

Naba Kishore Das murder case: ASI Gopal Das committed crime in his senses and in a pre-planned manner, says CB chargesheet

BHUBANESWAR: Assistant sub-inspector (ASI) Gopal Krishna Das had pre-planned the murder of then health minister Naba Kishore Das and he was in his senses when he committed the sensational crime on January 29, said the Crime Branch (CB) on Friday.

The agency filed the chargesheet of the gruesome murder in Jharsuguda SDJM court on the day under Sections 302 (murder) and 307 (attempt to murder) along with Section 27(1) of the Arms Act. CB said during the investigation Gopal Das's mental



health condition was found to be stable and normal. During the investigation, some family members of the accused claimed that Gopal Das was suffering from bipolar disorder long back. To verify the authenticity of the claim,

was also ascertained that his mental condition was quite normal and there was no abnormality. Moreover, he was cooperative in the investigation and replied to all the questions asked in a cogent manner, the CB officials said.

"After evaluation of all the evidence-oral, documentary, medico-legal, cyber forensic and ballistic opinion, it became clear that accused Das had developed a personal grudge and anguish against deceased minister Naba Kishore Das. He felt threatened by Das and his supporters and feared for his life. Gradually, he made up

his mind to commit his murder. For this he meticulously planned and then executed the crime," the CB said as reported by IANS.

Though the charge sheet was filed, the investigation is kept open in respect of obtaining a few reports and clarification and for complying with some formalities, it said.

Notably, the then police ASI Gopal Das had murdered the then health minister Naba Das using his office revolver. Oppositional parties in the state had alleged conspiracy behind the murder. However, the crime branch probe has not found any conspiracy angle.

CM Naveen Patnaik likely to attend Parliament opening

BHUBANESWAR: Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik is likely to attend the inauguration of the new Parliament building by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on May 28 amidst a boycott of the event by 19 Opposition political parties including the Congress.

Official sources said the chief minister is scheduled to attend the Niti Aayog governing council meeting in New Delhi on May 27. He will in all possibility attend the inauguration of the Parliament building the next day. Senior BJP leader and Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan



welcomed the chief minister's participation. "Not any particular political party, but all had fought for India's independence. Those who believe in democracy should be part of the inauguration. It is a good decision by BJD," he said. Meanwhile, the Congress came down heavily on the BJD with its legislature party leader Narasingh Mishra stating it was nothing new as the party

always toed the line of the prime minister on every important issue. Mishra said it is more disturbing that the chief minister had described President Droupadi Murmu as his sister and daughter of the soil but has now joined the BJP in insulting her by deciding to attend the inauguration ceremony. The decision proves the chief minister will always abide by what Modi desires, he said.

AIIMS Bhubaneswar President Dr. A K Bisoi's maiden visit to the institute after assuming the post



Bhubaneswar (KCN): To create an atmosphere full of energy and enthusiasm for research and innovation among undergraduate students at AIIMS Bhubaneswar, teaching assistant (TA) and research assistant (RA) programmer will be put in place soon. The meritorious senior MBBS students will be engaged as TA and RA. They will guide the junior students both in education as well as in research, said newly nominated President of AIIMS Bhubaneswar Prof. (Dr.) A K Bisoi during his maiden visit to the national institute after assuming the post. The engaged TA and RA MBBS students will also be provided incentives. This system will be very helpful for the medical students to adopt and acquire more from the modern medical science as well as flourish

their innovations in the field of research, informed Dr. He also urged the students to have a larger participation in curriculum and in different patterns of education in medical science.

An accomplished Cardiac surgeon with three decades of professional excellence and innovation, Dr Akhsya Kumar Bisoi given an arousing welcome by AIIMS Bhubaneswar Executive Director Dr. Ashutosh Biswas. During his maiden visit after being nominated as President of the national institute, Dr. Bisoi interacted with the department heads, students and visited OPD. During his visit he has emphasized on democratic, rule based and transparent governance systems at AIIMS Bhubaneswar for timely

and appropriate decisions. Also, Dr. Bisoi has focused on larger participation and leadership building in all levels. For efficient healthcare delivery Dr. Bisoi stressed on functional coherence between different departments and to create a culture of devotion towards duty and empathy both in education and healthcare service.

Executive Director Dr. Ashutosh Biswas welcoming Dr. Bisoi to AIIMS Bhubaneswar said that the institute will achieve success in research and education under his able guidance.

Medical Superintendent Dr. D K Parida, Registrar B B Mishra, senior faculties and administrative officials accompanied Dr. Bisoi during the visit.

Monsoon onset over Kerala around June 4; no cyclone probability in the Arabian sea for next week



New Delhi: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Friday predicted that the southwest monsoon is likely to set in on Kerala around June 4. As per the IMD, there is no possibility of the arrival of monsoon before June 1.

"Once the monsoon gets strong, it is likely to arrive in Kerala around

June 4, 2023," said IMD in its updated long-range forecast outlook for the 2023 Southwest monsoon Season (June - September) rainfall and monthly rainfall and temperature for June 2023.

The IMD further informed that there is no cyclone probability in the Arabian Sea for next week. "If rainfall

distribution is almost similar everywhere, then it will be an ideal situation. There won't be any problem. If we get equal distribution everywhere, there won't be much impact on agriculture. In northwest India, as of now, below-normal rainfall will be there," tweeted ANI quoting IMD.

As per the IMD, below-

IMD predicts thunderstorm activities in Odisha; yellow alert for several districts

Bhubaneswar: A day after Nor'wester rain wreaked havoc in several parts of Odisha on Thursday, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Friday predicted that thunderstorm activities will continue in several parts of the state. However, there will be no large change in the maximum (Day) temperature at many places over the districts of Odisha. The maximum temperature is likely to be 42 degrees Celsius or more at one or two places over some districts of interior Odisha (Sundargarh, Sambalpur, Angul, Boudh, Sonapur, Jharsuguda, Bargarh) during the next five days.

normal monthly rainfall is expected over most parts of the country except in some areas of south peninsular India, northwest India, extreme north India, and some isolated pockets of northeast India, where above-normal rainfall is expected in June. However, the southwest monsoon seasonal (June

to September) rainfall over the country as a whole is most likely to be normal (96 to 104% of Long Period Average (LPA). Quantitatively, the southwest monsoon seasonal (June to September) rainfall over the country as a whole is likely to be 96% of the LPA with a model error of $\pm 4\%$, said the IMD.

Timeline For Metro Rail

Bhubaneswar: Work for the much-highlighted metro rail project in Bhubaneswar Capital Regions will start by the end of next December, Housing and Urban Development Minister Usha Devi said here on Friday.

The Metro Rail System for Bhubaneswar capital regional has been sanctioned by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik. Delhi Metro Rail Corporation is engaged as the consultant & DPR is under preparation. Construction work is likely to commence before end of 2023, she said.

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik today reviewed the key transformative initiatives of Housing & Urban Development

Department. Addressing the media after the meeting, H&UD Minister Usha Devi and Principal Secretary G Mathi Vathanan said the Department will continue to prioritise people-centric urban governance and improving the liveability of cities as envisioned by the Chief Minister.

The transformative journey of urban Odisha made possible through innovative programmes across various sectors and under 5T governance principle, has made significant strides in recent years and will continue with the same vigour, they stated.

The Minister informed that 1.73 Lakh families granted with land right certificates in Municipalities and



NACs while slum household survey has been completed in five Municipal Corporations and 1 lakh slum families to be granted with Land Right Certificates by December 2023.

The Department has constructed 1,62,327 houses. In all 2055 wards in all 115 Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) door to door garbage collection ensured, she said.

Besides, 252 Micro Composting Centres and 216 Material Recovery Facilities are functioning in 115 cities for processing the generated solid waste. The Department has constructed 112 Faecal Sludge Septage Treatment Plants (FSTPs) and made those operational, Devi said.

Till now, 110 ULBs- to treat septage generated in

the cities. All these waste processing facilities are operated and managed by the Mission Shakti & Transgender groups. Highlighting the major achievements of the Department, the Minister stated we are in our journey in transforming the lives of Urban denizens.

