



Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik Dedicating High Schools of 4 Districts under 3rd Phase 5T High Schools transformation programme through video conferencing

Jharsuguda Bypoll: Voting in 253 booths, including 26 Pink booths; webcasting in all booths

Bhubaneswar,(KCN): Elaborate arrangements have been made for free and fair voting in Jharsuguda bypoll, said Chief Electoral Officer, Nikunja Dhal on Monday. According to Dhal, the voting will be conducted in 253 booths in the constituency from 7 am on May 10. Central forces will be deployed in 144 booths out of the total 253 booths. Along with seven companies of central forces, adequate number of Odisha Police personnel will be deployed during polling.



A total of 1,012 polling personnel will carry out voting in all the booths and 96 polling personnel have been kept reserve for replacement and other issues, said Dhal. A total of 26 Pink booths with all-women polling personnel have also been

set up which is nearly 10 percent of the total booths for the Jharsuguda bypoll. "Provision of webcasting in all booths has been made. Already cameras have been installed and testing is done in 50 percent of booths," said Dhal. According to the Chief Electoral Officer, special arrangements and provisions have also been made for the physically-challenged voters. The district administration has also arranged 118 auto-rickshaws for the movement of such voters from their houses to the concerned booths.

Odisha: Campaign For Jharsuguda Bypoll Ends

Bhubaneswar: The campaign for Jharsuguda bypoll in Odisha came to an end at 6 pm today. The three major political parties in Odisha—Biju Janata Dal (BJD), Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Congress—pulled out all the stops to attract the voters. BJD candidate Dipali Das, BJP nominee Tankadhar Tripathy and Congress bypoll pick Tarun Pandey made all possible attempts to win the people's confidence in the bypoll, scheduled to be held on May 10. BJD supremo and Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik addressed a public meeting at Jharsuguda in support of Dipali yesterday. BJP leader and Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan too addressed a public meeting and participated in a rally in the bypoll-bound Assembly constituency



to seek votes for the saffron party. Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) president Sarat Pattanayak and other senior leaders of the party campaigned for Pandey. Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) for Odisha Nikunja Bihari Dhal, meanwhile, said all arrangements are in place for smooth voting in the by-election. Altogether 2,21,073 voters, including 1,10,323 men and 1,10,687 women, will exercise their franchise at 253 booths in the

constituency. "Central teams have been deployed at 144 booths out of the total 253 in Jharsuguda. Webcasting will be done in almost all booths of the constituency. The voting will start at 7 am and continue till 6 pm," Dhal said. The district administration has made all necessary arrangements for counting of votes on May 13. Notably, the by-election is necessitated due to the murder of sitting MLA and Health Minister Naba Das on January 29 this year.

Low Pressure Area Forms; Possible Cyclone 'Mocha' May Head Towards Bangladesh-Myanmar Coasts: IMD

Bhubaneswar(KCN): A low pressure area has formed over Southeast Bay of Bengal and adjoining South Andaman Sea, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said today. It is likely to intensify into a depression on 9th May over the same region and further into a cyclonic storm over southeast Bay of Bengal and adjoining areas of East Central Bay of Bengal and Andaman Sea on 10th May, the agency forecasted. It is likely to move initially north-northwestwards towards eastcentral Bay of Bengal till 11th May. Thereafter, it is likely to recurve gradually and move north-northeastwards towards Bangladesh-Myanmar coasts, the IMD predicted. The system will be named as Cyclone 'Mocha' if it intensifies into a cyclonic storm.



Hot, Sultry Days Back In Odisha After A Hiatus



Bhubaneswar: After a gap of some days, most places in Odisha witnessed hot and humid weather condition today. Boudh recorded the day's highest maximum temperature of 42 degree Celsius while the mercury crossed 40 degree Celsius at 14 places across the state, said the IMD. The western Odisha towns of Jharsuguda and Sambalpur recorded the

second highest maximum temperature of 41.6 degree C each. The Steel City of Rourkela recorded 41.4 while the maximum temperature was 41.1 degree C at Angul and 41.0 at Sundargarh, said the IMD. The maximum temperature touched 40 degree C or above at 8 places in Odisha. These places are Talcher, Bolangir, Jagatsinghpur,

Chandbali, Titlagarh, Sonepur, Nayagarh and Kendrapara. At least six places in the state — Hirakud, Cuttack, Bargarh, Bhanupatna, Malkangiri and Deogarh—recorded the maximum temperature of 39 degree C or above. The maximum temperature was 38.2 degree C in the capital city of Bhubaneswar, said the weatherman.

