

## Odisha: BSE Does Away With Summative Tests In Class X, Brings Back Annual Exam Pattern



**Bhubaneswar:** The Board of Secondary Education (BSE) in Odisha has effected certain changes in the procedure of examination for Class X (matriculation) students in the state. As per the decision taken by the School and Mass Education department, the BSE has decided to discontinue with the Summative I and Summative II examinations for the

Class X students. "The board will conduct an annual High School Certificate (HSC) examination for Class X students in Odisha," said BSE President Ramsis Hazra at a presser in Cuttack today. The schools will conduct a half-yearly examination for the Class X students to make them acquainted with the question formats. The BSE will provide question papers for the

half-yearly examination, Hazra added. "The BSE will send the question papers to the District Education Officers (DEOs). The schools will collect the question papers from the DEOs," said Hazra. The board has also decided to conduct an annual examination for Class IX students by discontinuing the system of Summative I and Summative II examinations, said the

BSE President. "The BSE will provide question papers for the annual examination of Class IX students through the DEOs," he added. The board will conduct the Supplementary Examination for students who have failed to clear the annual HSC examination, he said. Notably, the BSE had introduced two Summative Examinations for Class X students in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic. "Two Summative examinations were introduced for the Class X students during the pandemic. The pandemic is over now. So, the board has decided to return to the old format of annual examination," said a BSE official.

## MD Predicts Rain, Thunderstorm In Several Odisha Districts Till May 28

**Bhubaneswar:** Several districts in Odisha may witness rain or thunderstorm till May 28, said the IMD in its weather bulletin today. Light rain or thunderstorm has occurred at one or two places over the districts of Sambalpur, Jharsuguda, Mayurbhanj, Deogarh, Bargarh, Sonepur, Keonjhar, Sundargarh, Bolangir and Khurda in Odisha in the last 24 hours, said the weatherman. As per the IMD prediction, light to moderate rain or thunderstorm is very likely to occur at a few places over the districts of Nabarangpur, Kalahandi, Kandhamal, Boudh, Nayagarh, Angul, Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj, Balasore and at one or two places over the remaining districts of Odisha by 8.30 am on May 25 (Thursday).

## Rehab Complex In 10 Dists



**Bhubaneswar:** For the rehabilitation of senior citizens and PwDs, the SSEPD department has taken steps for setting up Integrated Infrastructure Complexes (IIC) in 10 districts. These complexes will be developed as National Level Centre of Excellence. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Wednesday reviewed the targets and achievements of the Department of Social Security & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (SSEPD) during the last four years and the fulfilment of the assurances given in the manifesto. Addressing Media persons followed by the review, SSEPD Minister Ashok Chandra Panda and Principal Secretary Sushil K Lohani said out of 10 Shradhalaya (IIC) in 6 districts i.e., Cuttack, Ganjam, Khurda, Kandhamal, Sambalpur and Puri have been completed, 5 are made operational. Each Shradhalaya (IIC) will accommodate three special schools and one old age home with residential support, healthcare and therapeutic services for PwDs and senior citizens. Also, there will be provision for free education, vocational training, music school, sports and other activities for students with disabilities, Panda said. He said that the Chief Minister has directed to hold regular camps under Bhima Bhoi Bhinnakhyama Samarthya Abhiyan

(BBSA) in every Block and the certificates given to PwDs be uploaded in the portal. The CM also directed to transform the Special Schools under 5-T initiative. He also emphasized on timely arrangement of financing the institutions working for the empowerment of PwDs, the Minister said. Shri Panda said that the dynamic approach has been taken for inclusion of beneficiaries under Madhu Babu Pension Yojana (MBPY). The new categories of beneficiaries such as divorcee and deserted women, transgender persons, orphan children and widows of covid affected families have been included. Total 14,719 deserted and divorcee women, 1468 transgender persons, 43 orphan children (Covid affected family) and 626 widows (covid affected family) have been benefitted in this process. Widow and divorcee deserted women are being identified based on self-certification and no death certificate or document of divorcee is required. Similarly, transgender persons, widow and orphan children of covid affected family are getting pension under MBPY. He said that 7 Geriatric Disability Centres and 83 Old Age Homes are functioning for the Welfare of Senior Citizens. As per the announcement of Chief Minister in January 2022, artificial limbs/high end limbs and hearing aid have been provided to all eligible persons with

disabilities irrespective of their family income. Further, he said 2974 beneficiaries have availed the benefit of artificial/high end limbs (orthosis/prosthesis) and 685 students with disabilities availed the benefit of hearing aid. The Department has made available 11 of its Citizen Centric Services online in the Portal ssepd.gov.in. It was highlighted that the number of beneficiaries under MBPY have increased from 23.13 lakh to 28.37 lakh in the last four years. The process of application has also been simplified and made more transparent. For empowerment of persons with disabilities (PwDs), two world class centres of SIEP (Manodaya) have been set up in Bhubaneswar and Sundargarh districts, said Shri Lohani. Another eight such centres are in progress. Similarly, four rehabilitation centres with CAD CAM facilities and DDRCS are functional at Bhubaneswar, Sundargarh, Angul and Keonjhar, he said. One Biju Mahavir Jaipur Foot Centre has been established in Khordha Districts to provide Artificial Limbs to PwDs while 103 Special Schools for Students with Disabilities, 83 Old Age Homes, 24 Rehabilitation centres for Beggars, 3 Rehabilitation centres for Transgender persons and 73 centres for Mentally ill persons are running in the state, the Principal Secretary said.

## Alert For Loan Recovery

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Principal Secretary Co-operation, Sanjeev Chadha has warned that recovery of loans advanced by PACS/LAMPCS and DCCBs is not being properly attended and monitored. Writing letter to the All Divisional DRCSs/All Circle ARCSs/All CEOs of DCCBs, Principal Secretary has directed to go for drive for recovery of out-standing loan through Recovery Camp. Shri Chadha, who is a Hard Task Master has said that due to negligence of this aspect lot of these advances are slipping to Non-Performing Assets (NPA) putting the

resources of these public institutions at risk. Growing NPA in financial institutions is eating away the profits generated and compelling to do provisions against these bad/doubtful assets and NPAs for longer terms is adding to the losses incurred, said Shri Chadha. Being public financial organisations, these institutions must adhere to prudent financial norms to perform sustainably. This makes recovery of loans a vital function of credit institutions. But unfortunately, this is the most neglected aspect in the functioning of



Cooperative Banks/Societies, said Principal Secretary. Under these circumstances, it has been decided by the Department to initiate a drive for collection of loans advanced by PACS/LAMPCS and DCCBs from 25 May to

25 June 2023. Special drive including vehicle movement be done by all these institutions mobilising all the human resources available with them. Due support to this drive is to be extended by the Departmental officers stationed in the

field. Proper planning should be done by each and every organisation and alt the defaulting loanees must be touched at least once during this drive by arranging Recovery Camps at Gram Panchayat Level. More importance should be given to long overdue loans. Progress (Realisation of amount towards Principal and Interest year wise) should be submitted to the Directorate, OSCB and the Department every week for perusal and further necessary action, said the Principal Secretary co-operation.

## 57K CR For Drinking Water

**Bhubaneswar:** In an aim to ensure supply of safe and pure drinking water to all rural households, the State Government has taken up piped water supply projects with investment of Rs. 57000 crores. This was known from the review meeting of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik. The Chief Minister on Wednesday reviewed the targets and achievements of the Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water Department during the last four years and the fulfillment of the assurances given in the manifesto. Department Minister Pradip Kumar Amat presented details of achievements promised in the election manifesto and other transformative steps undertaken by the Department during last four years for the benefit

of the people in rural areas across the state. Principal Secretary Sushil Kumar Lohani was also present during the meeting. Speaking to media persons, Minister Shri Amat said the department has undertaken an ambitious program of providing household tap water connection to each rural houses with a provision of 70 liters per capita per day supply. So far, 206 mega projects as well as 13000 single village piped water supply projects have been undertaken with a massive investment of Rs. 57000 crores and 61% rural HHs has been covered so far, he said. He said 14,000 women SHGs have been involved in various income generation programs through