Adhering to CM's principle of Valuing People More than Land,

the Government instead of evicting people from slums, empowered them by granting land rights and upgrading their infrastructure, amenities and services to transform slums to Biju Adarsh Colonies. Till now, 772 slums have been upgraded as Biju Adarsh Colonies and 4 towns namely Hinjilicut, Digapahandi, Rambha & Purosattampur have achieved slum free status.

These efforts have received international recognition, and awards i.e. the two prestigious awards UN Habitat-World Habitat awards in 2019 and 2023, she pointed out.

Fulfilling another dream of the CM to provide safe and clean drinking water through

tap water house connection to every household, 85 cities including all five corporations have achieved 100% tap connection for households under the Drink from Tap Mission. The remaining 30 cities would be covered before December 2023.

The Minister further said that 100% households in five Municipal Corporations are covered with pipe water supply connections while 99% of households in remaining 110 ULBs are covered with pipe water supply. Remaining 1% households to be provided before December 2023.

In Berhampur-24x7 Drink from Tap to be

completed by June 2023, in Cuttack the work to be completed by December 2023. The deadline for Rourkela is December 2023. In capital city Bhubaneswar, the 24x7 Drink from Tap to be completed by March 2024.

"Chief Minister desired that our cities should be provided with water supply services at par with international cities. Puri & Gopalpur have become India's first and second cities to achieve this distinction of 24x7 Drink From Tap quality adhering to IS 10500 standards," said Shri Mathi Vathanan.

Another 21 cities will be completed under Drink From Tap mission by March 2024 benefiting 40 lakhs urban population, he said.

Academy Care For IAS Aspirants

Bhubaneswar: Gopabandhu Academy of Administration, for the first time in its history, has established a 'Mock Interviews' Cell. The Cell helps the civil service aspirants in their preparation for interviews. The Cell has been established under the guidance of Raj Kumar Sharma, Director General, GAA and is functional. In UPSC Examination 2022 nine candidates, including three women, who were qualified the written examination and preparing interviews, have participated in

different sessions of mock interviews, experience sharing, etc. held in Gopabandhu Academy of Administration. Experts and experienced subject matter specialists including senior bureaucrats (retired and in-service) have mentored the candidates. Four out of the 09 (nine) UPSC aspirants have successfully shortlisted to be appointed in Civil services as per the recently announced results of UPSC on 23 May. They are Durga

Prasad Adhikari – 162 Rank, Satya Prakash Mishra – 261 Rank, Sushree Suvangi Khuntia – 248 Rank and Suvasnigdha Sethi – 680 Rank. The Mock Interview sessions were organized under the expert panel members of Aurobindo Behera, Akhila Bihari Ota, Saswat Mishra, Nikhil Pawan Kalyan, and Prathamesh Arvind Rajeshirke, and KVD Prakash through hybrid mode. Four such Mock Interviews have been conducted under the chairmanship of

different eminent bureaucrats and academicians. Additionally, a series of sessions on current affairs, history and culture of Odisha have also been organised by the experts. The aspirants have not only got their doubts cleared, but also got very important tips on how to appear and answer the set probable of questions in such interview. They have expressed their happiness for being benefitted out of this innovative and useful initiative of Gopabandhu Academy

of Administration. Mamatarani Naik, Joint Director was heading the Mock Interview Cell. Additional Commissioner and Course Director Himansu Bhusan Panda also participated in holding of mock interviews. The Director General has informed that the mock interview cell will continue as a regular arrangement in the coming years to help groom Odia aspirants for personality tests and interviews.

Online slot booking process made compulsory for land registration in Odisha

Bhubaneswar: Online slot booking process has been made mandatory for land registration in Odisha. Inspector General of Registration Jyotiprakash Das has written a letter in this regard to all concerned officials, attaching a gazette notification with it. As per the notification, if no prior appointment through online booking of slot has been taken, and the citizen has applied in writing with justification for not being able to do so, to the Registering Officer, for acceptance of the Document for Registration on demand, then on acceptance of the reasons by the



Registering Officer and subject to availability of any time slot on that day be termed as "Tatkal". The process will help people not waste time by running to different offices for the land registration process unnecessarily. As per the new process, after the online slot booking, the concerned person will give a certain date on which he/she has to reach Tehsil and Sub-Registrar office. The sale and purchase agreement of lands will be made in that period. "This initiative is first-of-its-kind in India. It will ensure that people do not waste time for land registration," said Revenue and Disaster Management Minister Pramila Mallick.

Youth festival celebrated by NYK

Cuttack Sadar, (KCN) : Jurga High School, Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) Bargarh & Yuva byapara Mantralaya of India joint collaboration to celebrate INDIA@2047 around 300 numbers participate. This program inaugurated by chief guest honorable MP Baragarh Suresh Pujari in presence of chief speaker Dr. Seshan Bishi, guest of honour as District sports officer Tusharakanti Mishra, Manoranjan Sahoo, Rojalin Sahoo. This program celebrated with 5T vide subject drawing, mobile photography, poem writing, debet & community dance etc.



respectively. Award presented to all team as Chanda Charan Bhoi, Isan Nanda, Siba Sundar Patel, Sahil Matwani, Uday Shah, Jogeswari Behera, Mousumi Das, Smrutirekha Nayak, Sruti Mishra, Sruti Chaudhury, Diptimayee saho, Hero

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stalls are displayed. Entire program coordinated by youth leader Roshan Tandon, Trilochan Satapathi, mountaineer Ashribad Mahaparta, Anil Sahoo, Khirosindhu Bhoi, Tulashiram Bariha, Priti Pradhan & Team.

Smt. Dipti Dwivedi, President, Eastern Railway Women's Welfare Organization (ERWWO) felicitated outstanding Group-C/Group-D women employees in commemoration of Women's Day



New Delhi: Under inspiring and able leadership of Smt. Dipti Dwivedi, President, Eastern Railway Women's Welfare Organization (ERWWO) felicitated outstanding Group-C/Group-D women employees in

commemoration of Women's Day, who have shown exemplary dedication, integrity and courage in discharge of their duties. The programme was started with lighting of the lamp by Smt. Dipti Dwivedi on 26.5.2023 at

Belvedere Officers Club, Alipore wherein Smt. Dipti Dwivedi, President/ERWWO handed over the awards to the women employees in recognition to their outstanding services. On this occasion, a cultural programme was organized in

which dance, song, recitation were performed. The main objective of this award ceremony is to keep the women staff motivated as a token of appreciation in recognition of their efforts and dedication in their service.

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India's Best Dancer 3: Terence Lewis, Geeta Kapur Hail Sushmita Tamang's Mime Performance

This weekend, Sony Entertainment Television's dance reality show, 'India's Best Dancer Season 3,' is set to wow viewers like never before! With the theme of 'Best Ka International Test,' the contestants will be put to the test as they will need to perform an international dance style to perfection. The fusion of cultures will create a visual spectacle as the videsi tadka will be mixed with desi melodies from the 90s. One act that will leave the judges speechless will be Sushmita Tamang and choreographer Shubranil Paul's beautiful 'mime performance' on 'Main



Koi Aisa Geet Gaon'. Truly a sight to behold, the duo will not only get a standing ovation but

will be given a sajdah by judge Geeta Kapur, making it a big victory for West Bengal's

Sushmita Tamang. Commending their performance, Judge Terence Lewis will say,

"I have been a strict judge when it comes to giving you feedback because I know that you

are a great dancer, but your emotions have not translated yet. But today, you chose an act which is all about emotions. This is one of the most difficult acts because you cannot lip sync and you still have to show all your emotions brewing inside as is done in a mime performance. The whole world says that Charlie Chaplin is the no.1 actor in the world and today, you reminded me of him. You performed with such innocence, you entertained us and made us cry at the same. It's just mind-blowing. As an actor, this is the highest level of expression presented in a great performance. You have passed with flying colours today, Sushmita!"

