

## OFFICERS/OFFICER TRAINEES OF INDIAN INFORMATION SERVICE AND INDIAN NAVAL ARMAMENT SERVICE CALL ON THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA

**New Delhi:** Officers/ Officer Trainees of Indian Information Service (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 batches) and Probationers of Indian Naval Armament Service called on the President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan today (March 29, 2023).

Addressing the officers of Indian Information Service, the President said that communication is a crucial factor in making citizens aware about government policies, programmes and its functioning. Through effective communication and with correct information, IIS officers can be instrumental in making citizens informed partners in the progress of the country.



The President said that today, with the wide and instant spread of information, a challenge of fake information travelling equally fast has also emerged. IIS officers have to take the responsibility of combating fake news. She urged them to harness technology and work with dedication to check the trend of

misusing media, especially social media, to build false narratives. The President said that IIS officers have a key role in enhancing the image of India on the global stage. India has always given the message of peace and brotherhood to the world. Spreading India's soft power through cultural messages for the

entire humanity is an important area where they can make a big difference. Addressing the officers of Indian Naval Armament Service, the President said that they have to play a significant role in providing an efficient and safe armament logistics delivery system to both the Indian Navy and

Indian Coast Guard. She said that with advancement in technology and introduction of state-of-the-art weapons, they must strive for innovation to achieve the goals of indigenisation. The President said that while much has been achieved in the pursuit of indigenisation over past decades, the time is now ripe for launching a new phase of self-reliance by manufacturing technologically advanced equipment within India, in line with the vision of 'Make in India'. She urged INAS officers to wholeheartedly contribute towards achieving self-reliance in the field of Naval Armament and realising the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

## Jharsuguda By Poll; 10 May

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** By-election to crucial Jharsuguda Assembly Constituency will be held on May 10 while result will be declared on May 13, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar announced on Wednesday.

The MLA seat was lying vacant following the brutal murder of the then Health and Family Welfare Minister Naba Kishore Das on January 29.

As per schedule announced by the Election Commission of India (ECI), formal notification for the by-poll will be issued on April 13. Candidates can file nominations till April 20 while scrutiny of the papers will be done on the next day (April 21). Last date for withdrawal of nomination papers is set for April 24. The entire election process will be completed by May 15.



This will be the first and crucial election to be managed by the newly appointed Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Odisha, Nikunja Bihari Dhal.

BJD and BJP have already initiated their preparations and campaigning for the by-poll while Congress State President Sarat Pattanayak had also recently visited the district to review the organizational works. It is likely that BJD would file Late Naba Das's daughter Dipali

while BJP is also likely to nominate its youth leader Tankadhar Tripathy. Congress' likely candidate is District President Ashok Mishra. All eyes on BJP as it will be the first by-poll of State BJP President Manmohan Samal after assuming the charge.

The Opposition BJP and Congress will target the BJD Government over Naba Das murder by a police official while the ruling party would fight the poll with Naba Das's legacy and development.

## BHADRAK-NAYAGARH TOWN-BHADRAK MEMU TRAIN TO BE FLAGGED OFF ON RAM NAVAMI DAY

**Bhubaneswar,(KCN):** Hon'ble Union Minister of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan and Hon'ble Union Minister of Railways, Communication and Electronics & Information Technology Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw to flag off the inaugural run of the train at Cuttack Railway Station. Hon'ble Union Minister of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan and Hon'ble Union Minister of Railways, Communication and Electronics & Information Technology Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw will flag off of the inaugural run of Bhadrak-Nayagarh Town-Bhadrak MEMU at Cuttack Railway Station on Sriram Navami Day, i.e. on 30th March 2023. On the inaugural Day, this train will leave from Cuttack Station at about 1515hrs.



However, the regular service will commence from 31st March 2023. This is a long pending public aspiration of the people of both Bhadrak and Nayagarh Districts. Hon'ble Minister of Railways Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw announced to provide a new train from Bhadrak towards Bhubaneswar during the foundation stone laying ceremony of Redevelopment of Bhubaneswar Railway Station. This is the result of Railway Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw's continuous focus for the comfort and convenience of the passengers of the region. This train will provide facilities to the

public of the respective regions for direct journey instead of changing transportation facilities at intermediate places. This New Train will run as Special train on its inaugural day, i.e. on 30th March, 2023. 08555/08556 Bhadrak-Nayagarh Town-Bhadrak MEMU will leave from Bhadrak at 0545hrs and will reach at Nayagarh Town at 1155hrs. In the return direction, this train from Nayagarh Town will leave at 1705hrs and will reach at Bhadrak at 2245hrs. This train will have stoppages at all Stations and Passenger Halts between Bhadrak and Nayagarh Town from both the directions.

## BDO Beaten Up By Father, Brother In Odisha

**Rourkela(KCN):** Koida Block Development Officer (BDO) in Sundargarh district, Pallavirani Raj, and Assistant Engineer Abhisek Panigrahi were allegedly beaten up by the former's father and brother yesterday night.

Koida police arrested the BDO's father Ramesh Raj following a complaint lodged by the official.



However, brother Sangram Raj managed to flee from the spot. According to reports, father and brother of BDO suddenly assaulted the official with a large stick at her official residence at around 10 pm on Tuesday. They also attacked the Block Assistant Engineer Abhisek Panigrahi, who intervened to save the BDO from clutches of her family members last night.

Both the official sustained injuries at the incident. Following the incident, a team of Koida Community Health Centre (CHC) rushed to BDO's residence and shifted her to the SCB hospital following first aid. Meanwhile, the injured Assistant Engineer has been referred to the Rourkela Government Hospital after primary treatment at Koida CHC.

## 5,000 Lightning Strikes Within 30 Minutes Near Odisha's Basudevapur; Five Killed



**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** At least five persons were reportedly killed in separate incidents of lightning strike in Bhadrak district in Odisha today.

Basudevapur area of Bhadrak district witnessed as many as 5,000 lightning strikes within just 30 minutes today, said Umasankar Das of IMD regional centre here. "More than

5,000 lightning strikes today just in 30 minutes near Basudevapur of Bhadrak, its beyond your imagination the vulnerability associated with the thundercloud and how fatal it could be!!!" said Das in a twitter post. "As per local source, unfortunately 5 people died because of this severe lightning event," he

said in another twitter post. Earlier, the IMD had issued Yellow warning of thunderstorm with lightning for one or two places over the districts of Balasore, Bhadrak, Jajpur, Kendrapara, Cuttack, Jagatsinghpur, Mayurbhanj, Khurda, Puri, Ganjam, Dhenkanal, Keonjhar and Kandhamal on March 29 (today).

## "Mixing Politics With Religion Dangerous": Supreme Court On Hate Speeches

**New Delhi:** The Supreme Court on Wednesday took serious exception to hate speeches saying these will end the moment politics and religions are separated and politicians stop using religion in politics.

Termining hate speeches a "vicious circle", the top court said these utterings are being made by fringe elements and people should restrain themselves from doing

so. A bench of justices KM Joseph and BV Nagarathna referred to speeches of former Prime Ministers Jawaharlal Nehru and Atal Bihari Vajpayee, saying people from remote areas and every nook and corner used to gather to hear them.

"Major problem arises when politicians are mixing politics with religion. The moment politics and religion are segregated, this will end. When politicians stop using religion, all this will

stop. We have said in our recent verdict also that mixing politics with religion is dangerous for democracy," Justice Joseph said.

Wondering as to how many people can courts initiate contempt action, the bench said why cannot the people of India take a pledge to not vilify other citizens or communities. "Everyday fringe elements are making speeches to vilify others including on TV and public forums," the bench



said while hearing a contempt petition against various state authorities including Maharashtra for failing to register FIRs against those making such speeches.

When Solicitor General Tushar Mehta pointed out a derogatory speech made in Kerala by a man against a particular community and questioned that petitioner

Shaheen Abdullah has selectively pointed out the incidents of hate speeches in the country, this triggered sharp exchanges between the court and Mehta.

He also pointed out a statement made by a DMK party leader and said why has the petitioner's counsel not made him and those states party in the contempt petition.

