MT fortified parboiled rice and 03 lakh MT fortified raw rice) for the KMS 2022-23 for the interest of Odisha farmers.

Fake Certificate Racket Busted In Odisha's Balangir; 19 Arrested

Balangir(KCN): Police today arrested 19 people in connection with a fake certificate racket busted in Balangir district. The arrest came following a raid on a private educational institution and seizure of huge amount of fake certificates. "Based on a report received from the Superintendent of Balangir Post Office on fake certificate scam, we collected further information and registered a case under sections 467, 468, 471, 34 of IPC. During



investigation, we raided Reliance Education Institute and seized around 5000 fake certificates, which were appearing as original. In this connection, we

arrested 19 persons. They will be forwarded to court today," informed Balangir Superintendent of Police Kusalkar Nitin Dagudu. Balangir police seized

fake certificates, marksheets of at least 41 universities and schools, cash, computer hard disc, mobile phones, 5-6 land documents, rubber stamps of 27 officials in

ranks of joint director, project director and talsildar. The police will further investigate into the land documents seized during the raid to ascertain whether financial transactions were made to purchase land in the process of crime, the SP stated. Sources said that the accused persons were charging between Rs 50,000 and Rs 5 lakh for the fake certificates. The racket operated from a private coaching centre in Balangir is likely to have spread to other districts in the state.

Special drive to curb underage student driving in Odisha from Mar 28

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Taking stern note of underage student driving in Odisha, the State Road Transport Authority (STA) is all set to launch a special drive starting Tuesday. According to sources, the special drive will be carried out in close vicinity of schools from March 28 and continue until April first week. Strict action will be taken against the violators and the registered owner of the vehicles that are found driven by underage students, sources informed. Similarly, a hefty fine of Rs 25,000 will be

imposed for driving without licence during the special drive. "Last week we have carried a special crackdown on drunken driving. While 767 cases of drunken driving were reported, cases were registered against several violators. As many as 5,081 people died in road accidents in 2021 in Odisha and the number stood at 5,467 in 2022. In 2021, as many as 132 minor boys and 23 minor girls died in separate road accidents," informed Lalmohan Sethi, additional commissioner of enforcement of STA. "Drunken driving, over-

speeding and violating traffic norms are the major reasons for road accident fatalities. A special drive will be launched from tomorrow with the help of police to crackdown on underage driving in school and college areas," Sethi added. "The violators will be fined up to Rs 25,000. Besides, the vehicle will be seized and its registration will be cancelled. Most importantly, a case will be lodged against the registered owner of the vehicle. As per the law, the violator can be awarded 3 year jail term," he added.

Frequent cyclonic storms pose threat to sea turtles: Study

BHUBANESWAR: Amid encouraging reports of a record number of Olive Ridley turtles laying eggs on the Odisha coastline, a recent study by a group of researchers claimed the changing cyclone patterns along the east coast have been posing a severe threat to their survival. The climatic phenomenon is also forcing sea turtles to look for new and safer locations. The study 'Impact assessment of severe cyclonic storm Asani on the nesting grounds of Olive Ridley turtle, Rushikulya Estuary and spit in Odisha' conducted by 12 researchers from four universities in India and Brazil revealed cyclones caused heavy erosion and morphological changes along the shoreline and sand spit near the Rushikulya region, a critical habitat for turtles. Study region - Rushikulya estuary in Ganjam district. The frequency of severe cyclonic storms (SCSs) that hit Odisha follows a bimodal pattern. The south coast region that is mostly affected by cyclones is one of the main breeding sites for endangered Olive Ridley turtles that follow a specific schedule in space and time for the mass nesting behaviour. The most frequent season of SCS is post-monsoon autumn (October), which is followed by pre-monsoon summer (May). The state has recorded 396 cyclonic



events - depressions, cyclonic storms and SCSs in the last 130 years. The last decade (2010-2020) had the highest contribution of about 20 per cent of SCSs in coastal Odisha. The study that used multi-temporal sentinel 2A images and a digital shoreline analysis system stated cyclone Asani that hit the east coast in May last year had a significant impact on the spit where turtles lay eggs, dividing it into

four smaller pieces and opening three new mouths. "The spit experienced erosion and a significant reduction in length resulting in the destruction of around 20 pc of sea turtle eggs. Before cyclone Asani, there was a single 6.12 km long sand spit having a permanent mouth to the north. The perimeter and area of the sand spit were reduced by nearly half after the cyclone. The single spit got

fragmented into four and formed three new mouths," pointed out an author of the study, Prof Manoranjan Mishra. The researchers, who studied the ecology of Rushikulya estuary in Ganjam district, claimed pre-monsoon summer cyclones in May can have a critical impact on the survivability of broods and hatchlings. If landfall occurs before hatching, it can destroy the eggs and developing embryos. The intensity of cyclones, location and time affected the mass nesting pattern in the rookery in recent years. The cyclonic storms Phailin in 2013 and Fani in 2019 had a widespread impact on mass nesting behaviour in the rookery while cyclonic storms Hudhud and Titli had a limited impact. Underlining that the mass destruction of turtle eggs and hatchlings due to cyclones will have an additional burden on the survival rate of turtles, Mishra said coastal conservation and management strategies are the need of the hour to protect marine turtle population in the region. "Measures like beach management strategies, monitoring of nesting populations, and implementation of early warning systems need to be taken to minimise the impact of storms on nesting sites and ensure the survival of the iconic species for future generations," he added.

Rashtriya New year celebrated at Apex Private ITI



Cuttack Sadar, (KCN) : Celebration of Rastriya New Year or Vikram Samvat at Apex Private ITI Patrakana Devi Kandal Cuttack. The great holy day meeting presided by ITI Vice Principal Er. Biplab Das with presence of eminent columnist Er. Sanyasi Ji, Er. Soumya Ranjan Jena, Er. Sipun Sahoo, Er. Rakesh Sahoo, Lecture Biswabhusan Srichandan, Abakash Rout, Biswaranjan Behera, Mmata Manashi Mishra, Upendra Sethi & all staffs. In this celebration Respected Principal renowned writer Er. Sanyasi Ji signifies the days of new beginnings and it is considered an auspicious time to launch new ventures Chaitra Shukla Pratipada as it is the new year for all universes respectively.

After sluice gate collapse, Odisha farmers fear crop damage



BALASORE: Tension runs high among farmers of Bhograi and Baliapal blocks following the collapse of a sluice gate door of the coastal canal at Khalabadia in Kumbhigadi gram panchayat. Villagers fear that their crops will get damaged due to the influx of saline water. The incident took place on March 23. Sources said paddy and vegetable crops grown on over 1000 hectare of land will be affected since saline water from the sea will pose threat to the saplings. Farmers of Bhuabil, Paschimbil, Uttar Panth, Alalbindha and Maheshpur villages are reportedly most impacted by the situation. "It will be challenging since paddy and vegetable crops survive on fresh water. The door of the sluice gate collapsed due to negligence on part of the Irrigation department. Though the officials visit other areas of the block for inspection, they barely come to Khalabadia to take stock of the sluice gate condition here," alleged farmers Sujit Parida and Sanjeeb Jena. They further demanded

that the department should take permanent measures to prevent the entry of saline water into their agriculture lands. Following the matter, sub-divisional officer Priyabrata Singh, junior engineer Basanta Kumar Behera and Bhograi tehsildar Susanta Pattnaik reached the site along with other officials for inspection. Sandbags were put at vulnerable locations as a temporary measure to prevent the entry of saline water. C o n t a c t e d , s u p e r i n t e n d i n g e n g i n e e r o f B a l a s o r e d i v i s i o n P r a v a s K u m a r P r a d h a n s a i d s t e p s w i l l b e t a k e n t o c l o s e t h e c a n a l b y s o i l i n g a n d i n s t a l m e n t o f a n e w d o o r o f t h e s l u i c e g a t e.