Manoj Bajpayee's 'Sirf Ek Bandaa Kaafi Hai' Receives Blockbuster Opening On Launch Day

Starring Padma Shri and National Award recipient Manoj Bajpayee, Sirf Ek Bandaa Kaafi Hai received raving reviews from critics and fans alike. The story has gone on breaking records on the launch day. It is now the most viewed direct-to-digital original in the last year across languages on ZEE5. Produced by Vinod Bhanushali's Bhanushali Studios Limited, Zee Studios and Suparn S Varma, 'Sirf Ek Bandaa Kaafi Hai' is inspired by true events. Talking about the success of the film, Manoj Bajpayee said, "It is amazing that after a couple of years of hard work, relentless rehearsals, shootings and post-production; the



contributions of so many people including the crew, Suparn S Varma, Vinod Bhanushali, director Apoorv Singh Karki and actors like Surya Mohan Kulshrestha and Adrija Sinha, the film is being celebrated. Surya Mohan Kulshrestha is being praised, Adrija is being raved about and everyone is being celebrated which gives me such a big reason to celebrate this film."

It is a courtroom drama, touted to be one of the biggest legal courtroom dramas, is now streaming exclusively on ZEE5. From the script to the brilliant performances, the film leaves a strong impact on the viewers. Producer Vinod Bhanushali, Bhanushali Studios Limited, "This proves that sirf ek KAHAANI kaafi hai. The kind of views the film received on a weekday, breaking records of the year, shows how in today's time our audience prefers to watch a good and compelling story be it in any language. This motivates us as producers to bring forward more engaging content that can appeal to our viewers."

Heroes To Family: Here's How Paul Rudd's 'Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania' Explores Family Dynamics

Disney+ Hotstar is streaming Marvel Studios' 'Ant-Man and The Wasp: Quantumania' in English, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam. Directed by Peyton Reed and featuring a lead cast including Paul Rudd, Evangeline Lilly, Jonathan Majors, Kathryn Newton, Michelle Pfeiffer, and Michael Douglas, the film is a suspenseful yet emotional rollercoaster that unravels the complex journey of the Quantum Realm. However, at the center of

this sci-fi extravaganza, with its exhilarating twists and turns, lies the power of family relationships and here's what you can learn from beloved heroes in 'Ant-Man and The Wasp: Quantumania': Amidst all the adventure and surprises, there lies a heartfelt exploration of the ever-evolving bond between Paul Rudd's character Scott Lang, a.k.a. Ant-Man, and his daughter Cassie played by Kathryn Newton. More than anything, Scott yearns to make up for lost

time with his now 18-year-old daughter, who remains a cornerstone of his life. The generational divide between this father and daughter adds a delightful layer of depth to their interactions. However, as Cassie enters adulthood, their relationship takes on new dimensions. There is a lot of grounding and depth in the bond between Michael Douglas's character Hank Pym, and his beloved wife, Janet Van Dyne played

by Michelle Pfeiffer, who has miraculously returned from the Quantum Realm after decades. They share an equitable relationship where their relationship extends to marriage and careers and both are happy to be together and live life as and when it happens. Hank and Janet's love story stands as an ode to the enduring power of love, from their capacity to overcome difficulties to their steadfast dedication toward the common goal.

Malayalam Blockbuster '2018' To Release In Hindi



Producer Anand Pandit is all set to bring the Hindi version of the Malayalam blockbuster '2018' to the audience. Directed by Jude Anthany Joseph, this gripping tale based on actual events during the 2018 Kerala floods, features superstar Tovino Thomas along with Kunchacko Boban and Asif Ali. The film will be released in theatres nationwide on May 26, 2023.

"2018 is the highest-grossing film in the history of Malayalam cinema and has an IMDb rating of 8.9/10. It has earned over Rs 135 crores in just 13 days but most importantly, it is a story about human resilience and powerfully depicts how important it is to come together and help each other in a crisis. I am presenting it in Hindi because I don't want cinephiles across India to miss out on a chance to watch a film as exceptional as this," said Anand Pandit. Set against the backdrop of the catastrophic 2018 Kerala floods, this story digs deep into the lives of individuals from different backgrounds who rally around each other and join hands to survive a devastating calamity together. The film portrays the collaborative efforts of these brave hearts as they navigate through the floods and display relentless hope in the face of adversity. Anand Pandit added, "A film like '2018' belongs to all of us because, at some level, it is the story of all of us. I have no doubt that it will leave a lasting impact on the audience." '2018' is produced by Venu Kunnappilly, CK Padma Kumar and Anto Joseph.

Jacqueline Fernandez Shares Glimpse Of Her 'Selfie' Song 'Deewaane' With Emraan Hashmi

Sunshine girl Jacqueline Fernandez is gearing up for a new song release of 'Deewaane' from the recently released film 'Selfie' where she will starring next to Emraan Hashmi. Jacqueline is one of the most popular and glamorous actresses Bollywood has ever seen and her fans patiently await her new releases. After a long wait, Jacqueline Fernandez is all set to serve us with another enthralling number with her special appearance in song 'Deewaane'.

Taking to social media, the actress shares that her song Deewaane is all set to release and the teaser will be dropped tomorrow. She writes "'Deewaane' aa rahe hain, hum sabko Diwaana banane Dropping Teaser Tomorrow!" Jacqueline Fernandez stars along with Emraan Hashmi in the song Deewaane. Her tandem has always been loved and appreciated by the fans and now that the two of them are coming together in this latest song, the excitement among fans is



off the charts. Taking to comment section, several fans over flooded as they wrote "After a long time this Chemistry." Another wrote "Biggest fan mam." A fan penned down saying "Can't wait." Apart from that, the actress recently had one of the biggest brand coups as she became the first woman to become an ambassador for a male innerwear brand. Meanwhile, on the work front, the actress will next be seen in 'Crakk' along with Vidyut Jamwal and 'Fateh' with Sonu Sood.

Veer Savarkar: The Courageous & Visionary Revolutionary



- Lalit Garg -

Vinayak Damodar Savarkar was a frontline fighter of the Indian independence movement, great revolutionary, historian, social reformer, thinker, litterateur and intense nationalist leader. He was unique among revolutionaries around the world. His name was his message to the Indian revolutionaries. His books were like Bhagwad Geeta for the revolutionaries. His life was multifaceted. Veer Savarkar was born on 28 May 1883 in Bhagur village of Nashik.

Savarkar is the only creator in this world whose book 'Independence Summer of 1857' was banned by the British even before its publication. This is the book through which Savarkar had proved the revolution of 1857, which was India's 'first freedom struggle'. Savarkarji was the first Indian to pass the law examination in first class. But he refused to take the oath of

loyalty to the British government, due to which he was not given the title of advocate. He was the first superhero of the Indian freedom struggle, which raised the pitch for revolution among the masses.

Veer Savarkar is such a great Indian revolutionary who was sentenced to life imprisonment twice in a single life by the British government for the crime of revolution. In 1911, he was sent to Kalepani i.e. Andaman. His elder brother Ganesh Savarkar was also imprisoned there. Savarkar was brutally tortured in the jail which became a cruel story. Extracting oil by plowing in a crusher, crushing coconut, whipping, keeping hungry and thirsty etc. Savarkar ji has described the torture given in the jail in his book "My life imprisonment". During the harsh punishment of 'Kala Pani' twice, he was kept in a dark cell for six months. Sentenced to solitary confinement thrice for one month each. Twice for seven days each, handcuffed and hung along the walls. Not only this, Savarkar was kept tied with chains for four months. Even after suffering such harsh tortures,

Savarkar did not accept to bow down before the British.

While since then some intellectuals of our country, some political parties like Congress, Aam Aadmi Party and Leftists are trying to blur their unforgettable sacrifices by accusing them of apologizing to the British by forgetting their creativity and sacrifices made for freedom. Those who abuse Savarkar should understand that his stature in India's independence, if not more than Mahatma Gandhi, is not less.

Veer Savarkar had said, "Suffering is a power that tests a man in tough situations and makes him move forward." Without knowing the reality and truth of Savarkar's sacrifices, without understanding the depth of his efforts and neutralizing them without studying, any Congressman and opposition have been levelling false allegations against him. He has been insulted for a long time. Recently, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi disrespected him by citing a letter, while Arvind Kejriwal had expressed his intention in a rally some time back by calling BJP people

Savarkar's children. How long will this last? Now this should be stopped because such a person whose whole life is a true example of sacrifices given for the freedom of India. Such a person who has been dried like a thorn by giving poisoned food and water, when a false slander is levelled against him, the mind of any true Indian is disturbed, the brain is



sad and the soul screams. Savarkar's statement is that "loyalty to duty consists only in facing difficulties, suffering and struggling throughout life; success and failure are matters of life".

