

## IMD Alert On Cyclone Prez To Visit Home Dist

**New Delhi:** The India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Wednesday said that there is a possibility of the formation of a cyclone over the Bay of Bengal (BoB).

A low pressure area is likely to take shape over southeast Bay of Bengal on May 7, which may intensify into a cyclonic storm on May 9 over southeast Bay of Bengal, IMD said.

The cyclonic storm will move nearly north northeast wards towards East central Bay of Bengal till May 12 next. The low pressure area over southeast Bay of Bengal will convert into a depression around May 8, with further intensification into a cyclonic storm on May 9 and severe cyclonic storm on May 10.

However, the IMD has

not yet predicted its intensity, path and impact on Odisha coast. IMD Director General (DG) Mrutyunjay Mohapatra said that there is consensus over the formation of a low pressure and its intensification into a cyclone by May 9.

"We have not specified its path and intensity and the area over the land where it is likely to hit. Once the low pressure takes shape, we will provide detailed predictions regarding landfall and its intensity. As of now, there is no such forecast for landfall over Indian coast," said Dr. Mohapatra.

Initially, there will be squally weather and hence the fishermen should not venture into the southeast Bay of Bengal. This is a warning for the fishermen community, who are

advised against venturing into the sea from May 7, he said. The DG IMD made it clear that no alert has been issued for the Odisha coast and there is no forecast about the likely impact of the system on Odisha.

Dr. Mohapatra urged people not to panic about a possible cyclone but remain prepared to face any eventuality.

"The IMD will be providing daily updates on the development," he said, adding that the frequency of cyclone genesis is maximum in the month of May and Odisha has faced nature's fury in the past too.

The last summer cyclonic storm 'Fani' had made landfall over the Odisha coast near Puri on May 3, 2019. It had caused widespread devastation in coastal Odisha including Capital Bhubaneswar.

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** President Droupadi Murmu is scheduled to arrive here in Odisha on 4 May in a three-day official visit to her home district Mayurbhanj.

During her stay in Mayurbhanj, she will attend a host of programmes including convocation of Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanja Deo University, Baripada and visit to Similipal Tiger Reserve (STR). As per schedule, after arriving at Kalaikunda Airport in West Bengal in an IAF jet from Delhi, the President will board an IAF helicopter to Badampahar helipad in Mayurbhanj district

at around 10.15 am on 4 May.

Shrimati Murmu will first visit her in-laws' village Pahadpur, where she will lay a wreath at the statue of her husband late Shyam Charan Murmu and lay the foundation stones of a community centre at SLS Trust School to be built by NABARD and a skill development centre. She is likely to spend some time with the school students and villagers at her in-law's village.

Shrimati Murmu will also visit Brahma Kumari Centre, Hatbadra, Satapautia, where she will launch the Addiction Free Odisha campaign.



She is scheduled to attend some other programmes including inauguration of a 100 feet tall flag mast hoisting the national flag near Badabandha and will take rest at the inspection bungalow in Rairangpur, officials said.

On 5 May, she will go to her Rairangpur residence and will spend about 20 minutes in the holiday home. From there, the

President will visit Pandit Raghunath Murmu's village Dandbosh and later to the Similipal Tiger Reserve (STR) and spend the night at Baripada.

For the visit of Murmu, STR will remain closed for visitors for two days (4-5 May). All the tourist spots inside the sanctuary including Barehipani waterfall and Chahala forest resort have been made ready for the President's visit.

On 6 May, she will reach Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanja Deo (MSCB) University, Baripada at around 10 am to deliver the convocation address.

The President will leave the MSCB Varisty campus at 12.15 pm and fly back to Kalaikunda airport of West Bengal, from where she will return to Delhi.

In view of the maiden visit of the President to her hometown, tight security arrangements have been made by Odisha police. About 50 platoons of police force have been deployed at different locations, said a police official.

Himanshu Lal, Inspector General of Police (Eastern Range), said three-layer security arrangements have been made for the President's visit.

## 25th Silver Jubilee Inauguration and Foundation Day



**Dharamshala(KCN)** :RSS's famous platform Bharat Tibet Sahyog Manch, which has been helping the people of Tibet for 25 years and has been working to preserve their culture. "There the Bharat Tibet Sahyog Manch is organizing its 25th Silver Jubilee Year Inauguration and Foundation Day celebrations at the holy

shrine of Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh, in the temple of respected Dalai Lama Ji, on May 5, 2023, in which a large number of workers from all over India participated. Will be present. Along with this, the Ministry of Tibet and MP and cabinet members of Himachal Pradesh will also be present. Along with this, respected senior campaigner and

National President of Indo-Tibet Cooperation Forum Mr. Indresh Kumar and National General Secretary Pankaj Goyal, National Women's Department President Rekha Gupta and Central India Province President Monika Jain Advocate and other senior campaigners will be present. "This platform

was established on May 5, 1999 by the late senior campaigner Professor Rajendra Singh ji alias Rajju Bhaiya and the fifth revered director late K.C. Sudarshan ji had organized the purpose of this forum to liberate Kailash Mansarovar from China and to bring Tibetans back to their birth place Tibet. His Holiness the Dalai Lama also fully supports and cooperates with this platform. "On May 5, this platform will complete 25 years. For 25 years, the forum here has been preserving the Tibetan people and their culture and providing a great deal of support to the government. "The slogan of Jai Bharat Jai Tibet is being broadcast across the country today through this platform.

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Ahead of crucial by-poll to Jharsuguda Assembly Constituency, BJP's Jharsuguda District President Mangal Sahoo quit his party and joined the Governing Biju Janata Dal (BJD).

Shri Sahoo joined the BJD here in the presence of senior party leader and Rajya Sabha MP Manas Mangaraj at Sankha Bhavan on Wednesday. Later, Shri Sahoo met BJD President and Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and said he will discharge whatever responsibility will be given by the party. Speaking to media persons, Shri Sahoo said, "I worked diligently to strengthen the BJP organization in the district of Jharsuguda. It pained me when some BJP leaders engaged in cheap politics by giving



up the ideology and principles of the party. Thus, I left the BJP and joined the BJD." Shri Sahoo further said he joined BJD as he was immensely inspired by Chief Minister and Party President Naveen Patnaik's ideals. Shri Sahoo claimed that many leaders in BJP are now unhappy as the party is indulging in cheap politics over the murder of Minister Naba Kishore Das instead of highlighting other important issues. BJD MP Shri Mangaraj

said Mangal Sahoo's entry into BJD will further strengthen the party in Jharsuguda and boost its prospects in the forthcoming by-poll. Mangal Sahoo was among the star campaigners of BJP for Jharsuguda Assembly by-election to be held on May 10. His move to join the BJD is seen as a setback for BJP at a time when campaigning is gaining momentum for the by-poll. However, the BJP claimed that the development will not

make any impact on the saffron party's poll prospects.

BJP State President Manmohan Samal, in his reaction, said, "BJP contests elections on the basis of a particular ideology; it is not dependent on any one individual."

Notably, the Jharsuguda Assembly segment will go for the by-election on May 10 while the result will be announced on May 13. The by-poll is necessitated due to the murder of sitting MLA Naba Das on January 29. The BJD has fielded Naba Kisore Das's daughter Dipali in the bypoll while BJP has given ticket to its youth leader Tankadhar Tripathy. The Congress party has picked former MLA Biren Pandey's son Tarun Pandey as its nominee for the by-election.

## AIIMS Bhubaneswar inks MoU with CCRH to integrate Homoeopathy into the existing health care system

**Bhubaneswar:** In an aim to integrate Homoeopathy into the existing health care system and to provide a productive synergy for cooperation in research and education, AIIMS Bhubaneswar and Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) have entered into a MoU. This MoU between two premier institutes will provide a compact platform for research to establish this science on the basis of scientific evidence. The MoU also aims to reduce the over usage of modern medicine drugs in these tertiary health care facilities.

AIIMS Bhubaneswar and CCRH under the Ministry of Ayush (Govt. of India) have initiated

working together to set up a Department of Integrative Medicine here at AIIMS. The MoU will provide the scope to explore and establish the scientific evidence of Homoeopathy, said AIIMS Bhubaneswar Executive Director Dr. Ashutosh Biswas. Through this MoU, the two national institutes will have the scope of collaborative research for therapeutic response of the medicine in Homoeopathy and protocol of treatment, added Dr. Biswas. Delighted with the MoU, Director General (DG) of CCRH Dr. Subhash Kaushik has said that Homoeopathy has a wide potential as an integrative system to current healthcare in the realm of public health

platforms owing to its scientific evidence. The MoU has been signed with AIIMS Bhubaneswar on integrative medicine, bearing in mind the Government of India's adage, "One Nation, One Health". The outcome of this MoU will certainly boost the health care system and benefit the masses, said Dr. Kaushik. The wider popularity and the cost-effectiveness of Homoeopathy makes it a sustainable system for integration in the modern health care system. Integrating Homoeopathy in Healthcare will help to achieve the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) as advocated by the World Health



Organization (WHO), stressed experts on the occasion.

