

Rajiv Gandhi Students Forum felicitated 120 Young Talents of Odisha with State Level Rajiv Gandhi Prativa Puraskar -2023



Bhubaneswar(KCN): Rajiv Gandhi Students Forum & Rajiv Gandhi Study Circle jointly observed Rajiv Gandhi 32nd Death Anniversary, State Level Rajiv Gandhi Prativa Puraskar—2023 at Jayadev Bhawan, Bhubaneswar. The Programme organized by under the leadership of ORGSF State President Satyabrata Nayak. In this function The Chief Guest of the function Sarat Pattnaik, President Odisha Pradesh

Congress Committee in his speech told the audience that Rajiv Gandhi was always working for eradication of poor of the Country. Dr. Rama Chandra Khuntia Ex-M.P told in his speech that in 20. Century Rajiv Gandhi took of the programme for development of information and Technology Sector and achieve a lot has that process continue in India could be an advance country in it sector but

his dream was not materialized by the subsequent Government. Ex- President OPCC Prasad Harichandan told in his speech that Rajiv Gandhi has reduced the age from 21 years to 18 years for voting rights of the citizens. He will be memory of the history for his initiation for Development and decentralization of power. Niranjn Patnaik, Ex-President OPCC told that Rajiv Gandhi believe in peace



nonviolence and truth and called upon to the youth to follow it.

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Samantaray and former chief coordinator of The Samaj Suresh Mantri

have join the programme and in their address told how he dreamt India for next 100 years with Telecom & IT revolution. Satyabrata Nayak in his presidential address to follow his ideology in building this nation Padmakar Guru, General Secretary gave welcome address. In this function 120 talented School and University Students NCC, NSS, Scout Guide, Youth Redcross,

Grassroot Social Workers, Odissi, Song, Literature, Sports, Acting were felicitated with Rajiv Gandhi Prativa Puraskar-2023. Other state office bearer are Priyabrata Nayak, Sagar Ranjan Parida, Biplab Choudhury, Krushna Sahu, Bimal Pradhan, Ommprakash Das made this programme successful. In this function 500 nos Youth, Students and parents are present.

BSKY Saves 2700 CR Arukha Gets Finance



Bhubaneswar(KCN): The path-breaking State-sponsored health assurance scheme, Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY) has saved healthcare expenses over Rs 2700 crore of 13 lakh poor families. This was known from a high-level meeting taken by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik to review the schemes and programs undertaken by the Health & Family Welfare Department. Niranjn Pujari, Minister Health & Family Welfare and Shalini Pandit, Secretary Health & Family Welfare briefed Media here about the developments in Health Sector. Odisha is the first and only State in the country and perhaps the world, where all healthcare services, from OPD consultation to ICU and surgery, are provided free of charge to all persons, in all Government hospitals, said Health Minister Niranjn Pujari. Till now, 96.5 lakh families covering over 3.3 crore people have been covered with cashless healthcare in nearly 700 premier private hospitals across 17 States. Each month nearly 1 lakh patients receive cashless healthcare of Rs 225 crores in private empanelled hospitals across the country.

Each year, poor families save Rs 600 crore expenditure on drugs, which is borne under Niramaya. Similarly, the people of Odisha save over Rs. 150 crores each year on diagnostic expenses alone under the Nidaan scheme, he said. In addition to this, 96.5 lakh families covering over 3.3 crore people of Odisha are provided with cashless healthcare in nearly 700 premier private hospitals across 17 States. The cashless coverage is up to Rs 5 lakh per annum for a family and Rs 10 lakh per annum for women members of the family, Shri Pujari said. Presently, he said, every year, about 60,000 patients receive care of above Rs. 1 lakh per annum, nearly 25,000 patients receive care of above Rs. 2 lakh per annum, about 1,300 women patients receive care of above Rs. 5 lakh per annum, and over 100 women patients receive care of Rs. 10 lakh per annum. Pujari said that BSKY runs on a fully online, paperless platform. BSKY Smart Health Cards have been provided to all eligible families. He said eight new medical colleges and two new post graduate institutes have been set up in the last six years in the State. New

Medical Colleges and Hospitals have been set up at Koraput, Baripada, Balasore, Bolangir, Puri, Keonjhar, Sundergarh and Kalahandi. Post graduate institutions established at Cuttack and Capital Hospital, Bhubaneswar. While Odisha was producing only 321 MBBS doctors and 254 specialists per year in the year 2000, now 2200 MBBS doctors and 826 specialists are being produced in the State each year, he pointed out. In 2021, the Chief Minister took a landmark decision to reserve 15 percent of MBBS seats for students of Government High Schools. It is a matter of pride for us that in the past 2 years, 415 students of Government High Schools have been admitted in MBBS courses, under this policy. Moreover, for transforming the SCB Medical College & Hospital into an AIIMS Plus category hospital, the State has allocated over Rs. 4500 crore, the Minister said. To provide quality treatment to cancer patients, Bagchi Sri Shankara Cancer Hospital with 750 beds and all modern amenities is being established in Bhubaneswar, which will become functional this year.

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Monday allocated an important Finance Department to Bikram Keshari Arukha, who took oath as Cabinet Minister this morning. Sudam Marndi has been given School & Mass Education Department while Sarada Prasad Nayak is the new Labour & Employees' State Insurance Minister. After a long time, Chief Minister's home district Ganjam gets the Finance portfolio. Late Ram Krushna Patnaik was Minister for Finance along with Rural Development and Agriculture in Biju Patnaik's Ministry from 1990 to 1995. He joined the Naveen Patnaik Ministry in 2000 and served in Finance, Agriculture, and Planning and Coordination till he fell out with the leadership and quit BJD. Shri Patnaik held the Finance portfolio for



some months in 1990 and again during March 2000 to August 2002. Shri Arukha has been representing the Bhanjanagar Assembly constituency in Ganjam since 1995 and he has held several positions since 2008. He was the Assembly Speaker till his resignation from the post on May 12. A six-time MLA, Shri Arukha was first elected to the Assembly on a Janata Dal ticket. The exit of Srikanta Sahu as Labour Minister is believed to have paved the way for Shri Arukha's return to the

Cabinet. Shri Sahu, the MLA from Polasara in Ganjam district, resigned from the Cabinet on May 12 after a woman BJD worker accused him of sexual harassment. Shri Arukha's entry into the Cabinet indicates he may get an important organisational responsibility in Ganjam ahead of the Assembly and general elections next year. Shri Marndi, who has been given School & Mass Education Department. His wife is a teacher. The Government has given the Department to Shri Marndi so that he can

better manage it, sources said. Shri Marndi, a MLA from Bangiriposi in Mayurbhanj, has been re-elected to check the BJP's growth in the tribal-dominated district. Shri Marndi is a prominent tribal face of the party. He started his political career in the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) and was elected thrice to the Assembly — 1990, 1995, and 2000 — on a JMM ticket. He was elected to the Lok Sabha from Mayurbhanj in 2004 on a JMM ticket. He joined the BJD ahead of the 2014 elections and has been an MLA since

then. His reinduction in less than a year is seen as an attempt by the BJD to regain the lost ground in Mayurbhanj district. In 2019, the BJP not just won the Mayurbhanj Lok Sabha seat but also bagged six of the nine Assembly seats in the district. The BJP's Mayurbhanj MP, Bishweswar Tudu, is currently the Union Minister of State for Jal Shakti and Tribal Affairs. The BJP is also trying to cash in on its move to make Droupadi Murmu, who is from Mayurbhanj, India's first President from the Adivasi community.

Most Rs 2K Notes Will Come Back From Circulation By Sep 30: RBI Gov

Chennai: The Reserve Bank of India expects most of the outstanding Rs 2,000 denomination banknotes to come back to the banks by September 30, the last date for deposit/exchange of such notes, Shaktikanta Das, the RBI Governor said. While speaking to reporters on Monday, he said that most of the Rs 2,000 note will be back to the banks by September 30, 2023 and also urged the people not

to rush to the banks to deposit/exchange. According to RBI, there are about 181 crore of Rs 2,000 denomination currency notes out in circulation. On May 19 the RBI said it will withdraw all the Rs 2,000 banknotes as a part of its clean note policy and added that it will continue to be a legal tender. According to the RBI, people may deposit Rs 2,000 banknotes into their bank accounts and/



or exchange them into banknotes of other denominations at any bank branch from May 23 onwards till September 30. Stating that the purpose of coming with the Rs 2,000 notes to replenish void created by demonetisation of Rs 500/Rs 1,000 notes has been accomplished and now there is sufficient number of currency notes in circulation. Based on the need Rs 500 banknote will be printed, he added.