Savarkar's contribution is unique and unforgettable among those who dream of a united India and shape it. Today, in the midst of discussions about making a new India, uniting India with new contexts, and strengthening national unity, the

Narendra Modi government has shown understanding by deciding to inaugurate the new Parliament House on the birthday of the great fighter of the Indian freedom movement. Humble tribute to this true legend. His holy memory and his philosophy of life are the pillar and ray of light in the nectar of freedom. Frontline freedom fighter



Savarkarji's inspirations and teachings are beacons because they have the potential to build a new India. He had envisioned an India and a strong India in the midst of many adverse and struggling situations, the resolve to realize which is in the mind of every Indian today. A person's future starts to be seen from his behaviour in childhood itself. Veer Savarkar's childhood activities were telling that this boy would later become a courageous son of Mother India, whom

people would recognize as 'Swatantryaveer Savarkar'. He started writing poems only from the age of eight-ten years. A deep impact of Shivaji on his life. Veer Savarkar himself used to read the victory tales of Shivaji with great interest, and also used to narrate them with pride to his friends. Due to this, the feelings of patriotism, sacrifice, dedication



and service to the country started to grow strongly in his mind. By reaching the young age, Savarkar gave more momentum to his revolutionary thinking and activities. He also established another organization named 'Abhinav Bharat'. First of all, Savarkar did the work of challenging the British by burning Holi of foreign clothes. He also showed the courage to do revolutionary activities by entering the British house 'London'. With his

efforts, the Golden Jubilee of the 1857 War of Independence was celebrated in London. By jumping from the ship into the middle of the sea, Vinayak became synonymous with courage. He had become 'worshipped' among the revolutionaries of India. Sardar Bhagat Singh has used respectful adjectives like 'Veer' and 'Pujneeyae' for Vinayak Damodar Savarkar in one of his articles. The British were horrified by his revolutionary activities, thoughts and organizational ability.

To work for freedom, he formed a secret society, which came to be known as 'Mitra Mela'. After the partition of 1905, he burnt Holi of foreign clothes in Pune. The work he did to eradicate caste discrimination during the Ratnagiri movement was exemplary. There he launched a commendable campaign for Dalits to enter temples. Mahatma Gandhi then openly praised this campaign of Savarkar, even though Gandhiji and Savarkar had different views about the means of freedom. Savarkarji, endowed with unmatched talent, was a skilled human craftsman and a nation-craftsman. His life-philosophy on

India's Hindu identity, origin and organization of Hindu society, marriage, upbringing of children by parents, mutual harmony, sociality, spirituality, religiousness, economic conditions, agriculture, lifestyle and many other such topics paves the way. Savarkar remained active in the freedom movement even while in jail. It is also a strange irony that the so-called historians did not do justice to the nation-warrior who suffered such harsh torture, tarnished his great personality and national-ideas.

Even if someone wrote something, it was distorted and presented. Even though Veer Savarkar, inspired by the basic spirit of national upliftment, is not among us today, but his intense nationalist thinking will always be alive in the hearts of the nation and the people of the nation, such a brave son of India, Veer Savarkar, we all Indians will always be proud of. Because the aim of his life has been to strengthen his own culture, bright conduct, virtuous attitude and self-identity.

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THE UNIVERSAL LEADER – P.M. MODI

UMA SHANKAR PRASAD

Our Prime Minister Narendra Modi conducted himself through various events as part of the G-7 meeting showed not just his seniority among world leaders as India's prime Minister for close to ten years but also his astute universal leadership. What the world often marks is Mr Modi's Fantastic ability to give proper expression to complex diplomatic issues and altogether alter the perspective. At the G-7 meet, this ability was noticed by the world when Mr Modi talked to Russia-Ukraine conflict as an issue of humanity and not of politics. That it was not just a word-play was clear by the manner in which the collective leadership at the summit instantaneously appreciated Mr.Modi's definition of the Ukraine issue. For the description steered clear of uncalled for

diplomatic complexity and offered a much sorted out definition of it as being a crisis of humanity.

G-7 was a very fruitful outing for most leaders in recent times. Every national leaders served his own country's diplomatic goals all right. Mr.Modi also utilised the opportunity to establish the authenticity and correctness of India's stance on various issues including China as a Global issue, but described for the world's benefit the Chinese approach in a smarter manner. Mr NarendraModi proved to be a man of the moment. He utilised the platform for highlighting the shortcomings of the United Nations as a truly comprehensive global forum, and accusing it not reflecting realities of the world. In this manner, he reiterated the Indian stand on reforms at the United

Nations without sounding cantankerous, so to say. The United States



President Mr. Joe Biden called Mr.NarendraModi as 'too popular', was only one aspect of Mr.Modi's high acceptability in the world. But the most important was how leaders of various countries responded to Mr.Modi as a person and as India's national leader of world stature. The New Guinea Prime Minister Mr

.Modi's feet, at arrival proved this point in an altogether different light. At Hiroshima's

Peace Memorial Park, during bilateral meeting with British Prime Minister Mr. Rishi Sunak and Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Modiji made his mark by the manner of his dealings with his peers having been covered extensively by Japanese newspaper. Not only this but also Prime

Minister Mr.NarendraModi is perfectly playing the Leader -role in the

world, and most of the Pacific Island nations took advantage of India's aid in different forms. The Prime Minister's visit also brought rare and highest honours for him in Papua New Guinea and Fiji Island. Those honours indicated once again the position Mr.Modi has earned for himself and for India in the heads and hearts of countless numbers of countries across the globe. AS a geographically big and strategically important nation, India has its own importance in the global scheme of things. There is no doubt that in the past one decade, Mr.Modi has led India's diplomatic campaign from the front. That is why Mr.Modi is considered as the Universal Leader in all respects.

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Letter To Editor

Dear Sir,

Let President Inaugurate

The upcoming inauguration of the new Parliament building by PM has become the center of a contentious battle between the ruling and the Opposition. With the Congress, Trinamool Congress, DMK, and AAP among the 18 parties boycotting the event, an unfortunate divide has over-shadowed this momentous occasion. These parties issued a joint statement calling the PM's decision to personally inaugurate the building a direct assault on our democracy. Now it is the time for PM to step back and let this magnificent structure, which represents a vibrant democracy shine. By agreeing to the Opposition's request to invite the President to the inauguration, PM Modi can demonstrate his magnanimity and ensure that no controversy marries this historic occasion. The new Parliament building exemplifies India's democratic spirit and progress. Its awe-inspiring architecture blends heritage with modernity, embodying the nation's aspirations and commitment to democratic principles. Beyond the political wrangling, this inauguration should serve as an opportunity to unite the nation and celebrate its democratic heritage.

Dr. Vijaykumar H K Raichur, Karnataka



The Union Minister for Home Affairs and Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah lays the foundation stone ceremony of National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) at Guwahati Campus, in Assam

Indian Jailed For Cheating Singapore Construction Company Of 5.1 Million

Singapore: An Indian national has been sentenced to 30 months in jail for allegedly making illegal payments of over SGD 5.1 million from a construction company where he worked to firms linked to him.

