

## Two IAS Officers Get New Responsibilities In Odisha

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** IAS officer Siddhartha Das has been appointed as the Director of Sports in Odisha, said a notification issued by the General Administration and Public Grievance department today. Das was earlier working as the Additional Secretary to Finance department with the additional charge of Additional Director at the Directorate of Treasuries and Inspection. IAS officer Deepankar Mohapatra has been appointed as the Managing Director of Odisha Small Industries Corporation Limited (OSIC), Cuttack, said the notification. Mohapatra was earlier working as the Additional Director at the Directorate of Treasuries and Inspection in Odisha.

## Exit poll puts BJP in dominant position in Greater Bangalore

**Bangalore:** After the high-voltage campaigning, the 224-member Karnataka Assembly finally went to the polls on Wednesday with political pundits predicting a close contest between the ruling BJP and the principal opposition Congress.



region, the BJP is likely to win 17 out of the 32 seats, while the

Congress is projected to win 13 seats with JD(S) coming a distant with

just two seats.

In the 2018 Assembly elections, the BJP had won 11 seats in the region, while the Congress got 17 seats and the JD(S) four. The Congress might lose on four seats which it had won in the 2018 Assembly polls, while the BJP is expected to win six additional seats, the exit poll predicted. The grand old party is expected to get 39.3 per

cent vote share, down 0.7 per cent as compared to its 2018 share of 40 per cent. The saffron party is predicted to witness an upswing of 5.7 per cent in vote share at 44.7 per cent as compared to its share of 39 per cent in 2018. The JD(S), which got 18 per cent votes in 2018, is likely to get 13.1 per cent votes this time, marking a drop of 4.9 per cent.

## Noted Odia Anthropologist Is The New DG Of ASI

**Bhubaneswar:** National Monuments Authority (NMA) Chairman Professor Kishore K. Basa has been entrusted with the additional charge of the Director General of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) for a period of six months. Basa will hold the additional charge till further orders or appointment of a regular Director General of ASI whichever is earlier, said a notification issued by the Ministry of Culture today. Shabdaranga Natak Mahotsav to kick off in Odisha capital on May 11; know details about timing, venue & ticket price Basa is the former Vice Chancellor of Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanjdeo University at Baripada in Odisha. He had also worked as the chairman of Indian National Confederation and Academy of Anthropologists, sources



said. Basa, a native of Mayurbhanj district, had secured the top position in matriculation examination in Odisha in 1973. He completed his BA from Utkal University and MA in History from Delhi University. He started his career as a lecturer at Utkal University in Bhubaneswar and secured PHD from University of London in 1991. He had worked as the head of Anthropology department of Utkal University for some years, sources added.

## Jharsuguda bypoll conducted peacefully, 68.12 pc voters turnout by 5 pm: Odisha CEO

**Jharsuguda:** Barring stray instance of violence, the overall voting for the crucial Jharsuguda by-election was largely peaceful, informed Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Nikunja Bihari Dhal on Wednesday. According to Dhal, 68.12 per cent of the 2.21 lakh voters exercised their franchise till 5 pm. The voting continued till 6

pm and as 3,500 voters were still waiting within the polling station premises, they will be allowed to cast their votes and the final voting percentage will be announced tomorrow, he said. Senior officials said that 1,50,035 voters including 77,020 female and 74,008 male voters had exercised their franchise till 5 pm for the



Jharsuguda bypoll. According to Dhal, the media reports also helped the authorities to redeploy and mobilise forces as per emergency

arrangements. Earlier, the administration had made elaborate arrangements for the smooth conduct of the Jharsuguda bypoll in 253 booths. A total of 26 Pink booths with all-women polling personnel were also set up which is nearly 10 percent of the total booths for the Jharsuguda bypoll.

situation. All the EVMs will now kept at the strong room of the Government engineering school amidst tight security

## World Lupus Day at KIMS

**Bhubaneswar,(KCN):** World Lupus Day has been celebrated at the Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS) today to aware people about various Lupus diseases. Lupus is a disease that occurs when your body's immune system attacks your own tissues and organs (autoimmune disease). On this occasion a yoga session with a theme "Yoga for better living" was organized in the morning, where more than 50 participants took part. During the patient experience sharing session after yoga patients were provided a free consultation. Patients who were suffering from lupus shared their treatment



experience in KIMS, and now leading normal lives. "Treatment of Lupus and other autoimmune diseases vary from one patient, so one should not generalize and draw conclusions" said, Prof

Ramnath Misra, HoD, Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology, KIMS-Bhubaneswar. He also called upon the patients to have faith in the doctors and never lose hope. Prof Prasanta Padhan,

Rheumatologist of KIMS said "awareness on the autoimmune diseases should be more as even today people are not treating themselves with the experts and suffering." Associate Prof Sakir Ahmed said

"communication with the patient is the most important for any chronic disease and asked the patients to talk freely without inhibition with their doctors." Prof Debashish Maikap and postgraduate residents of the department and other staff members of KIMS and KIMS Super Speciality Hospital were present during the event. Every year the day is celebrated on May 10 and this year's theme was "Make Lupus Visible", in order to increase public awareness about lupus diagnosis and its psychological, social, and economic consequences.

## Book release ceremony at Constitution club of india, New delhi

**New delhi (KCN):** Ambedkar International center ,Bhubaneswar & CHRC, Odisha are going to Launch and release of four English Books at the Constitution club of India, New Delhi on 14 th May in between 10.30 AM to 1 PM. Er Bishweswar Tudu ,Hon'ble Minister of Stste foe Jalshakti & Tribal Affair has given his consent to grace the occasion as Chief Guest Smt Rekha Lohani, IPS, Director, Modernization, BUREAU OF police research and development, New Delhi will attend the celebration as Special Guest Dr Pabitra Mohan Samantaray, Editor in chief,



Paryabekhyak and The Kalinga chronicle group Dr Dr Pradeep Kumar Choudhary, Assistant Professor, Zakir Hussain Centre for Educational studies ,JNU, New Delhi, And Dr Sushant Kumar Dash, Eminent Physicist and Edicationist will grace

the occasion as Guest of Honour Sri Gopabandhu Mallick, IPS , Retired Additional DGP ,Writer and President Ambedkar international center will preside over the meeting Mr Kaliprasad Singh, CEO & Chairman of the centre Will give vote of thanks

## IIPM HOSTS 61ST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN NEW DELHI

**New Delhi:** Sixty First Anniversary of International Indecency Prevention Movement (IIPM) was celebrated in New Delhi in a simple and solemn manner. Seventy Sixth Birth Ceremony of the Founder of IIPM Revered Shri Kumar Bhai was also observed during the occasion. Hundreds of IIPM's members, sympathisers and disciples of late lamented Kumar Bhai gathered at the premises of Shri Jagannath Temple in Hauz Khas to take part in the double celebrations. The month long World wide celebration of IIPM's Foundation Day was inaugurated by Hon'ble Governor of Odisha Professor Ganeshi Lal at Sovaniya Sikhyaashram in Cuttack on 8th April 2023. Shri Kumar Bhai

formed IIPM in his 16th birthday on 8th April 1962 with an aim to establish World Peace, prevent Indecency in society and develop decency in human life to make it happier, healthier, decent, lovable, blissful and peaceful. An apostle of Peace, Symbol of Humanism and Pleader of Reformed progress, Shri Kumar Bhai had blessings of Stalwarts like Smt. Rama Devi, Padmashri Dr. Laxmi Narayan Sahu, Dr. Pranakrushna Parija and Padmabhushan Shri Kalindi Charan Panigrahi to carry on his ideal missions and lofty Visions in Life. Unfortunately he expired at the age of 46 in the year 1993. After Kumar Bhai's departure at first Guruma Late Satyabhama Debi and

now Guruma Dr. Arundhati Debi is devoted to accomplish the unfinished agenda of Kumar Bhai as the Director and Secretary of IIPM. The Ceremony commenced with the offering of flowers at the portrait of Shri Kumar Bhai and the lighting of ceremonial lamp by the Distinguished Guests. Addressing the gathering the Chief Guest Chairman Of the World Odisha Society Kishore Dwibedi appealed to all responsible citizens to follow the path shown by respected Kumar Bhai and the noble mottos of IIPM to develop a better, peaceful, prosperous, polite and pollution free World. Shri Dwibedi urged upon people to maintain discipline,



decency and dignity avoiding vulgarity, violence and vanity in the human life to fulfil the dreams of Kumar Bhai. Guest of Honour senior Lawyer Abani Sahu paid glowing tribute to Kumar Bhai and highlighted the relevance of his preachings to overcome

the negativity arising out of war and destruction in the current World. Chief Speaker Noted Cyber Security Expert Dr. Divya Tanwar cautioned about the emerging indecency due to the increase in cyber crimes in alarming rate because

of mushrooming of Social Medias. She advised for the limited use of Social Media and minimum uploading of informations to maintain cyber safety and security. In his speech Guest Of Honour the leading Advocate of Supreme Court Ram Avtar