ORMAS in collaboration with Mission Shakti generating a business of RS 770 crore and profit of over Rs 200 crore. Around 800 WSHG members have been involved in activities like Nursery raising, Nutrigarden etc. and Rs. 1065.00 crore has been paid to them in the form of income or service charge, Amat said. The goal of empowerment of youth through skill

development has been achieved by training 82,000 youths in last 4 years, he said. To enhance sports infrastructure, the Minister said, more than 12,000 playgrounds and stadiums have been developed. Moreover, around 8000 GP playgrounds have been completed in the State. Under ST High School Transformation initiatives, more than 7,800 schools have been

transformed and equipped with all modern facilities. The Minister also highlighted other major achievements of the department undertaken so far in the last four years. "Odisha has been amongst the best states in implementation of MGREGA. Our efforts in creating durable assets in convergence with other schemes have been well appreciated at

National level," Shri Amat said. For creating rural infrastructure under MGREGA, more than 12 lakh works have been completed. This includes water conservation, watershed development works, livestock shelter, farm pond, Anganwadi Centres, play fields, land development etc. Under the Finance Commission grants more than 8 lakh

projects worth Rs 15,590 crore have been taken up towards development of maintenance of PWS, Rural haat, rain water harvesting, drainage system, construction and maintenance of schools, Anganwadi centres, playground, rural library, community halls etc. Under the rural health infrastructure programme, 4,176 projects have been taken up worth Rs. 1261 crore, which includes construction and maintenance of Sub-centre building, PHCs, BPHU, Bio-medical Waste Management Facility Centre etc. During the COVID-19 lockdown, 17,000 TMCs were set up at GP level to provide quarantine facilities to the migrant laborers, he pointed out.

The Department was at the forefront in taking Hockey World cup fever to rural areas. The efforts of the Department have been duly recognized at various levels. Odisha was No. 2 in National Panchayat Awards, 2023 by winning 6 awards including best District & best block awards. The state is also ranked first in the skill development training conducted. Odisha's best practice in Rural Housing and skill development has been duly recognized for replication in other States. He assured that the PR & DW Department is fully committed to ensuring delivery of services at grass-root level and use of technology to ensure last-mile connectivity of beneficiaries.



## Manubad or Democracy, is the question

Dwit David Philip

Civil war or Manu constitution ?  
Heading towards Indian union !  
They are not opposition parties, they are forces of anti patriotism;  
The majority of Indian says, it's right justification.  
'Chronology and narratives' are democrats' observations:  
Defence head is made one, as India is one union,  
370 and mandir is own at the cost humanitarian decision,  
Democracy is of majority is the mind and nation's tune,  
Minority of casts, religions, tribes, languages under confusion,  
agreed to be branded 'Hindu nation',  
Majority of Indians enchanted the government's tune and song,  
Tribal president for tribal, to sanction Manubadi opinions?  
IT, ED, CBI raids and jails only for oppositions?  
NGOs', FCRA restrictions are to stop preparing people for humanitarian opinions?

Social security schemes for poor, to make silent or to say yes to government's decisions?  
Judiciary is on attack of government, as the above acts are judicial questions?  
Hindu rastra and Manu mission, is already in operations?  
Media and corporate houses are state sponsored don?  
North East elections or state governments,  
Most are behind 'Hindu Nationalism' sentiments?  
It's not against any Hindu or human,  
But question is, Is democracy not desired for a Hindu Nation?  
"Manu or Democracy what is your opinion"?  
"Civil war or Manu-constitution" is the apprehension at this time, my perception.  
But it's my opinion.

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## Quotation of the day

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- SWAMI SIVANANDA -



# Simla: The Summer Capital



The Simla hills were ceded to the British through a series of transactions with the Raja of Keonthal. In its early days, Simla, like its neighbouring hill station, Kasauli, was used as a sanatorium. The cold weather, it was believed, helped in recovering from long term illnesses. It also provided respite from the usually hot and humid conditions in the plains. The British used the Hindoostan-Thibet Road and the Kalka - Simla Railways to travel. The Hindoostan-Thibet Road was started under the aegis of Lord Dalhousie in 1850, while the Kalka-Simla railway was functional only from 1903. Before these, travelling to Simla from the capital city of Calcutta was a gruelling process which would have entailed rail and cart travel.

Sir John Lawrence officially declared Simla the summer capital of the British empire in 1864. The capital covered a 3-mile radius from the famous Christ Church in the Simla Bazaar. It soon developed into a small English town which had many building such as Post office, Telegraph office, the Armed Forces Headquarters, the Government of India Secretariat, the

press, Clerks cottages, the Public Works Department Secretariat, the Financial Department office and the Home Department of the Government of British India. The British moved from Calcutta to their summer capital Simla, between April to October every year. The annual move to Simla was not only undertaken by the Viceroy and his council but the entire infrastructure of colonial bureaucracy and their Armed forces. Some departments such as the Sanitary Commissioner, the Examiner of Accounts and the Military Works department established permanent offices in the hill station. Others, like the Accountant General, the Press Commissioner and many more travelled up each year with their officers, clerks, documents and luggage to set up a base near the Viceregal Lodge. The Simla Allowance Act ensured that the clerks belonging to these departments received a travel allowance to shift themselves and their families to Simla and return to Calcutta in due time. In addition, the Pay and Acting Allowances Code

gave them an additional claim on two thirds of the allowance as 'personal allowance'. Simla The Summer Capital officers purchased houses in Simla to stay in for the summer. The norm, however, was to rent out houses for the season. This concentration of British society attracted many members of Indian royal families to

Simla. While some Indian kings and princes visited Simla on the occasion of Imperial durbars, the others visited Little England to mingle in English circles. By the 1800s, of the four hundred decently sized houses, thirty houses were owned by 'Native chiefs'. The Raja of Nahan owned fourteen properties while the Maharana of Dholpur and Maharaja of Jaipur

owned two each. In order to reside in Simla during the summer, an Indian prince would have to seek permission from the Viceroy's office despite owning a house within the city. His application also had to be ratified by the Agent to the Governor General in charge of his state. In 1914, The Maharana of Dholpur, Rajasthan states that he is "physically unable to stand hot

weather" and must, thus reside in Simla for the summer. Native chiefs travelled with large retenues to suit their stature. In 1813, Maharana of Dholpur was accompanied by five officers and forty followers, while the next year, he turned up with seven Sardars and thirty-four followers. This became a cause of concern for the British authorities for two reasons. The first was a matter of prestige as the Viceroy himself toured the Imperial summer capital almost unattended. In comparison, it seemed improper for a Native chief to surround himself with an entourage. The second was a matter of practicality. Due to the boisterous festivities and crowding common to Princely homes, British officials would not rent out houses in close proximity to properties owned by Indian Princes. In addition, those Native chiefs who rented their houses to British officials were suspected of extracting political favours from their tenants. The British authorities felt that Indian princes bought properties in Simla in a childish effort to outdo each other. It was thus argued that it would be desirable to discourage, gently and indirectly, the purchase of houses in Simla by Native chiefs. Such discouragement, however, could not be formally enjoined and expressed in the orders of the government. After all, the British government did not have the legal right to stop Indian princes from purchasing property till their wealth permitted it. The most historically significant building of Simla is the Viceregal Lodge. It was built atop the Observatory Hill and designed by Colonel J. T. Boileau. It was completed by April 1888. Mr Henry

Irwin, the superintendent of works oversaw the construction of the building along with his head clerk Mr J H Baker. After Independence, it was renamed 'Rashtrapati Niwas'. The city has witnessed some of the most historic events in India's past such as the Simla Conference wherein the plan for Indian self governance was propounded in 1945. On 2nd July

1972, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, President of Pakistan signed The Simla agreement which officially recognised the new nation-state of Bangladesh. Simla, now known as Shimla, was called the Queen of Hills by the British and today, tourism is the most visible legacy of Shimla's rich colonial past.



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## THE LOST BICYCLE

Mr. Sadyant Satapathy



One day, a detective was reading a newspaper outside of his house. Suddenly a boy came near to him. He was crying. Mr. Rohit who was the detective asked the boy, "Who are you?" He said, I am Roshan. Then Mr. Rohit asked, "Why are you crying?" Roshan said, "My bicycle is missing which was my favorite." "Ohh...! What a big problem", said Rohit. Rohit said, "Calm down." We will find the bicycle. Now tell me in detail what happened. Roshan said my father had bought it three days ago. "In those days, who came to your house", asked Rohit. Roshan said my best friend Rohin and a boy named Krish had



come to my house and then the newspaper man. A park is there near to my house and a cycle repairing store is also available near the park. I had tied the bicycle there at the big wall in the park. The detective said let us first go to the park where it was tied. They both went to the park and saw the chain was still there tied to it. A toy watch was fallen near it. When Roshan saw it, said it's my best friend Rohin's watch. The detective told let's go to his house and check. They went to Rohin's house and Rohit asked him, "Have you taken the bicycle of Roshan?" Rohin told No. Suddenly Roshan shouted, there is my bicycle at the corner. Then Rohin said, "I wanted a bicycle but I could not buy, so I decided to steal it." Sorry Roshan, said Rohin. The detective said that stealing anything of others is an offence. You should be punished. Rohin said, yes I must be punished. Detective said realisation of own mistake and swear not to repeat it is the output of your punishment. Rohin returned the bicycle of Roshan and he never stole anything in his life.