Hussain Naina Mohamed (47) on Thursday pleaded guilty to nine counts of cheating involving more than SGD 2.5 million and one count of moving a portion of his ill-gotten

making vendor recommendations to his superiors. He also helped Utracon Overseas, which is also part of the Utracon Corporation, with similar tasks. Among other things, Mohamed failed to inform his employer that he was a partner at Aret. Instead, he recommended Aret to be his employer's vendor for marine insurance as well as freight-forwarding services. Mohamed also

supplier of plastic components that would purportedly offer better rates than its supplier at that time. He then liaised with an Indian company called Vijay Industries to fabricate the plastic parts that Utracon required, and arranged for his father's firm, the India-registered Small and Medium Enterprise (SME), to export these plastic parts to Utracon. Mohamed did not tell the director that the SME



NIRDPR organizes lecture on 'Biodiversity Finance'

Hyderabad, May 25: 'Biodiversity Finance' is the practice of raising capital and managing funds for biodiversity conservation," said Chairperson of National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) of Government of India C Achalender Reddy. Delivering a lecture on 'Biodiversity Finance - Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework' at National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR) as part of the World Environment Day Celebrations and Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) initiative of the Government of India on NIRDPR campus on Thursday, Achalender Reddy illustrated the concept of biodiversity finance stating that the focus of biodiversity finance is shifting towards sourcing finances across a variety of funding



sources from public, private and non-profits. While giving the global scenario on the topic, the speaker mentioned that biodiversity finance as a global initiative is being piloted by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), which runs the Biodiversity Finance Initiative (BIOFIN) working with 41 countries across the

globe to create sustainable financial solutions that can not only protect biodiversity, but will also let it flourish. In India, BIOFIN is led by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) and hosted by the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) working with the State Biodiversity

Boards (SBBs) of Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra, he added and said, "India's Biodiversity Finance Plan suggested 12 potential finance solutions to bridge the finance gap taking into account all existing financial instruments. Finance is critical to implement the entire CBD Kunming-

Montreal Biodiversity Framework (GBF) including its 23 targets and 4 goals." Head of the Centre for Natural Resource Management of NIRDPR Prof Ravindra Gavali spoke about Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) initiative of Government of India and its relevance to biodiversity conservation and importance of Biodiversity Management Committees at Panchayat level. Head of the Centre for Research and Training Coordination and Networking (CRTCN), Dr Kathiresan, also spoke on the occasion. The lecture was attended by faculty, students, research scholars and participants of training programmes.

Swachhta Pakhwada at NTPC Ramagundam by GEM girls

Peddapalli, As a part of the ongoing cleanliness drive - Swachhta Pakhwada, a morning walk was conducted for the participants of Girl Empowerment Mission (GEM) 2023 under the guidance of Deepthi Mahila Samithi (DMS) of NTPC Ramagundam. The GEM girls walked through the streets of NTPC Ramagundam Permanent Township carrying placards and chanting slogans to spread awareness towards sanitation and

hygiene. The morning walk was followed by tree plantation by the GEM girls and the office bearers of DMS. Speaking on the occasion, President of the Deepthi Mahila Samithi Usha Kumar, said, "At GEM, we help them identify their responsibilities towards the environment. They are encouraged to adopt healthy habits to keep themselves and their surroundings clean thus contributing for a safe and secure future." A placard-making session was conducted for the girls the previous day wherein they prepared their own placards. This practice was aimed at sparking their imagination and unlocking creativity.



Tipra Motha Seeks Governor's Intervention For Smooth Working Of Autonomous Council



Guwahati: A Tipra Motha delegation led by Pradyot Bikram Manikya today submitted a memorandum to the Governor, seeking his intervention to ensure smooth functioning of the TTAADC. "Today, the indigenous people of Tripura are being forced to live like second-class citizens in their motherland. The indigenous people of Tripura deserve to live with dignity, peace, and

prosperity, but unfortunately, the sheer negligence of the state administration has led to unrest among the people," Mr Manikya said. Tipra Motha leaders and supporters, led by Mr Manikya, sat outside the Raj Bhavan in state capital Agartala in protest against what they called the "behaviour of the office of the Governor". They have been seeking an appointment from the

Governor for the past few months, but till date they have not been given the appointment to meet and discuss the concerns of the indigenous people of Tripura, the party said. "The Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council (TTAADC) is facing unceasing stepmotherly treatment by the state government of Tripura. In the last two years of the present TTAADC government, many important bills have been

passed by the TTAADC, but are pending at your office for final approval," the memorandum to the Governor said. "Out of the total ? 619.25 crore fund allocated to the TTAADC for the last financial year i.e. FY 2022-23, ? 126.59 crore is yet to be released by the state government. This has resulted in a delay in the disbursement of staff salaries and other development activities," the memorandum stated.

"For the current financial year i.e FY 2023-24, to date a total sum of only about ? 4.24 crore has been allocated for developmental work. The village council election which was originally scheduled to take place in March 2021 is being delayed even after the directions of the High Court of Tripura. This too has severely delayed developmental work in TTAADC areas," the memorandum said.

Mantra For Budding IAS SRC Seeks Damage Report



Bhubaneswar: Chief Secretary Pradeep Jena has urged the IAS Probationers to study about the governance system of the State and advised them to acquire more and more knowledge about Odisha.

Administration in Bhubaneswar, paid a courtesy visit to the Chief Secretary, Shri Jena at Lok Seva Bhawan today. Chief Secretary said that they can get huge opportunities to work in Odisha. Shri Jena also spoke about the transformation of Odisha in many sectors like in implementation of State Food Security Scheme, Jaga Mission, High School Transformation, Millet Mission,

development of Sports Infrastructure etc. He also said that the State government has been emphasizing on good governance. Shri Jena also asked IAS probationers to utilize their innovations into action and make suggestions to the government as and when required. Shri Jena also said that IAS officers, who have to join in Odisha from different States of the

country, to learn Odia language. He cited the examples of many IAS officers working in the State who are speaking well in Odia language. Citing about the 1999 super cyclone in Odisha, he spoke about the current practices of natural disaster Management. From 2005 till date, Odisha has done well in the field of financial management. He said Odisha is one of the leading States in the country in different aspects. He also

asked them to know better about law and order. These probationers will also witness Rath Yatra in Puri Jatra on June 20.

These 2022 batch IAS officers of Odisha Cadre will undergo training at the State level as well as in Mayurbhanj, Ganjam, Jharsuguda, Sambalpur, Sundargarh and Koraput districts for one year. After completing their training in Odisha, they will undergo training at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration in Uttarakhand and join work in their respective districts allotted for them in Odisha. During the courtesy call on the Chief Secretary, Development Commissioner, Anu Garg, Principal Secretary Finance, Vishal Dev and Director, Gopabandhu Academy of Administration, Manish Agrawal were present and participated in the discussion.

Bhubaneswar: With the reports of wide-spread damage in many places across the State due to nor'wester, Special Relief Commissioner (SRC) Satyabrata Sahu on Thursday sought damage reports from the Collectors.

There are incidents of damage to power and falling of trees due to thunderstorms/lightning in different districts today afternoon. So, the Special Relief Commissioner Shri Sahu has immediately directed districts to coordinate with discoms for immediate power restoration.

The local fire services may be utilised for removal of uprooted trees/broken tree trunks, SRC Shri Sahu said.

The Collectors have been directed to submit reports on damages to houses and any casualties/injury, if any, due to thunderstorm/lightning. Light to moderate rain or



Meanwhile, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted similar weather conditions for another four days and issued yellow warning for several districts.

Thunderstorm with lightning is very likely to occur at one or two places over the districts of Mayurbhanj, Balasore, Bhadrak, Keonjhar, Rayagada, Koraput, Gajapati, Ganjam, Kandhamal on Friday, it said.

Similarly, thunderstorm with lightning and gusty surface wind speed reaching 30-50 kmp/h occurred in some parts of districts of Jajpur, Dhenkanal, Bhadrak, Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur, Nabarangpur, Nuapada, Kalahandi, Bolangir, Sonepur, Boudh, Rayagada, Kandhamal, Cuttack, Mayurbhanj, Nayagarh, Koraput, Sundergarh, Sambalpur, Balasore, Puri, Keonjhar, Khurda, Ganjam and Malkangiri on Thursday.

Advise On Timely Spending

Bhubaneswar: Ace Financial Analyst, Rajib Sekhar Sahoo said that the State Government in a major boost for infrastructure spending in its Annual Budget aiming to provide a 'strong impetus' for job creation and strengthen critical infrastructure system, has thrown a challenge for the system to perform in a timely manner.