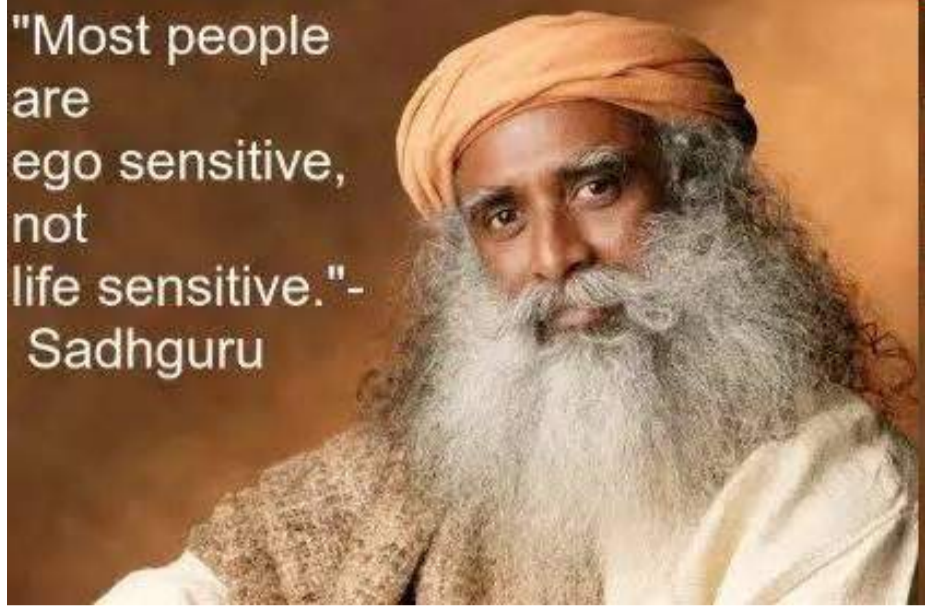
Sharma lauded the role of IIPM in spreading India's rich culture and lofty value system in National and International arenas with an aim to build up global peace and harmony. Chief Organizer, President of Vijayani Foundation Reeta Patra presented vote of thanks. Other dignitaries who spoke during the meeting include Byasadev Nayak, Pushpanjali Barik, Bibhu Sahu and Madhu Das. At the outset, IIPM theme Song written by Kumar Bhai was played. After that young and upcoming Odissi Dancer Samrudhi Mishra enthralled the audiences with her spectacular performance. Founder of Mahakankhya Foundation Pushpanjali

Barik, Tennis star Dillip Mohanty, Senior Journalist Vishan Prakash Sharma, Guruma Gitanjali Behura, T.V. Anchor Archana Singh and Social Activist Vimla Devi were felicitated during the occasion for their meritorious services. Nandan Dwibedi and Aditya Patra ably handled the live streaming of the event in social media. Prominent personalities present include Secretary of the Jagannath Temple Ravi Pradhan, Vinayak Das, Sarita Mohapatra, Ojswini Satpathy, Acharya Abhimanyu, Bandana Kar, Bhabana Kar, Harapriya Pradhan, Pramod Routray, Dillip Das, Shilpi Rashmi and Nalini Kanta Mishra, Archana and Chakrapani Parida, Priyattama and Asit Kar and Uttam Kumar.



## Quotation of the day

"Most people are ego sensitive, not life sensitive." - Sadhguru



## Bithoor, Uttar Pradesh

A small town on the banks of River Ganga, near Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, Bithoor is a place of great religious and historical importance. The town has been mentioned in ancient Hindu manuscripts. According to legends, Bithoor became the residence of Lord Brahma after Lord Vishnu recreated the universe.

Bithoor got its name after a series of changes. Utpalaranya forest is believed to be the site of Brahma's Ashwamedha Yajna (A nail of one of the horses used in the Yajna is believed to have been preserved at the site and stands as a testament to the ancient legend). The temple (one of the few shrines devoted to Lord



Brahma in India) also has a Shivaling named Brahmeshwar Mahadeva that is believed to have been established by Brahma. After completion of the yajna, the same forest was given the name of Brahmavart Ghat (the seat of Brahma), which the locals later started calling Bithoor. The first humans, Manu and Shatarupa are also believed to have been created in the Brahmavart Ghat.

Later, Bithoor flourished under the reign of emperor Uttanpad. His son Prince Dhruva (who grew up to be a saint) was a great devotee of Lord Brahma. It is said that Dhruva meditated on one foot to appease Lord Brahma. Delighted with his dedication and devotion, Lord Brahma appeared before him and granted him the boon of immortality and Dhruva became a shining star in the galaxy. The star Dhruva Taara is named after him. Moreover, Dhruva Teela (Dhruva's Hill) still stands in Bithoor as an evidence to the penance performed by Dhruva.

Bithoor is considered to be a prominent religious place because of its association with the ancient text, Ramayana. The town houses the Valmiki Ashram. It is believed that sage Valmiki composed the Ramayana in this ashram. Goddess Sita took refuge in Valmiki Ashram during her exile and gave birth to Luv and Kush. A place inside the Valmiki Ashram is known as Luv-Kush Janmsthal. It is said that Luv-Kush received their education from Valmiki at this spot. The ashram also consists of Sita Rasoi, which is believed to be Goddess Sita's kitchen during her exile. Another site, Sita Patal Pravesha, is the site where she decided to unite with mother Earth. Additionally, Lord Hanuman is believed to have stayed in Valmiki Ashram while searching for the whereabouts of Luv, Kush and Goddess Sita. Therefore, Valmiki Ashram has immense religious significance.

In the 18th century Maharaja Tikait Rai Bahadur, Diwan of Awadh built a

bathing structure of red stone in Bithoor, which is known as Patthar Ghat. This ancient structure stands on the banks of the river Ganga and houses a temple devoted to Lord Shiva, in which the Shivaling is made from the Kasauti Stone.

During the British Raj, Bithoor used to be a part of Cawnpore (today known as Kanpur) district in the United Provinces. It played a significant part in the First War of Independence of 1857. Rani Laxmi Bai, a freedom fighter spent her childhood in Bithoor. The Siege of Cawnpore (5th - 25th June 1857) is said to have started in Bithoor near the premises of Bithoor Fort. Nana Saheb (adopted son of Maratha Peshwa

Baji Rao II) was banished to Bithoor after which Bithoor Fort became the headquarters for planning the fight against the British. Prominent freedom fighters such as Rani Laxmi Bai, Nana Saheb, Ram Chandra Pandurang and Taty Tope started the revolt against the British in Bithoor. The actions of the force led by Nana Saheb resulted in the killing of over 300 British men, women and children during the Siege of Cawnpore. General Havelock captured Bithoor on July 19, 1857. Bithoor Fort, ghats and temples were set on fire by the British officials in which Mainawati, Nana Saheb's 14-year-old daughter was also burnt to death. To commemorate the memory of Mainawati, the State Government named a road Mainawati Marg in Kanpur.

Around 25,000 men, women and children of Bithoor were killed by the British to spread terror and their bodies were found hanging on the trees of the town. Bithoor is remembered as a place where a large number of people were mercilessly killed for revolting against the British empire. At present, what remains of the Bithoor Fort is only ruins. All Souls' Church (25 kilometers from Bithoor) was built in the year 1875 to honour British officials who were killed during the Siege of Cawnpore. The church premise also has a Memorial Well erected to mourn the lives of the British women and children who lost their lives in the Battle of Bithoor.

The state government has now established a memorial park, Nana Saheb Smarak. It consists of a museum, a gallery containing historical relics from the colonial period like Royal Orders, coins, stamps and other antiques. It also has statues of Nana Saheb, Rani Laxmi Bai, Taty Tope and other freedom fighters who started the Siege of Cawnpore. It is believed that the park has old banyan trees on which were hung the residents of Bithoor after British officials ordered mass hangings after the siege of Cawnpore. Those historic trees have been preserved as a testimony to the struggle of the people of Bithoor against the British.

## Book Review

### Many Spirit More Inspiration by Barun Sammadar

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Morality and ethics are two related but distinct concepts that are often used interchangeably. Morality refers to the set of beliefs and values that shape an individual's personal understanding of what is right and wrong. It is influenced by cultural, religious, and personal beliefs, and it varies from person to person.

Ethics, on the other hand, are the principles that govern the behavior of individuals and organizations in society. They provide a framework for making decisions and judgments about what is right and wrong in a given situation. Ethics are often codified in laws and regulations and are enforced by social norms and institutions. While morality is subjective and personal, ethics are more objective and societal. Morality is often driven by emotion, intuition, and personal experience, whereas ethics are based on reason, critical thinking, and moral principles.

Both morality and ethics are important in guiding individuals and societies toward a more just and equitable world. A person's moral beliefs can shape their behavior and contribute to the overall moral climate of a society. Ethical principles provide a common framework for decision-making in complex social, economic, and political situations. Thus for our next generation, an education rich in morality and ethics is absolutely necessary at the primary and secondary levels for growing up as responsible citizens with good humanitarian values.