The bench referred to those speeches and said "every action has equal reaction" and

emphasised, "We are following the Constitution and orders in every case are bricks in the structure of rule of law.

We are hearing the contempt petition because states are not taking action in time. This is because the state has become impotent, powerless and does not act in time. Why should we have a state at all if it is silent?"

Mehta then said, "Can't say that about any state but Centre is not. Centre

has banned PFI. Please issue notice to state of Kerala so that they can respond to this." As the court asked Mehta to continue with his submissions, he said, "Please do not do this. This will have wider ramification. Why are we shying away from looking at the clip? Why can't the court allow me to play the video clip of the speeches? Why Kerala can't be issued notice and made a party to the petition.



## Could sketches of history be like the sky

D.D. Philip

The sky is clear,  
Clouds of rains got disappeared,  
Frogs of rain, crows got silent,  
Is it a sign of famines and droughts ahead?



Kites are replaced with jet plains,  
Hearts are replaced with computer brains,  
Democracy is replaced with isms of religions and chairs,  
Is it a sign to display blood and machine guns that we have?

Children need suckling breasts,  
Mothers need loving husbands,  
Parents need words of care,  
Unmarried says first give me AK Fortyseven.

The sky is clear,  
It's time to spread what you have.  
Poisons and Kisses demand is high,  
History is ready to document that will happen under the sky.

Sky is a canvas, absorbs and disappears all that is brushed and painted there.  
In history everything documented that happens here.

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## Threads of life

Nandighosh Kuanr

Amidst the chaos of life's great storm,  
We often find ourselves torn and worn.  
A fabric of dreams and memories,  
That once felt strong, now tattered and breezy.

Whether by choice or forceful fate,  
We leave our homes to seek a new state.  
And though we may find what we're looking for,  
Our hearts still ache for what's left behind, what we adore.

For like a cloth stretched beyond repair,  
Our threads unravel, leaving us bare.  
The tears we shed for what we've lost,  
Are like a river that never exhausts.

We may try to mend the frayed seams,  
But the scars remain, haunting our dreams.  
We wear our past like a badge of honor,  
A reminder of what we've overcome, a symbol of our power.

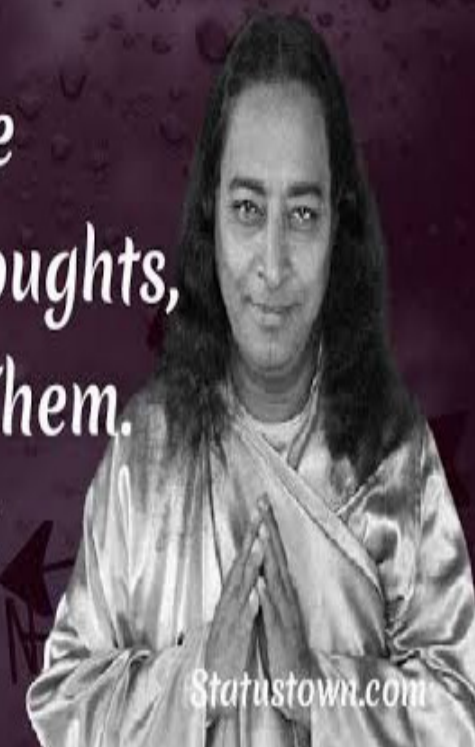
So if you find yourself torn and rent,  
Remember, it's not the end, just a new segment.  
The fabric of life has many colors and hues,  
And with time and care, we can weave anew.

Dagarpada, BIs

## Quotation of the Day

Since You Alone Are  
Responsible For Your Thoughts,  
Only You Can Change Them.

- PARAMAHANSA YOGANANDA -



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The Jagannath Temple celebrates many festivals throughout the year. Arguably the grandest celebrations take place for the Nobo Koliboro. The Nobo Koliboro celebrates the rebirth of the Lord Jagannath, His transmigration from one body to another. This ritual takes place every 15-19 years. The Jyaistha (June-July) month with two full moons in the adhimsa year marks the auspicious time for the ritual.

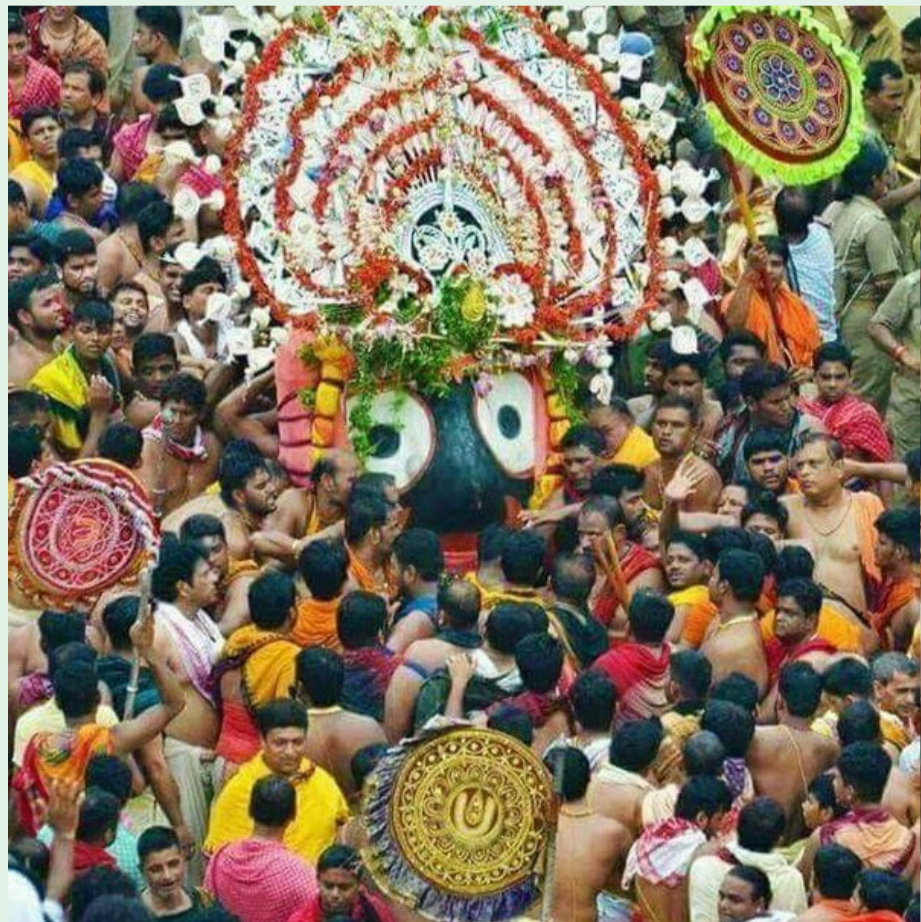
The Bana Yaga yatra is the first festival of the year. Participants of the yatra re-enact Lord Jagannath's arrival at Puri. The Gajapati ruler of Puri allocates roles to various actors. The roles of Vishwvasu (the tribal devotee of Nilamadhava), Bidyapati, the first Brahmin to lay eyes upon Lord Jagannath, the Lenka Sevak, the temple functionary in charge of writing and Vishwakarma, the architect and divine engineer of the universe are assumed by the men.

The main actors tie a special Khandua (a silk fabric woven using dyed threads) on their foreheads. This Khandua has verses from the Gita-Govinda hand woven on the cloth. They embark on a trek to Dasaphalla to seek out a tree from which the deity can be carved and which is deemed suitable to host the Bramha (soul) of the Lord.

En route, they stop at the Mangala Devi temple in Kakatpur and offer her gifts on behalf of the Lord. In return, they seek her blessings to find the tree. During their rest at the Devi Matha, it is said that the Vishwakarma Servitors the dream about the location of the tree.

Next morning, they seek out the Daru (tree). Upon finding the tree, the Lenka garlands it and installs the Sudarshana (the weapon of lord Vishnu) beneath it.