Tata Steel Medica Hospital Successfully Treats critical Patient First bilateral hand injury due to burns treated in the hospital

Kalinganagar (Sapan Kar) : - Tata Steel Medica Hospital, located in Duburi, Jajpur, successfully treated a youth suffering from bilateral hand injury due to burns, a type of injury in which the hand is functionally impaired due to posterior column deficits leading to clumsiness of complex finger movements and loss of manual dexterity. The 29-year-old patient, Pravat Kumar Singh, suffered from bilateral hand injury due to a fire accident. Following the injury, he was admitted to Tata Steel Medica Hospitals in a critical condition. Initially, he received primary management of burn care, pain control, debridement of dead skin and soft tissues. The patient was treated with regular dressings, dietary supplements, and physiotherapy with the aim of burn care and active movements to avoid any functional loss and disability, said surgeon Dr. Sudhakar Jena, who treated him. "We were very careful as he suffered from a bilateral injury and was in a critical condition, some parts of his hands were not functioning. We provided all the necessary treatments to ensure his speedy recovery. He was treated for 21 days till his wounds healed and proper functional outcome of all range of motion of affected hands was achieved."

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Nani's 'Dasara' Sets Get Authentic Touch From Director's Own Life

Tollywood actor Nani starrer 'Dasara' will be his first pan-India project and the team has been sparing no effort to make it stand out.

Interestingly, the film's writer and director Srikanth Odela brought expert detailing to the sets and its intricacies since his father was a worker in the Singareni coal mines, lending an extra layer of authenticity to the story and the visuals.

A massive set spread across 25 acres was built, recreating the world of coal mining. Close to 300 junior actors apart from the primary and supporting cast were present on the set every day and at times over 2000 artists and technicians filled the set on crucial days. The film was shot across 120 days amidst the dust and



grime, with most days clocking in a 24-hour schedule. Additionally an entire village set was also created complete with all amenities for those working on the film. If that wasn't all, an

elaborate train track was also built on the set through which trains would run, creating an entire world just for 'Dasara' across these 25 acres.

Director Srikanth Odela says, "I envisioned

'Dasara' to be raw and real and we are so happy to bring that authenticity to audiences across the country. A massive set was constructed from scratch with a coal mine setup, a village setup, a railroad and thousands of

artists and technicians would be present on our bustling sets for days on end. We had created our own little world for Dasara, so as to offer audiences an unforgettable cinematic experience."

'Dasara' takes audiences through the socio economic condition, political ambition and power struggle of the Singareni collieries. Stepping into the shoes of Dharani, a hustler driven by his ambition and love, South superstar Nani in this action-packed entertainer grapples with the village's best kept secrets.

Produced by Sudhakar Cherukuri, 'Dasara' stars Nani, Keerthy Suresh, Dheekshith Shetty, Shine Tom Chacko, Samuthirakani, Sai Kumar.

Written & Directed by Srikanth Odela with music by Santhosh Narayanan and cinematography by Sathyan Sooryan Isc, the film is all set for its big nationwide release on March 30.

'The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes' First Look Out, To Release On November 17

The wait is finally over as the cult-favorite series, The Hunger Games, is back! Lionsgate has officially announced that the highly anticipated prequel The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes will be released this year on November 17. Lionsgate unveiled the official teaser poster of the film announcing its worldwide theatrical release, creating excitement amongst fans globally. With a brand new cast including Tom Blyth, Rachel Zegler, Peter Dinklage Hunter Shcafer, Josh Andrés Rivera, Jason Schwartzman, and Viola Davis among others, this highly coveted film is ready to set screens ablaze. As a 'tribute' to The Hunger Games lovers, the film will see 18-year-old Coriolanus Snow (Tom Blyth) be the last hope for his failing lineage, as the once-proud Snow family has fallen from grace in a post-war Capitol. He will be battling his instincts for both good and evil, as he sets out on a race against time to survive and reveal if he will ultimately become a songbird or a snake.

This prequel will also explore the dystopian world of districts during the 10th Hunger Games. Known for its subdued political messaging and riveting storyline, The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes promises to tap into the nostalgia of its earlier films and delve into the rise of the Capital.

Talking about the poster and the official announcement of The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes, Rohit Jain, Managing Director, Emerging Markets Asia, Lionsgate said, "With John Wick: Chapter 4 hitting it out of the park, we are excited to announce the global theatrical release date of The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes.

Lionsgate and PVR Pictures 2023 will release The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes in theaters in India on November 17th, 2023.

Inside Ram Charan's Pre-Birthday Bash With Kiara Advani On The Sets Of 'RC 15'

As actor Ram Charan is about to turn a year older on March 27, the cast and crew of 'RC 15' surprised the 'RRR' star with a pre-birthday bash on Saturday. The pictures and video from the pre-birthday celebrations have surfaced online. Several pictures and videos capturing the pre-birthday celebrations on 'RC 15' sets went viral. In the first picture, Ram can be seen heading to the sets while rose petals are showered on him. He can be seen wearing a blue shirt and denim.

Director S Shankar, choreographer-actor Prabhu Deva and Kiara Advani were also part of the celebrations. The actor cut his cake which was covered with rose petals along with S Shankar. Sharing the pictures, Ram Charan's fan page captioned it, "It's a wrap for the song!



Team #RC15 celebrated Idol @alwysramcharan's Birthday!" The actor will be turning a year older on March 27 but celebrations have already begun. Earlier, after attending the 95th Academy Awards ceremony in Los Angeles, Ram received a grand welcome from choreographer-director Prabhu Deva and his team on the sets.

Taking to Instagram, Ram Charan posted a

video of Prabhu Deva and a team of 'RC15' performing on 'Naatu Naatu' to welcome the actor. He was also presented with a massive garland made of marigolds. Sharing the video, he wrote, "Can't thank you all enough for such a warm welcome. Our Grandmaster @prabhudevaofficial sir thank you for the sweet surprise. Feels great to be back at shoot #RC15." The film 'RC15', billed as an action drama with current-day politics,

features an ensemble cast, with Kiara Advani playing the female protagonist.

The upcoming project is jointly produced by Dil Raju and Shirish Garu under the banner of Sri Venkateswara Creations for a Pan-India release. 'RC 15' will release in three languages - Telugu, Tamil and Hindi. Apart from Ram Charan and Kiara Advani, the film also stars SJ Suryah, Jayaram, Anjali, and Srikanth. The film is slated to release in 2023.

I didn't work much after Kaanta Laga because I suffered from epilepsy seizures: Shefali Jariwala

Many actors have spoken about battling mental health problems in recent times and the latest to share her experiences on the subject is Shefali Jariwala. The actress, who became popular as the Kaanta Laga girl when the music video released in 2002, was not seen in too many projects post that. In an exclusive chat, Shefali shares the reason why she went missing post the success of the song. She says, "I had an epilepsy seizure at the age of 15. I remember at that time I was under tremendous pressure to do well in my studies. Stress and anxiety can lead to seizures. It's interrelated, you could



get a seizure due to depression and vice versa. I have got seizures in classrooms, backstage, while on roads, and somewhere that lowered my self-esteem."

Speaking about why she didn't take up work after the Kaanta Laga



(2002) music video, she says, "After I did Kaanta Laga, people asked me why I didn't do more work. I can now say that it was because of the epilepsy seizures that I couldn't take up much work. I didn't know when I would get my next seizure... this went

on for 15 years. Today, I am nine years seizure-free. I am proud of myself because I managed my depression, panic attacks and anxiety naturally and with the help of a strong support system." Talking about how

she has stayed positive during the pandemic, the actress shares, "The pandemic situation has been tough, but I consciously worked on my mental health and stayed away from any kind of things that could trigger depression. I focused on doing meditation, yoga, sketching, drawing and other things that kept me happy. Exercise and some positive lifestyle changes helped me a lot." Shefali, who is married to actor Parag Tyagi, was seen in Bigg Boss 13 two years ago, which brought her back into the limelight. Now, she wants to focus on doing some good work across different mediums.

Malayalam Actor, Former MP Innocent Passes Away At 75

Innocent, one of the most popular actors in the Malayalam film industry, died here in Kerala on Sunday night. He was 75.

He was admitted to a private hospital in Kochi on March 3. The former MP -- a two-time cancer survivor, had contracted Covid and later suffered from pneumonia that eventually led to his death.

His body will be taken to the Rajiv Gandhi Indoor stadium in Ernakulam at 6.30 a.m. on Monday morning. The body will be kept there for three hours.

Our Interpretation of Constitutional Law has Become a Classic Example of Human Stupidity



Two things are infinite, said Einstein: the universe and human stupidity. Our interpretation of constitutional law has become a classic example of human stupidity. Let me explain.