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**Taarak Mehta Ka Ooltah Chashmah Controversy: Ex-Cast Member Priya Ahuja Rajda Aka Rita Reporter Alleges 'Mental Harassment'**

After Jennifer Mistry, who played Roshan Sodhi on the popular sitcom Taarak Mehta Ka Ooltah Chashmah levelled sexual misconduct allegations against the makers, former cast actresses who have been a part of the show have opened up too. Recently, Monika Bhadoriya, who played Bawri on the show talked about the misbehaviour she faced during her stint and now another actress Priya Ahuja Rajda who was seen in Rita Reporter's character has alleged 'mental harassment'.

In an interview with ETimes, Priya Ahuja Rajda talked about her experience while on the show, "Yes the artists have to go through mental harassment when they work on Taarak Mehta. Kaafi hota hai... mentally I've also gone through difficulties while working there but it didn't affect me much maybe because Malav, my husband who was the director of the show for 14 years, he was earning. One benefit I had of working there was since I didn't have a contract I was never stopped from working outside. Asit Kumar Modi bhai, Sohil Ramani or Jatin Bajaj (he's like my younger brother) they never misbehaved with me. But as far work is



concerned I've been subjected to unfair treatment. After I got married to Malav they reduced my track. It was no longer how it used to be. I've been clueless about my track in the show after pregnancy and when Malav left the show. I messaged Asit bhai so

many times asking him about my track in the show but there has been no response. Sometimes he would comment "Arre tujhe kaam karne ki kya zarurat hai Malav is working Na". I'm an individual and I did not get this show because I was Malav's wife. I was a part

of this show before I got married to Malav. I never got a proper response. Malav was shooting and I was also working on some or the other thing it wasn't affecting me financially, so I never bothered to speak," she said. She also shared how she didn't even know whether her track was on the show or not. "I am feeling bad that ever since Malav has left the show they haven't called or responded to my message. It has been six months since he left the show and they haven't called me to shoot. That I feel as an artist is unfair. I called up Sohil and requested him to ask Asit ji about my track in the show,

I even dropped a message to Asit bhai asking if I am still a part of the show but I haven't heard from both of them and I think it is a little unfair. Even if I am not a part of the show tell me I'm not dying to comeback but it is wrong that Malav has left the show, so now you don't want to call me. Joh attitude raha hai in the last 6-8 years I was very sure they will not call me. I'd told Malav also about it when he was leaving the show that now they won't call me, neither they will announce that I'm still part of the show, not they will call me. They will keep me hanging."

**Akshay Kumar, Emraan Hashmi-Starrer 'Selfiee' Second Trailer is Out, Makers Tease Boycott Bollywood Trend**

Akshay Kumar and Emraan Hashmi are raising the temperature high as their upcoming film 'Selfiee' is about to hit the theatres. Amid promotions all over the country, the makers of 'Selfiee' unveiled the second trailer of the film on Wednesday.



Fans already know that the film is a tussle between a superstar and a super fan. In the second trailer, the situation gets grimmer and the fight between Inspector Om Prakash (played by Emraan) and superstar Vijay (played by Akshay) takes an ugly turn involving their families.

Sharing the same trailer Emraan wrote, "Superstar ke saath #Selfiee nahi, panga le liya. Watch #SelfieeTrailer2 Now. Aage ki story - only in cinemas, Feb 24."

Taking to Instagram Akshay posted the trailer with a caption, "Aam aadmi ki kahaani toh bahot sun li, ab Vijay Kumar ki bhi sun lo.. D e k h i y e #SelfieeTrailer2. And watch #Selfiee in cinemas on 24th Feb."

There's another treat for the fans. In a new teaser of the movie, 'Boycott Bollywood gets featured. 'Boycott Bollywood' is trending for quite some time on social media, as Bollywood is repeatedly attacked for diverse

reasons. Taking a hilarious stand on the burning subject, the teaser shows, when 'Boycott Bollywood' is mentioned by a producer, Akshay points fingers at himself suggesting if he were the reason or not. The producer in the teaser promptly replies to Akshay's gesture, 'No, Sir.'

Suraj Venjaramoodu in lead roles. Akshay and Emraan will reprise their roles in the remake.

The film will also showcase the recreated version of the 90s hit song 'Main Khiladi Tu Anari', sung by Udit Narayan, and Abhijeet Bhattacharya and recreated by Tanishk Bagchi.

Helmed by Raj Mehta, Akshay and Emraan have collaborated for the first time in 'Selfiee'.

**15 Years of Jodhaa Akbar: Makers Celebrate the Journey of an Eternal Love Story**

Regarded as one of the most spectacular visual experiences on the Indian screen, Ashutosh Gowariker's Jodhaa Akbar clocks 15 years today. Celebrating the epitome of love, respect and royalty, AGPPL offered a recap of the essence of Jodhaa Akbar with a special video.

Taking to their social media, AGPPL posted the video saying, "Jodhaa and Akbar's love continues to shine brightly through the ages as a symbol of mutual respect, tolerance and open-mindedness between a man and woman, husband and wife. Today we are



proud to celebrate the 15th year since our journey that brought their eternal romance to the silver screen."

Incidentally, today also marks the birthday of the director and producer of Jodhaa Akbar, Ashutosh Gowariker. The leading man of the film Hrithik Roshan took to his social media to wish the filmmaker along with a few glimpses of the film. He wrote, "Happy Birthday @AshGowariker. Thank you for trusting me with the monumental responsibility of being a part of Jodhaa Akbar. Your direction & my incredible co-stars will forever be cherished. #15yearsOfJodhaaAkbar".

**Fans Flood Ayushmann Khurrana, Ektaa Kapoor's Social Media Handles with Love After 'Dream Girl 2' Teaser Drops**

The sequel to the 2019 hit movie 'Dream Girl' has been a hot topic since the announcement, now a teaser has taken over the internet and fans have been going gaga over it. It featured Ayushmann Khurrana in his quirky yet charming avatar of Pooja talking to 'Pathaan'. The teaser has been received very well by fans, who have flooded social media with messages of love and appreciation for Ayushmann and Ektaa. Fans have been particularly impressed with Ayushmann's portrayal of Pooja, his comic timing has left fans eagerly waiting for the movie's release. On Twitter, fans have been sharing the asset and expressing their excitement for the movie's release. Many fans have praised Ayushmann's acting skills, some fans have even gone on to call Ayushmann the 'king of

Shoaib Ibrahim is currently over the moon as he has finally fulfilled his long awaited dream. The good-looking actor has bought his first property in Mumbai and made the big announcement with wife Dipika Kakar in a new video. Dipika also couldn't control her excitement and was beaming with joy.



Shoaib shared the news and said, "I want to share some good news with you all. I've finally bought my own property in Mumbai. I came to Mumbai in 2009 and finally in 2022, I've managed to buy a house. The 13 year old dream is now going to get fulfilled. Main Mumbai mein ek property le raha hoon apne naam se... (Dipika beams with joy and hugs him, she even calls him cute). The most important thing is that I am buying this house for my mother."

Dipika, who was sitting beside him while sharing the news added, "The building and flat where we are staying, the best part about it is that we bought my first property in Mumbai which is this flat. And when Shoaib shifted Ammi and everyone to Mumbai, the flat which is below ours was available on rent and we took it. From that time till now, Ammi and everyone have been staying in that same flat on rent." The couple explained how Shoaib had an opportunity to

buy the rented flat 4 years ago, when the owner was selling it, but at that time he couldn't afford it. Finally, he is able to do it. Shoaib further explained in the video how he doesn't want his family to locate to some other wing in the same society as he used to spending time with his family and don't want them to shift anywhere else. He said, "Every man dreams of buying

his own house and has a name plate on his name. I tried doing it early but it did not happen as I had and still have many responsibilities. But things are better now and my sister Saba is also growing in her life. The dream has been possible because of your support and prayers. You all have also been an important part of my journey."