The tree is then bathed and worshipped. It is touched with a gold and silver axe before the Vishwakarma servitors cut into logs which are called Chaupata. A cart made of tamarind wood is brought to carry these holy logs back to the temple. The Chaupata are wrapped tightly in silk and bound with Khandua cloth before they are roped into place on the cart. The logs are brought into the Temple at Puri and kept at the Nirman Gruha ("the house of creation"), hidden from public view for one month. Only the senior priests are allowed to partake in sculpting the new body of the Lord. It is the prerogative of



the eldest priest to perform the Ghata Paribartan ("the transfer of the Bramha"). The former idol and parts of the rath

# Rath Yatra, Puri



from the previous year are buried after a suddikriya (a purifying ritual) is performed.

In the month of Jyaistha, the birthday of the Lord is celebrated as Snan Yatra. The Lord and His siblings are

from public view and bathed with a hundred and eight pots of water from the Suna Kuan (golden well), a well within the temple complex.

After their bath, the deities are dressed in

invited by the Gajapati ruler to his court. The king invited the scholar to accompany him for a visit to SriMandir but the scholar refused, claiming that he only worshipped Lord Ganesha. The reluctant scholar was however surprised when Lord Jagannath appeared to him as the beloved elephant god, Ganesha. The Hastibesha symbolises the love the Lord has for each of His followers.

It is believed that the deities catch a cold after this elaborate bath. They retire from public view for fifteen days in order to recover. This period is called Anavasara. The Netroutsav is performed by painting the eyes onto the freshly bathed bodies of the Lords. The next day marks the beginning of the Rath Yatra.

"When the sacred images are at length brought forth and placed upon their chariots, thousands fall on their knees and bow their foreheads in the dust. The vast multitude shouts with one throat and surging

backwards and forwards drag the wheeled edifices down the broad streets towards the country house of Lord Jagannath." - Imperial District Gazetteer, Puri, 1886

A rath is built for each of the three deities, Lord Jagannath, Goddess Subhadra and Lord Balbhadra. Each houses the main deity along with nine others. Nine sages are also depicted on each chariot. These are meant to signify the nine planets in the universe. A rath can be recognised by its

specific name, its colours, its charioteer, its horses and even the reins used to control them.

The largest rath soaring at forty-five feet is the red and yellow chariot of Lord Jagannath. It is called Nandighosa and it alone takes two months to construct. The horses Shankha, Shveta, Balahaka and Haridasva have the honour of pulling the Lord's chariot. Maruti, the Lord's charioteer reins the horses.

The festivities are inaugurated by the Chera Panhara. In this, the Gajapati ruler, as a 'servant of the Lord', sweeps the platform of each rath before they are allowed to proceed. Devotees pull these large chariots three kilometres down the main avenue to the 'Garden home' of the deities, the house of their aunt, Gundicha. They stay with her for a week. During this time, it is believed that Goddess Laxmi, upset with her husband, Lord Jagannath for having left her behind, damages His rath in anger. This ritual is practised today as Hera Panchami, 'hera' means to look for or find.

The three siblings

leave their Aunt's house and embark on the 'Bahuda Yatra' (the return journey). They are received in Srimandir by dotting devotees awaiting their arrival. The 'Sunabesha' is the gold-laden form the deities take after adorning all the jewellery made from the offerings by their devotees. This short darshan marks their homecoming.

The Lord of the Universe, however, is not allowed to step into His home just yet. It is believed that Goddess Laxmi is still upset at Her Lord. Distraught, she shuts the door and refuses to let Him enter. The Lord of the Universe attempts to convince Her of His intentions and seeks Her forgiveness. After persistent appeals, the goddess allows Him to step into His home.

The yatra ends with the Niladri Bije, which marks the return of the deities into the Garbha-griha. In 1825, 2.25 lakh pilgrims thronged to the Puri Temple, 190 years later (2015) the Nobo Koliboro celebrations saw a record 17.5 lakh devotees joining the celebrations at Puri.





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**Ponniyin Selvan 2: Aishwarya Rai Looks Enchanting And Mysterious As Nandini In New Teaser**

The wait will soon be over. The trailer of Mani Ratnam's magnum-opus 'Ponniyin Selvan - 2' will be launched today. Now, just a day before the launch, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan took to Instagram and shared a teaser of the film. The actress looks enchanting and mysterious in the royal look. She is seen holding a lamp in her hand as the camera captures her mirror reflection. Fans of the actress were very excited to see her back on the screens and shared their love for her in the comments section. "No dialogue is needed her expressions say what she's going through," a user commented. "Literally Lived as Nandini," another user wrote. Earlier, she had shared a poster with Vikram in which she could be seen lighting the lamp while the latter's expressions were intense. The trailer of the second part will be launched at around 6 pm today, 29th March at Jawahar Lal Nehru Indoor Stadium in Chennai. Helmed by ace director Mani Ratnam, the historical drama based on Kalki's epic of the same name. The ensemble star cast of the film includes, Chiyaan Vikram, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, Karthi, Jayam



Ravi, Trisha, Aishwarya Lekshmi, Lal, and Sobhita Dhulipala, among others. The part one of the film had Bollywood actress Aishwarya Rai Bachchan's comeback to movies after a long hiatus. 'Ponniyin Selvan: I' was the first part of a two-part franchise that has been shot on a massive budget of 500 crore rupees. The soundtrack of the film has been composed by AR Rahman, while it has been shot by Ravi Varman. The film had turned out to be a massive success at the box office and raked more than Rs 500 Cr at the box office.

**'Adipurush' Director Om Raut, Producer Bhushan Kumar Seek Blessings At Mata Vaishno Devi**



On the auspicious occasion of Navratri, Producer Bhushan Kumar, and Director Om Raut sought blessings of Mata Vaishno Devi for the 'Adipurush' campaign that begins from Ramnavmi, March 30. The magnum opus, one of the most anticipated films of 2023, that prepares for a worldwide release on June, 16th, predominantly chronicles the story of Prabhu Shri Ram and celebrates the triumph of good over evil. Remarking on the creation of the universe and the beginning of the world by Maa Shri Durga, Chaitra Navratri holds immense significance in Hindu culture. With this belief and Shri Gulshan Kumar's immense faith in Maa Vaishno Devi, the makers seek divine blessings for Adipurush. The film revives a rich and historic Indian epic Ramayana in a magnificent manner starring Prabhas, Kriti Sanon, Sunny Singh, and Saif Ali Khan. Adipurush, directed by Om Raut is produced by T-Series, Bhushan Kumar & Krishan Kumar, Om Raut, Prasad Sutar, and Rajesh Nair of Retrophiles and will be releasing globally on 16th June 2023.

**'Nayanthara' 'Connect' emerges as a successful horror thriller as it brings audiences back to theatres**

Nayanthara brought an amazing gift to her pan-India fans with her Hindi debut in 'Connect'. While the audience has been encountering different kinds of horror with a blend of drama and comedy, 'Connect' came as a full-fledged horror thriller after a long time that attracted a lot of audiences in the theaters. Having brought a nail-biting horror thriller in the festive season and being a strong women-led film, 'Connect' is successfully holding its presence in theaters across the nation. As the film was released around the two big festivals while marking Christmas and New Year, it certainly came as a much-needed horror thriller for the audience to rush to the theaters to enjoy the thrill and a gripping story after a long time. Having seen the bookings of multiplexes, it is visible that the film is receiving a great response from the audience. Moreover, it's almost 10 days, since 'Connect' has released in Tamil, and ever since then it is collecting phenomenal reviews from the audience. Ahead of this, the debut of Nayanthara in Hindi was also been welcomed by the audience with open arms with the release of

**Jacqueline Fernandez Wraps The First Schedule Of Sonu Sood-Starrer 'Fateh' In Amritsar, Shares Memories**

After winning the 'Women of Excellence' award at the Annual Los Angeles Festival of Film, Fashion, and Art for her international film, 'Tell it Like a Woman', the sunshine girl Jacqueline Fernandez is gearing up for her next film. It's just been a while since we had seen her spreading the charm of her beauty at the Oscars and now the actress has wrapped the first schedule of her next film 'Fateh' in Amritsar and seems like she had a great time with the team in the city. As Jacqueline was shooting in Amritsar for her next film Fateh,



she brought some glimpses of her amazing time in the city for her fans. From receiving a sketch of herself from a fan to enjoying the lassi to eating delicious Punjabi food, the actress dropped some really amazing pictures on her

social media encapsulating her best shooting days in Amritsar. She further jotted down the caption, "Thank you Amritsar #fateh" Jacqueline was truly having the best of her time while shooting for Fateh in Amritsar.