The common law is our law by virtue of Article 372 of the constitution. It is founded on two simple principles, 'res judicata' and 'stare decisis', namely, precedent. Res judicata means a decision in a case between A and B will bind and them, but not C and D who were not parties to it, in other words, it will not bind 'res inter alios', namely, third parties. The doctrine of 'stare decisis' or precedent means that the reason for the decision, namely, 'ratio decidendi' enunciated by a superior Court in a previous case between A and B will be applicable in a subsequent case between C and D, namely, third parties.

Suppose, in a case between A and B the majority of a Bench of 5

judges of the Supreme Court, say, by a majority of 4:1, hold that a goat is a dog that will be absolutely binding on A and B who are parties as 'res judicata', though it is a manifestly erroneous. Otherwise there will not be an end to litigation, finality. However, that decision will not bind C and D or rest of the world in a subsequent case. The reason is simple. What is binding as a precedent is not the decision but the reason for the decision, the ratio decidendi. Even a Munsiff before whom the above majority decision is cited as a precedent can refuse to follow the majority and judgment because to hold that a goat is a dog, is undoubtedly erroneous in the opinion of the Munsiff. The Munsiff here represents the sovereign function of the state. He ought to be as independent and impartial as the full court of the Supreme Court. His only allegiance is to law and it is his duty to decide from the conflicting legal and factual submissions advanced, what is more appealing to him. His decision is final, authoritative and binding on the parties to the 'lis', no matter right or wrong. Supposing that instead of a single person, the Munsiff were a multi-

member forum, and the members of the bench differed in their opinion, what would be res judicata is the decision of the majority. To repeat, so far as 'res judicata' is concerned what matters is the majority view. A judgment is binding as a res judicata even if it is absolutely erroneous.

On the contrary, so far as precedent is concerned, the majority view is irrelevant. What matters is the correctness of the reason for the decision, namely, ratio decidendi enunciated by the court for the resolution of the issue before it where none existed, and not the numbers. When the principle or ratio decidendi so evolved by a superior court, when followed repeatedly and repeatedly by itself/ subordinate courts, the said principle is said to be 'well-settled' in law. These are all fundamental principles against which there is absolutely no room for a counter argument. However, unfortunately, the doctrine of precedent is practiced in a diametrically opposite manner in our country. To repeat, the concept of majority in a bench which has multiple members, a doctrine applicable to res judicata has inadvertently been extended to the

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doctrine of precedent, forgetting that so far as precedent is concerned the number is irrelevant and what is relevant is the acceptability of otherwise of a principle, if any, evolved.

One might wonder why our great lawyers and judges happened to confuse the concept of res judicata with that of the doctrine of precedent and have reduced our constitutional law to a product of 'infinite human stupidity'. The reason is simple, in the 70 years of India's constitutional law, our Supreme Court has not evolved a single principle which never ever existed for the resolution of an issue which was before it, where none existed. I don't mean in the least to blame our illustrious lawyers and judges for that. There is no need to do so because we have inherited a rich legal system from the British, namely, the common law which has its foundations in classical Roman law, whenever we are in doubt, we need only refer to the Latin maxims. The basic structure doctrine of the Kesavananda Bharati case, one may say, is a principle which the Supreme Court has evolved for the first time. I am afraid to say that the basic structure theory is against the first

principles of jurisprudence, 'ubi jus ibi remedium' which means 'where there is a right there is a remedy', namely, 'a right, remedy, forum'. Kesavananda Bharati, on the contrary, allows one to invoke even Article 32 without alleging violation of any right, much less the violation of a fundamental right, but by pleading violation of the "basic structure". Imagine the calamity. The 99th Constitution (Amendment) Act, 2014 was struck down, it being violative of the basic structure, the "principle" evolved in Kesavananda Bharati. All judgments except concerning 'status' of the parties and that of the criminal courts are judgments 'in personam' and not "in rem", namely, as against the whole world. Because, to hold otherwise would mean the violation of the very first principles of natural justice. A judgment in a case for divorce between husband and wife is "in rem" if the divorce is granted and "in personam" if it is rejected.

These are undeniable first principles of jurisprudence. However,

the Indian constitutional law since Kesavananda Bharati has been contrary to these fundamental principles. Kesavananda Bharati said that the independence of the judiciary is a basic structure. The Judges-2 case held that the 'core' of the independence of the judiciary is not in the discharge of the duty as a judge post appointment independently, but is in the very appointment itself. And therefore, that the words "consultation" employed in the Constitution would mean not merely consultation, but would mean the "primacy" of the opinions of the CJI, and not even his concurrence. It was further held that the "primacy" is not that of the CJI in his personal capacity, but that of the plurality of the opinion of the judges reflected through a "Collegium" of judges. The Collegium thus was created by rewriting the constitution. The judgment in the Judges-2 case is one rendered 'void ab initio'. It is rendered 'per in curiam' as well.

Instead of seeking review of the Judges-2 case being rendered void ab initio, the Government got the constitution amended to overcome the judgment which was calamitous. Sadly, the constitutional

amendment was struck down holding that the "ratio" of the Judges-2 case is an integral part of the "basic structure" of the constitution and cannot be amended in view of the judgment in Kesavananda Bharati.

The Kesavananda Bharati, Judges-2 and the NJAC case are, all, rendered void ab initio being vitiated by errors apparent on the face of the record. It is rendered 'per in curiam' as well. The views of the minority judges in Kesavananda, Judges-2 case and the NJAC case are the correct views which alone will be binding on the future judges if the concept of precedent is understood as to follow the rationale for the decision, in other words, follow the ratio decidendi. Precedent is a very useful concept. There can be no dispute about it. It is one of the four sources of common law. The problem we face in India today, is that precedents are taken as statute and a previous judgment is treated by judges as res judicata, binding even those who were not parties to the case. Even when a bench ventures to disagree with the views of a coordinate bench of equal strength, such deviation is frowned upon as judicial indiscipline with the result that even where the

majority, as aforesaid, has erroneously held that a goat is a dog, and the minority had disagreed to it, the future judge is made to follow the majority, lest he should be accused of gross judicial indiscipline, and in the case of a subordinate judge, even accused of committing contempt of court. A bench of the Supreme court can refer the case to a larger bench when it is certain to them that a goat is not a dog, but a poor Munsiff or even a High Court judge has now no choice but to apply the ratio of the majority that a goat is a dog, for he has no choice of referring to a larger bench. As far as the litigant is concerned, the judgment in a case between A and B, where he was not a party, is binding on him as res judicata.

Our entire constitutional law is built on the said misconceptions, and the resultant injustice and chaos can be seen everywhere. We have no choice but to dismantle our current constitutional law built on sand and rebuilt it on sound principles.

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Letter To Editor

Dear Editor

The World Puppet Day was celebrated amidst great enthusiasm and excitement by the Kolkata based internationally acclaimed puppetry group, the Doll's Theatre at the Madhusudan Mancha in South Kolkata on March 21/2023. The program was attended by numerous kids and their parents representing different schools; who were highly excited and behaved as an engaging audience throughout the evening. The auditorium was filled with repeated heart warming cheers, claps, laughs and giggles from the little ones following every performance on the stage. The founder of Dolls Theatre, national award winning master puppetry artist Mr. Sudip Gupta made the welcome speech introducing his puppetry team performing the Italian fairytale, Pinocchio on stage. Acclaimed puppetry artist, Ms. Sreeparna Bhanja Gupta highlighted on the future plans and projects to be undertaken by Doll's Theatre. The first performance was conducted by the four member group -Not a Storyteller, entitled "The fulfillment of the wishes of two birds" adopted from the play 'Parrot Story' by legendary Bengali literary giant, Rabindranath Tagore. The second and most important performance was by the Doll's Theatre based on the famous Italian fairytale 'Pinocchio' written by Carlo Collodi. The artistic performance, stage lighting, costumes, various puppets used, music and the direction was simply outstanding.

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Sir

Malayalam actor Innocent's death has created a void that can never be filled and his unexpected and shocking demise has caused an irreparable loss in the Malayalam film industry and South Indian film industry in general. He came, he saw and he conquered the hearts of millions of film lovers around the globe with his acting prowess especially comedy in which he carved a niche of his own. His style was inimitable and his witty mannerisms and eloquent dialogue delivery is something that makes him a class apart.

He was known for his timing sense, witty dialogues, sharp punchlines and the ability to teach the masses through humour. Such was his scintillating performance that leading heroes and directors offered Innocent enough screen space to give the movies an extra flavour. Innocent is one such comedian who has worked with almost all the superstars of the Malayalam film industry including Prem Nazir, Madhu, Mammootty, Mohanlal, Suresh Gopi, Jayaram, Dilip and the new-gen younger lot.