But the directories in the society has marginalized, morality and ethics education to the point of becoming extinct from our education system. Eminent academic researcher and an educationist, Mr Barun Sammadar has done a commendable job to break all the taboos; and come up with an excellent book focusing on morality and ethics through numerous indigenous examples for exploring history integrated with joys and fun. Indeed, this is a monumental volume that is provided numerous examples from the lives of eminent Indian personalities like Noble laureate Rabindranath Tagore, distinguished, scientists and researchers, such as Satyendra Bose, religious reformers, like Raja Ram Mohan Roy, and Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, religious icons like Sri Ramkrishna Paramhansa, Swami Vivekananda and Rishi Aurobindo, Dr. Radha Krishna and others.

Mr. Barun Sommadar commented, "Intellect and intuition both are manifested in dialectical practice where intuition is numinous experience which cannot be taught but only evoked.....Palpable of humanity comes from realization of obligation which also can't be taught as it is purely a celestial conscience, attributed with sentient awareness .....For bringing this epistemology, Paravidya is most important rather than traditionalism which is influenced upon literary sense based on spiritual and cultural empiricism. Idea of preya and sreya Marge brings to lead a ascetic and austere life.....This life promotes an inspiration of another life who is qualified with analogy of mystical entity under the custody of immense power of artistry. So an ordinary man is not an ideal analogy of bright paradigm of animating agent as power of innovation along with proper manifestation of pure humanity is essential."

As a Headmaster of a report in school, Mr. Sommadar realized the importance of morality and ethics, two included within the educational curriculum for creating all rounded individuals who grew up as responsible citizen. It is from this conviction that he has taken this pin, sticking trouble of producing an outstanding volume that is so useful for students are primary and secondary levels to get an exposure to morality and ethics and also to learn to take responsibility, perform their duties and responsibilities diligently, and to respect our monumental forefathers from the past, for showing us the pathway to a better future. This indispensable volume to my mind should we made a compulsory textbook for morality and ethics for all the schools in Waze, doing all that fall within the purview of primary and secondary education. I sincerely congratulate Mr. Sommadar for doing this commendable job and wish him the best with all his future endeavors. His concern for the student to learn properly about their glorious past in the form of morality and ethics by incorporating that directly into the education system. This volume is extremely full for the students as well as those enthusiastic leaders who are interested in exploring various accepts of school level, education and research.

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### Kolkata Police O Ami by Barun Sommadar

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"Kolkata Police o Ami" is a Bengali non-fiction book written by Barun Sammadar published in 2015. This volume is an excellent collection of memoirs of the author, who has worked in various capacities with the Kolkata Police Force for several years.

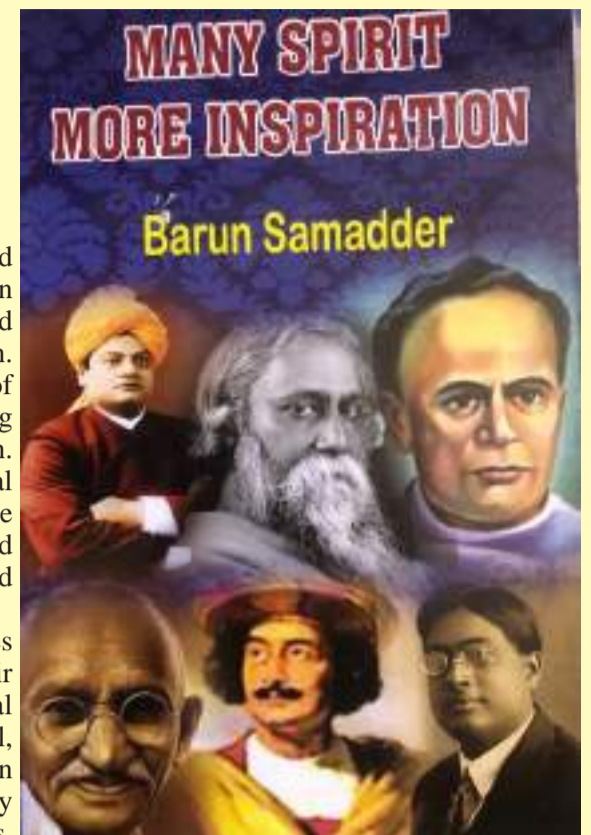
The book provides a unique insight into the functioning of the Kolkata Police Force, its challenges, and the day-to-day life of a police officer from multiple perspectives. The author shares his experiences of dealing with various cases, ranging from petty crimes to serious offenses like murder and kidnapping. He also talks about the socio-economic conditions of the people of Kolkata, which have a significant impact on the crime rate in the city. The simple and lucid language has been indeed a jewel in the crown of this special volume as it connects easily with the reader.

One of the most impressive aspects of the book is the author's candidness about the corruption and political interference in the police force. He provides a firsthand account of how politicians often interfere in police investigations and how corruption is rampant in the system. However, the author also acknowledges the hard work and dedication of many police officers who work tirelessly to maintain law and order in the city. Overall, "Kolkata Police o Ami" is an engaging and informative book that offers a rare glimpse into the world of the Kolkata Police Force. The book is a must-read for anyone interested in law enforcement, crime, and the socio-economic conditions of the city of Kolkata; and how the police departments struggle to maintain the services in spite of its serious logistic limitations and acute shortage of staff members. The author has very successfully provided the story of the police force that we often fail to see due to our obsessive negative view of the police force.

The author never denied the high handedness and mismanagement demonstrated by Kolkata Police and different cases. However, he has been instrumental in explaining, and drawing the portrayal of the humanitarian face of the police at the same time. One of the biggest contribution of Mr. Sommadar has been to explain to the public that we need to look at our police force with empathy. The members of the police force are not aliens; they come from the same society to which we belong, and hence they also share the same negativity and shortcomings that we too have. Hence, to expect the police force to be always absolutely neutral, fair, well-managed and citizen-friendly is possibly an over expectation that is hard to achieve technically. However, if we as common citizen stood by the members of our Police, food, which solidarity, respect, empathy and positive support; the police force is bound to become formidable, successful and citizen, friendly in the not so distant future.

The author has done an outstanding job in connecting Police as a humanitarian force; instead of an assertive and authoritative, law enforcing force to the readers in a very simple, candid language. This is possibly the first work in Bengali literature in highlighting the humanitarian face of police force, and placing them on the public platform for a better police citizen interaction down the line. It is volume is simply unputdownable from cover to cover abs is rich with numerous thrilling incidents, awe inspiring investigations, heart breaking stories as well incidents of hope and trust on the Kolkata police force. The author has nicely shared that how important it is for us to cooperate, collaborate, coordinate and communicate (4C Principal) with the local police force as responsible citizens to reduce crimes in the city environment. Bith needs to work have in hand for a better, secure, peaceful and prosperous future.

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**Adipurush Trailer: Kriti Sanon Opens Up On Playing Janaki, Says, 'Very Few Actors Get Such A Role'**

The much-awaited trailer of 'Adipurush' has finally been released and Kriti Sanon as Janaki is one vision to behold. With her ever-charming aura, the leading lady is winning her presence on the screen. Exuding sheer elegance, grace and purity, the actress embodies the character of Janaki, like it's tailor made for the actress. Ever since the trailer was released, she has been garnering a lot of love from all across as the netizens are constantly flooding social media with their praises. As the trailer was released with a grand launch, Kriti was seen speaking about her feeling of being a part of



such a role that is a dream for many actors to play in their lifetime. She said, "I am very emotional today, I had goose-bumps while watching the trailer because this is not just a

movie but much more than that. What we experienced while making this film was special." Thanking director OM Raut, Kriti said, "I want to thank Om for

believing in me as Janaki. You had faith in me that I could play that role because there are very few actors who get such a role in their lifetime. I feel very, very blessed."

Speaking about her character, Kriti added, "I have poured my heart and soul into Janaki. I had complete faith in the role but while shooting for the movie I started learning more and more about this character. She is very pure, has a kind soul, a loving heart and a strong mind. In my poster as well you will see, there is pain, but there is no fear in it. It was a huge emotion for me. We are mere humans, forgive us if we have faltered." Meanwhile, on the work front, apart from 'Adipurush', the actress will be next seen in 'Ganapath', 'The Crew', and an untitled next with Shahid Kapoor.

**Aamir Khan regrets not giving enough time to family**

Aamir Khan who turned 57 on Monday, is looking back at the time when he took his family member for granted. In a recent interview, the actor opened up about his personal life, career, family and value system. Opening up about how he could not give enough time to his near and dear ones, he shared that he didn't shoulder his responsibilities. He added that his parents, his siblings, his ex-wives - Reena Dutta and Kiran Rao, their parents and his children are the people very close to him. He went on to say that he was 18 when he joined movies and got absorbed. He stated that he wanted to learn and do so much. The superstar said that he couldn't give his time to the people close to him, the way he would want to. Aamir married Reena Dutta in 1986 and are parents to Junaid Khan and Ira Khan. They separated in 2002. He married Kiran Rao in 2005 and they share son Azad Rao Khan. The couple announced their separation last year in 2021. Meanwhile, on the work front, the superstar will be next seen in the highly anticipated film 'Laal Singh Chaddha' that also stars Kareena Kapoor Khan, Mona Singh and Naga Chaitanya in pivotal roles.

