

Open Letter

Dear Honourable Chief Minister Sri Patnaik,

I hope you are doing fine and in good health. Recently Odisha Govt has focussed 5T transformation of various temples across Odisha. However, there is an increasing local resentment in KBK-Kandhamal region that the fund allocated in KBK region is very small compared to funds allocated in coastal Odisha. One of the reasons given is that not many projects in the KBK region need big funds.

Odisha has 23 % of the tribal population and not much has been done to keep their culture and tradition. Despite being known for its tribal culture and having one of the highest numbers of tribal groups in the country, Odisha remains a largely undeveloped region, particularly KBK region. Gudahandi, situated on the border of Kalahandi-Nabarangpur districts, is one such underdeveloped area with a rich history and abundant resources including forests, mountains, medicinal plants, and water. The site is renowned for its prehistoric pictographic paintings which were discovered by the Archaeological Department of Kalahandi Princely state in 1946. While many of these paintings have faded, a few can still be evaluated today. These paintings provide insight into the primitive lifestyles of the people from Lower Paleolithic to Neolithic cultural phases.

Gudahandi is surrounded by tribal hamlets inhabited by aboriginal tribes such as Kind, Gond, Paraja, Bhatra, Gadhva, and Saura (Sabara), and features verdant bush and forest alongside waterfalls and gorges. The area is also rich in ethno-medicinal plants. To preserve its natural wealth and traditional knowledge, I urge you to have an open anthropological museum, designated as Odisha Manav Sangrahalaya for Gudahandi. This museum will be in the lone of the Indira Gandhi Rastriya Manav Sangrahalaya, Bhopal and would serve to explore, document, and educate visitors while boosting tourism in the KBK region.

The proposed site can be located at Kholigarh, at the foothills of Sahajkhoh reserve forest, alongside the Biju Expressway. Communication to the site would be facilitated by Biju Expressway passing from Dharamgarh to Ampani and railway line passing from Junagarh Road to Nabarangpur, while Utkela airport is located at 50 km, Jaypore airport at 110 km and Raipur airport at 220 km. Thus, the open anthropological museum at Gudahandi would serve as a vital resource in preserving the tribal cultures and knowledge of the region while offering opportunities for visitors to learn and explore.

Therefore, I request you to set up Odisha Manav Sangrahalaya at Gudahandi under 5T initiatives.

Thank you and best regards
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President Murmu undertakes safari in Odisha's Similipal National Park

Bhubaneswar: President Droupadi Murmu on Friday visited Similipal National Park and undertook a safari. Murmu, who stayed at her house in Rairangpur on Thursday night, started the second day of her Mayurbhanj visit by paying tributes to Pandit Raghunath Murmu, the inventor of Ol Chiki script of Santali language, at his birthplace Dandabosh village on the occasion of his birth anniversary. Droupadi Murmu, the first tribal president of the country,



belongs to the Santal tribe. The Odisha government, which had supported Murmu's presidential candidature last year, has announced a Rs 10 crore package for development of the

year. Her visit to Similipal was the first by any President of India. Similipal National Park authorities said elaborate arrangements have been made for the President's visit. She is scheduled to visit Chahala in the core area, where she will be served local tribal food and then taken to a guided to see deer, sambhar and elephants. Spread over 2,750 sq km area, the national park is home to Royal Bengal Tiger and Asian Elephant.

Five Soldiers Killed In Gunfight With Terrorists In J&K's Rajouri

Jammu: Five soldiers were killed in a gunfight between terrorists and security forces in the Kandi area of Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district, officials said on Friday. "In the ongoing operation in Rajouri sector, three soldiers who were critically injured in the morning have unfortunately succumbed to their injuries. The operation is still in progress," the Army said. Earlier, the Army said the terrorists triggered an explosive device in retaliation. The Army team suffered two fatal casualties with injuries to four more soldiers, including an officer. "On specific information about the presence of terrorists in the Kandi Forest in Rajouri Sector, a joint operation was launched on 03 May 2023. At about 0730 hours on 05 May 2023, a search team established contact with a group of terrorists well entrenched in a cave. The area is thickly vegetated with rocky and steep cliffs. Additional teams from the vicinity have been directed to the site of encounter. As per initial reports, a group of terrorists are trapped in the area. There is a likelihood of casualties in terrorist's group. The operation is in progress," the Army said.

25th and silver jubilee celebration program in presence of respected Dalai Lama and Honorable Indresh ji

Dharamshala (KCN)

: Bharat Tibet Sahyog Manch its 25th Foundation Day and Silver Jubilee celebrations at the Dalai Lama Temple in McLeodganj, Himachal Pradesh. This platform was established in the presence of fourth respected senior campaigner of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh Shri Rajendra Singh ji alias Rajju Bhैया and fifth respected campaigner Sudarshan ji and Dalai Lama. Which is presided over by Honorable Indresh ji, senior campaigner of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh.

In today's Foundation Day program, the current National President Honorable Indresh ji, National General Secretary Honorable Pankaj Goyal ji, National Vice President Gajendra Chauhan ji and National Minister Pramod Goyal ji and His Holiness Dalai Lama ji and Provincial President Monika Jain from Madhya Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh Current MP Kishan Kapoor and other state officials were present. Along with this, all



the Tibetan residents of Himachal Pradesh also attended the program in a large number. Buddhist monks were also present in the program.

In the second phase of the program, Preeti Sagar ji, who is conducting the stage, welcomed the guests on the stage and started the program with Vande Mataram song.

In the program, all the executive members of the Bharat Tibet Sahyog Manch together welcomed and honored the Dalai Lama by garlanding him with a huge flower garland. In the next round of the program, Honorable Indresh Kumar ji told in his lecture that we need to establish non-violence, non-violence, and friendship and in this war, I want to start Buddhism, so that we can establish non-

violence, non-violence, supreme religion. Because today our society does not need Ravana and Kansa, our country needs Ram and Krishna, instead of wishing for war, I want to wish for Buddhism. So that peace can be established all over the world, as well as we all urge all the powers of the world to come together and help the Tibetan people to get their fundamental rights, autonomous and freedom, as well as I will cooperate with that organization who has been helping the Dalai Lama for years to get his fundamental Right Today, in this rich gathering, I want to broadcast a proposal here that China should stop its conspiracy and return their fundamental rights to the Tibetan people, so that the Tibetan people are not expelled, but become

residents and build Tibet. Along with this, Honorable Indresh ji gave slogan to all Tibetan and Indian people today, Jai Bharat Jai Tibet. In the second session of the lecture, His Holiness the Dalai Lama told that when he had come to India from Tibet Then Jawaharlal Nehru ji had given him approval to stay here, but I am thankful to India that India gave me complete freedom and complete freedom to follow my Buddhism and spread its ideas. And I would urge Indian people to study 300 Sutras and Shastra books written in Buddhism and by studying more and more your spiritual power will prevail. Along with this, I visited many places in India and met many scholars of India and I am happy to know that there Buddhists



give equal importance to science, along with this, I am also grateful to Bharat Tibet Sahyog Manch, thankful that there so many years He is with us day and night to help Tibetan people, along with this I am also thankful to Honorable Indresh ji Honorable Mohan Bhagwat ji After this, National Vice President of Indo-Tibetan Cooperation Forum and Vice-Chancellor of Haryana University, Gajendra Chauhan, while congratulating Tibet Forum, also expressed gratitude and appreciated the work, said that today Tibet Forum helps Tibetans

across the country and their working to preserve the Culture In the third session of the programme, the office bearers of all the provinces honored the guests on the stage and presented them with Momentum.

Thereafter, President of Madhya Bharat Prant Monika Jain, Advocate, honored Himachal Pradesh MP Kishan Kapoor by presenting him a Momentum and Honorable Indresh Kumar, a senior disciple of His Holiness the Dalai Lama. The program was concluded with the National Anthem of India and Tibet.

Indepth Observation in Raipur & Found Betrayal

Raipur: (Sunil Kumar Mishra, Sr Journalist) : The Ground Indepth report after covering & interactions with sensitive, Intellectual & illiterate Persons of Raipur which is the Capital City of Chhatishgarh State, it observed that the Honorable Governor of Chhatishgarh State is totally inactive, heard of hearing who needs badly rest & it is the right time to change the present Governor & do keep a dynamic, energetic, educated, helping, cooperative and should be a particular person who will not put anyone in delusion, illusion and in dark. His Secretary & Private Secretary, both are keeping the Honorable Governor in dark as the Governor of Chhatishgarh State is a Bookish and he is not fit

for the most prestigious & dignified Post. Nothing to say about the Janata Congress (J) Chhatishgarh State President & Ex - MLA who is not particular in his word as he is running behind mirage having with lots of false ego & prouidness. No doubt that the Ajit Jogi who was an IPS, IAS Officer as well as the first Chief Minister of Chhatishgarh State. His son assassinated or damaged Ajit Jogi all images, prestige and dignity & he is going to Saturation Point. Another Pettiness & disgracefulness that the OSD & others few Buerocrates have kept the present Chief Minister in dark, delusion, illusion and not giving positive informations to the Chief Minister, even if, they are not suggesting which one to be carried out & which one is good & bad



to the Present Chief Minister of Chhatishgarh State. This State is mainly of innocent and Tribal based. Peoples of the Chhatishgarh State speak that regaining of Congress under the leadership of the Present Chief Minister is difficult in coming 2024, Election. Another pettiness is that this State was an understanding of who will be Chief

Minister of Chhatishgarh State & it was of two & half years of alternative Chief Minister, it means, One will be two & half years & another will be for rest two & half years out the five years tenure by the Congress Party High Command. This commitment & assuring of word by the High Command of the Congress Party has not kept till now, so the

regaining of Congress is also difficult. The BJP Party Leaders of Chhatishgarh State become inactive. The Chhatishgarh State presently needs a helping, cooperative, work minded and result oriented or minded Chief Minister. Here is also one new equation or one new Regional Political Party like the Regional Political Party of Odisha State, that is Biju Janata Dal or BJD / Trunumal Congress of West Bengal State & etc badly in need of or it requires now. In entire Chhatishgarh State duplicate foreign liquors are selling by the Vendors as they are giving Lakhs & lakhs Rupees of Bribes to the Officers of Excise Department as well as to the Political Leaders & Political Parties. Practically, Chhatishgadi Peoples of