Shri Sahoo was speaking to Media on huge infrastructure arrangement in Annual Budget of Odisha Government, which has allocated Rs.51000 Crore from Infrastructure Development. On the line of Union Government Budget for 2023-24, which allocated Rs.10 Lakh Crore for Infrastructure Sector, the State Government has decided to pump in more



resources to improve its roads, schools, hospitals, water supply, irrigation, connectivity and other infrastructure, a major boost has been given for infrastructure sector. However, spending funds in a time bound manner is an issue as the State Administration has to spend in 12 months

time in 2023-24. Rigorous Monitoring and Continuous Review by the Senior Officials of the Development Departments is required, said Shri Sahoo, who has been auditing the financial dealings of the Central PSUs and State PSEs for long years. While the State

Government has identified crucial infrastructure projects for implementation in both Social and Development Sector, close monitoring is needed, said Shri Sahoo. Top Financial Consultant strongly feel that the State System has to take steps to further increase the pace of expenditure for revival of the economy and employment generation. While special emphasis has been given to increase CAPEX, Infrastructure and Social Sectors spending needs to be increased to achieve the desired results enshrined in the Annual Budget.. Shri Sahoo has advised that high impact new Capital Projects may also be worked out for funding in medium term, which will have impact on economy.

OSBC Pays Dividend To State



Bhubaneswar: Odisha State Beverages Corporation (OSBC), a State owned Public Sector Undertaking paid its dividend to the State Government today.

Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mohapatra received the a cheque of Rs.7,58,01,326.00 from the Principal Secretary Excise and Chairman OSBC S.K.

Lohani in Lokseba Bhawan. Development Commissioner Pradeep Kumar Jena and Principal Secretary Finance Ashok Kumar Meena were present on the occasion. Principal Secretary Mr.Lohani said, "As per the decisions of the Annual General Meeting of the Corporation, we have

paid this amount to Government towards dividend for the year 2019-20". He added, "apart from this amount, the OSBC has also donated Rs.15 crore to the Chief Ministers' Relief Fund; and, Rs.1.43 crore to the Health & Family Welfare Department for purchase of the ambulances with advanced life support

system and technology during the year". Managing Director OSBCL Saroj Kumar Sethi present on the occasion said, "OSBCC in its fight against ongoing pandemic of Covid-19 has distributed sanitizer and masks to the differently-abled persons and transgender communities during the current year".



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LVPEI managed 1,00,000 preterm babies for ROP blinding eye disease

Bhubaneswar: “LV Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI) crossed a major milestone in preventing avoidable blindness in newborn babies by managing 1,00,000 preterm babies for Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP) across its network centres in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha. ROP is a blinding eye disease and an emerging epidemic of the 21st century. Babies born early (premature) or with low birth weight (less than 2 kg at birth) are at the risk of developing ROP,” said Dr Tapas Ranjan Padhi, Faculty, Anant Bajaj Retina Institute, Mithu Tuls Chanrai Campus, LV Prasad Eye Institute, Bhubaneswar, Odisha. To mark this milestone achievement, the LVPEI team launched the unique, one-of-its-kind ‘LVPEI Atlas of Retinopathy of Prematurity and other Neonatal Retinal Diseases’ - a useful guide for clinicians, researchers, health care

personnels and policy makers, she further added. LVPEI is the pioneer in starting ROP screening and management program in India. It was first started in 1998 in the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad and later extended to the tertiary centres of LVPEI in Bhubaneswar, Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam. Over 1,00,687 babies from across the country and neighbouring countries have been managed for ROP by providing preventative, curative and rehabilitative care. Of these, 64,000 babies have been managed at LVPEI’s Kallam Anji Reddy campus in Hyderabad, 17,000 at the Bhubaneswar campus, 9000 at the Vijayawada campus, 8000 at the Visakhapatnam campus and 9500 through the LVPEI rural secondary centres. Among those identified with ROP, 6685 babies (20,362 eyes) were safely operated, 4559 babies (10,273 eyes)

received lasers, and 1510 babies (2901 eyes) received injections to manage difficult stages of ROP. “Each treated baby can take anywhere from 1-4 hours of focused care by the team followed by months and years of follow-up care to achieve the best possible vision for these babies by the time they enter school life. Additionally, the ROP program has significantly contributed towards training over 350 health care professionals, including nurses from across the country, and setting up neonatal anaesthesia and care units and neonatal rehabilitation and early intervention programs for the first time within eye care hospitals in India. The learnings from the program have resulted in twenty-five scientific publications and reports on better management of ROP babies,” said Dr Subhadra Jalali, Network Director, Newborn Eye Health Alliance (NEHA), LV Prasad Eye Institute.

The launch of LVPEI Atlas of Retinopathy of Prematurity and other Neonatal Retinal Diseases’ is another important milestone in the care and management of newborn babies. The atlas, supported by an educational grant from Carl Zeiss India, contains 100 ROP images of varying disease severity and in different clinical situations – entire spectrum of ROP presentations, follow-up, pre and post treatment and its natural history. “Taking fundus photographs (images of the interior surface

of the eye - retina) of tiny babies is not an easy task and requires tender handling coupled with efficient technology. This atlas is a great tool for clinicians and health care professionals to better understand ROP and other neonatal eye diseases and their management,” said Dr Akash Belenje, Consultant, Anant Bajaj Retina Institute, LVPEI Prasad Eye Institute. Dr Belenje along with Mr R Ugandhar Reddy, Optometrist at LVPEI, have compiled the images for this atlas.

Vodafone Idea Foundation to Set up Robotic Labs in Schools

Bhubaneswar: Digital Skills are at the centre of the fourth industrial revolution and a prerequisite for future employment opportunities for today’s children. With the objective of playing a role in building a future ready talent force from the school level onwards, Vodafone Idea Foundation, the CSR arm of Vi, and Ericsson India have partnered to set up state-of-the-art Robotic Labs in ten schools across the country to provide new-age learning experiences to children from

underserved communities, preparing them to participate in future technological studies. Digital Labs, an innovative education programme, is designed to hand-hold school going children aged 11-14 years, through their first experience with the world of programming and new technologies. By creating an open atmosphere for learning, Digital Labs aim to instill courage in these students to embrace technology and imbibe a problem-solving approach. The partnership is

aimed at improving the students’ education and employment prospects across Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) by providing an exciting learning experience and develop skills such as teamwork, problem-solving skills, critical thinking. Through this partnership, ten Digital Labs will be set up at Vodafone Idea Foundation schools in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Gujarat.

Commenting on this initiative, P Balaji, Chief Regulatory and Corporate Affairs Officer - Vodafone Idea Limited, and Director - Vodafone Idea Foundation said, “Digital skills are a necessity for the holistic growth of the youth in the digital era. Exposing school going children to coding and robotics helps spark creativity, stimulates critical thinking, imbues a collaborative mindset and opens up a world of opportunities. Using our technology based tools, we have been working with

underprivileged children through various programmes aimed at giving them an opportunity to learn, grow and compete. Taking our ‘Technology for Good’ mission forward, we are happy to partner with Ericsson, to expose the young minds with higher-level skills and development, as well as encourage underserved groups to pursue advanced ICT education and enter science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields.”

Funkskool rolls out exclusive new range of toys for children this summer

Chennai: India’s leading toy manufacturer, Funkskool India Ltd is back with launching yet another blockbuster range of toys for children this summer. The wide range of new products are from a diverse range of categories such as board games, puzzles, Infants & pre-school, dough etc. This range will not only encourage the development of multiple skills: cognitive, physical,

social, and emotional but also help parents to fully engage their children. The product offerings include a 3 in 1 Deluxe Play Gyman Mini Vehicles combo packs for Toddlers, traditional board games such as Goats and Tigers (better known as Aadu Puli Attam in Tamil), Mancala, 9 in 1 Super Games apart from other products in Handy Crafts, Fun Dough and Puzzles for young children.

Commenting on the launch of the new products for summer 2022, Mr. R. Jeswant, CEO, of Funkskool India said, “Funkskool has always strived to introduce the best inspiring and engaging toys with a focus on edutainment. Being indigenously developed and manufactured, the new range of toys and games align with the nation’s goal of Atma Nirbhar Bharat.”