The actress also visited the Golden Temple with her co-star Sonu Sood. Apart from 'Fateh' alongside Sonu Sood, Jacqueline also has 'Crack' alongside Vidhut Jammwal and Arjun Rampal in her future lineup.

**Megastar Chiranjeevi Honours 'Our Oscar winners' SS Rajamouli, MM Keeravani On Son Ram Charan's Birthday**

Star Chiranjeevi honoured filmmaker SS Rajamouli and music composer MM Keeravani at actor-son Ram Charan's birthday. He said that the win Telugu industry achieved for Indian Cinema shall remain etched in history. Chiranjeevi took to his Instagram page to share pictures. The image shows Chiranjeevi handing over a big bouquet of flowers and shawl to honour Rajamouli and his wife. In the

NTR Jr from the film 'RRR' made India proud as it won the Best Original Song at the 95th Academy Awards. Leaving behind names

already won a Golden Globe and a Critics Choice Award this year. 'RRR' stars NTR Jr., Ram Charan, Ajay Devgn, Alia Bhatt and



picture, MM Keeravani and his wife are being honoured with a shawl and a bouquet. Chiranjeevi wrote: "Honouring our Oscar winners in the presence of near and dear on @alwaysramcharans birthday! This feat Telugus achieved for the Indian Cinema shall remain etched in history." 'Naatu Naatu' picturised on Ram Charan and

such as Lady Gaga, Diane Warren and Rihanna, 'Naatu Naatu' made history after contending against songs such as 'Applause' from 'Tell It Like a Woman', 'Hold My Hand' from 'Top Gun: Maverick', 'Lift Me Up' from 'Black Panther: Wakanda Forever' and 'This Is a Life' from 'Everything Everywhere All at Once'.

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





## Letter To Editor

### Sir, Perils of Tourism related pollution

As an industry prone to overconsumption, tourism also generates a significant amount of waste and pollution. Tourists can generate up to twice as much waste as locals in some areas. This can put a tremendous strain on local waste management systems, causing landfills and sewage treatment plants to overflow. Another major issue is tourists, hotels, cruise ships, and others, improperly disposing of trash, raw sewage, and toxic chemicals. In addition to making destinations less appealing, litter and pollution can harm local residents and wildlife. While tourism contributes to our global waste problem, it can also help to solve it. Tourism has the potential to raise awareness of the issues as well as spur waste infrastructure improvements. If we want to preserve the beauty and health of the places we visit, we must take action to reduce the amount of waste we create and practice proper disposal. Certain types of waste issues are more prevalent in tourism and pose a challenge for destinations to manage. Tourism generates a large amount of single-use plastic waste which poses a problem for local disposal systems and environments. An often overlooked type of waste, food waste is particularly a problem within the tourism and hospitality industry. Improper disposal of sewage and other toxic chemicals by the tourism industry pollutes our waterways and seas. Air travel and other travel activities generate carbon emissions and contribute to global climate change. Waste and pollution have far-reaching impacts on environments, wildlife, visitors, and communities. Litter along coasts transforms beaches into less desirable destinations and may wash out to sea. Sea debris and untreated sewage pose a grave threat to marine animals who may get entangled, sick, or die. Pollution can have serious health effects and diminish the quality of life of local residents. Trash that is left behind in parks and along trails detracts from the natural beauty of scenic areas. Contaminated freshwater can cause health problems, poison wildlife, and throw off ecosystem balance. Government should help destinations to manage waste and to create cleaner and healthier environments for residents and visitors alike. They also should inspire individuals to adopt eco-friendly travel habits that create less waste and to dispose of their garbage properly so that they leave no trace. Government should develop citizen science tool that will empower travelers and locals to contribute to conservation by reporting the marine pollution they see.

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## The hidden power of Of Ram Naam

Uma Shankar Prasad



As per Goswami Tulshi Das " Ram naam kar amita prabhaha". And Saint Kabir revealed the dynamic power in Ram Ma'am and its efficacious result on staunch devotees in transforming human body ( inert ) in to Divinity. The mystic verses in Adi Granth by Saint Labor and translated by Nirmal Das, Sunny Press New York, has given an elaborate description of verbal chant and Mental chant mentioned by Saint kabir in mystic verses. Verbal chant: " Let your Tounge Say 'Ram' Kabir says, " To receive true life, devote yourself to Hair (God). N a r a y a n A's ( God's) name is a pillar; Let your tounge say 'Ram'.

Manas jap or Mental Chant: Repeat Ram's Name in your Heart" Labor says " You cannot call any one your own; repeat Ram's name in your heart all the time." Kabir says, " Those who want to solve the riddle will know all if they repeat " Ram

Maam", Kabir says, " Forget not Ram's name , let body and wealth go, if they must. Dedicate your heart to His flower-like feet, and be absorbed in Ram's name." K. C Pattnaik , a devotee of Shri Ram and also a writer has published a paper on Ram Naam . He has given "a few quotations derived from different scriptures, different Puranas, U p a n I s h a d s and Vedic Literature will no doubt, give comprehensive idea as to the dynamic power hidden in R A M N A A M and its

efficacious result on staunch devotees in transforming human body ( inert ) in to Divinity.

In Srimad Ramayana, Sri Rama exhibits various dharmas at different places. Late Phalahari Baba , to whomever he met used to preach to them to take initiation of Ram Naam for salvation which is the ultimate goal of human life. " Rama Namaiba, Namaiba, Namaiba Jeevanam; Skanda Purana, Utter khanda. Ramo Namaiba, Namabiba Rama Namaiba Kevalam, Kalau

Nasthaiba Nasthaiba N a s t h a i b a Gathiranyatha ( Adi Ramayana). Ram Naam is like a piece of turmeric, if the turmeric is rubbed it would exhibit its colour. But if it is not rubbed it would remain as it is. In this manner the Saints by taking recourse to Ram Naam with frequent recitation they get nectar. The Pranava or Omkar originated from the 'RAM' name. It is also a form of " Tattvamasi" ie "Thou are That"( Adi Ramayan).

The RA and MA in the name " RAM" are complimentary to

each other.( RUDRA JAMAL). The letter RS relates to cerebral and appears to be a " Trimurti" as in between the eyebrows. The letter MA relates to two lips where from it is uttered. Thus it is prevailing every where. ( Tulshi Das ) In the iron age , there is increase of sin every-where You will see only immortal act degenerated people all through. In this age of trial and tribulation one has to resort to the best of his ability two guide-posts, one Ram Naam and the second is sacred water of Ganga as ( Tulshi Das).

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## Action advisable to be taken within 31st March 2023

Narayan Jain



With the financial year coming to an end on March 31, 2023 it is important to take several actions and complete all the critical financial tasks pending for the year keeping in view Income Tax matters compliances. Here is a list of important things which you need to take care of within March 31.

1. Invest for saving taxes : You can save tax on specified investment or contributions of up to Rs 1.5 lakh under Section 80C. For this deduction, you can invest in tax saving schemes such as Public Provident Fund, National Saving Certificates, National

Pension Scheme, Sukanya Samridhi Yojana, specified units of ULIP of LIC Pension Fund or specified mutual fund etc. or make payment of Tution fee to specified school, college or educational institution; Instalment payment of any loan taken form bank, LIC, public company or specified employer. Further amount paid for Stamp duty, registration fee and other expense for purpose of transfer of a residential house property is also allowed for deduction under section 80C.

2. Payment for Medical Insurance Premium etc.: The premium for health insurance or medical insurance is eligible for deduction under section 80D for self, family and parents generally upto Rs.25,000. Medical expenditure incurred on health of assessee or any member of his

family is allowed in aggregate upto Rs.50,000 under section 80D(2)(c).

