

PRESIDENT OF INDIA GRACES 12TH CONVOCATION OF MAHARAJA SRIRAM CHANDRA BHANJA DEO UNIVERSITY

New Delhi: The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu graced and addressed the 12th convocation of Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanja Deo University at Baripada, Odisha today (May 6, 2023). Speaking on the occasion, the President said that Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanja Deo University has made a unique identity in the field of higher education and research in a short span of its history. The President appreciated the University for establishing the 'Sacred Grove' in its campus with the aim to preserve the bedrock of tribal practices and cultural traditions. She said that the 'Sacred Grove' is

important for the conservation of environment and local biodiversity. It is also one of the best examples of community-based management of natural resources. The President said that the world is facing huge challenges of global warming and climate change. India has set an example for the world to adopt a nature-friendly lifestyle, which is called Lifestyle for the Environment or LiFE. In our tradition, it is believed that trees, plants, mountains, rivers all have life and not only humans but also all living beings are children of nature. Therefore, it is the duty of all human beings to live in harmony with nature. She said that the Similipal National Park located in this



region holds a globally important place in terms of biodiversity. She expressed confidence

that the students and teachers of the university would find a way to protect biodiversity

through their research and innovation. Addressing the graduating students, the

President said that receiving degree does not mean that education process has been

completed. Education is a continuous process. She said that after getting higher education some of them would do a job, some would do business and some would also do research but thinking of giving a job is better than thinking of doing a job. She was happy to note that this University has set up an Incubation Centre and provides assistance to the students, alumni and common people in setting up start-ups. The President said that competition is an inevitable side of life. One has to face competition in every walk of life. She said that students should always keep trying to succeed in the competition and for that they should keep acquiring higher skills and move towards

greater efficiency. They can turn the impossible into possible with their will-power. The President said that competition is a natural side of life, but cooperation is the beautiful side of life. She told students that while moving forward in life, when they would look back, they would find that some people of the society are not very capable of competing with them. She advised students to hold the hands of deprived ones and bring them forward. She said that a healthy society can be built through generosity and cooperation. She urged students to think not only of their own happiness and interest but also about the welfare of the society and country.

Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren Shown Black Flags In Mayurbhanj

Baripada (KCN): Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren faced protests during his visit to the memorial of Pundit Raghunath Murmu in Mayurbhanj district to pay his respects to the tribal icon who developed the OI Chiki script for Santali language. Soren reached Dandbosh village on the outskirts of Rairangpur town on Friday after President Droupadi Murmu paid her tribute to the



Santali scholar. Soon, former MP Salkhan Murmu led his supporters to start the demonstration, alleging that Soren was working against the interest of tribals.

They showed black flags to the Jharkhand chief minister, besides giving slogans against him. However, the police chased them away. Soren later addressed a gathering in the area.

Twenty killed in Manipur carnage since May 3: Officials

Manipur: At least 20 people have lost their lives in Manipur carnage since May 3, a government official said here on Saturday. Manipur government's newly appointed security advisor Kuldiep Singh, a former CRPF Chief, said that at least 18 to 20 people were killed in the

series of ethnic violence in different districts of the state. "Over 100 people were injured in these countless attacks. Over 500 houses, a large number of vehicles, shops and other properties were either burnt down or damaged in these attacks,

arsoning, vandalism since May 3," Singh, a retired IPS officer, told the media in Imphal. He said that 23 police stations in different districts were identified as "most vulnerable" and the Army and Central Armed Police Forces were adequately deployed in these areas.

Cyclonic Circulation Forms Over Bay; Cyclone 'Mocha' Formation Around May 9

Bhubaneswar: A cyclonic circulation has formed over southeast Bay of Bengal and neighbourhood, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said today. Under its influence, a low pressure area is likely to form over the same region by 8th May morning. It is likely to concentrate into a depression over Southeast Bay of Bengal around 9th May. Thereafter, it is likely to intensify into a cyclonic storm while moving nearly northwards towards central Bay of Bengal, the agency predicted. The details of its path and intensification will be provided after the formation of the low pressure area. The system is under constant watch and being monitored

regularly, it added. The system will be named as Cyclone 'Mocha' if it intensifies into a cyclonic storm.



Moderate rainfall at most places during 8th-12th May with isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall during 8th-11th and scattered heavy to very heavy rainfall with isolated extremely heavy falls very likely over Andaman & Nicobar Islands on 10th May. Squally weather with wind speed reaching 40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph is likely to prevail over southeast Bay of Bengal and adjoining areas of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Andaman

Sea from 7th onwards. Wind speed would gradually increase becoming 50-60 kmph gusting to 70 kmph over southeast Bay of Bengal and adjoining areas of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Andaman Sea from 9th onwards. Wind speed would further increase gradually becoming 60-70 kmph gusting to 80 kmph over southeast and adjoining central Bay of Bengal from 10th onwards.

advised not to venture into southeast Bay of Bengal and adjoining areas of Andaman Sea from 7th May onwards, and into southeast & adjoining central Bay of Bengal from 9th onwards.

Those who are over southeast Bay of Bengal are advised to return to safer places before 7th May and those over central Bay of Bengal are advised to return before 9th May.

Regulation of tourism and offshore activities and shipping over Andaman and Nicobar Islands during 8th - 12th May.

Regulation of shipping activity over the sea areas of southeast & central Bay of Bengal during 8th-12th and Andaman Sea during 8th-10th May.

Artificial intelligence has a flipside as well: CJI DY Chandrachud

Cuttack: At a time when there is a lot of talk about the Artificial Intelligence (AI), Chief Justice of India (CJI), Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud on Saturday said that AI has a flipside as well. While addressing a programme on 'Digitisation, Paperless Courts and e-initiatives' at Odisha Judicial Academy in Cuttack, CJI DY Chandrachud said the digital infrastructure we intend to create is firstly paperless courts. Secondly, virtual courts and Delhi has been leading in virtual courts particularly in area of traffic challans. While referring to the Live streaming, the CJI

said that today most High Courts are doing Live streaming. There are clips on Youtube of the Patna High Court judge asking an IAS officer why he was not appropriately dressed or somebody in Gujarat HC judge asking a lawyer why she is not prepared with her case are going around. "Lot of funny stuff is going on in YouTube which we need to control, because this is serious stuff. What happens in the court is extremely serious stuff," said CJI DY Chandrachud. "Live streaming that we are doing has a flipside and we judges need to be trained as every

word which we judges say in court is up in public realm in the age of social media. We realise this when we live stream constitution bench arguments. Very often citizens don't realize that what we say in the course of hearing is to open a dialogue. So live streaming or interface with social media places new demands on us as judges. We need to create a robust cloud infrastructure for live streaming," the CJI said. According to the Chief Justice of India, creating Cloud infrastructure for live streaming and it is perhaps one way to



have a central national cloud infrastructure and additional hardware for courts. Next important area is technical advancements which phase 3 envisages and this will refer to

software developments, the use of AI, blockchain, and digital accessibility, the CJI said. "We are conscious of the fact that Artificial intelligence has a flip

side as well. For instance, it would be very difficult in allowing artificial intelligence to tell us what sentence to hand down following a conviction in a criminal

case," said the CJI. According to the CJI, many courts across the world have experimented with artificial intelligence. At the same time, AI is replete with possibility. How do you expect a judge to digest the evidence in a statutory appeal in a record involving 15k pages. AI can prepare the entire record for you. "We have been using AI for transcription of the proceedings of the constitution bench of the Supreme Court. The transcript is provided to lawyers to clean up any errors. There were some funny errors as one of the lawyers got

confused, it was obviously cleaned up and uploaded," the CJI added. The Chief Justice of India said that the purpose of pitchforking technology is not to place it away from citizens but to reach out to the common citizens of the country. The total outlay for Phase 3, which is going to be between 2023-27, is 7210 Crores. The outlays for Phase I and Phase II was just a fraction of Phase III and look at the enormity of the fund which the Government of India is now providing. "When we pitched for this budget, not a single rupee was cut by the union government," the CJI added.

Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar Attends King Charles Coronation Function At Westminster Abbey

London: Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar and his wife Dr Sudesh Dhankhar on Saturday represented India at the historic Coronation ceremony of King Charles at Westminster Abbey here. Dhankhar, who arrived here on Friday, joined an estimated 100 Heads of State and government from around the world invited to the historic crowning of Britain's new monarch. The Service was conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby, with faith

leaders and representatives of the Hindu, Sikh, Muslim, Buddhist and Jewish communities processing through the Abbey ahead of the service. Dhankhar and his wife sat alongside other Commonwealth Heads of State at the ceremony. On Friday, Dhankhar interacted with King Charles at a reception soon after his arrival here to attend the majestic Coronation ceremony. "VP Jagdeep Dhankhar @VPIndia joined leaders of the Commonwealth countries at a special event hosted by H.M.



