

Odisha CM Inaugurates Biju Expressway, Economic Corridor

Bhubaneswar(KNC): Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik inaugurated Biju Expressway at Amapani and Biju Economic Corridor from Sohela in Bargarh to Amapani in Kalahandi on the occasion of the 107th birth anniversary of former Chief Minister Biju Patnaik today. The Chief Minister also inaugurated several developmental projects worth Rs 3,081 crore in Bargarh, Kalahandi and Nuapada

districts. "Biju Expressway is the lifeline of this region. This expressway will boost economic development in the entire state. The Biju Economic Corridor from Sohela to Amapani will facilitate investment and establishment of new industries in the region," said the Chief Minister. The state government will provide additional incentives to the investors to set up their industries at Biju Economic Corridor. The economic



corridor will benefit the people of Sundargarh, Sambalpur, Jharsuguda, Nuapada, Kalahandi,

Nabarangpur, Koraput and Malkangiri districts, he added. "The corridor will boost economic activities in the

western and southern Odisha. It will also give a fillip to tourism," said the Chief Minister. The four-laning of

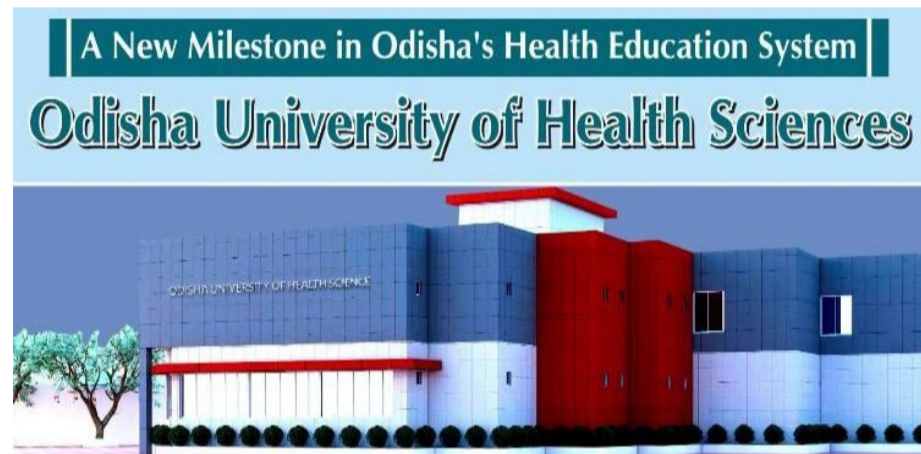
Ghatipada-Amapani Biju Expressway has been completed in one year. The state government has spent Rs 590.84 crore on the

project, he added. "The Sambalpur-Rourkela road was the brainchild of legendary leader Biju Patnaik. Biju Babu had started

construction of the road in 1993. I have following the footsteps of Biju Babu to build a prosperous Odisha," Patnaik said.

Odisha University Of Health Sciences Comes Up In Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The much-awaited Odisha University of Health Sciences (OUHS) was established in the capital city here on the occasion of Panchayati Raj Diwas and the 107th birth anniversary of former Chief Minister Biju Patnaik today. The university started functioning from its temporary building at Sishu Bhawan Square in the city here. "In exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of Section 3 of Odisha University of Health Sciences Act, 2021, the state government do hereby appoint 5th March 2023 as the date on which there shall be established in the state of Odisha a university by the name 'the Odisha University of Health Sciences', the headquarters of which shall be at Bhubaneswar," said a



notification issued by the Health and Family Welfare department today. The university will provide uniform and quality medical education in undergraduate and postgraduate courses of Allopathy, Homeopathy, Ayurveda, nursing, pharmacy, physiotherapy, laboratory technology and all other paramedical sciences in the state, said an official.

"The OUHS has been established to enhance the quality of medical education in Odisha and boost patient care and research in the state," said the official. The move aims at streamlining medical education system in the state. Medical and allied health science colleges will come under the ambit of the OUHS, he added. The OUHS will be the affiliating university covering more than 200

hundred medical and paramedical colleges in Odisha. The state government is taking steps to evolve a common curricula and academic calendars for medical colleges that will come under the OUHS, sources said. Earlier, all government medical colleges, Ayurvedic, homeopathy, nursing and paramedical institutions were coming under different general universities across Odisha.

Man Hacks 60-YO Mother To Death In Odisha



Jajpur(KCN): Expressing outrage over disturbed personal life, a man killed his mother in Binjharpur area of Jajpur district in Odisha. The accused has been identified as Gopal Ojha, a resident of Bindhani

village under Binjharpur police limits. According to reports, Gopal killed his mother Premalata Ojha, wife of Sukdev Ojha, over family dispute late on Saturday night. Sources said that the

40-year-old Gopal Ojha was unmarried. He is suspected to have hacked his 60-year-old mother to death with a billhook out of extreme anger due to family issues for which he could not get married. Following murder, the accused had absconded from the scene yesterday night. The local police nabbed him from Bidapada village today morning and detained him at the police station for interrogation. The body of deceased woman has been sent to Jajpur District Headquarters Hospital for post-mortem.

Biju Patnaik's Dakota Aircraft Unveiled For Public Viewing At Bhubaneswar Airport

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik today unveiled the iconic Dakota aircraft of legendary Biju Patnaik for public viewing at the Bhubaneswar Airport here on the occasion of the late statesman's birth anniversary. "It is a matter of pride for the Odisha government to unveil the Dakota DC-3 aircraft which was relocated from Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport in Kolkata to Biju Patnaik International Airport. Public display of the aircraft will serve as an embodiment of the former Chief Minister's courage and adventurism, and inspire people of Odisha to dream big," a release



by the Commerce and Transport department read. On January 18, the aircraft had reached the state from the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport in Kolkata. A 10-member team of Aerospace

Research Development had taken 12 days to dismantle the aircraft and pack its equipment. While the Dakota was earlier lying decrepit at the Kolkata Airport, the aircraft was reassembled and

renovated after reaching the Bhubaneswar Airport. Notably, the Airport Authority of India (AAI) had allotted 1.1 acre of land for the aircraft to be placed in front of the airport named after the

legendary leader for display of the DC-3 aircraft. A memorial will be built for this purpose. Biju Patnaik, a skilled pilot, had used a Dakota aircraft to rescue erstwhile Indonesian Vice President Muhammad Hatta and Prime Minister Sutan Sjahrir in 1947. For his daredevilry, the Indonesian government had twice decorated Biju Patnaik with Bhumi Putra – the highest civilian award of the country. Before joining politics, he had floated Kalinga Airlines which had a fleet of 15 Dakotas. The company had its headquarter in Kolkata. The airlines used to offer services to the Army for transporting jawans and airdropping supplies.

Biju Patnaik's Statue Unveiled at KISS Campus

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): The Founder of KIIT and KISS Dr Achyuta Samanta on Sunday unveiled the statue of legendary Biju Patnaik at the KISS campus on his 107th birth anniversary. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Samanta paid his deepest respect to the towering personality who is widely admired as the architect of modern Odisha and was known for his vision and versatility. "Today the entire state is celebrating the late leader's birth anniversary. His contribution to the development of Odisha is immense. We are paying our respect to his life and work with the unveiling of this statue," the Founder said. Dr. Samanta said that Biju Patnaik had a cherished dream of tribal and women empowerment and offering education here in Bhubaneswar. "We have fulfilled his desire with



the establishment of KISS to provide education to the tribal students". Dr Samanta also spoke about the newly inaugurated Biju Patnaik Indoor Stadium at the KIIT campus which was recently inaugurated by his son and Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik. A Chair in the name of Biju Patnaik has also been set up and it is conducting various

research activities, he said. The Biju Patnaik statue has been set up at the main KISS campus along with other great personalities such as Swami Vivekananda, Mahatma Gandhi, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Gopabandhu Das, Madhusudan Das, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and others. Among others present on the occasion were Director of Satyajit Ray Film and Television

Institute, Kolkata Himanshu Khatua; Secretary KIIT & KISS R. N. Dash, KIIT DU VC Prof. Sasmita samanta; KISS DU VC Prof. Deepak Behera; KIIT International Relations DG Debraj Pradhan; KISS DG Dr. Kanhu Ch. Mahali; KIMS-Bhubaneswar Principal, Dr. Ambika prasad Mohanty, and professors of different Chairs of KISS.

OBC Card; A Game Changer!