**Manoj Bajpayee's Courtroom Drama 'Bandaa' To Screen At New York International Film Festival**

The trailer of upcoming courtroom drama 'Sirf Ek Bandaa Kaafi Hai' featuring Manoj Bajpayee released yesterday and is receiving great response across platforms. After grabbing the attention of the masses, the film has started to spread way beyond the boundaries with its screening at the New York International Film Festival. Having made its distinct place in the mind of the audience with its impactful, intriguing, and hard-



hitting trailer, 'Sirf Ek Bandaa Kaafi Hai' is one of the biggest legal courtroom dramas directed by Apoorv Singh Karki will be screened at

the New York International Film Festival 2023. Padma Shri and National Award recipient, Manoj Bajpayee who is playing the lead in the film

will be leaving tonight to attend the screening in New York. 'Sirf Ek Bandaa Kaafi Hai' is the story of an ordinary man - a high court lawyer who

single-handedly fought an extraordinary case for the rape of a minor under the POCSO act. A Zee Studios and Bhanushali Studios Limited production, Suparn S Varma's courtroom drama directed by Apoorv Singh Karki, 'Bandaa' is produced by Vinod Bhanushali, Kamlesh Bhanushali, Asif Sheikh & Vishal Gurnani and co-produced by Juhi Parekh Mehta. 'Sirf Ek Bandaa Kaafi Hai' is all set to premiere on Zee5 on May 23, 2023.

**Sangita Ghosh to stay in Chandigarh for a year**

Due to back-to-back shootings in Punjab, TV actress Sangita Ghosh shifted her base to Mohali near Chandigarh for an extended duration. While the Des Mein

ANYTHING NOW' Sangita, who started as a TV actor in 1986 with Hum Hindustani, revealed that she's in love with her new pad in Mohali. "TV demands it. Juggling

seasons of reality dance show, Nach Baliye, is relishing desi food of Punjab, with makki di roti and sarson ka saag becoming a routine dish. "The weather here is amazing. Hardly do



Nikilla Hoga Chand actress, currently shooting for a new show Swaran Ghar with Ronit Roy in the outskirts of city, will stay put here initially for a year, chances to extend the tenure are quite high. 'MIGHT EXTEND THE 'DELICIOUS' STAY, CAN'T SAY

between Mumbai and Chandigarh isn't feasible, for we need to shoot back-to-back for daily soaps. For me it wasn't a difficult decision. I have been here before and frankly speaking I am good at adapting to different cultures and also food habits." Sangita, who has also hosted two

we get a chance to go on a food trail for such a longer duration. So, I am happy to relish the rich and delectable cuisine of Punjab. We hear Sangita is also planning to learn some easy-to-cook dishes, while aiming to take back the food legacy of the state when she moves back to Mumbai.

**Raveena Tandon Roasts Kapil Sharma For His Look, Plants Kiss On His Face**



Evergreen actor Raveena Tandon recently graced the popular television chat show 'The Kapil Sharma Show' along with Guneet Monga and Sudha Murty and had some fun time with the host Kapil Sharma. Ahead of the full episode that will be released this week, the makers shared a video where Raveena was seen roasting Kapil Sharma and later planting a kiss on his face. The clip shared on Instagram, Raveena is seen speaking about her iconic film 'Andaaz Apna Apna', also starring Salman Khan, Aamir Khan and Karisma Kapoor. The 'KGF 2' actress recalled her look in the film where she sported curly hair and said, "Andaz Apna Apna me aise ghungraale..perm wale

baal... Maine kyu banaye waise, ye sab cheezey baad mein sochte he ki yaar..." (In Andaz Apna Apna I had such curly hair and I now feel why did I do that to myself, so these things one realizes much later)." However, Kapil interrupts the actor in between and says, "I think har kisi ko lagta ki yaar apni purani waali photos dekho na... koi bhi dekhe..." (I think every single person feels the same when they see their old pictures)." Raveena then took a dig at Kapil jokingly and said, "Tum toh abhi ke hi photo dekhke bhi yahi bolte hoge?" (You must be saying the same with your current pictures too)" Her statement caused everyone on the sets break into laughter. After roasting him,

Raveena then planted a kiss on Kapil's cheek. Kapil Sharma then replied, "Agar aisi beizzati karke ye sab milna he toh ek do aur karo!" (If you want to insult me and then kiss me after that then you can insult me more often!)." In the upcoming episode of The Kapil Sharma Raveena Tandon, Guneet Monga and Sudha Murthy will be seen having fun in the show. Raveena Tandon, who was last seen playing the role of Indian Prime Minister in KGF 2, will next be seen in 'Ghudchadi', a romantic-comedy film directed by Binoy Gandhi. Produced by Nidhi Dutta, Bhushan Kumar and Krishan Kumar under the banner of Keep Dreaming Pictures and T-Series. It is set for release on September 29.



## Why Pakistan love to treat their PMs like criminals

Vivek Shukla

The manner in which former Prime Minister Imran Khan was arrested in a corruption case by Rangers from the Islamabad High Court (IHC) has shocked one and all. How can you arrest a national icon inside the court premises with utter contempt? The burly Rangers were taking him in their waiting van as he is a hardened criminal. After all, he was prime minister of Pakistan and still heads the biggest political party of his country. That he was a champion sportsperson is not important now. It is also not important that under his leadership Pakistan has become the 1992 World Cup cricket champion. But, Pakistan has a track record of treating their prime ministers like petty criminals. Therefore, Pakistan watchers are not surprised that the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief was taken into custody as part of the National Accountability Bureau's (NAB) investigation in the Al-Qadir Trust case ahead of his appearance before the IHC bench to seek bail in multiple FIRs registered against

him. If we scan through the pages of Pakistan's history, then we find that in January 1962, Huseyn Shaheed Suhrawardy was arrested. The fault of the fifth prime minister of Pakistan was that he refused to support Gen Ayub Khan's military coup. He was arrested on bogus charges of "anti-state activities". It may be recalled that Suhrawardy's tenure as premier of Bengal saw the Great Calcutta Killings in 1946. The Muslim League called a strike to press its demand for the creation of Pakistan. The strike degenerated into brutal and widespread Hindu-Muslim riots in which thousands were killed on both sides. The riots were seen by some as the last nail in the coffin for Hindu-Muslim unity in British India. Huseyn Shaheed Suhrawardy (8 September 1892 – 5 December 1963) was a barrister and politician. He served as the Prime Minister of Pakistan from 1956 to 1957 and before that as the Prime Minister of Bengal from 1946 to 1947. Suhrawardy is revered as one of the B a n g l a d e s h ' s

founding statesmen. There he is also remembered as the mentor of Bangladesh's founding leader Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. In India, he is seen as a controversial figure; some hold him responsible for the 1946 Calcutta Killings, for which he is often referred as the "Butcher of Bengal" in West Bengal. And after Huseyn Shaheed Suhrawardy, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, who served as the ninth prime minister, was taken into custody on the charges of conspiracy to murder a political opponent in 1974. He was sentenced to death and executed on April 4, 1979. Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, was hanged by General Zia-ul Haq's military regime, in what is often considered by legal experts a 'judicial murder'. Zia, who was the former President of Pakistan and Chief of Army Staff from 1978 to 1988, had seized power from Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, the country's first democratically elected Prime Minister, in a bloodless coup on July 5, 1977. If you closely observe the political scene of

Pakistan, you would realize that there political leaders treat their rivals as sworn enemies. They hurl abuses on them and make extremely

August 1985. She served as the premier twice from 1988 to 1990 and again from 1993 to 1996. Later, she was arrested in 1986 for denouncing

to five years imprisonment for corruption and disqualified from holding public office and fined more than £5 million.

Saudi Arabia to complete the remaining years of exile.

There was no end to the woes of Benazir Bhutto as she was again put under arrest for a week in a bid to stop her from leading a long march against Gen Musharraf's government. That was in November 2007. Sadly, she was killed in bomb blast in 2010. In July 2018, Nawaz Sharif was sentenced to 10 years in jail along with his daughter Maryam Nawaz in a corruption case. The three-time prime minister was again handed over seven years in prison in the Al-Azizia Steel Mills corruption reference. Currently, he is in exile in London.

Shahid Khaqan Abbasi was arrested in connection with the LNG case by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) for alleged corruption in July 2019. It may be recalled that Shahid Khaqan Abbasi served as the 21st prime minister of Pakistan from August 2017 to May 2018. Abbasi is the senior vice president of the Pakistan Muslim League-N (PML-N), and secretary-general of

Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM), an anti-PTI coalition of political parties in Pakistan. He has been a Member of the National Assembly of Pakistan since October 2018. Previously, he served as a member of the National Assembly for 8 non-consecutive terms since 1988.