3. Updated income tax returns: The last date for filing late income tax returns for asst. year 2022-23 was 31st December, 2022 even with Late Fee. Those earning individuals who missed to file their ITR by the given due date are advised to file their income tax return by the given last date for ITR filing as an Updated Return. If a taxpayer notices any mistake in one's e-filed ITR, he can still correct that mistake online by filing an updated ITR within 24 months of end of assessment year. In case of updation of Income Tax Returns for asst year 2022-23 fee of 25 per cent of tax and interest and for updating ITR for asst. years 2020-21 and 2021-22 23 fee of 50 per cent of tax and interest is payable.

4. Advance tax instalment: As per Section 208 of the Income Tax Act, every taxpayer whose estimated tax liability is Rs 10,000 or more, are required to pay advance tax, which is payable in four instalments. Deadline for first instalment falls on June 15, second on September 15, third on December 15, and fourth on March 15 in every fiscal. Even though the deadline for making payment of last instalment of advance tax was March 15, 2023, you can still pay advance tax till March 31 to avoid interest burden for a longer period.

The updated Return is allowed to be furnished within 24 months of end of assessment year. That means updated return for asst year 2020-21 cannot be filed after 31st March 2023

5. Payment of Expenses and liabilities: Some taxpayers maintain

accounts on cash basis, they should make payment of expenses before 31st March 2023 so that the same can be claimed in Profit & Loss account. Further section 43B stipulates that specified expenses (like GST, Interest on amount borrowed from a scheduled bank, a co-operative bank or from NBFC) will be allowed only in the year of actual payment. However certain payments if made by assessee on or before the due date for furnishing return of income, shall be allowed. It is advisable to make proper compliance regarding payment. If any taxpayer has to take benefit of claim of donation under section 80G, such taxpayer should ensure that payment is made by Cheque bank draft or bank transfer and it is preferably cleared

form your bank within 31st March to avoid any controversy. As provided in the Finance Act 2023 the payment to MSME should also be made within prescribed date.

6. Submit Form 12B: Form 12B is an income tax form that needs to be furnished by the salaried individual if the person joins any new organisation in the middle of the year. If you have changed job during the financial year 2022-23, you must provide the details of your income using Form 12B. Your new organisation will be able to deduct exact TDS based on the details provided in Form 12B before March 31.

7. Update KYC with bank: The deadline for completing KYC in bank accounts has been extended to March 31. A customer must submit his/ her most recent

information including PAN, address proof, and other information desired by the bank, if not yet submitted. Failing to meet the deadline may lead to freezing of bank account.

8. Link PAN Card with Aadhaar : The date for linking PAN card with Aadhaar card has been extended from 31st March 2023 to June 30, 2023 but with fine of Rs.1,000. It is better to do it as soon as possible. If you don't do so, your PAN card will become inoperative, and you may not be able to perform financial transactions that require PAN. If the PAN of an individual becomes inoperative then he will not be able to file Income Tax Returns. Also, pending ITRs and Income Tax Refunds will not be processed. Moreover, TDS is required to be

deducted at higher rate in case of individuals without PAN or whose PAN become inoperative due to non-linking of PAN with Aadhaar. The TDS rate in Non-PAN case or Non-filers is Twice the specified rate or 5 per cent, whichever is higher. Even in securities markets, having a valid PAN is mandatory for all participants, according to SEBI regulations. PAN-Aadhaar linking is a part of the Know Your Customer (KYC) requirements for various financial services and investments. It may be noted that carrying an invalid PAN card may attract a penalty of Rs 10,000 under section 272B.

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The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu interacts with differently-abled students including visually impaired children at Amrit Udyan and Tactile Garden at Rashtrapati Bhavan, in New Delhi

## Fugitive Amritpal Singh Posts Video While On The Run From Cops

**New Delhi:** Radical Sikh preacher Amritpal Singh, who has managed to evade a massive manhunt by the police for 12 days, on Wednesday released a video, confirming that he remains at large. The video has been sourced through a foreign country, said sources, adding it appears to be two days old. UK handles have distributed Amritpal's video, said sources. The video emerged as sources in the police claimed Amritpal Singh has returned to Punjab and plans to surrender. The self-styled preacher, who supports a call for a separate homeland for Sikhs and is wanted for an armed raid on a police station last month, was

said to be travelling to Amritsar through the villages of Hoshiarpur when the Punjab Police was tipped off about his presence in the area, sources said. On Tuesday night, the police launched a massive door-to-door search operation in Hoshiarpur and neighbouring villages to catch him and his associates, who are accused in several criminal cases. However, Amritpal Singh appeared to have escaped, ditching an Innova car at a gurdwara in the Maraiyan village of Hoshiarpur and fleeing into the fields. The police later recovered the car. A cordon and search operation was launched in and around the village,

while checkpoints and barricades were raised on the roads to catch the suspects. Sources said that Amritpal Singh was planning to give an interview to an international news agency before surrendering, but changed his mind after realising that he had no chance of escaping. The Punjab Police have been under immense pressure to arrest him and his supporters after they revived memories of the 1980s Punjab insurgency, in which thousands died. He went missing following a police crackdown against him and members of his pro-Khalistan 'Waris Punjab De' outfit on March 18, about three weeks after he

and his supporters stormed the Ajnala police station near Amritsar to secure the release of an arrested man. The preacher escaped the police dragnet in Jalandhar district, switching vehicles and changing appearances. On Tuesday, a new video of Amritpal Singh with his key aide Papalpreet Singh surfaced on social media, showing the preacher without a turban and wearing a mask. The undated CCTV footage, said to be from a market in Delhi, showed the fugitive walking down a street wearing dark glasses. Behind him, Papalpreet Singh could be seen walking with a bag.

## What Poll Body Said On Election In Rahul Gandhi's Wayanad Seat



**New Delhi:** The Election Commission today did not announce byelections for the Wayanad Lok Sabha constituency in Kerala, which has fallen vacant after Rahul Gandhi's disqualification as an MP following his two-year jail sentence in a defamation case. Karnataka will vote on May 10 and the verdict will be announced three days later, on May 13, the Election body said, also announcing by-polls for the Jalandhar Lok Sabha MP. The widely anticipated Wayanad dates were missing. All vacancies till February 2023 have been cleared, the poll body said. "We have cleared vacancies till February.

This vacancy was notified in March. A 30-day period has been given for appeal. We are not in a hurry," Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar told reporters. He cited the Representation of People Act, 1951, to say by-polls need to be held within six months of any vacancy. The Congress had prepped for a legal battle if the Election Commission had announced bypolls in Wayanad today. Rahul Gandhi was disqualified on Friday, a day after a Surat court convicted him in a defamation case filed by a BJP leader and sentenced him to two years in prison.

The Congress leader has 30 days to appeal the sentence. If the sentence is put on hold, Rahul Gandhi will get his Lok Sabha membership back, the Congress says. The Representation of the People Act, 1951, says that anyone convicted of an offence and sentenced to imprisonment for two years or more stands disqualified. In a similar case, another politician was restored as a Lok Sabha MP today. Lakshadweep MP Mohammad Faizal, who was convicted and sentenced to 10 years in prison in an attempted murder case, got back his Lok Sabha membership two months after the Kerala High Court suspended his sentence. Mr Faizal claims that a false case was registered against him in 2016 over allegations of an attempt to murder a relative of former Union Minister PM Sayeed during the 2009 elections.