Chhatishgarh State are Innocents, Sober, Gentle, helping & cooperative in nature, their behavior and hospitality, both are praiseworthy. Taking the advantages, the Political Leaders are extracting & blackmailing the Innocents of Chhatishgarh State & keeping them in dark. Lots of developments, improvements, reformation and changes are still in need of in Chhatishgarh State. Mainly awareness in the field of education is also badly in need of. Another disgracefulness that the Chhatishgarh State Yadav Samaj, presently most of the Leaders are Ironical and they are not particular in their words as well as they invited two females who were the Trainers are also

Ironical and Bookish & it has been observed on 30.04.2023 at Vrindaban Hall, Civil Line, Raipur. The Chhatishgarh State Yadav Samaj now also badly in need of reformation, changes and rectification, the entire Leaders of Jadav Samaj who are presently in their Yadav Samaj must have to kick out form their Samaj as all are most cunning & they are cheating to the Innocents Yadav Samaj Peoples. They are also running after cheap Propaganda. There are several things & matters which will be published gradually. The Chhatishgarh State needs a helping, cooperative, positive, constructive, energetic, dynamic, work minded and result oriented Chief Minister in 2024

Chief Justice Of India DY Chandrachud Visits Odisha

Bhubaneswar (KCN): Chief Justice of India (CJI) Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud is on a two-day visit to Odisha. Chief Justice Chandrachud today reached the Biju Patnaik International Airport (BPIA) in Bhubaneswar from where he moved to Puri for holy darshan of Lord Jagannath. The CJI received a warm welcome from Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) Chief Administrator Ranjan Kumar Das and Puri SP Kanwar Vishal Singh in the pilgrim town. The senior servitors of the Jagannath Temple welcomed him at the shrine. Chief Justice Chandrachud is scheduled to attend a programme on 'Digitisation, Paperless Courts and e-initiatives' at Odisha Judicial Academy in Cuttack tomorrow.

Chief Minister Inaugurates Concentrix Customer Experience Center in Bhubaneswar

Concentrix to Bring Economic Growth and Job Opportunities to the Region

Bhubaneswar, May 5, 2023: The hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri. Naveen Patnaik inaugurated a state-of-the-art customer experience center of global customer experience solutions and technology company Concentrix in Bhubaneswar today. With the addition of Bhubaneswar, Concentrix has further expanded its presence in India, operating out of 14 cities in the country. Spread over 42000 square feet area, with a seating capacity of 1300+, the new site will support clients across industry verticals. Located in the heart of

the city, the new customer experience center is equipped with state-of-the-art infrastructure and technology to optimize operational efficiency. The decision to launch a new delivery center in Bhubaneswar was based on the city's strategic location, skilled workforce, and business-friendly environment. The modern infrastructure and excellent connectivity make Bhubaneswar an ideal location for Concentrix to expand its operations. Speaking on the occasion, the hon'ble Chief minister said, "The opening of the



Concentrix customer experience center in Bhubaneswar is a testament to our

commitment to promote economic growth and create job opportunities for the people of Odisha.

We are committed to providing the necessary infrastructure and

support to businesses to help them grow and flourish. We thank

Concentrix for reposing faith in New Odisha and opening their center. I wish Concentrix all the success."

The new center represents a significant milestone for Concentrix and is expected to create many job opportunities for local talent in Bhubaneswar and the surrounding areas.

"We are excited to bring our expertise to Bhubaneswar and tap into the local talent pool. Our people-first practices, investments in learning and development, and growth opportunities should help the local talent realize their full

potential," said Ravinder Rana, Senior Vice President at Concentrix. "We would like to express our gratitude to the Government for their unparalleled support that has given us the confidence to scale our business and generate several thousand job opportunities in next 3 to 5 years."

Concentrix' unwavering commitment to innovation, operational excellence, and customer satisfaction continues to position it as one of the top and largest CX solutions and technology companies worldwide.

On World Day of Safety & Health at Work, Vedanta Aluminium inaugurates Fire Safety Park

Bhubaneswar: On the occasion of World Day for Safety and Health at Work, Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest producer of aluminium, inaugurates a Fire Safety Training Park at its plant in Jharsuguda, one of the largest aluminium smelters in the world. The park will help the company's Industrial & Fire Safety teams to facilitate live, practical safety demonstrations of fire hazards, their prevention and mitigation, to employees and business partners at the plant. With this, the company recommits itself to further enhancing safety and health at the workplace and ensuring total employee wellbeing. Speaking about Vedanta Aluminium's endeavours to raise the bar for safety and health at work, Mr. Rahul Sharma, CEO, Vedanta Limited – Aluminium Business, said, "At Vedanta Aluminium, the safety and health of our people are of utmost importance to us, and rank as non-negotiable



parameters of our operational excellence. Our operations features best-in-class safety technologies that remind and reinforce safety-first practices at the workplace. This is augmented by behaviour-based safety initiatives that are applicable to each of our employees. Innovations such as the Fire Safety Park help immensely in spreading awareness of safety practices and making them accessible to more people."

Vedanta Aluminium carried out a week-long series of initiatives at its operations in Jharsuguda, aimed at demonstrating safety practices to its employees and enhancing community

preparedness. Recently, a fire prevention training and awareness program on 'Awareness in Fire Safety for Growth of National Infrastructure', was also organized in association with the Rotary Club of Jharsuguda for the residents of Jharsuguda. At BALCO, India's iconic aluminium producer in Korba, Chhattisgarh, over 500 employees were provided fire fighting training, especially on mitigating scenarios such as kitchen fires and gas leakages. Mock drills were also undertaken at several locations within the plant, dealing with workplace-related scenarios such as work-

at-height, confined space and fire & chemical hazards. Rescue techniques and tools, such as utilising full body harnesses, were also showcased. BALCO's Fire & Rescue teams led these sessions. At the company's alumina refinery in Lanjigarh, Kalahandi district, Odisha, employees participated in a wellness awareness session which focused on sharing insights on both physical and mental wellness, including stress control, cardiovascular health and maintaining healthy lifestyles. This was augmented by a community awareness drive in the villages located in the vicinity of the plant. Participants were taught the method of administering emergency cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). A rapid response awareness program was also organised where community members were provided insights on techniques to respond to natural disasters, fires and other calamities.

Odisha MLA offers 15k coconuts at temple to match winning vote margin

Bhubaneswar: Making offerings to deities in order to get a wish fulfilled is an age-old practice of devout Hindus. There are several instances of well-known personalities making big offerings including gold and jewellery to the temples in India. However, there is one legislator in Odisha who hogged the limelight by going all out to offer over 15,000 coconuts to Lord Varaha Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy at Simhachalam in Visakhapatnam. While offering coconut to the deities is a common practice by the devotees in India, Biju Janata Dal (BJD) MLA from Sorada, Purnachandra Swain had made a wish to match his



winning vote margin with as many coconuts, to be offered at the temple. He went to the temple with more than 700 supporters from Sorada and Bhanjanagar Assembly Constituencies and offered the coconuts on Thursday on the occasion of Nrusingha Chaturdasi. As per reports, Swain regularly made wishes at the same temple. He first won in 2009 elections

from a BJD ticket and offered 4100 coconuts. Then he went on to win the 2014 elections and offered 16,000 coconuts. Speaking to Swain said, "People worship their respective Gods as per their beliefs. Naveen Patnaik had given me a BJD ticket in 2009. I won that election by 4100 votes and offered as many coconuts at the temple." "Similarly, I won the 2014 election by 16,000 votes and offered the same

number of coconuts at the temple. However, I could not do the same after I won the 2019 election because of some family problems and Covid restrictions. I finally got an opportunity to fulfil my wish on the Nrusingha Chaturdasi. I distributed prasad to all the devotees who visited the temple and prayed to God to make Naveen Patnaik the Chief Minister of Odisha again," Swain added.

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Roadies 19 Promo: Sonu Sood, Rhea Chakraborty Look Intense In Action Avatar

Actor and philanthropist Sonu Sood is returning as a host on the youth-based reality show 'MTV Roadies 19'. After auditions in four cities including Chandigarh, New Delhi, Indore, and Pune, now the action-packed promo dropped by the makers shows the host, Sonu Sood and the gang leaders, Prince Narula, Gautam Gulati, and Rhea Chakraborty, in altogether different and fiery avatars. Amidst the metal age battleground, Sonu is seen in full body armour of futuristic design with a baton in his hand. In the promo, the gang leaders



and the host are shown to be all set for a fight, showing their strength and war skills to bring out their best in the battle between Karm and

Kaand as this season's theme is 'Karm Ya Kaand'. The 49-year-old actor replaced actor-VJ Rannvijay Singha in

season 18 of 'Roadies' as a host and there were no gang leaders. However, in the 19th season, the gang leaders are back with the host.

Meanwhile, in the coming months, he will also be seen in 'Fateh' directed by Vaibhav Mishra, starring Jacqueline Fernandez. On the other hand, Prince Narula was the winner of 'Roadies 12' and he was also seen on 'Splitsvilla 8', 'Bigg Boss 9' and other TV shows. Gautam Gulati is known for his stint in 'Bigg Boss 8'. Speaking of Rhea Chakraborty, she was seen in movies such as 'Jalebi' and 'Chehre' among others. 'Roadies-Karm ya Kaand' is scheduled to be out on MTV and Jio Cinema on June 3.