"Ancient inscribed Avalokitasvara image discovered in Daya River Valley"

Bhubaneswar : An ancient miniature inscribed image of Avalokitasvara Padmapani, a god of the Buddhist pantheon, has been found and documented by team members of INTACH Odisha in Bageswarpur Village in Pipili Block of Puri District recently. The small statue, which has an eroded figure of Avalokitasvara, is nearly 10 inches in height, and has seven lines of inscriptions inscribed in the rear. The name Avalokitasvara means "the Lord who looks down with compassion." The image was found in the Garbhagriha of the Rameswar Shiva Temple of Bageswarpur village. It has been kept in the Singhasan of the sanctum sanctorum of the temple along with other deities and has been worshipped as Dhyani Mahadeva since ages. The priest of the temple has kept it safely for years. The present-day temple of Rameswar Mahadeva has an antiquity dating back to the 8th/9th Century CE, when Buddhism flourished in the region. The temple has many intricate stone carvings on its outer walls, some



with Buddhist iconography. The INTACH team took an estampage of the statue for deciphering the script. According to Deepak Kumar Nayak, who first recognised the small statuette, the inscription is in Sanskrit with the Nagari Script. It is actually a portion of 'Vinaya Pitaka' which is the first of the three divisions of 'Tripitaka', the ancient Buddhist sacred scriptures. The inscription was deciphered as: 'Ye Dharma Hetu Prabhab Hetu, Teshantathagato Hyabada Teshascha, Yo Nirodha Ebam Vadi Mahashramana'. Translated it means: 'Tathagata has told about Dharma (deeds), its cause and effects and how to negate them, as mentioned by

Mahashramana'. Depending upon the script, it can be dated somewhere close to 8th/9th Century CE, a period when the Bhaumakaras held sway over the region. Many of the rulers of this dynasty are known to have adopted Buddhism. The four member INTACH team, comprising of Anil Dhir, Biswajit Mohanty, Deepak Kumar Nayak and Bishnu Mohan Adhikari have been surveying the monuments of the Daya and Ratnachira river valleys since the last one year and have made many discoveries. Earlier, INTACH has completed a comprehensive survey of the heritage of the Prachi and the Mahanadi Valleys too. According to Anil Dhir, who is

leading this exploration, such inscribed stone images of Avalokitasvara have been found in the Ratnagiri and Udayagiri sites too, many of them terracotta tablets, but this stone carved image is a rarity. The present find is one where the inscription is clear and not eroded. According to Dhir, the early river valley civilizations, spread all over the State, have rich archaeological heritage. These river valleys civilizations were formed when early man began to move from a hunting and gathering existence to an agrarian one. Instead of a nomadic living, they settled around the river valleys, as it was easy to grow crops for themselves and their animals. These ancient river civilizations set the foundation for later civilizations, leading to modern civilizations. Odisha abounds in such river valley civilizations and proper archaeological and heritage studies should be undertaken. INTACH has written to the Odisha State Museum to take an estampage of this inscription and keep a replica of the same in the Lalitgiri Museum.

Inauguration of First Cage Culture in West Bengal by Fisheries Minister

Kolkata : ICAR-Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute (ICAR-CIFRI) Barrackpore, Kolkata in collaboration with Department of Fisheries, Government of West Bengal has initiated cage culture in Kangsabati Reservoir, Bankura district, West Bengal, which is first of its kind towards enhancing livelihood of tribal fishers of the district. ICAR-CIFRI GI Cage battery was inaugurated on 16 May 2023 with releasing of fingerlings by Chief Guest Shri Biplob Roy Choudhury, honorable Ministries of Fisheries, Govt of West Bengal and Guest of honour Smt Jyotsna Mandi Honorable Minister of State, Food and Supplies, Govt of West Bengal in presence of Sh. Avanindra Singh, IAS, Secretary, Department of Fisheries, Govt. of West Bengal, Dr. B. K. Das, Director, ICAR-CIFRI and other dignitaries. Inaugurating the



programme, Shri Biplob Roy Choudhury honorable Ministries has applauded ICAR-CIFRI's initiatives with the proven Cage culture technology which would go a long way in resolving livelihood issues of the fishers of this reservoir. Smt Jyotsna Mandi, Honorable Minister of state, Food and Supplies, Govt of West Bengal urged the tribal fishers of the district to join hands to these historical

ventures which would not only address their nutritional security but also provides livelihood support to them in a more pragmatic manner. Dr. B. K. Das Director, CIFRI welcomed the dignitaries on the cage site rendering solidarity towards the success of this flag ship programme in West Bengal. The cage culture project which has been framed two years back, has finally got materialized in West Bengal as poised

by Shri Avanindra Singh, IAS, Secretary, Department of Fisheries, Govt. of West Bengal. The programme was attended by 200 tribal fishers of the district besides, officials of Collectorate, Joint Director, Deputy Director and Assistant Director of fisheries Govt. of West Bengal with the visit of cage site by the dignitaries and stocking fish seeds in cages.

Journalist Amit Kumar Parija received Bharat Seva Ratna Award

Cuttack Sadar (KCN) : Book launched cum award giving ceremony of Ambedkar International Centre Bhubaneswar observed at Constitution club of India, Rafi Marg New Delhi. In this great occasion chaired by former Additional Director general of Police Gopabandhu Mallick in presence of respected chief guest The editor of daily Odia newspaper "The Paryabekhyak" and Daily English Newspaper "The Kainga Chronicle" renowned journalist Dr. Pabitra Mohan Samantaray, guest of honour JNU University New Delhi professor Pradeep Kumar Chaudhury, President of Ambedkar International Centre Kali



Chran Singh, educationist Dr. Susanta Das joined with delivered there valuable speech about great life story of Dr. Ambedkar which is immense important for all students

mass respectively. In this occasion the release of a book entitled "Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, The Crusader of Human Rights" and other books were launched. Appreciation for significant contribution in

the field of Science & Journalism Cuttack-Bhubaneswar Twin City Press Club honorable president Journalist Amit Kumar Parija felicitated the "Bharat Seva Ratna Award - 2023".

Rotarians to tour Turkey for RFE program



Sambalpur (KCN) : Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) program will be held in Turkey from May 27 to June 07. Ten Rotarians of Rotary District 3261 (India) will visit Turkey to participate in this program and this will be hosted by Rotary District 2430 of Turkey. A press meet was held today at a local hotel by Rotary Club of Sambalpur and details was briefed. In this RFE 2022-23 program Sambalpur Rotary Club prez Ranjit Singh Hura with his wife will participate among others. During this time in Turkey, the Rotarians will tour Ordu, Ankara, Eskisher, Antalya told Sambalpur Rotary Club president Ranjit Singh Hura. The re-start of the RFE was recently announced after a hiatus imposed for two years by the pandemic. This program allows travellers to learn about many aspects of the people and culture of the destination, he added.

Brilliant Student Om Prakash Debata Scored A-1 Grade in BSE exam

Cuttack Sadar (KCN) : A scholar student Om Prakash Debata student of Bentakar Saraswati Shishu Mandir this year Secured A-1 Grade vide 526 Mrak in Matriculation examination under Board of Secondary Education, Odisha (BSE) - 2023. Om Prakash is son of Dharjyadhar Debata and Sashmita Pati belongs to Baulakuda, 42 Mouza, Cuttack Sadar. Many Organizations, local people paid their congratulations as well as best wishes to Om Prakash for his achievement of goal and grand success. Wishing all the best, long healthy life, good study & good luck with his future endeavors.



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Satyaprem Ki Katha: Kiara Advani, Kartik Aaryan Give A Glimpse Of Pure Romance In This Poster

It's just been a day since the teaser of Sajid Nadiadwala and Namah Pictures upcoming larger than life romantic-drama 'Satyaprem Ki Katha' was released which totally took over the audience giving them a glimpse of this pure romantic love story. The makers have now released the poster of this upcoming musical romance. As the audience truly relished the amazing chemistry of Kartik Aaryan and Kiara Advani in the teaser, it is to be noted that the makers chose a perfect date for the release of the poster,



which is the first anniversary of 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2'. The audience got to see the poster launch on

the same day when the 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2' was released in theatres on the same date in 2022. The film

turned out to be a Box Office hit and brought a fresh pairing on the big screen, which was loved by the masses.

Speaking of the latest poster of 'Satyaprem Ki Katha', it looks absolutely a worthy one to fall in love with.

Featuring the magical couple Kartik Aaryan and Kiara Advani, the poster has yet again reminisced all the love and romantic vibes.

'Satyaprem Ki Katha' also marks a massive collaboration between NGE and Namah Pictures. Interestingly, Sajid Nadiadwala and Shareen Mantri Kedia with Kishor Arora and director Sameer Vidwans won a national award for their respective feature films. 'Satyaprem Ki Katha' will be releasing in theatres on June 29, 2023.

Khatron Ke Khiladi 13: Rohit Roy Aces The 'Pose Game' With Shiv Thakare, Daisy Shah And Others



In a treat to the eager fans, Rohit Shetty is all set to come back with his popular stunt reality show, Khatron Ke Khiladi 13. Just like it has been in the last couple of years, the 13th season will also be held in South Africa's Cape Town. The 14 contestants along with host Rohit Shetty have started the shooting. Some popular faces like Shiv Thakare, Mohammad Sheezan Khan, Archana Gautam, Arjit Taneja, and Rohit Roy will be seen coming together to face their fears and perform

some daring stunts on the screen this year. Now, Rohit Roy shared a bunch of pictures with his co-contestants. The opening frame is a group picture. Rohit Roy, in the following pictures, is seen posing with actress Daisy Shah, singer Dino James, actress Nyra Banerjee, actor Arjit Taneja, Roadies fame Soundous Moufakir, Bigg Boss fame Shiv Thakare, and actors Anjum Fakih and Ruhi Chaturvedi, among others. "Kuch khaas hai, hum sabhi mein!", he wrote.