## CS Santi Kumari inaugurates Free health checkup camp for women journalists

**Hyderabad :** "Chief Minister K Chandrababbarao has resolved to provide women with complete health by conducting free health check-ups camps across the State," said Chief Secretary Santi Kumari. Inaugurating the health camp for accredited women journalists working in Print and Electronic Media organized at Samachar Bhavan, the head office of the Information & Public Relations Department office in Masab Tank on Wednesday, the Chief Secretary said, "Health camps are being started as per the direction of the Minister for Municipal Administration and Urban Development K.T.Rama Rao and as a result of free health check-ups, women journalists have an opportunity to get free health checkup." Suggesting to the women journalists to utilize the opportunity, she expressed her happiness over the program. Stating that the State of Telangana



is leading in the country having low maternal and child mortality rate, the Chief Secretary remarked that the Government had been conducting comprehensive health programs like KCR Kit, eye tests (Kanti Velugu) and free health camps for the welfare of the people. She said that in the first phase of the Kanti Velugu program free eye checkups were done for 1.5 crore people out of which 45 lakh people were distributed free spectacles. She said that in the second phase of Kanti Velugu program, we have

decided to conduct more eye camps and cover 1.7 crore people. Chief Secretary Santi Kumari advised the women journalists to take advantage of the ten-day free medical camp organized by the Information & Public Relations Department for accredited women journalists. Women journalists with their respective organization identity cards could visit these camps and get tested. Speaking on the occasion, the Commissioner of Information and Public Relations Department, Special Chief Secretary Arvind Kumar appealed to

women journalists from Hyderabad and Ranga Reddy districts to utilize the opportunity. He also said that free medical camps will be organized in all the district centers for the convenience of women journalists working in the districts. The medical camp is being conducted for ten days from today to April 9, 2023 (excluding 30.03.2023 and 02.04.2023 from 7.00 am to 2.00 pm., he added. The comprehensive health check up includes diagnostic tests like blood test (C.B.P), blood sugar, diabetic tests, lipid profile,

thyroid, calcium, urine tests, vitamin B12, D3 etc., ECG, X-ray, ultrasonography, mammogram, pap smear, screening tests, medical officer examination, eye screening, dental examinations, Gynecology examinations etc. will be conducted. The reports of these examinations will be given on the same day. Medical Health Secretary SAM Rizvi, Health Commissioner Sweta Mohanty, I&PR Department Director Rajamouli were present. Additional Director Nagaiah Kamble, L.L.R.Kishore Babu, Joint Directors K.S.Venkata Ramana, D.S.Jagan, D.Srinivas, M.Madhusudhan, Deputy Directors Y. Venkateshwarlu, Hashmi, Panduranga Rao, Prasad Rao, C.Raja Reddy, M.Yamini, A.Satyanarayana Reddy, V.Radha Kishan, Mallaiah, P.Jairam Moorthy, Information Department officials and staff participated.

## Dept of English, Rajdhani College Organises National seminar on 'Classics in/and English Studies'

**New Delhi(KCN):** English Literary Association (ELA), Department of English, Rajdhani College of Delhi University organised a one day national seminar on the topic 'Classics in/and English Studies'. During the inaugural session, as a keynote speaker Prof. Bharat Gupta, Trustee, IGNC, Fellow, Sangeet Natak Akademi, and Vice Chairman, of National School of Drama claimed that a culture decides its classics because classics means understanding your

own text. In the process of decolonization, we must be aware of agendas of those who want to use the concept of classics as a tool of colonization. He also talked about the creator and its creation, the whereabouts of classics today and raised the questions like, had the classics lived the classics, lost the classics and what about the people to whom the classics don't belong? He compared Greek and European dramas and the way Indian dramas fits in all. He emphasised on the



importance of knowing one's own text is classics." His knowledge in Classical literature both English and Greek enamoured everyone present. The highly erudite session was

commenced by Dr. Rachna Sethi with a welcome speech and by Dr. Ved Mitra Shukla with an introductory remark. In the seminar, a panel

discussion on "Classics in Classrooms" was the next session that was conducted by Devki. In the session, Prof. Maniklal Bhanja, from Assam

presented their papers on various topics related to the seminar theme. The session was chaired by Dr Barun Kumar Mishra and moderated by Dr Aditi

Sharma. From University of Durham, Professor Nathan Gilbert also joined the session and shared his observations on classical texts especially from European perspectives. During the Seminar, Shafiqul Alam, Dr Divya B. Jha, Saumaya Shah, Dr Bharti Sharma, Gurpreet, Sachchida Nand Jha, Mahima Khullar, Stuti Jain, Kamdev Avinashi, Swarnika, Rishita, Yati Jha, Ashutosh Raj, Sanjula, Manish Nain, Anand, and scholars from different institutions also participated actively.

Don Bosco University, Dr. Lalit Kumar, from DDU College, University of Delhi, Dr. Praveen Kumar Anshuman, Kirori Mal College, DU, Dr. Yuimirin Kapai, Rajdhani College, DU participated as the panellists. The discussion was moderated by Neha Rana. In another technical session, from 8 different colleges of University of Delhi presented their papers on various topics related to the seminar theme. The session was chaired by Dr Barun Kumar Mishra and moderated by Dr Aditi



# OMBADC Clears 17,318 Cr Projects

**Bhubaneswar:** The Odisha Mineral Bearing Area Development Corporation (OMBADC) has approved 54 developmental projects amounting to Rs.17318.05 crore during the financial year 2022-23. This was known from the OMBADC Board of Directors meeting held here under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary and Chief Development Commissioner Pradeep Kumar Jena on Tuesday. Ace Mandarin, G. Rajesh, CEO of OMBADC presented the financial status of the company for the FY 2022-23, wherein total fine amount collected, funds disbursed and utilized by the different line departments was detailed out. The status

of projects funded under compensation money was also presented to the Board of Directors. Debidutta Biswal, PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, S K Lohani, Principal Secretary Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water, Subha Sarma, Secretary Women & Child Development and others were present. CEO Shri Rajesh informed that under the compensation money funds, the Board has approved 54 projects amounting to Rs. 17318.05 crore under different Board meetings since April 2019. The projects have been proposed by 18 line departments and most of the approved projects are under implementation, he said. The line departments have successfully utilized an amount of Rs. 6227.97 crore (68%) till date out



of the total released fund of Rs. 9181.06 crore, the CEO Shri Rajesh said. CEO OMBADC Shri Rajesh is regularly monitoring the implementation of programs. Under the drinking water sector, OMBADC has approved 30 mega piped water supply projects for four mining districts- Keonjhar, Sundargarh, Mayurbhanj and Jajpur and Pallahada block of

Angul out of which two projects have been commissioned and started supplying water to 123 villages. Similarly, 690 single and multi-village schemes for 787 villages of Mayurbhanj and Drink from Tap (DFT) scheme for 14 ULBs have been initiated. The total investment under the drinking water sector is Rs.8909 crore out of Rs.8008.25 crore was sanctioned to

Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water Department. An amount of Rs.4674.89 has been released by OMBADC to the PR Department against an expenditure of 78% incurred by the Department. Several projects under the education sector like infrastructure development in elementary, secondary schools and OAVs are under progress. As many as 1146

secondary schools have also been funded by OMBADC under the High School Transformation under 5T initiative. Till date, works are completed in 1088 schools out of which 1065 schools have been inaugurated. The 3rd phase project for 205 schools has also been approved by the Board today. OMBADC is also supporting the upgradation of 16 Government ITIs and Polytechnics in the mining districts and developing them as Centre of Excellence. Construction of 11 indoor stadiums for ULBs and NACs has been taken up with funding from the corporation and the work is expected to be completed by March 2023. The total

allocation for the education sector is Rs. 3539.30 crore. Under the health sector, OMBADC has allocated a total of Rs. 2942.91 crore for infra development in the district, block and sub block level health facilities, construction of 150 bedded MCH wing in the medical college at Jajpur, new infra projects for ICDS, construction of composite rehabilitation centers in mining districts etc. The water conservation and rural connectivity sectors have got allocation of Rs. 700 crore each while more than Rs.500 crore allocated for the livelihood projects. Besides, Rs. 19.75 crore has been sanctioned for the environment protection and pollution control sector where

eight pollution check equipment have been installed in excessively polluted areas of the mining districts. In the FY 2021-22, a total of Rs. 2672.88 crore has been disbursed to line departments whereas in the FY 2022-23 till date, total funds released stands at Rs.2954.27 crore. This increase is the result of continuous monitoring of the projects by OMBADC through field visits, joint review meetings etc. OMBADC officials have undertaken 15 field visits in the current fiscal and 24 joint review meetings have been conducted. Besides this, the Oversight Authority Justice A.K. Patnaik, has himself undertaken two field visits to Sundargarh and Keonjhar.