Koffee With Karan Season 7: Maheep Kapoor reveals 'money was tight', opens up on living through eroding fame

The conversations keep bubbling on Hotstar Specials Koffee With Karan Season 7's twelfth episode as a brand-new trio graces the couch. This time, the show's iconic host Karan Johar welcomes Gauri Khan, who returns to the couch after 17 years. She is joined by close friends Maheep Kapoor and Bhavana Pandey, as they mark their debut on the show. Ringing in all the elements of candid, humour and wit, the three women spill the beans on airport looks and Bollywood parties. Fame does not last forever and no one knows this better than celebrities. Maheep Kapoor, wife of Sanjay Kapoor has been a witness to this. She and her family had to live through the ordeal of eroding fame. She captured the experience in the latest episode, "There were times when Sanjay was sitting at home for years with no work. Money was tight. My kids have grown up seeing that along with the glamour and glitz." Being part of one of Bollywood's biggest families also did not make life any easier, "The people around me at times did make me feel like we were the unsuccessful wing of the Kapoor family," she added. Koffee With Karan Season 7 will be available to all platform subscribers. For fans in the U.S., Koffee with Karan Season 7 will stream exclusively on Hulu.

Anupam Kher Announces New Film 'Vijay 69' With An Animated Poster



Veteran actor Anupam Kher, on Thursday, announced his new film titled 'Vijay 69'. Created under the banner YRF Entertainment, 'Vijay 69' will narrate the life of a sexagenarian man, played by Kher, who decides to compete in a triathlon contest at the age of 69. Sharing the film's first look, Kher tweeted, "ANNOUNCEMENT: It's good to be 69 years young! Super excited to be starring in @yrfentertainment's #Vijay69 in the lead: a quirky slice-of-life film for OTT about a man who decides to compete in a triathlon contest at

the age of 69. Let's put the show on the road! Jai Ho! My #537th Written & Directed by: #AkshayRoy Produced by: #ManeeshSharma." The film will be directed by Akshay Roy, who has previously directed 'Meri Pyaari Bindu' with YRF. He has also worked on acclaimed films like Mira Nair's 'The Namesake', Aamir Khan's directorial debut 'Taare Zameen Par' and Deepa Mehta's 'Water' as an Assistant Director. Maneesh Sharma is producing it. Kher is also set to star in edge-of-the-seat thriller, tentatively titled 'The Room'. Helmed by

Sikandar Sidhu, the film also stars Pravin in the lead roles. He will also be seen in director Vivek Agnihotri's next 'The Vaccine War'. 'The Vaccine War' revolves around India's contributions to the race to produce a Covid-19 vaccine during the pandemic. Helmed by Vivek Agnihotri 'The Vaccine War' is all set to hit the theatres on the occasion of Independence Day 2023 in 11 languages. Apart from this, he will also be seen in Kangana Ranaut's next directorial 'Emergency', 'The Signature' and Anurag Basu's 'Metro...In Dino'.

India's Best Dancer 3: Geeta Kapur, Terence Lewis Set The Stage On Fire With Their Sizzling Dance On 'Meri Jaan'

Long-time friends Geeta Kapur and Terence Lewis, who are currently judges on the homegrown dance reality show, India's Best Dancer 3 would be setting the stage on fire this upcoming weekend. For the 'Best Ka Pehla Test', the judges would be presenting themselves in avatars from Bollywood, with Terence Lewis channelling 'Pathaan' and Geeta Kapur becoming 'Gangubai Kathiawadi'. But this will not be the only thing that would excite the viewers. Presenting a unique "mahasangam" between two iconic cinematic figures, Pathaan and Gangubai would be setting the stage ablaze with their performance on the melodious song 'Meri Jaan' from the Sanjay Leela Bhansali directorial 'Gangubai Kathiawadi'.



Invited by host Jay Bhanushali on stage, Geeta 'Kathiawadi' Kapur, wearing a red-bordered white saree with the signature red bindi and Terence 'Pathan' Lewis, with his rugged handsome hunk look would be coming together on stage, leaving the audience breathless. The romantic

song would create quite the steamy atmosphere, leaving judge Sonali Bendre, speechless. 'India's Best Dancer 3' airs at 8 pm on weekends on Sony Entertainment Television where the fans can tune in romantic duo perform on stage for the 'Best Ka Pehla Test'.

Mahi Phir Aa Raha Hai - Late Sushant Singh Rajput's 'MS Dhoni: The Untold Story' Re-Releasing In Cinemas On 12th May

India's most successful cricket captain and sports legend M.S. Dhoni is an inspiration to many, and for his fans here is some fantastic news - The big-ticket blockbuster M.S. Dhoni: The Untold Story which bowled over audiences in 2016, is all set to exclusively re-release in Indian theatres on 12th May across theatres in Hindi, Tamil and Telugu! 'MS Dhoni: The Untold Story' has not only been an incredibly special film for Star Studios, but also for Indians all over the world, showcasing the inspiring journey of our most successful cricket captain. The re-release aims to give his fans across the country another chance to relive cricket's most magical moments on the big screen,' said Bikram Duggal, Head - Studios, Disney Star. Directed by Neeraj Pandey, the movie stars Sushant Singh Rajput, Kiara Advani, Disha Patani, Bhumika Chawla and Anupam Kher. MS Dhoni: The Untold Story re-releases in theatres on 12th May in Hindi, Tamil and Telugu.



Neetu Kapoor shares a sweet birthday post for Kareena Kapoor Khan

Neetu Kapoor took to her Instagram Stories to share a sweet picture with Kareena Kapoor Khan as she wished the gorgeous actress on her birthday. In the photo, Neetu is seen posing for a selfie with Kareena Kapoor. Bebo looked gorgeous in a white floral outfit which she paired with silver jhumkas and a bindi. Neetu, on the other hand, looked beautiful in blue kurta and silver ornaments. Both are all smiles for the camera in the photo. Neetu captioned the post, 'happy birthday beautiful inside out @kareenakapoor_khan', followed by a slew of emojis. Neetu Kapoor thanks daughter Riddhima Kapoor Sahni as she



starred Anil Kapoor, Varun Dhawan and Kiara Advani in lead roles. Kareena, on the other hand, was last seen in Aamir Khan starrer 'Laal Singh Chaddha'. Next, she will be seen making her digital debut with 'The Devotion of Suspect X' with Jaideep Ahlawat and Vijay Varma. Apart from this, she also has Hansal Mehta's untitled next.

King Charles III's Coronation: Why India is fond of him?

Vivek Shukla



As King Charles III's Coronation will take place on 6 May at Westminster Abbey in London, it evokes crowd of memories when he has visited India as a Prince for several times. During the coronation ceremony, the King will be crowned alongside Camilla, the Queen Consort. Vice president, Jagdeep Dhankhar, will represent the Indian government at the coronation of King Charles III. Thus, he will join a gathering of about 2,000 dignitaries, including heads of state and government, at the coronation ceremony. While meeting the newly crowned King Charles, Jagdeep Dhankhar would surely invite him to visit India. Of course, he would accept the invite and would visit India in future. It is a very exciting time for India

as well as an Indian origin Prime minister, Rishi Sunak, is the Prime minister of Britain.

It goes without saying that King Charles and Prime Minister Rishi Sunak would ensure that relations between India and Britain move to next level.

And in national capital, Delhi, all those who are working for Delhi Brotherhood Society (DBS) are eagerly awaiting to receive King Charles once again. He too would like to see the activities of the St. John Vocational Centre of the DBS Delhi in the capital and other parts of the country. When he was visiting Delhi couple of years ago, he had come to see the activities of St. John Vocational Centre in air conditioning, motor mechanic, beautician, carpenter, tailoring, etc. are run for youngsters belonging to the weaker sections of the society. At that time, he had also interacted with many youths taking training at the centre and

expressed satisfaction that the youth trained here are making a place for themselves in life.

Monodeep Daniel, a member of the Delhi Brotherhood Society, said that Prince Charles had promised that he would look into the remaining projects of the Brotherhood Society in future visits. It must be remembered that DBS was the founder of St. Stephen's College and hospital. One of the founders of the Delhi Brotherhood Society was Deen Bandhu CF Andrews, who was a freedom fighter despite the fact that he was from Britain. He was also a friend of Gandhiji. He also taught at St. Stephen's College, Delhi.

And when Prince Charles, who is now a king, came to Mumbai in 1981, he was kissed by Padmini Kolhapure. The video of that incident is currently getting viral on social media. During his visit, he went to a film studio where Padmini Kolhapure was shooting for her film 'Ahista Ahista'. The actress greeted him

with a peck on his cheek. Following this, she was recognised in Britain as 'the woman who kissed Prince

comprehensive strategic partnership. And the fair and just society of Britain is giving enough

But Hinduja is not the only Indian-origin Richie Richs in the list of 250 wealthiest British residents. Steel

wealth by 200 million pounds. Among women billionaires, Biocon founder and executive chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw and her family have made it to the list with an estimated wealth of 2.5 billion pounds. She was ranked 56 in the list published last year. And if we talk about Indian presence in their parliament, the House of Commons has 15 Indian-origin candidates. This is remarkable feat. All said and done, British society is very inclusive and progressive. There cannot be any debate on this subject.

Having said that, Britain supports India's candidacy for a permanent seat in the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). Recently, the British High Commissioner in New Delhi said, "We certainly support India becoming the member of the UNSC as this is why the UNSC reforms are the institutional that reflects to the realities of today."

However, India-Britain ties took a beating in the recent

past due to growing anti-Indian activities of Khalistanis there. India expects that the British government would take action against the pro-Khalistani elements inciting violence and intimidation.

A small, extremely vocal and aggressive minority of British Sikhs who can be described as pro-Khalistan extremists is promoting anti-Indian activities there. The "subversive, sectarian and discriminatory activities" of such elements don't reflect the true nature of the majority of British Sikhs, and the "extremist fringe ideology within the pro-Khalistan movement" has led to a division within British Sikh communities.

One hopes that two countries would continue to work together in different fields and King Charles would spare no effort to cement the ties. After all, he is so fond of India and India loves him.

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Charles'. In the video, Padmini can be seen greeting King Charles with a garland and a peck on his cheek. He also looked surprised by her gesture following which the actress is seen leaving the frame laughing.