During COVID pandemic, Homoeopathy proved a precedent of adjunctive care to standard therapy. Integrative homoeopathic care has

provided varied successful integration and outcomes for COVID-19, Dengue, Acute Encephalitis syndrome, post covid illness, cancer care, acute otitis media, mental diseases in Councils research

centers and tertiary healthcare setups, informed Dr. Kaushik. Among others Medical Superintendent of AIIMS Bhubaneswar Dr. Dillip Kumar Parida, DEAN Research Dr. Satyajit Mishra, Senior

Medical Officer, Department of Ayush Dr. Prasant Kumar Sahoo, Dr. Subhashish Sarkar, Dr. Asif Sardar, Dr. Ajit Kumar Pradhan, Santosh Kumar Sahoo and from CCRH Dr. Debadatta Nayak, Dr. Umakanta Prusty, Dr. Karanpreet Nahar were present on the occasion.

It may be noted here that Homoeopathy has been used as a therapeutic measure over the year in different diseased condition such as Musculoskeletal Disorders, Pediatrics Complaints, Chronic Dermatological problems, Autoimmune Disease Conditions, Psychosomatic Disorders, Life Style Disorders, Allergic

Conditions, etc. Homoeopathy is also used in palliative care in conditions like Cancer, Terminal illnesses, HIV/AIDS, etc., for providing palliative care and improving the patient's quality of life. Diarrhoea in Children, Respiratory Tract Infections in Children, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Osteoarthritis, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Respiratory Allergies, etc. Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Autism, Acute Otitis Media Behavioral Disorders, Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia, Cervical Spondylosis, Chronic Sinusitis, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Diseases, etc.

# Redefining COVID research

## KIMS docs with a team from IIT Indore propose model of quick detection of lung pathology from CT-imaging using AI

**Bhubaneswar:** While the mystery of the COVID attack and the disease progression and organ damage, all remain shrouded in mystery world over, till date, the doctors at city-based Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS), a constituent of KIIT-DU, has come up with a research finding, which could help in better analysis of the CT-Scan reports of the lungs and other vital biochemical parameters so that the lobe-wise study of the lungs and even other organs could be taken up in near future. The work was carried out by Dr Nirmal Kumar Mohakud, Pediatrics professor, KIMS with Hem Chandra Jha, Associate Professor Dept. of Biosciences and Biomedical Engineering, M. Tanvir, Associate Professor Dept. of Mathematics from IIT Indore, and Dr. Suchita from Choithram

Hospital and Research Centre Indore. The study is published in the prestigious IEEE Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics and comprises more than 1,100 COVID-19 patients. The research findings were published in a high impact publication, IEEE Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics. The path-breaking study with a multi-disciplinary study highlights the importance of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and other computational methods that can be used to correctly analyse the extent of damage in lungs in CT scan and detection of the severity of lung pathology with biochemical parameters. Researcher Prof Mohakud of Department of Paediatrics, KIMS, explained "we had taken the CT-Scan reports of the patients



who had come to the KIMS COVID Hospital from 2020 to 2021. As the disease primarily affects the lungs and there is a shortage of radiologists during the pandemic, we thought that if we could take the help of AI, then the study of the CT-Scans of lungs would be easy, accurate, systematic and faster. For these computational parts and AI, we had collaborated with institutions like IIT Indore and other schools of KIIT-DU to make the study need based and effective." He explained that apart

from the chest CT-Scan reports, during COVID pandemic tests like D-Dimer, CRP, Serum Ferritin, Troponin - I / T tests were also done and through meticulous studies it was inferred that with the rise of certain levels of D-Dimer or CRP, it has a correlation with lung lobes. It found that C-reactive protein (CRP) is the most critical parameter for classifying symptomatic and asymptomatic groups. Terming the findings as "models based on numerical and computational

findings" Dr Mohakud added that the disease progression in lungs or in other vital organs would be taken up so as to establish a correlation between the COVID situation and organ damage." The research article by the team of doctors of KIMS Bhubaneswar has been contributed by Dr AP Mohanty, Dr Amrut Mohapatra, Dr Pritinanda Parida and Dr Shubhransu Patro among others, apart from Dr Jha and Dr Tanveer from IIT, Indore, Namrata Misra., Kartik Muduli, Bikash R Sahu, Selvakumar Elangovan from KIIT School of Biotechnology. Explaining further, Dr Mohakud said "the study relies on 2D lung CT-Scans for lobe segmentation and opacity detection (for severity of lung damage). This method through use of AI could accurately predict the level of damage and reduce the chances of manual bias in CT-Scan scoring or Ground Glass Opacity (GGO). These data also indicate that the effect of inflammation-mediated disease progression might start from the right lobe region and subsequently spread to other parts." Not only analyzing the lobes of lungs, but the study may also be used as a basis for understanding the possible interplay between biomedical parameters and GGO of the specific lobes of the lungs in case of the COVID and in future for other diseases or other organs. KIIT-KISS Founder Dr Achyuta Samanta has congratulated the KIMS doctors and other teams for their research work and encouraged them to carry out more and more such innovative work from KIMS and addition of knowledge for better COVID diagnosis and management in future.

## Forecasting of Samajika Natak Kahani Kanduchi Akhi Luchei

Cuttack Sadar, (KCN) : Maa Bhuasuni Yuva Natya Parishad belongs to Cuttack Sadar 42 Mouza Dadhibamanapur performing Social drama "Kahani Kanduchi Akhi Luchei" at Maa Bhuasuni jatra field. In the active roll as leadership of Honorable president Brahamanda Das, Secretary Khirod Kumar Pattanik and all team corporation. In this function the respected Director of Social Drama Samarendra Kumar Mahapatra, Assistant Director Kailash Chandra Sahoo, Don Sir joined as guest of honour and Village Adhikari Krushna Chandra Das, Mahanta Duryodhan Panda, Market committee vice president Kelu Bhoi, Dilip Mishra, Assistant teacher Mahendra Kumar Mahapatra, Ajay Dalai,



Subanyasha Mohanty, Kumar Nayak and all young mass of Lingaraj Nayak, Anil Sahoo, Sunil Sahoo, Dadhibamanapur were Bhagyadhar Samal, Purna Chandra Debata, Bapi Sahoo, Chitta Ranjan Das, Laxmidra Das, Sikhyabit Prabina present with provide assistant in this program. Coming year the Parishad will celebrate golden jubilee and in this stage

this year 6 nos of Dramatic Club of 42 Mouza were felicitated. The meeting conduct by Parshuram Behera & offering thanksgiving to all for there presence and make the program grand success.

## JMC students of CUO, Koraput excel in NTA-NET & SDIPRO



**Koraput:** Six students from the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication of the Central University of Odisha, Koraput, made a mark in academics and in the job sector recently. Three students cracked the all-India NTA UGC NET examination. They include Joydeep Mazumdar of the 2017-

19 batch who cracked NTA NET-JRF, Sanat Padhi of the 2018-20 batch, and Mousami Jena of the 2020-22 batch, both of whom cracked NTA NET. Three students of the department also got selected for the posts of SDIPRO. The examination was conducted by Odisha

Public Services Commission in 2023. They include Tanuja Mohanty of the 2010-12 batch, Prahallad Kashala of the 2011-13 batch, and Abinash Pani of the 2017-19 batch. Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, CUO expressed great satisfaction

congratulated the department's achievers and teachers. Currently, the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication of the Central University of Odisha, Koraput, offers a two-year MA and Ph.D. programmes in Journalism & Mass Communication.

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**World Press Freedom Day: Shah Rukh Khan To Kartik Aaryan, Actors Who Played Journalists In Films**

Media is the fourth pillar of democracy because a nation can't flourish if its press is not free. On May 3 the world celebrates the freedom of the press and cinema has multiple times represented the situation of journalism in our society.

On World Press Freedom Day, let's take a look at actors who played journalists in films and web series.

**SRK and Juhi Chawla in 'Phir Bhi Dil Hai Hindustani'**

Shah Rukh Khan with Bollywood diva Juhi Chawla essayed the role of journalists for rival channels. The two journalists kept



competition aside to fight for justice for an innocent man who was accused of being a terrorist.