Samsung Launches High-Performance Premium Jet™ Cordless Stick Vacuum Cleaners in India

Bhubaneswar: Samsung, India’s largest and most trusted consumer electronics brand, has launched its premium, highly powerful and intuitive Samsung Jet™ cordless stick vacuum cleaner line-up, delivering the ultimate end-to-end hygienic home cleaning solution to consumers in India. The line-up of vacuum cleaners will be available on Samsung’s official online store, Samsung Shop starting May 04, 2022 and soon on Flipkart. The launch marks Samsung’s foray in the vacuum cleaner segment in India with a range that can generate up to 200W of industry-leading suction power. The range comes with a Jet Cyclone system that features nine cyclones with 27 air inlets to securely trap fine dust particles that are sucked into the vacuum cleaner without compromising on suction power. Samsung Jet™ cordless stick vacuum cleaners release clean air out with a Multi-layered Filtration System, which

traps 99.999% of fine dust particles and allergens. This is certified by the British Allergy Foundation & SLG Prof & Zertifizierungs. Running on a robust Digital Inverter Motor that optimizes airflow with its ultrasonic welded airfoil blades for high energy efficiency, Samsung vacuum cleaners – Jet 70, Jet 75 and Jet 90 – come with the promise to provide high-speed and enhanced cleaning for consumers. “With increased focus on safety, health and hygiene in the post-pandemic era, consumers are looking for agile and efficient home cleaning solutions. Our all new Samsung Jet™ cordless stick vacuum cleaners are here to provide unmatched convenience to our consumers with best-in-class features for a hassle-free cleaning experience. Equipped with cutting-edge technology such as a Multi-layered Filtration System, the vacuum cleaners trap 99.999% of fine dust and allergens and provide powerful

and hygienic cleaning. Despite Samsung Jet’s remarkably powerful suction capabilities, its body has been designed to be lightweight, allowing our consumers to enjoy the Jet’s easy-to-use features more comfortably,” said Mohandeeep Singh, Senior Vice President, Consumer Electronics Business, Samsung India. The all-new range of Samsung Jet™ cordless stick vacuum cleaners will be available in three models – Jet 70, Jet 75 and Jet 90 – with prices ranging from INR 36,990 to INR 52,990. The models will be available on Samsung’s official online store Samsung Shop starting May 04, 2022 and soon on Flipkart. For a limited period between May 04 and May 09, 2022, consumers buying Samsung Jet™ cordless stick vacuum cleaners can avail no cost EMIs of up to 12 months, starting INR 2,799. Consumers will get one-year warranty on Samsung Jet™ cordless stick vacuum cleaners.

Gifting ideas for Mother’s Day

With Mother’s day just around the corner, we must appreciate the role she plays in our lives. While mothers deserve our love round-the-clock, it’s all about going all-out on Mother’s day. From grand-mothers to new moms, these super women play myriad roles in our lives. And they deserve much appreciation and a lot of CARE! However, the plethora of choices tend to daunt a person while picking out the perfect gift for your mother. But worry not! If you are on the lookout for a gift that would be the perfect token of love - Here’s a gifting guide for mother’s day that will tick all your check boxes for the 8th of May 1. Clensta’s Super Women Combo Pack for your Super Woman: The super women that our moms are, they hop from one task to another

and make it look effortless and breezy without caring about the toll it takes on their mind, body and skin. This Mother’s Day pamper your super-mom with Clensta’s Super Women Combo Pack which comprises of a Face Moisturizer, a Sunscreen, a Face Serum and an Under-eye Cream. Laced with the goodness of magical Red Aloe Vera, this essential combo will help your mother in replenishing her natural glow and having the perfect skin of. The higher concentrations of beneficial phytochemicals in Red Aloe Vera provide it a 22-times more powerful anti-inflammatory effect. High concentrations of salicylic acid and polysaccharides help relax tight muscles and provide a soothing effect.

Blue Dart reports record performance with positive Q4 and Year-End

Mumbai: Blue Dart Express Limited, South Asia’s premier express air and integrated transportation & Distribution Company, declared its Audited financial results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2022 at the Board Meeting held in Mumbai.

The company posted ₹ 1,354 million profit after tax (previous year ₹ 891 million profit) for the quarter ended March 31, 2022, and ₹ 3,764 million profit after tax (previous year ₹ 963 million profit) for the year ended March 31, 2022. Revenue from operations for the quarter ended March 31, 2022 stood at ₹ 11,659 million and 44,090 million for the year ended March 31, 2022.

India Poker Championship and India Online Poker Championship

Mumbai: Spartan Poker announced the dates for its leading poker championships. The India Online Poker Championship (IPC) is heading to Casino Vegas by Big Daddy, Nepal, and will be held from 17th - 22nd May 2022. The 13th edition of the Indian Online Poker Championship (IOPC) will be held from 2nd - 19th June 2022. Indian poker enthusiasts will get to experience the best of both felts this summer with a whopping combined Prize-Pool of 36.5 Crore GTD.

’22 MegaStacks edition is also designed in a best-in-class live tournament structure with heavy buy-ins & deep stacks for a high-quality gaming experience. The India Online Poker Championship, which follows immediately post IPC, would be the biggest ever online poker series in India with a massive prize pool of 33 Crore GTD! The 18-day-long virtual series will provide an online experience unlike any other gaming event in India.

India Online Poker Championship that will be hosted on the Spartan Poker platform, along with other streaming partners like AIO Games, Blitzpoker, PokerHigh, and PokerDaddy. We know how incredible the level of play in these competitions can be! We aim to offer an even better experience for players & fans, and even more opportunities for skilled players to raise their games and win huge prizes.”

Speaking on the launch, Mr. Amin Rozani, CEO of Spartan Poker Group said, “We are excited to host the India Online Poker Championship live this year and follow it up with our very successful

At Spartan Poker, we provide a seamless and a fair gaming experience to the Indian poker community, and we are driven to build Poker as a professional sport in India, along with all its inherent thrill, while also showcasing the country’s untapped poker talent. Added Mr. Rozani.

Sudarshan Venuelevated as Managing Director of TVS Motor Company

Chennai: TVS Motor Company, a reputed manufacturer of two-wheelers and three-wheelers globally, announced at its board meeting today the elevation of Sudarshan Venue as Managing Director of the Company, effective today. Sudarshan has been charting the future of one of India’s leading two-wheeler manufacturer and has made it the most awarded two-wheeler company. He has played a pivotal role in the company’s growth in India and key

international markets, including Asia, Africa, and more recently in Europe. Prof Sir Ralf Dieter Speth, Chairman, TVS Motor Company said, “Sudarshan has got a clear vision and brings with him both a tremendous passion for advanced technologies and sustainable growth, deep-seated in values. He thinks future-oriented, staying ahead of the emerging trends. Personal, smart mobility, including electrification, are two of his big areas of focus. He has also spearheaded the international growth of

TVS Motor. He has the ability to lead high performing teams internationally with empathy. He takes care of people and society. I am sure that with his leadership, the company will grow stronger and further pivot to the future.” Mr Venu Srinivasan, Chairman Emeritus, TVS Motor Company said, “Sudarshan’s extraordinary efforts have witnessed key decisions to develop aspirational products and grow fast in India and overseas.

WhatsApp rolls out emoji reactions, bigger groups

San Francisco: With an aim to make the messaging platform more user friendly, Meta-owned WhatsApp has announced that it is rolling out new features, including emoji reactions, bigger files and groups. The company said that it is slowly rolling out the ability to add up to 512 people to a group, which, till now, allowed to add only up to 256. “We are excited to share that emoji reactions are now available on the latest version of the app. Reactions are fun, fast, and they reduce overload in groups too. We will continue improving them by adding an even broader range of expressions in the future,” the company said in a blogpost.

India's proposed white-ball series vs Afghanistan under a cloud

New Delhi: India's proposed white-ball series against Afghanistan looks doubtful. Cricbuzz understands that the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is finding it difficult to schedule the three-game ODI series in the limited time available between the World Test Championship final (from June 7 to 12) and a full-fledged series in the Caribbean from July 12 to August 13 involving two Tests, three ODIs and five T20Is.

