



Odisha Pradesh Congress President Sarat Pattnaik and Former Union Minister Jeetendra Singh greeting each other during a press conference at Congress Bhawan, Bhubaneswar.

Former President Niranjana Pattnaik, Campaign committee Chairman Bijay Kumar Pattanaik and other Sr. congress Leaders were also Present.

Chiranjib Biswal and Mahamad Mokim served show cause notices over Gross indiscipline

New delhi(KCN) :AICC Disciplinary committee has issued show cause notices to Former Working President Chiranjib Biswal and Cuttack Barabati MLA Mahamad Mokim over indiscipline. Both the senior Leaders have been asked to reply within 15 days. Both the Leaders had allegedly made public statement against the Party in a seminar organised by Both at



jaydev bhavan, Bhubaneswar on 8th may

The Topic of the Seminar was "Janaki-Basant Duo: Golden Era for Congress in odisha"

Member Secretary of Congress Disciplinary committee Tarique Anwar issued notices to Both the leaders asking why action should not be taken against them for alleged anti-party activities

4949 Cr For SHGs Odisha govt withholds salary of principals, clerks of 233 degree colleges for negligence

Bhubaneswar: With an aim to convert women self-help groups (SHGs) into MSEs, the State Government has facilitated business worth Rs. 4949 crore to the SHGs in convergence with 20 Government departments. This was informed by Mission Shakti Secretary Sujata R Karthikeyan here on Saturday. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik today reviewed the performances of the Mission Shakti Department and implementation of promises made in Election Manifesto 2019.

facilitated in convergence with 20 departments, she said. Convergence guidelines have been prepared to incentivize the role of SHG in different schemes. This has created opportunities for more than 1 lakh SHGs and enhanced their economic standing by generating a cumulative income of Rs. 1226 crore in the last 4 years. As many as 11008 clusters have been promoted under different livelihood sectors, the Secretary said. For the first time in the history credit flow to SHGs has crossed Rs. 11,000 crore in 2022-23. This is a quantum leap over a period of 8 years, she said. The credit flow has been increased 19 times over a period of 8 years (2014-15 to 2022-23), Shrimati

Karthikeyan said. Maa Santoshi Maa SHG, Jaleswar, Balasore district has availed SHG credit linkage amounting to Rs. 40.9 lakh so far for



manufacturing of mudhi & dairy farming. Today, with the help of bank finance and Department support, they have average monthly earnings of Rs.40,000, she pointed out. The Secretary further said that the average loan size of SHGs has also seen a big jump from Rs. 1.06 lakh in 2016-17 to Rs. 3.01 lakh today. This

quantum jump was boosted by the State Government decision to provide zero interest loans upto Rs. 5 lakh. In the past four years, Rs. 587 crore has been reimbursed directly to bank accounts of more than 4 lakh SHGs with Rs. 216 crore in the last year alone. Maa Santoshi Maa SHG, Jaleswar, Balasore district has availed SHG credit linkage amounting to Rs. 40.9 lakh so far for manufacturing of mudhi & dairy farming. Today, with the help of bank finance and Department support, they have average monthly earnings of Rs.40,000, she said. There is an unparalleled reduction in NPA of SHG loans from 14.2 percent to 1.99 percent. This is one of the lowest in the country. For the first time, 1103 GPs in Odisha are NPA Free. This was also praised by the

Government of India. Till now, 86.5 percent Women in Odisha having a Bank or Savings account that they themselves use against the national average of 78.6 percent. To reach the unreached, Mission Shakti has placed more than 2318 SHG members as BCAs in unbanked GPs across Odisha having a business of Rs 1159 crore during last year with earnings of Rs 3.68 crore, she informed the media. Further, 102 Mission Shakti Cafes opened across the State to provide healthy and nutritious food to people in a homely setting while being a good source of revenue generation for SHG members. With high quality training being provided by Institute of Hotel Management (IHM), these cafes have a daily footfall of 50-100 and average monthly earning of Rs. 50,000, the Secretary pointed out.

Bhubaneswar:The Odisha Higher Education department on Saturday withheld the salary of principals and head clerks of 233 colleges across Odisha for alleged gross negligence. In a letter to all the principals of those colleges, the department cited non-compliance with previous orders by the Assistant Director of the department even after repeated reminders. While the exact reason is yet to be revealed, the Higher Education Department in its order, said, "You have failed to furnish the required information in response to the letters of the Assistant Director even after repeated reminders. It shows gross negligence in discharging government duty on your part along



Higher Education Department
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with failure to carry out instructions of authorities of the Higher Education Department." The department directed the principals to not draw and release the salary/remuneration for the month of May 2023 of themselves as well as of the head clerk/clerk of the concerned colleges till compliance of the orders are made and clearance given from the department. The colleges include five from Angul, 12 from Balasore, 16 from Bargarh, one from Bhadrak, 23 from Bolangir, one from Boudh, 24 from Cuttack,

three from Deogarh, 13 from Dhenkanal, four from Gajapati, 18 from Ganjam, 12 from Jagatsinghpur, 13 from Jajpur, six from Jharsuguda, five from Kalahandi, one from Kandhamal, six each from Kendrapara, Mayurbhanj, Khordha and Keonjhar, five from Koraput, one from Malkangiri, two from Nabarangpur, seven from Nayagarh, one from Nuapada, nine from Puri, three from Rayagada, seven from Sambalpur, one from Sonepur and five colleges from Sundargarh.

24 Ministers Take Oath, Joining Siddaramaiah's Karnataka Cabinet

New Delhi: 24 Ministers took oath today in Karnataka, expanding Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's cabinet a week after Congress assumed power in the southern state. Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot administered the oath of office and secrecy. The Karnataka government can have 34 ministers. Ten of them, including Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his deputy DK Shivakumar, were sworn in on May 20. MLAs HK Patil, Krishna Byregowda, N Cheluvarayaswamy, K Venkatesh, HC Mahadevappa, Congress working president Eshwar Khandre and former state Congress

president Dinesh Gundu Rao are among those who took oath today. Others on the list are Kyathasandra N Rajanna, Sharanabasappa Darshanapur, Shivanand Patil, Ramappa Balappa Timmapur, SS Mallikarjun, Shivaraj Sangappa Tangadagi, Sharanaprakash Rudrappa Patil, Mankal Vaidya, Laxmi Hebbalkar, Rahim Khan, D Sudhakar, Santosh Lad, NS Boseraju, Suresha BS, Madhu Bangarappa, MC Sudhakar and B Nagendra. Lakshmi Hebbalkar, Madhu Bangarappa, D Sudhakar, Cheluvaray Swami, Mankul Vaidya and MC Sudhakar are close to Mr Shivakumar,



according to Congress sources. The Congress' list figures names of six Lingayats and four Vokkaligas. Three MLAs are from

Scheduled Castes, two from Scheduled Tribes and five from Other Backward Communities -- Kuruba, Raju, Maratha, Ediga and

Mogaveera. In Dinesh Gundu Rao, Brahmmins have also got representation in the cabinet. Seven ministers each are

from Old Mysuru and Kalyana Karnataka regions, six from Kittur Karnataka region and two from central Karnataka

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has struck a balance by giving caste and region-wise representation along with giving due respect to senior as well as junior MLAs, an official statement said. He also said the cabinet will have eight Lingayats. Within them, different sub-sects of the community have been given representation. There will be five Vokkaligas, including Mr Shivakumar, the statement said. The cabinet will have nine Scheduled Caste ministers, it said. The portfolios have not been allotted yet. State Minister KH Muniyappa said the portfolios will be

announced by Saturday evening. Both Siddaramaiah and Mr Shivakumar have been in Delhi for the last three days and have held several rounds of discussion with the party leadership. Promoted Listen to the latest songs, only on JioSaavn.com The names of the 24 MLAs were decided after hours of hectic deliberations between Siddaramaiah, Mr Shivakumar and the top central leaders, including AICC general secretaries KC Venugopal and Randeep Surjewala. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and former party chief Rahul Gandhi gave the final nod to the list.