**Kartik Aaryan in 'Dhamaka'**

Actor Kartik Aaryan is

known for his comic and boy-next-door avatar nailed in the role of a prime-time journalist. The story narrates the ground reality of the press is desperate to create

breaking news without even giving a single thought about the lives of innocent people. Kartik was well appreciated by the critics for the movie.

**Anushka Sharma in**

**'PK'**

The blockbuster movie 'PK' features Bollywood actress Anushka Sharma in the role of a TV journalist. Sharma's character of Jagat Janani helps an alien (Aamir Khan) in finding his voice to shake the throne of a corrupted religious guru played by Saurabh Shukla.

**Preity Zinta in 'Lakshya'**

Actress Preity Zinta in 'Lakshya' addressed the role of Romila Dutta a brilliant and bold journalist who isn't afraid to do her job even in the circumstances of War. 2004 film went on to

become one of the most celebrated movies of the Greek god of Bollywood Hrithik Roshan.

**John Abraham and Arshad Warsi in 'Kabul Express'**

The movie 'Kabul Express' revolves around the disturbing events that happened in Afghanistan post-US-invasion. John Abraham and Arshad Warsi played two young journalists who covers the real-time events of mass destruction in the land of Afghanistan.

World Press Freedom Day marks a day to tribute to restless services by journalists as observers of democracy.

**'Divorce Is Not A Failure': Tamil Actress Shalini's Unique 'Divorce Photoshoot' Goes Viral**

We often see people celebrating victories, engagements and marriages, however, in a rare sight, Tamil actress Shalini celebrated her divorce. In a photoshoot that has gone viral on the internet, the actress is dressed in a red gown as she poses after her divorce.



In the first picture, Shalini could be seen tearing apart a picture she had with her husband. In the second picture, she is holding a poster which reads, "I got 99 problems but a husband ain't one." In another post, she could be seen holding the letters 'DIVORCED'. Sharing a long note along with the pictures, Shalini wrote, "A Divorced

woman's Message to those who feel voiceless. It's okay to leave a bad marriage cause You deserve to be happy and never settle for less, take control of your lives and make the changes necessary to create a better future for yourself and your children."

Adding further, she wrote, "DIVORCE is NOT a FAILURE!!! It's a turning point for you

and to lead positive changes in your lives. It takes a lot of courage to leave a marriage and stand-alone So to all my BRAVE WOMEN out there I dedicate this." As soon as the post went viral, fans came out in her support and appreciated her for standing up for her happiness. "Don't worry aka u get happiest life now on words," a user

commented. "You are one hell of a strong woman," another user commented. "Same da I'm divorced now I'm happy bt i ve problem it's difficult 2 one time meal bt I'm happy wit my son's," a thrid user wrote.

According to ETimes, Shalini married her ex-husband Riaz in 2020 and later gave birth to a daughter named Riya. However, she later accused him of physical and mental abuse and thye headed for a divorce. Shalini made her debut with television serial 'Mulluma Malarum'. She was last seen in the reality show Super Mom.

**Telugu star Varun Tej Undergoes Drastic Transformation For Action-Packed Gaandeevadhari Arjuna**

Telugu actor Varun Tej is all set to enthrall his fans with his upcoming project 'Gaandeevadhari Arjuna', which is being directed by Praveen Sattaru. The young actor has undergone a drastic transformation for his role in the film, showcasing his dedication to his craft. Currently, the team is in Budapest, Hungary for the final rehearsals of the shoot schedule. Varun has been practicing the action stunts for several days, proving why he is one of the most promising actors in the Telugu film industry.

The 'Chatrapathi' fever is at an all-time high as the official Hindi remake of SS Rajamouli's Telugu blockbuster is set for its massive Pan-India release on May 12, 2023. Produced by Dr. Jayantilal Gada of Pen Studios, the trailer of 'Chatrapathi' gives audiences a sneak-peak into the high-octane action and heady dose of entertainment in store.

The star-studded cast of 'Chatrapathi' created a buzz among media and fans during the massive trailer launch in Mumbai today. The Leading stars of the movie Sreenivas Bellamkonda and Nushrratt Bharuccha made a grand entrance and amped up the excitement with their performance on the upbeat track, 'Bareilly Ke Bazaar' from the film. Marking the big Bollywood debut of Telugu superstar Sreenivas Bellamkonda' the big ticket, large canvas action-entertainer directed by VV Vinayak has been mounted on a larger-than-life scale and is written by SS Rajamouli's father and veteran writer V. Vijayendra Prasad,



known for his notable work in films like RRR, the Baahubali series and 'Bajrangi Bhaijaan'. From the massively scaled visuals to the stunts, the chemistry between Bellamkonda and Nushrratt Bharuccha, the choreography and catchy up-tempo music, to the gripping storyline, the 'Chatrapathi' trailer guarantees to leave you wanting more. Sreenivas Bellamkonda says, "Chatrapathi is a special film to me in so many ways. VV Vinayak directed me in my Telugu debut and he is also the

director of my Bollywood debut, which makes this collaboration even more significant. Chatrapathi ticks all the boxes of a commercial potboiler and we can't wait to bring it to audiences." Nushrratt Bharuccha says, "It was an incredible experience working with Sreenivas Bellamkonda who is just a natural on screen - I'm happy to be part of this massive Pan-India offering and team Chatrapathi is excited to give the masses more reason to whistle and hoot." Producer Dr Jayantilal Gada says,

"Chatrapathi has all the ingredients of an action-packed entertainer, something that Pan-India audiences can't seem to get enough of. The trailer is testimony to everything the film has to offer and all our effort. We hope audiences embrace it and shower it with love and support." Director V.V.Vinayak says, "Sreenivas Bellamkonda is an ideal commercial hero pulling off some high-octane action, performs some jaw-dropping stunts and looks both suave and lethal in every frame. That combined with

Nushrratt's screen presence and performance along with a strong ensemble cast and story that leaves you gripped makes 'Chatrapathi' an exciting cinematic offering." Dr. Jayantilal Gada (Pen Studios) presents 'Chatrapathi', directed by V.V.Vinayak and written by V. Vijayendra Prasad. The film is an official remake of S.S.Rajamouli's Prabhas starrer with the same title. It marks the big Bollywood debut of Sreenivas Bellamkonda and releases nationwide on the May 12, 2023.

## iFeARP World – The Manifesto of Imperishable Academic Research

**Rudrarup Gupta**

The lustrous term “Learning” is always having an exemplary reflection for our diligent learners indeed. Most notably, it brings out a number of opportunities for all of us to drive our existing introspections of learning towards a resounding success in style. Therefore, learning invariably regulates education based upon its magnificent variations in all over the globe. In this alluring state of affairs, “iFeARP World Organizing Committee” has organized an astounding “International Academic Conference” in Kolkata, India on 30th April, 2023 in a very conforming manner indeed. Organizers have had the noble intensity to entrench the real educational virtue amongst all the aspiring participants and presenters respectively. On the other hand, they have invited some of the inspiring performers not only to ensure the event absolutely impactful but to extract

the best scholarly merits which would definite be the prime focus for our brilliant academic scholars who shall be enabling “Multifaceted Research” both in national and international standing without any fail and that is going to be undoubtedly conducive for each one of us to cherish the exclusive betterment of lives indeed. **Abhinandita Chkraborty** and **Mitasha Mitra** have shared their very rational views about “An Exploratory Study on Mental Health and Interpersonal Relationships of Adults During the COVID-19: A Cross Sectional Study Involving General Health Resilience, Adversity, Loneliness, Interpersonal Relationships and Work Family Conflict”. **a. Content of Presentation:** It was really fantastic based upon the present day scenario. Most importantly this content shall definitely serve existing societal

crisis in a very befitting manner. Most notably, the results which have already been introspected by them are absolutely remarkable and that will be a hazardless step to ensure our communal peace indeed. **b. Presence of Mind:** Both the outstanding scholars have had the beautiful standing of mind not only to deliver their most significant views for the august audience but to navigate the research focus based upon the present day needs and utmost societal requirements respectively. **c. Depth of Knowledge:** I really must appreciate their prolific depth of knowledge indeed.