Agriculture Conclave on Agriculture, Farmers and Youth Agriculture is the key to building a progressive nation: Dr. Patnaik

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The state government is always working towards the development of Odisha's agriculture and farmers. Agriculture is the measure of our state's economy. Considering the development of agriculture and farmers as the main mantra, Shyamala Subarna, a quarterly magazine based on agriculture, was started by the students of agriculture from 2018. Designed by agriculture students, this magazine strives to engage rural farmers in organic farming and increase their skills. We have been working for 5 years in the direction of how the agricultural schemes brought by the government can be easily reached to the



farmers and the farmers can be the real beneficiaries. Being established from a magazine, it is now closer to the farmers, including one-day farmer awareness camps, Millet workshops by promoting the Millet Mission, and providing various

types of training to fish farmers. Shyamala Subarna Agro Pvt Ltd is now conducting various programs to make organic farming more popular among farmers and is also imparting education on new agricultural techniques to farmers in about 12 districts. For the first time in

Odisha, an agricultural conclave has been organized at Red Cross Bhavan, Bhubaneswar on Sunday, May 7, designed by agriculture students. Farmers and youths of the state have been brought together to discuss the development of

agriculture. Meals for the International Millet Year included dishes from Mandia. Hon'ble MP Rajya Sabha Dr Amar Patnaik inaugurated the gathering as the chief guest and spoke about how the development of agriculture is the foundation of nation



building. As the keynote speaker, Dean Agriculture Extension Dr Prasanajit Mishra gave his views on the development of organic agriculture. State Planning Board Member Dr. Prasanna Pattsani, Shyamala Subarana Group's Advisory Administrator

Soumashree Panigarahi and Senior Journalist Dr Pabitra Mohan Samantaray attended as the guest of honour. In this conclave, Chhayarani Sahu, Upendra Biswal and Gyana Ranjan Das were felicitated as successful farmers, Krishna Lintas Behera as a young writer, Anil

Mishra of AIASA, Satya Prakash Nanda, DEAN of Centurion University, Debtanu Barman as successful young entrepreneur, Bodhisattva of IG Drone as best start up. In addition, three panels were organized under the title of Magical Crop millet, Agricultural Entrepreneurship - An Overview, Fisheries Development of Odisha - Dreams and Possibilities with the coordination of agriculture, farmers and scientists. More than 150 farmers, agricultural students, agricultural scientists from all over Odisha participated in this conclave. The program was organised by Bigyan mihr rout, b Bhubananda Abhikari, Shubhashree Sahu and Pragy Parmita.



Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik Interacting with KALIA farmers on augmenting livelihood activities



Two detained for selling medicines door-to-door in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar: At a time when Odisha has earned a bad name over reports of fake medicines being sold in several parts of the State including the twin cities of Cuttack and Bhubaneswar, the Commissionerate Police has arrested two persons for allegedly selling medicines door-to-door. The incident has been reported from Salia Sahi area in the State capital. According to sources, in a rare sight, two persons were found selling medicines by visiting different houses in Salia Sahi area. These medicines were



reportedly being sold without any doctor's prescription. Surprised over medicines being sold in the open by salesmen, some locals reported the matter following which they were detained by the Maitri Vihar police. Though it is still unclear

whether the medicines sold by the salesmen are original or fake, the police are questioning the duo to extract more information. It is worthwhile to mention here that on April 25, the Special Task Force (STF) of the Odisha Police had

arrested four persons from Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh for supplying fake medicines to dealers in Odisha. The arrested persons- Subham Jaiswal, Ritesh Kumar, Chandrasekhar Singh, and Gaurav Sharma were brought to Odisha on remand after being produced at a Varanasi court. Similarly, spurious blood pressure medicines 'Telma 40' and Telma AM were seized in Cuttack earlier. Two accused allegedly involved in supplying spurious hypertension medicines to distributors in Cuttack were arrested from Bihar.