Meanwhile, Britain and India currently collaborate across a wide range of different areas, but the countries have stated that they want to establish a

opportunities to Indians settled there to excel. The rich list published by a popular UK daily recently features several tycoons of Indian origin who are considered the wealthiest residents in Britain. The Hinduja family led by Srichand and Gopichand Hinduja has topped the Rich list. The Hinduja's have topped the list with an estimated wealth of 28.472 billion pounds.

baron Lakshmi Niwas Mittal is placed in the sixth spot with a wealth estimated to be around 17 billion pounds. He was placed at the fifth spot in the list last year. Anil Agarwal, the founder and chairperson of Vedanta Group is placed at the 16th spot with a wealth of 9.2 billion pounds. Last year, he was ranked 15th in the list. He moved one rank up due to an increase in

Towards a Greener Cleaner India



Climate change has always been an integral part of human existence. With rapid industrialisation and urbanisation since the 19th century, climate change has acquired a new dimension, threatening the sustainability of life, livelihood and the surrounding ecosystem. The rising incidence of extreme climate events in recent decades has raised greater public awareness about its adverse effects. Growing scientific evidence that climate change is also caused by human activities – a result of excessive burning of fossil fuels; deforestation; inappropriate agricultural practices, etc. – has led to a global consensus on the need for coordinated policy actions, encompassing both adaptation and mitigation strategies. Since the historic Paris Agreement of 2016, climate agenda has increasingly become target-oriented. India has embarked on an ambitious and

targeted climate action plan while balancing its growth and environmental objectives. In line with the target of Net Zero emissions by 2070, India has updated its nationally determined contributions (NDCs), which aim at raising the share of renewable energy and reducing the carbon emissions intensity of GDP by 2030. India presented its Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategy at the COP27, covering plans for expansion of green hydrogen production, electrolyser manufacturing capacity and increased use of biofuels.

To strengthen solutions-based international cooperation, India has also launched and nurtured the International Solar Alliance, the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure, and the Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment). India ranked seventh in the list of most affected countries in terms of exposure and vulnerability to climate risk events as per the Global Climate Risk Index 2021, but it is also the highest ranked G-20 country in its climate protection performance as per the Climate Change Performance Index 2023. This reflects the

progress made on four parameters – greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions; renewable energy; energy use; and climate policy. India has become the most populous country in the world. Preserving food and energy security amidst extreme climatic events while obtaining access to technology and critical raw materials required for successful green transition will, therefore, remain a key policy challenge for India. Climate change induced risks to macro-financial prospects of the country and the range of policy options available to mitigate climate risks require dedicated research. Such research becomes even more critical in the context of the complexity and non-linearity of the ways in which climate, economy, financial systems and related policies operate. Climate change is manifesting itself at an alarming scale and pace globally. Emerging and developing economies are the most vulnerable in terms of technological capabilities and access to finance for adaptation and mitigation. There has been a significant increase in climate action, both multilaterally and in

individual countries. Alongside fiscal policies, recent years have seen a growing experimentation with regulatory instruments and hence, the role of government in combating climate change is coming to the fore.

Climate change is upon us. According to the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), the period 2015-22 is the warmest on record. Despite the cooling effects of La Nina into its third year, 2022 was the eighth consecutive year in which annual global temperature reached at least 1 degree Celsius above pre-Industrial Revolution levels, fuelled by ever-rising greenhouse gas (GHG) concentrations and accumulated heat. In the European Alps, glacier melt records were broken in 2022. Switzerland lost about 6 per cent of its glacier ice volume between 2021 and 2022. For the first time in history, there was no accumulation of fresh ice even at the very highest measurement sites (WMO, 2023). Sea levels increased by about 5 millimetres during January 2021 – August 2022 due to increasing ice melt. In 2021, the upper 2000 metres of the ocean continued to warm to

record levels. Furthermore, 58 per cent of the ocean surface experienced at least one marine heat wave during 2022. There was a drop in the Antarctic sea ice extent to 1.92 million km², which was the lowest level on record and was almost 1 million km² below the long-term average. In East Africa, rainfall was below average in four wet seasons consecutively, the longest in 40 years (WMO, 2023). The persistent drought resulted in the worst levels of food crisis for an estimated 18.4-19.3 million people (WMO, 2022). During 1970-2019, weather, climate and water hazards reported deaths and 74 per cent of total reported economic losses (WMO, 2021). These hazards have undermined livelihoods and infrastructure as well as health, food, energy and water security. Human well-being is endangered and so is the future of the planet. India has faced its hottest February in 2023 since record-keeping began in 1901 (IMD, 2023). In March, large parts of the country experienced hailstorms and torrents of unseasonal rain, leading to

apprehensions of extensive damage to standing crops. According to India's Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), the country experienced extreme weather events on 314 of 365 days of 2022, which claimed 3,026 lives, affected 1.96 million hectares of crop area and 4,23,249 houses, and killed over 69,899 animals. Central India witnessed the highest intensity of extreme weather events. Among the states, Madhya Pradesh had the highest number of days with extreme weather, but Himachal Pradesh from the north-west region reported the highest number of deaths. In the eastern and north-eastern regions, Assam suffered from the highest number of damaged houses and animal deaths. In the southern peninsula region, Karnataka experienced extreme weather events on 91 days during the year and accounted for 53 per cent of the total crop area affected across the country. In 2022, India recorded its seventh wettest January since 1901. March was the third driest and warmest ever in 121 years. Eastern and north-eastern India saw their warmest and driest July in 121 years.

These regions also recorded their second warmest August and the fourth warmest September in 2022. India seems to be at the watermark of climate change – rather than single events, it is the increased frequency of extreme weather occurrences that is breaking the back of our capability to cope with natural disasters. There is a definite rising trend; but more than the events themselves, India is grappling "economics of climate change", relating to (a) assessing the economic impact of climate change on growth and development; and (b) economic assessment of climate change policies. Seminal work attempting to understand the economics of climate change has been undertaken through the Integrated Assessment Models (IAMs) such as the Dynamic Integrated model of Climate and the Economy (DICE) (Nordhaus, 1992; Stern, 2007). Affirmative action in pursuit of the climate good is of even more recent vintage. The Paris Agreement of 2016 has been a landmark in achieving the first legally binding international treaty on climate change for all signatories, a

successor to the Kyoto Protocol of 2005. This Agreement has introduced long-term goals regarding the reduction of GHG emissions, and provision of finance to developing countries by developed countries to adapt to and mitigate climate change. Despite the slow pace of implementation, unfulfilled commitments towards collectively financing climate action and vulnerability/discord/knowledge gaps, the Agreement has offered a glimmer of hope about the transition towards a greener cleaner world. India's development strategy since independence has left certain environmental imprints. This recognition is belatedly spurring investments in environment-friendly alternative sources of energy and in climate science and technology. Today, India is striving to consolidate its position in the ongoing global climate policy discourse with an urgency not seen before as the world races to head off the debilitating effects of climate change.

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A Delegation of 45 Students from NIT Puducherry reach NIT Durgapur, WB under Yuva Sangam 2

Durgapur: A delegation of 45 students of diverse higher education institutions such as NIT, Arignar Anna Arts And Science Government College, Dr. S R K Government Arts College, Yanam, Kanchi Mamunivaram Centre For Post Graduate Studies And Research, National Institute Of Technology Puducherry, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru College Of Agriculture And Research Institute, Perinthalaivar Kamarajar Govt Arts College, Puducherry Technological University, Sri Manakula Vinayagar Engineering

College from Puducherry has reached NIT Durgapur, West Bengal today, as a part of the second phase of the Union Government's ambitious cultural and educational endeavour the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Yuva Sangam' programme. NIT Durgapur is the nodal agency on behalf of the Union Ministry of Education for this trip, the delegate members will stay in West Bengal from May 5 to May 12, 2023 for an in-depth understanding of the culture and traditions of the region. The inauguration

ceremony of the event at NIT Durgapur was graced by Dr. Subhas Sarkar, the Union Minister of State for Education. The Union Minister said, "This programme will not only benefit the youths of West Bengal, this will benefit the youths of the entire country. Yuva Sangam is an extension of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' programme which aims to enhance interaction and promote mutual understanding among the youths of the country". "As today students from Puducherry have visited NIT Durgapur, similarly

students of NIT Durgapur will visit various institutions in Puducherry. Students will have a multi-dimensional exposure under five broad areas - Paryatan (Tourism), Parampara (Traditions), Pragati (Development), Pragati Sampark (People-to-people connect) and Prodyogik (Technology). Youths will also experience the diversity of India through this programme. Indian traditions and culture are rich and are globally accepted since the ancient age, we have given 'Zero', 'Pie', etc. Students from

Puducherry will have exposure to rich traditions and culture, food, festivals, art, music, etc. of Bengal", added Dr Sarkar. The delegation was given a warm welcome by Prof Indrajit Basak, Director (Officiating), Dean, and senior members of NIT Durgapur upon reaching. According to Yuva Sangam Nodal Officer for WB, Dr Shri Krishan Rai, the interaction and connection among the youths of different States is of paramount importance in a nation like India, which has the highest number of young

population in the world. During the visit, the delegation will meet the Governor Dr C V Ananda Bose at Raj Bhavan along with a sightseeing trip of the State capital. This will be followed by a visit to Bishnupur and Bankura Village, where they will interact with the local artisans, understand the culture and history and also go to the Durgapur Steel Plant, Shantiniketan and Barrage sunset point. The itinerary also includes an interaction with the VC of Viswa Bharati, followed by a

trip to UBA Adopted Village Pratappur and interaction with the locals there and will conclude with a cultural programme. A brainchild of the Union Ministry of Education, 'Yuva Sangam' Youth Exchange programme under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat aims to strengthen people-to-people connections, especially between youths of different states and introduce to them the culture and values of India. The idea of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat was conceptualised and structured by the Prime

Minister Shri Narendra Modi to create a cultural connect between the various States of India. It also aims to expose youths who embody not just immense talent, global knowledge, spirit of creativity and innovation but also revisit cultural values that reflect the country's humane philosophy. This initiative was launched in February this year and the first phase of Yuva Sangam had an overwhelming participation of 1200 youngsters, with the first batch visiting northeast India.