His roles in films like Ponnmuttayidunna Tharavu, Ramji Rao Speaking, Vadakkunokkiyanthram, Mazhavil Kavadi, Kilukkam, No. 20 Madras Mail, Sandesam, Devasuram, Godfather, Mithunam, 'Vietnam Colony', 'Nadodikattu', 'Devasuram', 'Ravanaprabhu', 'Manichitrathazhu', 'Kabooliwala', and 'Rasathanthram' are but just a few among the list of innumerable popular movies which catapulted Innocent to fame and placed him the numero uno comedian in Malayalam cinema.

His outstanding performances make him as one among the finest character actors of Malayalam and Indian cinema. He was a natural actor and gave life to some of the most loved characters of Malayalam cinema. Innocent acted in about 500 Malayalam films and besides being an actor he was also a producer, author of many books and also served as an MP.

Innocent is truly an evergreen star, an idol irreplaceable and one whom the film world and film lovers will always remember forever and ever.

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LEADERSHIP IS CONVERTING A PROBLEM INTO OPPORTUNITY

If we are undertaking a journey by road, we would consult a roadmap. Life works in the same way. We can wander along knowing for sure where we are going or we can set goals and develop plans. They may not guarantee a smooth trip but they will indicate the right direction to travel. Without them, life is like getting lost on a freeway. We can go around in circles without getting anywhere.

Some people hesitate to set goals. One version is that it is better not to have any goals and be pleasantly surprised when good things happen. It is better than settings goals and not able to reach them. It is common that man thinks that only good things will happen. Rarely people fall to reach a goal after settings them in the beginning. If they don't reach the goals, of course, there will be disappointment. One can wander along never knowing for sure where we reach or we can set goals and develop plans.

Naturally, each day we live gives birth to the next; we all live for the present because the

future is uncertain. Even if we write down what will happen a decade hence, it does not happen that way because we changes so much along with the world. It is therefore important that we make short-term goals and long-term goals. The advantage is that we can see the progress we make as we travel ahead in life. Each day, that we live is followed by another day until suddenly we have a lifetime behind us.

The fascinating part of getting older is that our goals become clearer and more complex. We can relax a title after the first goal is achieved before setting the next one. We can challenge people more as we love them more. We can forgive ourselves more often as we constantly push ourselves to greater heights. Each day of a life-time is new and each day is a foundation and a step. We are all writing the story of our life everyday that we live. Some are short stories and others are novels because we add imaginary things to

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make the story interesting.

Anything works in life we are willing to take risks. While in the police, it was all risk whether it was crime or law and order. When I came out of a crisis, I used to feel exhilarated because of the feeling that I have achieved something. It happens in all trades and professions and that perhaps is the thrill and excitement we go through.

In a study of about 500 managers, psychologists, at the University of Chicago, found that leaders who faced stress with a positive attitude of challenge, commitment and control, remained much healthier than their pessimistic counterparts. A positive attitude can slow down the aging process. Optimise suffered less from degenerative disorders, lived longer, health their lives than did their pessimistic peers. I have seen a woman running her 100th marathon, trim, attractive, vibrant in her seventies. Some people look aged 50 when they are 70 and

the secret is optimism.

The two defining aspects of human nature are being reasonable and light hearted, being able to reason and laugh. Laughter is a powerful coping tool in our lives. Laughter is healing. Some people read comic stories, see comic movies and perceive the lighter side of life. A sense of humour allows us to shift perspective enabling us to distance ourselves from stress, regain equilibrium and discern solutions to solve problems. Psychologists say that humours snaps open our minds stabilising our emotion. Abraham Lincoln once said "If never I met someone uglier than me. I will shoot the wretch and put him out of his misery".

Some Wiseman said "life is not a risk, life is not a duty, life is a glorious adventure. A Chinese Philosopher tells a story of a man who made accurate arrows and another exceptional Bow. Each man praised the excellence of his creation but accomplished no more until the master archer showed them how to

use the bow and arrow together to it a target. The Japanese distinguish between heaven and hell, saying that hell is a vision of suffering and frustration, heaven is a vision of delight!

A leader is one who can convert a problem into an opportunity. He is able to figure out multiple ways to get to the destination. A pessimist sees a problem as a road block. Wrings his hands in despair and stands where he is without doing anything.

W. Edward Deming, the man who brought Total Quality Management to postwar Japan said "Improve constantly and forever every process of planning, prevention and service". The Japanese translated that into KAIZEN a Philosophy of constant improvement. Continuous growth is affirmation of human spirit. Who knows what lies below the surface.

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Science Lecture by Prof. Annette Becker on 'From green to colorful - Flowers, their genetic code and their evolutionary origin'

Kolkata: India and Germany have a long history of collaborative research, technology partnership, and higher education cooperation. The Indo-German science and technology partnership has grown substantially in the last couple of years. High-level diplomatic visits continue to boost the bilateral cooperation between the two countries. To further strengthen this cooperation, German Consulate General in Kolkata has been organising Science Lectures. These lectures aim to promote Indo-German Scientific Cooperation platform that has been created for German scientists and Indian scientists having research projects with German institutes to share their research findings with other

scientists, academicians, students and interested counterparts. Our next Science Lecture will take place on 28 March 2023 at 6.30 p.m. at the Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan Kolkata (Park Mansions, Gate 4, 57A Park Street, Kolkata - 700016). Prof. Annette Becker, a Geneticist in the Institute of Botany at Justus-Liebig-University, Germany will talk on 'From green to colorful - Flowers, their genetic code and their evolutionary origin'. Prof. Becker is visiting Kolkata under an 'Alexander von Humboldt Research Group Linkage Programme' with a former Humboldt fellow of the Presidency University. Background There are a number of Scholarship and funding resources



that the Indian researchers make use of, and thereby enhance the collaborative research between Germany and India. While the Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung/ Foundation (www.humboldt-foundation.de) normally funds highly

qualified postdoctoral academics and researchers, the German Academic Exchange Service DAAD (www.daad.de), world's largest funding organisation for the international exchange of students and researchers, offers a number of scholarships

for doctoral degrees. Max-Planck-Gesellschaft (www.mpg.de) research scholarships are for doctoral, post-doctoral as well as for senior researcher, whereas the German Research Foundation, DFG (www.dfg.de) focuses on research fellowships to help early career researchers to conduct a defined project at a location of their choice in a country other than Germany. According to the data from 2021, from India 34134 students are pursuing studies in Germany, of which around 74% are doing Masters and 12% PhDs (10% bachelors, 4% rest). Around 66% of Indian students are pursuing engineering; 12% Mathematics and Natural sciences; 16% Law, Economics and Social Science.

Voice modulation, dialogue, facial expression, script, story, sound and light are still important for an amazing theatre

Kolkata: World Theatre Day was celebrated by the Department of Media Science, The Heritage Academy, Kolkata, on 27th March, 2023. The programme was addressed by Mr. Ashoke Vishwanathan, eminent film maker and theatre personality. During the inaugural session, Mr. Ashoke Vishwanathan stressed on the basic fundamental factors that makes a good theatre. According to him, nowadays, theatres



are forgetting the basic fundamentals. He also elaborated on the basics of theatre that an artist has to follow like voice modulation, dialogues, expression, pronunciation and many more. After the inaugural address, there were various performances made by the students of BBA, BCA and Media Science. The entire programme was coordinated by the Media Science students under the guidance of the

faculty members lead by the Dean of Department of Media Science, Prof. Madhupa Bakshi. "Theatre depicts the skills and journey of a media person," said Prof. Madhupa Bakshi during her address in the event. Students of the Institute said that it is amazing to act in theatre because theatre is a medium to express feelings and emotions. It is a way to make the society aware of the current situation prevailing.