Reacting to it, many of the contestants also shared their thoughts in the comment section. Not just Rohit Roy, other contestants have also been sharing their experience from the South African jungle as the shooting has begun. Several BTS pictures and videos have been going viral, showing the bond among the contestants. This has left the audience more eager and impatient for the season to come on air. Ever since the news of Khatron Ke Khiladi's latest

instalment came out, it has kept the Internet abuzz, with fans waiting to watch their favourite contestants perform some nerve-wracking stunts on the screen. While a total of 14 celebrities are expected to take part in the latest edition, they will shoot the promo of the show in the coming days. As per sources, the season is expected to premiere on television around July on Colors. However, an official confirmation is yet to be provided by the makers of the show.

RRR Star Jr NTR's 30th Film Called 'Devara', First Look Is Raw, Intense And Deadly

NTR Jr has announced the official title of his film that was previously titled 'NTR30': 'Devara'. The highly anticipated action drama is directed by Kortala Siva and the actor is looking all things raw, intense and tough in its official first look.

Speaking of his look, NTR Jr looks like an alpha man who's on a mission in this action spectacle. With 'Devara' which means God, the star is here to set new benchmarks for the action genre in India.

'Devara' is produced by Yuvasudha Arts & NTR Arts and presented by Nandamuri Kalyan Ram. The film is slated to release Pan Indian on April 5, 2024. The film also stars Janhvi Kapoor and Saif Ali Khan in pivotal roles. 'Devara' also marks Janhvi Kapoor's debut in the Telugu industry.

The film is produced by Mikkilineni Sudhakar and Kosaraju Hari Krishna. Anirudh Ravichander will handle the music, R. Rathnavel will be the cinematographer, Subu Cyril will lead the art department, and Sreekar Prasad will serve as the editor.



Pepsi Announces 'KGF' Star Yash as Their Brand Ambassador, Rocky Bhai adds Another Feather to his cap!

The way Yash has redefined the statement of stardom with the super success of 'KGF 2' in the post-pandemic era is truly exemplary. The success of the film not only introduced the audience to a new cinema but it has also given them a new superstar to look up to that resulting in filling up the theaters with a huge crowd of audience. But of course, as it's a long time now since the film has been released, the audience surely has very less of him on the big screen which has resulted in rising

curiosity to watch him in the films. However, the Rocking star also couldn't stay apart from his fans for a long while he certainly made an appearance in a television commercial as a brand ambassador. Superstar Yash has recently come on board with Pepsi for a commercial as he has been announced as their Pan India brand ambassador. The superstar has himself taken this to his social media, to bring this news to his fans. Yash has certainly shot a commercial for Pepsi



and must say there couldn't be any big reason for his fans to celebrate. It is indeed a treat for Yash's fans who are eagerly

looking forward to watching him on the screen after 'KGF 2'. Be it creating a trend in the market with his style in the film to

taking the Kannada industry on the world map, Yash holds all the credit to create examples of success that no one has done

before. The superstar today enjoys a fan base all across the nation and on the global front as well who adore him also for the trends, he started for having the perfect beard and being dressed as a perfect gentleman always well suited. No doubt, his sheer belief in making films for the fans that appeal to the larger audience, is a base that has made him what he is today. Moreover, the success of 'KGF 2' broke several records at the national and international box office, yes, the man behind all this is Yash.

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CHINA'S IRREDENTIST POLICY ENDANGERS GLOBAL PEACE

Dr. Pradeep Kumar Nayak

A unilateral decision by China in April, 2023 to rename eleven places in Arunachal Pradesh is looked upon by Indian think-tank as unprovoked cartographic aggression. This is not an isolated example of an outrageous act because earlier our neighbor has caught us unaware twice in April 2017 and December, 2021 when names of some geographical areas in the Indian territory have been changed. The People's Republic of China (PRC) that was formed on October 1, 1949 almost immediately embarked on its aggressive irredentist policy to assert its claim on what its founders believed to be the lost Chinese territories under the occupation of other countries. Mao Zedong, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) supremo as well as the founder of modern China gave

much emphasis on retrieval of Chinese territories from other countries. The people of China have been taught to believe by their leaders that China has been historically wronged, exploited and victimized by foreign invaders. Chinese civilization is believed to be more ancient than those of the Greek and the Babylonian civilisations of the antiquity. People believe that their great civilization exists from time immemorial. China calls itself "Zhongguo" (The Middle Kingdom) or the Central country as it is at the centre of the neighbouring countries with Chinese root and sinicized culture such as Korea, Vietnam, Thailand and Myanmar.

According to 19th century traveler and French Catholic priest Evariste Regis Huc, "Chinese civilization originates in an antiquity so remote

that we vainly endeavor to discover its commencement." If we turn the pages of history we know how foreign imperial powers like U.K, France, Germany, Russia, Japan and the USA made inroads into China during 19th and 20th Century. The First Opium War (fought between China and U.K from 1839 to 1842) and the Second Opium War (between U.K and France against China from 1856 to 1860) gave a humiliating defeat to the Qing emperor of China as a result of which China had to cede Hongkong, Kowloon peninsula and Stonecutter island to Britain through the Unequal Treaties. Furthermore, Outer Manchuria was also ceded to the Russian Empire. This utter humiliation was regarded as a national shame. Therefore, the founding fathers of China decided to pursue an irredentist

policy to recover the lost territories soon after its formation in 1949. China has sketched a contrived map of China claiming vast Chinese territories of outlying areas that had been under the possession of other countries. A Columbian priest Father Seamus O'Reilly who was one of the last foreign Catholic priests to leave China in 1953 claims to have seen a map of the PRC that included the whole of South East Asia-Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Myanmar, Thailand and Singapore within China's borders.

In 1954 in China a book was published entitled "A Brief History of Modern China" which included a map containing Outer Mongolia, Hong Kong and Macao as integral parts of China. This apart, it also indicated those territories as Chinese territories such as the

Southeastern part of Kazakhstan and Tadzhikistan; the Soviet Far East North of the Amur river; the island of Sakhalin; Korea; the Ryukyu Islands; Taiwan; the Sulu Islands in the Philippine archipelago; Malaya; Thailand; Burma; the Andaman Islands, Assam and the Northeast Frontier Agency (the present Arunachal Pradesh); Bhutan; Sikkim; Nepal; and Ladakh. Later on China stated that it was not an official map (China's Policy Towards Territorial Disputes by Chi Kin Lo, pp- 3,4). This is the reasons for which the Chinese Government is pursuing an aggressive irredentist policy since its inception and has got entangled in border and territorial disputes with its neighbours.

China has a land border of about 20,000 kms and a coastline of about 18,000 kms.

This apart, it shares its land borders with 14 countries and maritime boundary with 9 countries. Except India and Bhutan, China has resolved its border disputes with almost all the countries. However, a few maritime disputes still remains. Till now China has got involved in 23 territorial disputes. It has applied military forces against India in 1962, the USSR in 1969 and Vietnam in 1979. The first Prime Minister of China Zhou Enlai had clearly specified China's policy for the recovery of the lost Chinese territories in the Bandung Conference in 1955. He had assured to sort out all disputed issues through peaceful means. However, China's ambivalent attitude towards India has strained the Sino-Indian relations. China occupied 38,000 sq kms of

India's territory in Aksai Chin during the Sino-Indian War in 1962.

China claims the entire Arunachal Pradesh as its own and calls it South Tibet. Border skirmishes are a regular features in this region as this state is contiguous to China. The stand-off between India and China at Depsang in 2013 and at Chumar in 2014 over construction of road in these places and encroachment by Chinese army has taken the friendly relations to an all time low. The face-off at Doklam plateau in 2017 in the Chumbi Valley was another unfriendly confrontation that resulted in the death of twenty Indian jawans. The Chinese sees Doklam Plateau as part of Yadong in Tibet, but India and Bhutan regard it as Bhutanese land. The location of Arunachal Pradesh is of strategic

importance as it shares international borders with China, Bhutan and Myanmar. China, furthermore, has a special interest in Arunachal Pradesh as Tawang Monastery, the birthplace of the 6th Dalai Lama Tsangyang Gyatso and the centre of Buddhism. On the other hand, China has scant respect for the McMahon Line that was the boundary between India and Tibet drawn by the British in 1914. To make it worse, the Panchsheel Principles of peaceful coexistence signed between India and China on April 29, 1954 are not respected by the latter. So, in this context it can be stated that China's irredentist policy is not to be taken lightly.