The 9th edition of Journalism Awards 2023 to celebrate outstanding work in journalism announced

Kolkata (Partha Roy): The ninth edition of "Journalism Awards" is announced by the Journalism Awards Committee on 4th May 2023 in Kolkata. The awards aim to recognize the outstanding work of journalists who have made a significant contribution to the field of journalism. The Journalism Awards 2023 will be open to all West Bengal based journalists who have worked in the industry for at least one year, with categories for print, broadcast, and online journalism. The awards will recognize excellence in reporting, investigative journalism, opinion writing, feature writing and photography among other categories. Since its inception in 2009, Journalism Awards has emerged as one of the premium award ceremonies in Eastern India, celebrating excellence in journalism. It has carved a niche for itself and gained popularity in the media fraternity across West Bengal, for recognizing

their contribution to journalism. This year Journalism Awards Committee would comprise of eminent journalists like Mr Chittaranjan Biswas, veteran Sports Journalist of Anandabazar Patrika, Mr Abhijit Dasgupta, former Director, Doordarshan, Mr Buroshiva Dasgupta, Ex-resident editor of The Financial Express and Mr Subrata Nag Choudhury, former Resident Editor, Indian Express. Apart from honouring the journalists, the committee believes in recognizing the works of the unsung heroes of the society. In future, this committee plans to diverge into some social activities to help the financially deprived and backward journalists. To be eligible, the news material must be published during 1st January 2022 to 31st December, 2022. A Panel of eminent judges chosen by the Jury Members of the 'Journalism Awards Committee' will further

screen the entries to choose the winner from each category. The nominations can be sent to: candidjournalism@gmail.com and the hard copy can be submitted at Candid Communication, Unit 1207- Merlin Infinite, 12th Floor, DN-51 Sector V Salt Lake, Kolkata 700091, West Bengal. Nominations will start immediately post announcement. The last date for filing the nominations would be 30th June '23. The number of award categories are 21. The categories are Business, District Reporting, Electronic Media - Reporting, Electronic Media - Cameraman, General News (Bengali, English, Hindi and Urdu), Lifestyle & Cinema (Bengali and English), Print Media Photography-Lifestyle, Print Media Photography-Sports, Print Media Photography-Feature, Print Media

Photography-News, Sports (Bengali and English) and Bloggers Award. The Journalism Awards, since its inception, has seen eminent personalities from different fields being honoured. Over last eight editions the most prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award have been presented to legendary journalists like Late Moti Nandi, Late S. Nihaal Singh, Late Amitava Chowdhury, Late Uday Banerjee, Late Sukharanjan Sengupta and others. In 2019 renowned journalist Manojit Mitra received the first-ever Late Sumit Sen Lifetime Achievement Award from the former President of India, Late Pranab Mukherjee. Speaking on the occasion, Sayantan Das Adhikari, Director, Candid Communication, said "We are thrilled to announce the launch of the Journalism Awards 2023. We couldn't organise the award

during and the post covid year. Journalism is a vital part of a democratic society and that it is essential to recognize and encourage outstanding journalism. The awards will provide a platform for journalists to showcase their work and will help to raise awareness of the important role that journalism plays in society." During the announcement of the nomination for the award, Swati Chakrabarty, Director Operations, Candid Communication, said "Journalism is a crucial pillar of democracy, and journalists play an essential role in informing the public, holding those in power accountable, and shedding light on important issues. The Journalism Awards 2023 will recognize and celebrate the exceptional work of journalists who are dedicated to the pursuit of truth and excellence."

S Jaishankar Welcomes Pak Foreign Minister At Regional Meet SCO In Goa

New Delhi: Minister of External Affairs S Jaishankar today welcomed his Pakistani counterpart Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari in Goa at a conclave of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO). Visuals showed the foreign ministers' customary greeting with folded hands before the two posed for pictures and Mr Jaishankar directed him to the venue. Bilawal Bhutto has become the first senior leader from the neighbouring country to visit India in almost 12 years. However, there's no confirmation yet of a bilateral between India and Pakistan's Foreign Ministers. Mr Bhutto's visit to India to attend the SCO Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) meeting comes amid continuing strain in ties between the two countries on a host of issues, including Islamabad's use of cross-border terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir. The Pakistan foreign minister was received at the airport in Goa earlier today by JP Singh, the



joint secretary heading the Pakistan-Afghanistan-Iran division at the external affairs ministry. Earlier, on the sidelines of the big meeting at Benuilim in Goa, Mr Jaishankar spoke to Chinese Foreign Minister Qin Gang, who reiterated that the situation at the India-China border is generally stable, and both sides should consolidate the present achievements and strictly abide by the relevant agreements while pushing for further cooling and easing of the conditions for sustainable peace and tranquillity at the frontier. In a tweet after the talks,

Mr Jaishankar said the focus remained on resolving outstanding issues and ensuring peace and tranquillity in the border areas. "A detailed discussion with State Councillor and FM Qin Gang of China on our bilateral relationship. Focus remains on resolving outstanding issues and ensuring peace and tranquillity in the border areas," he said. India took over the rotating presidency of the SCO at the Samarkand SCO Summit in 2022. This year, India is hosting several important SCO meetings, including the Foreign Ministers' meeting in Goa from May 4-5.

Mann Ki Baat created a revolution, says Biswa Ranjan-Bharatiya Pravasi Parishad Association of Kuwait - BPP



Kuwait : Area President of Bharatiya Pravasi Parishad Association of Kuwait Mr Biswa Ranjan on Sunday said that, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's monthly radio programme Mann Ki Baat (MKB) created a revolution. "He said that the Prime Minister mentioned common man's voices and unsung heroes for betterment of society." "Bisw Ranjan noted that, the Prime Minister during his speeches have covered all the subjects from village to space." "At a programme organised at Kuwait- BPP. All the Pravasi Parishad listened to the 100th episode of Mann Ki Baat along with personalities who were mentioned by Narendra Modi during the programme in the past. stated that after the Prime Minister started Mann Ki Baat, radio came to limelight. "He reached ordinary citizens through this medium. He is a great communicator and motivator," He Said. "He noted that the common men mentioned by the PM during the monthly programme came into the limelight." "He claimed that when people were hesitating to take Covid vaccine, Modi motivated them to take vaccination. Similarly the PM propagated Swachh Bharat. About 70 lakh youngsters took part in the drive. "He took Har Gharr Tiranga to every house. He also talked about transplantation in MKB due to which people were motivated to come forward to donate. The PM also mentioned the youngest donor." "The Biswa Ranjan spoke about the past, present and also future in this programme and his strong words inspired people. Due to Atma Nirbhar Bharat, local production got a boost. The PM also talked about ancient things and also advancements. We are gifted to have a Prime Minister like Modiji," He added.

Wrong, Says Uddhav Thackeray Party Leader On Ally Sharad Pawar's Criticism

Mumbai: Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut on Thursday termed the criticism of Uddhav Thackeray in Nationalist Congress Party supremo Sharad Pawar's autobiography "wrong information" and downplayed it by claiming books are read for two days and then put into libraries. He also said Mr Thackeray would soon respond to what has been written about him in the book. In his revised autobiography 'Lok Majhe Sangati', which focuses on events post-2015 and was released on Tuesday, Mr Pawar wrote it was difficult to fathom why Thackeray as chief minister chose to visit Mantralaya, the state secretariat in south Mumbai, only twice during the coronavirus pandemic. "This is wrong

information. He (Thackeray) was regularly going to office. His visits (to Mantralaya) reduced during coronavirus pandemic because there was a central government directive to work from home," Mr Raut said, adding that the prime minister, Union ministers and other chief ministers too were not going to office during the pandemic. In his book, Mr Pawar also blamed Mr Thackeray for failing to quell the discontent within his own party and for resigning as Maharashtra chief minister without putting up a fight. A rebellion by Eknath Shinde in June last year brought down the Maha Vikas Aghadi government under Thackeray. Mr Shinde went on to become the

CM with the support of the Bharatiya Janata Party. Mr Pawar wrote that a CM needs "political acumen" and must remain well-informed about political goings-on, and "we all felt that these things were lacking". Speaking on the issue, Mr Raut said, "I have not read the book. I will read it. People read a book for two days and then it goes into the library. Let it go. Shiv Sena (UBT) chief (Uddhav Thackeray) is giving an interview on this very soon. He will respond to what is written about him." At his book launch event on May 2, Mr Pawar left the leaders and workers of the Nationalist Congress Party shellshocked when he announced that he would be stepping down as the NCP chief.

Warning For Fishermen

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Fishermen have been warned not to venture into sea in South East Bay of Bengal and adjoining areas from Sunday onwards in view of the likely formation of a cyclonic storm.

HR Biswas, Head of MeT Centre, Bhubaneswar has said the fishermen, small ships, boats and trawlers are advised not to venture into South East Bay of Bengal and adjoining areas from 7 May onwards and into adjoining Central Bay of Bengal from 9 May onwards.

Shri Biswas said there

is likely formation of a cyclonic storm, squally weather with wind speed reaching 40 to 50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph is likely to prevail over the southeast BoB and adjoining areas of Andaman Sea from 7 May and wind speed will gradually increase further over the areas.

So far information for tourist and travelers for Andaman and Nicobar Islands, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said that bad weather condition like squally weather and heavy rainfall activity is likely over Andaman and Nicobar Islands during 8-11May and advised to

regulate tourism and offshore activities and shipping over Andaman and Nicobar Islands during these days.

IMD in its Tropical Weather Outlook issued on Thursday said that IMD-GFS weather model indicates that the system may move towards the Bangladesh-Myanmar coast and intensify into a very severe cyclonic storm category.