Keep tight vigil on ex-offenders, rowdy sheeters: Warangal CP AV Ranganath

He also asked police to check child marriages



Warangal: Warangal Commissioner of Police (CP) AV Ranganath has directed police officials to keep a vigil on the activities of rowdy sheeters along with ex-criminals. Addressing a monthly crime review meeting with police officers at the KUC Senate Hall here on Saturday, he inquired about the status of investigations of various cases, recovery of the stolen property and pending cases in the court of law from the concerned police station officers case by case. "Every police officer has to work harder to curb the sale of drugs that are making the people addicted to them," he said and directed the

SHOs of every police station to identify the people involved in the sale of ganja and register cases under the PD Act in order to be recognized as a ganja-free police station. The commissioner also stressed on the increase of police patrolling. Referring to child marriages, he said, "We all have the responsibility to check child marriages, especially those who promote child marriages should also be booked, whoever does not complain about child marriages should be registered under the concerned station officer Suo Motu," he said. The Police Commissioner also suggested that

monitoring should be done on the scanning centers for the prevention of feticide, as well as identifying the people involved in human trafficking and the authorities should immediately respond to the cases of disappearance of women and girls. Ranganath informed the officials that the station officials should maintain good relations with the people and keep up to date with the information related to the villages. DCPs Muralidhar, Abdul Bari, Karunakar, Sitaram, Additional DCP Pushpa Reddy, Sanjeev, Suresh Kumar along with ACPs, Inspectors and SIs participated in the meeting.

A grand workshop on terracotta by Ramkumar Manna for his beloved wife



Kolkata: Educator, Writer and Sensitive Poet Ms Soma Bhowmik met "Matir Manush" famous sculptor Shri Ram Kumar Manna at the grand terracotta workshop organised in memory of his beloved wife and well known sculptor Mrs Minu Manna. Eminent artist - Sukla poddar sen, prof. Parag Roy (HOD, Graphics printmaking department, RBU), prof. Jayanta Naskar, kamal mitra,

Siddhartha Ghosh, Avijit Mukherjee, Samir Dutta, Samita Nag, Sukla Bhattacharjee, Arunava Monda, Chandan Bhaumik, Susmita Chowdhury, Arunava Mondal & others. Were also present to bless the occasion. This art was practised in Bengal from the earliest through early medieval to medieval times and even persisted on Hindu monuments till the mid-nineteenth century. The art is noticed in all forms

- small clay figurines, clay sculptures in the round, but the most notable ones are the plaques. Terracotta or burnt or baked soil is a tradition that traces its roots to the 8th century. It started from Panchmura village in Bishnupur under the Malla dynasty. Due to the short supply of stones in Bengal, burnt clay bricks became a substitute and the unique craft of 'terracotta' was born.



The President, Smt. Droupadi Murmu visits Netaji Bhawan, in West Bengal

Ek Nath Shinde Changes Profile Pictures To Savarkar On Social Media Accounts

Mumbai: As a gesture of support for Hindutva ideologue Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde today updated his social media accounts and placed Savarkar's pictures on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram as profile pictures. The gesture came in accordance with the ongoing controversy following Rahul Gandhi's

remarks on Savarkar that "My name is not Savarkar, won't apologise". While interacting with media, Eknath Shinde also announced he would hold 'Savarkar Gaurav Yatra' in Maharashtra. "I condemn Rahul Gandhi's statement on Veer Savarkar. He played a great role in the country's freedom struggle. Due to the contribution of such heroes, India got freedom. We will hold 'Savarkar

Gaurav Yatra' in the state," said Eknath Shinde. Further detailing about 'Savarkar Gaurav Yatra', Deputy CM Devendra Fadnis said, "We will hold Savarkar Gaurav Yatra in every district of the state to talk about the contributions of Veer Savarkar. Simultaneously, we will protest against those who insult Savarkar." Shinde also took a jibe at Uddhav Thackeray who



had shown his disagreement on Rahul's remark. Shinde termed Thackeray's move as "belated wisdom".

"Whatever Uddhav Thackeray is saying now on Savarkar's insult is belated wisdom, when the assembly started, Rahul

Gandhi was speaking so much evil against Savarkar, but those people did not oppose it at all. Rather, on the contrary, everyone agitated to save Rahul Gandhi's membership of parliament," alleged Shinde. "If you have the guts, then show it by doing what Balasaheb Thackeray had done, he kicked Mani Shankar Aiyar for insulting

Savarkar," Shinde challenged. Rahul Gandhi "Can Never Be Savarkar": Anurag Thakur Whatever Rahul Gandhi did and now whatever Uddhav Thackeray's people are saying it seems like a pre-planned strategy, so we completely condemn Rahul Gandhi's statement. On the other hand, in the latest development in the

ongoing controversy, Uddhav Thackeray faction decided not to attend the meeting called of like-minded parties at Mallikarjun Kharge's residence. "Uddhav Thackeray faction decides not to attend the meeting at Mallikarjun Kharge's residence today because Rahul Gandhi said that I am not Savarkar, I am Gandhi" said Sanjay Raut to ANI.

Elephant herd arrives, Jharsuguda town on toes 24 new Covid-19 cases, highest in over four months

JHARSUGUDA: A herd of 12 elephants walked into Jharsuguda town during the wee hours of Sunday leaving the Forest department officials on their toes and locals in panic. To keep the herd safe, the divisional forest officer (DFO), Jharsuguda Manu Ashok Bhat issued orders to reduce the speed of trains. Similarly, power shutdowns have been directed in different areas so as to prevent electrocution possibilities.

At around 4 am, the jumbo group entered the town and moved towards the station near Bhurkamunda village forest where they stayed put. Forest



officials believe the herd may have come from Chhattisgarh and the immediate trigger for its sudden movement from Sundargarh is suspected to be quarry blasting.

DFO Bhat said since the herd is new to the area, its movement pattern will be unpredictable. However, it seems to be completely

controlled by the female which makes the tusker and other members non-aggressive unless provoked by the public. The presence of calves

makes other elephants reactive, he said.

Apart from directing the reduced speed of trains and power cuts, a five-member quick response team from Rourkela was at Jharsuguda to deal with the situation. Police help was also sought for crowd control. "Our staff is on duty 24x7, reporting all movements of the herd," he added.

There were initial reports of the herd moving in from the Hemgir forest range on Friday. It proceeded to Jharsuguda district on Saturday when drone imagery confirmed the group had 12 members including five females and as many calves.

BHUBANESWAR: With the detection of 24 new Covid-19 cases in the last 24 hours, the active cases inched closer to 100 in the state after more than four months. Odisha had recorded 26 cases on November 9 last when the active cases stood at 132.

Health department sources said this is the highest single-day tally in 135 days as 17 fresh cases were detected on Friday. The test positivity rate was recorded at around 0.3 per cent as the state has been testing more than 5,000 samples a day. Director of health services Dr Bijay

Mohapatra said Covid cases are rising across the country as surveillance has been intensified following the directive of the Centre. There is no reason to panic as disease severity is very less and most of the patients are recovering within seven to 10 days, he said.

"Out of 98 active cases in the state now, only one person is undergoing treatment in hospital. The state government is ready for any exigencies. The Ministry of Health has convened a meeting on Monday to review the preparedness," he

said. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Health has issued an advisory for undertaking mock drills on April 10 and 11 in all private and government hospitals to ensure preparedness in the wake of the Covid surge.

The state government will take stock of hospital preparedness, including drugs, beds, medical equipment, medical oxygen, and capacity-building of human resources on existing guidelines as well as vaccination coverage. The details of the drill will be communicated to the states at a virtual meeting on Monday.

PM Modi lauds Odia scientist in 'Mann Ki Baat'

BHUBANESWAR: Prime Minister Narendra Modi heaped praise on Odia chemical scientist Jyotirmayee Mohanty for being the first from the country to receive the special award from the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) for 2023. Lauding Mohanty in the 99th episode of his monthly radio programme 'Mann Ki Baat', Modi said this is the time of Navratri, the time to worship shakti. "The potential of India which is emerging from a new perspective, our women's power has a very big role in it. Recently, many such examples have emerged before us. Sister Jyotirmayee Mohanty, a scientist at Bhabha Atomic Research Center (BARC) has notched another achievement for the country. She has received a special award from IUPAC in the field of chemistry and



chemical engineering," he said. "Today, the daughters of the country are raising the flag of their bravery in all spheres. All such women are giving energy to India and India's dreams. This energy of women's power is the oxygen of a developed India," Modi added. Celebrating International Day of Women and Girls in Science, the IUPAC announced the names of 12 distinguished women in chemistry or chemical engineering including

Jyotirmayee on February 11. An associate professor at BARC, Mumbai, Jyotirmayee is also the first woman to receive a fellowship constituted by the Science and Engineering Research Board. Last year, she was awarded a fellowship from the Royal Society of Chemistry in the UK. Daughter of renowned paediatrician Dr Baikuntnath Patra of Chauliaganj in Cuttack, she is married to

Rasmiranjan Mohanty, a scientist-turned-entrepreneur, from Titira village under Balikuda block in Jagatsinghpur district.