Puri Srimandir reforms case: Petition disposed of SC after 5 years, 26 sittings

Puri : The Supreme Court of India closed the Puri Srimandir reforms case after five years and 26 sittings on Monday. After taking into consideration the compliance affidavit filed by the Srimandir Committee, the apex court disposed of the petition filed by Mrinalini Padhi for better management of affairs at the 12th-century shrine. "If anybody is of the opinion or view that

any of the directions issued by this court are not complied with, application should be moved to the High Court, which should monitor the implementation of the directions," the apex court said in its ruling before disposing of the petition. "After going through the affidavits filed by the Srimandir committee and the Odisha government, the SC decided to dispose of all the

applications including the violence at the temple. The apex court even directed to move the HC if anybody wants to file any petition regarding the management of the temple," said Supreme Court lawyer, Swetaketu Mishra. "Other than land, Ratna Bhandar, and digitisation of Lord Jagannath's land records, the Amicus Curiae has expressed satisfaction over the

reply furnished by the State government and the Srimandir Committee," he added. Notably, a bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra had issued at least 25 directives including the establishment of an accommodation facility for 60,000 pilgrims, a waste treatment plant in Puri, and the establishment of schools and colleges in collaboration with the SJTA to promote Jagannath culture.

Narveram Company extends support to Adivasi Vikas Samity

Barbil: Narberham Power and Steel Private Limited Company has come forward to assist Adivasi Vikas Samity of Serenda in Kendujhar District. It is to note that The AVS has been set up by Padmashri Tulasi Munda. This institution has been carrying out various programs for decades to improve the social status of tribals and Harijans. Tulsi Munda is popularly known as Apa. The institute has also opened a residential school in its premises. More than five hundred students have provided free education with boarding facilities. Some corporate houses are helping this organization in various ways. Narberham Company has



undertaken the responsibility to bear the total cost of potatoes food for children's which is estimated to be Rs.3000 per day and Rs.10 lakh per year. A programme was organised at Adivasi Vikas Samity to give a

start to this programme. The company's vice-president, Sadananda Rana, inaugurated the project by offering a flower bouquet to Padmashri Tulsi Munda after getting her blessing. Damayanti Khatua Samal, president of the

institute was also present along with some employees of the institute. Other officers of the company including Prashant Kumar Bastia, Satyabratt Rout and Prashant Mohanty were also present on the occasion.

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I Feel Elated: Pankaj Tripathi Shares Update On 'Main Atal Hoon'

Acclaimed actor Pankaj Tripathi has shared an update about his next 'Main Atal Hoon'. He has commenced shooting for the film. Today, the makers officially announced the filming of 'Main Atal Hoon'. The movie will revolve around the life and political career of India's beloved leader, Atal Bihari Vajpayee who was not only a politician but also a poet, a gentleman and a statesman. Commencing the shoot in Mumbai, the team will have a long schedule of more than 45 days covering different parts of our country like Mumbai and Lucknow. "Getting a chance to play the role of our great leader, Shri Atal



Bihari Vajpayee was an honour in itself. We went through rigorous reading sessions, to understand the dialect, his lifestyle and his vision for India. I feel elated today as we begin shooting for 'Main ATAL Hoon,'" shared Pankaj. Director Ravi Jadhav added, "I have seen Pankaj ji being super involved in the process of knowing and understanding Atal ji. I am sure no one else would have been a better fit than Pankaj Ji to essay such a proficient personality. Hoping to create the same magic with our film that Atal ji created with his life and his

producer for our country." Helmed by National Award-Winning Director Ravi Jadhav, 'Main Atal Hoon' features Pankaj as Vajpayee, the three-time Prime Minister of our country. The film is written by Rishi Virmani and Ravi Jadhav with music by Salim-Sulaiman and lyrics by Manoj Muntashir. 'Main ATAL Hoon' is presented by Bhanushali Studios Limited and Legend Studios, produced by Vinod Bhanushali, Sandeep Singh, Sam Khan & Kamlesh Bhanushali and co-produced by Bhavesh Bhanushali, Ishaan Dutta, Zeeshan Ahmad and Shivv Sharma. The film is slated to hit the theatres in December.