Interestingly, while Pakistan's first Prime Minister, Liaqat Ali Khan, was never arrested, he was assassinated on October 16, 1951, in the Company Baugh of Rawalpindi. Also referred to as Shaheed-e-Millat, the leader was killed while he was on stage during a public meeting of the Muslim League. The stage was later named Liaqat Bagh. But the mystery continues to shroud Khan's death. A close aide of Pakistan founder Mohammad Ali Jinnah, Liaqat Ali Khan was finance minister in the interim government headed by Pt. Jawaharlal Lal Nehru in 1946.

Who knows when sanity returns in Pakistan? Alas, things are very disturbing in our neighbour.

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serious charges. There is no place for healthy debates and deliberations. So, they arrest each other when in power. Meanwhile, Bhutto's daughter, Benazir Bhutto put under house arrest for 90 days in

the government at a rally in Karachi on independence day. She was again arrested in 1986 for denouncing the government at a rally in Karachi on independence day. Benazir was sentenced

And it was the turn of her sworn political enemy, Nawaz Sharif to face the music. He was exiled during Gen Pervez Musharraf's government for 10 years. He was arrested when he returned to Pakistan and sent to

## The Financial Stratus Of India



**Uma Shankar Prasad**  
The Financial inclusion of India is truly remarkable as asserted by IMF. This is the plus point for Modi's for coming 2024 Lok Sabha elections. In 1991, when India embarked on its economic liberalisation, the real per-capita income was just shy of \$600. But Today that was more than tripled. An estimated 400 million people in India have been lifted out of poverty just in the last 15 years. And this is one of the fastest poverty reduction rates in the world. India's role on the global stage has also shifted dramatically. In 1991 the country was one of the world's

largest aid recipients but Today India is the net donor. In purchasing power parity terms, it is also the third largest economy in the world, expected to contribute about 15% to global growth this year. Deputy Managing Director M. Sayeh referred to India's G20 Presidency and said in that role its agenda focuses on global public goods and strengthening international coordination around debt and digitalisation.

IMF notes that India's financial and economic progress over the past decades has been underpinned by the transformation in its financial sector. The 1990s saw an increasing role of private sector banks, the introduction of universal banking, adoption of international best practices in regulation and supervision, and

the creation of the National Stock Exchange as well as Electronic trading. Thanks to these developments, larger firms were able to increase their access to market-based funding, using both bond and equity markets. But India's achievements in the financial sector clearly go beyond numbers of banks or market capitalisation. The country has impressed the world in fostering financial inclusion through its public digital infrastructure. Just a decade ago, local shops were filled with people buying and selling goods with cash. Today, financial transactions are mostly executed with smartphones. The public digital infrastructure is also helping to improve the efficiency of public finance management. On the one hand, the unique identifier based on biometric measurements—

which underpins the digital payment architecture allowed the Government to save money by eliminating ghost employees from its



payroll. On the other hand, the digital payment system boosted revenue collection from the general sales tax, while reducing tax compliance costs for business. It has also helped ramp-up the distribution of social benefits to millions who were previously unreachable. During the pandemic period

the authorities were able to transfer 37 billion dollars in social benefits to people's bank accounts in 2020-2021, avoiding costly intermediaries

and reducing leakages. But IMF notes that India's financial development journey has not always been smooth. It has faced external turbulences- such as the Asian financial crisis, the global financial crisis, and more recently the devastating impact of the pandemic and the

war in Ukraine. But our authorities implementing many policies to increase financial sector resilience. The Fund also refers to home

for non-bank financial companies. Important progress has also been made in bank recapitalisation, corporate debt restructuring and oversight of financial market institutions, as well as in crisis management. But it warns of more work ahead for India. India's financial sector is also confronting challenges facing all

countries, such as the spill overs from the tightening of global financial conditions, the need to adopt to technological change, or the impact of climate change. Another point sought to improved financial services by vulnerable populations. This present challenges which constantly need to be upgraded to support to healthy development of the financial sector.

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### Letter To Editor

Sir,

#### Save Red sanders

Red sanders are India's most exploited tree species and is under severe pressure from illegal logging and harvesting. Rampant illegal logging has been reported across the country. Under the foreign trade policy of India, the import of Red Sanders is prohibited, while export is restricted. Rampant illegal logging and smuggling of Red sanders trees have been reported in Chittoor, Tirupati, Gadwal, Mehaboobnagar Guntur, Kadapa, Nellore and Kurnool districts, according to the AP Forest Department. To curb this illegal logging of the Red sanders, the AP and Telangana, Forest Departments should form a Red Sanders Anti-Smuggling Task Force.

**Vijaykumar H K**  
Environmentalist  
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# Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Inaugurates Full Dome film "Luminaries of Bengal", Exhibition "Birth of an Artist"

Kolkata: Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi gave importance to celebrate 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' or 75 years of India's independence to make the youths and children of the country aware of the contributions of our great revolutionaries in India's freedom struggle as well as to help the country reach newer heights in all the fields of development. As a part of this effort, today, a FullDome Film, "Luminaries of Bengal" to be displayed in the full dome theatre of Science City, Kolkata, an Exhibition "Birth of an Artist: The Early Years of Abanindranath Tagore" and a Light & Sound Show "Kolkata: City of Joy" to be displayed at Victoria Memorial Hall, Kolkata were inaugurated today, stated the Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah in presence of Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, the Union Minister of

State for Culture and Parliamentary Affairs in Science City, Kolkata today. Today, besides inaugurating this, the Office Building Complex of the Anthropological Survey of India and "Reader's Hostel cum Guest House" of the National Library were also dedicated to the nation by him. The full dome film, "Luminaries of Bengal" has been developed to commemorate the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and is the first of its kind film completely developed and produced in India in three languages - Hindi, Bengali and English. It is being showcased in both 2D and 3D formats, using 4K technology, on a 23-meter diameter digital full-dome theatre. The opening scenes of the film feature breathtaking views of the snow-covered mountains of Darjeeling and Sandakphu, as well as the serene hills of Purulia and Bankura. The dynamic, ever-moving

waves of the ocean in Digha and Mandarmani are also highlighted. The film then takes us on a journey through the winding rivers of the vast Ganga Delta. Moving on, it delves into the early history of Bengal and explores the significant contributions of various luminaries in the domains of science, culture, art, music, literature, and spirituality. The film also sheds light on the pivotal role played by the renowned personalities of Bengal in India's freedom struggle as well as in the fields of literature, art and culture, right from Shri Chaitanya, Bengal Renaissance and culminating into Bankim Chandra, Keshab Chandra Sen, Rajani Kanta Sen, Rabindranath Tagore, Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay and also the contributions of Dharendra Nath Ganguly, the father of Bengali cinema. The Light and Sound



show "Kolkata: City of Joy" presents an updated story of the history, present and past of Kolkata in an engaging manner which will educate and entertain all sections of people, especially the youth. The Show presents the history and culture of Kolkata in a technologically innovative format and

attempts to put forth the richness of the heritage of Kolkata to the public in a captivating manner. Celebrating the sesquicentennial birth anniversary of Abanindranath Tagore, the Victoria Memorial Hall in Kolkata presents the exhibition "Birth of an Artist: The Early Years of Abanindranath Tagore." As the

foundational figure of the Bengal School of Art, he is renowned as the "Father of Modern Indian Art." This exhibition showcases rare and unseen artworks from his early days, including sketches from his school-going years, documenting the sloped terraces of Bengal's mud house architecture. The exhibition promises to

provide numerous clues to the inception of his artistic journey and offers a unique opportunity for art lovers and scholars to explore the formative years of the great Indian artist. The Office Building Complex of the Anthropological Survey of India was constructed in two phases. Phase-I saw the construction of the Office-Cum-Central Anthropological Library building and transit accommodation in 2006. Phase-II included the New Office Building constructed by CPWD Authority, with an estimated cost of Rs. 72.22 crore. Completed in March 2022, the complex houses an eight-storied building with a DNA laboratory, auditorium, central museum, and library, among others. The Survey also provides transit accommodation for its field officials in sixteen flats. The National Library, under the central

Ministry of Culture, is an "Institution of National Importance" and has been open to the public since 1953. A new fully-furnished and air-conditioned "Readers' Hostel cum Guest House" has been opened for eminent scholars to stay while doing research. This will benefit many people and add to the library's reputation. The dignitaries present on the occasion included the Union Minister of State for Home Shri Nisith Pramanik, Union Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Shri Shantanu Thakur, The Leader of Opposition of West Bengal, Shri Suwendu Adhikari, the President, BJP State Unit Dr Sukanta Majumdar, The Joint Secretary, Union Ministry of Culture, Smt Mugdha Sinha and host of other senior officers of Science City and Union Ministry of Culture.