Bhubaneswar: At a time when the entire opposition is focused on the prevailing law and order situation in Odisha following the January 29 ex-Minister Naba Kisore Das assassination incident, Governing BJD President and Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik thought is in a different direction. Like all the previous elections, Naveen has probably zeroed in on the next surprise and is ready to play the OBC Card during the 2024 general elections for Lok Sabha and Odisha Assembly. Naveen allowed the State Commission for Other Backward Classes to go for the survey enumeration of the community and their socio-economic conditions. He also set a deadline to complete the survey by July 12, 2023, much ahead of the next polls, probably to announce a special package for the OBCs, whose ratio could be

over 55 per cent of the state's population. As the state has saved Rs 1200 crore after the Central Government stopped the subsidized rice and made it free for all, the Naveen dispensation could use the entire amount for the welfare of the OBCs, who are certainly a major chunk of Odisha's voters. This apart, the package could also encourage the poor among the OBCs to get financial benefits like one done under the KALIA scheme for small and marginal farmers. Even landless farmers were covered under the KALIA scheme. Though the OBC issue during recent times was raised by BJP leader and Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, who wrote several letters to the Chief Minister for providing reservation for OBCs in elections, jobs and education, the opposition parties could not encash its benefits. Naveen has once again

proved smart and his government set up an Odisha State Commission for Backward Classes (OSCBC). Prior to that Naveen has also added OBC in the department for ST & SC Development, Minorities & Backward Classes Welfare. Setting up OBC Commission and addition of Backward Class in the Department of STSC Development has given an upper hand for the ruling party leaders to make claim that whatever has been done for the OBC, it had been done by Naveen Patnaik and none others. Therefore, the BJD Naveen is certainly in upper hands in comparison to other opposition parties. It is a fact that caste politics do not work in Odisha and many leaders beginning from Bhajman Behera to Srikanth Jena, all have utterly failed to gain political mileage even as they claimed to be championing the causes of OBCs. A section of

BJD leaders and part of the Ministry today, have also realized that the people of Odisha do not vote on the basis of castes. But, Naveen Patnaik taking the OBC route might have been aimed to defuse attempts by BJP to use caste politics in the ensuing 2024 elections. However, the fact remained different for Naveen as he is in power and has done a lot, which is not so far achieved by any other leaders. The other leaders who used to make noise over the OBC issue, all along had forgotten the cause of the backward community after they came to power. However, Naveen is different because he is in power and trying to do something positive for the OBCs. While many people are asking the utility of the OBC Census, the votaries of reservations opine that the youths

belonging to the community would get the quota in medical, engineering colleges and also in the government jobs. This will encourage the OBC students and make them at par with other students in the national level. The Odisha OBCs can compete with other such students at the national level. However, the fact remains that there is no such discrimination among the people of Odisha against OBCs as it is seen few places against dalits. The tribal are mostly treated at par with others. Most of the atrocities cases were linked to dalits in Odisha while caste certificate row is seen among the tribal. Though the Odisha Government had earlier decided to conduct the survey in May and June 2021 after constituting the Odisha State Commission for Backward Classes

(OSCBC), it had to be postponed due to the second wave of COVID-19, officials said. Meanwhile, the OSCBC had identified 209 communities in Odisha as socially and educationally backward classes (SEBC). The number has now increased to 231 after the state cabinet recently approved inclusion of 22 more castes in the state OBC list. The state government's earlier attempt to earmark a 27 per cent quota for OBCs was challenged in the Odisha Administrative Tribunal as it exceeded the reservation ceiling of 50 per cent in respect of ST, SC and SEBC in public employment, as laid down by the Supreme Court. It had to be brought down to 11.25%. The entire process of the survey in all 314 blocks and areas under 114 civic bodies in the state will be completed

by July 12, 2023, Member Secretary OSCBC, Vir Vikram Yadav said in a letter to the Collectors and commissioners of municipal corporations, he said in a letter. The survey will be undertaken under the supervision of OSCBC and District Collectors and Municipal Executive Officers should prepare and send their survey management plans to the Commission by the first week of March. The plans will contain district profiles, information on survey centers, enumerators, supervisors and other survey-related officers, along with their deployment. Anyway, Naveen is all set to spring another surprise before the 2024 elections and may use OBC card against the opposition. The BJD government used to play new cards before all the general elections. While Naveen launched the KALIA

scheme in 2018 ahead of the 2019 general elections, he introduced Rs 1 a kg rice in 2008 before the 2009 elections. Prior to that he had also managed one election with Rs 2 a kg rice. As the rice politics has already finished its utility under the changed circumstances and the Modi government announcing free of cost rice under PDS, Naveen virtually got a boon to do something for the OBCs which could not be done due to funds constraints. Now with Rs 1200 crore in hands, the BJD supremo may capture the OBC votes before the BJP could take them to its fold. Incidentally, Odisha will be the second state after Bihar to collect data on the socio-economic conditions of people from backward classes. Now, the time will tell whether this move will be a 'Game Changer'.

Fly Berhampur By Indiaone



Bhubaneswar(KCN): In order to increase air connectivity from State Capital to other cities and large areas, Government of Odisha has started the fully State sponsored flight operation in Bhubaneswar-Rangeilunda (Berhampur) route. Chief Minister inaugurated the operation of the flight here from the Biju Patnaik International airport on 5 March. The Silk City, Berhampur will be connected with Temple

City, Bhubaneswar by air which will reduce the travel time to one hour. The long standing demand for flight operation to Rangeilunda has been fulfilled. The presence of attractive places and tourist destinations like Chilika Lake, Tampara Lake, Gopalpur Beach, Rushikulya River, Tara Tarini Temple etc. will attract many tourists after air connectivity at Rangeilunda. Senior Doctors, Professors of MKCG Medical College and Hospital, Berhampur

University, IREL, IISER and businessmen from the city will fly out and in frequently. Earlier, Rangeilunda Airstrip is used only on handful occasions for flight operations during the arrival of dignitaries. India One Air will operate in the Bhubaneswar-Rangeilunda route using a 9 seater small Aircraft. Chief Minister has always stressed on transforming and developing each corner of Odisha. An airport at Rangeilunda to connect the capital city was a

much-needed aspiration of local community to accelerate economic activity in the region. Berhampur is considered as a commercial hub of Southern Odisha which has seen a rapid growth in its population and industry. The flight operation in this route will boost the industry and tourism sector. There was a very long demand for flight operations at Rangeilunda and now, the air connectivity will fulfill all the dreams in every respects.

Eco Retreat Hub Built At Rs 9 Crore Falts Amid Administrative Impasse

Berhampur / Gopalpur: An ambitious eco retreat hub built near Gopalpur beach of Ganjam at a whopping cost of around Rs 9 crore has suffered red tape. Despite its completion in 2020, the mega project still awaits to be commissioned. Priority was earlier given to developing the beach destinations like Gopalpur, Tampara and Sunapur in the district. A source said that due to a lack of adequate maintenance, the permanent cottages, valuable installations, and furniture and fixtures have become dilapidated over the last



few years. A children's park, a gigantic lawn, swimming pool and parking space etc have also run down. Construction work of the project was started in 2016 on the seabed spanning over an area of around 45 acres near IPS Guest House in

Gopalpur locality. Berhampur Development Authority (BeDA) was then entrusted with the project construction work. Accordingly, at least 14 air-conditioned permanent cottages were built including a wooden bridge meant to provide

access from cottages to the sea beach. After the construction work was completed, the BeDA informed the district Tourism department about it for handover. However, the department seems to have taken no steps in this regard.

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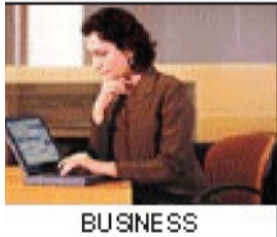
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Chor Nikal Ke Bhaga Trailer: Yami Gautam-Sunny Kaushal's Perfect Heist Plan Is Ruined By A Plane Hijack

Helmed by Ajay Singh, Yami Gautam and Sunny Kaushal starrer `Chor Nikal Ke Bhaga` trailer is out. The film will be premiered on OTT platform Netflix. The streaming giant dropped the trailer exclusively at the Under25 Summit on Saturday. The trailer promises a roller-coaster ride as the lead pair of the movie planning a mid-air heist. But they will guide the viewers into their own twisted story. Hijack or a Heist? The audience are left intrigued. Sharad Kelkar plays a



pivotal role in the film. Sharing her experience launching the trailer at the Under 25 Summit, Yami Gautam shares, "The Under25 Summit brought together the

young adults of our country from across various fields, and we knew that a unique film like Chor Nikal Ke Bhaga would definitely appeal to them. It

became the perfect platform to have the trailer unveiled. We saw the audience experiencing the same feeling that we felt while watching the

trailer for the first time. At the summit, the trailer sparked a lot of excitement amongst the students, and we hope the momentum continues when they see the film. It is my third outing with Maddock and It's been a delight working with them and Netflix to deliver this film with such a unique story, and I can't wait for the audience to see what a fantastic job the entire team has done." Speaking about the film, Sunny Kaushal shares, "Chor Nikal Ke Bhaga is an extremely special film for me, it is my first

collaboration with Netflix and the film is a one-of-a-kind heist-hijack thriller to ever be released. I have always witnessed Netflix encouraging new talent and unique stories which made this journey all the better. Doing this film with Yami was something that I was very excited about as I have always been an admirer of her work. The moment I heard the script I was on board. I'm thrilled that our trailer was received so warmly at the Under 25 Summit, it is a film which will make for an all-round audience entertainer and I can't wait for everyone to watch it."

Sheezan Khan Gets Bail 2 Months After Arrest In Tunisha Sharma Suicide Case



A Maharashtra court on Saturday (March 4) granted bail to television actor Sheezan Khan in the Tunisha Sharma suicide case. The court has granted bail to Sheezan on a bail bond of Rs 1 lakh and asked him to submit his passport. Sheezan was arrested for allegedly abetting the suicide of his 'Ali Baba: Dastaan-E-Kabul' co-star and former girlfriend Tunisha, and has been in the judicial custody ever

since. Tunisha was found hanging inside the washroom area of the sets of the TV serial on December 24, 2022. Following her death, the actress' mother registered a complaint against Sheezan and accused him of abetting her daughter's suicide. She made several allegations against him and his family members, and accused him of cheating on her daughter. Tunisha's mother Vanita Sharma also alleged that

Sheezan and his family forced her to wear a hijab and made her learn Urdu. For the unversed, Sheezan and Tunisha came close to each other during the shooting of their TV series 'Ali Baba: Dastaan-E-Kabul'. However, he broke up with her in November 2022, almost a fortnight before her suicide. During his police interrogation, Sheezan said that he and Tunisha were in a relationship for almost

three months, and they had a break-up due to their age difference and religions. Tunisha's mother had claimed that her daughter, 21, was in depression following the break-up and alleged that she took the extreme step because of Sheezan, 30. Tunisha Sharma was earlier also seen in the TV show 'Bharat Ka Veer Putra 'Maharana Pratap' and films like 'Fitoor' and 'Baar Baar Dekho'.