The MeT Bhubaneswar has already informed that a cyclonic circulation is likely to develop over Southeast Bay of



Bengal around 6 May. Under its influence, a low pressure area is likely to form over the same region around 7 May. It is likely to concentrate into a

depression over South East Bay of Bengal on 8 May. "Thereafter, it is likely to intensify into a cyclonic storm while moving nearly

northwards towards central Bay of Bengal. The cyclonic storm may take shape around 9 May", said IMD sources.

The Model is indicating North-North Westwards movement till 10 May and North Eastwards re-curvature thereafter towards South East Bangladesh and adjoining Myanmar coasts, said he.

While the IMD is yet to issue any specific warning for Odisha, the State Government has already put District Magistrates all the Coastal and adjoining districts and officials of related Departments

on the alert.

All cyclone-prone districts are kept in a state of readiness. District Administrations along with the NDRF, ODRAF, and others are in readiness for any possible eventuality, pointed out a senior officer of Special Relief Commissioner Office.

On 8 May, 2022 cyclonic storm 'Asani' had developed in the Bay of Bengal but later fizzled out and later crossed the Andhra Pradesh coast as a depression. The severe cyclonic storm

'YAAS' made landfall in Odisha's Balasore district on the morning of 26 May, 2021, while Cyclone Amphan made landfall between the Sagar islands of West Bengal and the Hatiya islands of Bangladesh on the evening of 20 May, 2020. The last storm forming in Bay of Bengal in April was 'FANI', which made landfall over the Odisha coast near Puri as an extremely severe cyclonic storm on 3 May, 2019. It severely affected several coastal districts including Capital City of Bhubaneswar.

Dev Asks For Outcome Budget

Bhubaneswar: With the passing of one month of new financial year. Principal Secretary Finance Vishal Kumar Dev has asked 27 Major Spending Departments to mandatorily prepare Online Outcome Budget for the year 2022-23 in BETA system.

Other Departments can also prepare an Online Outcome Budget for the year 2022-23 in the Budget Execution Technique Automation (BETA) system.

The prefilled input data like name of the schemes, sub schemes, budget outlays will be auto-populated in the online module in BETA system.

Other information like objective of the scheme, output, output indicators, outcome, outcome indicators etc. are to be filled in by the stakeholder departments in the respective fields in the module, he said.

Besides, the information/data filled up by the Departments in the previous year 2022-23 have been made available in the module in BETA system for the year 2023-24 so as to ease the process and facilitate smooth updation of information, Dev said.

After filling up and updation of the required



fields in BETA, the outcome budget report will be generated in a tabular form. The same is required to be sent by the department to the concerned Branch of Finance Department.

The Finance Department will provide necessary comments/suggestions, if any, on the report and return it back to the respective Administrative Departments through the system.

After Incorporation of above comments/suggestions, the departments shall send the report to the concerned Budget & Expenditure Branches of Finance Department with

approval of the Secretary of the respective departments in the system for vetting. The concerned Budget & Expenditure Branches of the Finance Department will vet the report with their views/suggestions, if any, and send it back to the Administrative Departments with approval of Secretary, Finance.

Then the Administrative Departments will approve the Outcome Budget document in BETA System after due incorporation of comments/suggestions of the Finance Department. Once the respective

Administrative Department approves the online Outcome Budget for the year 2023-24, department wise outcome budget reports will be available to them in the BETA System. The Finance Department will generate a single consolidated Outcome Budget report for the year 2023-24 in a tabular format. The Administrative Departments have been asked to complete the exercise latest by 29th June, 2023.

The real value of the Outcome Budget lies in its utility as a policy tool to link allocation and disbursement of public funds with proper periodic monitoring of its outputs and outcomes. The online monitoring module in BETA system will be updated for the year 2023-24 and the same shall be intimated to the Departments as well as other stakeholders later.

The Principal Secretary requested different Departments to issue necessary instructions to the FAs/AFAs (Nodal Officers) as well as the Budget Controlling Officers for timely formulation of Online Outcome Budget, 2023-24 in Budget Execution Technique Automation (BETA) System and its effective implementation.

Include historic Khandagiri and Udayagiri caves in UNESCO list: Aparajita Sarangi

BHUBANESWAR: MP Aparajita Sarangi has urged the Centre to include historical Khandagiri and Udayagiri caves in the city in the UNESCO World Heritage Site list. In a letter to Union Minister of Tourism and Culture G Kishan Reddy, Sarangi said the twin hills of Udayagiri and Khandagiri within the state capital of Odisha, is a centrally protected monument under Archeological Survey of India (ASI) and associated exclusively with Jaina pantheon. "This site is widely known for rock cut caves dedicated to



Jainism. Besides, the site is famous for the famous Brahmi inscriptions of 17 lines in Prakrit language pertaining to the period of King Kharavela of Mahameghavahana Chedi dynasty dated 1st century BC," the letter

said. Sarangi said the site also has pre-historic remains from the mesolithic period. The facade of the cells in the caves are carved with sculptural friezes like women rescuing scene from wild elephant, deer,

hunting scene, female dancing scene, couple offering flowers, ganas/yakshyas and yakshis, royal procession, and the unique guard/door keeper of Greco-Roman style etc.




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Cookie thief



One evening, a woman was waiting in a boarding lounge of an airport with several long hours for her delayed flight. She had plan to get home by evening for the week-end dinner in a restaurant with her family. With a bit of impatience, she bought a book in the airport shops and also bought a packet of her favourite cookies: almond & raisin cookies. She spotted two empty seats next to a man who was reading a newspaper and occupied the empty seat farthest from him. The lady sat down on, took out the book out of her purse and quickly got absorbed in it. With one hand holding the book, she stretched her other hand to reach the bag of cookies kept on the empty seat between her and the man. She picked up one cookie, took bite and felt little good after a tiring long waiting. As she stretched her hand for the second cookie, she sensed another hand doing the same. Through the corner of her eye, she saw the man also munching her favourites cookies from the same packet. The man was stealing her cookies! She could not concentrate on her book and kept on staring at the stranger's hand continuing to take the cookies out of the bag. The woman felt disgusted and thought furiously, "How dare he do that! After all, these are my cookies! The shameless man does not have the courtesy to ask her permission!" However, she decided to ignore the man to avoid a scene.

"Is the man highly innocent?" "Is he running short of change and feeling hungry?" "Is he trying to be friendly with her?" "Is he a rogue?" "Is he crazy and absent minded?" "Is he a habitual thief?" Hundreds of thoughts stormed her mind. At one point, she became tempted to pull the pack of cookies out of his reach, but she held herself. Instead, she made an eye contact and expressed her disgust, anger at her best. The man only smiled at her, shifted his eyes on his newspaper and continued to take the cookies. So, she munched the cookies hurriedly and watched the clock, as the courageous cookie thief diminished her stock of cookies. She was getting more and more irritated as the minutes ticked by, thinking, "If I wasn't so

nice, I would have punched on his face." This went on for couple of minutes. With each cookie she took, the man took one too, until only one was left. With a smile on his face, and a nervous laugh, he picked up the last cookie and broke it in halves. He offered her one half and ate the other half. The woman, literally snatched the one half of the cookie from the grip of the man and thought, "Oh, this is height of nonsense. The guy didn't even show any gratitude!" She had never known she could be so much annoyed. But, she sighed with relief to hear the announcement for passengers on her flight for boarding. She gathered her belongings and headed to the boarding gate with an angry face, refusing to look back at the cookie thief.

The woman boarded the plane and sank in her seat for a while. Then she decided to concentrate on her book to get her mind off the cookie thief. As she reached inside her hand bag to pull out the book, she gasped with surprise. What was he seeing? THERE WAS HER PACKET OF COOKIES, UNOPENED!

"Oh, no! This can't be!" She sighed and her face turned red with shame. "If mine are here, the others were his and he gladly shared with me!" she moaned in despair. She had thought that the man (gentleman) was such a terrible guy! She realized with grief that she must apologize, as she was the rude one, the ungrateful, the real cookie thief! She stood up and desperately looked forward and backward, but the man was nowhere in sight. The woman, apparently lost, dropped to her seat and hid her face out of shame with her palms. The aircraft moved on for take off.

The Story of the Cookie Thief offers us an insightful and brilliant life lessons.

Ø What happened between the woman and the man with a pack of cookies in the airport boarding lounge, happens to all of us. We go through our lives with the feeling that others are taking benefit of our skills, talents, and hard work; stealing all our cookies. Many a times, we never know that the cookies we think as our own, actually do not belong to us, those belong to somebody else. But, we happily accept the credits for those, which are invisibly the outcome of support of other people. We do not find it unethical to enjoy that achievement. Members of a highly

performing team or Joint venture also suffer from the syndrome of 'stolen cookies', where each member thinks that other members are stealing his cookies and earning fame out of him.

Ø The second inspiring lesson of the story is that it is important to support other people even though we never know what others are going through. Like the gentleman couldn't understand why the woman was eating his cookies and even then, he shared with her with love, respect and compassion. He gladly tolerated her eating his cookies without complaining. This is how we should treat each other in life with a respectful and cooperative attitude.

Ø The third inspiring lesson of the story is that things may not always be as they appear. We tend to make quick assumptions about people, circumstances, and situations based on our preconceived notions, prejudices and unconscious bias without considering the full information. We fail to realize that we are missing all the facts, or we have overconfidence in our analytical abilities. As a result, we invariably jump into conclusions and invite negative consequences. So, we should not be too quick to jump to conclusions. It is always advisable to look at the facts and be sure that we haven't overlooked anything.

Ø The next lesson we get from the story is that, judging is the easiest thing to do based on our own assumptions that we take for granted boldly and confidently. We judge without recognizing the fact that there might be a much bigger picture behind the scene. May be others have a good reason to do for what they're doing. We need to search with an open mind for evidence defying our favored beliefs, plans or goals. We need to be a little more kind and a little less judgmental. So, henceforth, if you find somebody is sharing your cookies, don't concern yourself. There will also be occasions, when like that woman, you will be eating some other's cookies, mistaking them as your own. Do not feel bad about it, do not be angry and do not be rude. Instead, take a pause and just smile like the gentleman. Finally, go ahead in your life with a positive attitude and be sure, there are pack of cookies waiting for you somewhere for your benefit.