That is why, both of them have presented very convincingly and they have brought out the astounding solutions according to their collective perspicacity and the ingenious relationships indeed. **e. Collective Diligence:** This is something which elevates the existing stand of quality. Both the scholars have undoubtedly exhibited the same through their illustrious presentation which has really been impactful for the distinguished dignitaries present there but it is really one of the vibrant matter of discussion for our global sustainability without any fail. **f. Academic Zeal:** Both the presenters are really very thoughtful and upright not only to preserve the keen knowledge but they are well trained to disseminate the same for the noticeable welfare of our leading

society. This zealous behavior will definitely be really conducive to inspire the forthcoming research scholars who are going to instigate their unbreakable occupational existence in the near future. **g. Contribution to existing knowledge:** It is really priceless which has been enriched by them during their spontaneous presentation. They will be in a prior position not only to restyle the psychological evolution but they will be the lifetime pioneers to discover a number of conceptual avenues through their real cognitive reflections in this

globe. **h. Evidence and Conclusion:** They have shared some of the lively evidences which are the prime focus to draw solid and sound research conclusions in the end and those evidences would really be inspiring for all of us to lead our health and interpersonal relationships towards the commendable success in style. On the other hand, **M M Mehedi Hasan** has delivered his epoch-making speech about an exclusive topic entitled: “Business Management Impact in Banking Sector”. **1. Stature of Performance:** He has really tried to inculcate some of the very pivotal perspectives like “Roles of Leaders” which are going to entrench the impactful management system in our overseas “Banks”. It is really advantageous for both the leaders and followers to take their prompt initiatives to make the concept of “Commerce” really successful. **2. Literature Review:** He has worked really hard for his literature review not only to make it successful but this literature would be the prime focus about business management and banking sector shall have the refining way outs through the present day system analysis indeed. **3. Research Focus:** It has been almost up to the mark from the perspective of his thoughts and its impactful implementations as well. He has tried to explore about the rapid analytical

advancements of banking sector in a meticulous occupational dimension. **4. Research Strengths:** Mr. Hasan has really established his research avenue through some of the real life facts and data. That is why, it has been an astounding opportunity for him to present and to highlight the fundamental movements of banking sector to the rest of this globe. **5. Readability:** He has ensured the same through his content and appropriate implementation of thoughts. It is going to be really acceptable and compatible in the arena of extensive research within a very short while. **6. All-round Performance:** It has been really sound and sustainable in nature. Mr. Hasan has performed well and he has brought out the different perspectives of “Banks” and the professional mechanism of management according to his confident comprehension as a whole. This is very true that all the presenters have assured the desired metamorphosis of consequential research through an awe-inspiring reflection of iFeWorld committee who are the best motivators for each one of us not only to entrench our cognitive research discovery but they are the veteran leaders to certify our victorious future which are we passionately destined for.

Kolkata, India



## RESTORATION OF NAXAL ATTACK



**Uma Shankar Prasad**

The Naxal attack on Security forces has taken place in Chhattisgarh after a long time indicates two things—one, the Government’s effort to finish ultra-left extremism has been showing good results; and two, the Naxals are trying to regroup themselves in their fight for survival. Even as the nation mourns the martyrdom of eleven brave-hearts in the attack near Dantewada, it is time to take a good look at how the fight against Naxalism can be taken to the next level. It is also the time for the Government to add a greater value and attention to its internal security doctrine so that a handling of the challenge could be done more comprehensively.

There is no doubt that the nation must react sharply to the incidents such as the Dantewada attack. But it is equally true that such incidents may keep happening some or the other

of districts where Naxalism was operating in a menacing manner. The Dantewada attack was a suspected outcome of the Naxalite fight back particularly after the cops had

move in small armed groups, to damage the cadres is limited only to that small number. So when they planned the recent Dantewada ambush, they wanted to take revenge of the police seizure of

approach by the Government has made it clear to the Naxal leadership that the concept is under severe attack from the Government. The Dantewada attack needs to be viewed from this angle.

action against NAXALISM in Chhattisgarh where the attack took place, and hence in other parts of the country where the Naxalite hydra may try to raise its multiple heads in an attempt to keep the activity alive.

It is common knowledge that Naxalism is not at all a domestic business. Its international links have been exposed from time to time. Hence the primary duty of the Government to snapping of the chain of supply of sophisticated arms and ammunition to the Naxalities seated deep in the Indian hinterland. But the Government has a master plan ready for handling challenges of internal security which is also indelibly linked to factors affecting external security. In spite of all these strategy Why has the Government not succeeded in snapping that supply chain! On this front, the Government has seen a consistent failure for decades on end.

**Columnist, Khurda (63706 75562)**



time before Naxalism is finally defeated in due course of time. In the past some time, the Naxalites are finding themselves to have been pushed to the wall, thanks to the great and planned effort by the Government at the national level. The extent of their activity has been reduced to a near-nil situations in majority

effected a successful seizure of arms in the Naxal-dominated area of Bastar just a two or four day earlier. Therefore they targeted a police party returning from a successful anti-Naxalite operation. The Naxalites are very much smart and polished in their organisational modules that they call Dalams. They

arms and ammunition from Naxal possession. The decline of Naxlite activity may be attributed to the massive campaign led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi against Urban Naxalism. That campaign indicated a multi-pronged attack by the Government on the idea called Naxalism. Such an

Despite this, we insist that the attack must be avenged in all ferocity at the earliest. In the direction, with the Centre’s collaboration and cooperation, the Chhattisgarh Government must recommit itself to the task of finishing Naxalism from its jurisdiction. What is needed at this juncture is an all-out

## Letter To Editor

Sir,  
**Welcome move**

According to central intelligence agencies, 14 mobile apps were being used by terrorists and their supporters in J& K. According to a source, the concerned department has blocked Wickme, Mediafire, Briar, BChat, Nandbox, Conion, IMO, Element, Second line, Zangi, Threema, Crypviser, Enigma and Safeswiss on the recommendation of the Ministry of Home Affairs, which seems to be a welcome move. According to the central intelligence, they recommended action after discovering that terrorists and their supporters were using these apps to communicate with on-the-ground workers in J&K. The majority of these apps were designed to provide users with anonymity, and their features make it difficult to identify the entities associated with these apps. Further these mobile apps enabled terrorists and their affiliates to engage in activities that are detrimental to India’s sovereignty and integrity and can disrupt peace and harmony.

**Vijay Kumar H K Raichur, Karnataka**



The Speaker of Lok Sabha, Shri Om Birla with the newly elected members of the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly at the launch an orientation program at Parliament House, in New Delhi

# Indian Passports : Recent Developments & its impact !! Ban On Gatherings Around Goa's New Airport Amid Protest Call By Locals

**Kolkata (Partha Roy):** A special Session on "Indian Passport : Recent Development" was organised by Calcutta Chamber of Commerce in Kolkata on 2nd May 2023 to spread awareness amongst Indian Passport holders on evolving changes in issuance of passport as well as evolving strength of Indian Passport and its increasing positive image globally.



Shri Ashish Middha (IFS), Regional Passport Officer, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India addressed the special session. Ashish Middha explained various steps initiated by Government of India to ease issuance of passport to any applicant of passport without compromising security issues. Middha mentioned anyone can get passport approximately within three weeks if all relevant & correct documents are submitted while applying. Middha added all passports are governed by The Passport Act of 1967 and its subsequent amendments. The present Passport Act 1967 came into force on June 24, 1967 which is now celebrated as Passport Seva Divas. Middha mentioned verification of documents has been modified with self-verification process while submitting

application for passport by any applicant. Middha also mentioned in recent development police verification systems of the applicant has been liberalised. Passport applications are generally processed in Ordinary and Tatkal mode with different applications fee structures and processing time. Another recent development is anyone can apply for passport from any place but relevant pre police verification will be carried out on the address mentioned in relevant documents. Indian Passports are issued through network of 36 Passports (POs), 93 Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs), 428 Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSKs), 190 Indian Missions/Posts abroad. All passport offices issues machine readable passports as per the guidelines laid down by the International Civil Aviation Organisation

(ICAO). Indian passport ranks 85th on the Henley Passport ranking in 2023 with easy access to 59 countries, a few places higher than 2022 when the Indian passport was ranked 87. But the number of countries Indian passport holders can go easily has decreased by one. In 2022, there were 60 countries where the Indian passport allowed easy access. The biggest change this time for the Indian passport has been losing visa-free access to Serbia. Starting January 1, 2023, Indian passport holders now need to apply for a visa to enter Serbia unlike earlier which allowed visa-free travel to the country for 90 days. Increasing migration has been cited as the reason. Earlier, Shri Kishan Kumar Kejriwal, President of Calcutta Chamber of Commerce while welcoming the august gathering mentioned Issuance and

Delivery of Passport services have seen considerable improvement in recent years as it is time bound and a lot more organised owing to automation and successful public-private partnership. Shri Kejriwal mentioned issuance of e-passport with embedded chips as announced by Finance Minister in Union Budget of 2022-23 will qualitatively improve data management and tracking of issued passports. Shri Kejriwal also announced formation of Calcutta Chamber of Commerce's ladies wing under leadership of Smt. Manjula Jain. Shri Hari Shankar Halwasiya Senior Vice President of Calcutta Chamber of Commerce mentioned ease of issuance of Passport will facilitate foreign travel by Indians from every of section society whether for work, Business or leisure while giving vote of thanks. Indian Passports come in Navy Blue, White, Maroon, and Orange

colours. Indian Passports have four different categories which can be identified by its colour of cover jackets: Navy Blue (Regular), White (Government Official but non Diplomatic), Maroon (Diplomatic status holders and top ranking Government official), Orange (ECR Holders). Indian Passport with navy blue cover jacket is issued for regular travel as well as business related and leisure travel. The ECR (Emigration Check Required) category basically applies to the unskilled labour force across the country, who apply for work-related visas in foreign countries. The use of passports was introduced to the British Raj after the First World War. The Indian Passport Act of 1920 required the use of passports, established controls on the foreign travel of Indians, and foreigners travelling to and within the Presidencies and Provinces of British India.