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Ponniyin Selvan 2 Singer Rakshita Suresh Narrowly Escapes Death In A Car Accident

Singer Rakshita Suresh who is currently in Malaysia took to Instagram and revealed how she narrowly escaped a horrific accident with minor injuries. The 'Ponniyin Selvan-2' singer narrated that her car ran into a divider and smashed on the side of the road but due to the airbags, they were saved. "Met with a major accident today. The car that I was in rammed into a divider, and smashed to the side of the road while I was heading back to the airport in Malaysia this morning. My entire life flashed in front of me during those 10 seconds of impact.. Thanks to the airbags, otherwise things would've been worse. Still shaking from whatever happened, but I'm so glad that me, the driver and the other co-passenger who was sitting in the front seat are safe with just minor external injuries and a few internal injuries. Grateful and lucky to be alive," she wrote in a Twitter post. Fans shared their concern for the singer as soon as they saw the post and asked her to take care. "Take care Rakshita.

Stranger Things Final Season Shoot Delayed Due To Writers Guild of America Strike

The shoot of the final season of Netflix original 'Stranger Things' has halted due to the ongoing Writers Guild of America strike. The series co-creators and co-showrunners Matt Duffer and Ross Duffer, known as the Duffer brothers, shared a statement to announce it. The Duffers issued a statement from the



Stranger Writers Twitter account, which has offered "Stranger Things" fans a glimpse into the series' writers' room over the years, reported Variety. Writing on the fifth and final season commenced in August 2022, shortly after the fourth season premiered. The post read, "Duffers here. Writing does not stop when

filming begins. While we're excited to start production with our amazing cast and crew, it is not possible during this strike." "We hope a fair deal is reached soon so we can all get back to work. Until then -- over and out. #wgastrong" As the most streamed series of 2022, "Stranger Things" now joins a growing group of Netflix

series, such as "Big Mouth" and "Cobra Kai," facing delays and production pauses amid the ongoing writers' strike. After the original "Stranger Things" concludes, fans can expect an animated series set in the "Stranger Things" world, which is set to be produced by the Duffer brothers, Shawn Levy and Dan Cohen.

Radhika Madan-starrer 'Sanaa' is the most anticipated film of 2023!

Ever since the announcement of the film dropped in March, Sanaa is a film that has been on the watch-out list for audiences. The film has the best of all worlds, from a powerful cast, and mind-blowing music to a director who is a National Award Winner. Here we are listing down reasons why this is one of the most anticipated films of the year. The supremely talented Radhika Madan, from making her debut with the unconventional Pataakha directed by Vishal Bhardwaj to Angrezi Medium to now Kuttey which is all set to hit the screens. Actor Radhika has been the talk of the town for all the right reasons. Radhika Madan stars in and as Sanaa in the film, she also quoted that it has been one of the most challenging and memorable experiences for her. Sudhanshu Saria is a National award-winning filmmaker, who made his directorial debut with the romantic drama "Loev" in 2015. It premiered at many prestigious festivals all around the world and also won the Best Film



Award at TLVFest-the LGBT International Film Festival in Tel Aviv, Israel. With his next psychological thriller "Knock Knock Knock" Sudhanshu claimed the National Award for Best Direction. Sanaa is directed and produced by him under his banner 'Fourline Entertainment'. Saria was announced as the director of the female-led espionage drama titled Ulajh, with Jungle Pictures. He is also co-producing and writing Delhi Crime Season 3 for Netflix. He is currently shooting a young-adult web show for Amazon Prime for which he is a showrunner. Filmmaking has changed its course over the years. Filmmakers are more confined to telling heart-wrenching stories, stories which are socially and culturally connected with our daily lives. Sanaa is one such story, a social drama, that follows a headstrong and ambitious girl who is raging against an internal battle that is rooted in unhealed trauma. Along with the talented actor, Radhika Madan as a lead; the film also features Pooja Bhatt,