King Charles III at the Marlborough House, London. Exchanged views with Commonwealth leaders on making the institution of the Commonwealth stronger and more

focused," Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Arindam Bagchi tweeted. The majestic ceremony, complete with gilded carriages and regalia last witnessed 70 years ago

when Charles' late mother Queen Elizabeth II was crowned in June 1953, will also have representation from a number of Indian-origin professionals. British Indian chef

Manju Malhi has been invited among 450 British Empire Medal (BEM) winners for her work with an old age charity. Also invited is Sourabh Phadke, a graduate of the Prince's Foundation's Building Craft Programme and the Prince's Foundation School of Traditional Arts - set up in Dumfries House, Scotland, by Charles as the Prince of Wales with a vision to provide holistic solutions to challenges facing the world. Among other young people associated with the former

Prince of Wales' charity initiatives invited to his elevation as King include Gulfsha, who was awarded the Prince's Trust Global Award in 2022 in recognition of her exceptional determination and achievements demonstrated through her participation in the charity's 'Get Into' programme in India. From Canada, Indian-origin Jay Patel is also among the invitees to the Abbey on Saturday for completing the Prince's Trust Canada's Youth Employment programme in May 2022.

In addition to the guests seated in the Abbey, 400 young people representing charitable organisations nominated by the King and Queen Camilla and the UK government watched the Coronation Service and Processions from inside St Margaret's Church at Westminster Abbey. The overall guest list also included members of Parliament, former British Prime Ministers, representatives from the church and other faiths, representatives from the country's defence services and Nobel Prize Winners.



Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik Dedicating High Schools of 5 Districts under 3rd Phase 5T High Schools transformation programme through video conferencing on 6-5-2023.

Blackout During President Murmu's Convocation Address In Odisha Varsity

Baripada: A serious 'technical glitch' occurred during President Droupadi Murmu's address at the Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanjdeo (MSCB) University here putting entire state machinery into dock. The power went off for around 9 minutes between 11.56 am and 12.05 pm at the auditorium of the state-run university when the President Murmu was delivering the convocation address. Despite disruption of power supply into the auditorium, the President continued her speech without any pause in darkness. She could be able to read out the speech with help of dim light coming from the



podium. Sources said that the power supply was intact at the university as the Air conditions and fans were functioning. However, the lights went off suddenly during the President's speech. The Vice Chancellor of MSCB University Prof. Santosh Tripathy regretted the inconvenience that occurred during the

convocation ceremony. President Droupadi Murmu is on a three-day visit to her home district Mayurbhanj in Odisha since May 4 for different official programmes. On first day of her visit, she attended a programme at Brahma Kumaris Centre, Hatbadra, Satapautia, where she launched 'Addition Free Odisha' campaign.

On May 5, she went to her Rairangpur residence and spent about 20 minutes in the holiday home. From there, she visited Pandit Raghunath Murmu's village Dandbosh and later to the Similipal Tiger Reserve (STR) and spent the night at Baripada. On last day of her 3-day visit, she reached Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanjdeo (MSCB) University, Baripada at around 10 am. to attend the convocation ceremony of the educational institution. Following the programme, she is scheduled to fly back to Kalaikunda airport of West Bengal, from where she will return to Delhi today.

Teacher Found Dead With Throat Slit In Odisha's Sambalpur

Sambalpur: A teacher was found dead with throat slit near Kharla Bypass Bridge in Kuchinda area of Odisha's Sambalpur district, today. The deceased was identified as Prithviraj Mahananda (38). He was working as a teacher at Mantrimunda Primary School and residing in Ward No. 6 of Kuchinda NAC. Though the reason behind the death was yet to be ascertained, it is being suspected that he



was murdered. Locals spotted the body in a pool of blood this morning and informed

the Kuchinda police. Cops have recovered the body for post-mortem and started an investigation to ascertain the circumstances under which he died. As per reports, he went out of his house yesterday in the afternoon with a scooter and informed his family members that he would return home late at night. Some of the locals had spotted him sitting near a Lassi shop, reports added.

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Vicky Kaushal Wraps Sam Manekshaw's Biopic Sam Bahadur

The shooting for actor Vicky Kaushal's upcoming film 'Sam Bahadur' came to an end on Tuesday. Taking to Instagram, Vicky shared a new still from the sets of the film on his stories which he captioned, "It's a Film wrap!! Sam Bahadur 1-12-23."

In the picture, Vicky could be seen dressed up as Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw and sitting on a car bonnet, with director Meghna Gulzar standing in front of him. Helmed by Meghna Gulzar and produced by Ronnie Screwvala (RSVP), 'Sam Bahadur' is the story of India's war hero and first Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw which also stars Sanya Malhotra and Fatima Sana Sheikh in the lead roles. While



Sanya will play the role of Sam Manekshaw's wife Silloo, Fatima will be seen as former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. The film is all set to hit the theatres on December 1, 2023.

Talking about the film, Vicky said, "I am fortunate to portray the role of a real-life hero

and patriot who is still remembered and loved for his contributions to our country. There is a lot to learn and take back as an actor. With the amount of prep and hard work the whole team has put in, I am sure the audiences will be thrilled to watch Sam's mesmerising journey to making India what it is today." Earlier, Vicky had released the first teaser of his film on social media writing, "365 days to go... SamBahadur in cinemas 1.12.2023." The producers also dropped the first teaser announcing the release date on Twitter. Directed

by Meghna Gulzar, the film also stars Neeraj Kabi, Edward Sonnenblick, Richard Bhakti Klein, Saqib Ayub and Krishna Kant Singh Bundela, among others.

Earlier in October, Vicky had shared pictures from the film's shooting in an outdoor location after the team completed a schedule. "With that, we close the first outdoor schedule of Sam Bahadur," director Meghna had said in the video, while Vicky had said, "It's a schedule wrap."

Earlier this year, as he has started preparing for the biopic, Vicky had met Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw's grandson Jehan. Vicky had announced the film Sam Bahadur on Sam

Manekshaw's 106th birth anniversary. Sharing a video voiced by lyricist Gulzar, he wrote on social media, "The man. The legend. The brave heart. Our Sam Bahadur... On the birth anniversary of Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw, his story has found its name. Sam Bahadur"

Meanwhile, Vicky will be next seen in director Laxman Utekar's next romantic comedy film with Sara Ali Khan and in a yet-to-be-titled film alongside Triptii Dimri.

The Vicky-starrer is a co-production of Prime Video with Dharma Productions and Leo Media Collective. It is touted to be an eclectic mix of drama, emotions and a dash of comedy.

The Little Mermaid Trailer: Halle Bailey Looks Surreal as 'Ariel' In This Magical World

The trailer and poster for Disney's 'The Little Mermaid', the live-action reimagining of the studio's animated musical classic, are here! Two of the film's stars, Halle Bailey and Melissa McCarthy, debuted the trailer yesterday on ABC's live broadcast of the 95th Annual Academy Awards. 'The Little Mermaid,' helmed by visionary filmmaker Rob Marshall, opens exclusively in theaters nationwide May 26, 2023. 'The Little Mermaid' is the beloved story of Ariel, a beautiful and spirited young mermaid with a thirst for adventure. The youngest of King Triton's daughters and the most defiant, Ariel longs to find out more about the world beyond the sea and, while visiting the surface, falls for the dashing Prince Eric. While mermaids are forbidden to interact with humans, Ariel must follow her heart. She makes a deal with the evil sea witch, Ursula, which gives her a chance to experience life on land but ultimately places her life – and her father's crown – in jeopardy.

The film stars singer and actress Halle Bailey ("grown-ish") as Ariel; Jonah Hauer-King ("A Dog's Way Home") as Prince Eric; Tony Award winner Daveed Diggs ("Hamilton") as the voice of Sebastian; Awkwafina ("Raya and the Last Dragon") as the voice of Scuttle; Jacob Tremblay ("Luca") as the voice of Flounder; Noma Dumezweni ("Mary Poppins Returns") as Queen Selina; Art Malik ("Homeland") as Sir Grimsby; with Oscar winner Javier Bardem ("No Country for Old Men") as King Triton; and two-time Academy Award nominee Melissa McCarthy ("Can You Ever Forgive Me?" "Bridesmaids") as Ursula.

Samantha Ruth Prabhu Watches Her Film 'Shaakuntalam', Shares First Hand Review

Samantha Ruth Prabhu has already wowed everyone with her performance in Yashoda and has left us impressed. Now the actress is gearing up with an interesting lineup and her fans can not contain their excitement. Recently, the actress watched her upcoming film Shaakuntalam and has expressed her emotions towards the film.

As the actress shares a picture of herself standing along with the team, she writes "And I finally watched the movie today! Gunashekar garu.. you have my heart. What a beautiful film! One of our greatest epics brought to life so endearingly! I can't wait for our family audiences to be swept away by the powerful emotions! And all you kids out there... you're going to love our



magical world! Dil Raju garu and Neelima... thank you for this wonderful journey.#Shaakuntalam will forever be close to me!" Apart from this, Samantha is also gearing up for the highly anticipated Indian version of Citadel. The actress is working hard on the

action sequences and recently shot in Nanital for it and has also resumed shooting for her upcoming film Kushi opposite Vijay Deverakonda. Samantha reigned the year 2022 with her dazzling presence in the 'Oo Antava' song from Pushpa: The Rise, which quickly became a rage. Apart from that,

she has reigned as the reigning queen of a leading research report month after month in 2022, topping the survey of India's Most Popular Female Stars. She has an interesting slate of projects including Shaakuntalam which will be releasing in April along with Kushi and Citadel.

Gaslight Trailer Out: Sara Ali Khan, Vikrant Massey's Suspense-Thriller Will Give You Chills

Makers of the upcoming suspense thriller film Gaslight unveiled the official trailer on Monday. Taking to Instagram, Disney+ Hotstar shared the trailer which he captioned, "Shaq ka ghera hai badhta jaa raha...aakhir khooni hai kaun? Watch the trailer now! #Gaslight streaming on 31st March."