Secretary to CM (5T) Shri VK Pandian with OAS Probationers

Silver Cladding Of Singhadwara Of Puri Jagannath Temple To Be Done This Ratha Jatra

Puri: The Singhadwara of Jagannath Temple in Puri will be plated with silver metal and the precious Ratna Palanka (bed) of Lord Jagannath will be repaired soon. The decision was taken by Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) after a high-level meeting today. The existing Ratna Palanka of Lord Jagannath will be repaired, and another set of Ratna Palanka will be made of silver for the deities. The SJTA also decided to clad the Singhadwara of Srimandir with silver, informed SJTA Chief Administrator Ranjan Kumar Das after the meeting. Both the repairing of Ratna Palanka and silver coating work of Singhadwara will be carried out under supervision of ASI during Ratha Jatra scheduled from June 20, 2023. The devotees will be allowed to enter the temple through Hastidwara (elephant gate) situated in north of Srimandir during the period, he said.



Investment climate in Renewable Energy Sector in India is positive and has tremendous potential



Kolkata (Partha Roy): Energy demand is exponentially increasing across India with high growth trajectory of economic growth and development of India including West Bengal and entire eastern India. Indian Chamber of Commerce organised one day session "East Energy Conclave 2023 : Opportunities for Growth and Investment " on 26th May 2023 in Kolkata to facilitate deliberations amongst various stakeholders in entire Energy Sector including policy makers, industry experts, and investors in Eastern India with special thrust on West Bengal. With a focus on the Eastern region of the country, the Energy Conclave highlighted the untapped potential and investment prospects in this rapidly evolving sector. West Bengal Government's Minister-in-Charge, Power, Youth Services and Sports and Housing, Shri Aroop Biswas highlighted on the West Bengal government's initiatives and policies aimed at driving the power sector's growth. Minister emphasized West Bengal

government's commitment to facilitate healthy development of power sector as per advice of Chief Minister Smt. Mamata Banerjee. Mr. Anil Razdan, Former Secretary, Power Government of India spoke on scope and opportunities in Power sector including future prospects. Dr. Rajeev Singh, Director General (ICC), emphasised on Sustainability and Environmental friendly growth thrust in entire Energy Sector development. Mr. Rajib Sutradhar Executive Director of the Eastern Region Load Despatch Centre, GRID- INDIA emphasized on emerging issues in the power sector including evolving challenges in power production from traditional fossils fuels as well as Renewable Energy. Mr. Sutradhar said ".... One notable trend is the increasing amount of solar energy generation and the challenges associated with its integration into the grid. We need to address issues such as pattern recognition, ramping, and variability in solar generation to ensure a stable and reliable energy supply. Two key solutions that have gained prominence are

battery storage and pump storage. Many ongoing projects focus on enhancing battery storage capacity, enabling better management of intermittent renewable energy sources. Additionally, pump storage facilities, like the one in Purulia, have proven to be effective in balancing the grid during peak demand periods. While there is a significant number of pump storage projects, there is a need to augment solar power generation in the region." During the deliberations importance of Quality of Electricity with respect to voltage and frequency was also emphasized. Quality of Electricity plays critically important role both in Domestic and Industrial sector of entire Consumer-scapes. Most of the speakers were in agreement on Collaboration on Hydro-electric Power generation with Nepal and Bhutan and Electricity marketing to Bangladesh. India, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh partnerships facilitate to explore opportunities for power exchange, taking advantage of each country's strengths and addressing the

energy demands of the entire region. The Eastern region, with its strategic location and diverse energy resources, has the potential to become a hub for power generation and power trading. By leveraging the resources and fostering cross-border collaborations, India can achieve a more robust and sustainable energy landscape in the Eastern region. Globally, hydropower is the dominant renewable energy (RE) source to date, providing over two-thirds of all renewable electricity. Hydropower accounted for about 18 percent of global installed power generating capacity and roughly 17 percent of power generation in 2020. Hydropower project in India that has met the best international standards is The Teesta-V hydropower station, located in Sikkim which was rated as an example of international good practice in hydropower sustainability in 2019. The 510 MW power station, owned and operated by NHPC Limited (National Hydro Power Corporation), met or exceeded international good practice across all 20 performance criteria.

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Ponniyin Selvan 2: Aishwarya Rai Looks Enchanting And Mysterious As Nandini In New Teaser

The wait will soon be over. The trailer of Mani Ratnam's magnum-opus 'Ponniyin Selvan - 2' will be launched today. Now, just a day before the launch, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan took to Instagram and shared a teaser of the film. The actress looks enchanting and mysterious in the royal look. She is seen holding a lamp in her hand as the camera captures her mirror reflection. Fans of the actress were very excited to see her back on the screens and shared their love for her in the comments section. "No dialogue is needed her expressions say what she's going through," a user commented. "Literally Lived as Nandini," another user wrote. Earlier, she had shared a poster with Vikram in which she could be seen lighting the lamp while the latter's expressions were intense. The trailer of the second part will be launched at around 6 pm today, 29th March at Jawahar Lal Nehru Indoor Stadium in Chennai. Helmed by ace director Mani Ratnam, the historical drama based on Kalki's epic of the same name. The ensemble star cast of the film includes, Chiyaan Vikram, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, Karthi, Jayam



Ravi, Trisha, Aishwarya Lekshmi, Lal, and Sobhita Dhulipala, among others. The part one of the film had Bollywood actress Aishwarya Rai Bachchan's comeback to movies after a long hiatus. 'Ponniyin Selvan: I' was the first part of a two-part franchise that has been shot on a massive budget of 500 crore rupees. The soundtrack of the film has been composed by AR Rahman, while it has been shot by Ravi Varman. The film had turned out to be a massive success at the box office and raked more than Rs 500 Cr at the box office.

'Adipurush' Director Om Raut, Producer Bhushan Kumar Seek Blessings At Mata Vaishno Devi



On the auspicious occasion of Navratri, Producer Bhushan Kumar, and Director Om Raut sought blessings of Mata Vaishno Devi for the 'Adipurush' campaign that begins from Ramnavmi, March 30. The magnum opus, one of the most anticipated films of 2023, that prepares for a worldwide release on June, 16th, predominantly chronicles the story of Prabhu Shri Ram and celebrates the triumph of good over evil. Remarkable on the creation of the universe and the beginning of the world by Maa Shri Durga, Chaitra Navratri holds immense significance in Hindu culture. With this belief and Shri Gulshan Kumar's immense faith in Maa Vaishno Devi, the makers seek divine blessings for Adipurush. The film revives a rich and historic Indian epic Ramayana in a magnificent manner starring Prabhas, Kriti Sanon, Sunny Singh, and Saif Ali Khan. Adipurush, directed by Om Raut is produced by T-Series, Bhushan Kumar & Krishan Kumar, Om Raut, Prasad Sutar, and Rajesh Nair of Retrophiles and will be releasing globally on 16th June 2023.