Shoaib went on to praise Dipika how proud he is of her as she is self-made and at the same time he mentioned about his happiness of buying a property on his own, "Everyone knows Dipika is very popular as compared to me and I happily accept this and I am very proud about it. She has already achieved so much in a short span of life and it is incredible. People like her who do everything on their own and independently, hats off to them and I am proud that my wife is one of them who is self-made. At the same time, I am very happy that I've bought something of my own. Everything is our own. A relationship is strong when a couple supports each other." Dipika added, "I feel really proud because Shoaib is not one of those men who just say things for the heck of it. He practices what he preaches. He makes me feel in day-to-day life how proud he is of me. We don't have ego between us at all and I am proud about that because it is not an easy thing for a man."



## Need Strong Efforts in the Maintenance of Lakes for Water Crisis

A recent research done on the threats hovering over the world's lakes has said that water in more than half of the world's largest lakes and reservoirs is continuously decreasing and they are on the verge of drying up. Due to this, the future water security of humans in many parts of the earth may be at risk. Climate change, increasing heat and increasing water consumption are believed to be the biggest reasons for the drying up of lakes and large reservoirs. At a time when the acute crisis of drinking water is being felt and the emphasis is being laid on the conservation of natural sources of water, it raises new revelations and concerns from this research.

A team included scientists from the US, France and Saudi Arabia to systematically study the scourge. They looked at 1,972 of Earth's largest lakes and reservoirs using satellite images from 1992 to 2020. They focused on large freshwater lakes largely because of the improved accuracy of satellites as well as their importance to humans and wildlife.

In this study, it was tried to see how and how much the amount of water in the lakes has changed in about 30 years. The results found that 53 percent of lakes and reservoirs showed a decline in water content at a rate of about 22 gigatonnes annually. In this way, it is a warning for the governments and social organizations working for water conservation. Lakes are a type of natural reservoir, whose water is used for drinking water and industries etc. Just as there has been a deep crisis of drinking water in many cities of the world due to the decreasing water level of the rivers, in the same way, if the lakes keep shrinking, then this crisis will become more serious.

Today the whole world is standing under the shadow of a water crisis due to falling water levels in rivers and lakes. Unplanned industrialization, increasing pollution, decreasing deserts and glaciers, declining water level of rivers, environmental destruction, exploitation of nature and insensitivity towards its misuse are leading the whole world towards a major water crisis. Packet and

bottled water are becoming symbols of development today and our carelessness towards our resources is making it easier to hand over our basic needs to marketism.

Experts have identified water as one of the major resources that will be the most challenging task to manage in the future. Rivers and lakes, which have been a source of pure water for centuries, are getting polluted due to the promotion of tourism, the water harvesting system is deteriorating, and the water level is continuously decreasing. Today, it is necessary to ensure the availability of clean and safe water from the lakes in all the countries of the world, as well as focus on the importance of water conservation. You can think how much water a human being uses in his lifetime, but does he try to save so much water?

Continuous studies have been done regarding the drying up of lakes, rivers, reservoirs and other natural water sources, the reasons are also clear from their data. But the practical measures that are expected for their protection are not being

implemented. The source of the lakes is usually water coming from the mountains. It is accumulated in the form of melting snow or rainwater. But due to climate change, the way the heat is increasing all over the world, in many places there is no snow on the mountains as before and there is not enough rain. Then the ratio of the water that is produced from them has deteriorated. Due to the short duration of the rainy season and less or more amount of rain, sufficient water is not stored in the lakes. Life cannot be imagined without water.

Apart from humans and animals, water is also essential for all forms of agriculture and most industrial production processes. But about 70 percent of the earth's area is covered with water. But, potable water is only three percent, out of this only one percent of sweet water is actually used by us. In which lakes and rivers are the main water sources. But, man does not miss wasting precious water in his tourism, health, convenience, show off and luxury.

While using water, we do not think at all about saving water, as a result

**-: Lalit Garg :-**

of which a situation of water crisis has arisen in most of the lakes and rivers. As the temperature is rising, the water problem is taking a dire shape in many parts of India. Every year this problem is increasing more than before. The main reason for this is the ever increasing tourism and industrial commercial activities on the mountains. A major disadvantage of promoting the tourism industry has also been that commercial activities have increased in the lakes, due to which garbage has accumulated in them. Due to the lack of a regular desalting system, they have become shallow.

The banks of many lakes have been shrinking. Major lakes of the country, be it Dal Lake in Kashmir or Pushkar Sarovar or Udaipur Lakes – this is not only the result of the neglect of the governments, but also shows the apathy of the social organizations. Earlier the safety of community water sources was ensured, but now that tradition has almost ended. If the health of the lakes is to be improved, then this feeling of

indifference and neglect will have to be abandoned, a planned understanding and thinking will have to be developed for the water source and conservation of the lakes.

The main water source of the water of the lakes in India is the melting of the snow coming from the mountains and the water coming from the springs. The mountains of Uttarakhand here are great examples of that. But due to the large-scale development projects started there, not only have the incidents of landslides and landslides increased, but many natural water sources are also facing danger. Due to blocking of the way of rivers and mountain springs there, the water reaching the lakes has reduced considerably.

Irrational exploitation of water of many lakes has increased. They are being used extensively for industrial units.

According to a United Nations report, global water use has increased six-fold over the past 100 years, and continues to grow at a rate of about one percent per year due to increasing population, economic development, and changes in consumption patterns. Along with an erratic and uncertain supply of water, climate change has exacerbated the situation in currently water-scarce areas. In such a situation, water conservation is the only solution. Water conservation means preventing wastage of water and preventing it from getting polluted. Because if there is water then there is tomorrow. In these, it is necessary to preserve the water of the lakes and pay

attention to their natural sources.

According to the research, recent drought events in different parts of the world including South India have also contributed to the declining storage of lakes and reservoirs. According to the researchers, about a quarter of the world's population i.e. 200 million people are living in such basins where the lakes are shrinking. In such a situation, issues like human consumption, climate change and the silt accumulated in them need immediate attention.

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## Letter To Editor

**Dear Editor**

The International Day of Biodiversity, also known as World Biodiversity Day, is observed on May 22nd each year to raise awareness about the importance of biodiversity and the need to protect and conserve the Earth's rich variety of plant and animal species. It serves as a reminder of the vital role that biodiversity plays in sustaining our planet and supporting all forms of life.

The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed May 22nd as the International Day for Biological Diversity to commemorate the adoption of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) on May 22nd, 1992. The CBD is an international agreement that aims to conserve biodiversity, ensure its sustainable use, and promote the equitable sharing of benefits derived from genetic resources.

The theme for each International Day of Biodiversity is chosen to highlight specific aspects of biodiversity conservation and sustainable development. These themes often reflect current issues and challenges faced in preserving biodiversity and can vary from year to year. Various organizations, governments, and communities around the world organize events and activities on this day to promote biodiversity awareness and encourage actions to protect and conserve nature.

The International Day of Biodiversity encourages individuals, communities, and governments to take steps towards conserving biodiversity. This may involve supporting protected areas, adopting sustainable agricultural practices, promoting wildlife conservation, restoring ecosystems, reducing pollution, and raising awareness about the importance of biodiversity among the general public.

Biodiversity is essential for the health of ecosystems and provides numerous benefits to human societies. It contributes to food security, supports livelihoods, provides medicines, regulates climate, purifies air and water, and enhances resilience to environmental changes. Preserving biodiversity is crucial for achieving sustainable development and ensuring a habitable planet for future generations.

On International Day of Biodiversity, people are encouraged to explore and appreciate the natural world, learn about the different species and ecosystems, and take actions in their daily lives to protect and conserve biodiversity. It is a time to reflect on the importance of nature and the interconnectedness of all living beings on Earth.

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**Dear sir,**  
**Pink is turning to Yellow**

The RBI's decision to abolish the 2000 (pink) note has not caused the uproar seen which we witnessed during the first demonetisation process, but the underlying unease cannot be overlooked. Also reasonably long time of four months, allowing individuals to exchange their pink notes for smaller currency, may have kept tensions bearable. The scramble for gold (yellow metal), on the other hand, is a definite evidence of the volatility generated by the second demonetisation process. Those who had accumulated a big quantity of pink notes appear to favour yellow metal as their new parking lot. Jewellery buying is jumping in the last few days according to reports. Yellow metal abundance has consistently instructed high brow snoot esteem, and no huge Indian festivals and functions are complete without a huge quantity of yellow metal. De-adapting the pink notes has abruptly supported large numbers of these negative shades. India has the biggest crowd of secretly held yellow metal. The government has been trying for a long time to free this largely unproductive stash and turn it into a force for growth and production. In any case, the most recent RBI choice will just support the propensity to keep yellow metal secured.