Ashis Kumar Panda

West Bengal Government empowering MSMEs in the State for growth

Kolkata (Partha Roy): A MSMEs and Government of West Bengal interactive session titled "Empowering MSME's of West Bengal" held on May 3, 2023, at Biswa Bangla Milan Mela Prangan, Kolkata organised by Indian Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with West Bengal Small Industries Development Corporation Ltd (WBSIDCL). The session aimed to empower MSME's in West Bengal and highlight their economic contributions. The event witnessed the unveiling of WBSIDCL booklet along with the signing of the WBSIDCL MOU with the State Bank of India, followed by distribution of ZED Bronze certificates to MSME units and a session on access to credit by SBI, MSME Sustainable ZED certification scheme & Procedure of ZED Registration and Product Quality Control. Eminent dignitaries like Shri Nikhil Nirmal IAS, MD, WBSIDCL, Dr. Rajeev Singh Director General, Indian Chamber of Commerce, Shri Musaraf Hussien Vice Chairman WBSIDCL, Jay Prakash Mazumdar, Director, WBSIDCL, Shri Meghnath De, Special Secretary, MSME&T, and Shri V. Teja Deepak IAS Executive Director & OSD, WBSIDCL. According to Shri Nikhil Nirmal IAS, "The MSME sector is an important pillar of the Indian



economy, contributing significantly to job creations and economic growth. It is crucial to empower MSME's and provide them with the assistance and resources they require to develop and prosper. The initiative is a step towards achieving the goal. It aims to strengthen the state's micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs). Since its inception under the MSME&T department, the agency has created 51 industrial parks and commercial estates across the state, offering infrastructural and marketing support to MSMEs. The industrial parks offer land and sheds at reduced prices for the establishment of companies with modern facilities, resulting in a large number of employment opportunities in the state. The business also assists roughly 200 MSME suppliers with marketing and supplies operating items to government We leverage cutting-edge digital technology to revive MSME involvement and increase transparency in their operations. We have implemented land allocation software to make conducting business easier. All of the corporation's activities

have been recognised at the state and national levels, for which we have been nominated for and received various awards. The organisation has won three honours at the 9th edition of the Governance Now PSU honours. We have worked with SBI to assist MSMEs in obtaining loans for investment." Dr. Rajeev Singh, Director General, Indian Chamber of Commerce, delivered the Theme Address at the inaugural session and stated, "The MSME sector plays an important role in the Indian economy's growth, and it is important to promote and empower MSMEs in order to drive growth in the economy and generate opportunities. This initiative is a commendable effort. The MSME department and WBSIDCL have done this programme to help MSMEs in the state. West Bengal's ecosystem has aided MSMEs in growing and expanding beyond the state's borders. The theme is empowering MSMEs and honouring their accomplishments by honouring those who perform outstanding job. I recognise MSMEs' limitations, such as limited resources and regulatory issues, but also

their contributions to wealth creation and employment. There is an immense need to prepare for future difficulties such as emerging technologies and changing markets, as well as to focus on competitiveness via quality, technology adoption, market links, and branding. I propose expanding access to common resources such as testing and R&D laboratories, and I believe the government can help by providing land and subsidising equipment." Shri Meghnath De, Special Secretary, MSME&T, stated, "We are committed to providing the essential support to enable the development of the MSME sector, which is essential for the growth of the Indian economy. We are glad to collaborate with WBSIDCL to assist MSMEs in West Bengal in reaching their full potential. It is necessary to report progress and gather comments on the department's cluster of initiatives for inclusive and sustainable growth. The department executes programmes and initiatives through several MSME agencies, including WBSIDCL, SME and Textile directorates, Bishwa Bangla Marketing Corporation, and others. Three MSME facilitation councils are established to

resolve late payments and skill development activities. In recent years, the department has been successful in producing over Rs. 100,000 crore in bank loans for MSMEs in West Bengal." Shri Jay Prakash Mazumdar, Director, WBSIDCL, emphasized the government's efforts to support MSME sector in West Bengal. He stated, "The MSME sector is the backbone of our economy, and the government is dedicated to providing all necessary assistance and resources to assist them in growing and prospering. I am happy to encourage MSMEs and recognise their unique geographical location, which has historically attracted enterprises and industries. The MOU and tie-up with SBI will further promote the growth of small and medium-sized businesses in the state, which we hope will help them regain their position as a major industrial hub." Shri V. Teja Deepak IAS, Executive Director & OSD, WBSIDCL, said "The event provided a platform for MSMEs to network, share their experiences, and learn about new advancements and prospects in their sector. We are dedicated to aiding the expansion of MSMEs in West Bengal, and this event was that significant step in that direction...." Shri Musaraf Hussien, Vice Chairman WBSIDCL, said ".... State Government can help to establish a strong and sustainable economy in West Bengal by providing the assistance and resources needed for MSMEs to succeed."

Ecom Express announces 55,000 registrations for its Delivery Partner Program

Bhubaneswar / Gurugram: Ecom Express Limited, a new-age technology-driven end-to-end logistics solutions provider to the e-commerce industry, announced that it has crossed 55,000 gig workers registration on their dedicated app called 'Ecom Sanjeev' to onboard delivery partners since its launch in September 2021. The company's delivery partner program aims to create part-time work opportunities for individuals with the option of flexible timings to maximize their earnings by delivering e-commerce shipments to customers. Delivery Partners working through Ecom Express' gig model can earn

anywhere between Rs. 15,000 to Rs. 60,000 per month. Close to 60 per cent of registrations have been from Tier 4 cities and towns, indicating massive affinity for gig opportunities in those areas. The top 10 cities/towns with the highest registrations include from Delhi, Bengaluru, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Chennai, Kolkata, Pune, Lucknow, Gurugram and Patna. In Odisha, over 4000 gig-workers have registered for part time engagement as delivery partners with Ecom Express. Most of the registrations have been from Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Rourkela, Berhampur and Sambalpur among other

cities. Saurabh Deep Singla, Chief People Officer, Ecom Express said, "Since the launch of our ESP program last year, we have created opportunities for students, homemakers and individuals looking to supplement and maximize their income by delivering e-commerce shipments during their spare time. This flagship program, besides empowering gig workforce, also helped the company to scale their delivery capabilities in assuring speed, reliability, and effective logistics solutions to deliver online-ordered products at end-customers' doorstep safely." The company has also

announced provision of accidental insurance of Rs. 2 lakhs to safeguard delivery partners from any mishaps, besides offering a host of other benefits, including attendance bonus depending on their work continuity. Referral programs are run from time to time to expand the delivery partner base while rewarding the existing partners. To create stronger affiliation with delivery partners, Ecom Express has further collaborated with leading brands to provide numerous enticing benefits. Any individual, male or female, fresher or experienced, can earn extra income by applying for this part-time job online using the

app, Ecom Sanjeev, available on Google Playstore. They will have the flexibility to choose their preferred time slots and workdays. To join as a Delivery Partner with Ecom Express, candidates must possess a valid Aadhaar card, preferably own a vehicle, and have a smartphone. Ecom Express also allows gig workers who don't have any owned vehicle to register themselves and work. All personal documents for enrollment can be uploaded through the Ecom Sanjeev app and the verification (PAN card, Bank account) is done online along with physical document verification at the nearest Ecom Express center.

Ambuja Cements and ACC's Change The Story campaign wins Bronze at the ABBY Awards

Mumbai: The first sustainability campaign 'Change The Story' of Ambuja Cements and ACC, has won a Bronze Award at the recent ABBY Awards 2022, under the Green Award category. This category is awarded to outstanding communication that features planet conservation, sustainability etc. The

"Change The Story" campaign aimed to create awareness about sustainability and showcase technology-backed solutions that offer effective and measurable outcomes in this regard. The #ChangeTheStory campaign highlights a non-invasive bubble barrier technology, which will remove around 2,400 tonnes of

plastic waste from Agra's Mantola canal, thereby preventing its entry into the Yamuna river. The crux of the campaign lay in reaching out to a wide audience across India and globally—and communicating the campaign's features. The campaign winning this honour at the ABBY Awards—often touted as the Oscars of Indian advertising—was

designed in collaboration with Alok Nanda and Company and serves as another reminder of the crucial role sustainability plays at Ambuja Cements and ACC. #ChangeTheStory campaign was rolled out across multiple platforms, including print and digital, reaching out to an approximate 32 million people. One of its lead video films conveyed the

message, through the lens of a scientist, that it's time to change the story by taking out the plastic and freeing our rivers of their polluted past. The campaign further leveraged the power of music and created a rap song across owned platforms featuring the campaign mnemonic "Bubble Sharma". This was followed by a bouquet of informative posts and

videos on social media. ACC and Ambuja Cements collaborated with micro and nano influencers to drive engagement around the bubble barrier technology. The two companies were the first to launch an augmented reality-based game in India, which created an immersive experience for users by illustrating the state of marine plastic pollution

and the basic functioning of the Bubble Barrier technology. This game convinces the user to play their role in driving change by encouraging players to "bubble pop" their way to cleaner oceans and safer habitats for marine organisms. Mr. Neeraj Akhoury, CEO India Holcim and Managing Director & CEO of Ambuja Cements Ltd., said that the

award served yet another reminder of the company's efforts towards sustainability. "We are elated and honoured that a campaign that's important to us has received the recognition that it deserved. Sustainability and business go hand in hand at Ambuja Cements and ACC Ltd. This will encourage us to further step up our efforts in this direction."