With an MSc in Chemistry from Utkal University, Bhubaneswar and a PhD in Physical Chemistry from Mumbai University, she has won many awards and recognitions during her career spanning over two decades. Her area of research included supramolecular assemblies using synthetic macrocycles, biomolecular assemblies such as G-quadruplex and protein fibrils, fast photo-physical and photo-chemical processes in organic dyes and drugs in solutions and in polymer matrixes, synthesis and characterisation of surface-functionalised metal nanoparticles and fluorescence correlation spectroscopy.

No rest till BJD is ousted from power: Samal to BJP workers


BHUBANESWAR: The newly-appointed president of BJP's state unit Manmohan Samal on Sunday asserted that his party will come to power in Odisha in 2024 with an absolute majority. After getting a rousing reception at the state party office here, Samal in his address to BJP workers said the BJD government is on its way out as the people are completely disillusioned with its misrule and failure on many fronts. Acknowledging the hard task ahead, the third-time president gave a clarion call to party workers to take a pledge not to take rest till the ouster of BJD from power. "The BJP has come a long way from being dubbed as a signboard party to the position of main Opposition replacing the Congress.



With a popular mandate of nearly 39 per cent vote, the party needs a little push to reach the goalpost," he said. Dropping the hint that an election may happen anytime soon in the state as the BJD is contemplating advancing the election to 2023, he said the regional party has started feeling unnerved after getting to know that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the most popular leader with an approval rating of 91

per cent and the BJP has a popular rating of 78 per cent. "The next Assembly election may happen anytime, maybe after three months or six months. We must stay ready and there is no time for rest," he said. He called upon party workers to make up their minds that they will return to their homes only after the election is over. "I am ready to work day and night. I need your

support. We must set aside our difference till the common goal is achieved," he exhorted. Well-known for his composure and organisational skills, Samal told party workers that there is no alternative to hard work. In his address, Sundargarh MP Jugal Oram said the BJD has surpassed the records of the Congress as corruption has spread to all levels of administration. The people are feeling disgusted and they want to get rid of it as soon as possible. With the appointment of Samal, national BJP vice-president Baijayant Panda said, the notice period of the state government has started. The party is confident that Samal with his rich experience will be able to bring it to power.



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Mo School partners with British Council to skill children through sports

Bhubaneswar.: The government of Odisha initiative Mo School Abhiyan and UK based international organisation for educational opportunities and cultural exchange British Council signed an agreement to work together on a pilot programme designed to promote sports in school education. The one-of-its-kind initiative will support primary school teachers and coaches to improve learning outcomes of students by inculcating physical and health education to further boost holistic development of children. The programme will be piloted in 30 selected government schools of Odisha which are covered under the Mo School initiative. The Operational Alliance Agreement (OAA) has been signed

by Sri Anupam Saha, SPD-OSEPA & Member Secretary, Mo School and Rittika Chanda Parrukh, Director Education India, British Council in the presence of senior officials of Government of Odisha and British Council. The agreement will complement the existing overarching agreement between the Government of Odisha and British Council India to work together for strengthening school and mass education in Odisha. Speaking on the new partnership, Smt. Susmita Bagchi, Chairperson, Mo School said, "We are looking forward to the collaboration with British Council as we want to equip our teachers and trainers with better tools for promoting sports activities right from the school. The collaboration will help our students to build their career in sports

and deliver quality education by giving additional focus on students' health and wellbeing. By skilling them through this programme we hope to afford them a chance to demonstrate improved skills and knowledge while also increasing awareness about how sports can be used as a tool to bring transformative change." Alison Barrett MBE, Director India, British Council, said, "We are excited for delivering on the MoU we have with Odisha, and working again with Mo School Abhiyan for physical health and wellness of school going children. Prior to this partnership, we worked with Mo School for an English language development programme when Mo School was launched.

Stay in Charge – the OnePlus 10R 5G Launches in India

Bhubaneswar : Today, global technology brand OnePlus officially launched the OnePlus 10R in India. The OnePlus 10R is equipped with 150W SUPERVOOC Endurance Edition – the fastest wired charging ever in a OnePlus smartphone and one of the fastest wired charging standards in the industry. The device is powered by the customized and exclusive MediaTek Dimensity 8100-MAX chipset and has a 120 Hz Fluid AMOLED display, along with the largest and most advanced cooling system in any OnePlus device to date.

"The OnePlus R series exists to make the seamless integration of top-of-the-line hardware and software more accessible to a wider audience of gaming enthusiasts. The OnePlus 10R takes this concept to the next level by offering industry-leading technologies like 150W SUPERVOOC Endurance Edition at a competitive price point," said Navnit Nakra, India CEO and Head of India Region, OnePlus India. "Our fastest ever charging technology, combined with the MediaTek Dimensity 8100-MAX chipset, a high refresh rate display, and an advanced cooling system enable the OnePlus 10R to deliver truly exceptional performance."

The OnePlus 10R with 150W SUPERVOOC Endurance Edition can deliver a day's power after just 10 minutes of charging and its 4,500 mAh battery can be recharged from 1-100% in 17 minutes. 150W SUPERVOOC Endurance Edition is TÜV Rheinland certified for safe fast charging, meaning it has gone through rigorous testing to ensure the device delivers a charging experience that meets OnePlus' high standards.

Tata Steel dedicates bridge over river Suna to the community in Joda

Joda: With an objective to provide better commuting facility to the residents of Keth Hutting and nearby villages, Tata Steel dedicated a bridge over river Suna connecting Bichakundi with Keth Hutting on Saturday.

Smt Minakshi Mahanta, Hon'ble MLA, Champua graced the occasion as Chief Guest along with Shri Atul Kumar Bhatnagar, General Manager (OMQ Division), Tata Steel, Shri Saroj Kumar Banerjee, Chief (Joda), Tata Steel and Shri Rajesh Kumar, Chief, Tata Steel.

Among others present on the occasion were Ms Tulasi Bobanga, Sarpanch, Bhuiyan Roida, Ms Bilasini Oram, Sarpanch, Loidapada, Mr Narendra Munda, Sarpanch, Jalahari, Ms Subhakanti Soy, Sarpanch, Jurudi, Ms Priyanka Majhi, Sarpanch, Jajanga, Mr Arun Munda, Sarpanch, Palsa, Ms Laxmi Champia, Samiti

Sabhya, Jalahari, Ms Rajani Penthei, Samiti Sabhya, Jurudi, Mr Mahendra Majhi, Samiti Sabhya, Palsa, Mr Manbodh Oram, Ex-Sarpanch, Bhuiyan Roida and Mr Jatish Chandra Naik, Ex-Sarpanch, Bhuiyan Roida, along with senior officials of Tata Steel, and officials of Tata Steel Foundation.

The construction of the 91 feet long and 12 feet wide bridge allowing movement of light motor vehicles was completed in a record time of four months. To enhance the safety standard of the bridge technical interventions like RCC (Reinforced cement concrete) pillars, etc, have been used. Apart from this, to promote sustainability, Tata Steel Foundation (TSF), the CSR arm of the Company, has also installed two solar-powered streetlights near the bridge that will enable the villagers to safely commute at night. More than 10, 000

people residing in Bhuiyan Roida, Malda, Loidapada, Jalahari, Jurudih and Guali panchayats along with Joda Municipality will be benefitted by the bridge which also connects Keonjhar district with Sundargarh district.

TSF has undertaken various developmental initiatives towards socio-economic development of the people in the peripheral areas of operations around Joda, focusing on health, education, infrastructure development, livelihoods, skill upgradation and women empowerment among others. Infrastructure being a very crucial sector for the overall development of any society, the Company has undertaken many infrastructure development initiatives in the region including construction of community centres, deep bore wells, infrastructure for schools, etc.