Helmed by Pavan Kripalani the film stars Sara Ali Khan, Vikrant Massey, Chitrangda Singh and Akshay Oberoi in the lead roles and is all set to stream on the OTT platform Disney+ Hotstar from March 31. Soon after the makers unveiled the official trailer, fans flooded the comment section with red hearts and fire emoticons. "You improved sm sara love how subtle you did it here. Looks so interesting can't wait to watch," a fan



commented. Talking about the film, actor Sara Ali Khan, said, "Gaslight is a classic whodunit- set in an eerie yet beautiful palatial estate. It revolves around the character of Misha who's trying to find the truth behind her fathers 'absence'. During her endeavour she comes

across a lot of strange and terrifying instances, and the story then becomes about how she navigates her way through this unknown terrain. It was challenging to get into this role both mentally and physically as she's a very layered and nuanced character. I

hope this film is going to be a thrilling ride for the audience as each scene will keep them at the edge of their seat. I am grateful for the association with Tips Films Ltd., 12th Street Entertainment, Pavan Kirpalani and Disney+ Hotstar." Vikrant said, "It's been an incredible journey

while shooting for Gaslight, the film is a murder mystery with unraveling of truths of each character which makes it more interesting. Kapil is a complex character. The audience will enjoy the film throughout. I am excited to collaborate with Disney+ Hotstar

and hope audiences enjoy this film." Chitrangda Singh said, "I have always been fascinated by thrillers. Gaslight gave me the opportunity to explore that and enabled me to mold myself into a character like never before. I could explore various facets of myself as an actor with the character of Rukmini and it was indeed something very different. I am glad to be a part of the Disney+ Hotstar family and hope audiences are ready to experience this thrilling journey with Gaslight." Apart from this Sara will also be seen in Laxman Utekar's upcoming untitled rom-com film opposite Vicky Kaushal and in Homi Adajania's next 'Murder Mubarak'.

NPS Committee : Less Assurances, More Apprehensions



Frequent changes in the pension policies of the Govt. of India with introduction of New Pension Scheme or National Pension Scheme (NPS) with effect from 1st January, 2004 which became applicable to all new entrants to central government services (except the Army, Navy and Air Force) and adopted by all State Governments except Govt. of Tamilnadu and West Bengal, crores of Central and State Govt. employees and pensioners are now quite apprehensive regarding the future of pension which is treated as a major social security in the fag end of their life. It is needless to note that NPS was implemented with an Executive Order vide Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) Notification No.5/7/2003-ECB & PR dated 22nd December, 2003 by the BJP led NDA Govt. as a part of the implementation of the new economic policy following the IMF-World Bank policy on pension reforms. Subsequently, the Congress led UPA Govt. brought the Pension Fund Regulatory Development Authority (PFRDA) Act in 2013. Since 2003 till date continuous

struggle is going on both by the Central and State Govt. employees to scrap NPS and restore OPS for which there has been some changes like payment of DCRG and Family Pension etc. Now under the banner of National Joint Council of Action comprising all Central Govt. employees including Teachers rigorous State level and National level agitational programmes are being undertaken every month under the banner of Joint Forum for Restoration of Old Pension Scheme (JFROPS) which is getting momentum day by day. Encumbered with decisions taken by various State Governments like Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh to roll back to OPS, Andhra Pradesh Govt.'s decision to offer a guaranteed pension of 33% of the last basic pay without any monthly deduction from the employees' salary and latest by Maharashtra Govt. to exit from the NPS only because of the continuous struggle programmes conducted by each State Govt. employees including teachers in association with the Central Govt. employees and trade unions, now the Hon'ble Finance Minister on 24th March, 2023 has declared to set up a Committee to propose changes for improvising NPS. Required Official Order has been issued in the meantime constituting the Pension

Committee under the Chairmanship of Finance Secretary & Secretary (Expenditure) with Secretary, DoPT, Special Secretary (Pers), Department of Expenditure and Chairman PFRDA as members vide Ministry of Finance (DoE) OM No.1(4)/E-V/2023, dated 6th April, 2023. Considering the gravity of the continuous struggle programmes of the employees and pensioners, it was expected that the Central Govt. would take a constructive step and declare in the last Budget Session to scrap NPS since ahead there is the year of General Election. But by constituting the committee, the Govt. has tried to adopt a tactical way to smoothly overcome the year of election and to divert the employees from their struggle path which is next to impossible. The demand of the employees is not to improve, but to scrap NPS including PFRDA Act, 2013 and restore OPS. Thus, there is nothing for the employees to be surprised with the formation of the NPS Committee. In this context, it is pertinent to mention the version of Mr. Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister, Road Transport and Highways of India while addressing a Seminar on 'Parliamentary System and People's Expectations', Rajasthan Legislative Assembly, Jaipur, "..... If there is a will, there is a way and if there is no way, there is only survey, discussion, seminar,

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committees, sub-committees and researches....., kisika kam nehin karna he to committee appoint kardo, committee appoint ki, saalo saal report hi nehi aata...." . Since the employees have been betrayed severally beforehand, they have no faith at all on such assurances and declarations of the Govt. Several such instances may be briefed as follows. After continuous discussion with Staff Side, the Govt. of India, in the Standing Committee meeting of National Council Joint Consultative Machinery held on 14.12.2007 assured with a written reply which states inter alia, "For the employees who have entered with effect from 01.01.2004 are not likely to be worse off vis-a-vis the current pension system in force, as the replacement rate would match to the present one. Thus, NPS is a win-win situation for the employees and the Govt". The Staff Side started observing the situation. The actual fate of the NPS beneficiaries which remained in dark for years together came to light in contradiction to the above written assurance when they start retiring from Govt. service on attaining the age of superannuation or otherwise. Illustratively, after rendering 17.6 years of service in Defence Ordnance Factory with last basic Pay of Rs.56900/-, while Sri S. Sivasankaran is entitled for monthly pension of Rs. 28450/- plus Dearness Relief (DR) as admissible from time

to time under OPS, he was eligible for Rs.4900/- only as monthly pension under NPS. Similarly one Sri R. Ramachandran when retired after serving for 13.5 years with a basic pay of Rs.30500, got monthly pension of Rs.2417/- under NPS instead of actual entitlement of Rs.15250/- plus DR under OPS. Such, examples are many to justify that the NPS has violated the socio-economic justice needed for the employee at the fag end of his life. This has prompted the employees across the country to accelerate their movement to scrap NPS and to restore OPS. Secondly, with regard to revision of minimum pay and fitment formula, though the Central Govt. assured the representatives of the Unions representing employees of the Central Govt. vide Ministry of Finance Press Release on 6th July, 2016 that the issues raised by them relating to pay scales and other recommendations of 7th CPC would be considered by a High Level Committee, surprisingly, in reply to Raja Sabha Question on 28, answered on 19.07.2016, the then Finance Minister, Shri Arun Jaitley replied that no such proposal was under consideration by the Govt. Since the employees have several bitter experiences how the Govt. has moved away from its written assurances, now the functionality of the proposed Committee on NPS seems to be quite

apprehensive. It is just an eye-wash to overcome the election year only. Thirdly, while the Committee has been formed under the Chairmanship of the Finance Secretary with three others as member from the Official Side, no member has been nominated from the Staff Side to the Committee. In addition, the Terms of Reference of the Committee has no provision for consultation with the Staff Representatives and no time limit has also been fixed for the Committee to submit its report. The employees will just wait with every anxiety for the report which will never come. Thus, there is smell of doubt for adopting dilly-dally methods which may end up with anti-employee views. Fourthly, since 2024 is the year of General Election, it is quite evident and familiar with the ruling / political parties to come up with several promises and manifestos in the pre-election year for motivating the voters. There is nothing new in it. We have all witnessed such promises earlier to return back the black money, to offer 2 crores job a year, to ensure corruption-free India, to control price rise, to streamline PDS systems etc. Not a single promise has been materialized till date. People are made foolish by false promises coloured with exquisite slogans only. Thus, the statement of Mr. Gadkari, a responsible Minister in the Union Cabinet may come true in case of this NPS committee. In this context, the historic judgement dated 17th

December, 1982 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in D S Nakra versus Union of India case needs a deep analysis which states, "Pension is neither a bounty, nor a matter of grace depending upon the sweet will of the employer, nor an ex-gratia payment. It is a payment for the past services rendered. It is a social welfare measure rendering socio-economic justice to those who in the heyday of their life ceaselessly toiled for the employer on an assurance that in their old age they would not be left in the lurch". According to the historic observation of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, pension creates a vested right subject to CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 which are statutory in character since enacted in exercise of the power conferred under proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India. Thus introduction of NPS just through an Executive Order at the sweet will of the Govt. has not only violated the statutory provision guaranteed under Constitution of India, but also the historic decision of the Hon'ble Apex Court as above. Above all, the OPS is a defined benefit scheme without any contribution from the employee and guaranteeing minimum pension of 50% of the last pay drawn subject to minimum of Rs.9000/- per month plus DR (7th CPC norms). There is also a benefit of getting a lump sum amount equivalent to 40% of the pension at the time of superannuation as the

commutation value which is restored after 15 years. In addition, the pension amount is increased by 20% each 5 years starting at the age of 80 and doubling the pension amount at the age of 100 of the pensioner. There is neither such social security nor any guarantee of minimum pension under NPS. Even though the employee contributes 10% of his salary every month in addition to 14% similar contribution by the employer, the NPS beneficiary gets a meagre amount confined to maximum 10% of the last pay drawn as monthly pension illustrated as above. To manage their families, such pensioners are now seen to work as daily-wagers, street vendors and even suicidal cases are being witnessed in case of failures. Now, it is high time for the Central Govt. to realize the pain and problems of the employees and workers and to restore OPS. Hope, the NPS Committee will consider all aspects in the light of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's Judgement on Pension and recommend the Central Govt. to scrap NPS and PFRDA Act 2013 considering the social security aspect of crores of employees and pensioners across the country.