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YOUTH WRITER TRILOCHAN SAHOO IS WORKING FOR NATURE & CULTURE



Trilochan Sahoo is a noted author in Odisha. He has a hobby to make documentary film. He born in Fakirpur village of Keonjhar District of Odisha in a agriculture family. His many documentary films and short films have been appraised and recognized by audience. Sri Sahoo is specially working for promotion and conservation of Art & Culture, Nature, Literature in Odisha. In education, he has completed his post graduation in Economics after completion of his Master of Finance & Control (MFC) from Utkal University. He was also the Topper in Bachelor of Arts in Economics from North Orissa University Odisha in the year 2010. He is publishing a Research Journal naming as "Next India Journal Of Social Science" which is registered at RNI, Gov. of India. The details about this journal can

be accessed through <https://nextindiajournal.in/>. Sri Trilochan Sahoo has made more than thirty short and documentary films on different social activities. His major films are Save Electricity, Fakirpur Ama Sanskruti Ama Parapara, Gadachandi, Chakratirtha, Lift, Swachha Bharata, Nilarakta, Last Phone Call of Mother, Mati Luha, Paribartana, Life in lock Down, Jari, Driver, Chitra Kagaja, Mun Bi Vote Debi, Barddi, Mo Triranga, Basin, Rakta Jhoti and Avagini, Helmet etc.. He has represented Odisha in "Eastern Regional Young Writers Meet" at Southfield College, Darjeeling, Kolkata organized by "Kendra Sahitya Akademi", Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India from 22 and 23 October, 2022. He has also represented Odisha in "International

Literature Festival 2022" at Kolkata jointly Organized by Ministry of Education & Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India and Sunday Times Kolkata on 06th November 2022. Recently "Katha Kuhuka" programme have been launched in You Tube by Trilochan Sahoo in which the interview and documentary film on prominent personalities in different filed have been taken place. In this consequences prominent Puppet Dance artist S. J. Maguni Kuanr has been added in the first episode. Sri Sahoo has also awarded and felicitated from many reputed organization and Government. Pragyanshree Sanskritika Parishad, Anandapur awarded Sri Sahoo towards secure of Topper Position in Economics in North Orissa University for the Year

2010. He has also received "PRAKRUTI BANDU AWARD" for the Year 2021 from Department of Forest and Environment, Govt. of Odisha. He has received SAHESWARA SANMANA, YOUTH UTKAL Award, UDAYARA AG SANMANA for his literary work. He is the Winner of UTKAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL organized at Bhubaneswar in the year 2020. Recently Sri Trilochan Sahoo has been placed in Odia Wikipedia. In this regard he convey his gratitude and thanks to all his well wisher and to whole Wikipedia team. His Wikipedia link is <https://or.wikipedia.org/s/1oz9>. Now we may call him the nature and culture man of Odisha and he is now much more familiar by this name.

Letter To Editor

**Sir,
Demonetisation 2.0 is a welcome move**

But, because it is cautious and has a long exchange deadline demonetisation version 2.0 is procedurally correct. It is not accompanied by any major policy objective or goal announcement. For goalless individuals or initiatives, this is a good move. The procedure involved in exchange of 2000 rupee note is not elusive. Because most citizens ostensibly do not have the 2000 rupee note, which remains legal tender, they can easily dispose of it by spending it rather than depositing it in banks. Within a certain limit, one can also easily change a portion of it at different banks. So, like many ordinary citizens, governments, and institutions, the 2,000 note will die with a lot of hope but little achievement, most likely because it worked with the wrong people and for the wrong cause. Most people will gladly let it go a few romantics and collectors will keep some mementos, and in a few months, we will forget about its brief six year existence.

**Dr. Vijaykumar H K
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Dear Editor

Chau dance is a traditional form of masked dance-drama that originated in the eastern Indian states of Odisha, West Bengal, Bihar and Jharkhand. It is predominantly performed by the communities of martial artists known as "Chauuars" or "Chhau dancers." The dance form has a rich history and cultural significance. Chau dance is characterized by its vibrant costumes, elaborate masks, and energetic movements. The dancers wear colorful masks representing various characters, such as gods, goddesses, demons, animals, and mythological figures. These masks are often made from clay, wood, or papier-mâché, and they are intricately designed and painted. The dance incorporates a mix of martial arts, acrobatics, and storytelling. The dancers perform impressive stunts, leaps, spins, and mock battles, showcasing their physical prowess and agility. The movements are often accompanied by rhythmic music played on traditional instruments like the dhol (drum), mohuri (wind instrument), and shehnai (double-reed instrument). Chau dance typically narrates mythological stories and folklore, depicting episodes from the Hindu epics like the Ramayana and the Mahabharata. It is performed during religious festivals, particularly during the spring festival of Chaitra Parva or Chhau Parva, which celebrates the arrival of the new year. The dance is believed to bring good luck, ward off evil spirits, and invoke blessings. Over time, Chau dance has evolved into three main regional styles: Seraikella Chau from Jharkhand, Mayurbhanj Chau from Odisha, and Purulia Chau from West Bengal. Each style has its unique characteristics, but all of them share the essence of vibrant movements, expressive storytelling, and the use of masks. Chau dance has gained recognition as an important cultural heritage of India and has been performed on national and international stages, representing the rich diversity of Indian performing arts. It continues to be cherished and practiced by dedicated artists who strive to preserve and promote this captivating dance form. Due to its unique style, presentation, as well as historical, socio-cultural and heritage attributes, Chau dance should be recognized as a national dance by the India Central Government. It is quite unfortunate that we do not have any national, dance style or dance form, recognized from the state of West Bengal and Kolkata (the cultural capital of India) at the national level! Chau focuses on the Ramayana and Mahabharata too. While Kathakali is connected deeply to rural Kerala; the Chau dance is connected intimately to rural Bengal like the Boul devotional song. Chau dance is not just a representative of West Bengal only; but the entire Eastern India. Thus Chau demands to be recognized as the pulse of Eastern India and transformed into a national dance form representing the aspirations of Bengal, Jharkhand and Odisha. It is important to mention here that like any other traditional dance forms, Chau is also being impacted by the change in our lifestyle and culture, as well as our focus towards Western cultural practices and heritage. Late Bir Singh Mura from Purulia, a Government of India Padma laureate (Padmashree), took Chau dances successfully to the international platform. He has successfully perform in several countries around the world and made this done style and forms, internationally, popular, and highly recognized. It is time to provide respect to his monumental effort in making Chau dance an international sensation. Chau dance is more well known outside India, then it is within the borders of our country rich in tradition and heritage.

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The Union Minister for Home Affairs and Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah attends the event of inauguration and foundation stone laying of various development projects of GMC at Gandhinagar, in Gujarat

ICAR-CIFRI organized Mahila Matsyajeebi Sannam at Kultali Sundarban

Kolkata: ICAR-Central inland fisheries Research Institute Organised Mahila Matsyajeebi Sannam (Women Fishers Meet) at Kultali, Sundarban, West Bengal in collaboration with Kultali Milantirth Society on 19 May 2023. Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education, Govt. of India and Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research inaugurated the meet as the Chief Guest. Other distinguished guests were Dr. B. K. Das, Director, ICAR-CIFRI, Dr. Gouranga Kar, Director, ICAR-CRIJAF and Dr. D. B. Shakyawar, Director, ICAR-NINFET. Dr. Pathak in his address as chief guest in his address said that rural population of Sundarban is suffering due to continuous natural disaster like cyclones. He emphasised that excellent and exceptional work carried out by ICAR-CIFRI for the livelihood enhancement of women fishers of Sundarban. I could see the impact that today in this



Mahila Matsyajeebi Sannam, more than four thousand five hundred women fishers are present here and ICAR-CIFRI will adopt 500 women fishers under SCSP and STC. He stressed that all the ICAR institutes and Krishi Vigyan Kendra of this region will whole heartedly support the farmers of Sundarban in implementing new agricultural technology and livelihood enhancement. I congratulate ICAR-CIFRI and all staff members for taking this human service and taking all the technology

forward to the faraway places like Sundarban. Dr. B. K. Das, Director, ICAR-CIFRI while welcoming chief guest and other dignitaries said that in last 10 years, CIFRI has introduced interventions like backyard pond culture, canal fisheries and ornamental fish farming to support the livelihood of the targeted beneficiaries of Gosaba, Hingalgunj, Kochukhali, Amtoli, Gangasagar, Bali Island, Namkhana, Kakkwip, Kultoli of Sundarban. Institute has been extending its support to the vulnerable

communities of Sundarban by providing technological inputs for rejuvenating their livelihood through fish farming under the SCSP / STC programme. These interventions have led to alternative livelihood generation of the beneficiaries and their annual income has also been increased significantly. Dr. Gouranga Kar, Director, ICAR-CRIJAF, Barrackpore and Dr. D. B. Shakyawar, Director, ICAR-NINFET, Kolkata also addressed the gathering

and assured them of possible help from ICAR institutes. Honourable Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR distributed fisheries inputs like fingerlings, ICAR-CIFRI Cagegrow feed etc. to 500 SC and ST women fish-farmers who have backyard ponds with an average area ranging from 0.02 ha to 0.04 ha in their household. These women beneficiaries have been selected from a vast area covering 38 hamlets under 17 GPs of two Community Development Blocks namely Gosaba and Basanti of Sundarban. More than five thousand fishers including 4500 women fishers participated in the meet. Officers and staff members of state departments, ICAR institutes and Krishna Vigyan Kendra were also present on this occasion. Overall, the programme was successfully organized by the 'Team CIFRI' comprising scientists and other staff members including research scholars under the active guidance of the Director of CIFRI.