JSW Paints launches its innovative product that focuses on consumers' health & well-being at home

MUMBAI : JSW Paints, India's environment-friendly paints company and part of the US \$13 billion JSW Group, has launched its product campaign focusing on the Halo Aquaglo range. JSW Paints Aquaglo is India's first water-based paint for wood & metal surfaces with Germ Block Zn2+ion technology. Previously, Indian consumers were using solvent-based enamels, popularly known as "Oil Paint", for painting wood & metal surfaces. These contain chemicals and solvents that have a strong odour and have a high VOC (Volatile Organic Content). As a result, these paints are not recommended for kids and people with health

conditions as the solvents pollute the home with their unhealthy fumes post-application. Such paint products also take a relatively long time to dry, creating inconvenience for the family at home and can be smelly for a week or two. On the other hand, JSW Paints Aquaglo is 100% water-based, has low odour, dries quickly and is completely family-friendly. Due to its quick-drying benefit, it enables the painting to be finished in a very short time as well. It also retains its shine for a longer period. The Aquaglo campaign brings the focus back on consumers' overall health and well-being through the Bollywood

star and JSW Paints brand ambassador, Alia Bhatt, as she urges consumers to #PaintKaGKBadha. The campaign also includes well-known artist and stand-up comedian Atul Khatri and brings to life the mass hysteria related to any new idea. Alia's reaction to the strong smell of solvent-based paint being used on her newly painted door results in a social media tsunami and a cascade of jokes & banter with everyone joining in for a laugh, misconstruing Alia's point that the oil paint on the door causes pollution, as doors cause pollution. This highlights the low level of awareness among consumers about the

availability and benefits of water-based paints for wood and metal. Aquaglo is also the first paint for wood & metal in India with Germ Block, making it very safe for the family. The campaign is on air across leading TV channels across India and Disney+ Hotstar streaming platform. The campaign is conceptualized by TBWAIndia According to Anuradha Bose, Chief Marketing Officer of JSW Paints, "Following the successful disruption of our Any Colour One Price initiative, we are now delighted to launch our thoughtful product innovation, Aquaglo. It aims to change yet another convention in paints of using only 'oil paint' for wood & metal.

Our new campaign draws consumers' attention to the clear benefit of adopting a water-based Aquaglo range of paints for painting wooden doors, metal grills and other such surfaces in their homes. Paint KaGKBadha is a clear call to action to make India sit up and choose wellness and comfort." Speaking about the Aquaglo campaign's attempt to change Indian consumers' expectations, Govind Pandey, CEO, TBWAIndia said, "Paint category has been dominated by the same market leaders for decades without any real challenger. JSW Paints is the disruptor that is questioning the status quo prevailing in the industry.

Jio tops 4G download speed chart in April: TRAI Data

Bhubaneswar: Reliance Jio continues to lead in the average 4G download speed chart published by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) for the month of April. Jio achieved 23.1 Mbps average 4G download speed in the month of April, witnessing an improvement from 21.1 Mbps in March this year. As per the data published by TRAI on its MySpeed portal, Vodafone Idea, Airtel and BSNL network registered 17.7 Mbps, 14.1 Mbps and 5.9 Mbps average download speed respectively in the month

of April. While Airtel registered marginal improvement in average download speed from 13.7 Mbps in the month of March, performance of both Vodafone Idea and BSNL dipped in April. The download speed helps consumers in accessing content from the internet, while upload speed helps them in sending or sharing pictures or video to their contacts. In the average upload speed chart, Vodafone Idea topped with average upload speed of 8.2 Mbps in April, followed by Jio with 7.6 Mbps, Airtel with 6.1 Mbps and BSNL with 5.0 Mbps average upload speed.

In Odisha, Jio also topped the average 4G download speed chart with 46.3 Mbps average download speed followed by Airtel with 15.1 Mbps and VI with 12.7 Mbps average download speed, as per data published on MySpeed portal of TRAI. In average upload speed VI achieved 9.1 Mbps average upload speed followed by 8.2 Mbps of Jio and 4.9 Mbps of Airtel. It is worth mentioning here that the average speed is computed by TRAI based on data it collects with help of its MySpeed application on a real-time basis.

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.

Odisha direct selling industry grows at 13.3%, clocks Rs 1034 cr. mark in 2020-21: Survey

Bhubaneswar : Direct selling industry in Odisha has recorded a growth rate of 13.3% despite adverse business conditions caused by the Covid19 pandemic, reaching an all-time high of Rs 1034 cr. during the Financial Year 2020-21, according to an Annual Survey Report released by Indian Direct Selling Association (IDSA) here on Saturday.

Statistics of the report show an increase of more than Rs 121 cr. in sales over the previous FY figure of Rs 912.60 cr. and indicate that the business model remains

a popular source of a sustainable or additional revenue source in the state. Direct selling in Odisha contributed nearly Rs 150 cr. to the state exchequer as GST during the year, and it ranked fifth in terms of sales among the top 10 states of the country. With a total of around 3.34 lakh direct sellers, of which nearly 1.5 lakh are women, the state contributed around 5.72% i.e. Rs 1034 crore to the gross national sales that stood at Rs 18,067 cr. during the period compared to 5.44 % in 2019-20, the report says.



The state also maintained third place in sales in the Eastern region. The region, comprised of four states

of West Bengal, Bihar, Odisha and Jharkhand, maintained its second position on the national direct selling map with a

total business turnover of Rs 4708 cr., 26.04 % of the national gross sales, and over 26.57 lakh direct sellers, the report

further elaborates.

Speaking on the occasion Shri. Surjya Nayaran Patro, Speaker, Odisha Legislative Assembly, extended his best wishes to the IDSA for releasing the Statistic Data on direct selling in Odisha. He said that direct selling is a fast growing sector in the country which is presently providing opportunities to lakhs of countrymen including state of Odisha for self-employment, start-ups, earning livelihood and alternative resources and socio-economic empowerment.

Emphasizing the need to ensure the compliance of Direct Selling Rules, notified by the Union Government to protect the consumers interests Sh Ranendra Pratap Swain, Minister for Food supplies, Consumer Welfare and Cooperation said keeping in view the expansion of direct selling industry in the state, there is a need to set Monitoring mechanism as specified in the rules, so as to protect the consumers interests. He also advised the IDSA to come forward to help the state

government in setting up of the proposed monitoring mechanism.

The other dignitaries present on the occasion were Mr Vivek Katoch, Vice Chairman, IDSA and Prof Bejon Misra, Advisor to the Government of Odisha.

Mr. Rajat Banerji, Chairman, IDSA, said, "Odisha continues to be a key market for the direct selling industry. With a double-digit growth of over 13%, Odisha is the 5th largest market for the industry," while speaking on the occasion and the status of Direct Selling in India during FY 2020-21.

WPL 2023: Mumbai Indians Beat Delhi Capitals By 7 Wickets To Become Champions

Mumbai: Mumbai Indians claimed the trophy in the inaugural Women's Premier League (WPL) in front of an adoring full-house at the Brabourne stadium, beating Delhi Capitals by seven wickets in the final thanks to an unbeaten 60 by England all-rounder Nat Sciver-Brunt, on Sunday. Sciver-Brunt struck 60 not out off 55 deliveries, hitting seven boundaries and raising 72 runs for the third wicket with captain Harmanpreet Kaur (37) and 39 for the unbeaten fourth wicket partnership to guide them to 134/3 in 19.3 overs after their bowlers Issy Wong, Hayley Matthews and Amelia Kerr shared eight wickets between them as

Delhi Capitals were restricted to 131/9 in 20 overs. Delhi Capitals, who had topped the table for a direct berth to the final, had opted to bat first on winning the toss and reached a decent total thanks to an unbeaten 52 runs partnership for the 10th wicket between Shikha Pandey (27 not out) and Radha Yadav (27). Though they did well to claim a couple of early wickets, the target was too little to defend in the end. Mumbai Indians too got off to a poor start as they lost both their openers with Hayley Matthews and Yastika Bhatia getting out with only 23 runs on the board. Yastika (4) ran down the wicket to try and hit a

full-toss out of the ground but skied it to deep midwicket for a comfortable catch by Arundhati Reddy. Hayley Matthews struck Marizanne Kapp for three boundaries -- the first one a slash at a wide one, the second driven through cover-point in the first over and the third whipped past midwicket in her next over. She fell to left-arm spinner Jess Jonassen, mis-hitting a flighted one slow on the leg straight to Reddy. Captain Harmanpreet Kaur and Nat Sciver-Brunt came together to raise 72 runs off 75 balls with patience and caution, and keeping alive Mumbai Indians' hopes. Initially, they scored through



singles, indulging themselves to boundaries off opportunities given by the bowlers.