Aamir Khan's 'Laal Singh Chaddha' Strikes A Cord With The Fans, Netizens Trend The Film On Number 1

2022's hidden gem Aamir Khan starrer Laal Singh Chaddha is finally getting the due it deserves. Aamir Khan, being the master of looping in heart connections between the film and the audience is getting the credit that went unrewarded when the movie hit the theatres. Finally, we have made peace knowing that Laal Singh Chaddha is one of those films which silently strikes cords with the audience, and the latest social media trend is proof of it. Laal Singh Chaddha is currently topping the trends with the hashtag #MyBestFilms and there is no doubt about the film is finally finding its true audience. Taking to social media, netizens have showered an enormous amount of love on the film and the superstar Aamir Khan himself. The audience is loving Laal Singh Chaddha on OTT and has showered a lot of love on the film. Aamir Khan has touched the hearts of the audience with utmost fineness and has managed to connect with each one of them deeply.



Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar New Song 'O Bedardeya': Ranbir-Shraddha's Melancholic Track Will Break Your Heart



Amid the promotional spree across the cities in India, the makers of romantic comedy `Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar` unveiled the fourth track from the movie titled `O Bedardeya` on Saturday. It's a sad song. In the video, the pain of heartbreak could be seen in Ranbir Kapoor and Shraddha Kapoor's eyes and expressions. This movie marks the first

collaboration between Ranbir and Shraddha. The song is composed by Pritam and penned by Amitabh Bhattacharya. Arijit Singh has given his voice to the song. Composer Pritam shared the song on his Instagram feed. Fans rushed to the comment section and shared their heartfelt emotions on his post. One wrote, "Kya bolu mein iss gaane ke bare mein Arijit bhai

kitni baar rulaoge hume?. Another one wrote, "Every Bollywood movies is incomplete without Arijit Singh's voice. I Love this song ??? Very emotional song." Earlier the makers released the songs `Tere Pyaar Mein`, `Pyaar Hota Kayi Baar Hain` and `Show me the Thumka.` Helmed by Luv Ranjan, the film is set to release on March 8.

Darrpan Bangejaa Completes The Shooting Of His upcoming Malayalam Movie

Sometimes, an announcement of a new movie is all we need to set our mood right, isn't it? Well, if you are a movie freak and want to witness an engrossing and unusual storyline, then we have great news to share! Producer Darrpan Bangejaa has unveiled his next project, which is a Malayalam film titled 'Live.' The shoot for the producer's upcoming social thriller has been wrapped up, and the film is now in the post-production stage. Starring some of the finest actors like Mamta Mohandas, Soubin Shahir, Shine Tom Chacko and Priya Prakash Varrier as the leads, the movie revolves around the mayhem caused by the media and how a piece of fake news changes the life of a person. The film is directed by two-time National Award winner VK Prakash. It is scripted by S. Suresh

Babu, and Nikhil S. Praveen is the cinematographer. The music is given by Alphons Joseph, and edits are done by Sunil S Pillai. Produced by Darrpan Bangejaa, the film is all set to break the cinema houses on April 14, 2023. Speaking of this film, Darrpan Bangejaa says, "The movie highlights an issue that hasn't been explored much by cinema but has a strong influence on our lives. The entire cast and crew have put their best foot forward, and I'm sure that you will love the film." We cannot wait to watch

the film and discern the entire story. Darrpan Bangejaa has a multi-faceted persona. He is the brainchild of multiple ventures. In the entertainment world, he has delighted people with different types of content. He is the owner of Music 24 Records, which releases amazing music videos featuring leading artists and songs sung by eminent singers. He rose to fame for launching OG Studio, which encompasses beautiful and original songs. The producer is now planning to launch Season 2. He has worked on many hit music videos in the past. Besides these, he also owns a construction company called 24 High Business Park. The producer also has many Punjabi and Haryanvi music videos in the pipeline and we are sure these are going to be amazing. We wish Darrpan Bangejaa and his team all the best for Live and hope it is a huge hit.



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Reliefs to start-ups and on Conversion of Gold to Electronic Gold Receipt



Through Finance Bill, 2023, the Finance Minister has proposed amendments in Income Tax Act to give Reliefs to start-ups and also on Conversion of Gold to Electronic Gold Receipt. These are analysed here.

Carry forward and Setting off of Losses:

a) Section 79 of the Income Tax Act restricts carrying forward and setting off of losses in cases of companies, other than the companies in which the public is substantially interested. It prohibits setting off of carried forward losses if there is change in shareholding. The carried forward loss is set off only if at least 51% shareholding (as on the last date of the previous year) remains same with the company on the last date of the previous

year to which the loss belongs.

b) However, some relaxation has been provided in case of an eligible start-up as referred to in section 80-IAC. The condition of continuity of at least 51% shareholding is not applicable to the eligible start-up, if all the shareholders of the company as on the last day of the year, in which the loss was incurred, continue to hold those shares on the last day of the previous year in which the loss is set off. There is an additional condition that the loss is allowed to be set off, under this relaxation, only if it has been incurred during the period of seven years beginning from the year in which such company is incorporated.

c) In order to align this period of 7 years with the period of 10 years contained in section 80-IAC(2), the time period for loss of eligible start-ups to be considered for relaxation is proposed to be increased from seven years to ten years from the date of

incorporation.

d) It has been, therefore, proposed to amend the proviso to section 79(1) so that the carried forward loss of eligible start-ups shall be considered for set off under this proviso, if such loss has been incurred during the period of 10 years beginning from the year in which such company was incorporated. This amendment will take effect from 1st day of April, 2023 and will accordingly apply with effect from assessment year 2023-2024.

Extension of date of incorporation for eligible start-up for exemption The existing provisions of the section 80-IAC, inter alia, provides for a deduction of an amount equal to 100 percent of the profits and gains derived from an eligible business by an eligible start-up for 3 consecutive assessment years out of 10 years, beginning from the year of incorporation, at the option of the assessee subject to the following conditions:

a. The total turnover

of its business does not exceed Rs.100 Crore:

b. It is holding a certificate of eligible business from the Inter-Ministerial Board of Certification, and

c. It is incorporated on or after 1st April, 2016 but before 1st April 2023.

In order to further promote the development of start-ups in India and to provide them with a competitive platform, it has been proposed to amend the provisions of section 80-IAC of the Act so as to extend the period of incorporation of eligible start-ups to 1st day of April 2024. This amendment will take effect from the 1st April, 2023 and shall accordingly, apply w.e.f. assessment year 2023-24. Conversion of Gold to Electronic Gold Receipt and vice versa Pursuant to the announcement in the Union Budget 2021-22 about Gold Exchange, SEBI has been made the regulator of the entire ecosystem of the proposed Gold Exchange. Accordingly, SEBI has come out with

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a detailed regulatory framework for spot trading in gold on existing stock exchanges through the instrument of Electronic Gold Receipts (EGR).

In order to promote the concept of Electronic Gold, it has been proposed to exclude the conversion of physical form of gold into EGR and vice versa by a SEBI registered Vault Manager from the purview of 'transfer' for the purposes of Capital gains. It has also been proposed that the cost of acquisition of the EGR for the purpose of computing capital gains shall be deemed to be the cost of gold in the hands of the person in whose name Electronic Gold Receipt is issued, and the holding period for the purpose of capital gains, would include the period for which gold was held by the assessee prior to its conversion into EGR. Similarly, provision for conversion from

gold to EGR has also been proposed. For the above changes following amendments have been proposed:

i. To insert a new clause in section 47 so as to provide that any transfer of a capital asset, being physical gold to the Electronic Gold Receipt issued by a Vault Manager or such Electronic Gold Receipt to physical gold shall not be considered as 'transfer'.

ii. For the purposes of this newly inserted clause, the expressions 'Electronic Gold Receipt' and 'Vault Manager' shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in clauses (h) and (l) of sub-regulation (1) of regulation 2 of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Vault Managers) Regulations, 2021.

iii. To insert a new sub-section (10) to section 49 to provide that where an Electronic Gold Receipt issued by a

Vault Manager, became the property of the person as consideration of a transfer, as referred in the newly inserted clause in section 47, the cost of acquisition of the asset for the purpose of the said transfer, shall be deemed to be the cost of gold in the hands of the person in whose name Electronic Gold Receipt is issued. Similarly, where the gold released against an Electronic Gold Receipt, which became the property of the person as consideration for a transfer, as referred in the newly inserted clause in section 47, the cost of acquisition of the asset (being gold) for the purposes of the said transfer shall be deemed to be the cost of the Electronic Gold Receipt in the hands of such person.

iv. To insert a new clause (hi) to Explanation 1 of sub-section (42A) of section 2 of the Act to provide that the holding period for the

purpose of capital gain shall include the period for which the Gold was held by the assessee prior to conversion into the Electronic Gold Receipt.

v. To insert a new clause (hi) in Explanation 1 of sub-section (42A) of section 2 to provide that the holding period for the purpose of capital gain shall include the period for which the Gold was held by the assessee prior to conversion into the Electronic Gold Receipt and similarly the holding period for the purpose of capital gain shall include the period for which the Electronic Gold Receipt was held by the assessee prior to conversion into the Gold. These amendments will take effect from 1st April, 2024 and shall accordingly, apply w.e.f. assessment year 2024-25.