## New Chairman of Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata



Kolkata: Shri Rathendra Raman, an I.R.T.S. Officer of the 1995 batch took over the charge as Chairman, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata (SMP, Kolkata) on and from today (May 9, 2023). Before taking over the charge of Chairman, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata, Shri Raman was Chief Freight Traffic Manager (CFTM) in the South Eastern Railway. Immediately after taking over charge of Chairman, SMP Kolkata, Shri Raman held a meeting with the Deputy Chairmen and Heads of Departments of Kolkata Dock System and Haldia Dock Complex at Head Office Board Room. Shri Raman joined the Indian Railway Traffic Service (IRTS) in 1996 and subsequently headed operations of three divisions of Eastern Railway (ER) for about 13 years between 2002 to 2017, he was awarded General

Manager's medal four times: 1998, 2001, 2004, 2012 and Railway Minister's medal in 2006. Later, Shri Raman joined Container Corporation of India (CONCOR) on deputation as Chief General Manager, Eastern Region, where his achievements included movement of first Container Train to Bangladesh and container movement to Nepal through Jogbani and Batnaha Rail Terminals and commissioning of Balasore and Jharsuguda Inland Container Depot and Container Freight Station at Paradip Port Authority. Shri Raman, as CFTM had been involved with industries such as coal, iron ore, cement, steel, power-houses and ports. His postings, mostly in the eastern part of the country, have enabled him to acquire a fairly comprehensive idea of its static and dynamic logistic profile, and a grasp of the fascinating inter-play of its

contributing factors. Specifically, both Haldia Dock Complex and Kolkata Dock System of SMP Kolkata essentially depend on faster and timely evacuation through Indian Railway, especially of the bulk consignments and containers. Shri Raman had manifold opportunities to visit and understand Kolkata Port working as Operations In-charge, Sealdah and as CGM, CONCOR. Along the way, training at Antwerp Port, Belgium while with CONCOR, exposed Shri Raman to innovations and novel dimensions in the field. He did his B.Sc (Hons) and M.Sc (Hons) from Delhi University. Shri Raman believes in collective responsibility and wisdom and he invites co-operation from the Port Users, Employees of SMP, Kolkata and Trade and Commerce at large to further strengthen the overall performance of SMP, Kolkata and to make it more vibrant in the Port and Shipping World.

## Amit Shah inaugurated & dedicated Four Central Government Projects in Kolkata on 9th May

Kolkata (Partha Roy): Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah inaugurated and dedicated to nation four projects of Ministry of Culture in august presence of Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of State for Culture and Parliamentary Affairs at Science City, Kolkata on 9th May 2023. Shri Amit Shah inaugurated a Full Dome Film, titled "Luminaries of Bengal" to be screened in the full dome theatre of Science City, Kolkata. The full dome film, "Luminaries of Bengal" has been developed to commemorate the "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" and is the first of its kind film completely developed and produced in India in three languages - Hindi, Bengali and English. It is being screened in both 2D and 3D formats, using 4K technology, on a 23-meter diameter digital full-dome theatre. The opening scenes of the film feature breathtaking views of the snow-covered mountains of Darjeeling and Sandakphu, as well as the serene hills of Purulia and Bankura. The dynamic, ever-moving waves of the ocean in Digha and Mandarmani are also highlighted. The film then takes viewers on a journey through the winding rivers of the vast Ganga Delta. Moving on, it delves into the early history of



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show "Kolkata: City of Joy" presents a story of the historical journey to present of Kolkata to educate and entertain all sections of people, especially the youth. The Show highlights rich heritage of Kolkata to the public in a humorous and amusing manner. Kolkata : City of Joy show will be in three different languages Bengali, English and Hindi on different days. Celebrating the sesquicentennial birth anniversary of Abanindranath Tagore, the Victoria Memorial Hall in Kolkata presents the exhibition "Birth of an Artist: The Early Years of Abanindranath Tagore." The Exhibition showing Abanindranath Tagore's creative artistic

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# CS Care For Differently Able

**Bhubaneswar:** Chief Secretary Pradeep Kumar Jena on Tuesday inaugurated Eastern India Consultation on status of People with Disabilities and Road to Inclusive Development here at Hotel Mayfair.

Supported by National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People (NCPEDP), New Delhi, this programme was organized by "Swabhiman" for the first time; an Eastern India consultation on the above subject.

"Swabhiman" is a cross-disability, rights-based organization, empowers and systematically mainstreams persons with disabilities. Education, accessibility, livelihood and advocacy for the rights of persons with disabilities for empowerment and inclusion are the prime focus areas of its work.

The aim of the workshop was to understand the status of people with disabilities in the Eastern

Region across the key thematic areas of education, employment, health and accessibility, specifically in the context of gender and Sustainable Development Goal realization.

At least 70 participants from five eastern States, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha and West Bengal, representing 21 kinds of disabilities, participated and discussed and deliberated a way forward inclusive development and disaggregated data in 2030.

Addressing the delegates from different States, Chief Secretary Jena said that while parents of children with disabilities are taking care and responsibility, the Government has more work to do for them.

The challenge is to ensure that persons with disabilities can live with dignity by getting access to education, health and related facilities, he said. Shri Jena also said that the Odisha Government is



doing a good job for the welfare of the disabled. Steps have been expedited to construct Integrated Infrastructure Complexes (IICs) in all the 30 districts of the State in a phased manner through the Department of Social Security and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (SSEPD).

In the first phase work has been started for 10 districts. State Institute of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (SIEP) under the SSEPD department was set up with state-of-the-art facilities for persons with disabilities, Jena said.

In a recently held secretary-level meeting, the welfare of

differently-abled persons has been discussed. All Secretaries will visit (SIEP) and other institutions working for the welfare of persons with disabilities to study their ground situation and problems, he added.

The Chief Secretary also said that just as the State Government has been deciding the course of action in the last few years with emphasis on

Zero Casualty in disaster management, the State Government is also focusing on the facilities of the differently abled in the State and will make a lot of changes in their lives by continuing with more efforts to meet their needs in the coming days.

Shri Jena also focused upon that there is a need to make the institutions and workers more aware

who are working for the welfare of the disabled in Odisha.

Efforts will continue to address the problems of 21 types of persons with disabilities, in particular. Welfare of the disabled will be our mission to take into a higher level by coordinating between political leaders and the bureaucracy, he said.

Speaking on the occasion, Arman Ali, Honorary Director, NCPEDP said that Odisha has won accolades in fields like natural disaster management, investment in the State and setting up industries including sports etc.

He also suggested that para sports should be given importance in the State along with facilities for education, employment and access to all sectors for persons with disabilities. Bratati Harichandan, Director, SSEPD was also present as the guest of honour.

Giving information about the program, The Founder and CEO of

"Swabhimaan" Dr. Shrutu Mohapatra said about the transformative promise of the 2030 Agenda to 'Leave no one behind' and to "endeavor to reach the furthest behind first" emphasizes that "all" people should have access to equitable and accessible education, employment, and health services.

She also proposed to collect special data on persons with disabilities in the upcoming census in all States, including Odisha, and sought cooperation of all the States to bring it to the notice of the Government of India. She further said about vision for the Eastern Region vis-à-vis disability inclusion in the next 5—10 years.

A report documenting the status and recommendations for Disability Inclusion in the key thematic areas of education, employment, health, accessibility, gender and SDGs is also the objective of the workshop.

## Two get 20-year rigorous imprisonment for raping minor girl

**BARIPADA:** Special POCSO court judge of Mayurbhanj district Sumita Jena on Monday sentenced two persons to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment (RI) each for raping a 14-year-old girl. The convicts are Keshab Chandra Tiriya (46) of Takudipal village within Jashipur police limits and Asish Digi (28) of Anandpur in Keonjhar. Public prosecutor Abhinna Pattnaik said on February 11, 2017, the two convicts entered the victim's house taking



advantage of her parent's absence. Finding the girl alone, the duo raped her.

On February 13, the victim's mother lodged an FIR in Jashipur

police station against the duo based on which a case was registered under sections 376-D and 506 of the IPC and section 6 of the POCSO Act. Subsequently, police arrested Keshab and Asish. Pattnaik said the court also imposed a fine of Rs 10,000 on each of the convicts. Failure to pay the fine will result in an additional jail term of three months. The court directed the secretary of the district legal services authority to pay a compensation of Rs 4 lakh to the victim.

## Unknown disease ruins paddy crop, dashes farmers' hope in Odisha

**BARGARH:** Farmers of Bargarh district are in dire straits after an unidentified plant disease has affected their standing paddy crops leaving them damaged and pale. The unknown disease was first noticed by farmers of the Attabira, Bhatli and Bheden blocks during mid-April. They reported that the tip of their paddy crops first turned pale after which the entire plant got damaged.

Later farmers of other blocks also complained of their paddy showing similar symptoms. While some reported the matter to the district agriculture office, others sent tweets to the principal secretary of the Agriculture Department, Government of Odisha, Arabinda K Padhee.

"We will incur huge losses as standing paddy grown on large tracts of land are now damaged," alleged farmer leader Ramesh Mahapatra. The crops have symptoms of two to three diseases but farmers are unable to identify the exact cause. The Agriculture Department officials



have collected samples. Large tracts of paddy cultivation have been affected by the disease, farmers said.