Harmanpreet scored two fours off Capsey and struck one each off Shikha Pandey, Radha

Yadav and Jonassen while Sciver-Brunt creamed Capsey for three fours and one each

off Yadav and Pandey. She survived a close LBW decision via DRS and was also lucky when the delivery by Pandey missed the leg stump by a whisker. With Mumbai Indians needing 37 runs off 23 balls, Harmanpreet went for a risky single and was out by yards as Shikha Pandey sent an accurate throw to bowler Alice Capsey, as they slumped to 95/3. With 21 needed off the last two overs, Sciver-Brunt struck a boundary off Jonassen to complete her half-century off 52 balls. She took a single off the next ball and Amelia Kerr blasted two boundaries off successive deliveries and took a single from the deliveries. (IPL 2023: RCB Retire AB de

Villiers And Chris Gayle's Jersey Forever At Unbox Event) Mumbai went into the final over needing five runs from six deliveries. Capsey conceded one run off the first delivery and then Sciver-Brunt struck a brace off the next ball and paddled it for a boundary to seal victory for Mumbai Indians. Brief scores: Delhi Capitals 131/9 in 20 overs (Meg Lanning 35, Shikha Pandey 27 not out, Radha Yadav 27 not out; Hayley Matthews 3-5, Issy Wong 3-42, Amelia Kerr 2-19) lost to Mumbai Indians 134/3 in 19.3 overs (Nat Sciver-Brunt 60 not out, Harmanpreet 37, Amelia Kerr 14 not out; Radha Yadav 1-24) by 7 wickets.

Afghanistan Complete Historic T20I Series Win Over Pakistan With Win In 2nd Game

New Delhi: Afghanistan showcased another impressive run-chase to beat new-look Pakistan by seven wickets in the second T20 international with one ball remaining and take an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series on Sunday (March 26). It is the first time that Afghanistan has won a series against a top-six ranked ICC team. Pakistan chose to bat first but its inexperienced top-order again disappointed before recalled Imad Wasim smashed 64 not out off 57 balls and captain Shadab Khan made 32 to increase the final total to 130-6. Rahmanullah Gurbaz (44) and Ibrahim Zadran (38) led Afghanistan's chase before Najibullah Zadran scored a rapid unbeaten 23 and Mohammad Nabi was 14 not out to guide their team to 133-3 with a ball to spare. "It's a great honor and pleasure to lead this wonderful team," Afghanistan captain Rashid Khan said.



"Great effort with the ball, and then we took it deep and finished it ... We have players to finish it like Nabi and Najib." Needing 22 off the last two overs, Najibullah and Nabi struck a six each in Naseem Shah's penultimate over which went for 17 and effectively ended Pakistan's hopes. Afghanistan recorded a memorable six-wicket win against Pakistan on Friday after pinning down Shadab's team to 92-9. In the absence of five rested frontline players, including Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan, Pakistan continued to struggle against the pace and spin of Afghanistan on the slow wickets at

Sharjah Cricket Stadium. Saim Ayub, who made his T20 debut in the first game, edged behind the second ball of the game from Fazalhaq Farooqi (2-19). Abdullah Shafique became the first men's batter in T20 history to record a fourth straight duck when he was trapped leg before wicket by Farooqi in his first double-wicket maiden over, leaving Pakistan at 0-2. Mohammad Haris (15) and Tayyab Tahir (13) also couldn't gauge the wicket well upfront. Azam Khan (1) was baffled by Rashid's sharp googly and was out lbw as Pakistan slipped to 63-5 in 11 overs. Imad and Shadab then combined in a 67-run stand with Imad

hitting two sixes and three fours before Shadab was run out off the last ball while going for a second run. Gurbaz made a powerful start for Afghanistan when he smashed Naseem (0-39) for a six and a boundary in the first over and took the game deep by adding 56 runs with Ibrahim. Gurbaz was run out when his reverse lap shot went straight to Naseem at short third man and Ibrahim declined a sharp single. Fast bowler Ihsanullah (1-23) had Ibrahim caught behind in the 18th over but Najibullah and Nabi sealed the game with their belligerent hitting against Naseem in the penultimate over. "We were struggling again," Shadab said. "When you lose three wickets in powerplay, you lose 70% of the games ... The young players were nervous. They are playing for the first time for Pakistan, but we have to back them." The third T20 is on Monday.

BCCI Contracts: Ravindra Jadeja Promoted To A+ Category With Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma And Jasprit Bumrah, KL Rahul Demoted

New Delhi: Team India and Chennai Super Kings all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja has made a sensational comeback from injury, which forced him to miss the T20 World Cup 2022 in Australia. Jadeja was 'Player of the Match' in the first two Tests of the four-match series against Australia and was instrumental in Rohit Sharma's side clinching the series 2-1 to qualify for the World Test Championships Final. Jadeja has been rewarded for his consistent performances by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) in the annual retainership contracts announced on Sunday (March 26) night, elevated to the A+ category -- Rs 7 crore contract -- which was only occupied by Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli and Jasprit Bumrah. Another all-rounder Axar Patel was also promoted in the BCCI retainership with Axar Patel moving up to the 'A' category -- Rs 5 crore contract. Team India



opener and Lucknow Super Giants skipper KL Rahul got demoted to Grade 'B' -- Rs 3 crore contract -- after a string of poor performances. Pacer Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Ajinkya Rahane and Ishant Sharma didn't get a contract as BCCI handed retainership to 26 cricketers in four groups of A plus (Rs 7 crore), A (Rs 5 crore), B (Rs 3 crore) and C (Rs 1 crore). It seems curtains for the experienced trio, who have been dropped from the contract list, signalling that they are no longer in the reckoning for the national team. Delhi Capitals all-rounder Axar had plenty

Shubman Gill. The Group C comprises 11 cricketers -- Umesh Yadav, Shikhar Dhawan, Shardul Thakur, Ishan Kishan, Deepak Hooda, Yuzvendra Chahal, Kuldeep Yadav, Washington Sundar, Sanju Samson, Arshdeep Singh, besides Bharat. The elite 'A plus' category has players who are a sure shot candidate for all three formats, while 'A' comprises cricketers who are certainties for Tests and one-dayers. Players who are considered for limited-over cricket are in Group B, while C group players are generally considered for one of the three formats regularly. A+ category: Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, Jasprit Bumrah and Ravindra Jadeja. A category: Hardik Pandya, R Ashwin, Mohammed Shami, Rishabh Pant, Axar Patel. B category: Cheteshwar Pujara, KL Rahul, Shreyas Iyer, Mohammed Siraj, Suryakumar Yadav, Shubman Gill.

Kishore Shallow takes over from Skerritt as new CWI President

New Delhi: Cricket West Indies (CWI) has a new president as Ricky Skerritt, the CWI head for the last four years, has decided not to seek another term. Dr. Kishore Shallow, who has been a vice-president to Skerritt, is the new president with Azim Bassarath of Trinidad and Tobago taking over as the new vice-president. Both have been elected for a term of two years. "I left. I did not seek re-election. I always said that four years would be enough for me," Skerritt, a former manager of the West

Indies team, told Cricbuzz on Sunday night. The change of dispensation was confirmed at the CWI Annual General Meeting (AGM), held in Antigua, on Saturday (March 25). The election process was conducted as one of the key items on the agenda of the 24th AGM, which was held at the Coolidge Cricket Ground in Antigua. Dr Shallow is from St Vincent & the Grenadines. "On behalf of Cricket West Indies, I sincerely thank the outgoing President Ricky Skerritt for his latest

contribution to our beloved cricket. He has served with distinction and pride in one of the most challenging periods in our lifetime, the COVID-19 pandemic. His tenure has certainly moved us in the right direction," Dr Shallow said. He added, "The resounding vote of confidence demonstrated by the shareholders is heartening. My profound gratitude to them and all the stakeholders for supporting me throughout the electoral process. As I embark on this new



role with Vice President Bassarath, there is no delusion about the considerable workload. My philosophy remains one of unity and inclusivity. For it is only if we pool our resources and efforts together will West Indies cricket make any meaningful advancement as a cricket nation." The next 18 months are going to be busy for the CWI as it will be a co-host of the Twenty20 World Cup in June 2024. "We're trying to confirm our whole year and the venues for India and England

before we quickly turn our attention to the 2024 T20WC. "A busy but exciting 18 months are ahead which will transform our business and put us on a strong foundation for the future all being well," a CWI official told this website after the AGM. India will be travelling to the Caribbean in July-August for a 10-game series. Skerritt is from St. Kitts and Nevis. He took over the CWI in March 2019 beating then president Dave Cameron. He had openly declared that he will not seek a third term.