**Panaji:** The North Goa district administration has imposed CrPC section 144 around the Manohar International Airport and nearby villages to prevent unlawful assembly for two months in view of a call for blocking its road given by people who have lost their land for the airport project. The airport was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in December 2022. District Collector Mamu Hage in the order issued on Tuesday said it has been brought to the notice by police that those who have lost their land for the airport in Pernem taluka, and people from Mopa, Varkhand, Nagzar and Chandel have been protesting under the banner of 'Together for Pednekar's'. The protesters have been demanding that they may be given first preference to register their yellow black taxis for plying from the airport, located



at Mopa, along with a separate counter and not allow taxis of Ola and Uber (private aggregators) to ply from this facility, the order noted. The North Goa superintendent of police has given information that the protestors are likely to gather in large numbers at the Nagzar sports ground, "disrupt the free flow of traffic and create law and order situation" on the route from the Manohar International Airport to Sukhekul Junction at Dhargal, it said. In view of an upcoming G20 meet in Goa, there is a possibility that activities of the

association (protesters) may obstruct free flow of vehicles and the general public, the order said. "Therefore, he (SP North) has requested to impose section 144 of CrPC in the area of the road leading from the Mopa airport to Sukhekul Junction at Dhargal," it said. The section (preventing unlawful assembly) has also been imposed in 500 metres area around the Manohar International Airport and in Nagzar, Varkhand, Uguve, Chandel-Hassapur and Casarvanem villages, the order said. The collector said the order would be in force for next 60 days.

## Police Complaint Against Assam's Badruddin Ajmal For "Derogatory" Comments

Guwahati: The Assam Congress today filed an FIR against All India United Democratic Front (AIUDF) chief Badruddin Ajmal for making a derogatory statement against the party. Last week, the state Congress hosted a meeting of 11 parties in Guwahati, urging all like-minded Opposition forces to unseat the BJP from power in the 2024 general elections. The AIUDF, led by perfume baron Badruddin Ajmal, was not invited to the meeting.



In the police complaint, Assam Congress leader Monojit Mahanta claimed that the Dhubri MP's comments showed the party in poor light. "We are enclosing here news clippings of Amar Asom, May 3rd issue

where his statements have been published. Badruddin Ajmal, MP & President AIUDF, has been continuously trying to malign the image of our language, culture etc. and also attempting to weaken the social fabric of

Assamese society," the complaint letter stated. This is not the first time that the 73-year-old is in trouble over his comments. Earlier, Badruddin Ajmal made controversial comments against the women community of Assam and the state chief Minister Himanta Sarma. Last year, Mr Ajmal sparked a row by saying that Muslim men get married soon after they attain the age of 21, while Hindus remain unmarried till the age of 40 to have illegal relations.

## Mamata Banerjee Calls For Protest Against Amartya Sen's Eviction Notice

**Kolkata:** West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has asked state ministers to begin a sit-in outside Nobel laureate Amartya Sen's residence in Santiniketan in Birbhum district to protest against the Visva-Bharati's eviction notice, an official said. During a cabinet meeting on Tuesday, Banerjee asked MSME Minister Chandranath Sinha, the local MLA, to lead the protest, which will be joined by Education Minister Bratya Basu and Urban Development Minister Firhad Hakim. She asked them not to move from the spot even if the central university authorities send bulldozers to take possession of the land. Bauls and other folk artistes from the



district must be involved in the demonstration, and various cultural programmes should be organised there, she told the ministers, according to the official. Singer Kabir Suman and painter Subhaprasanna will also join the programme on May 6 and 7, the official said, quoting her.

"The CM advised them not to move an inch even if Visva-Bharati sends bulldozers to take possession," he said. Ms Banerjee had last week said that she would start a sit-in in Santiniketan over the issue. Visva-Bharati had sent an eviction notice to Mr Sen on April 19, asking him to vacate 13 decimals of the 1.38

acres of land of his residence within May 6. The university has been claiming that Sen has 1.38 acres of land on the Santiniketan campus, which is more than his legal entitlement of 1.25 acres. The economist has earlier asserted that most of the land he is holding on the Santiniketan campus was purchased from the market by his father while some other plots were taken on lease. Set up in 1921 by Rabindranath Tagore, Visva-Bharati is West Bengal's only central university, and the prime minister is its chancellor. Ms Banerjee had handed over land-related documents to Mr Sen during a visit to his residence in January when the Nobel laureate was at Santiniketan.

# BJP Demands CBI Probe

**Sambalpur:** BJP central team on Tuesday demanded CBI probe into the violence erupted between two communities during Hanuman Jayanti processions in Sambalpur city last month. The BJP team comprises four MPs—Brij Lal from Uttar Pradesh, Samir Oraon from Jharkhand and Aditya Sahu & Jyotirmay Singh Mahato from West Bengal visited Sambalpur city and held discussion with several stakeholders including some victims. The team will submit its report to National BJP President JP Nadda. Addressing media persons here, Brij Lal alleged that law and order has completely collapsed in the state and the Sambalpur violence is a blatant

example of this. The untoward incident took place due to the state government's failure, he alleged. Hanuman Jayanti has been celebrated traditionally in Sambalpur town for a long long years. The violence occurred in a sensitive area and such disturbances were reported in earlier years also, he said. Besides, the special branch or intelligence wing of the Odisha government had informed the S a m b a l p u r administration about the possibility of such communal tension in the city. Still, the administration has failed to act properly and provide adequate security measures during the Hanuman Jayanti processions, alleged the veteran BJP leader. Claiming it was a 'pre-planned' violence, he



said, "I hold the BJD Government fully responsible for the violence." "The local people are in fear as illegal activities are rampant here. Dalit and tribals are not getting their rights and justice in the state. Not a single slaughterhouse has been given a license. Beef and narcotics are being illegally transported to West Bengal from Sambalpur," alleged Brij Lal. Besides, Guddu Muslim like notorious

criminals are visiting the state to get shelter, he added. The 'anti-national slogans' raised during the violence, which is disturbing not only for Sambalpur but also for whole Odisha and India, the BJP leader said. Making mockery of the state administration, the Rajya Sabha MP urged the Odisha government to send his officers to Uttar Pradesh to learn how to maintain law and order in a state.

If the government will play vote bank politics, no one can stop such communal violence incidents in the state, he said. "The rioters have been given free hands to commit the violence. While the preparators are roaming scot-free, innocent people are being trapped and falsely prosecuted to please their political bosses," Brij Lal alleged. On his visit to the deceased Mirdha's residence, he said "The dead youth's family was not present in the

house. It is suspected that the family has been kept outside the village forcibly by the ruling BJD. Neither SP or no one has any information about his mother and sister." As per norms, the government should have released compensation of Rs 8.50 lakh to the family member of the victim. At least 50 per cent of the ex-gratia amount should be sanctioned in the first instalment. But it was not done, he stated. Asked, the Sambalpur Superintendent of

Police B Gangadhar said the police arrested at least six persons in connection with Shri Mirdha's murder. The man's death had nothing to do with the violence in the city on April 12 and 14, he asserted. Many people were injured, and a number of shops gutted during the clash. The city was placed under curfew for several days and internet services suspended in view of the violence. The MP further said that cases registered by police in the incident shows that the investigation is not conducted in a free and fair manner. So, the case should be handed over to the CBI, he demanded. "I appeal to the Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik to personally recommend for CBI investigation into the incident," Brij Lal said. Reacting to the visit of

the BJP team, BJD leader Snehangini Chhuria slammed the BJP for playing politics over the unfortunate and sensitive incident. "With the effort of all, peace returned to Sambalpur city. However, the BJP has become intolerant and unhappy. They want that violence activities to continue in the town so that they can play cheap politics over the issue," said Shrimati Chhuria. By sending the fact-finding team, what message does the BJP want to spread? Whether they don't have trust in the court, investigative agency, Human Rights Commission and ST Commission?, asked the BJD leader. Alleging the BJP want to create disturbance again in Sambalpur, she said Odisha BJP will remain responsible, if any communal disturbance resurface in the town.