'Nayanthara' 'Connect' emerges as a successful horror thriller as it brings audiences back to theatres

Nayanthara brought an amazing gift to her pan-India fans with her Hindi debut in 'Connect'. While the audience has been encountering different kinds of horror with a blend of drama and comedy, 'Connect' came as a full-fledged horror thriller after a long time that attracted a lot of audiences in the theaters. Having brought a nail-biting horror thriller in the festive season and being a strong women-led film, 'Connect' is successfully holding its presence in theaters across the nation. As the film was released around the two big festivals while marking Christmas and New Year, it certainly came as a much-needed horror thriller for the audience to rush to the theaters to enjoy the thrill and a gripping story after a long time. Having seen the bookings of multiplexes, it is visible that the film is receiving a great response from the audience. Moreover, it's almost 10 days, since 'Connect' has released in Tamil, and ever since then it is collecting phenomenal reviews from the audience. Ahead of this, the debut of Nayanthara in Hindi was also been welcomed by the audience with open arms with the release of

Jacqueline Fernandez Wraps The First Schedule Of Sonu Sood-Starrer 'Fateh' In Amritsar, Shares Memories

After winning the 'Women of Excellence' award at the Annual Los Angeles Festival of Film, Fashion, and Art for her international film, 'Tell it Like a Woman', the sunshine girl Jacqueline Fernandez is gearing up for her next film. It's just been a while since we had seen her spreading the charm of her beauty at the Oscars and now the actress has wrapped the first schedule of her next film 'Fateh' in Amritsar and seems like she had a great time with the team in the city. As Jacqueline was shooting in Amritsar for her next film Fateh,



she brought some glimpses of her amazing time in the city for her fans. From receiving a sketch of herself from a fan to enjoying the lassi to eating delicious Punjabi food, the actress dropped some really amazing pictures on her social media encapsulating her best shooting days in Amritsar. She further jotted down the caption, "Thank you Amritsar #fateh" Jacqueline was truly having the best of her time while shooting for Fateh in Amritsar. The actress also visited the Golden Temple with her co-star Sonu Sood. Apart from 'Fateh' alongside Sonu Sood, Jacqueline also has 'Crack' alongside Vidyut Jammwal and Arjun Rampal in her future lineup.

Megastar Chiranjeevi Honours 'Our Oscar winners' SS Rajamouli, MM Keeravani On Son Ram Charan's Birthday

Star Chiranjeevi honoured filmmaker SS Rajamouli and music composer MM Keeravani on actor-son Ram Charan's birthday. He said that the win Telugu industry achieved for Indian Cinema shall remain etched in history. Chiranjeevi took to his Instagram page to share pictures. The image shows Chiranjeevi handing over a big bouquet of flowers and shawl to honour Rajamouli and his wife. In the picture, MM Keeravani and his wife are being honoured with a shawl and a bouquet. Chiranjeevi wrote: "Honouring our Oscar winners in the presence of near and dear on @alwaysramcharans birthday was a true celebration! This feat Telugus achieved for the Indian Cinema shall remain etched in history." 'Naatu Naatu' picturised on Ram Charan and



such as Lady Gaga, Diane Warren and Rihanna, 'Naatu Naatu' made history after contending against songs such as 'Applause' from 'Tell It Like a Woman', 'Hold My Hand' from 'Top Gun: Maverick', 'Lift Me Up' from 'Black Panther: Wakanda Forever' and 'This Is a Life' from 'Everything Everywhere All at Once'. 'Naatu Naatu' has already won a Golden Globe and a Critics Choice Award this year. 'RRR' stars NTR Jr., Ram Charan, Ajay Devgn, Alia Bhatt and Shriya Saran and tells the fictional story of two real-life Indian revolutionaries, Alluri Sitarama Raju and Komaram Bheem and their fight against the British Raj. Set in the 1920s, the plot explores the undocumented period in their lives when both the revolutionaries chose to go into obscurity before they began the fight for their country.



Why is agricultural biodiversity important for our own survival ?

Saikat Kumar Basu



Agricultural biodiversity refers to the variety and variability of plant, animal, and microbial species utilized in agriculture. It encompasses the diversity of crops, livestock breeds, and other organisms associated with agricultural ecosystems. This diversity includes not only different species but also the genetic variation within each species. Agricultural biodiversity is crucial for sustainable and resilient food production systems. Here are some key aspects of agricultural biodiversity:

Crop Diversity: It refers to the variety of crops grown in a particular region or ecosystem. This includes different types of grains, fruits, vegetables, legumes, and other cultivated plants.

Livestock Diversity: It involves the different breeds of domesticated animals raised for food, milk, fiber, or labor. Livestock biodiversity includes various breeds of cattle, goats, sheep,

pigs, poultry, and others.

Genetic Diversity: It pertains to the genetic variation within a species. Genetic diversity is vital for breeding programs, as it provides the raw material for developing new varieties that are

beneficial insects. **Cultural Diversity:** Agricultural biodiversity also reflects the cultural heritage and traditional knowledge of different communities. It encompasses indigenous crops, local farming practices, and traditional knowledge

failures and pests. Therefore, conserving and promoting agricultural biodiversity is essential for maintaining sustainable food production and safeguarding our agricultural systems for future generations.

adaptable to various environmental conditions, diseases, and pests. In the face of climate change, pests, and diseases, maintaining diverse agricultural systems ensures a more resilient and reliable food supply.

Nutritional Diversity:

consuming diverse crops, we can enhance our nutritional intake and overall health.

Ecosystem Services: Agricultural biodiversity plays a vital role in maintaining healthy ecosystems. It supports the natural

including beneficial insects and wildlife.

Genetic Resources: Agricultural biodiversity serves as a rich source of genetic material for breeding and developing improved crop varieties. Genetic diversity allows for the

Cultural and Traditional Knowledge: Agricultural biodiversity is deeply intertwined with cultural practices and traditional knowledge systems of indigenous communities and local farmers. It represents their collective wisdom, passed down through generations, regarding the cultivation, management, and utilization of diverse crops and livestock. Preserving agricultural biodiversity helps safeguard cultural heritage and promotes sustainable and locally adapted farming practices.

In summary, agricultural biodiversity is crucial for our survival as it ensures food security, provides nutritional diversity, supports ecosystem services, offers genetic resources for breeding, and preserves cultural and traditional knowledge. Protecting and promoting agricultural biodiversity is essential for building resilient and sustainable agricultural systems that can withstand environmental and societal challenges.

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resistant to diseases, pests, and environmental stresses.

Functional Diversity: It relates to the diverse ecological roles and functions performed by organisms within agricultural ecosystems. For example, certain plants may act as natural pest repellents, while others enhance soil fertility or provide habitat for

systems associated with agriculture. Agricultural biodiversity plays a critical role in food security, adaptation to climate change, and sustainable agriculture. It contributes to resilient and productive farming systems, enhances ecosystem services, improves nutrition, and provides a safety net against crop

Agricultural biodiversity is essential for our survival due to several reasons

Food Security: Agricultural biodiversity provides a wide range of plant and animal species that contribute to global food production. Different crops and livestock species have diverse genetic traits, which make them

Biodiversity in agriculture allows for a variety of crops with different nutritional profiles. Consuming a diverse range of foods is crucial for a balanced and nutritious diet. A lack of dietary diversity can lead to malnutrition, deficiencies in essential nutrients, and increased vulnerability to diseases. By cultivating and

processes that contribute to soil fertility, pest control, pollination, and water regulation. These ecosystem services are essential for sustainable agriculture and contribute to long-term productivity and resilience. Biodiversity also helps conserve natural resources and protects habitats for a wide range of species,

selection of desirable traits, such as disease resistance, drought tolerance, and higher yields. Utilizing diverse genetic resources helps address emerging challenges in agriculture, such as climate change, pests, and diseases, and ensures the availability of adaptable and productive crop varieties for the future.