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Tips to Keep Your Makeup Intact in Summer



Seasons change, and so should your makeup routine. Applying makeup, in general, can be difficult. But applying it on a sweltering hot day—well, that's a real challenge. The toughest job in summer is to keep your makeup intact in the scorching heat. With the sun blazing right upon us, your look will have to stand up to high temperatures. While we don't have any control over the weather, we can definitely make some significant changes in our makeup routine to adjust according to the season to prevent makeup from melting off into nothingness. The golden rule for summer makeup is "soft, delicate and very sparing." Water-based and powder make-up items are better during summer. Waterproof make-up cosmetics are also available. For example, waterproof mascaras and eyeliners will prevent eye

makeup from running during the hot and humid season. Waterproof or water-resistant lip colours and lip liners are also available. Or, go for matte (non-shiny) lipstick and add just a dab of gloss in the centre for a delicious pout. 1----Always begin with a clean face. Cleansing the skin with plenty of cool water before make-up is most important. Use your face cleanser to get rid of all the excess oil and refresh your skin. After cleansing, use chilled rose water to tone and cool the skin. This is not only refreshing but also helps to close the pores. Dip cotton wool pads in it and wipe the skin. Also, pat briskly on the skin to stimulate circulation and add a glow. If the skin is oily, apply an astringent lotion, using cotton wool. 2--Blotting paper----- Blotting papers can be your best friend if you tend to sweat on the face. Keep blotting paper handy to slick off any excess oil over the face or T-zone and be ready for touch-ups! They are great at absorbing shine, oil, and sweat and keeping your makeup looking

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great. Apply a loose powder in key areas where makeup tends to disappear first, such as around the nostrils, T-zone, and under the eyes. For extra security, use a finishing spray. 4----The fewer products you use, the better your makeup will stay on throughout the day, keeping it easier to maintain in hot weather. Make sure your makeup is minimal and lightweight to keep up with the easy breezy vibe of the summer season! Avoid rich, thick moisturizers, heavy concealers and foundations that would easily melt off and opt for a lighter formula that contains sunscreen. Your skin will feel less sticky and be able to breathe more easily if you wear less makeup. use products that are multi-functional, which works as a moisturiser, spf and foundation all in one. Make sure the SPF is above 30 and has a broad spectrum 5--Go for waterproof mascara Use mascara wisely. First, swipe a few coats of non-waterproof mascara. Then a coat

or two of waterproof mascara to save yourself from the embarrassment and sticks to your eyelids even on a hot and sweaty day This way, there won't be any smudges on top and it will be easy to clean the makeup off your lashes when you get back home 6---Invest in a good primer. Waterproof primer is the most ideal in the hot summer season . Look for a primer that hydrates the face and helps cool down the skin. Use one which has hyaluronic acid to soften lines and blur imperfections. it can help you stay cool. The less you sweat, the less damage is done to your makeup. You can also try adding a splash of a naturally-cooling essential oil, like peppermint, to keep your face cool. Just make sure to dilute any essential oil you use with a carrier oil, like olive oil, before applying it to your face. 7---Tips to make your make-up last longer in summer: Use waterproof make-up in summer to cope with perspiration. Wrap an ice cube in a clean cloth and wipe the face with it, just

for a few seconds. This helps to close the pores. For oily skin, apply astringent lotion with cotton wool, to close pores and reduce oiliness. After a few minutes, apply a water-based foundation, blending with a damp sponge for a smooth finish. Add a drop or two of water, before applying, to provide a lighter coverage. Then apply powder to "set" the foundation. When you apply powder, press the powder all over the face and neck, with a slightly damp sponge. This helps it to set and last longer. Use powder eye shadows and powder blush-on. If you use kajal, after applying it on the lower lid, just below the eyelashes, apply a line of grey or brown eyeshadow over it. This prevents smudging and helps makeup last longer. Blot the makeup with a tissue. Applying foundation on the lips before helps lipstick last longer.

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Rabindra nath tagore

Pratap chandra sahu

Rabindra nath was born on 7th may 1861 at jorasanko ,calcutta in a wealthy and renowned brahmin family. He was the youngest son of maharshi debendranath tagore and saradadevi and grandson of dwarakanath tagore. His father was a religious reformer,scholar and leader of the brahmo samaj. He was the first asian nobel writer. He was a great writer,poet,playwright,essayist,painter and naturalist. He was a multi-talented personality. He was also an early advocate of independence for india. He won the nobel prize for literature on 13th november,1913 for his book geetanjali (a collection of poems),which he wrote in 1910. Tagore's writings brought a distinct change in style which is heavily influenced by the classical sanskrit form. Rabindranath was mostly educated at home by the private tutors. At a very early age he started composing verses. When he was 12 years of old his first poem was published in a magazine. At the age of 17 he was sent to england for formalschooling, but he could not complete his studies there. His limitless curiosity to know more about the world could not be satisfied by the formal education given by the school. Tagore had early success as writer in his native bengal. With the translations of some his poems ,he became rapidly known in the west. For the world ,he became the voice of india's spiritual heritage and for india especially for bengal,he became a great living institution. Tagore married mrinalini devi raichaudhury in 1883. They had two sons named rathindranath and shamindranath and three daughters bela,renuka and meera. In addition to his many sided literary activities he managed the family estates in shilaidah,bangladesh. Tagore's well-known poetic works are sonar t a r i , p u r a v i , s a n d h y a sangeet,balaka,kanika etc. Some famous novels of tagore include g o r a , g h a r e - b a i r e , n o u k a d u b i , c h o k h e r b a l i , b o u t h a k u r a n i r h a t , c h a t u r a n g a , c h a r

adhyay,sheshar kobita,rajarshi etc. Apart from poetry and novels he wrote travel accounts ,autobiography,musical plays ,symbolic dramas ,essays short stories and more than 2000 songs. His most memorable plays are visarjan,dak ghar,rakta karabi,and musical plays include shyama,chitrangada,mayar khela, valmiki prativa,shapmochan ,tasher deshetc. Tagore's most popular stories include kabuliwala,chuti,khudito pashan,subha,nastanirh,malancha etc. His songs known as rabindra sangeet are considered to be integral part of bengali and indian music and culture. He entered in new phase of writing ,which included his strong stand on controversial ,political and social issues. His writings inspired common man ,scholars and freedom fighters both in india and abroad. Tagore composed the national anthem"jana gana mana adhinayak". It was first sung at the calcutta congress session,in 1911. During anti-partition swadeshi movement the youth. Thagore's "amar sonar bangala" became the national anthem bangladesh. Moreover the lyrics of srilanka's national anthem were also by tagore. In 1901 tagore established a different type of school at shantiniketan ,where he tried his upanishadic ideals of educations. In 1921 his school became the " viswa varati university". Tagore's education marked a novel blending of the ideas of east and west. His book "geetanjali" translated by himself in english,earned him the nobel prize in literature in 1913. In 1915 he was awarded knighthood by the british crown which he renounced in 1919 as a mark of protest against jalliwana bagh massacre. His paintings are so vivid and exceptional that they won him a place among india's contemporary artists. Rabindranath tagore passed away on 7th august ,1941 ,living behind a legacy of world class literature. He is one of the most influential indian writers. His great literary contribution is universally recognised. Eventhough he is not amidst with us ,his presence can be felt through his vast works.



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The Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Culture, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal distributing awards to students at the Prize Distribution Function of the 24th National Youth Parliament Competition, 2022-23 at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas, in New Delhi

Amazing Thailand Festival in Kolkata from 12-14 May

Kolkata (Partha Roy): The Royal Thai Consulate in Kolkata will be organising a three day Thai Cultural Festival in Kolkata from 12th to 14th May 2023 which will be largest event under the Royal Thai Consulate-General in Kolkata so far this year. Thailand has started organizing festival under the banner "Thai Festival" since 2016.



"We are excited to bring Thai Festival back to Kolkata to showcase the best of Thailand and the cultural ties we shared between our two countries," said Ms. Acharapan Yavaprasas, the Consul-

General of Thailand in Kolkata. "It is a great opportunity for us to introduce Thailand's 5F Soft Power; Food, Film, Fight, Festival and Fashion to people in Kolkata, also inviting them to visit

Thailand in this coming summer season through many special offers from our airlines and travel agent partners" said Ms. Sirgesa-nong Trirattanasongpol, Director at Tourism Authority of Thailand

(TAT) New Delhi office. "Amazing Thailand: Part of Your Life," is theme of the festival and set to captivate the city of joy in 2023, for the first time in three years since the COVID-19 pandemic. Thai festival will feature :
•Authentic Thai cuisine : live cooking demonstration by a highly experienced Thai chef
•A famous Thai martial art demonstration or Muay Thai (Thai kickboxing)
•Cultural performances: Experience the richness of Thai culture through traditional music
•A wide range of Thai products

•Thailand's tourism showcase: learn more about the best destinations, accommodations, and activities in Thailand through interactive displays and information booths from agents and airline
•Workshops: browse and enjoy the handicrafts workshop, Thai dessert making, and Thai Massage workshop throughout the day.
Entry to Amazing Thailand festival from 12-14 May 2023 at South City Mall is free for all visitors, and the festival will run from 11.00 hrs. to 21.00 hrs. on all three days.