## Arrest Drunken Drivers

**Bhubaneswar:** As drunken driving is one of the major reasons for occurrence of accidents in the State, the Government has asked DGP to take strong action including arrest of the driver against drunken driving cases. Usha Padhee, Principal Secretary, Commerce & Transport has written a letter to DGP Sunil Bansal in this regard. "It is a fact that, drunken driving is one of the reasons for occurrence of accidents in the State. As per the report received from RTOs and Police authorities, during the Zero Fatality week, 1257 cases of drunken driving have been detected by the RTOs and 133 such cases have been detected by the Police. But drivers have not been arrested for drunken driving," Shrimati Padhee said in her letter. She said the Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety has directed the Odisha government to prosecute the offender (on drunken driving case) and seek imprisonment as prescribed under section 185 of MV Act, 1988 even for the first offence. The Committee has also directed for suspension



of driving license for a period of not less than three months, she pointed out. "Road safety is a matter of concern for all of us. The Supreme Court Committee has expressed their concern for the rise in road accident fatalities in the State. Hence, steps may kindly be taken for arrest of the drunken drivers to discourage others from drinking and driving," the Principal Secretary told the DGP. For detection of drunken driving, she said, an adequate number of breath analysers have been provided to police stations and RTOs.

Further, as decided, Zero Tolerance Day against violation of traffic rules should be followed in letter and spirit, Shrimati Padhee added. The DGP was further instructed to issue necessary instructions to all Police Stations of the State not to compound the drunken driving cases and arrest the drunken drivers. As per Section 185 of the MV Act, whoever, while driving or attempting to drive a motor vehicle under the influence of drinks and drugs shall be

punishable for the first offence with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine of Rs 10,000 or with both; and for a second or subsequent offence, with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine which may extend to of Rs 15,000 or with both. In view of the constant rise in road accident fatalities, the State Government had observed Zero Fatality Week from 1st to 7th April 2023. This week was observed throughout the State with the support of various Departments of the Government and the output is quite encouraging. There is a decline in accidents and fatalities by 39.9% and 28.6% respectively during the week compared to the week just preceding the Zero Fatality Week. Similarly, there is a decline in accidents and fatalities by 33% and 15% respectively during the Week compared to the same period of last year. Most importantly, there is no juvenile death due to road accidents during the Week as a result of stringent enforcement and awareness activities relating to juveniles.

## Livestock Turns Life Saver

**Bhubaneswar:** The growth of the veterinary science and animal husbandry sector in Odisha has made livestock farmers resilient and helped them tide over the crisis triggered by the Covid-19 pandemic. Bishnupada Sethi, Principal Secretary, Higher Education, has said. Shri Sethi has been one of the longest serving Mandarin in Fisheries, Animal Resources Development Department of Government of Odisha. He initiated several epoch

making programs in the FARD Sector, for which Odisha farmers have benefited immensely, said a former VC OUAT, adding his rich contributions to this sector has been recognized by National and International Organizations. "The poor farmers survived the crisis caused by Covid for two years because of their dependence on livestock," Shri Sethi said while speaking at a program organised at the Institute of Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry (IVSAH) of Siksha 'O'

Anusandhan (SOA) to mark World Veterinary Day on Saturday. Shri Sethi said after the state government adopted the Bovine Breeding Policy in 2002 a lot of expansion programs had been taken up and the income from this sector had doubled. "The veterinary sector was contributing around 15 to 16 per cent of the earning in agriculture at present," he said. The program, jointly organised by IVSAH and Odisha Livestock

Development Society (OLDS), was also addressed by Jangyadutta Pati, Divisional Forest Officer, Athagarh, Prof. Pradipta Kumar Nanda, Vice-Chancellor, SOA and Prof. (Dr.) Sanghamitra Mishra, Dean of the Institute of Medical Sciences, SOA. Prof. Bramhadev Pattnaik, Dean of IVSAH also addressed the program while Prof. S.K.Das, Associate Dean, IVSAH and President, OLDS, proposed the vote of thanks.



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# IndiGo, Go First Forced To Ground Nearly 50 Planes. Here's Why

**New Delhi:** IndiGo and GoFirst were forced to ground around 50 planes in the country due to the supply chain being affected by Pratt and Whitney (P&W) engines, informed a P&W spokesperson. As per an official statement from P&W, US-based aerospace manufacturer P&W is facing supply chain issues to replace engines for Indian customers. "We're experiencing global supply chain challenges which are limiting the availability of structural castings and other parts. We're progressing on our mitigation strategies with our supply base and expanding MRO

network capacity while continuing hardware and software upgrades to extend engine time on the wing. At the same time, we're coordinating closely with customers on solutions to minimize operational disruption. We expect supply chain pressures to ease later this year, which will support the output of both production and MRO engines," a P&W spokesperson said.

It said that this had affected P&W's supply chain globally without citing the ongoing Russia and Ukraine aggression but the company mentioned in its statement that they



are under pressure. "The engines also have a dispatch reliability rate on par with mature engines like our V2500 for the A320neo family. Engine availability is under pressure from a

combination of engine time on the wing, particularly in certain harsh operating environments, and the availability of hardware to upgrade and overhaul engines. Like many in the industry," according to P&W statement. India's low-cost carrier IndiGo currently has the maximum number of aircraft engines that are going to be

replaced in the coming days with around 30 aircraft in their fleet standing and waiting for an engine replacement. "Globally, the aviation industry continues to face significant supply chain disruptions. While it is our immediate priority to deploy adequate capacity to serve our customers, we are actively engaged with our OEM partners to work on mitigation measures that should ensure the continuity of our network and operations," IndiGo said. "As we work on various cost-efficient countermeasures with our OEM partners, the endeavour is to minimize the economic impact of AOG, resulting from this global disruption," it added. In a recent interview

with ANI DGCA chief Arun Kumar said, "The most difficult task in my tenure was the incidents like a failure of jet engines in the air. In my early days in DGCA, it was very challenging for me as chief of aviation regulator to ask airlines to change the engines as soon as possible." Although the go-first airline company has not issued any statement on the grounding of some of its fleet due to engine replacement by P&W, the company responded in January this year that, "Pratt & Whitney is still dealing with its supply chain issues and though there is improvement the complete resolution may take time. Pratt & Whitney provided

17 serviceable engines in December and we were able to make 8 aircraft serviceable. Similarly, we are expecting 20 more serviceable engines to be received by February - March 2023," the Go First statement has issued on January 2023. Go First is very hopeful that the rest of the engines will be replaced by March of this year as per their statement. ANI reported in 2019 when DGCA issued instructions to IndiGo and GoAir to ensure that it does not operate any Neo aircraft with two Pratt and Whitney 1100 series engines that have been used for more than 3,000 hours each. At that time GoAir had 13 such aircraft and IndiGo had 16 such aircraft in 2019.

## JioFiber expands footprint to major cities and towns across Odisha, now available at Bargarh and Semiliguda

**Bhubaneswar:** Continuing its rapid expansion across various key cities and towns in Odisha, JioFiber, the most popular high-speed broadband service in the country, has now commenced its services in key areas of major cities and towns across the state. Further consolidating its leadership in the high-speed broadband segment in the state, JioFiber broadband service has now become available in the towns of Bargarh and Semiliguda. With this, JioFiber service is now available in key localities of 29 cities and towns across Odisha including Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Puri, Jatni, Angul, Sambalpur, Rourkela, Jharsuguda, Belpahar, Brajaraj Nagar, Sundargarh, Bolangir, Keonjhar, Bhawanipatna, Koraput, Rayagada, Kendrapada, Jagatsinghpur, Jajapur Road, Bhadrak, Talcher, Khordha, Berhampur, Balasore, Jeypore,

Rajganapur, Dhenkanal, Semiliguda, Bargarh and fast expanding its services to other major cities and towns in the state. In Bargarh, JioFiber high speed broadband service is now available at Sibananda Nagar, Kharajpur, Tikra, BhatliChhak, Milan Vihar, George High School area and is in the process of fast expanding its services to other parts of the town. Similarly, in Semiliguda town of Koraput district, JioFiber is now available at Sastri Nagar, Indra Nagar, Aravinda Nagar, Satya Nagar, Saraswati Nagar, Kodigaon, Santoshi Maa Nagar, Gopabandhu Nagar, Kailash Nagar, Santi Nagar, Talasahi and nearby areas and expected to roll out fast in other areas of the city over the next few weeks. JioFiber has also fast expanded its service across the exiting cities and towns where JioFiber has already been available, covering new areas and city

outskirts. Fast expanding footprints of JioFiber has helped thousands of students and teachers in pursuing education and benefiting from dependable and seamless high-speed broadband internet. Hundreds of professionals especially from IT and other service sectors could also continue working from home smoothly from their native places in the state. Several small enterprises and educational institutions in these cities have seamlessly switched to the digital mode in tune to the demand of their respective businesses and professions. It is worth mentioning here that JioFiber now offers zero entry cost for new post-paid plan users, wherein users get Internet Box (Gateway Router), Set Top Box and Installation valued at Rs 10,000 at zero cost when they opt for a JioFiber Post-paid connection.