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Letter To Editor

Dear Editor

Throughout our lives we accumulate materialistic possessions and feel proud and accomplished.

One can certainly put his/her life resources in doing something for the society, like establishing an educational institution or a library for instance. When the resources are all used up in a good benevolent action; one is free from the baggage of carrying them on their emotional shoulders. One become free of attachments and; yet accomplished something very positive for the society. But unfortunately most of us try our best to hold the useless belongings till the last breath which we could carry with us after our demise from this planet. The COVID-19 pandemic has certainly educated us in understanding that our collected wealth at the end of our life is nothing but a burden. The more free we are better is our journey to the end, less baggage we can have more happiness to our eternal journey of life. Because more belongings gives us pain in collecting them throughout our life, then more pain in storing and hiding them from others with eternal fear of loosing them and lastly more pain in leaving them when we leave this mortal world as we can't carry anything with us. We came bare handed and naked and we will have to leave bare handed and naked. That's the crude truth of the journey called life.

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ONE MORE SAFFRON SURGE BEFORE THE FINALS



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Just a year before the National Elections, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) proved its thickening significance once again in the northeastern part of India. Emerging victorious in three key states, the party under the efficient leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has all reasons to rejoice. Small they are compared to the states that are going to polls this year but for the BJP its battle readiness makes it all the same. For the party, its efforts and plans will be the same in every corner of the country that goes into the polls. That is the biggest merit of the BJP. It has a reason to gather its resources to give the best. More importantly, the leadership of the party is convinced of the requirements and the amount of dedication and resource mobilization that the party establishment is in need of in the form of its cadre from the grassroots to the upper layer. You will see a party that is restless with its plan of campaign reaching out to the last man in the line irrespective of the intricacy of the locality. From the dryness of the deserts to the frozen

pockets of Jammu and Kashmir to the green patches of Kerala to everywhere in the country, it has well structured its party cadre.

Its victory in the northeastern states of Tripura and Nagaland can be called as a segment of the semi finals. Parts of the semifinals are due in some big states. The BJP has to sharpen its claws further for retaining power in Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh. And to wrest power from the Congress in Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh will be of tremendous importance. Both Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh in real terms would not give a giggle of satisfaction to the party as the leadership in these saffron bastions are stung by anti-incumbency on the ground. Whatever, at present, the morale of the party workers is high and the country's G20 presidency and the eminence of the Prime Minister going beyond the boundaries of India bring the workforce of the party golden subjects for campaign. The BJP's victory in Nagaland, a state with a huge Christian population sends positive signals to states where this minority community makes a significant presence.

Results in the northeastern states must worry the opposition parties who are restless in substantiating a united opposition against the Modi fiefdom. Tripura sent shockwaves across party lines as the opposition unity between

the Congress and the Left parties fell apart. The coalition failed to engrave its presence in the state and the BJP with the Prime Minister jumping into the fray came out with a comfortable margin. The weakening element for the Congress is that the celebrated Bharat Jodo Yatra and the much acclaimed renewed vigor of the party could not get translated into electoral gain. The Prime Minister's popularity seems to be engulfing all the parties that accuse him of scams and scandals. The recent wildfire of accusations leveled against him in connection with the Adani meltdown also did not help the opposition to win votes. Modi seems to be gaining confidence from the millions of beneficiaries of his schemes across the country. He clearly indicates in real terms as to what gives him the strength to keep the ball rolling. When Modi says "Instead of a dynasty, I am a member of the family of 140 crore Indians", he is referring to the chord that he could successfully draw between every Indian and him through his welfare schemes. A connection he believes will not be possible to break with baseless allegations alone.

The warring opponents of Narendra Modi are claiming the need of framing an

amicable course correction by unifying a coalition against the BJP. Their plans seem to be losing ground when they start strategizing their priorities. Frantic calls for opposition unity can be heard from various parties. Ambitious leaders like Nitish Kumar are taking the lead to stitch alliances among like-minded parties. Ruling out any pre-poll alliance for 2024, Mamata Banerjee decided to go solo. With more regional leaders seemingly trying to pull the strings for coalition leadership of an embroidered alliance, a still weakening Congress would turn out to be a liability. Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra could not cut much ice with the regional parties. Their disbelief in his leadership capabilities would keep the Congress an underdog. Minimizing chances of a major coalition among the opposition, the BJP is expected to attract some fence sitters to its fold. A diplomatic outreach to some regional parties, an essential emergence of a pre-poll alliance, can be expected from the saffron side.

For much of the nine years since Narendra Modi took over as Prime Minister, the eminent notion of his popularity is seen polarized with a large number of Indians calling him a messiah or a redeemer of India, while his political opposition heavily comes on him in India and abroad. Rahul Gandhi's demeanor in

Cambridge should be seen as a self-inflicted ideological blow on its own image as the Congress approaches the elections. His party's ideological ineptness is vividly displayed in his anti-Modi rhetoric at the foreign institution. While 'crying wolf in the foreign soil', Rahul Gandhi once again proved his incompetence as a matured political leader. His usual 'democracy under attack in India' would satisfy his foreign masters who are willing to pump money for destabilizing India's social amity. Would the Indian polity accept Rahul Gandhi's extreme anti-Modi stand which at times turn against the collective interest of the country? The essential point is that the Congress and the BJP are fighting an ideological war on the idea of India. When the former deliberately presents India as a union of states drawing theoretical description from the constitution, the latter is trying to see India as a unified cultural entity which though different in linguistic expressions, holds a common cultural lineage.

Modi's frequent visit to the Northeast in the last nine years helped his party capture power in almost all the states in the region. The BJP's bonhomie with small regional parties in the area has widened its scope for the National Elections. With the region receiving a huge push in infrastructure, Modi knows the area is not far

away from the country's capital. Like any other mainstream state, every northeastern state bubbles with great patriotic fervor. Disregarded for decades by the successive governments since independence, the area suffered a despicable alienation. Narendra Modi's 'look-east policy' not only revamped this beautiful landscape with greater facilities but helped it tap the real potentiality of tourism development. The political opposition of the ruling BJP is putting its arithmetics into perspective for holding Narendra Modi from entering a third term. With its 45 per cent votes the saffron party ruled the country almost a decade now. More than 50 per cent of the votes were polled against the Modi rise but got split across numerous parties and this is the key element, the strength of the BJP - a divided opposition. But the real ghost that haunts the political imagination of the anti-Modi camp is that they lack leaders who can capture the gist of the moment as evocatively as the Modi persona does. It's a bona fide challenge.

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The President, Smt. Droupadi Murmu with the Chief Justice of Delhi High Court, Justice Satish Chandra Sharma & the Judges of the High Court of Delhi at Amrit Udyan, in Rashtrapati Bhavan

8 Parties Write To PM After Manish Sisodia's Arrest, Congress Not On List

New Delhi: Eight opposition parties have written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi alleging misuse of central investigation agencies to go after them, amid the political war over the arrest of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Manish Sisodia.

The Congress has stayed away from the letter signed by opposition leaders, including Chief Ministers K Chandrashekar Rao, Mamata Banerjee, Bhagwant Mann and Arvind Kejriwal. The DMK, Nitish Kumar's JDU and HD Kumaraswamy's JDS have also not joined the move.

The Gandhis are being investigated by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) over alleged money laundering linked to Young Indian's takeover of Associated Journals Ltd, the company which ran the National Herald newspaper. Both Rahul Gandhi and his mother Sonia Gandhi were questioned by the ED last year.

Meanwhile, the AAP slammed the Congress and said, "Congress disappears when national issues are raised".

"Congress has never stood with the opposition, this has been its history. We have been hearing the BJP's claim that they will put Rahul Gandhi and Robert Vadra in jail. This is just



a war of words. Congress disappears when national issues are raised," said AAP's spokesperson Saurabh Bhardwaj. The opposition leaders cited the example of Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, who was under the scanner of the CBI and the ED in 2014 and 2015 over the Saradha chit fund scam when he was with the Congress.

Others who have signed the letter are National Conference's Farooq Abdullah, Nationalist Congress Party chief Sharad Pawar, Sena's Uddav Thackeray, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav and Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav.

"We hope you would agree that India is still a democratic country. The blatant misuse of central agencies against the members of the opposition appears to suggest that we have

transitioned from being a democracy to an autocracy," the letter said.

"... After a long witch-hunt, Manish Sisodia was arrested by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in connection with alleged irregularity without a shred of evidence against him," the opposition leaders said in the letter to PM Modi.

"Out of the total number of key politicians booked, arrested, raided or interrogated by the investigation agencies under your administration since 2014, the maximum belongs to the opposition. Interestingly, investigation agencies go slow on cases against opposition politicians who join the BJP," the letter said.

"However, the case didn't progress after he (Mr Sarma) joined the BJP. Similarly, former TMC (Trinamool

Congress) leaders Suwendu Adhikari and Mukul Roy were under the ED and CBI scanner in the Narada sting operation case, but the cases didn't progress after they joined the BJP ahead of the assembly election in the state (West Bengal)," the letter alleged.