5 Reasons Behind Centre's Big Move On Delhi Postings

New Delhi: Before the Centre's promulgation of an ordinance on Friday to create the National Capital Civil Services Authority to decide on postings and transfers of bureaucrats and make the Lt Governor the final arbiter over such matters, the Centre studied multiple global case studies, aspects such as the nation's security and the pivotal position that Delhi holds to drive home investments, apart from looking into complaints by bureaucrats working in Delhi who were often caught in the Delhi CM-LG tussle, senior officials in the government told NDTV.

The ordinance however stated that the apex court passed the verdict in the absence of any specific parliamentary legislation dealing with the subject of services. The Central Government has also moved the court against its judgement. 2. Security and Diplomatic reasons that dual authority and responsibility of the national capital will endanger security, affect coordination that administration of the country requires, and this was made clear when Delhi was declared the National Capital Territory (NCT) in 1991. "It is the Centre that is

many factors, a top official said. "We took extensive feedback from bureaucrats, specifically those working in Delhi. Many have communicated to us how they are unable to work efficiently and often accused of siding with the Centre," another official said. 4. Dealing with health emergencies better Officials also said since it is the central government that has the power to allocate and deploy resources efficiently in Delhi, a centralised approach will work better for the city and its residents during



These are five most important factors that drove the Centre's decision, according to sources: 1. How capital cities are governed across the world Official sources said they have looked into many examples from all over the world, particularly in capital cities such as Washington D.C, Canberra, Ottawa, Berlin and even Paris that either are governed by the federal government, have a mayor-led administration and no elected government, or follow a shared model of governance. Government officials stated that according to their assessment, in many countries in the West, the federal government has jurisdiction over key aspects of the city's governance, including land use planning, major infrastructure development, and diplomatic relations. "We have looked at capital cities around the world, and there is much to learn from them, on how capital cities are aligned with the national vision. This is important to ensure national priorities take precedence over local politics," a top official said. The Centre's ordinance on postings comes barely a week after the Delhi government was given executive power in services matters, including transfer and posting of officers by the Supreme Court.

responsible for national security and defence, which is why having control over the administration of Delhi ensures effective coordination and implementation of security measures in the capital city," the official quoted above said. Having central control over the administration of Delhi will help the Centre engage better with embassies of foreign countries and other diplomatic entities, and ensure that "national interests are prioritized over local considerations," the Centre's justification said. Officials said that since the centre is known to have a broader perspective on governance and policy-making, it can push comprehensive planning and decision-making for the capital that hosts a large number of diplomatic missions. "The central government can use its influence and diplomatic relations at the international level to attract foreign investment that can benefit the nation," an official said. 3. Feedback from bureaucrats, complaints too While the ordinance raises questions over the manner in which it addresses the key points iterated in the Supreme Court ruling, the Centre has its reasons for making this move, and has considered

natural disasters or public health crises. That the Centre is also better equipped to handle transportation, environmental concerns, and cross-border matters that impact Delhi's development and well-being was also among reasons behind the move, the official quoted above said. 5. Politics over bureaucracy and its impact on policy decisions The ordinance had to be brought in because in the recent years there have been multiple instances of the elected Delhi government at loggerheads with the Central government, to stall "potential conflicts or discrepancies that could arise from differing regional rules, regulations and legislations," according to the Centre. There have been various run-ins between the bureaucracy and the Arvind Kejriwal-led AAP government in Delhi, leading to several impasse. Recently, Ashish More, senior bureaucrat had also written to the Centre complaining of being harassed, a claim the AAP has dismissed. This is just one of the many examples of bureaucrats taking on the Kejriwal government, after 2018 when they had protested against the assault of then chief secretary Anshu Prakash by party MLAs.

Heatwave In Delhi, Temperature Crosses 46 Degrees In Some Parts

New Delhi: Delhi is reeling under a punishing heatwave which pushed the temperature as high as 46.2 degrees Celsius in some parts of the city today. The weather office has, however, also predicted relief from the heatwave soon. Najafgarh and Sports Complex stations of the capital city saw the mercury surpassing the 46 degrees mark. "We have issued a heatwave alert for today for south Haryana, Delhi, south UP, north MP, Jharkhand, Bihar and Bengal. Tomorrow, heatwave alert is not given for any place other than Jharkhand,"



said an India Meteorological Department scientist earlier today. The IMD said a western disturbance active over the western Himalayan region will bring rain, hailstorm

and gusty winds in the northwestern plains starting Wednesday. As a result, the maximum temperature will drop to 36 degrees Celsius by Thursday, it said. On Sunday, four stations in the national

capital reported a maximum temperature of 45 degrees Celsius. A heatwave is a period of abnormally high temperatures, more than the normal maximum temperature that occurs during the

summer season in the North-Western parts of India, according to National Disaster Management Authority. Heatwaves typically occur between March and June, and in some rare cases even extend till July. As of now, schools have been closed in Maharashtra, Odisha and West Bengal due to heat wave conditions. In northern states, the temperature is soaring but there is respite due to Western disturbances from time to time. Heat waves affect the Northern states of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, and Rajasthan generally in the month of May and June.

Wind up OCPL, merge with OPGC: Soumya to OERC

BHUBANESWAR: In a major development, senior BJD leader and MLA Soumya Ranjan Patnaik has called for the abolition of Odisha Coal and Power Limited (OCPL) as an independent entity and its merger with the Odisha Power Generation Corporation (OPGC).

In a submission to the Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission (OERC) on May 15, the ruling party lawmaker raised several pertinent issues including the continuance of OCPL after AES relinquished 49 per cent of its equity in the Odisha Power Generation Corporation (OPGC).

He also requested the regulatory body to determine the input cost of coal supplied by OCPL to the stage-II power projects of Ib thermal power station afresh on the basis of the price determined by the Central Electricity



Regulatory Commission (CERC) for Darlipali power station of NTPC. "We do not find any reason for the continuance of OCPL as OPGC is now a wholly-owned company of the state government. BGR Infra has been selected in the competitive bidding process to carry out mining operations at coal mines allotted to OPGC," he said.

Patnaik urged OERC to advise the state government for the closure of OCPL and its merger with OPGC to carry out coal mining operation of Manoharpur coal blocks through BGR Infra.

The BJD leader, one of

the ultimate consumers. Accusing OERC of failing on its mandate by not following the principles adopted by CERC for the determination of input price of coal produced from Dulanga mines to NTPC's 2X800 MW power plants at Darlipali in Sundargarh district, Patnaik said the state regulator has burdened the consumers by increasing the generation tariff of OPGC by 50 paise per unit.

Seeking amendment to the OERC (Terms & Conditions for Determination of Generation Tariff) Regulations, 2020, in line with the CERC regulations, Patnaik requested the commission to initiate action to utilise the profit derived by the OCPL by billing higher coal cost and from merchant sale of coal for the reduction of generation tariff from the Unit-III and IV of Ib thermal power station.

the objectors to the power generation tariff application of OPGC for 2023-24, had charged OCPL, a joint venture of OPGC and OHPC, of making an excess profit of Rs 479.33 crore during 2021-22 and 2022-23 financial years by charging a higher price than the actual cost of coal to OPGC.

Citing various notifications and orders of the central government as well as the terms and conditions specified in the allotment order, Patnaik had argued that OCPL cannot make any profit on sale of coal to OPGC so that the benefit should be passed on to

BSKY Comes To Rescue Of Needy Patient; Odisha-Mo Parivar Provides Assistance

Bhubaneswar: A 47-year-old woman resident of Marsaghai locality in Kendrapada got cured today from fatal injuries that she had sustained in a previous road mishap, owing to the assistance extended by a non-government organisation (NGO) named Odisha-Mo Parivar.

According to a spokesperson of the NGO, the needy patient Damayanti Samal was earlier working as a community resource person (CRP) under the government's Mission Shakti programme. She was provided with an autorickshaw to pick up and drop off school students.

However, in the month of April, she met with



an accident and was admitted to Government Hospital in Kendrapada for emergency care and was later shifted to a private hospital for further treatment.

The family of Damayanti had approached MLA Sabitri Agarwalla seeking help for the former's treatment. The matter was intimated to Odisha-

Mo Parivar through the MLA's representative Sanjay Agarwalla and immediately necessary steps were taken to shift her to Bhubaneswar.

The critical patient received all requisite assistance throughout the course of her treatment under the BSKY scheme, where the NGO's helpdesk associate Rashmi

Ranjan Pradhan coordinated starting from the documentation process till her recovery and discharge.

A conveyance arrangement was also made for Damayanti's return to her native place at Kendrapada. The family expressed their heartfelt gratitude for the much-needed help during their difficult times.

Medical Devices Policy Approved

Bhubaneswar: The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, today approved the National Medical Devices Policy, 2023.

The medical devices sector in India is an essential and integral constituent of the Indian healthcare sector. The Indian medical devices sector's contribution has become even more prominent as India supported the domestic and global battle against COVID-19 pandemic through the large scale production of medical devices & diagnostic kits, such as Ventilators, Rapid Antigen Test kits, Real-Time Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) kits, Infrared (IR) Thermometers, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Kits & N-95 masks.