## Vi ties-up with SonyLIV to offer exclusive plans bundled with premium content

In line with its continuous endeavour to offer unmatched entertainment to its users, Vi, the leading telecom brand, today announced its partnership with SonyLIV to offer premium content services which will bring the world of binge-worthy content and add-on data benefits together for Vi users. Creating a unique bundle option for the customers, Vi in association with SonyLIV has launched a new Prepaid pack offering subscription of SonyLIV Premium along with extra data benefits to the users.

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For Prepaid Users, Vi has introduced a new add-on recharge of Rs. 82 offering free mobile only subscription of SonyLIV Premium for 28 days along with an added data benefit of 4GB with 14 days validity.

In addition to this, Vi offers a rich content library for its customers under Vi Movies & TV (VMTV) on the Vi app. VMTV app has 450+ live TV channels, live news channels and premium content from other OTT apps.

## L&T and VMware join hands to accelerate digital infrastructure adoption across verticals

**Mumbai:** Smart World & Communication (SWC) business of L&T, a leading Indian multinational engaged in EPC Projects, Hi-Tech Manufacturing and Services and VMware Inc, a leading global provider of multi-cloud services have announced a strategic partnership to accelerate the adoption of digital infrastructure solutions across industries, through incubation of a VMware Centre of Excellence (COE).

The offerings would include an AI and automation-led 'Intelligent, secure SD-WAN on-demand' solution, to help clients improve the experience and efficiencies across their enterprise networks. This partnership will help clients attain digital versatility through multi-cloud solutions, leveraging VMware suite of products. The partnership will focus on innovation in the areas of cloud engineering and disaster recovery, improving the resilience of businesses and enterprises.

L&T SWC will also leverage VMware's cutting-edge Telco Cloud products to create unique value propositions for clients through robust, secure Industry 4.0 solutions across verticals over 5G/IOT/Edge.

"With the advent of 5G, we believe, the market is set to see large scale adoption of Industry 4.0 solutions across manufacturing, healthcare, education and other industries. L&T SWC and VMware join hands to build a robust suite of digital infrastructure solutions, to help businesses become highly agile, versatile and resilient," says Mr. J. D Patil, Whole-time Director and Senior Executive Vice President for L&T's Defence Business & Smart Technologies Business.

## Policybazaar findings indicate a higher propensity to purchase insurance in tier-2 & 3 cities after the Covid outbreak

**Bhubaneswar:** Policybazaar, one of India's largest online insurance marketplaces, conducted an online survey to understand the changing consumer sentiment towards insurance purchase, household finances and investments over the last two years of the pandemic. Policybazaar surveyed 5000 consumers to closely understand the behavioral shift in insurance buying trends. Interestingly, the findings revealed a growing level of propensity to buy insurance, especially in tier-2 and 3 cities of India. At 89%, the highest number of respondents willing to renew their health cover belong to tier-2 cities, as compared to 77% from tier-1. Similar trends

were observed in term insurance, where 59% of respondents who want to increase their coverage belong to tier-3 cities, as compared to 26% from tier-1 cities. The survey results clearly point towards the sense of urgency spurred by the pandemic with respect to insurance awareness across the country. The pandemic has definitely given the cognitive push when it comes to health insurance purchase. Out of the respondents who had contracted Covid, 25% were hospitalized. We found out that 18% of them ended up spending over Rs 15 lakhs, and 22% were not adequately covered by their existing policy. Also, it is disquieting to see that 13% of those who got Covid did not have health insurance in

place. These figures clearly demonstrate that one should opt for at least Rs 15-20 lakhs coverage for each family member. However, health insurance trends definitely drive positive optimism. As many as 62% of the total respondents had an active policy and didn't just depend on their corporate cover. The figures also vouched for the fact that Covid had acted as a catalyst in health insurance purchase. While 50% of these policies were bought after Covid first wave, 41% were purchased after the Delta wave. Also, 80% of these policies were family floater plans, thereby revealing a higher inclination towards ensuring sufficient coverage for the entire family.

## Symphony limited roped-in ace cricketers Harbhajan Singh and Shikhar Dhawan for a unique AI-led campaign

**Bhubaneswar:** India's most loved air cooler brand Symphony limited has roped in the country's sought-after cricketers Harbhajan Singh and Shikhar Dhawan for a unique AI-led nationwide initiative. The brand has partnered with Rephrase AI to create hyper-personalized video films for over 2,300 retailers across India. This is the first time in the consumer durables industry that a brand has leveraged artificial intelligence and initiated geo-targeting for each retailer. The heartwarming videos will witness India's popular cricketers appreciating dealers for their constant support and efforts for providing

great customer service. Known for being one of the largest homegrown brands, Symphony has always supported small and local businesses and has been a strong advocate of Vocal for Local. Along with the personalized videos, Symphony has also given letter of recognition, a certificate and a couple of goodies as a token of appreciation. The brand has taken this thought a notch higher by paying a tribute to the work of their trade partners. It strikes an emotional chord by going out of the way in reaching out to the people that matter.

Commenting on the initiative, Mr. Anuj

Arora, Global Chief Marketing Officer, Symphony Limited says, "We are ecstatic to have partnered with reputed cricketers, Harbhajan Singh, and Shikhar Dhawan. They came on board to create AI driven customized videos for our dealership partners who are an integral part of our company. The objective is to create brand love and deepen the bonding with our trade partners. We are consistently brainstorming and innovating to come up with intriguing campaigns. With this initiative, we hope to strengthen our relationships and reach new heights together."

## 'DigiSaathi' - 24x7 Helpline for information on Digital Payments now enabled on additional channels

**Mumbai:** DigiSaathi - a 24x7 helpline for information on digital payment products and services is setup by NPCI on behalf of a consortium of payment system operators and participants (banks & non-banks). DigiSaathi will be accessible on WhatsApp for the customers to access all the information they need pertaining to digital payment products and services. DigiSaathi will assist the users with all their queries on digital payments via the chatbot facility on WhatsApp by simply messaging on +918928913333. The facility will soon also be available on other social media channels as well.

Launched recently by Governor, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), DigiSaathi is an automated response system that helps customers in addressing their queries related to multiple products and services under the umbrella including Cards (Debit/Credit/Prepaid), UPI, NEFT, RTGS, IMPS, AePS, NETC, BBPS, USSD, PPI Wallets, ATM, QR (UPI/Bharat), NACH, TReDs, CTS, MTSS, Mobile and Net banking. The Consortium of Payment System Operators and Participants including ecosystem Partners, Banks, Card Networks,

PPIs, Fintechs, Payments Council of India (PCI), and Indian Banks' Association (IBA) came together for implementing this to empower people to adopt digital payments with even more conviction.

DigiSaathi is available in both English and Hindi for customers wherein they can access information about any of the digital payment products and services. It even guides them on how to avail or use any particular product or service. DigiSaathi also helps customers with their transaction-related queries, by guiding them and sharing the contact details of concerned banks/Institutions.

# I tried by best but could not capitalise: Hardik Pandya

**New Delhi:** unexpected five-run defeat to Delhi Capitals on Tuesday (May 2) in Ahmedabad. Chasing an under-par total of 130, the Titans' chase was anchored by Hardik who was unusually sedate in his half-century knock and was unable to put the finishing touches as he had expected to.

"I tried my best but could not capitalise. It boils down to me," Hardik said at the post-match presentation. "Obviously, we would have taken 129 [131-run target] on any given day. [We] just lost a couple of wickets and at the end, Rahul got us back in the game."