"While the officials have assessed the damage of crops on over 300-400 hectare land, in reality, around 2,000-3,000 hectare has been affected," Mahapatra further informed. Chief district agriculture officer (CDAO), Bargarh, Ashok Kumar Amat said a team from Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) will visit all blocks to further assess the situation. The region

witnessed inclement weather conditions for the last few months, said Amat, adding, the district witnessed sweltering heat and incessant rainfall in succession while some regions faced hailstorms. "While the crops developed Rice Blast and Bacterial Leaf Blight diseases, excessive application of urea on the affected plants further led to Neck Blast Disease," Amat stated.

Official sources informed that while the farmers applied excess

urea to their crops, a decrease in the application of potash by 50 per cent has left the crops more susceptible to pest attack. Amat informed that the crops on which the disease is in its initial stage can be revived by the use of pesticides. "But those that have entirely been affected by the disease, are almost destroyed. The KVK scientists have recommended the application of necessary pesticides for them. We will carry out a loss assessment soon," he added.



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## Mo School partners with British Council to skill children through sports

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

The Operational Alliance Agreement (OAA) has been signed

by Sri Anupam Saha, SPD-OSEPA & Member Secretary, Mo School and Rittika Chanda Parrukh, Director Education India, British Council in the presence of senior officials of Government of Odisha and British Council. The agreement will complement the existing overarching agreement between the Government of Odisha and British Council India to work together for strengthening school and mass education in Odisha.

Speaking on the new partnership, Smt. Susmita Bagchi, Chairperson, Mo School said, "We are looking forward to the collaboration with British Council as we want to equip our teachers and trainers with better tools for promoting sports activities right from the school. The collaboration will help our students to build their career in sports

and deliver quality education by giving additional focus on students' health and wellbeing. By skilling them through this programme we hope to afford them a chance to demonstrate improved skills and knowledge while also increasing awareness about how sports can be used as a tool to bring transformative change."

Alison Barrett MBE, Director India, British Council, said, "We are excited for delivering on the MoU we have with Odisha, and working again with Mo School Abhiyan for physical health and wellness of school going children. Prior to this partnership, we worked with Mo School for an English language development programme when Mo School was launched.

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

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

## Jharkhand Government should protect Life & Property of the Tribal people

Ranchi(KCN) :Radio active radiation of Jaduguda Uranium Mines located in Jharkhand is inviting another Hiroshima or Bhopal tragedy. If the state and central government do not warn in time, then there can be a big danger to the population and the environment and can also cause huge destruction.

Memorandum was given by the Central President of Jharkhandi Information Rights Forum, Central Vice President of Tribal Moolvasi Jan Adhikar Manch, former MLA candidate, Vijay Shankar Nayak, to His Excellency Madam President of India / Prime Minister / Home Minister / Union Minister Forest Environment and Climate Change Department / Governor of Jharkhand / Somewhere in his letter sent to the Chief Minister of Jharkhand/Union Minister of Mines and Geology in this context (e-mail Trahimam message letter), he further said that Uranium is mined from Jaduguda, which is converted into a simple material yellow cake and fed into nuclear reactors by UCIL. This Yellow Cake is shipped by Hyderabad Nuclear reactor works as a fuel and it is made electricity. The waste that comes out after the generation of electricity from the nuclear reactor, the uranium waste is brought back to Jharkhand Jaduguda and then it is put in all the tailing ponds of Jaduguda.

Shri Nayak further said that today the situation with uranium wastes in mining and tailing ponds is so alarming that survey near Jaduguda Uranium Mine has found excessive deformities and cancer A shocking revelation Indian Doctors for Peace and Development IDPD external link A detailed survey as report In Uranium Corporation of India Limited, Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL) brings to the fore some naked truths about the health hazards faced by the miners and employees. The study was conducted between May and August 2007, said Shakeel Ur Rehman, secretary of the association's national council. It was done in two different phases as survey focused on villages within 2.5 km radius from the mines similarly the survey was conducted in villages about 30 km away from the mining area Total (2,118) households in the first category while others (1,956) households in the second category was studied. According to the survey more children around 9.5 percent new born babies are dying every year due to severe physical



deformity, primary infertility is becoming common in which 9.6% women are not able to conceive even after 3 years of marriage, dying of cancer in the surrounding village The number of people is about 2.87 percent and 68.33 percent People are dying before the age of 62 (The Telegraph 2 Mar 2008) Mr. Nayak further said that teleponds have been created by excavating the hills around Jaduguda where radioactive radiation debris from uranium mining is disposed of, due to which three tailing ponds have polluted the surrounding ground water and the Subarnarekha river. Is. He further said that the Tata Institute of Social Science had done a study in 2003, quoting the study, this institution said that between 1998 and 2003, about 18% of women in this area either had abortions or gave birth to dead children. 30% women have faced some kind of difficulty in pregnancy mentioned. Such is the appalling situation that the birth of handicapped children, miscarriages, problems in pregnancy, the abundance of diseases like cancer and TB. All this is the gift of some mining, it is not that the people living here did not fall sick earlier, the same diseases used to happen here as they used to happen in other places. These diseases used to be cured by normal treatment or home medicines, but today the situation has become such that doctors are not able to predict the disease and treatment is far away, all this has happened after the start of uranium mining. A recent study revealed that 9000 people in the villages around these mines are suffering from problems like infertility, cancer, respiratory diseases, abortion and congenital disabilities. Nuclear scientist Sanghamitra Gadekar conducted a survey to check the effect of nuclear waste in the village. According to Gadekar, there are many cases of miscarriage and infant death in the womb, along with this the workers are given only one uniform in a week, they have to

wear it, they also take it home, where the wife, mother and daughters wear it. Washes with contaminated water, during which they are exposed to radiation. The vicious cycle of radioactive pollution is going on in Jaduguda, which has to be stopped in public interest Mr. Nayak further said that the issue was brought to the notice of a team of the Planning Commission by Chief Minister Hemant Soren who described Jharkhand as suffering most from the after-effects of the mining activities. Many of the children in the village have congenital disabilities are born with which is a matter of serious concern for the state. He also highlighted other adverse effects of mining in terms of displacement, damage to environment, fair compensation policy, long term impact on livelihood of local people and contamination of underground water sources (Times of India 6 May 2014) Shri Nayak further stated that the import of radioactive waste/material and radio-medical waste for dumping/storage or recycling or further extraction in Jaduguda should be stopped immediately. All the villages around the pre-existing tailings dams/ponds should be immediately evacuated to a safer place till proper and permanent rehabilitation takes place. DAE, BARC and UCIL should set up a full fledged medical center in or around Jadugora with qualified medical personnel for treatment of low level radiation related ailments, its functioning should be monitored by AIIMS. He also said that independent radiation monitoring was carried

out at the Jaduguda uranium mine site.

In 2001 and 2002, Hiroaki Koede of the Research Reactor Institute at Kyoto University conducted field trips to monitor the environmental impacts of the Jaduguda uranium mine. They monitored external gamma dose rates, radionuclide concentrations in soil and radon concentrations in the air, and said that pollution from the uranium mine at Jaduguda was spreading: The external gamma dose rate exceeds 1 mSv/y in villages, and reaches 10 mSv/y around backwater ponds. The soil around tailings ponds is contaminated with uranium. Particularly high levels of pollution were found in Dungridih village, which is adjacent to the pond no. No serious contamination was found in other villages. Radon released from tailing puddles etc. spreads pollution. Waste rock mined for construction materials causes pollution. Other findings include: No. 1 tailings pond shows contamination by cesium. This fact suggests that the radioactivity was brought from a source other than the uranium mine.

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Sd/-Dilip Mallik



## David White to step down as NZC Chief in August



New Delhi: Eleven years after being appointed to the CEO position of New Zealand Cricket (NZC), David White is all set to end his long tenure as the helm in August this year. In what has been a long and distinguished stint, White has been only the fourth CEO of the NZ Board ever since the Hood Report recommendations were put in place back in 1995. Reflecting on his time at the top, White felt that there couldn't have been a better timeline to let go of his position. "I feel the time is right for myself, my family, and NZC", White said. "NZC is in a secure financial position with a solid balance sheet and long-term commercial agreements in place. "The BLACKCAPS are strong; women's cricket is healthy, our high performance programme is producing excellence, and the community game is stable. It feels like the right time to step aside." White extended his gratitude to the length and breadth of New Zealand cricket and felt that the success achieved under him was nothing but a result of a collective

effort. Right from the players and administrative staff to the key stakeholders involved, everyone had been in sync with White's vision. "I'm incredibly grateful to the Major and District Associations, the staff and Boards of NZC, our players and, not least, the New Zealand Cricket Players Association, for their willingness to share an aligned vision and strategy. Nothing happens in isolation, and I think everyone involved can be really proud of what's been achieved." The final part of White's tenure will be spent in ensuring that the upcoming New Zealand summer goes according to plan. NZC Chairman Martin Snedden was profuse in his praise of the outgoing CEO. "David's legacy has been immense," said Snedden. "Our high performance systems have never been stronger, our cricket network has a level of financial security and stability never before experienced, and the future for women and girls has never been brighter. "We've seen the

BLACKCAPS qualify for three World Cup finals and win the inaugural ICC World Test Championship title, something no-one would've had on their bingo card in 2012, I'm sure. David's commercial acumen has driven revenue, enabling increased investment across the organisation. "His administrative skills have unearthed unique, bespoke solutions for our high-performance programmes and infrastructure - no better illustrated than in the all-weather, turf-based training facilities now located throughout the country." Under David, cricket in New Zealand has become far more inclusive, especially in regard to women and girls, our tangata whenua, and our Pasifika communities. "When you think of how he navigated the Covid-19 pandemic, preserving the integrity of the community, domestic and international game, and his strong influence at ICC level, it makes you realise just how lucky we've been to have him at the helm." David leaves NZC with our sincere gratitude and best wishes."