"Since 2014, there has been a marked rise in the number of raids conducted, cases lodged against and arrest of the opposition leaders. Be it Lalu Prasad Yadav (Rashtriya Janata Dal), Sanjay Raut (Shiv Sena), Azam Khan (Samajwadi Party), Nawab Malik, Anil Deshmukh (NCP), Abhishek Banerjee (TMC), central agencies have often sparked suspicion that they were working as extended wings of the ruling dispensation at the centre. In many such cases, the timings of the cases lodged or arrests made have coincided with elections making it

abundantly clear that they were politically motivated," the opposition leaders said in the letter.

Mr Sisodia was arrested for alleged corruption in framing a liquor policy for Delhi. The BJP has rubbished the AAP's political vendetta argument, saying even if he was the Education Minister who may have done some work for improving schools, he cannot use that as a curtain behind which he could indulge in corruption.

"It is regrettable that even after Sisodia's arrest, the Delhi government is not stopping its dirty politics in the name of education and has now stooped as low as to involving innocent school kids in it," Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor said on Friday, referring to an alleged plan to set up "I Love Manish Sisodia" desks in Delhi government schools to gather support for their arrested leader, which the AAP has said is a fake news cooked up by the BJP to tarnish the image of Delhi's ruling party. The central agencies have over the years maintained they do not arrest people over false charges and only leave them if they are not found guilty after a thorough investigation, irrespective of their political background.

Rotary Club of Calcutta Avyanna takes initiative to teach students from rural areas of Bengal

Kolkata, (ABHIJIT SETH): The Rotary Club of Calcutta Avyanna (District 3291) has recently launched an interesting initiative called 'ANGREZI MEDIUM' - based on a concept Each One Teach One as a part of Basic Education and Literacy which is one of the main areas of focus of Rotary. This is the first ever virtual blended e-learning project in West Bengal where the prime focus is English, both on spoken English and basic writing skills with special focus on Spoken English. There is a lack of calibrated English teachers in far-off rural areas and a desperate need by parents to get their children to speak basic English to facilitate chances of better

placement in future. A majority of the volunteer students are from Birla Bharti School and a few from Jadavpur University as well as Calcutta University have also joined hands with Rotary Club of Calcutta Avyanna and are teaching students ages 5 to 10 years from the Sundarbans and other rural belts in West Bengal. They take English classes twice a week for an hour each. An online platform is used for this purpose by all the mentors. The mentors teach the ready content given to them and then give each child some strategic written and oral virtual class work so that the students' progress can also be monitored well. Rotary Club of

Calcutta Avyanna, has taken the initiative to fill this need through this initiative. Angrezi Medium. The mentors themselves are getting first-hand knowledge about the challenges rural students face and are interacting with them in a fun and productive manner. This happens to be an invaluable experience for the student mentors too.

For making the young generation an integral part of nation building, education plays a key role and the noble initiative taken by Rotary Club of Calcutta Avyanna will surely carry forward the seeds of knowledge to as many children as possible in the rural areas of Bengal.

Victoria gates will open at 5.30am morning instead of 6am

Kolkata : Victoria gates will open from 5.30 am from 7th March 2023 as desired by morning walkers and as per petition made by Concern for Calcutta.

The Secretary and Curator of Victoria Memorial has issued necessary order on 3rd March 2023 for revised garden time. Narayan Jain and KS

Adhikari of Concern for Calcutta and Anand Gupta and many other morning walkers have expressed happiness for accepting their request.

S Jaishankar "Doesn't Understand China Threat": Rahul Gandhi In London

New Delhi: Attacking the NDA government at the Centre, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said that External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar "does not understand the China threat," adding that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's statement that "nobody has entered Indian territory" is an invitation to the Chinese that they can do it again. In a conversation with members of the Indian Journalists' Association in London, the Wayanad MP also said that he supports Indian foreign policy and doesn't have a huge disagreement with it with regard to India's position on the Russia-Ukraine war.

"As far as Indian foreign policy is concerned, I support the Indian foreign policy and I am okay with it. I don't have a huge disagreement with it," he said when asked a hypothetical question that if China or Pakistan invaded India and since India hadn't taken a position on the Russia-Ukraine war, it could also be ignored by the World



if an invasion into India happened. Mr Gandhi said, "With regards to an invasion, we have already been invaded. We have got 2000 square km of our territory that is in the hands of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) and the Prime Minister himself has stated that nobody has entered India, not a single inch of land has been taken and this destroyed our negotiation position because our negotiators are being asked what's the fuss about."

"Your Prime Minister says that no land has been taken. So that's one aspect of it. The other aspect which I keep saying is India needs to be very, very careful with what the Chinese are doing at the border. The Chinese are acting in a hostile manner,

in an aggressive manner and we need to be very very careful and I have been stating that again and again. I don't think the penny has dropped in the government. I think there is a risk as you say," added Rahul Gandhi.

Speaking about Congress's China policy, Rahul Gandhi said that Congress's policy was that they would not allow anyone to enter Indian territory. "The Congress party's policy on China is very clear, we do not accept anybody entering our territory and pushing us around and bullying us. It doesn't matter who they are, that's not acceptable to us and what has happened is that the Chinese entered our territory, killed our soldiers and the prime minister has denied it," he said.

Bihar Team Satisfied With Tamil Nadu's Safety Measures For Workers

Coimbatore: Tamil Nadu: A day after holding talks with Tamil Nadu government authorities over the brewing migrant workers issue in Chennai, the official delegation from Bihar visited knitwear hub Tirupur on Sunday to check on the safety of workers from the northern state after fake videos claiming attacks on the workforce had led to panic among them.

Led by Bihar Rural Development Secretary D Balamurugan, the four-member team expressed

satisfaction over the steps taken by Tamil Nadu government and the Tirupur district administration to ensure safety and protection of the workers. They discussed the issue with the officials including District Collector S Vineeth and Police Commissioner Praveen Kumar, representatives of textile industry and contractors who bring in workers from other states, Mr Balamurugan said.

The delegation also interacted with the

workers and told them not to believe in rumours and fake videos, after which they regained their confidence, as many of them considered the information coming from them to be true, the senior officer said.

"We are satisfied by the steps taken by Tamil Nadu government and the district administration in ensuring safety of the workers to allay the fears from their minds," he said. These confidence building measures have brought the situation to normalcy, the delegation said.

Bhartiya Adim Jati Sevak Sangh met Honorable Minister, Tribal Affairs

New Delhi (KCN) : the Bhartiya Adim Jati Sevak Sangh met the Honorable Minister, of Tribal Affairs Sri Arjun Munda Jee at his Sastri Bhawan Office today. The General Secretary, Sri Ajay Kumar Chaubey, Office Secretary, Rabikant Jha, PRO, Sri Anil Sharma requested the Honorable Minister for the welfare & development of the Adibasi of India as well as for improvement and development of the



culture & tradition of the Adibasi Community, the Research Center or Institution, the Library

& Museums which are in the Premises of the Bhartiya Adim Jati Sevak Sangh

Organization should have to renovate in world class patterns with all improvement

arrangements. The Honorable Minister assured to visit again to the Organization personally and he told that this heritage Organization will be improved & modified in World Class Organization as the founder of this Organization is the Thakkar Bapa who was an associate of the father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi Jee & its founder president is the first president of India, Dr Rajendra Prasad.

State To Take Bench Call; Rijiju

Bhubaneswar(KCN): On establishment of a permanent bench of Orissa High Court in South and Western Odisha, Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju once again puts the ball on the State's court.

Speaking to media persons here on Saturday, Shri Rijiju said the Orissa High Court and State Government has to take the call on establishment of circuit bench of the Orissa High Court.

He further said it is the responsibility of the State Government to provide required infrastructure for establishment of a bench of the High Court.

The Minister said he is ready to give approval to the concrete proposal of the State.

"I have written a letter in this regard twice and even MPs from Odisha raised questions in the



Parliament. In reply, all I can say is the Odisha government and Orissa High Court should take the matter forward and take necessary steps. We are ready to give approval," he added.

Earlier, Rijiju told Parliament that the High Court benches, at a place other than its principal seat, are established in accordance with the recommendations made by the Jaswant Singh Commission and a judgment pronounced by the Supreme Court in 2000.

The bench can be set up

after due consideration of a complete proposal from the state government incorporating readiness to provide infrastructure and meet the expenditure, along with the consent of the chief justice of the concerned High Court and the consent of the Governor of the concerned state, he had mentioned in the letter.

Notably, the State Government has requested the Centre for setting up of Orissa High Court benches in western and southern regions of Odisha.

Following which, the central government has requested the state, time and again, to work out details of proposed benches including its location in consultation with the High Court of Orissa. However, the state has yet to respond to it.

CS Urges For Fund Utilize

Bhubaneswar: State keeps up the upward trend in fiscal trends by end of February, 2023 of the current fiscal year. By February end of current year, total revenue collection has grown around 0.61 Percent over corresponding period of last financial year. This was revealed during all Secretaries meeting held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary Pradeep Jena.

Principal Secretary Finance Vishal Kumar Dev outlined the financial updates of the State for discussion. Reviewing fiscal performances of various departments, Chief Secretary Sri Jena directed all the departments to devise a strategy for more budgetary utilization. He also emphasized on



strengthening of complete digitalizing of all government payment and receipt system. The submission of Utilization Certificates in time bound manner should be given priority, he directed. It was revealed during discussion that the revenue generation from own tax sources increased by 15.31 Percent with a total

collection of around Rs.40876 Crore by the end of February, 2023 against corresponding period of last year's collection of Rs.35449 Crore. Similarly, the revenue generation from non-tax sources grew negatively around 0.69 Percent by end of February, 2023 in comparison to the corresponding period of the last year with a

total collection of around Rs.78916 Crore.