The medical devices sector in India is a sunrise sector which is growing at a fast pace. The market size of the medical devices sector in India is estimated to be \$11 billion (approximately, ₹90,000

Cr) in 2020 and its share in the global medical device market is estimated to be 1.5%. The Indian medical devices sector is on a growth track and has an enormous potential to become self-reliant and to contribute towards the goal of universal health care. The Government of India has already initiated implementation of PLI Scheme for medical devices and support for setting up of 4 Medical devices Parks in the States of Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh. Under the PLI scheme for Medical Devices, till now, a total of 26 projects have been approved, with a committed investment of Rs.1206 Cr and out of this, so far, an investment of Rs.714 Cr has been achieved. Under the PLI scheme, total of 14 projects producing 37 products have been commissioned and domestic manufacturing of high-end medical devices has started which include Linear Accelerator, MRI Scan, CT-Scan, Mammogram, C-Arm, MRI Coils, high end X-ray tubes, etc.

Remaining 12 products will be commissioned in near future. Five projects out of total 26 projects have been approved recently, under Category B, for domestic manufacturing of 87 products / product components.

Building upon these measures, a holistic policy framework to accelerate this growth and fulfil the potential of the sector is the need of the hour. While various Departments of the Government have undertaken programmatic interventions to encourage the sector, the current policy aims to put in place a comprehensive set of focus areas for growth of the sector in a coordinated manner. Secondly, in view of the diversity and multi-disciplinary nature of the sector, the regulations, skilling trade promotion of medical device industry are spread over several departments in the Government both at the Centre and State levels. There is a need to bring together the range of

interventions in a coherent manner that would facilitate focused and efficient support and facilitation for the sector by the respective agencies.

The National Medical Devices Policy, 2023 is expected to facilitate an orderly growth of the medical device sector to meet the public health objectives of access, affordability, quality and innovation. This sector is expected to realize its full potential, with the strategies viz, building an enabling ecosystem for manufacturing along with a focus on innovation, creating a robust and streamlined regulatory framework, providing support in training and capacity building programs and promoting higher education to foster talent and skilled resources in line with the industry requirements. Encouraging domestic investments and production of medical devices complements the Government's 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and 'Make in India' programs.

Direct Flights From Bhubaneswar To Singapore, Bangkok From June 3

Bhubaneswar: IndiGo airline will operate direct flights from Bhubaneswar to Singapore and Bangkok from June 3, reports said. The airline has provided the schedule to the Biju Patnaik International Airport here for two flights a week to each destination. The state government has agreed to bear the costs of unsold tickets, with total ticket costs estimated to be around Rs 120 crore per year. The international



terminal building at the airport is currently undergoing renovation, with all necessary infrastructure in place. While the old conveyor

belt will initially be used for luggage, a new one will replace it in due course. Immigration and customs facilities are already in place.

The direct flights are expected to greatly benefit Odisha's tourism and create business opportunities, particularly in Southeast Asian countries.



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CFA Institute in India Expands Student Accessibility with a New Exam Center in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar : CFA Institute, the professional body for excellence and thought leadership in finance, has opened registrations for their upcoming February 2023 intake. Additionally, with the rising demand to increase candidate accessibility and convenience, the institute will have 4 new exam centers in Kochi, Chandigarh, Bhubaneswar and Guwahati for the CFA Program. These centers will take the total number of test center cities for the CFA exam to 16 across India and over 400 worldwide.

The recent CFA Institute Investor Trust survey showed that Indians place a high level of trust on the potential growth in job opportunities in the financial services sector. However, in the post-pandemic era, students as

well as professionals are prioritizing safety, accessibility and ease of travel while accomplishing their life and career goals. Ease of accessibility to exam centers is expected to improve a candidate journey through the program and reduce costs associated with travelling to take exams.

The CFA Charter continues to be the global gold standard for professionals aspiring to work in the investment management industry. We constantly work to make the CFA Program affordable, accessible, meritocratic and relevant. During the pandemic we moved our examinations to Computer Based Testing from Paper Based Exams and started offering examinations four times in a year. By expanding of our test center

network, we are taking one more step to bring the CFA Program within the reach of aspiring professionals and students in India." Said Arati Porwal, Director Society Relations at CFA Institute in India.

India has a robust banking, insurance and investment industry It has a diversified financial sector undergoing rapid expansion, both in terms of strong growth of existing financial services firms and new entities entering the market. With such rapid expansion, there is a growing demand for professionals with relevant competencies and high standards of ethics. The CFA Institute works closely with the industry and regulators to support an inclusive and secure financial services industry in India.

Work disruption in Talcher coalfields plague MCL

Sambalpur (Odisha): Uncalled for absence of contractors' workers on Friday paralysed coal mining operations at Mahanadi Coalfields Limited's (MCL) Talcher coalfields in Angul district of Odisha.

Only departmental manpower and machines of MCL were at work in Talcher coalfields, which accounts for around 3 lakh tonne daily coal production and despatch to the consumers.

MCL has already incurred a loss in over 2.3 million tonne (MT) coal production and despatch since April 1 this year due to such uncalled for disruptions in Talcher coalfields, whereas the company suffered a financial loss of over Rs 332 crore.

Similarly, the government exchequer has lost about Rs 170 crore against royalty, District Mineral Fund (DMF), National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET) etc. during the current financial year.

The Angul district has incurred a loss in the DMF to the tune of Rs 11.5 crore due sporadic disruptions in coal mining operations during the past seven weeks. It may be noted that Mahanadi Coalfields Contractual Transport Workers Union of private contractors' workers had stopped all mining activities in entire Talcher coalfields for continuous 88 hours from 18th to 21st April, resulting in 1.1 MT less coal production and despatch to the consumers.

Besides this, infrequent disruptions by the contractors' workers in different areas of Talcher coalfields further added to the woes of MCL, which is running about 1.5 MT short on its plan for achieving the targeted 204 MT coal production and despatch in financial year 2023-24.

The company, paying best in the industry HPC (high power committee) wages and providing free outpatient (OPD) facility to contractors' workers, has recently sanctioned Rs 25.2 crore against gift coupon at the rate of Rs 15000 to each of 16,798 contractors' workers as a goodwill gesture on achieving the new milestones in production and productivity during last financial year.

Considering the responsibility to ensure adequate coal to meet energy requirements of the country, it is appealed to the contractors' workers to refrain from such uncalled for work disruptions and contribute to the growth of the nation.

Blenders Pride Fashion Nights arrives in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar : Blenders Pride Fashion Nights, a unique travelling experiential property, arrived in the City of Temples – Bhubaneswar – celebrating the authentic spirit of the city through fashion and style. A spirit that echoes with Pride and inspires the creators of today to become icons of tomorrow. Bhubaneswar's 'Made of Artistic Flair' edition for Blenders Pride Fashion Nights, brought together an eclectic evening that blended fashion, culture and dance, celebrating a symbolic amalgamation of homegrown artistry and the unwavering spirit of local talent.

Exemplifying the region's signature weave through a curated evening at the majestic Vivanta, Bhubaneswar, DC Square was Odia designer Sabyasachi Satpathy, whose intricately crafted ensembles drew inspiration from the multicultural city and its colourful history. In a true celebration of Odisha's distinct and masterful craftsmanship, the show was elevated with a captivating performance by the Prince Dance Group – from the small Odisha town of Berhampur – widely lauded for their artistry. The show drew to a finale with none other than actor Diana Penty, who captivated the audience in a beautiful ensemble by the designer. The 'Made of Artistic Flair' edition of Blenders Pride Fashion Nights was a beautiful embodiment of the rich craft and cultural heritage of the city in a modern and contemporary setting.

Taking us on a 'Jatra' – The Journey of a Young Woman – the show encapsulated the journey of a woman from post adolescence to her nuptials, navigating the various challenges, trials and significant moments that come her way. The enigmatic journey was captured through the array of colours and textiles that Odisha Bandha/Ikkat offers. Truly encapsulating the spirit of 'Made of Pride', the designer made use of Odisha.

DAV Vedanta Lanjigarh Students Shine with Exceptional Results in CBSE Exams 2023

Lanjigarh: Vedanta Limited, Lanjigarh, the leading producer of metallurgical grade alumina in India, proudly announced the outstanding achievements of students at DAV Vedanta International School, a prestigious educational institution under its stewardship. Remarkably, all students in both the Senior Secondary and Higher Secondary levels achieved a 100% pass rate, with exceptional performance in the 1st Division. Since being established in Kalahandi district, the school has been dedicated to delivering quality education through the CBSE curriculum, earning its reputation as a premier institute in the region. Vedanta's Lanjigarh unit established the pioneering DAV Vedanta International School in 2006, as the first English medium school in Kalahandi. This institution, equipped with cutting-edge infrastructure and advanced facilities such as smart classrooms, modern computer labs, science and maths labs, multimedia room, and a well-stocked library, caters to the educational needs of approximately 1200 students. Most of the students hail from local communities. The scholastic curriculum in place at the school helps ignite their curiosity and passion for learning, helping the institution become a landmark for quality education in the region and contributing to the rise in literacy levels in Kalahandi from 38.4% in 2001 to 50.9% in 2011.

Noteworthy achievements include Saubhagya Nayak from class 10th, securing the highest score of 97% among DAV Vedanta students, closely followed by Prativa Naik with 96.80% and Amrin Banu with 95.40%. At the Higher Secondary Level, Himanshu Singh attained the highest score of 92.60% closely followed by

Dibyashree Gajibilli with 89.80%, Aryan Hota with 89%, and Sriman Pradhan with 89%.