It's understood that the idea initially was to hold the three games between June 20 and 30 with the squad then leaving for the Caribbean around July 7. Now with the Asia Cup scheduling in September expected to



be confirmed in the coming few days, sources in the BCCI say the players will be deprived of rest ahead of the more important assignment of the World Cup in October-November. There are apparently a

few other reasons for the rethink as well but the BCCI officials were not willing to specify. One possible reason could be that the BCCI's broadcast deal with Disney Star has ended and the new tender has not come out yet. There is always a

possibility of an interim arrangement but whether the board will get the right price ahead of a full-fledged tender for the bilateral series is a big question. Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) president Mirwais Ashraf is

currently in India, having come here on the invitation of the BCCI for the final of the IPL. There is also a meeting of the ACC on the sidelines of the May 28 final and the two boards may utilise the opportunity to engage in talks over this short bilateral series. Although a final decision has not been taken, at this stage it looks doubtful, pending a last minute change of heart. Meanwhile, it has been learnt that Cricket West Indies (CWI) has sent a tentative schedule for the series in the Caribbean but the BCCI is yet to sign off. Cricbuzz learns that there may be some discussions between the BCCI and CWI officials during the WTC final in London and the schedule could be released after that.

Jimmy Peirson to join Australia squad midway through Ashes



New Delhi: Jimmy Peirson will join the Australia squad midway during the Ashes as a temporary replacement for Josh Inglis.

While Alex Carey is the first-choice wicketkeeper for Australia, Inglis is the

back-up in the team but he is set to leave for Perth after the opening Test in Edgbaston on paternity leave. Peirson, the 30-year-old Queensland 'keeper, will link up with the squad ahead of the Lord's Test while Inglis will rejoin the team later

in the series. Peirson, who has over 3000 runs in first-class cricket at an average of 34.75, with six centuries, has been performing well in the Sheffield Shield over the last three seasons and has been rewarded with a call-up. He also scored an unbeaten 128 playing for Australia A in Sri Lanka, powering a chase of 370 in Hambantota.

Australia will play against India in the World Test Championship final at The Oval from June 7 to 11. The Ashes begins on June 16, with the fifth and final Test to be played from July 27.

USA overlook Corey Anderson from World Cup Qualifier Squad



New Delhi: Ex New Zealand international Corey Anderson is set to miss the 50-over World Cup Qualifier in Zimbabwe next month after USA selectors chose to retain the 14 man squad that toured Namibia in March. The 32-year-old Anderson, who once held the record for the fastest ton in men's ODI cricket, became eligible for a USA call up earlier this year after he moved base from Auckland to Dallas in March 2020.

Also surplus to requirements were former India A and India U19 wicketkeeper Smit Patel and former Eagles all rounder Shadley Van Schalkwyk, recipient of 97 first class caps. Apart from the addition of left-arm fast bowler Abhishek Paradkar as the 15th man, USA selectors chose to stick to the

squad that rallied to book a berth at the World Cup Qualifiers after an average show in their World Cup League 2 campaign.

USA roped in Paradkar after a 20-month hiatus from the national team, with his last outing going way back to September 2021. Monank Patel will continue to lead the team and form the bulwark of USA batting, in addition to deputy Aaron Jones and Steven Taylor. Teenage prodigy, Sai Teja Mukkamalla, is expected to retain his place at the top of the order after an unbeaten match winning hundred against the UAE.

USA will be left without the services of their spearhead Ali Khan in the first two games owing to his two-match suspension that was imposed during his career-defining 7 for 32

against Jersey. Left-arm seamer Saurabh Netravalkar, Kyle Phillip, Jasdeep Singh form the remaining pace options. Central to their tactics over the years, USA went spin heavy yet again with three specialist spin options in Nisarg Patel, Nosthush Kenjige and Usman Rafiq.

USA are expected to depart on June 3 for a preparatory camp in Zimbabwe ahead of their big game against the West Indies on June 18. Squad: Monank Patel (c), Aaron Jones (vc), Steven Taylor, Gajanand Singh, Sai Teja Mukkamalla, Saurabh Netravalkar, Nisarg Patel, Kyle Phillip, Jasdeep Singh, Nosthush Kenjige, Usman Rafiq, Abhishek Paradkar, Ali Khan, Shayan Jahangir, Sushant Modani.

Manchester United Confirm Champions League Return With 4-1 Win Over Chelsea

New Delhi: It has not always gone smoothly for Erik ten Hag in his first year in charge at Manchester United. There is still much work to be done if the 20-time league champion is to be restored to its former glories.

But on Thursday night, in front of a packed Old Trafford, Ten Hag achieved what he called his "main objective" of securing a return to the Champions League with a 4-1 win against Chelsea. "It is a successful season but the season is not finished," he said. "This club belongs in the Champions League so you have to qualify in the first four. We played a good season in the Premier League. I think a very good season."

Goals from Casemiro, Anthony Martial, Bruno Fernandes and Marcus Rashford fired United to a victory that means a top-four finish is now certain. United moved up to third and two points above Newcastle going into



the season finale. It could get better still for Ten Hag, who has already lifted his first trophy — the League Cup in February. United faces Manchester City in the FA Cup final on June 3 at Wembley.

While silverware adds sparkle to an encouraging debut season under the Dutch coach, qualification for the Champions League has been the ultimate measure by which his predecessors have been judged during a turbulent 10 years since iconic former manager Alex Ferguson retired. David Moyes and

Louis van Gaal were fired after failing to qualify for European elite competition. Jose Mourinho and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer departed when the team's form meant qualification was in serious doubt. Ten Hag was hired last year to turn United's fortunes around, and while he has had his difficulties in an eventful first year in English soccer, he has done just that. Needing just a point from its last two games of the season, first half goals from Casemiro and Martial put United on course for the win against Chelsea that

ensured there would be no late slip up to let in archrival Liverpool. United's win assures Liverpool will finish fifth with a Europa League spot, which Mohamed Salah said is not good enough. The Liverpool forward tweeted that he's 'devastated'.

The jubilant scenes at Old Trafford were a world away significant setbacks — a 6-3 loss to Manchester City and a humiliating 7-0 rout by Liverpool as recently as March. Ten Hag had to cope with the disruption caused by Cristiano Ronaldo, who publicly criticized the club ahead of his

acrimonious departure in November, as well as injuries to key players like Martial, Christian Eriksen and Lisandro Martinez.

Through it all, the former Ajax coach has remained focused on the target of top four and his long-term vision of rebuilding a club that has been in decline since Ferguson's departure. And Ten Hag took the opportunity to remind United that it is still some way from challenging City's Premier League dominance after Pep Guardiola's team won a fifth title in six years this season. He wants backing in the transfer market in the summer when a top striker will be his priority. "It's a good base to build on, but the standards have to go up, the demands have to rise," he said. "We have to work in the summer with this squad, but also in the window. See if you can strengthen the squad. Now we are far away so we have a lot of work to do. We make progress in this team in this squad, but we need better players if we want to compete for the highest."

Jason Roy gives up England contract to sign with MLC

New Delhi: English opener Jason Roy has signed a contract with Major League Cricket, the newly announced T20 franchise tournament in the United States of America, which would mean that he'd give up on his England contract.

"England Men's white-ball batter Jason Roy has informed the England & Wales

Cricket Board (ECB) that he wishes to take up an agreement with Major League Cricket in the USA later this summer," the ECB said in a statement.

"The ECB have agreed for him to play in the competition on the proviso that he gives up the remainder of his ECB incremental contract, which both parties have agreed to," said the statement further



On his part, Roy put out a statement on social media in which he said, "As a single format player with no central contract I wanted to take the opportunity to play this competition as there are currently no scheduling conflicts with England. It benefits me as an England player to play as much as competitive cricket as possible."

Roy further stated that

his "priority is England cricket, especially with a World Cup soon upon us." The ECB too in its statement expounded that belief. "The ECB wish to clarify that this decision will not affect Jason's selection for England teams going forward. We have absolute confidence and faith as that Jason is committed to England cricket," it said.

Roy's contract route

signals the first major England player to have taken the route towards franchise cricket, and to be contracted by private entities. Roy was picked up in the Indian Premier League by the Kolkata Knight Riders, who also have similar cricket interests in tournaments such as the MLC, the Caribbean Premier League and the SA20 around the world.