**Dr. Vijaykumar H K Raichur, Karnataka**

## A Samurai Dream of Azad Hind: Unveiling the Legacy of Rash Behari Bose

**ABHIJIT SETH**

his enduring dedication to India's freedom. Rash Behari Bose's commitment to the cause of Indian independence knew no bounds. He



founded the Indian Independence League, propagating the mantra of "Asia for Asians." Later, he spearheaded the establishment of the Azad Hind Fauj, which served as a lifeline for millions of Indian prisoners of war in the 1940s. Eventually, he passed the torch to Subhash Chandra Bose, entrusting him with the leadership of the Indian National Army (INA). Rash Behari Bose's unwavering efforts paved the way for the consolidation of various Indian movements against the British Raj.

The book 'A Samurai Dream of Azad Hind - Rash Behari Bose' also sheds light on the extensive support network that Rash Behari

However, the book 'A Samurai Dream of Azad Hind - Rash Behari Bose' aims to rectify this oversight and bring his story to a wider audience. Authored by Prasun Roy, this book captivates readers of all ages, offering a glimpse into the life of a valiant man whose unsung sacrifice for his beloved motherland stands as an exemplary demonstration of patriotism.

As we celebrate the upcoming birthday of Rash Behari Bose, let us remember the indomitable spirit and unwavering commitment of this remarkable figure. 'A Samurai Dream of Azad Hind - Rash Behari Bose' unveils the extraordinary life of this visionary leader, encapsulating the struggles, triumphs, and sacrifices of not just Rash Behari Bose but also the thousands of men and women who participated in the armed struggle for India's freedom.

**Kolkata**



As we celebrate the birthday of Rash Behari Bose who was born on 25th May 1886, it is time to also celebrate the life and contributions of this extraordinary figure in India's struggle for independence. The book, 'A Samurai Dream of Azad Hind - Rash Behari Bose' authored by Mr. Prasun Roy delves into the remarkable journey of Rash Behari Bose, who envisioned an independent India free from colonial subjugation since his childhood in the 1890s. This captivating account showcases his pivotal role as a leader in the armed struggle, his self-exile in Japan, and his indomitable spirit in championing India's freedom. From Idealistic Dreamer to Revolutionary Icon,





PM and other dignitaries in a group photograph, in Sydney

## India, Australia Aim To Conclude Comprehensive Trade Deal By End Of 2023

**Sydney:** India and Australia on Wednesday inked a migration and mobility partnership pact to open up opportunities for students, academic researchers and business people and resolved to conclude a comprehensive trade deal by the end of the year to significantly expand economic ties. The pact was signed after wide-ranging talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese. In his media statement, Mr Albanese said the aim

"We discussed in detail the possibilities of cooperation in new areas. Last year India-Australia ECTA came into effect. Today we have decided to focus on CECA -- Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement," he said. PM Modi said the pact will give further strength and new dimensions to trade and economic cooperation between the two countries. "We had constructive discussions on strengthening our strategic cooperation in the sectors of mining and

said it will promote the exchange of students, graduates, researchers and business people; expand our people-to-people ties and enhance cooperation in "preventing people smuggling". The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said Modi and Albanese welcomed the signing of the Migration and Mobility Partnership Arrangement (MMPA). It said the MMPA will further facilitate the mobility of students, professionals, researchers, academics

## Chairman, SMP, Kolkata Announces Conducting Health Check up of Howrah Bridge

**Kolkata:** The Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (SMP), Kolkata Chairman Shri Rathendra Raman today stated that the Port is going to conduct a health check up of Howrah Bridge very shortly to help it regain strength. He was speaking to the representatives of the media today, when he stated that the bridge will be undergoing not only structural health check-up, it will have operational as well as financial health check-up as well. The last health check-up of the same was done by RITES in the year 2007 as the 1983 audit found corrosion and distortion in over 25 locations in the structure and concluded that some parts of the bridge are over-stressed. With the increasing load factor on the bridge and severe stresses and strains



the bridge undergoes every day, the SMP senior brasses have decided to make it undergo another health check-up by a committee of scientists and engineers of IIT Chennai. The Union Government has set up an institute at IIT Chennai, named National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways and Coasts (NTCPWC), which will give all technical support and study the situation of

the bridge and submit the report regarding that to SMP, Kolkata, Shri Raman informed the media today. Speaking on the occasion, The SMP Kolkata Chairman detailed out the developmental activities ensuing like the capacity augmentation through PPP projects, logistical development for ensuring state-of-the-art connectivity, collaboration with other agencies for

seamless flow of upstream and downstream supply chain activities, financial management for effective resource management and cost reduction as well as developing itself as a Green Port by 2030. Shri Raman reiterated to extend support for connectivity to North East region (NER) and Myanmar through IBP route and Bangladesh to increase the port

profitability and detailed upon the development of an extended port gate system at Balagarh to reduce congestion at Kolkata Dock System (KDS) with the project cost of RS 445 crore (PPP- Rs 347 crore & SMPK- Rs 98 crore) for the capacity addition of 2.7 MMPTA. The project, he said, is under appraisal stage. He added that to overcome the problem of restricted cargo movement within the city limits, SMPK intends to shift part of its operation to Balagarh, a place 85 km upstream of Kolkata and which possesses the water depth of about 3.0 metres. Today's Press meet was attended by Shri A K Mehera, Deputy Chairman, Haldia and also Shri Samrat Rahi, Deputy Chairman, Kolkata also.



is to conclude the comprehensive economic cooperation agreement (CECA) by the end of the year. "We reiterated our shared ambition for an early conclusion of the Australia-India comprehensive economic cooperation agreement later this year," he said in the presence of Modi. Last year, India and Australia finalised the Economic Cooperation Trade Agreement (ECTA) and it came into force in December last. The two sides are now working on the CECA. "Today, in my meeting with Prime Minister Albanese, we talked about taking India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership to greater heights in the next decade," Modi said.

critical minerals. We have identified concrete areas for cooperation in renewable energy," Modi said. "It was decided to set up a task force on Green Hydrogen," he added. Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra said the next two rounds of talks on the economic partnership pact have been scheduled for June and July. Modi and Albanese also witnessed the signing of the terms of reference of the Australia-India Green Hydrogen Taskforce which will explore opportunities in the area of renewable hydrogen. "Renewable energy was once again a focus and an important topic in our discussions," Albanese said. On the migration and mobility pact, Albanese

and others, including through a new skilled pathway named MATES (Mobility Arrangement for Talented Early Professionals Scheme) specifically created for India. It said they also welcomed the finalisation of terms of reference for the India-Australia Hydrogen taskforce. The task force will advise on opportunities to accelerate the manufacture and deployment of clean hydrogen, focusing on hydrogen electrolyzers, and fuel cells as well as supporting infrastructure and standards and regulations. In his remarks, Modi also highlighted the importance of India-Australia relations for the region.

## Sri Sri Ravi Shankar addressed European Parliament in Brussels on Mental Health

**Kolkata:** Indian spiritual master, Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar was invited to address high-level Think Tank held at the European Parliament in Brussels organized by World Forum for Ethics in Business, to find solutions to and discuss the ubiquitous mental health impact of growing global challenges of polarization, social unrest and violence, economic and political uncertainties, and climate change. The seminar was attended by over 200 persons including mental health experts, stakeholders, academicians and policy makers and members of European Parliament. Sri Sri Ravishankar brought into their attention the fact that conventional methods used to address mental health issues worldwide can be given an added boost by making ayurveda, meditation and breathing a part of it. Gurudev, taking the

conversation around mental health much deeper, spoke about the incredible benefits of powerful breathing techniques in mental health disorders. When the mind is calm and clear, people are better equipped to make informed decisions with an understanding of the interconnectedness of life," Gurudev says. "The key to accessing this inner calm lies within our own breath. Our breath has the power to regulate emotions and thoughts, reduce anxiety, and eliminate stress and tension." Shri. Santosh Jha, Ambassador of India to Belgium, the EU and Luxembourg, also mentioned "The problem of mental health has been something that has come to the fore during the Covid pandemic even more at a global level. India is a country which has had an awareness about it and solutions

around it which we are very much willing to share through our efforts to bring it to the rest of the world." Shri. Jha spoke about the fast changing pace of lives and said that a very fast traffic needs traffic rules and that "Gurudev is here to tell us about those traffic rules to observe which would help us to survive in this very fast changing environment around us." He also enlisted the various policy measures and initiatives taken by the Government of India in the area of mental health, including passing the Mental Healthcare Act in 2017. The other dignitaries present at the meet included - Mr. Ryszard Czarnecki, Member of European Parliament; Mr. Alojz Peterle, Former Prime Minister of Slovenia; Board Member, WFEF; Mr. Pablo Ciano, Chief Executive Officer DHL



eCommerce Prof. Anand Narasimhan, Shell Professor of Global Leadership and Dean of Research, IMD Business School; Prof. Dr. Ulrich Hegerl, President, European Alliance Against Depression; President, German Depression Foundation; Dr. Med. Petra Bracht, Founder, The Liebscher & Bracht Pain Therapy; Mr. Roland Liebscher-Bracht, Founder, The Liebscher & Bracht Pain Therapy