Praising the exceptional performance of the students, Mr GG Pal, Dy. CEO – Alumina Business, Vedanta Limited, said, "On behalf of the Vedanta Aluminium family, I extend heartfelt congratulations to the outstanding students at DAV Vedanta International School and wish them success in their future endeavors. The consistent excellence displayed by the school in board exams year after year is a testament to the positive impact of our education initiatives in the community. I commend the dedication and support of Mr. Sadananda Hotta, the school principal, the teachers, staff, and parents, who have contributed to making this institution one of the finest in the region. At Vedanta Lanjigarh, we will continue our efforts to enhance the educational standards in the community, as education remains the key to fostering transformative growth and socio-economic development."

Mr Sadananda Hota, Principal, DAV Vedanta International School, commented "It is with immense pride and joy that we celebrate the exemplary achievements of our students in the CBSE board exams. The remarkable results attained by the students of DAV Vedanta Lanjigarh truly reflect the exceptional dedication and hard work of students and their parents. These achievements are a testament to the nurturing environment and holistic education provided at DAV Vedanta. I would also like to express my deepest appreciation to the dedicated teachers and staff who have played a pivotal role in shaping the students' success. As we witness the bright future ahead for these young individuals, we remain committed to fostering excellence and

empowering every student at DAV Vedanta International School."

Vedanta Lanjigarh has remained dedicated to enhancing the school's infrastructure, ensuring that students are able to learn in a nurturing and comprehensive environment. Recognizing the challenges posed by the remote location and the absence of formal educational facilities in the region, the school is committed to providing affordable education, enabling children from nearby villages to access quality education in English. In addition, through its Nand Ghar program, Vedanta Aluminium operates over 130 modern anganwadis in Kalahandi. These state-of-the-art facilities prioritize the well-being of children under the age of six by ensuring they receive proper education and nutrition. This initiative reflects Vedanta Aluminium's unwavering commitment to empowering young minds and creating a positive impact on the early stages of children's development.

Vedanta Aluminium, a business of Vedanta Limited, is India's largest producer of aluminium, manufacturing more than half of India's aluminium i.e., 2.29 million tonnes in FY23. It is a leader in value-added aluminium products that find critical applications in core industries. Vedanta Aluminium ranks 2nd in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI) 2022 world rankings for aluminium industry, a reflection of its sustainable development practices. With its world-class aluminium smelters, alumina refinery and power plants in India, the company fulfils its mission of spurring emerging applications of aluminium as the 'Metal of the Future' for a greener tomorrow.

Experience the best-in-class customer services at 11 new Alpha Service Centers across India

Bhubaneswar : Sony India is expanding its Alpha Service Network across 11 cities in India including Mumbai, Coimbatore, Jaipur, Pune, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Trivandrum, Chennai, Indore, Bhubaneswar and Guwahati. This is expansion for Alpha Camera body and lens repairs facilities is a testament to the brand's continued dedication to customer satisfaction. Sony now has the widest service network of after sales support for Digital Imaging products with 8 service centers for lens repairs, 18 service centers for Alpha Camera Body repair, 40+ service centers which can offer basic services like CCD

Imager cleaning and firmware updates and 220+ collection centers pan India.

The service centers are equipped with necessary jigs and tools to deliver best quality repair of Alpha camera body, Camera Lens, Professional Cameras and other digital imaging products like Digital Still Cameras and Camcorders. Customers can also avail instant services for basic supports like CCD Imager cleaning and getting the latest firmware update to enjoy best performance from their products. The friendly customer care staff at these service centers will help customers to register their in-warranty products on

Sony Alpha Community portal to enable them avail free of cost additional one year warranty on applicable products.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Mukesh Srivastava, Head of Digital Imaging Business at Sony India, said, "By supporting and assisting partners in local markets, Sony aims to ensure customers receive exceptional service and satisfaction along with quicker and faster turnaround at all outlets across the country. The new service centers will offer customers a seamless experience across multiple touch-points to provide a consistent brand experience that surpasses expectations."

ATLAS OF AFFLUENCE - INDIA'S FIRST EVER WHITE PAPER ON LUXURY LAUNCHED AS A YEARLY FEATURE

Mumbai: Amidst leading luminaries of industries spanning across the business of luxury, the Atlas of Affluence (AOA) 2022 has been launched in Mumbai. Created by The Voice of Fashion (TVOF), a division of Reliance Brands Limited, the daily digital magazine that tracks and leads conversations on Indian fashion, design, crafts and retail, AOA 2022, is

the first such wide and deep white paper from India that dissects consumer behaviour studied through the prism of luxury. A collective reflection on what affluence means in India spiked during the two years of the pandemic. Charting the post-pandemic market and the clearly altered consumer mindset through a specially commissioned study

across six cities and markets of India, AOA 2022 has been published as a book with exclusively commissioned artworks. This study uses the time graph of "pre-pandemic" and "post-pandemic" months to specify a comparative matrix. It also helps debunk long-held ideas about what affluence and luxury have meant to Indians.

NSDL launches "Market ka Eklavya- Express" in 75 cities to mark 75 years of Independence

Mumbai: India's largest depository, National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) launched 'Market ka Eklavya- Express', an online investment awareness program for students that will be conducted in 8 different languages including Hindi. The program would serve as a beginner's guide for investing for the youth.

To mark the significance of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, an

initiative of Government of India to celebrate 75 years of independence and the glorious history of our people, culture and achievements, NSDL has launched a new initiative towards investor awareness 'Market Ka Eklavya - Express' across 75 cities, especially aimed at the college students who would very soon be entering the phase where they would start earning and naturally,

look for avenues of investment.

Earlier this month, Market ka Eklavya (5-hours program) was launched by the hon'ble Finance Minister of India, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman at the silver jubilee event of NSDL.

On the launch of the initiative Ms. Padmaja Chundur, MD & CEO, NSDL said, "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is a special initiative launched by

our Prime Minister to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of India's Independence. Our program has been particularly aimed to create awareness about the financial markets to the young minds who will be the future of our country. In this Amrit Kaal, our digital education initiative focuses on building a path towards Financial Freedom for our youth, symbolizing the spirit of

Atmanirbhar Bharat."

Students across India will benefit from this program as it does not restrict to just an area of the population. The program will be conducted for 1 hour and mainly educate the students on demystifying the jargons, 3I's – types of Income; Inflation and its impact, types of Investment; 3S – Start early- Power of Compounding, Spread wide, Stay long etc.

Jindal Stainless signs MoU with SCTEVT, Odisha to train future-ready stainless steel professionals

Bhubaneswar: Odisha's State Council for Technical Education & Vocational Training (SCTEVT) today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Jindal Stainless to promote technical education in the field of stainless steel and its various applications. Under this MoU, stainless steel courses will be introduced in all the Polytechnic colleges in Odisha from June 2022. The MoU was signed by Vice Chairman,

SCTE&VT, Shri Reghu G (IAS) and Unit Head, Jindal Stainless Limited (JSL), Shri Deepak Agrawal. Dignitaries present at the ceremony included Chairman, SCTE&VT and Principal Secretary to Government, Skill Development and Technical Education (SDTE) and Industries Departments, Shri Hemant Sharma (IAS); Additional Secretary, SDTE, Govt of Odisha, Shri Tapan Satpathy (OAS); Resident Director, JSL, Mr SS

Upadhyay, and General Manager, Sales & Distribution, Mr Ranit Rana.

Commending the development, Chairman, SCTE&VT and Principal Secretary to Government, SDTE and Industries Departments, Shri Hemant Sharma (IAS) said, "This collaboration with Jindal Stainless will enhance the learning experience for students and faculty both, as it will give them insights about and practical exposure to the stainless steel industry."

Started getting lot of respect, recognition after five-sixes feat: Rinku Singh

New Delhi: Another day, another big chase, and it was a regular day in the office for Rinku Singh who struck an incredible 67 off 33 against Lucknow Super Giants. The knock, however, came in a losing cause, as Kolkata Knight Riders finished only one run short of a target of 177 at the Eden Gardens as they ended their campaign in the seventh position with six wins in 14 games. Needing 21 for victory in the final over, it came down to 18 off the last three balls as Yash Thakur kept it tight for the first half of the over. Rinku, who had the confidence of having pulled off miraculous victories, struck a six off the fourth but a boundary off the penultimate delivery meant that another six

off the last ball did not make much of a difference. "That was running through my mind a bit, when I hit five sixes (against Gujarat Titans). So I was relaxed and confident of handling the situation. We needed 21 runs off the last over and I missed one ball, became a four," said Rinku at the post-match press conference. It all started with a 15-ball 40 in the thrilling finish to the KKR-LSG game last season, which the Knight Riders lost. There has been no looking back for Rinku since then as he has ended IPL 2023 with 474 runs at an average of 59.25, finishing as KKR's leading run-getter. 305 of those runs have come in only seven innings in run-

chases, at breathtaking average of 152.50, a strike rate of 174.28, with four half-centuries.