Unlike their usual chasing trend, Gujarat were rocked early in their innings, losing four wickets inside the seven-over mark, including the pivotal

ones of Shubman Gill and David Miller. It meant that Hardik, alongside young Abhinav Manohar had to soak in the pressure with a partnership that was more about stabilising the innings than motoring along.

Hardik's pacing of his innings was similar to the tempo he had during the afternoon game against Lucknow Super Giants, except that he was able to hit a few maximums at the backend in that game - something that he wasn't able to manage this time around. In fact, the all-rounder couldn't find the fence in the last 13 balls of his innings at a phase when the asking rate had shot up drastically.

"We were hoping to get a couple of big overs in the middle but at that point of time we could



not get rhythm," he said. "It was new for Abhinav as well. It boils down to how I was not able to finish the game. Full marks to their bowlers as well and full ownership on my side where I could not finish the game I should've." Prior to this game, the matches in Ahmedabad

had produced reasonably high-scoring games that were also chased down successfully. Batters generally enjoyed striking the ball and there were also a lot of boundaries hit in those games. They were a stark contrast to this fixture that saw just

nine sixes across the two innings. Hardik, though, didn't feel the surface was all that tricky to bat on.

"It was more about the pressure of [losing] wickets," he said. "I don't think the [track] played much role. It was a tad slower than what we are used to

here. But they bowled really well. We lost a couple of early wickets and then we had to take some time. We could not get the rhythm in the middle. Rahul brought us back into the game. Otherwise, they were quite ahead."

Since Miller's exit in the seventh over, only one boundary (a six) was hit until the 14th over and it's during this phase that the DC bowlers tightened the screws. Titans' mantra while chasing has always been to take the game deep, relying on the power game of their finishers to get them across the line. Statistically, it had been a largely proven method, except that it didn't work in this contest.

"Intent had to be there. It's just that we lost a couple of wickets where

if you keep losing wickets, it's difficult to keep the intent as well. We lost because I could not get my rhythm and we kept losing wickets at the start and that put us under pressure. We like to take it deep and hope to get a couple of big overs which we could not get."

The game had been set up nicely for the Titans by their bowlers, led by an impeccable spell from Mohammed Shami. The senior pacer bowled an unchanged new-ball spell that saw him pick up four scalps through accurate lines and sharp seam movement. Hardik was all praise for his pace spearhead and regretted his side's inability to capitalise on the excellent bowling effort.

"I feel sorry for [Shami]," Hardik said.

"If you bowl like that, then you restrict the team to 129 [130], I think [our] batters disappointed. I don't think the ball did a lot. It's just that Mohammed Shami's skillset he has and he made the ball talk. Otherwise, I think for fast bowlers, the wicket did not have much assistance. But the way he bowled four on the trot and got us in the game, full credit [to him]."

"As I said, batters and particularly myself did not finish and we disappointed him."

The defeat was Gujarat's first of the season in a run chase and only the second time overall from 14 games. The defending champions next go to Jaipur to take on the Rajasthan Royals on Friday (May 5).

## England set to tour West Indies for white ball series in December



**London:** Months before next year's T20 World Cup in the Caribbean, the current champions will be touring the region for five T20Is and three ODIs, starting on December 3 and concluding on 21st of the same month.

Cricket West Indies revealed the full schedule of the tour that is set to finish before Christmas, with two ODIs in Antigua kickstarting the tour.

Barbados will host the final ODI, as well as the opening T20I (on 12 December) before the caravan moves to Grenada and then Trinidad for two T20Is apiece to wrap it up.

CWI's Chief Executive, Johnny Grave, said, "We are delighted to be able to confirm the England match schedule and to welcome once again their many travelling fans to the region for a pre-Christmas white-ball tour.

This tour will be a major economic boost to the host countries, as well as providing our fans with the chance to see some of their favourite players in action against one of our biggest rivals. The tour will also help with our ongoing venue preparation and event planning for one of the biggest events ever to be staged in the region, the ICC Men's T20 World Cup, which takes place in June next year."

## Ishant denies Tewatia as DC clinch low-scoring thriller

**New Delhi:** Bottom-placed Delhi Capitals pulled off a surprise win against table-toppers Gujarat Titans in Ahmedabad, first surviving past Mohammed Shami's scything four-wicket haul and then defending it with a collective bowling effort against a side that doesn't lose many while chasing. It was only GT's second loss in 14 run-chases. That the standings don't change even after the result points to the gap between the sides this season but DC were comfortably the better all-round side on the night.

GT were once reeling at 23 for 5 after the powerplay. Mohammed Shami was unstoppable with the new ball, bowling his four overs for figures of 4 for 11. If DC were looking for a breather against the new ball, there was none. Shami bowled unchanged from one end, using the little bit of juice in the pitch against David Warner's left-field decision to bat first. He struck with the first ball of the match, beating Phil



Salt with an outswinger and getting him caught at cover. The next three wickets of Rilee Rossouw, Manish Pandey and Priyam Garg were all caught behind by Wriddhiman Saha, who had yet another fantastic day behind the stumps.

Apart from those four wickets from Shami, there was a needless David Warner runout in the powerplay. It meant that DC had lost half their side inside six overs and recovery from there looked a long way away.

It did arrive in the form of Aman Khan who struck his maiden IPL fifty and helped forge important fifty-run stands with Axar Patel and Rival Patel. Noor Ahmad and Rashid Khan were tight in the middle overs, bowling their combined eight overs for 1-48, but Aman helped pick 41 runs off Mohit Sharma and Joshua Little from overs 16-18, thus delivering DC to a total worth fighting for.

What Shami got out of the pitch, DC bowlers did too. Khaleel Ahmed

kickstarted it by getting Saha caught behind in the first over. Anrich Nortje then drew Shubman Gill into playing away from the body and had him caught at cover-point before Ishant bowled Vijay Shankar with a knuckle ball that Dale Steyn called the "best knuckle ball wicket" on Twitter. It took Hardik Pandya's half-century to stabilize the innings but GT had left themselves with too much to do.

Kuldeep Yadav bowled slow and loopy tonight

and got immediate dividend in his first over. David Miller attempted a ramp shot off the third ball he faced and lost his stumps. Kuldeep would finish with 1 for 15, helped by the pressure that Axar Patel built at the other end. In fact, from overs 7 to 15, GT scored only 48 runs and hit just one boundary. That slowdown came back to bite them big time in the last five overs, when timing the old ball on a big ground wasn't the easiest. Yeah it was just like we have seen before. He came to the crease with GT behind the eight-ball, struck three consecutive sixes off Anrich Nortje in the penultimate over and reduced the target down to 12 runs off the final over. DC trusted Ishant Sharma with the responsibility and Tewatia didn't quite have another six up his tank on the night. Ishant got him caught on the ring and sealed an upset win for his side.

**Brief Scores:** Delhi Capitals 130/8 (Aman Khan 51; Shami 4-11) beat Gujarat Titans 125/6 (Pandya 59\*; Ishant 2-23, Khaleel 2-24) by 5 runs

# Asian Games 2023: India's Star Shuttle Saina Nehwal Pulls Out Of Selection Trials

**London :** London 2012 medallist Saina Nehwal has decided to pull out of the Indian badminton squad selection trials for the Asian Games 2023 due to fitness issues, according to the Olympics.com. The trials, organized by the Badminton Association of India (BAI), are scheduled to take place from May 4 to 7 at the Jwala Gutta Academy

of Excellence in Telangana. The trials will help the BAI pick the final Indian badminton team for the upcoming Asian Games, scheduled from September 23 to October 8 in Hangzhou, China. There are a total of 20 spots - 10 men and 10 women - in the Indian badminton team for the Games. However, Indian badminton players HS Prannoy

and PV Sindhu, a two-time Olympic medallist, have been granted direct entries, courtesy of being in the top 20 in the BWF rankings.

The men's doubles pair of Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and the women's doubles pair Treasa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand, too, have sealed direct berths in the Indian team. Hence, the selection trials



will be conducted for the remaining 14 spots.

The list of women's singles players who were set to compete in the trials initially included Saina Nehwal, Aakarshi Kashyap, Malvika Bansod, Ashmita Chaliha, Aditi Bhat, Unnati Hooda, Alisha Naik, Shriyanshi Valishetty and national champion Anupama Upadhyaya. Besides

Saina Nehwal, the men's pair of Kushal Raj and Prakash Raj have also withdrawn from the trials.

Saina Nehwal has not been in great form of late. In what has been a stop-start season for her this year, the former world No. 1 has failed to progress beyond the second round in any of the four BWF World Tour 2023 tournaments she has competed in.