## Agniveer In INS Chilka

**Chilika:** First batch of 2585 Agniveers including 273 female cadets of the Indian Navy passed out from the portals of INS Chilka, in a first of its kind - ceremonial night passing out parade, held on Tuesday under the aegis of Southern Naval Command. The parade was reviewed by Admiral R. Hari Kumar, Chief of the Naval Staff, in the presence of VAdm MA Hampiholi, the flag officer commanding-in-chief, Southern Naval Command, Member of Parliament P.T. Usha, eminent sports personality Mithali Raj and also certain imminent naval veterans. The passing out parade marks, not only the successful culmination of 16 weeks of their ab-initio rigorous naval training, but also the start of a new voyage in the



Indian Navy, where men and women will work together to make the Indian Navy a combat ready, credible, cohesive and future proof force, officials said. During his address, the Admiral urged the passing out trainees to hone their skills further and develop a strong foundation of knowledge, willingness to learn and commitment to excel in their respective careers that lay ahead. He also urged them to uphold the Navy's core values of duty, honour and courage, in pursuit of Nation building.

The chief guest awarded medals and trophies to meritorious Agniveers on the occasion. Amalakanti Jayaram, Ajith P., amongst men were awarded with chief of Naval Staff Rolling Trophy and gold medal for Best Agniveer SSR & MR, respectively. Kushi Agniveer-SSR was the best woman Agniveer in overall order of merit. A Rolling Trophy, instituted to commemorate the vision of Late General Bipin Rawat - the First CDS, was awarded to her by the daughters of

Late Gen Bipin Rawat. Earlier in the day, during the valedictory function, the chief of the Naval Staff gave away the overall Championship Trophy to Eklavya-Division, and Runners-Up Trophy to Angad and Shivaji Division. He also unveiled the summer edition of Ankur - the bilingual trainees' magazine of INS Chilka, in the presence of the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief Southern Naval Command and Commodore N.P. Pradeep, Commanding Officer, INS Chilka.

## RC Mishra Award Presented

**New Delhi:** 'First RC Mishra Award' for Nature Care has received warm response from cross section of people in the National Capital. Late Shri Mishra, who was the initiator of a national Organization Nature Care Initiative, was remembered fondly by the elite of National Capital in a well attended ceremony. A Vibrant Soul, who was all along boosting initiatives of nature care and wild life protection is no more with us, however he will be remembered all along for his devotion and care for nature, said a number of participants. RC Mishra Award for Nature Care has been instituted by National NGO Nature Care Initiative and is being presented to eminent personalities caring for nature, water, environment protection. In fact eminent speakers today emphasized on the need of sustainable use and conservation of water, especially depleting ground water



which is available in very small amounts since surface water is mostly polluted. Speaking at a National Level Summit on "Water for Climate Resilient," here, Ashwini Kumar Choubey, the Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change said that the BJP led NDA Government is trying its best for conservation of ground water which is depleting day by day all over the country. The Jal Jeevan Mission country's flagship program is envisioned to provide safe and adequate drinking water through individual household tap connections by 2024 to all households in rural India, he said.

Himself a victim of climate change disaster at Kerdarnath tragedy, Shri Choubey urged everyone to save nature including water and nature will save all. The Government has prepared a DPR of Rs.49,000 crore for conservation of river water, he said. Interlinking of rivers, Nirmal Dhara Swatch Dharam and such other projects will not only save water but also supply the same to all, he added. The Union Minister of State for Jal Shakti and Tribal Affairs, Bishweswar Tudu in his speech pointed how tribal population use to conserve water in villages and forests. But

conserving water should also be a public movement, he said. Three Members of Parliament - Sujit Kumar, Suresh Pujari and Nitesh Ganga Deb also spoke about conservation of water in villages and countryside which the urban population should imbibe. India is a water stressed country for which late Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee had initiated the mega river linking project long ago, they said. Srikant Sekhar Sahoo, Chief Executive, Nature Care Initiative an NGO working in the field presided over the function. It was followed by a day-long technical session with experts drawn from different but related fields. The NCI felicitated Madhukar Swayambhu with first RC Mishra Nature Care Award-2023 and Bibhudatta Panigrahi was awarded the Nature Care Award 2023, said Srikant Sekhar Sahoo, Chief Executive, NCI.



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# IndiGo, Go First Forced To Ground Nearly 50 Planes. Here's Why

**New Delhi:** IndiGo and GoFirst were forced to ground around 50 planes in the country due to the supply chain being affected by Pratt and Whitney (P&W) engines, informed a P&W spokesperson. As per an official statement from P&W, US-based aerospace manufacturer P&W is facing supply chain issues to replace engines for Indian customers. "We're experiencing global supply chain challenges which are limiting the availability of structural castings and other parts. We're progressing on our mitigation strategies with our supply base and expanding MRO

network capacity while continuing hardware and software upgrades to extend engine time on the wing. At the same time, we're coordinating closely with customers on solutions to minimize operational disruption. We expect supply chain pressures to ease later this year, which will support the output of both production and MRO engines," a P&W spokesperson said.

It said that this had affected P&W's supply chain globally without citing the ongoing Russia and Ukraine aggression but the company mentioned in its statement that they



Image tweeted by @IndiGo6E

are under pressure. "The engines also have a dispatch reliability rate on par with mature engines like our V2500 for the A320ceo family. Engine availability is under pressure from a

combination of engine time on the wing, particularly in certain harsh operating environments, and the availability of hardware to upgrade and overhaul engines. Like many in the industry," according to P&W statement. India's low-cost carrier IndiGo currently has the maximum number of aircraft engines that are going to be

replaced in the coming days with around 30 aircraft in their fleet standing and waiting for an engine replacement. "Globally, the aviation industry continues to face significant supply chain disruptions. While it is our immediate priority to deploy adequate capacity to serve our customers, we are actively engaged with our OEM partners to work on mitigation measures that should ensure the continuity of our network and operations," IndiGo said. "As we work on various cost-efficient countermeasures with our OEM partners, the endeavour is to minimize the economic impact of AOG, resulting from this global disruption," it added. In a recent interview

with ANI DGCA chief Arun Kumar said, "The most difficult task in my tenure was the incidents like a failure of jet engines in the air. In my early days in DGCA, it was very challenging for me as chief of aviation regulator to ask airlines to change the engines as soon as possible." Although the go-first airline company has not issued any statement on the grounding of some of its fleet due to engine replacement by P&W, the company responded in January this year that, "Pratt & Whitney is still dealing with its supply chain issues and though there is improvement the complete resolution may take time. Pratt & Whitney provided

17 serviceable engines in December and we were able to make 8 aircraft serviceable. Similarly, we are expecting 20 more serviceable engines to be received by February - March 2023," the Go First statement has issued on January 2023. Go First is very hopeful that the rest of the engines will be replaced by March of this year as per their statement. ANI reported in 2019 when DGCA issued instructions to IndiGo and GoAir to ensure that it does not operate any Neo aircraft with two Pratt and Whitney 1100 series engines that have been used for more than 3,000 hours each. At that time GoAir had 13 such aircraft and IndiGo had 16 such aircraft in 2019.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PPIs, Fintechs, Payments Council of India (PCI), and Indian Banks' Association (IBA) came together for implementing this to empower people to adopt digital payments with even more conviction. DigiSaathi is available in both English and Hindi for customers wherein they can access information about any of the digital payment products and services. It even guides them on how to avail or use any particular product or service. DigiSaathi also helps customers with their transaction-related queries, by guiding them and sharing the contact details of concerned banks/Institutions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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# We are hoping Shreyas will be back very soon - Chandrakant Pandit

**Kolkata:** Kolkata Knight Riders head coach Chandrakant Pandit is hoping Shreyas Iyer can still play a part in this year's Indian Premier League. Iyer's back injury has kept him out of the tournament for now with little clarity over the possibility of him returning at some stage. As a result, KKR officially named Nitish Rana as their skipper on Tuesday (March 28) for the upcoming season. "Whatever little cricket I have played or coached, I have never gone back over things like squad unavailability," Pandit said. "Shreyas's

absence will make a difference since he is important, but this is truly unfortunate. We are hoping Shreyas will be back very soon and that will make a lot of difference to the team.