Manipur Students Clash In Delhi University Area, Cops Say Situation Under Control

New Delhi: Even with tension reportedly de-escalating in Manipur, violence reached Delhi with a group of Kuki students residing in the Delhi University North Campus area alleging that they were attacked by a group of Meiteis on Thursday night.



The following day, on Friday, the students claimed they tried to register an FIR at the Maurice Nagar Police Station and when the police refused to file the complaint, the students staged a protest outside the police station. Police said that the situation is now under control and action has been initiated, and a few students have been detained. The incident follows the violence that gripped the state in the immediate aftermath of inter-community clashes which erupted in a few districts of the northeastern state amid protests against the inclusion of the majority Meitei community in the Scheduled Tribes (ST) category. Manipur Government had requisitioned Army and Assam Rifles on May 3 and 4. State's Director General of Police P Doungel has said that the situation in

the State has improved after the intervention of security forces. Forces including RAF, BSF, and CRPF have been deployed in Manipur, he said. Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) chief Kuldiep Singh has been appointed as the security advisor. The state government has also appointed Additional Director-General of Police (Intelligence) Ashutosh Sinha as the overall operational commander to control the situation in Manipur, the State DGP said. "As a result of the proactive and timely response, Churachandpur, KPI, Moreh and Kakching are now under firm control with no major violence since last night", the Indian Army had said in a statement on May 5 evening. The Army said that situation in Manipur has been brought under

control through coordinated actions by all stakeholders. "The situation has been brought under control through coordinated actions by all stakeholders. IAF undertook continuous sorties from two airfields in Assam employing C17 Globemaster and AN 32 aircraft," Indian Army had stated. Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday reviewed the situation in Manipur through a video conference meeting with state Chief Minister N Biren Singh and top officials in the state as well as the Centre. A total of 10 more companies (nearly 1,000 personnel) of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) were also dispatched to the violence-hit state earlier in the day on Friday following orders of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

Odissi Guru and Choreographer Ms Monalisa Ghosh: an ambassador of Odissi in Europe

Kolkata: Odissi Dance originated as an offering to Lord Jagannath or Almighty. Deep inner feelings and Grace blends with vibrant rhythmic footsteps, following the grammar from ancient Natyashastra makes Odissi Dance an outstanding Indian Classical Dance Style. Veteran Exponent, Guru and Choreographer Ms Monalisa Ghosh. (Founder of Kalajyoti Gurukul in South 24Paraganas, West Bengal) will continue her yearly performances and workshops in Europe from end of April till mid May 2023. Her tour began with intensive Odissi dance workshop in Vienna, Austria from 28th April, till 3rd May. Monalisa Ghosh is a true ambassador spreading the hue of Indian traditional culture in Western world with her own effort since 3 decades. Her effort in spreading the therapeutic value of Indian classical dance is evident as she receives regular invitation to interact in old age homes in Germany and Austria.



Apart from conducting workshop with the advanced students in Odissi, Monalisa will conduct workshop with the school children in Theater am Faden, Stuttgart. In 1991 she received the opportunity to present her first Odissi recital in Theater am Faden, headed by veteran and famous puppet player Frau Helga Brehme, and since 3 decades her performances are highly acclaimed for classicism, Lyricism and spiritual expressions. On 6th and 7th of May, Monalisa Ghosh has been invited to perform in this marvelous Theater. She has excelled with her unique technique as a teacher - which includes therapeutic values with flexibility movements, training of rhythmic foot works harmonized with melody, interesting use of hand gestures in expression, and composition on ancient Sanskrit Sloka with poses from the Sculptures found on the walls of temples of Orissa.

ICAR- CIFRI ranches two lakhs IMC on the auspicious occasion of Buddha Purnima at Sheoraphuli Ghat, West Bengal



Kolkata: On the occasion of holy Buddha Purnima, a 'National River Ranching Programme-2023 was organised by ICAR- Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute, Barrackpore under Namami Gange programme at Sheoraphuli Ghat, Barrackpore, West Bengal on 5th May 2023. In continuation of the national river ranching programme

which was initiated from 5th of April 2023 from Nabadwip, West Bengal the programme was carried out at different stretch spanning across 3 different states. Till date more than 7 lakhs fish fingerlings were ranches during the period of April to May, 2023 with a target of 22 lakhs. The present river ranching at Barrackpore was the first programme in the lower stretch of

river Ganga during the 2nd edition of National River Ranching. A total of 2.0 lakhs of advanced fingerlings (> 150mm) of Indian Major Carps were released in the river by director ICAR- CIFRI, Dr. B. K. Das, Dr. Harcharan Singh (Consultant NMCG), and other scientists of the institute. In addition to this, 75 numbers of Indian Major Carps were tagged with an average size of 500 g in the river to understand the migratory pathway of the species. Awareness was also performed at Monirampore ferry ghat, Barrackpore, among the local resident and fishers.

Hemant Soren government should act first on Corruption issues

Ranchi (KCN) : Hemant Soren government should free corrupt IAS officers like Chhavi Ranjan from service, not suspend them, then only corruption can be curbed in Jharkhand., stated by Mr Vijay Shankar Nayak, the Central Convenor of Jharkhand Bachao Morcha and former MLA candidate, in his reaction to the arrest of Chhavi Ranjan by ED, He further said that it is time to make Jharkhand corruption free and in such a time such corrupt No job suspended for IAS officers should be relieved from service so that corruption can be curbed in future in Jharkhand. Mr. Nayak further said that there is no dearth of corrupt

IAS officers like Chhavi Ranjan in Jharkhand. Being investigated by on that immediately Taking cognizance, the investigation should be completed and quick punishment should be arranged. He also said that the corrupt IS officers of Jharkhand are the officers of the J h a r k h a n d Administrative Service. Loot sections have been made and no work is being done for the public in Jharkhand without giving money. Corruption is at its peak, bureaucracy has taken over Today land is being looted in every district and the Deputy Commissioners there are looting government land through land brokers. There is no



one to look after this state today, corrupt officials are playing capricious and collecting immense wealth. Mr. Nayak has demanded Jharkhand government and ED to arrest businessman

Bishnu Agarwal as well and assets of all Indian Administrative Service / Jharkhand Administrative Service officers of Jharkhand should be investigated because in 23 years these Indian Administrative Service

officers Jharkhand Administrative Service Officials and leaders, contractors and land brokers, power brokers have made an alliance and looted the entire Jharkhand to make it hollow and this alliance has looted the state's property, the amount of public development and today they have become millionaires and billionaires. If corruption is not stopped in the state, land looting is not stopped. If the loot of development funds is not stopped, then the situation in Jharkhand will become dire in the coming days and the rule of law and the rule of the constitution will end. Need to do so that public money and stateloot of property can be prevented

Healthcare in shambles in hospitals of undivided Koraput

Koraput: At a time when the Odisha government is boasting of its initiatives to boost healthcare, pictures from the government-run hospitals in the undivided Koraput district including Koraput and Malkangiri tell a very different story. The largest healthcare facility in the region, Saheed Laxman Nayak Medical College & Hospital (SLN) in Koraput is allegedly struggling to provide bed sheets on the beds meant for indoor patients. The clean bed sheets, the patients are reportedly forced to bring their own sheets and blankets to keep infections at bay. "There are no bed sheets for patients to lay on the beds. Our patients are sleeping on the bare beds. Patients are arranging

their own bed sheets to sleep on the bed," said an attendant of a patient at SLN Hospital.

Krushna, a sanitation worker employed at the hospital said, "The washing machines have broken down for ten days. We have written to the authorities but no action has been taken yet." Asked about the allegations, Hospital Manager, Suwendu Das said, "Some parts of the washing machines were damaged. We have sent them for repairs. The machines will run by the end of the day."

A different picture emerged from Kumbhaguda village under Malkangiri's Padia block. Sans doctors in hospitals, the villagers are dependent on a quack for treatment. Similarly, the Public Health

Centre at Dharampalli in the district, on which more than 10,000 people of the locality are dependent, does not have a doctor. A pharmacist, Ujjwala Chandra Nayak is taking care of the patients at the hospital.

Similarly, the District Headquarters Hospital in Malkangiri, which has a sanctioned doctor strength of 109, currently has 33 doctors posted. If we take the whole Malkangiri district into account, only 109 doctors are there as against 277 sanctioned doctor posts. Moreover, the district which recently witnessed the death of hundreds of children due to Japanese Encephalitis has only one paediatrician.

Newborn girl's head gets stuck inside toilet pan of Bargarh district hospital, rescued



Bargarh: A newborn girl fell and her head reportedly got stuck inside the toilet pan after she was delivered inside a washroom of Bargarh district headquarters hospital.

As per reports, the newborn girl was rescued safely by some local residents. The newborn has been admitted to the SNCU and her condition is said to be stable.

Sources said the family members of one Santoshini Mirdha had admitted her to the hospital after she complained of labour pain.