Sri Sri Ravi called upon everyone to work towards de-stigmatizing mental health illnesses and the need to build social connections, so no individual who is depressed or undergoing poor mental health feels unattended to. The context of the session was set by the fact that the world is facing an unprecedented rise of depression, suicide and mental health issues. According to the WHO World Mental Health report published in June 2022, depression

and anxiety rose by 25% in the first year of the pandemic, bringing the number of people living with a mental disorder to nearly one billion people. While the global spending on mitigating the mental health crisis has remained insufficient. In 2020, governments worldwide spent an average of just two per cent of health budgets on mental health, with lower-middle income countries allocating less than one per cent. However, poor mental health costs the

world economy an estimated USD 2.5 trillion a year in reduced economic productivity and physical ill-health, and is likely to go up to \$16 trillion by 2030. The Think Tank session invited members of European Parliament, mental health experts and civil societies to showcase and discuss: • Innovative solutions to address and improve mental health that can be scaled up for global impact • The interconnection between mental health and peace-building • Latest research • Mental health efforts as a competitive advantage: "The future workplace - Best practices of mental health initiatives for boosted performance" Gurudev, who is traveling to Europe from the US taking forward his mission of spreading peace and bringing smiles to every face, shared, "It is appalling to see in the last few months, about

600 mass shootings have happened in the US and this is not normal, and the cause for this gun violence in many cases has been found to be poor mental health." The Think Tank Chair, Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar has been a global advocate for mental health for the past 43 years, with his techniques for stress-relief and better mental health being practiced by over 500 million people across 180 countries today. He has facilitated numerous projects on local, regional, national and international level; has worked with global institutions, multinationals; and also with highly vulnerable, at-risk people in conflict zones to increase their emotional and mental resilience. His work has been driven by the conviction that inner peace and the individual's mental health and wellbeing are the basis for outer peace and societal prosperity.



# Pacts For Skill Development

**Bhubaneswar:** State Government in the Department of Higher Education on Tuesday signed MoUs with Infosys & Nasscom to provide skill development training to youths of the State. With the objective of making the State of Odisha a digital talent hub, the State has signed the MOUs in the presence of Higher Education Minister Rohit Pujari, Principal Secretary, Higher Education, Bishnupada Sethi, Vice-Chairperson, Odisha State Higher Education Council

and the Government officials of the department and members of Nasscom and Infosys. In a visionary step towards creating a future-ready talent workforce, the Government of Odisha signed the MoU with Nasscom to skill 8 lakh students through Future Skills Prime. Principal Secretary Shri Sethi is known for his visionary approach. The MOU aims to skill the students and existing faculty in key technologies essential in today's digital ecosystem and making India a digital



talent nation.

A joint initiative by Nasscom & MeitY, Future Skills Prime is India's technology skilling hub democratising learning and offers – students and professionals – a chance to skill, upskill and reskill to grow in their

careers, officials said.

The collaboration aims to build technology capacity in all streams with digital fluency and industry-curated content. This offers a wholesome career building program to students to be industry-recognised

Nasscom certified professionals.

The focus of this partnership is to integrate Emerging Technology programs through NSQF and NOS aligned curriculum to build a Future Talent pool for the state and this is in alignment with the

National Education Policy 2020 implementation.

The students will have open access to various levels of aligned courses, they can apply for Government of India incentives, they would also be able to learn & engage with Industry experts and

be part of exclusive career development opportunities like job fairs, internships, hiring hackathons, skill challenges etc., they said.

Aimed at creating learning and employment avenues for students, the collaboration with Infosys will democratize learning for ardent minds and prepare them to be future-ready.

Infosys Springboard empowers women and students from rural areas with a focused learning portal, specialized resources and expert mentors for holistic development. It is

fully aligned with India's National Education Policy 2020. The learning program is particularly well suited to grow vocational skills, in addition to soft skills. Master classes, programming challenges, and playgrounds for the experimentation make the training immersive for all. This will lead to upskilling and developing employability of approximately 8 lakhs students spread across 1100 Colleges and Universities of the Higher Education Department.

## Infra Support For PACS



**Banki:** Kendupali PACS under Banki CCB, Cuttack celebrated the centenary year today. Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak Minister Food Supply & CW, Cooperation graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Sanjeev Chadha, Principal Secretary Co-operation graced the occasion. Sri Nayak assured to provide Rs.40 lakh

towards infrastructure out of government grant on the occasion of 100 years of the PACS. He advised farmers to take the benefits of zero percent crop finance upto Rs.1 lakh and for SHGs upto Rs.5 lakhs. The recent announcement of Government regarding crop insurance was elaborated in the meeting. Sanjeeb kumar Chadha

Principal Secretary Cooperation in his speech elaborated different schemes of the department and informed that a 50 Mt cold storage will be set up in the available surplus land of the PACS taking into account the vegetable growers of the locality. Among others MLA Banki Debiranjan Tripathy, Ex-MLA Pravat ranjan Tripathy

, President Banki CCB Subhas Padhy and Block chairman smt Puspallata samant graced the occasion. Members of SHG groups, JLG beneficiaries, PRI members and around 500 farmers participated in the meeting held today. 10 best Co-operators were felicitated for their outstanding performance in cooperative activities.

## 4 of a family murdered by relative over land dispute in Odisha

**BARGARH:** Four members of a family were brutally murdered by their relative over a land dispute at Jhikjhiki village within Bhatli police limits here on Monday. The ghastly incident came to light on Tuesday after the accused, 58-year-old Siba Bag, confessed to his crime before the local ward member. The deceased were identified as Gurudeb Bag (55), his wife Sibagri Bag (48), son Chudamani Bag (15) and daughter Srabani Bag (10). Gurudeb was the nephew of accused Siba. Police said Gurudeb and Siba were at loggerheads over a piece of land since the



last around 10 years. Following an altercation on Monday, the accused entered Gurudeb's house and killed the four persons with a crowbar. On Tuesday morning, Siba confessed to his crime before ward member Uddhaba Bhoi. On being informed by the ward member, police rushed to the village and recovered the four bodies. The deceased had sustained grievous head injuries. Siba's wife Parbati Bag said her husband

committed the crime in a fit of rage. "The feud between my husband and Gurudeb had intensified since the last couple of days. Both of them were threatening to kill each other. On Monday, a scuffle broke out after Gurudeb demolished a part of our house. This incident infuriated Siba and he killed Gurudeb and his family members," she said. Sub-divisional police officer (SDPO) Amrit Panda said the accused

has been taken into custody and he is being questioned. A case under section 302 of the IPC has been registered. Prima facie, it appears that land dispute is the motive behind the crime. However, more details will emerge during probe. An investigation is underway with the help of a scientific team from Sambalpur, the SDPO added. Notably, decomposed bodies of four persons of a family were found inside a house at Jandol village within Bheden police limits in the district in October last year. Similarly, on April 18 this year, bodies of a man and his two wives were recovered from a house in Akhiphuta village in Bheden.



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## Revolutionary Pilgrimage Ceremony held at Sahitya Bhavan

**Gwalior (KCN) :** At Sahitya Bhavan Daulat Ganj Gwalior, under the revolutionary pilgrimage organized by All India Literature Council, Madhya Bharat Province, women writers were conducting the program and as the chief guest, Dr. Kumar Sanjeev, president of the literary forum, Ms. Kunda Joglekar, Mrs. Sunita Pathak were present, as well as Mandakini, literary minister of the forum, coordinator Karuna and Indo-Tibet Cooperation Forum and State Vice President of All India United Advocates Forum Monika Jain Advocate and Dr. Rekha ji were also present.