The Pasmanda Muslim Movement: Struggle for Inclusion and Social Justice in India



In the diverse fabric of Indian society, the Pasmanda Muslim movement has emerged as a significant social and political force in recent years. The movement represents the aspirations and struggles of marginalized Muslims belonging to lower castes and economically disadvantaged backgrounds. It seeks to address the historical injustices faced by this section of the Muslim community and create

a more inclusive and equitable society. The Pasmanda Muslim movement primarily focuses on the upliftment and empowerment of the most marginalized sections of the Muslim community in India. The term "Pasmanda" refers to those who have been left behind or excluded, particularly in the spheres of education, employment, and political representation. The movement emphasizes the intersectionality of caste and religion, acknowledging that social hierarchies persist within the Muslim community, much like in other religious groups in India. For centuries, lower-caste Muslims,

comprising a significant proportion of the Muslim population in India, have faced discrimination, marginalization, and limited access to resources and opportunities. The Pasmanda Muslim movement seeks to rectify this historical injustice and challenge the dominant narrative that assumes a homogenous Muslim identity. One of the key objectives of the Pasmanda Muslim movement is to increase political representation for marginalized Muslims. The movement recognizes the importance of political power in advocating for social and economic rights.

Surbhi Mishra

It has been instrumental in mobilizing marginalized Muslims to actively participate in the democratic process, challenging the existing power structures, and

demanding greater representation in legislatures and government bodies. The movement aims to address the socioeconomic disparities faced by Pasmanda Muslims by

advocating for policies that promote affirmative action, access to quality education, skill development, and employment opportunities. It

emphasizes the need for inclusive policies that take into account the specific challenges faced by marginalized Muslim communities and create pathways for their social and economic

advancement. The Indian government's response to the Pasmanda Muslim movement has been mixed. While some policymakers have recognized the importance of

addressing the concerns of marginalized Muslims and have taken steps to initiate affirmative action policies, there is still a long way to go. Critics argue that

the government has not done enough to provide equal opportunities and representation for the Pasmanda Muslim community. To ensure the empowerment and inclusion of Pasmanda Muslims, a collaborative approach is required, involving both the government and civil society organizations. The government should actively engage with the Pasmanda Muslim movement and incorporate their voices and concerns into policy-making processes. It is crucial to address caste-based discrimination within the Muslim community while simultaneously combating Islamophobia and

promoting social harmony. It is imperative for the Indian government to recognize and address the concerns of the Pasmanda Muslim community, fostering an environment where every citizen can thrive irrespective of their caste or religious background. Only through such inclusive efforts can India truly achieve its democratic ideals and aspirations for social justice. After all the best thing about the largest democracy of the world is it highlights the inclusion-based grassroots-oriented notion of secularism.

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The Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Chemicals and Fertilizers, Shri Mansukh Mandaviya attends the 8th International Conference on Pharma and Medical Devices Sector, in New Delhi on May 26, 2023. The Minister of State for New & Renewable Energy, Chemicals and Fertilizers, Shri Bhagwanth Khuba is also seen.

Jagan Reddy Was Informed About Uncle's Death Before Public: CBI

Hyderabad: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy was informed about the death of his uncle and former minister YS Vivekananda Reddy much before the news became public, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) told a court on Friday. The probe agency made the revelations in an affidavit before the Telangana High Court in response to an anticipatory bail petition filed by Kadapa MP YS Avinash Reddy who has been named an accused in the case. Avinash Reddy's father Bhaskar Reddy, who was arrested in connection with the case last month, was shifted to a hospital this morning. The CBI has said in its affidavit that Avinash Reddy had been active on WhatsApp and had exchanged voice calls before the murder, between 00:27 am To 1:10 am on March 15,



2019. The probe agency stated that further investigation into the "larger conspiracy" aspect revealed that YS Jagan Mohan Reddy had been informed about the death in the early hours of March 15, 2019, much before the information about the death by MV Krishna Reddy's personal assistant was revealed at around 6:15 am. "Since Avinash Reddy was active before and after the commission of murder, his role in

informing about the death of YS Vivekananda Reddy to YS Jagan Mohan Reddy is to be investigated," the probe agency told the court. The CBI has not mentioned any other suspicion or significant aspect regarding the role of the present Chief Minister in the case. "Investigation has already established that the four assailants accused who executed the murder of YS Vivekananda Reddy in

the intervening night of 14/15-03-2019 had trespassed in the house around 01:30 am on 15-03-2019. Further location of mobile phone of the assailant, namely Y Sunil Yadav (A-2) was found inside the house of YS Avinash Reddy/ (and his father) YS Bhaskar Reddy before and after the commission of murder. The IPDR analysis has further revealed that YS Avinash Reddy had WhatsApp conversations from

4:11 am onwards on 15-03-2019," the affidavit said. The development comes at a time when Jagan Reddy is in Delhi to attend Niti Aayog meeting and the inauguration of the new parliament building tomorrow. Vivekananda Reddy, one of the brothers of the late Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Rajasekhara Reddy, was found murdered at his residence in the early hours of March 15, 2019, weeks before the Assembly elections in the state. The murder case was initially probed by a Special Investigation Team (SIT) of the state CID but was handed over to the CBI in July 2020. The CBI had filed a charge sheet in the murder case on October 26, 2021 and followed it up with a supplementary charge sheet on January 31, 2022.

"Arvind Kejriwal Should Realise His Mistake": Congress Over Delhi Postings



New Delhi: Taking a jibe at Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal amid the row over the Centre's ordinance on control of administrative services in the national capital, Delhi Congress president Anil Chaudhary on Saturday said that the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national

convenor should realise his "mistake of praising" the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) earlier. His remarks came in the wake of the Delhi Chief Minister seeking time from Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and former MP Rahul Gandhi demanding support against the Centre's

ordinance on control of administrative services in the national capital. Speaking to ANI, Anil Chaudhary said, "Congress high command will take a decision on whether they will meet Arvind Kejriwal or not. When all opposition parties were together, he kept praising BJP. Arvind Kejriwal should realise

his mistake." The Delhi Chief Minister on May 23 embarked on a nationwide tour to seek support from the Opposition parties against the ordinance brought by the central government on the transfers and postings of bureaucrats in the national capital. So far, Mr Kejriwal has met West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, former Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray, Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) supremo Sharad Pawar, Bihar CM Nitish Kumar and his deputy Tejashwi Yadav. He will also be meeting Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao on Saturday to seek his party Bharat Rashtra Samithi's (BRS)

support against the ordinance. Mr Kejriwal also informed that he will not be able to attend the NITI Aayog meeting to be held on Saturday in the national capital. This comes after the Union government on May 19 brought an ordinance to notify rules for the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD) regarding the 'transfer posting, vigilance and other incidental matters'. The ordinance was brought to amend the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi Act, 1991 and it circumvents the Supreme Court judgement in the Centre vs Delhi case.

Setback For Indian Shipping Firm Transporting Russian Oil: Report

London/New Delhi: Lloyd's Register has told India's Gatik Ship Management, which has become a major carrier of Russian oil since the Ukraine war, that it will withdraw certification of 21 of its vessels by June 3, the maritime services company told Reuters. It is the latest setback for Gatik, which was also been forced to find new flags for 36 of its ships after they were deflagged by the St. Kitts & Nevis International Ship Registry.

from handling such cargoes unless they are sold at or below that price. Last month, spot prices for Russian crude rose above \$60 a barrel and some ship insurance executives said they were nervous of falling foul of the rules as they were unable to independently track the value of cargoes. India has quickly become the biggest buyer of seaborne Russian crude. Western efforts to curtail the amount of

them, declining to say why. Ingosstrakh, a large Russian insurer active in ship coverage but not part of the top 12, told Reuters this month that its insurance cover for Gatik's Prometheus tanker expired in April and had not been renewed. Ingosstrakh said it "had to decline certain requests for insurance it received from Gatik due to the risks identified as part of our adverse