"My wife had gone to the toilet to attend nature's call when she delivered the baby today. However, the newborn's head got stuck inside the toilet pan. A staffer and other locals managed to safely rescue the baby," said Santoshini's husband Bipin. Even though the newborn girl has been safely rescued, many have blamed the authorities for lack of adequate doctors and staff at the hospital over the incident.

Odisha CM announces Rs 111 crore for kendu leaf beneficiaries

BHUBANESWAR: Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Friday announced financial assistance of Rs 111 crore for kendu leaf beneficiaries in the second phase. In the first phase, Rs 83 crore was provided to the beneficiaries in January this year.

The assistance for the 2022 crop cycle will be directly transferred to the bank accounts of the beneficiaries. With this, the total assistance for kendu leaf beneficiaries for the year has reached Rs 194 crore. As per the Chief Minister's Office (CMO), more than eight lakh kendu leaf workers of 22 districts except Jharsuguda, where poll code is in force, will get the assistance.



The beneficiaries include 7.75 lakh pluckers and 40,000 seasonal staff. The CMO stated each kendu leaf plucker will get financial assistance of Rs 1,000 along with Rs 200 and Rs 160 for water bottles and sandals respectively. Similarly, Rs 1,500 will be given as financial assistance to each kendu leaf binder and seasonal staff. The chief minister in November, 2022 had

demanding withdrawal of GST on kendu leaf business. At present, 18 GST is being collected on the business. The chief minister had also announced a special package for the welfare of kendu leaf pluckers and other employees. Odisha is the third largest producer of kendu leaf and accounts for 20 per cent of the annual production in the country.

Report sought on privilege notices to Sambalpur collector and SP

SAMBALPUR: The Privilege and Ethics Committee of Lok Sabha Secretariat has asked the Ministry of Personnel Public Grievances and Pension as well as Secretary, Department of Personnel and Training (DOPT) to seek a report from Odisha government on breach of privilege notices moved by three BJP Parliamentarians against Sambalpur collector and SP.

Two notices of breach of privilege were issued by MPs Suresh Pujari, Basanta Panda and Jual Oram last month. The first notice was moved by Pujari on March 25 over his alleged house arrest on April 18. The other was jointly moved by three MPs on April 27 as a delegation of BJP was barred from entering Sambalpur the same day. Both the incidents had taken place when curfew was clamped in



Sambalpur city following violence during Hanuman Jayanti celebration. Bargarh MP Pujari said the Privilege and Ethics Committee of Lok Sabha Secretariat forwarded both the privilege notices on May 4 asking to seek a report from the state government within 15 days. "The first notice was moved by me as I was put under house arrest on April 18 without any valid order from any competent authority. The second notice was issued over

obstruction of four MPs including Union Minister Bisweswar Tudu from entering into Sambalpur city during the curfew relaxation period," Pujari told this paper. He said the purpose of the delegation's visit was to meet the victim of violence undergoing treatment in hospital and to meet the family of the tribal youth who was murdered on April 14. "We were also supposed to meet the district

administration to share ideas to bring back normalcy. However, without any valid order for detention, prevention or arrest, stopping us from discharging our duties as MPs is a clear breach of privilege for which notices were moved," he said. After receiving the report from the state government, he said, appropriate decision deemed fit will be taken by the Speaker. "We will try to take the privilege notice to its logical conclusion," he added.

Millions of Olive Ridley turtles hatch at Gahirmatha beach, crawl towards sea

Puri: Following mass nesting, hatching of millions of Olive Ridley turtles have started at the Gahirmatha beach in Kendrapara district. The island of Gahirmatha is witnessing the unique natural phenomenon in which baby turtles take birth without their mothers. A total of 2,03,94,000 baby turtles have broken out of eggshells to mingle in the Gahirmatha seawaters in the last three days, marking the grand culmination of the annual sojourn of Olive Ridley sea turtles.



Patrolling and security majors have been intensified in the sea beach to protect the bay turtles from dogs, jackals, crows and kites. As per Forest Department officials, highest number of

baby turtles are expected to crawl into the sea this year as the weather is favourable. Notably, the annual phenomenon of mass nesting of Olive Ridley sea turtles on the tranquil beaches of Gahirmatha sanctuary, known as the world's

largest rookery of sea turtles, started in March this year. The Odisha government has announced the rookery at Gahirmatha, covering 1,435 square kilometres from the Dhamra mouth to Hukitola island, a

sanctuary in 1997 to protect the endangered turtles. The Olive Ridley sea turtles are protected under the Wildlife Protection Act of 1972 as a Scheduled 1 (vulnerable / endangered species) animal.



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MCL smashes coal production records in 2022-23



Sambalpur, March 6, 2023: Continuing with its record-breaking spree, Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) has surpassed its coal production target of 176 million tonnes (MCL) for financial year 2022-23, registering a growth of over 15 per cent.

Shri OP Singh, Chairman - cum - Managing Director, Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL), on Monday congratulated Area General Managers, Heads of Departments and their teams for putting in untiring efforts to scale the steep target of 176

MT coal production and dispatch for 2022-23. Addressing the General Managers' Coordination Meeting for the month of March 2023, the CMD appreciated the team effort for achieving the target 27 days ahead of schedule respectively. Meanwhile, the functional directors of MCL, including Shri Keshav Rao, Director (Personnel), Shri Jugal Kumar Borah, Director (Technical) and Shri Ajit Kumar Behura, Director (Finance) also congratulated the Team MCL for concerted efforts and achieving all the assigned goals well before schedule.

Godrej Appliances aims for 20% growth in Q1 FY compared to pre-pandemic period

Bhubaneswar: Kamal Nandi, Business Head and Executive Vice President - Godrej Appliances, part of Godrej & Boyce said, "Odisha is one of the fast-evolving markets in India and consumption has been going up significantly. Godrej Appliances has a stronghold in this market for cooling categories. Last 2 summers were heavily impacted by lockdown, therefore this summer we have seen 100% growth over last summer and expecting 20% growth in Q1 FY 2022-23 in comparison

to the pre pandemic Q1 FY 2019-20. Godrej Appliances currently has the largest number of Exclusive Brand Outlets in Odisha in comparison to other states in India; and we are aiming to expand our network further across retail stores, presence in modern trade outlets and exclusive chain stores by 10-15% year-on-year. Overall, the cooling segment has performed well this year, given the pent-up demand due to previous lockdowns, and the heatwave leading to discretionary spends being diverted towards

cooling products. We have also witnessed a trend of hybrid work culture post the pandemic that has increased demand for Air Conditioners. Consumers are using ACs for a longer duration of time at home, and have therefore showcased higher intent towards purchasing energy efficient ACs with 5-Star rating to save more on their electricity cost. This year we have witnessed, around 40% volume growth in sales of 5 Star ACs as compared to pre pandemic period in Odisha."

Myntra's EORS-16 is geared to serve over 50 lakh shoppers

Bhubaneswar: The 16th edition of Myntra's biannual EORS, India's grandest fashion event is arriving, bringing with it the joy and euphoria to the millions of fashion aficionados in the country. The event, which will be held from 11 to 16 June, is going to be bigger than previous versions, comprising the biggest-ever collection of 14 lakh styles across 5000+ brands. The 6-day event is set to provide unprecedented offers from fashion, lifestyle, beauty and personal care and home categories, catering to over 50 lakh unique customers across the country, with an expected uptick in demand by over 3X of BAU and 26% increase in traffic over the

previous July edition. Myntra expects over 1 million new customers with over 40% of the overall traffic coming from tier 2 and 3 cities and towns. The brands have specially curated a vast selection with a strong focus on summer essentials, Gen-Z trends, beauty and personal care as well as celebrity-led EORS special collections. First-time shoppers will get ₹500 cashback on their initial transaction, exciting coupons for future use and free delivery for the first 4 orders. On the payments front, there are exciting offers too from banks, such as ICICI and Axis Bank, offering a 10% instant discount, while users

of Paytm will get assured cashback on wallet & postpaid transactions. To cater to the changing needs of the customers, Myntra has on-boarded 100 new brands ahead of EORS and increased its style selection by a whopping 40% from the previous July edition, giving shoppers a wide catalogue of products from the best of international and domestic brands, including D2C brands to choose from. Speaking about EORS, Nandita Sinha, CEO, Myntra, said, "Over the years, EORS has become one of the most sought-after fashion events in the country.

NHAI's escrow guidelines a huge positive for BOT road projects: Infomerics Ratings

New Delhi: National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) recently issued a guideline on Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to monitor the escrow defaults and take appropriate action to safeguard the NHAI interest in the arbitration matters on claims made by the concessionaire. Infomerics Ratings believes that this is a positive development from a credit risk perspective while analyzing BOT road

project companies. It is observed that at times the waterfall mechanism where escrow account has been in place between the NHAI, the concessionaire & the lender, is not followed. Adherence to waterfall escrow arrangement is the basic premise while assigning ratings to such projects. The applicability of the new SOP to all BOT projects, whether toll or annuity where escrow mechanism is in place, has been mandated to

with ensure that all project cash flows (inflows & outflows) must be necessarily routed through the escrow accounts and funds shall be applied in the waterfall of priorities set forth in the concession agreement. Any deviation by the escrow lender will be a breach of trust to be dealt in accordance with the provisions of concession agreement and the lender shall be liable for damages.

Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India inaugurates its 3rd Skill Enhancement Centre in Rourkela, Odisha

Rourkela, 6 March 2023: Committed to Skill India Mission, Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India (HMSI) inaugurated Odisha's 3rd Skill Enhancement Centre at Rourkela in collaboration with Government Industrial Training Institute (ITI) of the city. The new centre will empower local youth with job-oriented technical skill training in the city. The inauguration was held in the august presence of Sh. Subrata Kumar Pattnaik (President, Chamber of Commerce & Industries, Rourkela, Odisha), Sh. Bihabanjan Samantasingh (Regional Transport Officer, Rourkela,



Odisha), Sh. Dhananjaya Khura (Principal, Industrial Training Institute, Rourkela, Odisha), Sh. Rajendra Bhimrao Shinde (General Manager, Regional Business East Customer Service, HMSI) and other

dignitaries from Government ITI, Rourkela and HMSI. On this occasion, Mr. Atsushi Ogata - Managing Director, President & CEO, Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India said, "Fulfilling its corporate social

responsibility, HMSI proactively supports Skill India Mission to empower Indian youth. Constant changes in rapidly evolving automobile industry have raised the demand of skilled technical manpower. Keeping this

as a priority, HMSI has inaugurated its third Skill Enhancement Centre of Odisha. The new developed centre in Rourkela is a testimony to our commitment to upskill local youth and enhance their employability." HMSI's Skill Enhancement Centre at Jail Road, Near Reserve Police line in Rourkela has a fully functional workshop with two-wheelers and service infrastructure and latest tools & technology to give practical training to students on technical aspects of two-wheelers maintenance & repair and empowers them with recruitment opportunities at two-wheeler dealerships across India.

Jindal Stainless invests over 120 crores to install rooftop solar plants at its Jajpur and Hisar units

Jajpur, 6th March 2023: Furthering its commitment to reduce its carbon footprint, Jindal Stainless plans to install two rooftop solar plants of 21 Megawatt Peak (MWp) capacity and 6 MWp capacity at its Jajpur and Hisar units respectively. The roofs of various shop-floors at both units have been identified to install these rooftop solar plants with an overall investment of more than INR 120 crores. Both projects are scheduled to be completed by March 2024. The two rooftop solar plants will be generating about 795 million units of electricity, with a carbon abatement potential of 5, 64, 450 tonnes in its life span of 25 years. In addition to the environmental



benefits, these rooftop solar plants will also save 108 acres of land that would have been used if the plant was located on the ground. Commenting on this development, Managing Director, Jindal Stainless, Abhyuday Jindal, said "This is an important step towards

achieving our Net Zero target. Solar rooftop plants are a great alternate source of energy in a tropical country like ours. Jindal Stainless is known across the globe for its product stewardship. Our aim is to make sure that our growth stems from

finest and adopting sustainable energy practices that revolve around social upliftment, good governance, decarbonisation, waste management, and digitalization." Jindal Stainless' Hisar unit has already commissioned rooftop solar projects of 4.1 MWp which is capable of generating 110.7 million units of electricity and reducing 78597 tonnes of CO2. The company is taking significant strides towards achieving its Net Zero carbon emissions by implementing sustainable initiatives

and adopting renewable energy solutions. From introducing a senior position of Chief Sustainability Officer (CSO) to becoming India's first stainless steel company to install a Green Hydrogen Plant at Hisar, Jindal Stainless is dedicated to helping India attain its reduced carbon footprint target. The company successfully reduced its carbon emissions by 1.4 lakh tonnes in FY22. Recently, it also signed a contract with ReNew Power to develop a utility scale captive renewable energy project for its plant in Jajpur. This project will generate 700 million units per year using a combination of solar and wind power generation technologies.

TPCODL warns customers against fraudulent messages for updating KYC

Bhubaneswar: TP Central Odisha Distribution Limited (TPCODL), the joint venture between Tata Power and Odisha Government for power distribution in Central Odisha region, has issued an advisory for its consumers against the unscrupulous elements, who are misleading people with messages to update their KYC to avoid disconnection of electricity supply.

With malicious intent these individuals are engaging with customers without any authorisation of TPCODL. Such messages threaten the consumers stating that their power supply will be disconnected at 9.30 pm on the same day as they have not updated their KYC and advise to contact the electricity officer at certain phone numbers which are different from TPCODL's dedicated customer care numbers.

TPCODL urges customers to take all precautions before responding to any such messages / calls. The company never asks any customer to share any password, OTP or any other personal details with any Executive. The company urges to customers to use TPCODL Mitra App to verify the credibility of their employees.

TPCODL has dedicated 24x7 Toll Free Number 1800-345-7122/1912 as a one-point solution for all the grievances. The company urges all its customers to immediately report any such message / call by any individual asking for transaction or banking details. Customers can also e-mail at customercare@tpcentralodisha.com for any queries. "While our team is keeping a close watch on such fraudulent activities, we intend to alert our esteemed customers as well. We request our customers to use the TPCODL Mitra App and follow authorised channels / gateways to reach out to us for any grievances or queries," said Mr. Shenbagam, Chief Executive Officer, TP Central Odisha Distribution Ltd.

Tata Steel announces winner of its open innovation programme MaterialNEXT 3.0

Jamshedpur: Team 'Nano Tribe' of IIT Hyderabad was declared the winner of the third edition of 'Tata Steel MaterialNEXT' at the Finale held in Jamshedpur on June 1, 2022. The team comprising Sushmitha Veeralingam, Hari Prakash, and Jaladurgam Eshwari, was mentored by Dr Sushmee Badhulika and presented the solution titled 'self-powering sensor to detect pre-diabetes in human breath'. The winning team received a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh.

Team 'Materials Engineering lab' of the Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science (IACS) Kolkata showcased the solution titled 'facile, high yield and room temperature synthesis process for two-dimensional (2D) materials' and secured the 1st runner-up spot. The members, Sukhendu Maity and Dr. Krishnendu Sarkar, were mentored by Dr. Praveen

Kumar and received a cash prize of Rs 2.5 lakh. Team 'TCN-IITRPR.' of IIT Ropar which showcased the solution titled 'Recovery of pure hydrogen from H2S by greener electrochemical approach', bagged the 2nd runner-up position. This team, consisting of a member Mukesh Kumar, was mentored by Dr. C N Tharamani and received a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh.

Congratulating all the winners and the finalists, T. V. Narendran, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, Tata Steel, said: "Knowledge and Technology have emerged as key enablers for driving value creation and enhancing the geopolitical worth of our country. As India moves forward to become a \$10 trillion economy in the next few decades while also realising its net zero ambitions, it is imperative we achieve this in a clean, smart, and innovative way. At Tata Steel, our endeavour has

been to tap into the innovation ecosystem that exists outside of the Company, work with scientific establishments, academic institutions, and start-ups to create sustainable solutions and accelerate our journey to becoming a technology leader in the metals and mining space. The breakthrough ideas, initiatives and innovations evolved by the young minds, who participated in the competition, are indeed laudable and offer a glimpse into exciting times ahead."

On the occasion, Dr. Debashish Bhattacharjee, Vice President, Technology & New Materials Business, Tata Steel, said: "Technological excellence of an organisation does not happen in isolation, it needs a highly capable and supportive ecosystem. Students and academia form the foundation of such an ecosystem of a country.

The shining star in the shadows: being a foreign player in the IPL

New Delhi: What could you do with US\$2.5 million? A lot, no doubt. But we live in the real world - not the strange and magical bubble of unreality called the IPL, where money doesn't seem to mean much unless it comes in numbers that have more zeroes attached than the rest of us have pairs of socks. So many zeroes that a dozen foreign players fetched from afar and paid a total of INR 205,500,000 (USD2,574,563 at the time of writing) have yet to play a single match in this year's tournament. A tournament, mind, which will be almost two-thirds complete after Thursday's game between Sunrisers Hyderabad and Kolkata Knight Riders. These arguably overpaid, unarguably underworked players range from Quinton de Kock, who

has been earned USD825,638 sitting on the bench for Lucknow Super Giants, to Dasun Shanaka, who made USD61,154 from Gujarat Titans as a replacement for Kane Williamson. The New Zealander ruptured the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee in the field during the tournament opener against Chennai Super Kings in Ahmedabad on March 31. The others are Joe Root, Matthew Wade, Dewald Brevis, Chris Jordan - albeit his signing by Mumbai Indians as a replacement was announced as recently as Sunday - Daniel Sams, Odean Smith, Finn Allen, Obed McCoy, Donovan Ferreira and Lungi Ngidi. Were it not for the fact that their ranks do not include a specialist spinner, that would be a decent squad of 12.

That none of them has been granted a single game seems outrageous considering the investment involved. Or maybe not. The most expensive player in IPL history, Sam Curran, was bought for this year's edition by Punjab Kings for USD2,262,441 - a relatively marginal USD312,122 less than the combined fees of the dazzling but dawdling dozen. Rajasthan Royals (Root, Ferreira and McCoy) and Gujarat (Shanaka, Smith and Wade) harbour half of these well-rested internationals between them. Lucknow have de Kock and Sams, and Brevis and Jordan are attached to Mumbai Indians. Allen is on Royal Challengers Bangalore's books. Chennai, Kolkata, Hyderabad and Punjab Kings would seem to have made better use of their resources: they



have no foreign bench-sitters. Again, maybe not - Punjab, KKR and SRH are all in the bottom half of the standings. There's another class of lesser spotted big-name internationals in the IPL.