In the second phase of the program, all the stage guests started the program by lighting the lamp and Saraswati Vandana by the girls, after which all the stage guests gave their own lectures. In this function, information was also given about the revolutionary pilgrimage ceremony to be held in Shivpuri. Here the ceremony will be held in Shivpuri on June 11.

Here information was given by Chairman Kumar Sanjeev ji, Office Head Pintu expressed gratitude to the guests. Kunda shared his family experience, shared the revolutionary experience of patriotism that he had experienced in his family and shared some important points of the Black Water Penal Jail built in Goa. Along with this, he

lectured on the poem written on Veer Savarkar. In this sequence, all the members and guests shared their own experience and their own knowledge about martyrs and revolutionaries, patriotism, as well as blighted their own poems, some of them are as follows Shivam:- "What should I write for mother" I don't have the capacity to write about my mother. I do not have the strength in my arms to write about my mother. Dr. Rekha:- She kept on singing of Vandan Bharti, That torch of revolution kept burning, Rekha's respect to Lakshmi Bai.

Pratibha Dubey:- The Face of Empowerment Woman, Known as Sarojini, He was recognized from the path of his struggles till politics. Sunita Pathak:- Remembrance of the nameless martyrs, He is the proud pillar of fame of the country. Palak:- Wearing three colored clothes, Aay Aay Amar Pawar, Drop by drop of blood was shed, bled for the sake of the country. Karuna Saxena:- I am the shadow of the soldier, Sharpness in mind, I am proud of the world, I am the pain of Akhiyan. Hindi Sahitya Bhavan is known in Gwalior for maintaining Hindi literature for many years.

## Rs 2000 note exchange: Special arrangements at bank branches across Odisha

**Bhubaneswar:** While the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)'s recent announcement to withdraw the Rs 2000 currency note triggered a flutter among the public, the State Bank of India (SBI) has made special arrangements for the exchange of the high-denomination currency notes. As per SBI's latest notification, special arrangements have been made for exchanging the big denomination currency notes with small denomination notes at around 890 branches across Odisha. SBI's Bhubaneswar Zone Chief General Manager (CGM) Chandrasekhar



Sharma informed that Rs 12000 crore is currently available for exchanging the higher denomination notes. Further, he also informed that if the bank requires more currency for exchange, RBI will make the arrangements within an hour.

"Apart from Bhubaneswar, we have made special arrangements in multiple locations. Currently, we have Rs 12000 crore notes in smaller denominations of Rs 100, Rs 200, and Rs 500."

## A huge support bagged by Narbheram company in public hearing on EC

**Barbil.24th May (KCN).** A public hearing of Narbheram Power and Steel Plant on environmental clearance has been held at 'Tonto' Mauza of Bhadrasahi Grampanchayat in Keonjhar district by State pollution control board in Odisha state. The company has aimed at installing a 2.4 million ton capacity iron ore pellet plant and a producer gas plant of capacity 5x6500NVM per hour. More than 2000 people participated in this public hearing. People from all the villages under Bhadrasahi, Serenda, Kandra, Karakhendra and Balani villages. The people strongly supported this plant of



the company. They too demanded company to pay special attention to their basic demands like health, education, employment etc. Out of 96 people, 95 voted in favour. The program was conducted by Additional District Magistrate Yadumani Mahala and Prasanta Kar, the Regional

Officer, of State Pollution Control Board, Keonjhar. The Vice President of the company Smriti Ranjan Das informed about the proposed project in the program. Sadananda Rana, Vice President, mining and corporate affairs of the company said that if this project is implemented, the overall

development of the region will be improved. The next generation can be especially beneficial in terms of employment. The company's Chief Executive Officer N.D Rao, Piyush Pandey, AGM HR, Mines Manager Prashant Mohanty and other employees were present.

## A huge support bagged by Narbheram company in public hearing on EC

**Barbil.24th May (KCN).** A public hearing of Narbheram Power and Steel Plant on environmental clearance has been held at 'Tonto' Mauza of Bhadrasahi Grampanchayat in Keonjhar district by State pollution control board in Odisha state. The company has aimed at installing a 2.4 million ton capacity iron ore pellet plant and a producer gas plant of

capacity 5x6500NVM per hour. More than 2000 people participated in this public hearing. People from all the villages under Bhadrasahi, Serenda, Kandra, Karakhendra and Balani villages. The people strongly supported this plant of the company. They too demanded company to pay special attention to their basic demands like health, education,

employment etc. Out of 96 people, 95 voted in favour. The program was conducted by Additional District Magistrate Yadumani Mahala and Prasanta Kar, the Regional Officer, of State Pollution Control Board, Keonjhar. The Vice President of the company Smriti Ranjan Das informed about the proposed project in the program. Sadananda Rana, Vice President,

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## Mass Plantation at Tata Steel Kalinganagar commemorating 'International Day of Biological Diversity 2023'



**Kalinganagar (Sapan Kar) :** Commemorating 'International Day of Biological Diversity', Tata Steel Kalinganagar (TSK) reiterated its commitment towards creating a sustainable tomorrow with a mass plantation drive within its plant premises at

Kalinganagar near Duburi in Jajpur district of Odisha on Monday. The event was graced by Raju Agrawal, Head (Environment), TSK as Chief Guest along with Rajesh Chaudhary, Chief, Business Unit, Tata Steel Downstream Products Limited (TSDPL),

Kalinganagar and other officials of TSK and TSDPL. More than 500 saplings were planted inside the plant premises on the occasion. In line with the theme of this year's celebrations 'From Agreement to Action: Build Back Biodiversity', the initiative by the Environment Department

of Tata Steel Kalinganagar aims to contribute to the ecological balance and healthy life for generations to come. The event witnessed active participation from the employees of Tata Steel Kalinganagar along with vendor partners and contract employees.

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# CSK coast into their 10th IPL final

**Chennai:** Chennai Super Kings made it to their 10th IPL final with a 15-run win over Gujarat Titans in Qualifier 1. Chasing 173, Gujarat folded for 157, the first time they were bowled out in the IPL. This was also CSK's first win in four attempts against Hardik Pandya's team, and it couldn't have come at a better time.

With the joint-highest wicket-takers of the tournament (Mohammed Shami and Rashid Khan) bowling half the overs in this phase, it made sense the CSK got off to a quiet start. However, the show-stealing moment of this phase was the wicket of Ruturaj Gaikwad taken by Nalkande off a no-ball, after which Gaikwad dispatched a six off the free-hit and creamed a boundary to

give CSK's innings some momentum. The openers were sedate against Shami, Rashid and Noor Ahmad, but maintained a run-rate of over 8 at the end of the powerplay. This had built the platform. However, they needed to accelerate against the master-chasers of the IPL.

When the start is steady, the expectation is that the batsmen will "get in" and turn up the heat. Except Gujarat Titans, a franchise that essentially houses two Purple Cap holders, in addition to a Rashid Khan apprentice. That's twelve overs gone, and the pressure can build, even on CSK. And when the "targetable" bowlers start keeping things tight as well, things got tough. Gaikwad was the first to

go, against the run of play, to Mohit Sharma. Dube, attempting an ugly slog, was knocked over by Noor, and then Rahane departed, after his cameo was cut short. It had to be Conway who finally got going, but he too succumbed to the pressure for a 33-ball 40. It looked like CSK's steady start was futile, and it was falling apart. And when you're staring at a total of about 170 against the chase masters of the IPL, it could spell doom.

The wickets kept coming regularly, on a surface that seemed to be gripping: that of Rayudu after he dispatched Rashid for a massive six, and that of Dhoni for just 1, silencing a raucous Chennai crowd. However, 41 runs came in the last 4 overs as



Moeen Ali and Ravindra Jadeja struck a few lusty blows on a sluggish surface, fighting a slow outfield that didn't provide much value for shots either. CSK ended with a competitive 172. Given Gujarat's chasing record, this had to be a walk in the park, right?