## Chelmsford ODI washed out; South Africa qualify for 2023 World Cup

New Delhi: The first one-day international between Ireland and Bangladesh at the County Ground in Chelmsford, on Tuesday, was abandoned due to rain 16.3 overs into Ireland's innings in the run chase. As a result, South Africa have secured a direct qualification for the 2023 50-over World Cup while Ireland will have to play the qualifiers. Put in to bat, Bangladesh were in trouble early against the Irish pace duo of Mark Adair and Josh Little, who dismissed the touring openers - Tamim Iqbal and Litton Das by the fourth over, with only 14 runs on the board. Despite the early strikes, Shakib Al Hasan remained on the offensive through his

brief 21-ball 20-run stay in the middle, stroking four boundaries. Towhid Hridoy followed a similar template, and much like Shakib, fell to Graham Hume after a brief stay in the middle. Najmul Shanto, on the other hand, looked to steady Bangladesh's innings with a more watchful approach. Nonetheless, by the 27th over, Bangladesh's top five were sent back to the pavilion, with only 122 runs on the board. Mushfiqur Rahim then took charge of the innings, and in the company of Mehidy Hasan and Taijul Islam revived Bangladesh. He stroked six boundaries en route a 70-ball 61. Even as wickets kept tumbling at regular intervals, Bangladesh managed to bat out their



quota of overs, with the lower order making valuable contributions to help the side to 246 for 9. While Little proved expensive, he picked up three wickets while Hume and Adair returned a brace each. Ireland began the run-chase quite aggressively with Paul Stirling

cracking two boundaries and a six in a space of four deliveries off Hasan Mahmud and Shoriful Islam to make his intent clear. However, his stay was cut short on 15 when he cut a slower delivery by Shoriful to backward point. Mahmud struck in the next over, cleaning up Andrew Balbirnie with

an inswinger. Harry Tector and Doherty steadied the Irish innings briefly with a 36-run stand for the third wicket, which included Tector getting dropped on 10 by Taijul while attempting a return catch. Doherty too got a lifeline when Mehidy missed a run out opportunity before the Irish opener eventually departed on a painfully-slow 17, offering Taijul a return catch.

Rain halted play in the 17th over with Ireland on 65 for 3, never to resume again.

Brief Scores: Bangladesh 246/9 in 50 overs (Mushfiqur Rahim 61, Najmul Shanto 44; Joshua Little 3-61, Graham Hume 2-32) vs Ireland 65/3 in 16.3 overs (Harry Tector 21\*; Taijul Islam 1-5).

## Taskin hopeful of making a comeback soon

Dhaka: Bangladesh pace bowler Taskin Ahmed said on Tuesday that he is confident to make a comeback in the upcoming home series against Afghanistan. Taskin sustained side strain during the third T20I against Ireland and missed the following one-match Test series against Ireland in their own backyard.

The right-arm pace bowler, considered to be the leader of the new-look pace bowling unit, failed to get fit for the ongoing three-match ODI series against Ireland that began in Chelmsford today (May 9). "By the mercy of Allah the rehabilitation process is going very



well and there has been a lot of improvement and hopefully within a week and a half I will be bowling again," Taskin told reporters at the Sher-e-Bangla Stadium after completing a rehabilitation program. "Initially I will start bowling in low-

intensity bowling and the progress will depend entirely on the recovery," he said. "I hope to be fully fit before the series against Afghanistan," he said. Bangladesh are scheduled to play a home series against Afghanistan in June

that is comprised of one Test along with three ODIs and two T20Is. Bangladesh head coach Chandika Hathurusingha said that the injury of Taskin was something they'd learn from. "What happened to Taskin is a good eye-

opener for us in terms of keeping an eye on how much cricket they play and how to keep them fit for big tournaments like the Asia Cup and World Cup," said Hathurusingha.

Taskin too trained his focus on getting ready when he's needed.

"Our BCB coach, doctor, selectors are concerned about this matter (my injury) and they have already made plans like where they want me to play and when," he said.

"They (team management) may or may not want me play but it is my responsibility as a player to keep myself ready so that I can deliver my best (when the opportunity) comes," he said.

## Suryakumar's IPL-best floors RCB

New Delhi: A career-best performance in the IPL from Suryakumar Yadav floored Royal Challengers Bangalore as Mumbai Indians picked up a huge win to jump to the third spot on Tuesday (May 9). Chasing 200, MI went on a rampage right from the start with Ishan Kishan providing the platform. After his departure, Suryakumar and Nehal Wadhwa took charge and added 140 for the third wicket to stun the away side. Both teams had a very similar start to their innings in the powerplay. RCB were handed a blow in the very first over when Virat Kohli got an edge through to the keeper when he tried to take on Jason Behrendorff and Anuj Rawat mistimed one to depart early as well. However, those two wickets didn't deter the away side as Faf du Plessis and Glenn Maxwell, in particular, went absolutely

berserk. The two batters wanted to ensure they maximize the powerplay and even the introduction of Piyush Chawla didn't stop the rampage. MI on the other hand went crazy in the run chase with Ishan Kishan delivering the goods. The under-fire Rohit Sharma stepped down the track first ball to hammer a boundary but it was Ishan who hogged the limelight. He took on Josh Hazlewood and Mohammed Siraj and struck some stunning blows that forced du Plessis to bring on Wanindu Hasaranga early. Ishan took on the Sri Lankan spinner too to race to 42 but he had the last laugh by dismissing the opener. RCB turned the tide in the same over as Hasaranga also trapped Rohit lbw to add to his woes. The damage was done though as RCB made 62. If the two batters



resurrected RCB in the powerplay, they stepped on the accelerator further after that. Chris Jordan, playing his first game for MI, was welcomed to the crease by Maxwell with two sixes. The Australian allrounder then walked down the track to Chawla and hammered him over

his head before bringing up an incredible 25-ball fifty. At the halfway stage, RCB had 104 on the board and continued to press home the advantage. Du Plessis smashed one wide of mid off and brought up a 30-ball fifty and took on Chawla for another six as RCB raced to 131

in just 12 overs. MI did very well to pull things back. The pitch did assist the bowlers in the latter half of the innings whenever the bowlers took the pace off the ball and MI used that to good effect. Behrendorff came back and removed Maxwell with a slower ball to end the

120-run stand. Mahipal Lomror and the well-set du Plessis fell soon after leaving the finishing duties to Dinesh Karthik and Kedar Jadhav. While Jadhav did hit his first ball for a boundary, he struggled to get going at the death. Karthik put his poor form behind to come up with a few lusty blows to score a crucial 30 but RCB still made only 68 in the final 8 overs.

It was almost like it never happened. Wadhwa pulled his second ball for a six to signal his intentions. Harshal Patel was then taken apart for 11 in his opening over. At the halfway mark the game was still tantalisingly poised at 99/2 as MI still needed 101 from the next 10. However, both Suryakumar and Wadhwa flipped the switch pretty quick to put MI on top. Hasaranga conceded a

six each to the two batters and Suryakumar converted a good over from Hazlewood to an ordinary over with successive boundaries in the end. The boundaries just kept flowing as du Plessis' decision to shuffle his bowlers just didn't work.

While MI staged a very good comeback with the ball in the latter half, no such thing was in store for RCB. The surface didn't aid them one bit either as Suryakumar put on a show leaving Wadhwa stranded in his 40s at the other end for a long time. Bringing up his fifty, S u r y a k u m a r hammered Hasaranga for two more sixes and went 6,4,6 off Vyshak Vijayakumar to kill the chase. While the bowler did stop the maverick with just eight runs needed, Suryakumar had done his job by then

registering his highest score in the IPL as well in the process. Tim David was out first ball but Wadhwa landed the final blow with another six that also helped him register fifties in back-to-back games.

A buoyed MI outfit will welcome Gujarat Titans at home next and for sure, they would hope to chase again. RCB would be absolutely deflated with this defeat and now a crucial game against Rajasthan Royals at Jaipur awaits them. The loser of that contest will find it extremely hard to make it to the playoffs.

Brief scores: Royal Challengers Bangalore 199/6 in 20 overs (Glenn Maxwell 68, Faf du Plessis 65; Jason Behrendorff 3/36) lost to Mumbai Indians 200/4 in 16.3 overs (Suryakumar Yadav 83, Nehal Wadhwa 52\*; Vijaykumar Vyshak 2/37) by 6 wickets