Glenn Phillips, one of only two century-makers at the T20 World Cup in Australia in October and November, has cracked the nod for Hyderabad just once. The other player to score a century

on that stage, Rilee Rossouw, has played in four of Delhi Capitals' nine games. Ben Stokes and Adil Rashid, key members of England's triumph in that tournament, have

featured in two matches each for Chennai and Hyderabad. That every XI in the IPL cannot contain more than four foreigners is an obvious factor in this equation. But that is how it should be. There's a clue in the first word of the league's name. It is, after all, India's own Premier League. It's also Indian owned and usually, played solely in India, the world's biggest market for cricket. Accordingly, of the 243 players currently in IPL squads 164 (67.49%) are Indian. Football's English Premier League offers a cautionary tale of what happens when the numbers don't make sense. English players account for 245 of the 680 names on the rosters of the 20 clubs. That's little more than a third: 36.03%. It is also

riddled with foreign ownership, much of it despised by supporters. The competition is England's Premier League in name only. The IPL's foreign quota and what that does to the make-up and balance of the teams picked offer many reasons why some of the game's most prominent international players are spectators at the tournament. So we study every line-up, just in case today is the day. Some, in those players' home countries, will do so in the hopes that their compatriots' names stay off the team sheet. Rather they come back fresh, that argument goes. How many reasons are there to keep an eye on who plays, and who does not play, in the IPL? Not as many as 2.5-million, but enough to make it a compulsory exercise for cricket fans the world over.

Babar ton headlines clinical show as Pakistan make it 4-0

New Delhi: Pakistan put on a dominant all-round performance to stretch their lead over New Zealand to 4-0 in the ODI series as they secured a 102-run victory in Karachi on Saturday (May 6). Babar Azam struck his first hundred of the series and also became the fastest to 5000 ODI runs en route (97 innings) while Agha Salman hit a brisk half-century to provide a good platform for Pakistan after they were asked to bat. Cameos from Iftikhar Ahmed, Shaheen Afridi and Mohammad Haris ensured the hosts finished with a sizable 334/6. Tom Latham (60) and Mark Chapman (46) showed some fight but the innings fell apart in quick time after they were both dismissed as New Zealand were bundled out for 232. Shan Masood and the

in-form Fakhar Zaman collected six fours between them in the first six overs to help Pakistan off to a positive start. Zaman, however, top-edged a pull off Matt Henry to depart for 14. Masood, who was looking good for a fifty, was stumped off Ish Sodhi for 44 while Mohammad Rizwan failed to convert his start into anything substantial as he was run out for 24, leaving Pakistan in a slight bother at 128/3 in the 25th over. Babar and Salman kept the boundaries coming to make sure that Pakistan's innings did not stagnate. Salman also struck two straight sixes off Cole McConchie as the fourth wicket pair put on 117. But the partnership came to an end when Salman chipped a catch back to Henry to depart for a 46-ball 58. Babar

slowed down a touch as he was approaching his 18th ODI ton but Iftikhar provided the fire-power with five fours, including three in an over off Blair Tickner, before he became Henry's third scalp. Babar, who registered a 113-ball ton, fell to Ben Lister as he handed a catch to deep midwicket, leaving Pakistan at 296/6 in 48 overs. Haris and Shaheen blazed away in the last two overs, scoring 38 runs. While Haris struck a six and a four off Henry, Shaheen hit three maximums and a boundary off Tickner in the final over to help Pakistan finish with a big total. New Zealand's top-order batters got off to promising starts but Pakistan made timely strikes to never let the opposition off the hook in the chase. A 36-run

opening stand came to an end in the seventh over when Will Young found the deep midwicket fielder to give Mohammad Wasim Jr the first wicket. Tom Blundell fell in the next over, chipping a catch to cover off Haris Rauf. Daryl Mitchell and Latham steadied the innings with a 83-run partnership for the third wicket. There was also a poor review and a missed stumping during this period, with Latham on strike both times. Mitchell too had a lucky break when he was on 30 as Babar put down a simple catch to cover to deny Usama Mir a wicket. But the bowler eventually got rid of New Zealand's highest scorer in the series as Mitchell got a thick outside edge to short third man to head back for a 48-ball 34. Latham then got to a 67-ball 50 while Chapman started his outing

aggressively, striking three sixes and two fours in three overs, targeting Iftikhar and Salman. The pair brought up a fifty-run stand in quick time before Shaheen struck to remove the New Zealand skipper, who got an edge to the 'keeper. Chapman missed a pull and was bowled by Usama in the 36th over, and it was all downhill from there on. New Zealand, who were 201/5 at the time of Chapman's dismissal, lost their last five wickets for the addition of only 31 runs to be bowled out in the 44th over. Usama pocketed a four-wicket haul while Wasim Jr finished with three. Brief scores: Pakistan 334/6 in 50 overs (Babar Azam 107, Agha Salman 58; Matt Henry 3-65) beat New Zealand 232 in 43.4 overs (Tom Latham 60, Mark Chapman 46; Usama Mir 4-43) by 102 runs.

KL Rahul ruled out of IPL, likely to miss WTC Final

New Delhi: KL Rahul's IPL 2023 has ended and the captain of Lucknow Super Giants has already left the franchise camp. According to confirmed information, the India wicketkeeper-batsman is in Mumbai for scans and as reported by Cricbuzz on May 3, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has taken over his case. The results of the scans will determine Rahul's participation in the World Test Championship (WTC) final in London early next month. The National Cricket Academy (NCA) team, which monitors his treatment, has not informed the concerned, including the team management as of Thursday night but those who know the situation are not exactly optimistic. In all probability Rahul will be out of the WTC final too.



The nature of Rahul's injury has only been a matter of speculation since neither the LSG management nor the BCCI has come out with a formal statement. It is being said he could be suffering from a hamstring or hip injury. Just over 10 months ago, Rahul had undergone hernia surgery in Germany and it is understood that all factors are being taken into consideration. The LSG management has not taken a call if it will seek a replacement for Rahul. There are only four league games left for them for the season and should they qualify for the playoff

there may be more games. Krunal Pandya has already been named skipper in Rahul's place. There is still some uncertainty over Jaydev Unadkat's situation with the WTC even though he has been ruled out of the IPL. The BCCI may name replacement(s) once the clarity is known. But it will be a no-brainer over who could come in place of Rahul. Ishan Kishan was in the Indian team not too long ago and so he could be the second wicketkeeper for the one-off Test. As mentioned above, the Unadkat situation is still unclear.

Katherine Sciver-Brunt retires from international cricket

New Delhi: Katherine Sciver-Brunt, England women's most successful limited overs bowler, announced her international retirement on Friday. She had already announced her retirement from regional cricket but will continue to play in The Hundred. She had announced her retirement from Test cricket last year. In a career spanning 19 years, she has represented England in 14 Tests, 141 ODIs and 112 T20Is, taking a total of 335 wickets. Through the course of her career, where she was often the leader of the bowling pack - taking the new ball - she became a three-time world cup winner. Lower down the order, she also played a few handy knocks with the bat,

cracking two half-centuries in ODIs and one in Tests. A winner of four Ashes as well, her announcement comes ahead of the Australia series set to begin in June. Her last appearance for England came in the T20 World Cup semifinal against South Africa earlier this year. She has been out of the ODI setup for a while, having last played her last 50-over international in July last year. Announcing her retirement, she said, "Well here I am, 19 years later, at the end of my international journey. I thought I'd never be able to reach this decision but I have and it's been the hardest one of my life. "I never had any dreams



or aspirations to do what I've done, I only ever wished to make my family proud of me. And what I've achieved has gone way beyond that. "I have so much to be thankful for, cricket has given me a purpose, a

sense of belonging, security, many golden memories and best friends that will last a lifetime. Of the trophies and titles I could have wished to achieve, I have reached them all, but my greatest achievement is

the happiness that I have found in Nat. "It has been a huge honour representing England for so long and I'd like to thank all of the England cricket family past and present for making my time a

special one. The supporters - you are awesome, without you we wouldn't be able to do what it is that we love and the atmosphere you guys create is irreplaceable. "The biggest thanks I have though goes to my family, they are my biggest fans and greatest support without which I wouldn't have made this journey at all." Clare Connor, who was also Sciver-Brunt's first national captain, and currently England Women's Managing Director, said: "Katherine has done so much for the game of cricket and for women's cricket in particular. She has been an unbelievable role-model, giving us everything she has for nearly 20 years.

"When cricketers retire, we rightly celebrate their skill, their runs and wickets, their records and accolades. But what Katherine has given the game of cricket extends far beyond those things. Her most powerful impact has been through her human qualities - through her passion to take our sport forward, her care for her teammates, her desire to always come back better and stronger despite significant injury setbacks. "Through the time she has spent with fans, signing autographs, having her photograph taken with so many girls and boys who have been inspired by her. Many of those children will have watched Katherine play over the years and

will have been inspired to start playing themselves. That's an incredibly powerful legacy of which she should be so proud. "Katherine began her career in a completely different era from the one we are in now and we owe her a debt of gratitude for the part she has played in progressing our game, raising standards and bringing a new audience to women's cricket. "She is quite simply a legend of our sport and I'd like to extend my thanks and the thanks of everyone at the ECB and across the game to her. We wish her all the best as she steps away from a remarkable international cricket career."