"Lloyd's Register is committed to facilitating compliance with sanctions regulations on the trading of Russian oil," it said in an email to Reuters. "Where supported by evidence, we withdraw class and services from any vessels found by the relevant authorities to be breaching international sanctions." Classification societies such as Lloyd's Register in London provide services including seaworthiness checks, certification that is vital for securing insurance and entry to ports. Lloyd's Register said, however, that 11 of the Gatik vessels it was declassifying were also certified by the Indian Register of Shipping (IRClass). Gatik, which is based in Mumbai according to shipping databases, did not respond to emailed requests for comment. A major US insurer, the American Club, also told Reuters it was no longer providing cover for Gatik ships, while Russian insurer Ingosstrakh said it would not work with Gatik in future. Neither the insurers, Lloyd's Register nor the flag registry spelled out exactly why they have dropped business with Gatik. In response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Western powers imposed a price cap on Russian crude of \$60 a barrel. While non-EU countries can import seaborne Russian crude, Western shipowners and insurers are prohibited

revenue Russia earns from its energy resources are having a disruptive impact, as are Western sanctions on oil exports from other countries such as Iran and Venezuela. But the opacity and limited oversight of the shipping sector means many vessels with cargoes from countries targeted by sanctions continue to sail by finding new flags and non-Western registries or insurers, raising concerns about safety and liability. Every ship requires documents including a flag registry. Ships typically have protection and indemnity (P&I) insurance which covers liability claims including environmental damage and injury. Separate hull and machinery policies cover vessels against physical damage. While Lloyd's Register is dropping classification for 21 Gatik ships, at least 28 were listed as certified by the Indian Register of Shipping, according to the IRClass website. IRClass, which is recognised globally, did not respond to requests for comment. Gatik emerged this year as a leading carrier of Russian oil to India using a fleet of tankers that has numbered more than 40, shipping data shows. American Club, one of the world's top 12 P&I insurers which combined provide cover for about 90% of the world's ocean going tonnage, said it previously covered most Gatik ships but as of early April was no longer covering

media screening procedure", citing negative media coverage without being more specific. "We can also confirm that we do not plan to work with Gatik in the future," the privately owned Russian insurer said in response to queries from Reuters. Reuters was unable to ascertain whether any Gatik vessels were currently operating without essential paperwork. India imported 2.76 million tonnes of Russian oil in vessels managed by Gatik during the first four months of 2023, or 10% of its total Russian imports, according to tanker arrival data and Reuters calculations. According to Refinitiv data, about 1.36 million tonnes of Russian crude was earmarked for arrival in India in May and June on tankers linked to Gatik, although those numbers were preliminary. In April, the St. Kitts & Nevis International Ship Registry told Reuters it was removing its flag from 36 Gatik vessels. "It is the long-standing policy of the Registry that when we are alerted to breaches of our high standards by vessels flying our flag, we always investigate and take action accordingly," the registry said, declining to provide further details. According to data from maritime platform Lloyd's List Intelligence, Gatik has flagged 15 ships to Gabon, up from 9 at the start of April before St. Kitts & Nevis started removing its flag from the company's vessels.

Odisha CM skips crucial Niti Aayog's Governing Council meet in Delhi

New Delhi: Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik skipped the meeting of the 8th Governing Council of the Niti Aayog held in New Delhi today. Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the meeting of the Governing Council of Niti Aayog at the newly-constructed Convention Centre in Pragati Maidan. The theme of the Governing Council meeting is "Viksit Bharat @2047: Role of Team India". Apart from Odisha, Chief Ministers of several states,

including Arvind Kejriwal (Delhi), Mamata Banerjee (West Bengal), Bhagwant Mann (Punjab), Nitish Kumar (Bihar), K. Chandrashekar Rao (Telangana), M.K. Stalin (Tamil Nadu), Ashok Gehlot (Rajasthan) and Pinarayi Vijayan (Kerala) -- chose not to participate in the meeting over several issues. No official statement has been released by the CMO regarding Odisha skipping the crucial meeting. As only CMs are allowed to participate in the



Niti Aayog meeting, stand and demand the state has lost a chance to present its

issues. Senior journalist, Rabi Das said that

meeting is the best platform to cement the federal structure

and cooperation between states and the Centre. "After Planning Commission, Niti Aayog is now the platform where the state's issues and other aspects for development are discussed. Till yesterday, I had information that Odisha CM will join the meeting," said Das. Das further said that CM Naveen Patnaik is reviewing the performance of several departments which might be the reason behind

skipping the meeting. However, as BJD had earlier announced to attend the inauguration of the new Parliament building, skipping the Niti Aayog might also be a political statement. "We have not received any formal communiqué from the government regarding CM Naveen skipping the Niti Aayog's governing council meeting. The CMs of other states have boycotted the meeting in protest and several issues," Das added.

'Shift to local language should be gradual'

BHUBANESWAR: Even as University Grants Commission (UGC) has asked universities to support teaching-learning in the local languages to enhance gross enrollment ratio (GER), stakeholders in Odisha's higher education system feel the shift should be gradual and not an additional burden on the faculty-starved public universities in the state. The UGC recently asked vice-chancellors (VCs) of all universities to use local language in the teaching-learning process and promote translation of original writing into local languages besides allowing students to write exams in the local language even if the course is offered in English medium. Even as academicians welcomed the move, they said given the current circumstances it cannot be done overnight. "None of the three directives seem feasible unless the universities decide to open separate translation



units with subject matter specialists from each department and fill up all vacant teaching positions with faculty who have the knowledge of Odia," said vice chancellor of Fakir Mohan University, Santosh Tripathy. At present, not all faculty members in universities have reading and writing skills in Odia. Even Odia departments, which will play an important role in translation of books in social sciences and humanities, in universities are facing a faculty crisis. Except Fakir Mohan University, others have 50 per cent faculty strength in their Odia departments and the vacancies have existed for

last over two to five years. Vice chairperson of Odisha State Higher Education Council Ashok Das said the shift to teaching-learning in regional language was discussed in the vice chancellors' meeting in November last year. "Though a well-intentioned move, it will require a lot of time and many things have to be taken care of before the actual translation begins, particularly for science subjects," he said. Das added the focus would also be on ensuring supply of good quality translated books because there is every possibility the local publishers will try to

randomly translate reference books and sell them to students. As far as higher education is concerned, at the UG level, students of humanities and social sciences are being allowed to write their examinations in Odia language. This apart, AICTE had released 20 engineering books in Odia last year. The UGC has urged the state universities to submit a list of discipline-wise availability of faculties, subject experts and scholars who can translate textbooks, reference books and study materials in local languages in their institutes.

More Revenue From Excise

Cuttack: With Ashish Kumar Singh, Excise Commissioner, Odisha has given top priority for revenue collection and enforcement activities in Excise Sector, more revenue is expected from this sector. The annual review meeting was held under chairmanship of Shri Singh to review collection of revenue, enforcement activities. The Excise Department have given top priority to enforcement activities for which the detection of cases and arrest of bootleggers have increased substantially in the financial year 2022-23. Among others, Rama Chandra Palata, Addl.

Commissioner of Excise, Sarat Chandra Mohapatra, Joint Commissioners of Excise, Rama Chandra Mishra, EDC, Enforcement, Rajat Kumar Praharaj, EDC, Policy, Somanath Majhi, EDC, Establishment, Rajendra Bhotra, EDC, ND, Dambarudhara Khanda, EDC, SD and all Superintendents of Excise attended. Record number of 61377 cases have been detected in the financial year 2022-23 against that of 40598 cases in the last year of 2021-22, showing an increase of 51% from that of 2021-22. In the year 2020-21 only 25065 cases were detected. In the financial year 2022-23 record number of

49211 persons have been arrested against 33551 persons in the last year of 2021-22, showing an increase of 47% from that of 2021-22. In the year 2020-21 only 19239 persons were arrested. Record number of 1949 cases has been detected under NDPS Act in the financial year 2022-23 against that of 748 cases in the last year of 2021-22, showing an increase of 161% from that of 2021-22. In the year 2020-21 only 396 cases were detected under NDPS Act. In the financial year 2022-23 record number of 2232 persons have been arrested under NDPS Act against 849 persons in the last year of 2021-22, showing an

increase of 163% from that of 2021-22. In the year 2020-21 only 381 persons were arrested. In the financial year 2022-23, record quantity of 32512 Grams of Heroin have been seized against 12567 Grams in the last year of 2021-22, showing an increase of 159% from that of 2021-22. In the year 2020-21 only 3654 Grams of Heroin was seized. In the financial year 2022-23, record quantity of 41330 Kilograms of Ganja have been seized against 31566 Kilograms in the last year of 2021-22, showing an increase of 30% from that of 2021-22. In the year 2020-21 only 16962 Kilograms of Ganja was seized.