Accordingly, the total revenue generation from both the sources by end of February 2023 has been increased around 0.61 Percent over the corresponding period of last fiscal. In real terms, the total revenue has touched Rs.129037 Crore by end of this February.

In spite of negative growth in Own Non-Tax Revenue and grants from the central government by about 9.5 Percent, total revenue has been increased by 0.61 Percent, it was revealed.

Keeping in tune with the revenue generation, the budget utilization by end of February grew around 1.3 Percent over last fiscal year. The budget utilization in agriculture and its allied sector and infrastructure sector spending has been increased.

Development Commissioner, Additional Chief Secretaries, Principal Secretaries, Secretaries and Special Secretaries of all departments participated in discussions.

1640 Cr Sanctioned For SCB



Bhubaneswar(KCN): In order to make SCB Medical College and Hospital as an AIIMS Plus category hospital, the State Government has so far sanctioned Rs 1640.87 crore.

The Health and Family Welfare Department has prepared the Master Plan for redevelopment of the premier Medical College of Odisha with 5000 beds in two phases.

Accordingly, the State Government has undertaken projects worth Rs 4474 crore in the First phase, which will be completed by 2024.

While Odisha Bridge and Construction Corporation (OBCC) is implementing the project, L&T Ltd. has been awarded the job to construct the clinical part of the institution with a cost of Rs 2636.20 crore and NCC Limited has

been awarded the residential portion with a cost of Rs 888.50.

According to official sources, administrative approval has been accorded for Rs 4474.49 crore for the project, of which Rs.1640.87 crore has been sanctioned to OBCC and an expenditure of Rs 706.34 crore was made, till 21 February, 2023.

The Government has released Rs 79 crore in the Financial Year 2020-21, while Rs 581.87 crore was released in FY 2021-22 and Rs 980 crore in 2022-23.

Against the released fund, the OBCC has utilised Rs 12.45 crore in FY 2020-21, Rs 47.79 crore in FY 2021-22 and Rs 646.09 crore in FY 2022-23.

Officials admit the work progress and utilisation was slowed down in FY 2021-22 due to the

Covid-19 pandemic. As per plan, there will be 4 clinical blocks (B+G+9) & 2 utility blocks, which are being constructed by L&T Ltd. The four clinical blocks are—general medicine, specialised medicine, specialised surgery & general surgery & trauma.

After completion of the project, the total number of IPD beds in SCB will be increased to 4240 from existing 2182 beds. Similarly, the Government is constructing 13 towers comprising 672 residential units and 2278 rooms in 3 residential pockets namely Kathajodi Residency, Birupa Residency and Mahanadi Residency.

Development of G+2 SCB DAV Public School & Allied Infrastructure is also undertaken by the

OBCC.

Among other works being implemented under the project includes interim development of playground, parking, Dharamsala, BOSE Guest House, SEED Corporation Building, Lift Irrigation Quarters, SRC Office Building, Leather Corporation Building, Textile office, 3 Foot Over Bridges, Red Cross Blood Bank, STP, Aahar Kendra etc with a budget provision of Rs 130.18 crore.

Some preconstruction work such as utility shifting (water supply pipeline, electric lines & poles, sewerage line and pumps, drains), tree cutting, avenue plantation, statutory clearances etc. with a budget provision of Rs 12.59 crore also under taken along with the mega project, the sources said.

Odisha Government Approves 25 Industrial Projects Worth Rs 5,827.27crore

Bhubaneswar: The State Level Single Window Clearance Authority (SLSWCA) in Odisha held its 115th meeting under the chairpersonship of Chief Secretary Pradeep Kumar Jena here today. During the meeting, the SLSWCA approved 25 industrial projects with a

cumulative investment of Rs 5,827.27crore. The projects are expected to create employment opportunities for over 25,000 people in the state. It also recommended three large projects with investment of Rs 28,000 crore and capacity to create e m p l o y m e n t

opportunities for around 19,000 people to the High-Level Clearance Authority (HLCA). Out of the multiple investment intents garnered during the Make in Odisha Conclave 2022, 16 projects came up for approval in the 115th meeting of the SLSWCA. With grit,

determination and hard work, the state government is ensuring that they transform the garnered investments into ground reality as seamlessly as possible. The state government is actively encouraging investors to invest in Odisha and reap marvellous results from them.



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Aakash+BYJU'S appoints Rahul Kumar as Head-Product Management

New Delhi: In line with the organization's continued efforts to strengthen its management and accelerate business growth, Aakash + BYJU'S, the national leader in test preparatory services, has appointed Mr Rahul Kumar as Head - Product Management of the company.

Rahul will be responsible for leading the overall product function across product management, design, analytics and product operations and will help in building culture and scaling products to better learning experiences and outcomes for millions of students. He will be reporting to Mr Pradeep Kumar Singh who is the Chief Technology Officer at Aakash+BYJU'S.

Rahul is a computer science graduate from BIT Mesra and learned management from Symbiosis, Pune and IIT Delhi. Prior to joining Aakash + BYJU'S, Rahul was Associate Vice President & Head of Product at Bharti Airtel and led the product team and strategy for a \$430M+ revenue consumer business product portfolio.

He has also worked with HT Media Group as Chief Product Officer and led the overall product function across group companies such as digital media, print media, entertainment, and digital businesses. During his 16 years of experience, he has held key leadership positions across multiple organizations such as Cars24, Rivigo, Times Internet and Mindtree, to

name a few. He is also a mentor and advisor to numerous start-ups and has delivered powerful insights on product management and artificial intelligence to inspire aspirants to deliver their best.

Commenting on the appointment of Rahul Kumar, Mr Abhishek Maheshwari, CEO, Aakash + BYJU'S, said, "We are delighted to have Rahul on board. With his deep expertise, we look forward to accelerating digital transformation and product innovations across our organizations and offering a seamless learning experience to improve student outcomes. His rich experience and skills will go a long way in contributing to the tremendous growth of the company."

JSW Steel dedicates the World's first 'Steel-Slag Sand' plant to the Nation

Bhubaneswar : On the occasion of World Environment Day, JSW Steel dedicated the World's first 'Steel-Slag Sand' plant to the nation at JSW Steel Vijayanagar Works.

The commissioned unit of 0.30 Mtpa capacity (821t/day) is one of its kind in the world, equipped with value-added technology, which will not only mitigate the slag disposal problem but also provides low-cost eco-friendly sand for construction purposes.

The Research & Development team of JSW Steel Vijayanagar Works has developed this sustainable process for converting steel making slag into sand

(fine aggregate to replace river sand) for its extensive usage in civil construction. This new steel slag sand also offers an eco-friendly alternative to river sand. This patented process circuit treats crushed slag through a vertical shaft impactor and a classifier after metallic separation.

Pavan Kumar Malapati, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Ballari inaugurated the world's first "Steel-Slag Sand" the newly commissioned plant at JSW Steel Vijayanagar Works.

Speaking on the occasion, Honorable Chief Guest, Pavan Kumar Malapati, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Ballari applauded the JSW's efforts in the field

of environment conservation and emphasized that in the light of environmental concerns related to construction aggregates, this new technology will address the issues related to the sand shortage in Karnataka. He went on to appreciate that JSW Steel Vijayanagar Works is one of the cleanest plants of the country.

In addition, he stressed the importance of the role that the corporates and communities will play to ensure that the conservation and sustainable use of the environment will lead to sustainable growth and help upliftment of our people and their surroundings at large.

GO FIRST ANNOUNCES NEW DIRECT FLIGHTS TO KUWAIT AND MUSCAT FROM KOCHI

MUMBAI: In line with its vision to strengthen international connectivity between India and the Middle East, GO FIRST (formerly known as GoAir) announced the commencement of daily direct flights from Kochi to Kuwait and Kochi to Muscat starting 1st June 2022. The inaugural flight departed from Cochin International Airport at 20:15 hours (local time) and arrived at Kuwait International Airport at 23:05 hours (local time).

The new flights to Kuwait and Muscat from Kochi will offer connectivity and convenient travel options

to blue collar workers/ migrant working class flying abroad for employment.

Situated on the western front of Asia, Kuwait is a country in the Middle East that has a lot to offer to travelers. The rich cultural and commercial heritage makes it a must-visit Gulf country. The city is a perfect amalgamation of lively restaurants, pristine beaches, and antiquated museums.

Furthermore, wedged between the mountains and the sea, the capital city of Oman is a glorious wonder of white elegance. Muscat, the chosen capital for trade and commerce across the

Indian Ocean, is a meticulously clean and organized city. For booking, passengers can log in to www.FlyGoFirst.com or can use the mobile app.

Speaking on the development, Mr. Kaushik Khona, Chief Executive Officer, GO FIRST, said: "As we eventually come out of the pandemic, we are pleased to strengthen our international presence and commence operations between Kochi to Kuwait and Kochi to Muscat. We believe that the situation is improving, and we are hopeful that this will further ease travel between India and Middle East."

Adani and GMR buy teams in Ultimate Kho Kho

Bhubaneswar: In a massive boost for Ultimate Kho Kho, corporate giants Adani Group and GMR group have acquired the Gujarat and Telangana franchises respectively in the league, which is set to launch with an aim to promote the homegrown sport.