"I think it feels like all 14 matches I've spoken about Rinku. I am personally very happy for him (Rinku) the way the season has gone for him. He is quite close to me and I know how much hard work he has done. I don't really have words to describe him because the entire country knows what he has done. If he can bat in situations like these, he can do anything," skipper Nitish Rana lavished praise on Rinku in his chat with the IPL broadcasters.

When asked about how the season has gone for him, and if he is thinking about bigger things now, Rinku said: "Anyone will feel good



when the season goes so well. But I'm not thinking on the lines of selection for the Indian team. I will stick to my routine, continue my practice. The name and fame will be there but I'll just stick to my work. "My family members

are very happy. A lot of things have worked well. When I played that innings last year, people started noticing me. After I hit those five sixes I started getting a lot of respect from the people and now a lot of people recognise me. So it feels good," he

said. Andy Flower, the head coach of LSG, was impressed with Rinku's performance while he also praised the LSG seamers for holding the nerves in a tight finish. Both Naveen-ul-Haq and Yash Thakur, despite going for runs in

the death overs, had bowled well enough to prevent KKR from crossing the line. "We were in a good situation, we had worked so hard in the first 14-15 overs. And if they had won it from there it would have been genuinely astounding. Rinku played out of his skin again, didn't he, to get them that close. It was a matter of not making a really obvious error in those last few overs. He batted beautifully, he batted brilliantly, and we didn't quite hit our straps at the end there. But then Naveen [ul Haq] and Yash [Thakur] were doing quite a tough job bowling multiple overs at the death. Usually you want to share out those death overs a little bit better, more

evenly distributed among the seamers. But they came through in the end.

"Both of them have been brilliant for us this season. Yash as a young guy coming through in his first IPL season - I knew him when he was bowling in the nets at Punjab Kings. So to see him do so well and handle himself so brilliantly under pressure, it's really wonderful. And Naveen has been brilliant for us; really competitive, smart, decisive, and he is allowed to get hit by good players occasionally. It happens to all bowlers. So lot's of respect for Rinku in the way he played. But it was brilliant by our guys, including our captain, to get us through," said Flower.

Luke Wood, Luke Wells set up Lancashire's four-wicket win



New Delhi: Lancashire kickstarted the T20 Blast season of 2023 with a comfortable four-wicket win over Derbyshire, courtesy the two Lukes - Wood and Wells - who made a sizeable impact on either innings. Asked to bat, Derbyshire made a strong start - including a 17-run sixth over. Wayne Madsen scored a half-century (50 off 35) but fell in the 11th over to Danny Lumb. Wood, who'd dismissed Haider Ali on the first ball of the season, made two late dents by taking out

Derbyshire captain Leus du Plooy (33 off 16) and Anuj Dal (24 off 20). Derbyshire got 48 runs in the last five overs to post 179 for 5, and yet fell short.

That was because Wells gave Lancashire a flying start with a blistering 66 off 35 balls - with 9 fours and 3 sixes. Thanks to that, Lancashire had the perfect platform for chase with 77/1 in 6 overs. Wells continued to attack after the PowerPlay and fell in the 10th over. Daryl Mitchell carried forward the

attack with a 19-ball 31. Though Lancashire lost a few wickets in a heap, Rob Jones took them over the line with four wickets and four balls to spare.

Sam Hain's brutal 83*, off just 45 deliveries, set up Warwickshire's comfortable win against Yorkshire. After posting 200/6, Henry Brookes (4-32) and Chris Woakes (2-34) starred with the ball to restrict Yorkshire to 166 on the penultimate ball.

Hain arrived when Warwickshire were 30-2

in the fourth over, and saw the team slip to 51-4 before putting on a 97-run stand with Chris Benjamin (46 off 28) for the fifth wicket to put their side on course for a big total. Benjamin missed out on his half-century but Hain hammered four sixes and seven boundaries in his unbeaten knock.

Brookes and Woakes then combined to reduce Yorkshire to 20-4 inside four overs, which soon spiralled to 66-7 despite Dawid Malan's brisk 43. He was the eighth man dismissed, with team's score on 104 in the 15th over, and the chase was well out of their reach. However, Dom Bess (42* off 28) and Jafer Chohan (37 off 20) decided to have some late fun, posting a ninth wicket partnership of 52 that was in vain.

World Table Tennis Championships Finals 2023: Sharath Kamal, Manika Batra To Lead Indian Campaign

New Delhi: Achanta Sharath Kamal, the Commonwealth Games winner, and Manika Batra, India's best women's player, will lead the Indian campaign at the World Table Tennis Championships Finals 2023, which begin on Saturday in Durban, South Africa.

There are 11 players in the Indian table tennis team. Sharath Kamal will captain the five-man men's squad, which features Olympian Sathiyam Gnanasekaran and bronze medalists Manav Thakkar and Harmeet Desai from the Asian Games 2018. Manush Shah is also included in the squad, as per Olympics.com. India's top-ranked men's table tennis player is Sathiyam Gnanasekaran, who is rated 51st in the world, followed by



SRG Suppiah in the men's singles both won bronze. The onus will be on world No. 39 Manika Batra to deliver for India in the women's competition. She will compete in singles and women's doubles alongside Archana Kamath. In women's doubles, the pair is rated No. 12 in the world. In women's singles, national champion Sreeja Akula (world No. 112), Olympian Sutirtha Mukherjee (world No.

113), and Reeth Tennison (world No. 176) will compete. The singles competition will begin with a round of 128 while the doubles events will begin with a round of 64. The event will end on May 28. For the first time since the 1939 edition in Egypt, the table tennis world championships are being hosted on the African continent. Indian squad for ITTF World Table Tennis Championships Finals 2023

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LSG pull through Rinku storm to secure a playoff spot

Kolkata: Kolkata Knight Riders had come into this match with a glimmer of hope. A distant dream of conjuring a miracle that could drive them into the final. However, an inspired, scrappy batting effort from LSG under pressure, and a bowling unit that took regular wickets and held their nerve at the business end, helped LSG sneak into the playoffs. The loss for KKR meant that they crashed out of this competition, albeit with their heads held high after yet another gallant chase, courtesy Rinku Singh - arguably the find of the season. In fact, it was a bit of a sedate start before Harshit Rana got rid of Karan Sharma, who

ended up getting late on the hook to a short ball and handed Shardul Thakur an easy catch. However, the arrival of Prerak Mankad made Quinton de Kock open up too, and they hammered the KKR bowlers for the rest of the powerplay, scoring 40 runs in 21 balls in that phase post the dismissal of Karan Sharma, ending up with a strong 54-1 at the end of the sixth over. The post-powerplay depression has become the norm in this IPL, and such was the case today too, led by the surprise package that was Vaibhav Arora. An over that accounted for Prerak Mankad and the in-form Marcus Stoinis for a duck was pivotal, with just one run coming off it. And thus

it was that Vaibhav Arora bowled a fiery spell, starting a period of play that cost LSG 4 wickets for 18 runs including a wicket for Sunil Narine, and the wicket of de Kock, courtesy Varun Chakaravathy, that really pushed LSG into panic mode.

However, from 73-5 after 10.1 overs, LSG recovered in a hurry, courtesy a fiery knock from Nicholas Pooran. Varun Chakaravathy didn't have too much time to celebrate the wicket of de Kock, as he was welcomed with two fours and a six by Pooran. Joined by Badoni, the pair scored 46 runs in 29 balls and brought LSG roaring back into the game, ready for the onslaught at the death.



The batters went ballistic as usual at the death, but regular wickets, especially that of Pooran, and the lack of flow for any of the other batsmen, limited LSG to a score that was potentially 15 runs short of par. However, 57 runs in the last 5 overs was a

commendable effort, with some lusty blows from Pooran, and a very brief cameo from Krishnappa Gowtham in the final over, after the dismissal of Pooran. Jason Roy and Venkatesh Iyer got KKR off to a blazing start, as has been the norm this season, with

Powerplays favouring the batsmen, sometimes, even misleadingly so. Jason Roy was the aggressor, but Iyer wasn't far behind, blazing fours and sixes indiscriminately throughout the powerplay. The penultimate ball of the

powerplay saw Iyer depart for 24, but this phase firmly belonged to KKR who were keeping up with the required rate, all set to eclipse LSG. The wicket of Jason Roy - 45 off 28, in full flow, and this was the turning point. After the wicket of Rana, at which point the score was 78-1, KKR's partnerships read 4, 26, 8, 14 and 2, as they lost 6 wickets for 58 runs in a strangling session of play. The wickets kept coming, but LSG were wary that a certain Rinku Singh was still out there, playing as fluently as he had throughout the tournament. Did he have a(nother) miracle in store? This is no fairy tale world, and despite his

best efforts, Rinku Singh learnt a harsh truth. After the wicket of Shardul Thakur and then Sunil Narine soon after, the equation read 41 to win off 12. And then it began. The Rinku carnage. Naveen-ul-Haq's penultimate over read 4.4.4.2.6.0, leaving 21 runs to win off the final over. Two dots helped LSG, but a couple of wides kept the contest alive, as Rinku Singh smashed a six with 18 to win off 3. A boundary off the penultimate ball left 8 to win off one, and Yash Thakur needing to bowl a legal delivery. Rinku duly smashed the ball for six, but LSG sneaked through by the barest of margins, leaving the host city heartbroken.