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Hindware's New TVC campaign '5 Star Hotel Like Bathrooms' featuring cricket stars from Punjab Kings and Royal Challengers Bangalore

Bhubaneswar: Hindware Limited, a leader in complete bathroom solutions, today launched its new television commercial (TVC) campaign, 'Hotel Like Bathrooms', featuring some of the biggest names in cricket. The campaign highlights the aspirations of today's traveller, who aspires to have the same experience in bathroom as they get in

a 5-star hotel. The TVC campaign features prominent players from Royal Challengers Bangalore & Punjab Kings. The campaign aims to showcase the high-quality bathroom products and solutions from Hindware Italian Collection that offers to create an elegant and comfortable bathroom experience similar to a luxurious hotel. It showcases products

like Element Plus wall mounted and tankless closet, over the counter basin – Amazon and Fonte and Hues collection from Hindware Italian Collection. The campaign will also be supported by an extensive 360-degree promotion outreach including digital, social, OTT, print, radio, and out-of-home activations.

Commenting on the

announcement, Mr. Sudhanshu Pokhriyal, Chief Executive Officer, Bath Business, Hindware Limited, said, "As a leading player in the bathroom solutions market, we are always looking for innovative ways to connect with our customers. We are excited to launch our latest TVC campaign, '5-star Hotel Like Bathrooms', which highlights the

importance of creating a luxurious bathroom experience. Our products are designed to offer a premium and relaxing experience to our customers, and we believe that this campaign will resonate with them. Furthermore, our campaign features cricket phenoms who are the heartline for some many cricket fans. We are confident that with is

collaborated TVC we will be able to connect with wider audience and reinforce our brand's position across Indian markets."

Commenting on the announcement, Ms. Charu Malhotra, VP & Head of Marketing, Hindware Limited, said, "We are delighted to launch our new TVC campaign '5-star Hotel Like Bathrooms', which features some of the biggest names in

cricket. The collaboration between Hindware and Royal Challengers Bangalore and Punjab Kings is expected to bring increased brand exposure, stronger brand positioning, enhanced customer engagement, and subsequently increased revenue for the brand. The TVC will be followed with this 360-degree integrated campaign which

comprises print, radio, digital, OTT, OOH & robust social plan as we aim to leverage the one of the biggest sporting extravaganzas – IPL and connect with millions of cricket fans across the country."

The TVC campaign has been conceptualized by MullenLintas, one of India's leading creative agencies, and will be aired on leading television channels and digital platforms across the country.

Mo School partners with British Council to skill children through sports

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"The OnePlus R series exists to make the seamless integration of top-of-the-line hardware and software more accessible to a wider audience of gaming enthusiasts. The OnePlus 10R takes this concept to the next level by offering industry-leading technologies like 150W SUPERVOOC Endurance Edition at a competitive price point," said Navnit Nakra, India CEO and Head of India Region, OnePlus India. "Our fastest ever charging technology, combined with the MediaTek Dimensity 8100-MAX chipset, a high refresh rate display, and an advanced cooling system enable the OnePlus 10R to deliver truly exceptional performance."

The OnePlus 10R with 150W SUPERVOOC Endurance Edition can deliver a day's power after just 10 minutes of charging and its 4,500 mAh battery can be recharged from 1-100% in 17 minutes. 150W SUPERVOOC Endurance Edition is TÜV Rheinland certified for safe fast charging, meaning it has gone through rigorous testing to ensure the device delivers a charging experience that meets OnePlus' high standards.

Tata Steel dedicates bridge over river Suna to the community in Joda

Joda: With an objective to provide better commuting facility to the residents of Keth Hutting and nearby villages, Tata Steel dedicated a bridge over river Suna connecting Bichakundi with Keth Hutting on Saturday.

Smt Minakshi Mahanta, Hon'ble MLA, Champua graced the occasion as Chief Guest along with Shri Atul Kumar Bhatnagar, General Manager (OMQ Division), Tata Steel, Shri Saroj Kumar Banerjee, Chief (Joda), Tata Steel and Shri Rajesh Kumar, Chief, Tata Steel.

Among others present on the occasion were Ms Tulasi Bobanga, Sarpanch, Bhuiyan Roida, Ms Bilasini Oram, Sarpanch, Loidapada, Mr Narendra Munda, Sarpanch, Jalahari, Ms Subhakanti Soy, Sarpanch, Jurudi, Ms Priyanka Majhi, Sarpanch, Jajanga, Mr Arun Munda, Sarpanch, Palsa, Ms Laxmi Champia, Samiti

Sabhya, Jalahari, Ms Rajani Penthei, Samiti Sabhya, Jurudi, Mr Mahendra Majhi, Samiti Sabhya, Palsa, Mr Manbodh Oram, Ex-Sarpanch, Bhuiyan Roida and Mr Jatish Chandra Naik, Ex-Sarpanch, Bhuiyan Roida, along with senior officials of Tata Steel, and officials of Tata Steel Foundation.

The construction of the 91 feet long and 12 feet wide bridge allowing movement of light motor vehicles was completed in a record time of four months. To enhance the safety standard of the bridge technical interventions like RCC (Reinforced cement concrete) pillars, etc, have been used. Apart from this, to promote sustainability, Tata Steel Foundation (TSF), the CSR arm of the Company, has also installed two solar-powered streetlights near the bridge that will enable the villagers to safely commute at night. More than 10,000

people residing in Bhuiyan Roida, Malda, Loidapada, Jalahari, Jurudih and Guali panchayats along with Joda Municipality will be benefitted by the bridge which also connects Keonjhar district with Sundargarh district.

TSF has undertaken various developmental initiatives towards socio-economic development of the people in the peripheral areas of operations around Joda, focusing on health, education, infrastructure development, livelihoods, skill upgradation and women empowerment among others. Infrastructure being a very crucial sector for the overall development of any society, the Company has undertaken many infrastructure development initiatives in the region including construction of community centres, deep bore wells, infrastructure for schools, etc.

JSW Paints launches its innovative product that focuses on consumers' health & well-being at home

MUMBAI: JSW Paints, India's environment-friendly paints company and part of the US \$13 billion JSW Group, has launched its product campaign focusing on the Halo Aquaglo range. JSW Paints Aquaglo is India's first water-based paints for wood & metal surfaces with Germ Block Zn²⁺ ion technology. Previously, Indian consumers were using solvent-based enamels, popularly known as "Oil Paint", for painting wood & metal surfaces. These contain chemicals and solvents that have a strong odour and have a high VOC (Volatile Organic Content). As a result, these paints are not recommended for kids and people with health

conditions as the solvents pollute the home with their unhealthy fumes post-application. Such paint products also take a relatively long time to dry, creating inconvenience for the family at home and can be smelly for a week or two. On the other hand, JSW Paints Aquaglo is 100% water-based, has low odour, dries quickly and is completely family-friendly. Due to its quick-drying benefit, it enables the painting to be finished in a very short time as well. It also retains its shine for a longer period. The Aquaglo campaign brings the focus back on consumers' overall health and well-being through the Bollywood

star and JSW Paints brand ambassador, Alia Bhatt, as she urges consumers to #PaintKaGKBadhao. The campaign also includes well-known artist and stand-up comedian Atul Khatri and brings to life the mass hysteria related to any new idea. Alia's reaction to the strong smell of solvent-based paint being used on her newly painted door results in a social media tsunami and a cascade of jokes & banter with everyone joining in for a laugh, misconstruing Alia's point that the oil paint on the door causes pollution, as doors cause pollution. This highlights the low level of awareness among consumers about the

availability and benefits of water-based paints for wood and metal. Aquaglo is also the first paint for wood & metal in India with Germ Block, making it very safe for the family. The campaign is on air across leading TV channels across India and Disney+ Hotstar streaming platform. The campaign is conceptualized by TBWA/India According to Anuradha Bose, Chief Marketing Officer of JSW Paints, "Following the successful disruption of our Any Colour One Price initiative, we are now delighted to launch our thoughtful product innovation, Aquaglo. It aims to change yet another convention in paints of using only 'oil paint' for wood & metal.