Burman, Chairman of Dabur Group, in collaboration with Kho Kho Federation of India (KKFI), the league aims to revolutionize the indigenous sport of Kho-Kho by adopting a modern-day professional structure, which would bring the fast-paced action to the living rooms of the fans in a new avatar.

Ward Wizard hosts 'Green Plantation Drive' this World Environment Day

Vadodara: Committed to its social responsibility of making the earth greener and healthier for the generation of today and tomorrow, Ward Wizard Innovations and Mobility Ltd. (BSE Code: 538970) - one of the leading manufacturers of electric two-wheeler brand 'Joy e-bike' is all set to host a 'Green Plantation Drive', across its manufacturing facilities and ancillary

Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, Bhubaneswar Zone launches Iconic week

Bhubaneswar: As part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration of Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), Bhubaneswar zone has launched Iconic Week which is run from June 6-12. In this regard a program was organized at IDCOL Auditorium, Bhubaneswar by Chief Commissioner of Central Tax and Customs, Bhubaneswar Zone.

'Kia goes electric' with the launch of EV6 in India starting at INR59.95 Lakhs

Bhubaneswar: Kia India, one of the fastest-growing carmakers in the country, today announced the price of EV6 for India starting Rs. 59.95 Lakhs. It also stated that Kia India's parent company, Kia Corporation will be launching 14 BEVs by 2027 across global markets in a big step towards increasing focus on sustainable mobility globally. Kia India is evaluating other EVs for the Indian market and confirmed its plans of developing an India-centric EV in RV body type to be launched by 2025.

The parent company of Kia India, Kia Corporation will invest approximately 22.22 Bn USD (total of 28 trillion won) in its business operations over the next five years. A part of this investment will be made in developing products that will be sold in India and in setting up infrastructure. The announcement aligns with Kia Corporation's global vision of becoming a Sustainable Mobility Solutions Provider and achieving carbon neutrality by 2045. Continuing its "Walking the Talk" style, the company started its transformation towards becoming a sustainable mobility leader in India, launching its first BEV for the country - the EV6. Globally acclaimed for their design, quality, and features, the Kia BEVs for the Indian market will be no different. Kia's new brand philosophy - 'Movement that inspires', is reflected in its BEVs as well, a philosophy that amalgamates ecology and luxury along with performance. Kia BEVs will keep 'the thrill of driving' alive while keeping the mobility sustainable. The EV6 marks the beginning of Kia's sustainable mobility journey in the country. The vehicle boasts a highly impressive real-world driving range, ultra-fast charging capabilities, and a spacious, high-tech interior. The company has received an overwhelming response for the car with 355 bookings which is 3.5 times the planned numbers for 2022.

ACC Gold Water Shield, India's first water repelling cement that protects your home from seepage, leakages

Mumbai: ACC Ltd., one of India's most trusted and innovative cement makers, has developed ACC Gold Water Shield - the country's first specially formulated cement with high-quality water-repelling properties. The product, while standing testament to ACC's trend of setting industry benchmarks in developing quality and sustainable products, ensures that one's structure is durable and protected from dampness or seepage.

Building materials have considerably shorter life span when

subjected to moisture over a prolonged period of time. When the water penetrates in concrete, can have immediate and long-term effects on the building in the form of damage to building contents and even structural failure if the problem is not dealt quickly and successfully. ACC Gold Water Shield is specially formulated cement with high quality water repellent properties. With water repellence engineered at a particle level, it reduces the capillary action thus shielding homes from dampness and seepage.

Commissioner, Odisha region Y Rajendra, commissioner of income tax Phagu Oram, principal commissioner, Audit commissioner, Bhubaneswar B K Kar, Commissioner Appeal, GST and Customs Arvinder Singh Ranga, Commissioner (CT and GST) Sushil Kumar Lohani, Additional Commissioner (CGST and Central Excise Gopal Krishna Pati, Pr ADG Rajendra Singh, Additional commissioner Anuradha Mishra and Madhav Chandra Mishra, Assistant

Director of NACIN Elpetu Seshu and Pawan Kumar Meena, Uco Bank GM Arupananda Jena and In-charge, SLBC Lingaraj Nayak. Apart from them other dignitaries who were present at the occasion are Rajeev Krishna, Regional Head, Bank of Baroda, Debabrata, cluster head, HDFC Bank, M Hussain, BSO, Federal Bank, Bibhu Prasad Acharya, DBM, IDFC First Bank, Suman Chakrabarty, Sushant Behera, Ujjivan Bank, Sankar Hemram, DyZ, Union Bank of India,

and Managing Director, Ward Wizard Innovations and Mobility Ltd said, "As a responsible corporate we are committed to a sustainable future and making our earth better each day for a brighter today and tomorrow. For us, World Environment Day is not just about appreciating the nature around us but also driving positive changes for the progress of humanity.

Ashok Jena, DZM, Bank of India and S Mishra, State Head, RBL Bank.

Today, honorable Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi has launched Iconic Week celebration from Bigyan Bhawan, New Delhi which is live telecasted in 75 cities including Bhubaneswar. Along with this a Digital Exhibition is also inaugurated. At Bhubaneswar Chief Commissioner of Central Tax and Customs, Bhubaneswar Zone has provided facility for viewing the

Flipkart's 'End Of Season Sale' set to bring cheer to lakhs of sellers and fashion shoppers

Bhubaneswar: Flipkart, India's homegrown e-commerce marketplace, has announced its end of season sale (EOSS) event, which will bring cheer and festivities to millions of customers as close to 200,000 sellers, and more than 10,000 brands come together to bring a wide selection of fashion, beauty and lifestyle products. This year's EOSS, which begins on June 10, 2022, looks to celebrate the heightened post-pandemic consumer sentiment.

The weeklong event, EOSS, over June 10-17, will see the introduction of 24X7 live commerce for the first time on the Flipkart app, offering customers a wide selection to choose from as they look at refreshing their wardrobes. It will see participation from over 10,000 top brands offering 10 lakh+ styles of fashionable apparel and accessories for women, men and children.

In line with customer demand, the event is bringing together a wide variety of styles in casual wear, ethnic wear, formal and seasonal wear including footwear, men's and women's apparel, fashion and travel accessories and kidswear. While the event is open for all Sellers and Brands to participate, some of the top brands participating this season include home-grown D2C brands such as Being Human, Ruf & Tuf, Campus, Cultsport, Urbanic, Hershienbox and Mokobara, Fubar, AAdi, Krassa and The Kapas, ethnic wear brands such as Libas, Biba, MAX, activewear brands including Nike, PUMA, Adidas, HRX, Fastrack. Brands including Peter England, Blackberrys, Arrow, and Woodland will feature in the formalwear selection and Allen Solly, Jack and Jones and Crocs, will feature in the kids' wear section.

Commenting on the event, Sandeep Karwa, Vice President, Flipkart Fashion said, "Flipkart always aims to bring joy to people, in big ways and small, through a diverse offering on our platform. The End Of Season Sale is truly a festival for us. And given the phenomenal response it has received through the years; we are sure our customers and partners share this sentiment. As a marketplace platform, we are bringing sellers, brands and customers together while leveraging technology solutions to bring unparalleled value to our customers. Every season, Flipkart observes consumer behaviour and works collaboratively with thousands of brands in the ecosystem, to bring forth the best products and offers. After a two-year hiatus, we look forward to making this season a memorable one for everyone involved.

program via live telecast. All officers posted in the office located in jurisdiction of Bhubaneswar were attended the event.

Iconic Week inauguration consists of various programs which includes video on 'Rupaya Ka Rochak Safar' in Hindi, launch of circulation coin with AKAM Design, launch of national portal- Jan Samarth on credit linked government schemes, Video Mayiree in Hindi and video pledge and rededication.

customers to prevent water seepage through various elements of the house, while also contributing to a sustainable future." Deepak Mehra, Chief Commercial Officer, ACC Ltd., said: "ACC GOLD WATER SHIELD is India's first water-repelling cement with a unique water-resistant formula to protect one's home from water seepage. Suitable for any construction, the benefits of using this product are shields home from seepage, enhanced strength, better durability, ease in working and has a lower carbon footprint."

L&T Construction awarded

Mumbai : The Water & Effluent Treatment business of L&T Construction has secured a prestigious order from the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) to execute the Bandra Wastewater Treatment Facility under the Mumbai Sewage Disposal Project - Stage II. The project envisages the construction of a state-of-the-art wastewater treatment

facility with best-in-class treatment standards. The scope includes Design, Build, Operation and Maintenance of 360 MLD sewage treatment plant with a provision to generate inhouse power. The project will also host a panoramic viewing gallery, a knowledge centre, and a library with the larger goal of creating awareness amongst various stakeholders.

Will MS Dhoni pass the baton to Ben Stokes in what could be his final season for CSK?