It was clear that the ball was coming rather slowly off the surface, and the initial part of the first innings was the truest it would play tonight. Saha struggled to score, and eventually fell to Deepak Chahar whereas Hardik Pandya was deceived by the ball

stopping on him, cutting a Theekshana delivery straight to Jadeja at point. The table-toppers had lost two powerplay wickets and were scoring at less than 7 an over. Dasun Shanaka looked like he would take it away and give the Titans momentum with a couple

of sixes off Theekshana, but he departed to a reverse-sweep off Jadeja soon after, bringing in Miller to join Gill. It had to be this partnership to do the majority of the scoring, but it wasn't to be. Miller departed soon after, knocked over by Jadeja. And then, it happened. The pivotal moment of the game, one that created a dB level that could compare to MS Dhoni coming out to bat at the Chepauk - Deepak Chahar getting rid of Shubman Gill. One after the other, threats were neutralized, including that of Rahul Tewatia in Theekshana's final over, and GT were 98-6. Gujarat's hopes were hanging by a thread, even after the fall of Vijay Shankar. It was when Rashid Khan took

Tushar Deshpande apart, and the bowlers seemed to be on self-destruct mode, bowling wides (presumably due to dew). However, a terrific bit of planning meant that Rashid Khan sliced a wide yorker straight to deep backward point to put the final nail in the coffin, and eventually, it was too much to pull off for Noor Ahmad and Mohammed Shami, as CSK coasted home.

**Brief Scores:** Chennai Super Kings 172-7 in 20 overs (Ruturaj Gaikwad 60, Devon Conway 40, Mohammed Shami 2-28, Mohit Sharma 2-31) beat Gujarat Titans 157 all-out in 20 overs (Shubman Gill 42, Rashid Khan 30, Ravindra Jadeja 2-18, Maheesh Theekshana 2-28) by 15 runs

## 'We are urging ICC and national boards to come together' - Lisa Sthalekar on cricket's future

**New Delhi:** Lisa Sthalekar, president of FICA - Federation of International Cricketers Association - urged cricket boards and the ICC to work together to find a resolution with concerns growing over the game's future increasing. Lisa, the first female president of the organization, made a short visit to Bangladesh and had an impromptu press conference at a city hotel where she disclosed their observation regarding the recent development in the sport that suggests the national boards are losing control over their players as they are mulling with the idea of coming out of their national contract to play franchise cricket all over the world.

Trent Boult's decision to opt out of the national contract was a huge



move in that direction while there are murmurs that Jofra Archer might sign a deal with Mumbai Indians on a yearly basis and if that turns into reality, others might follow suit which could have massive repercussions going forward.

"FICA's position is that we all see the benefit of T20 cricket. We understand players have a small window to maximize their earnings. A lot of our players are enjoying playing

bilateral cricket, ICC events and the T20 leagues. We understand that the men's calendar is getting quite big. We are urging the ICC and national boards to come together because it is not a solution that can be solved straight away. Certainly the players would like to play a role in that, to see if there's a way forward for everyone to have their cake and eat it as well," Lisa told reporters on Tuesday.

"The challenge is not for

FICA, it is the national boards wanting to keep their players to play for the country. Ideally we want a strong competition internationally where countries want their best players to play against each other. We are seeing a number of leagues come up, which clashes with bilateral cricket. Men's calendar is getting pretty full. We are working with the ICC. We are happy to work with the national boards. We represent a big proportion of players that travel around the world. We want to make their decisions easier so that they don't have to choose one or the other," she said.

"At the end of the day, FICA is run by the players. We are the voice of the players. Our job is to assist them in any way, shape or form. Whether

they are currently in the system, or past players. A big part of what players associations do is actually working with past players, ones who are in financial hardship or medical. I don't think it affects us. We are still looking after the players. Where they play, isn't really up to us. We are not in control of the calendar or competitions," she said adding that she feels ICC have to make a move in this regard.

"The game is changing at a rapid rate. These conversations have been happening for a while behind closed doors, obviously. We are getting to a point where things may break. I know that the ICC is speaking to the national boards. We are speaking to the ICC as well. We have to wait and see how that happens," she added.

## La Liga Champions Barcelona Lose To Valladolid, Raphinha Shows Support For Real Madrid's Vinicius Jr

**New Delhi:** Barcelona forward Raphinha took off his jersey and revealed his message of support for fellow Brazilian Vinicius Junior. The message, which included anti-racism words in Portuguese and the phrase "we are together, Vini," was on his undershirt and visible when Raphinha was substituted off in the second half of Barcelona's 3-1 loss to Valladolid on Tuesday. He raised his right fist while leaving the field.

It was the first matchday in the Spanish league since the outpouring of support for Vinicius Junior following the latest case of racial abuse against the Real Madrid star forward on the weekend. Vinicius, who is Black, has been subjected to repeated racist taunts since he arrived in Spain five

years ago. Since the Spanish league season began in September, he has experienced racist abuse by fans of at least five rival teams, including Valencia on Sunday.

Barcelona's second consecutive defeat since clinching the title with games to spare was overshadowed by the fallout from that. Players from Barcelona and Valladolid held a banner before the match with the words "racists out of football," which is one of the slogans of a campaign against racism launched jointly by the Spanish league, Spanish federation and the government's top sports authority.

Anti-racism slogans were also shown during the national and international broadcast of the game. The win moved Valladolid three points clear of the

relegation zone. The club owned by former Brazil striker Ronaldo can stay safe going into the last two rounds if Getafe fails to win at Real Betis on Wednesday.

Barcelona was coming off a 2-1 loss to Real Sociedad at home after securing its first Spanish league title since 2019 in the previous round. Valladolid, which had lost five straight matches, took a 3-0 lead with an own-goal by Barcelona defender Andreas Christensen and with goals from Cyle Larin and Gonzalo Plata. Robert Lewandowski, the league's leading scorer, netted late for Barcelona.

"Beating Barcelona gives us a lot of confidence going forward," Plata said. "Now we have two finals left and hopefully we can reach our goal of staying in the first division."

## I've had confidence in Conway like Faf had in me: Ruturaj Gaikwad

**New Delhi:** Despite losing out on bringing Faf du Plessis back to the CSK fold, the four-time champions have been shrewd enough to find another potent opening partner for Ruturaj Gaikwad this season. On a day that he and Devon Conway took their tally of fifty-run partnerships past that of Gaikwad and Du Plessis, the Indian opener reckoned he has had a role reversal in this alliance.

"I think in 2021, if you look, Faf had many 30s, 40s or 50s and he would just get out after 50s, and I mostly managed to score 70s, 80s and 100. So I think when someone is attacking from the other end, you just

have to make sure you stay till the 15th over," Gaikwad said.

The role this season, however, has switched as Gaikwad has been the batter to take more risks while Conway has typically batted long. The difference has been stark for Gaikwad, who has upped his strike rate - going from 138.20 in 2021 to 146.88 this season. Unlike in 2021, he's also faced far fewer deliveries than his opening partner. The change of intent has also been triggered by the introduction of the impact player rule that has lengthened batting line-ups and placed a demand for more risk-taking. In such a



scenario, Conway has come as the ideal partner at the top. "This year I just felt that with the impact player rule, I had a good practice session about that mentality [playing shots early on and taking risks] as

well for good 15-20 days. So I think when I thought I was going really well, I knew that Conway would stay till the 15th over or just carry the innings till the 20th over. So I think I had the confidence in him just

like Faf had in me in 2021," Gaikwad said, doffing his hat to Conway for how well he has taken to the IPL straightaway.

"I think this year, thankfully and touchwood, Conway has been batting really

well... he has been carrying the innings till 15th over, so for me it has been really easy to have that free mindset, keep up the intent knowing that if I get out a right-hander would be coming in (Rahane) and the right-hand-left-hand combination will carry on. So I think you sort of have trust in your partner and that is what happened this year," he added.

Just nine evenings ago at home, KKR outspun CSK in a game where neither of the two lasted the distance and the CSK innings just didn't take off. That outing triggered recalibration and

conversations around their batting as they turned up much better on a bigger night in the first qualifier.

"I would say after the KKR game, we just had a discussion that if we play in Chennai again, someone from the top three has to be there till 10th, 12th or 14th over so we keep on going or we just have the momentum and wickets in hand going into the last phase," Gaikwad said.

"I think on good tracks when you have impact player rule as well, you have to keep going. But knowing that Delhi wicket [the venue for their game after KKR loss] was also slow, and if we would be qualifying,

Chennai wicket is also slow, so I think somewhere one of us has to step up and one of us has to take a step back," he added.

"I think last game Conway had a brilliant start in the PowerPlay so I was just knocking around. After powerplay we rotated strike and I said I'll take the charge. Even today, it was my day as I was getting boundaries somehow and I thought I'll keep going and you [Conway] keep taking singles or doubles and we'll make sure that you stay at least till the 10th, 12th or 14th over and that's exactly what happened."