Our new campaign draws consumers' attention to the clear benefit of adopting a water-based Aquaglo range of paints for painting wooden doors, metal grills and other such surfaces in their homes. Paint Ka GK badhao is a clear call to action to make India sit up and choose wellness and comfort."

Speaking about the Aquaglo campaign's attempt to change Indian paint consumers' expectations, Govind Pandey, CEO, TBWA/India said, "Paint category has been dominated by the same market leaders for decades without any real challenger. JSW Paints is the disruptor that is questioning the status quo prevailing in the industry.

Jio tops 4G download speed chart in April: TRAI Data

Bhubaneswar: Reliance Jio continues to lead in the average 4G download speed chart published by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) for the month of April. Jio achieved 23.1 Mbps average 4G download speed in the month of April, witnessing an improvement from 21.1 Mbps in March this year.

As per the data published by TRAI on its MySpeed portal, Vodafone Idea, Airtel and BSNL network registered 17.7 Mbps, 14.1 Mbps and 5.9 Mbps average download speed respectively in the month

of April. While Airtel registered marginal improvement in average download speed from 13.7 Mbps in the month of March, performance of both Vodafone Idea and BSNL dipped in April. The download speed helps consumers in accessing content from the internet, while upload speed helps them in sending or sharing pictures or video to their contacts.

In the average upload speed chart, Vodafone Idea topped with average upload speed of 8.2 Mbps in April, followed by Jio with 7.6 Mbps, Airtel with 6.1 Mbps and BSNL with 5.0 Mbps average upload speed.

In Odisha, Jio also topped the average 4G download speed chart with 46.3 Mbps average download speed followed by Airtel with 15.1 Mbps and VI with 12.7 Mbps average download speed, as per data published on MySpeed portal of TRAI. In average upload speed VI achieved 9.1 Mbps average upload speed followed by 8.2 Mbps of Jio and 4.9 Mbps of Airtel.

It is worth mentioning here that the average speed is computed by TRAI based on data it collects with help of its MySpeed application on a real-time basis.

Apeejay Education and AWS announce new accelerator program

Bhubaneswar : Apeejay Education, an academic institution in India established for more than 50 years, and Amazon Web Services (AWS), an Amazon.com company, today announced the launch of the National Education Policy Accelerator Program (NEPAP), an initiative to

enable academic institutions in India to align with the technology requirements documented in the Government's National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020). This is the first program in India to support the technology transformation of education institutions as

per the NEP 2020. The NEP 2020 aims to strengthen India's education sector that directly contributes to the country's growth and development, demonstrating the need to integrate technology in education to improve learning and teaching at all levels. The

accelerator program will address two key tenets of the NEP 2020 – on the extensive use of technology in teaching, learning, education planning, and management; and in the creation of open, interoperable, evolvable, public digital infrastructure in the

education sector to support multiple platforms and point solutions.

The accelerator program will guide academic institutions on multiple aspects of the NEP 2020. It will support academic institutions by conducting digital innovation workshops to focus on

identifying and prioritizing unique challenges of the academic institutions, and co-building solutions or proof-of-concepts (POCs) using technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML). AWS will drive these workshops based on the Amazon Working

Backwards innovation methodology, which uses design thinking to identify and define a customer-focused problem or opportunity and develop prototypes. Through the accelerator program, AWS and Apeejay Education will support academic institutions with AWS credits, capacity

building workshops, and access to dedicated resources, to build and implement the POCs. Apeejay Education will bring expertise on the use cases of digital solutions in the education sector, and support with testing the solutions to extend the reach to other institutions across India.

Unstoppable Gill sends Titans to summit clash

New Delhi: A terrific century from Shubman Gill, his third in four games, stood in the way of an El Clasico final as defending champions Gujarat Titans reached the summit clash once again after dismantling Mumbai Indians in the second qualifier. Gill put on a show in the first half of the game and went past 800 runs in the season as Titans posted a mammoth 233 on the board. While Mumbai Indians did come up with a commendable performance in the chase, given the numerous setbacks they suffered, they eventually fizzled out after Mohit Sharma's entry at the death, crashing to a 62-run defeat. Once MI won the all-important toss, they chose to bowl first as a result of the rain that had delayed the start. And as expected, it wasn't easy to bat on. The openers found it tough. The

Titans may have posted a massive total but they could only manage 27 in the first four overs of the powerplay with Wriddhiman Saha also getting hit on the helmet once. The two openers finally teed off in the last two overs of the powerplay to take them to 50. Piyush Chawla then came into the attack immediately and bowled one down leg to get Saha stumped. The scoring rate had dipped and Titans were 64/1 after 8 overs. Gill then turned on the heat and smacked Chawla straight over his head before bringing up his fifty. However, once he got past the landmark, he went absolutely berserk. Akash Madhwal, who had picked nine wickets in his last two games, was treated with disdain as Gill smashed him for three sixes in a single over to quickly move to the 80s. The onslaught simply didn't stop as he took on



Chawla for 18 runs in the space of four deliveries to move to 98 and eventually brought up an incredible 49-ball ton. The carnage continued as he ripped the MI bowling attack to shreds to eventually hammer 129. On the way, he ended up

smashing one record after another and grabbed the orange cap as well. Sai Sudharsan, returning to the XI, got the best seat in the house watching that epic knock from the non-striker's end. But he was impressive nevertheless, and played some glorious

shots. He was involved in a massive 138-run partnership but eventually ran out of steam right at the death. So Titans retired him out in the end to allow Rashid Khan to have a go. It was Hardik Pandya who did the damage though

smashing an unbeaten 28 off just 13 balls that took Titans past 230. You wouldn't see a powerplay like this in the IPL too often. At the end of six overs, MI actually had 72 on the board but they were still behind the game at that point. Ishan Kishan couldn't open the innings following a freak injury. Nehal Wadhwa, the impact sub, was dismissed very early. Rohit Sharma skied one terribly to give Mohammed Shami his second wicket. Cameron Green got hit on the forearm and was retired out. The score read 21/2 but it might as well have been 21/4 at that stage. But Tilak Varma came out all guns blazing and fetched 24 runs off Shami in his third over, as MI turned things around with a blazing counterattack. Rashid then castled the young left-hander in the final over of the powerplay for a

whirlwind 14-ball 43. Green, who was retired hurt earlier, came back immediately after Varma's dismissal and alongside Suryakumar, he dragged MI back into the chase. After Green hammered Noor Ahmad for a six, Suryakumar took on Rashid in the next over. By the end of the 11th over, MI had 123 on the board and needed 111 off the last 9 overs. At this point, it was anybody's game, especially with Rashid bowling three overs by the halfway stage. Josh Little then came into the attack and gave Titans a breather by castling Green at a vital point in the game. Vishnu Vinod, coming in as the concussion substitute, made a stuttering start and Suryakumar helped himself to a fifty at the other end. In the final six, MI needed 85 for a win that looked unlikely with only Tim David left in the dugout.