Chennai :It is that time of the year in Chennai when the fans dust their yellow jersey and wear it with pride like no other city in India. The buzz has already started in the city. Ever since MS Dhoni and a few of his troops checked in on Thursday and Chennai Super Kings began their preparations, fans have been queuing up outside the MA Chidambaram Stadium. There have been instances where several fans even stood outside a posh hotel in the city – which used to be the franchise's home – only to go back in disappointment after being told they have moved to a new base. Such fandom is unseen for any other franchise. But then not every franchise is Chennai Super Kings and not

every team has Dhoni in it. It is hard to separate the both in this part of the country and the upcoming season seems all the more special. There has been no official word yet, but the CSK faithful are already seeing this as their "Thala's" farewell season. Some of the fan groups are already making extensive plans to make each of the seven outings at Chepauk a special one for their favourite one. Read Ben Stokes should be available for the entire IPL season, says Chennai Super Kings executive. Although the last of four IPL titles arrived only in 2021, it feels like a long time ago. In the last edition in 2022, which happened after full-fledged player auctions,



Chennai – who usually assemble their first XI at the auction – came back with some holes and had all the makings of a shipwreck. In the end, in a 10-team league, they finished ninth with just four wins – their lowest ever. And more than their performance what made all the headlines was how Chennai performed under a new

captain in Ravindra Jadeja, who eventually made way for Dhoni again mid-way through the season. By bringing in Ben Stokes for a record sum of Rs 16.25 crore, all things point towards a season where Dhoni passes the baton. Going by what transpired in 2022, Jadeja was named captain only two days

before the start of the tournament, there is every chance Chennai will leave it till very late – like they usually do with the bat in chases. But even before the entire team has assembled, there are a few concerns to address. While the arrival of Stokes was seen as Chennai finding an ideal captain to take over, the

English all-rounder is nursing a slight niggle in his knee. During the recently concluded Tests against New Zealand, Stokes bowled only nine overs in two matches. While Stokes has committed to play for Chennai, it is understood that a clear picture on his full availability will only emerge after he joins the team towards the last week of March. Stokes has already hinted at his unavailability for the later stages of the IPL citing the one-off Tests against Ireland and the Ashes.

Such a scenario will not be conducive for Stokes to take over this season. It is understood that the franchise would instead prefer the Englishman to get accustomed to its culture this edition and head coach Stephen

Fleming is already in touch with Stokes about the way forward. The franchise is also aware of Stokes workload and doesn't want to burden him with the added pressure of captaincy. Although there are admirers in the franchise for Rituraj Gaikwad, a player Dhoni has been grooming for a leadership role in the franchise, especially thanks to his calm demeanour and ability to be unfazed under pressure, questions still remain if he can fill the big shoes of an all-time great. Last season, despite being informed in advance about the captaincy switch, that Jadeja struggled in the hot seat is not lost among the franchise.

While all along they have been keen on

having a player, who is familiar with the surroundings as captain, the lessons from Jadeja's elevation has made them re-look at it. Although Stokes is new to the franchise set-up, he has played under Dhoni and Fleming during his time with Rising Pune Supergiants and knows how the two operate. An inspirational captain, who is at the forefront of England's red-ball revival, the franchise definitely sees Stokes as a perfect fit as he can operate freely as the management seldom interferes in team affairs.

Although all of this points to a chaotic scene, the franchise remains unfazed and for all the questions there is only one answer: "Thala will look into it."

Kylian Mbappe scripts record, becomes PSG's all-time leading goal scorer

New Delhi :French superstar Kylian Mbappe on Sunday surpassed Edison Cavani to become Paris Saint Germain's all time leading goal scorer with 201 after his extra time strike against Nantes in Ligue One. In the 90+2 minutes, Mbappe was fed the ball inside the Nantes box and heused his strength to hold off the defender on his shoulder, took a turn and slotted the ball past goalkeeper Alban Lafort to write his name in PSG's history books. PSG, who travel to Bayern Munich next week hoping to overturn a 1-0 first-leg deficit in the Champions League last 16, were 2-0 up after 17 minutes following goals by Lionel Messi and Jaouen Hadjam's own goal, only for the



Canaries to level before the break thanks to Ludovic Blas and Ignatius Ganago. Christophe Galtier's side, however, wrapped up all three points after Danilo's goal around the hour mark and Mbappe's last-gasp strike, which put them on 63 points from 26 games. PSG got off to a dream

start as Messi opened the scoring in the 12th minute with a left-footed volley from Fabian Ruiz's cross. Five minutes later, Alban Lafont parried Nuno Mendes's attempt into the path of Hadjam who, under pressure from Nordi Mukiele, bundled the ball into his own net to give PSG a 2-0 advantage.

In the 31st minute, however, Blas whipped a fine shot past Gianluigi Donnarumma to reduce the arrears, seven minutes before Ganago deflected a corner past the Italian keeper to level the contest. But 15 minutes into the second half, ordered was restored as Danilo headed home from Mbappe's cross before the France forward netted his record goal with a left-footed effort from inside the box. It was not such a fine evening for PSG, however, as Mukiele was substituted with a heel problem before centre back Marquinhos headed back to the dressing room in the 75th minute with what appeared to be a lower back problem.

Rohit Yadav, player of tournament, ends Karnataka's 54-year wait for Santosh Trophy

New Delhi :Karnataka were Mysore when they had last won the Santosh Trophy. It was the 1968-69 season when they had won their fourth title in Bangalore. At the King Fahd International Stadium in Riyadh, in the first ever domestic final of Indian football to be held outside the country, Rohit Yadav made his mark and scored the winner for his state that helped them end a storied trophy drought and add a fifth title to their cabinet. Incredibly, the winner, a freekick, was Rohit Yadav's fourth set-piece goal of the tournament. The Bengaluru FC reserve player was later adjudged as the player of the tournament on Saturday in the Santosh Trophy final. He had a hand in both the final goals scored by



Karnataka, but crucially, the lightning quick start that he engineered for his team. It was moments after the referee had rung the proverbial bell that the southern state launched its first blow. An innocuous throw in by Robin Yadav, flicked deep into the box found M Sunil. The right-back drove a powerful, albeit wide shot, into Rajat Paul Lyngdoh's goal.

The shot careened off a Meghalaya defender and breached its goal. All it took was less than a minute. Karnataka got the start that they've been looking for all tournament. Both teams have been quick to concede but have been stitching up a resistance of epic sorts on the road to the finals. Meghalaya, much like their

counterparts, have spent a better chunk of this tournament looking down the barrel of a loaded gun and shrugging off the threat. Against Karnataka, the response came four minutes later. A mazy run into the box, with shoulder feints being thrown about with aplomb was how Sheen Stevenson introduced himself into the game.

First day, first show: Harmanpreet Kaur kicks off the biggest night in women's cricket with a bang

New Delhi :The last time Harmanpreet Kaur played a competitive fixture, she threw her bat in disgust after being run out in the T20 World Cup semifinal. After that narrow loss to Australia, she had to wear sunglasses in public to hide her tears. It has been just 10 days since that heartbreak, and the wound must have still been fresh for the India captain. But by showcasing her sublime batting skills on one of the most significant nights in the history of women's cricket, Kaur proved her tenacity, mental strength and ability to bounce back. A victory margin of 143 runs would have been convincing enough in a Test match, let alone a T20 fixture of such great significance. It brought back memories of the first-ever Indian

Premier League match when Brendon McCullum's pyrotechnics left an indelible impression even though the match itself turned out to be a no-contest. Kaur's shots on Saturday evening were more refined and cultured in a way, without any hint of sloggling. Her famous fluid bat-swing was evident once again, as both seam and spin seemed destined for the boundary cushions. The match was effectively over as a contest inside the first two overs of the chase as the Giants lost three wickets after skipper Beth Mooney, their most pedigreed batter, had to be helped off the field due to a knee injury. Natalie Sciver-Brunt and Issy Wong got the white ball to deviate in



both directions in an impressive fashion, followed by strikes by left-arm spinner Shaika Ishaque and leg-spinner Amelia Kerr to cut the Giants down to size for just 64, but the abiding memory of the evening would be Harmanpreet's sublime strokeplay. When a team scores

207/5 in 20 overs, one expects there would have been a lot of sixes hit. The likes of Hayley Matthews and Kerr hit most of them. Kaur didn't hit any, but hers was the most eye-catching contribution of the evening. The sweeps, drives, glides and all other strokes peppering every part of

the ground would have not been out of place in a game of much longer duration. There were 14 boundaries in her 30-ball 65, but none seemed to have been hit with any anger. There were 11 fielders out there, but Kaur could only see the gaps between them. Her partnership with

New Zealander Kerr is what took the game away from Gujarat Giants. Mumbai Indians were once looking set for a score of around 160, which, going by the trend at the recent World Cup, would have been a competitive total. But a great batting track at the DY Patil Stadium and the firepower on show ensured that Mumbai Indians exceeded that estimate by a long way. The squads in the WPL haven't had much time to gel, assess their own strengths and weaknesses or those of the opposition. The non-international Indian players in the squad may be a bit of an unknown quantity for captains and coaching staff, most of whom have come from overseas. In that context, the fielding of

the Gujarat Giants left a lot to be desired, and almost on every occasion, it was a local player at fault. Matthews and Sciver-Brunt set the platform for Mumbai Indians after Yastika Bhatia failed to get going at the top, but after both got out in quick succession, it was all about Kaur and Kerr. They seemed to be vying with each other shot for shot as the bowlers gave them plenty of loose stuff to showcase their prowess. Left-arm seamer Monica Patel was hit for four successive boundaries by Kaur, as 21 came off that over. Kerr's effort cannot be ignored either, as she was the one to take the initiative in the partnership early on, before Kaur hogged the

limelight. The Kiwi all-rounder's unbeaten 45 came off just 24 balls. The match was virtually over early in the Giants innings, with only the victory margin and the effect on the net run rate to be decided, but Ishaque was impressive with her skill and control. She may not have been tested too much, with the cream of the opposition already back in the dugout, but made her presence felt with four wickets. The result shows the significance of gelling as a unit in a tournament of such nature as most players wouldn't have played with each other before. All is not lost for Gujarat Giants, but with a match against UP Warriorz on Sunday evening, the likely loss of skipper Mooney will be a bigger blow for them.