"When we select players and give responsibility to players, we see who is capable. And Nitish is capable. He has been with KKR for a long time and also has a strong domestic record. Like they say, 'all boxes to be ticked' and it has come down to that. I am comfortable knowing he can handle the role. We don't see whether someone is deserving

or not. Every player has different skills, and after thinking about what Nitish brings to the table, we are confident with the decision."

Like Rana, Pandit will also be taking a bigger step in his career having coached in the domestic circuit with a lot of success over the years. "Challenges are everywhere," he noted. "This is also one, but it is a challenge of a different kind. After domestic cricket, to come here where there are experienced international-level players with different reputations is a different challenge. I have already said that the players we



have, many of them have been playing for their country and are

experienced players. Ultimately, the game is not different, only the

format is. As long as any team plays as a unit, it will make a difference."

Meanwhile, Rana has downplayed the burden of captaincy by stating that he has been a leader in the KKR dressing room even in the past. "For me this is not new," Rana said. "I have been playing a leadership role in this franchise for a few years. It's just that the tag is of a captain this time. And if I take extra pressure over a tag, then my game can potentially get ruined. There is no real fear. Yes, when you do something new for the first time, there is some added pressure. But I have played almost 100 games, and one thing I know is that I thrive under pressure and I am embracing this new

role." While the Indian contingent in the KKR squad might lack a touch of experience especially in Iyer's absence, Rana stated that he will have the senior overseas players to rely on. "Man-management is important here," he pointed out. "This is a big competition so there are players who are seniors here. (Andre) Russell has played almost 450 matches, (Sunil) Narine, too, is in that range, so we have a very experienced group. With that much experience, there is nothing for me to fear. Chandrakant sir too (is present), so there are a lot of people at my disposal to turn to."

## Lionel Messi Breaks Another HUGE Record With Hat-Trick For Argentina Against Curacao



**New Delhi:** Lionel Messi scored a hat trick and surpassed 100 career goals for Argentina with three in the first half of Tuesday's (March 28) international friendly against Curacao. The World Cup winners beat the Caribbean side 7-0 in their second match since clinching the trophy in December. The 35-year-old Messi opened the scoring against Curacao in the 20th minute with a right-foot shot from the edge of the box to reach the

100-goal milestone. Nico Gonzalez added another three minutes later with a header from close range.

Messi then scored his 101st for Argentina in the 33rd minute with a crossed shot to the right of the goalkeeper and his 102nd in the 37th after an easy run to score. Two minutes earlier he had assisted Enzo Fernandez's blast from the edge of the box. The Argentine captain trails only two players on the list of most goals scored

for national teams in official matches; Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo, with 122, and Iran's Ali Daei, with 109. The tributes continue to pour in for Lionel Messi following Argentina's FIFA World Cup 2022 triumph. South American football's governing body on Monday (March 27) presented the 35-year-old Argentine star with a statue, which will be placed in the CONMEBOL museum next to those of legendary players Pele

and Diego Maradona. Messi also received replicas of the World Cup and the Finalissima trophy, which Argentina won against Italy, during the ceremony before the Copa Libertadores draw. His teammates and coach Lionel Scaloni received miniature trophies as well, including that of the 2021 Copa America lifted in Brazil.

"We are living a very special and beautiful moment, getting a lot of love," Messi said during the tribute. "It was time for a South American team to win the World Cup again." Argentina beat Panama 2-0 on Thursday in Buenos Aires in its first international friendly since winning the World Cup title in Qatar last December. Scaloni's team will face Curacao on Tuesday to celebrate with its fans in the countryside city of Santiago del Estero.

## Sanju Samson Eyes Comeback In Team India With Yet Another Strong Performance In IPL 2023

**New Delhi:** Sanju Samson, the 28-year-old Indian wicket-keeper batsman and Rajasthan Royals' captain has announced his return to the cricket field, much to the excitement of his fans. Samson's spectacular performance has made him a beacon of inspiration for the youth and a consistent performer in every game he plays. He has proven to be one of the top 10 batsmen in IPL, scoring 458 runs in 17 games in the last season, and crossed the 3500 runs mark in the IPL.

In 2022, Samson was appointed as the Captain of the India 'A' team for their ODI series against New Zealand 'A', where he led the team to a clean sweep in the three-match series. He was the leading scorer with 138 runs in the



series. In the same year, he reinvented himself as a middle-order batter and astute wicket keeper, impressing the world with his stellar performance. Samson's dedication and enthusiasm as the captain of the Rajasthan Royals played a crucial role in motivating his players to deliver their best. He led the team to the finals of

the IPL in his second season as the captain, where they won the hearts of many with their remarkable performance. His essential observations, precise tactical decisions, and unwavering positivity declare that he is an astute and courageous leader who knows what his squad requires to reach their objectives. As the much-

anticipated IPL 2023 approaches, everyone is curious to see what kind of tricks Samson has up his sleeves. He has always been a force to reckon with in the field, be it batting, keeping, or leading, and he is all set to spread his magic once again in the field. Samson's return to the cricket field is sure to be a treat for cricket fans worldwide.

# West Indies Pip South Africa To Win T20I Series In Spite Of Reeza Hendricks Fifty

**New Delhi:** A career-best 83 off 44 balls by Reeza Hendricks was not enough as South Africa fell to a seven-run defeat to West Indies in the decisive third T20 International at the Wanderers Stadium in Johannesburg on Tuesday (March 28). The right-hander thumped two sixes and 11 fours in his innings, before becoming one of Alzarri Joseph's five victims when he fell in the penultimate over as the run-rate began to soar in South Africa's pursuit of 221. In the end they finished with 213 for six – short of what would have been another epic chase as they slipped to a 2-1 series defeat. Just two days earlier, the

hosts were involved in a world record chase when they hunted down 259 at Centurion. This time, though, it was not to be despite the heroics of Hendricks, who was aided for a large part of the chase by Rilee Rossouw (42 off 21 balls).

At the start, the Proteas tried to follow the trend of the series where the chasing side had won each of the previous two games, with captain Aiden Markram winning the toss and bowling in a match that saw Adrian Holdstock and Shaun George both make their 50th appearances as standing umpires. Openers Kyle Mayers (17) and Brandon King (36) provided them with a strong start by



putting on 39 in the first 3.2 overs, before Kagiso Rabada (2/50) cleaned up the former

and Johnson Charles (0), centurion hero from SuperSport Park, in successive

deliveries. When Anrich Nortje (2/36) struck to remove King, the home side

began to claw their way back as Lungi Ngidi (2/45) and Markram (1/21) took key wickets to

leave the score on 161 for eight in the 16th over. But then came trouble for the Proteas in the form of Romario Shepherd, who bludgeoned an unbeaten 44 off 22 balls, and together with Josephs (14\*), put on an unbroken 61 for the ninth wicket to see their side to 220 for eight.

The chase began well for South Africa thanks to Hendricks and fellow opener Quinton de Kock (21). The pair put on 32 in just over four overs, before the latter held out to deep point off Josephs, the fast bowler bagging his first scalp on his way to figures of five for 40. Next in was Rossouw, who combined for a match-high 80 alongside

Hendricks for the second wicket to ensure the home side kept with the pace.

Even after Rossouw fell, the Proteas were in the mix as long as David Miller (11) was still in the middle. However, once he fell, the scoreboard pressure began to build and Hendricks was left with little choice but to throw his bat. And he went for one shot too many at the start of the 19th over in which Player of the Match Josephs struck thrice to press home the West Indian advantage.

In the end, it was left to Markram to try and get the 26 needed from the final over – too tall an ask in the end leaving the series for West Indies to clinch.