Having not bowled a single over until that point, Mohit Sharma was finally introduced into the attack in the 15th over purely as a death-overs specialist. And he delivered in glorious style as Suryakumar missed a delivery completely while attempting a ramp to get bowled for 61. His wicket dented MI's hopes big time as Vishnu Vinod perished in the same over as well. Rashid trapped David lbw and Mohit returned to outfox the lower order with his slower deliveries as they all mistimed their shots to give the bowler a stunning five-fer as Titans coasted into the final. Brief scores: Gujarat Titans 233/3 in 20 overs (Shubman Gill 129, Sai Sudharsan 43) beat Mumbai Indians 171 in 18.2 overs (Suryakumar Yadav 61, Tilak Varma 43; Mohit Sharma 5/10) by 62 runs

If you are losing out on quality players, it's going to leave a hole: Boucher

Mumbai: There have been as many as 36 200-plus totals in IPL 2023. Mumbai Indians have been at the receiving end of six such scores. Three of those totals came on batting-friendly wickets at the Wankhede stadium, while MI also emerged victorious in three 200-plus chases. But the fact remains that the five-time champions lacked the fire-power in the bowling department with Jasprit Bumrah being absent for the entire tournament and Jofra Archer featuring in only five matches. After losing their opening two games, they did come back well in the competition and got through to the playoffs by winning four of their last five games in the league stage, with Gujarat Titans doing them a favour by defeating Royal Challengers Bangalore. But their journey ended



in Qualifier 2 after the Titans came up with a belligerent batting display, led by Shubman Gill's third hundred of the IPL season. While ruing the absence of their key pacemen, MI's head coach Mark Boucher said the team tried to make do with the options at their disposal. "You can look at Bumrah not being available, Jofra not being available, they are quality players. If you are losing out on your quality players, yes it's going to leave a hole. Not to put any blame on

anyone, those things happen in sports, injuries happen in sports and you've got to deal with it. "I thought that the guys that we brought in, they did their best in a situation where they probably weren't selected upfront. So they were brought into the competition maybe a little bit out of season for them. To lose two players like that, that was difficult but we gave our best and we weren't good enough," said Boucher. Going forward, Boucher insisted that the team management might have

to take some tough decisions based on the fitness of the players. "You lose two of your stars in the bowling line-up, it's going to create a couple of holes and we tried to fix it up as best as possible. Hopefully the guys can get over the injuries. If they can't, then we've got to look other places. "There are so many things that we can talk about but for me to open up a can of worms now would be stupid. I think it's time to just sit back, reflect a bit, take the emotion out of it and make some good, sound cricketing decisions once everything is calmed down and once we understand the future of certain individuals and where they are from a fitness perspective." Boucher defended the bowlers and said they showed a lot of improvement as the competition wore on but also said the slew of 200-

plus scores against his team did dent the confidence of the bowlers. "The bowlers, I think you have to look at it from a different perspective. If you have a look at the totals that were scored at Wankhede and chased down, sometimes you can look at the figures and say our bowlers were going for a lot of runs. And yes, there were certain games where we could have bowled a little bit better. We've got quite an inexperienced bowling line-up. But we had some good chats and I think we improved as the competition went along. "But to look at it just because we went over 200, we also chased a lot of scores over 200. So anyone who comes to Wankhede will know that it is very much a batting-friendly pitch and ground.

French Open 2023: No Rafael Nadal For First Time Since 2004 At Roland Garros; Focus On Novak Djokovic And Iga Swiatek



New Delhi: The World No.1 Iga Swiatek aims to defend her title as world No. 1 Carlos Alcaraz and legendary veteran Novak Djokovic look to take advantage of 14-time French Open champion Rafael Nadal's absence. The French Open 2023 starts on Sunday in Paris with the final set to take place on June 11. The 14-time French Open champion Nadal announced his withdrawal from the Grand Slam last week stating that he will also miss the upcoming months on tour as he continues to recover from injury. After fighting a hip injury over

the past four months, Nadal stated that he could not compete. Nadal's absence from the tournament meant the men's event will be a big opportunity for world No. 1 Carlos Alcaraz and two-time champion (2016, 21) Novak Djokovic - among others to win the clay-court crown. Djokovic will be aiming to go for Grand Slam number 23, which would see him overtake Nadal and join Serena Williams with the Open Era record mark. Alcaraz and Djokovic have landed in the same half of the Roland Garros draw. Alcaraz and Djokovic lead that

charge in the men's tournament, though the two are in the same half of the men's singles draw when Daniil Medvedev leap-frogged Djokovic in the rankings to No. 2 after his Rome win. The World No.1 in women's rankings Iga Swiatek comes in as defending champion with three majors titles to her name, having won the US Open last year, as well. Defending French Open champion Swiatek and Elena Rybakina find themselves in the same half of the bracket, while Victoria Azarenka and Bianca Andreescu are scheduled to meet in a first-round matchup.

Shaheen Afridi, Haris Rauf picked up by Welsh Fire in Hundred draft

New Delhi: England's Tom Abell and Sophia Dunkley became the first picks in the 2023 The Hundred drafts, on Thursday - both picked by Welsh Fire. Overall, 64 players were snapped across the men's and women's categories by 8 teams. The order for selection was based on last year's finishing positions. Welsh Fire went on to snap the Pakistan pace duo of Shaheen Afridi and Haris Rauf later in the draft, both of whom are yet to play in the tournament. Meanwhile, Grace Harris (London Spirits), Laura Wolvaardt

(Manchester Originals), Kate Cross (Northern Superchargers), Suzie Bates (Oval Invincibles) and Harmanpreet Kaur (Trent Rockets) were the other first picks for each team of the women's draft. Danni Wyatt, Sophie Devine and Alice Davidson-Richards were snapped using the Right to Match card. Meanwhile, in the Men's draft, several top foreign players, including Kieron Pollard, Babar Azam and Trent Boult, were ignored in favour of local talents. Australian all-rounder Tim David



was retained by Southern Brave using the Right to Match. The third edition of The Hundred is set to begin on August 1. Each team will be able to sign two more players as 'wildcards' after the group stages of the T20 Blast. The women's team will be allowed to make signings outside of the draft process. Birmingham Phoenix: Sophie Devine, Hannah Baker, Eve Jones, Katie Leveick, Ben Duckett, Jamie Smith, Miles Hammond. London Spirit: Grace Harris, Sarah Glenn, Sophie Munro, Sophie Luff, Mitchell Marsh,

Olly Stone, Michael Pepper. Manchester Originals: Laura Wolvaardt, Amanda-Jade Wellington, Kathryn Bryce, Katie George, Laurie Evans, Ashton Turner, Josh Tongue. Northern Superchargers: Kate Cross, Georgia Wareham, Alice Davidson-Richards, Reece Topley, Tom Banton, Michael Bracewell, Bas de Leede. Oval Invincibles: Suzie Bates, Dane Van Niekerk, Mady Villiers, Paige Scholfield, Heinrich Klaasen, Ross Whiteley, Ihsanullah.

Southern Brave: Danni Wyatt, Anya Shrubsole, Chloe Tryon, Maitlan Brown, Leus du Plooy, Tim David, Devon Conway. Trent Rockets: Harmanpreet Kaur, Lizelle Lee, Kirstie Gordon, Grace Potts, Tom Kohler-Cadmore, Sam Hain, Brad Wheal. Welsh Fire: Sophia Dunkley, Shabnim Ismail, Georgia Elwiss, Freya Davies, Laura Harris, Alex Hartley, Tom Abell, David Willey, Shaheen Afridi, Glenn Phillips, Haris Rauf, Roelof van der Merwe, Stevie Eskinazi, Daniel Douthwaite.