Got to use a little bit of the 'upstairs' to get the job done - Brian Lara

NewDelhi: "We're trying to get a winning combination. We seem to be getting it, definitely in the bowling department. Those guys have put their hands up in nearly every single match. We just let them down with the bat." This is how head coach Brian Lara summed up Sunrisers Hyderabad's IPL 2023 so far. The 2016 champions are second from the bottom of the points table, with only six points from nine games. They have won only one match in their last five attempts, and the chief reason for their dwindling stocks this season has been their lack of impact with the bat. Even in their most recent fixture against Kolkata Knight Riders

on Thursday (May 4), Sunrisers fell short with the bat as they finished with 166 in a chase of 172, with Varun Chakaravathy defending eight in the final over. Lara felt early wickets and the lack of partnerships have hurt Sunrisers, and advocated the need for match-awareness to go with all the intent they have showcased. "We keep losing a couple of wickets in the powerplay. That always sets you back a bit. We asked [Heinrich] Klaasen, who has been batting tremendously for us, to do all the hardwork again. He's coming in at No.6 and we've got five quality players before him. It's always been a task, I wouldn't



say uphill. Obviously the batters will know that the responsibility of winning the game on such a good batting track lay in their hands and we were unable to do it. I just believe that we have to place a little

more importance on partnerships and understanding a little bit of match awareness. It's all great to be aggressive and have all the intent. But you got to use a little bit upstairs to get the job

done. Sunrisers got off to a positive start in the chase as they managed 53 in the powerplay but they also lost three wickets in the process. A 70-run stand off 47 balls between Klaasen

and skipper Aiden Markram revived the innings. But the departure of the set batters and a fine spell in the death from from Varun CV meant that SRH slipped to their sixth loss. When asked if the SRH batters could have done better again spin, Lara replied: "They are quality spinners and we're seeing that as a trend, as the tournament goes on the spinners are coming into play. We try to maximise the powerplay, see how much we can get in the powerplay. We won the powerplay, actually. It's just the fact that we lost a couple of wickets and the likes of Narine, Chakaravathy, they are all world class

spinners. "At that stage maybe understanding what was necessary. Markram and Klaasen did put on a good partnership, we got ourselves right back in the game with a couple of big overs and lost a couple of wickets at a very crucial stage of the match. I wouldn't say it's a weakness against spin or anything like that. I just believe that we had a game to win. We have to hold our hands up and say they didn't beat us, we lost the game," he said. Meanwhile, it was another failure for Harry Brook who was dismissed for a duck for the second successive time and hasn't done much since his century against the Knight Riders a few weeks

back. Lara said it's up to Brook to figure out what's going wrong for him, and that he and the other members of the coaching staff are always there to listen and help him out. "Harry works very hard in the nets. He hits a lot of balls, he looks in good shape in the nets. When you look at him batting and preparing for the match, he looks in pretty good shape. Harry will have to work out what's going wrong. I'm always here with an ear to listen to or give advice anytime needed. We also have a batting coach in Hemang as well. So we've got the ingredients to work with any of the players. Hopefully if Harry improves it will be a great benefit for the team."

Doha Diamond League 2023: How Relentless Neeraj Chopra Prepares Himself Ahead Of A Long And Busy Season

NewDelhi: When Neeraj Chopra began his 2022 season, there were more eyeballs on him than ever before. The success in Tokyo had brought him attention. From August to December 2021, he had just attended felicitation ceremonies, functions and weddings which affected his training schedule. It was only in late December that he began his training in USA and it had to start with cutting down on the weight. Neeraj had gained 12 kgs in four months as he ate whatever he had missed out on. The first month was spent cutting down the fat percentage in body. This eventually delayed his season as he missed the Doha Diamond League 2022. After a long break of ten months, Neeraj began his season at Turku Paavo Nurmi Games and threw 89.30m to break his own



national record. That throw was a statement to the naysayers, who felt that his Olympic heroics was a fluke. The 25-year-old from Haryana did not stop there. He broke his national record again with a throw of 89.94m at the Stockholm Diamond League, won the silver medal at World Championship despite a troubled thigh and also became the first Indian to win a Diamond League

title. In a nutshell, Neeraj made history again last season. In his second season after Olympics, he has more eyeballs on him, more fan following and the weight of expectations is also slightly more this time. Neeraj realises the growing popularity and levels of expectations but he still wants to remain in present and not overthink about his performances. Ahead of the Doha

Diamond League, Neeraj put more focus on working on his muscles. His coach Klaus Bartonietz has worked hard on this aspect of training as the star javelin thrower aims to 'end questions on elusive 90m distance'. "Training program remains almost the same at the start of the season. But we have tried to do something extra in the pre-season camps. I was

running with weights attached to me through a string, doing cross steps with javelin. This is to work on the specific muscle group to gain more strength. We increased the weights during strength training to work on those muscles. We cannot push too much and change too much but yes, the focus was on improvement," Neeraj had told group of journalists ahead of the new season.

The association with Klaus has worked wonders for Neeraj. The coach and the athlete relationship matters a lot in individual sports. Neeraj says that Klaus' calming presence and jovial nature helps him a great deal. He adds that while a coach is important, an athlete needs to better understand his body and its need in an individual sport as he or she is alone when the action takes place.

Central University of Odisha bids farewell to the Registrar



Korapat: The Central University of Odisha bid farewell to the outgoing Registrar, Dr. Asit Kumar Das in a befitting manner by organizing a farewell function on its campus at Sunabeda on Thursday 04.05.2023. Dr. Das joined the University in May 2018 and completed his 5 years tenure. He was given a warm farewell and felicitation by Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi; the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor; Prof. Sudhendu Mandal, Adviser - Academic & Administration, Prof. S. K. Palita, Dean School of Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources, Prof. N. C. Panda, Dean School of Languages, Shri K. Kosala Rao, Finance Officer; Teachers, Officers and administrative staff of the University. Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Tripathi recalled the work done by Dr. Das at CUO which has benefited the University and many employees. He said "Dr. Das was the Chief Secretary of our University family. He was a teacher first and then an administrator.

Therefore, in his administration, there was always a sense of a teacher, which played an important role in shaping the culture of future human beings. He has possessed all the good qualities of Jagannath culture of Odisha and has also enriched them". In the end, the Vice-Chancellor wished him a healthy, peaceful, and prosperous life. Prof. Mandal recalled the struggle of Dr. Das throughout his life to reach the highest position of Registrar of the Central University. He highlighted the various academic achievements of the outgoing Registrar. Prof. Mandal also greeted him with utariya and expressed his healthy future life. Prof. Panda gave him a warm farewell by chanting the Veda mantra. Prof. S. K. Palita recalled his participation in many decision-making committees of the University which helped the University administration to come up with correct solutions during many predicament situations. Mr. Rao

said that we enjoyed very good moments together at CUO and achieved many goals with him. The teachers, officers, and staff also recalled the work done by Dr. Das at the CUO and remembered the unforgettable moments spent with him. In his farewell speech, Registrar Dr. Das thanked the Vice-Chancellor, teaching and non-teaching staff, and colleagues for organizing the grand farewell for him. He said 'I tried to do my best for the development of the University during my tenure with the support of teachers and non-teaching staff of the University. I will remember this place in my whole life. The Vice-Chancellor felicitated him with a shawl and tribal artifact on this occasion. Dr. Rudrani Mohanty, Faculty of Odia Language and Literature compeered the programme. Dr. Phagunath Bhoi, Public Relations Officer extended the vote of thanks.

PR is vital in personal and institutional image building

4th PR Summit of KIIT School of Mass Communication (KSMC)



Bhubaneswar, May 5: Public relations (PR) is vital in life for any individual, institution, state and nation in day-to-day life and image building said, Dr Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT and KISS. Inaugurating the 4th PR Summit of KIIT School of Mass Communication (KSMC) on 5th May he said, students should utilize their opportunities. KIIT DU is abuzz with activities round the year and there is opportunity by using

the occasions to hone and nurture the skills of journalism and mass communication. Dr Mrinal Chatterjee Regional Director IIMC Dhenkanal said "PR is one of the most misunderstood profession, but it remains the eyes and ears of an institution. Even we are now clueless how do we teach PR. During today's summit we will figure out how to go about academically." Prof Himanshu Sekhar Khatua, Director SRFTI,

Kolkata said, "KIIT is unique because of its discipline, infrastructure and facilities. However, the students should have a better inter-personal relationship. He also asked the students to utilize the opportunity of in-house TV channel, radio station, digital news front, Film and Fashion Schools and PR Department to explore and equip themselves with skills." Prof Sasmita Samanta, VC, KIIT DU said, "from the very beginning

of the human civilization till today's modern age, the basic concept of society is built with the power of communication. The power of communication later migrated to the power of relationship. Today in this world if anything is possible, it's related to relationship. We work, learn and live for relationship and PR is part of that existence, so it's a powerful tool." Vice-Chairman PRSI Bhubaneswar Chapter

Sudhi Ranjan Mishra in his speech pointed out how the PR persons face the challenges in their daily life, but always remain vital in creating the good images for their institutions. Among others Prof. Jnyana Ranjan Mohanty, Registrar, KIIT DU; Sarthak Abhyudaya, Assistant Professor, Ravenshaw University; Narasingh Majhi Assistant Professor RD Women's University, Gyana Ranjan Mishra Assistant Professor Birla Global University and senior PR professional Dharitri Satapathy were present on the occasion. KSMC Course Co-ordinator Dr Rajeev Panda gave the welcome address, while Dr Bidhubhsan Dash briefed about the summit, and Dr Aniruddh Jena gave vote of thanks.

Sharad Pawar Bows To Party's Wishes, To Continue As NCP President

Mumbai: Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) President Sharad Pawar on Friday announced that he will not step down as the party chief, ending four days of turmoil that had gripped the organisation since May 2. Addressing a

crowded media conference, Pawar, 83, said that his decision had evoked strong sentiments among the people, party workers, office-bearers and his colleagues were disheartened to hear it. "I am overwhelmed with the love, trust and

faith showered on me. Considering the appeals made by all of you and honouring the decision of the Committee constituted by the party, I am withdrawing my decision to retire," said Pawar amid a thunderous round of applause.