Sohum Shah and Shikha Talsania in pivotal roles. All of these actors are known for giving remarkable performances and have excelled every time they have been on the screen. Tallinn Black Nights Film Festival is one of the biggest film festivals in Northern Europe. Sanaa had its world premiere there this year, it was the only Indian film competing for The Grand Prix For Best Film at the 2022 Tallinn Black Nights Film Festival in Tallinn, Estonia. The film received an overwhelming response, making it an unforgettable moment for Saria and Madan who presented the film before the world audience. Music is the backbone of every Indian film, who better than the hitmaker Vishal Mishra for a film this special? The Kabir Singh fame has composed five unique songs for the film penned down by Anvita Dutt Guptan who has delivered chartbusters albums like Dostana and Queen. These are six of the many reasons why we can't wait for the release of 'Sanaa.'

Alia Bhatt drops stunning new pictures, flaunts her solitaire, fans call her 'hot mama'

Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor attended the engagement bash of Anant Ambani and Radhika Merchant last night at Antilia. The couple was one of the first guests to arrive at the party and it was a treat for the fans to see Alia all decked up, back to attending parties and events post the birth of her daughter Raha. While Ranbir looked dapper in a black ethnic wear, Alia looked beautiful in a light blue chikankari outfit with sequins which appeared as white in the night light. The actress dropped some portraits on the gram and netizens couldn't stop gushing over her. While one user commented, "marriage and pregnancy ever made a girl sexy.... that only girl is you, Alia????", another user called her a 'hot mama'. Some fans also demanded pictures with Ranbir. Most of them called her the 'prettiest mama'. What also caught everyone's attention was that Alia was flaunting a huge solitaire in the last picture. Alia had revealed a few days ago that just a month and a half after Raha's birth, she's gotten back to her fitness regime. She also confessed that she will give her body the time and space that it needs. Meanwhile, what's trending on the gram is Alia's reel to wrap up 2022 where she dropped the pictures which didn't make it to the gram earlier.



Vivek Agnihotri slams Deepika Padukone, Shah Rukh Khan's Pathaan song, issues 'warning' to viewers

Vivek Agnihotri, who tasted massive success with his film 'The Kashmir Files', is the latest celebrity to react on the ongoing 'Pathaan' song controversy. The filmmaker took to

Twitter on Wednesday to reshare a video featuring a 'young fan' as she criticised Deepika Padukone and Shah Rukh's Pathaan song. Along with it, he tweeted, "WARNING..

video against Bollywood. Don't watch it if you are a 'secular'." The video shared by Vivek Agnihotri feature Deepika Padukone and Shah Rukh Khan from the song 'Besharam

Rang' from 'Pathaan'. Along with it, it showed a girl, who called herself a 'big fan' of the film's cast, director and producer. After praising the cast and crew, as Deepika's visuals played,

the girl reacts in shock and fear and asked them in Hindi, "Why do you wear such provocative clothes and show such moves... you call this content?" She further blamed such

videos for the crimes against women, and asked why the cast and makers could not make 'saaf-suthra (clean) content' like others do on OTT platforms

The doctrine "Basic Structure"



Mr. Radha Shyam Jena

Arithmetically after five decades, the historic judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on the constitution is ever memorable for protecting the basic structure of the constitution i.e. KesavanandaBharati Versus State of Kerala (1973) 4 SCC 225. The judgment passed on 24th April, 1973 is historic. The judgment is historic since the thin majority of 7:6 in favour of protecting the basic structure of the constitution. The historic issue of amending power of the parliament was under challenge in the year 1951 before the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the matter of ShriShankari Prasad Singhdeo Versus Union of India and State of Bihar. The provisional parliament by exercising the power of amending the constitution under Article 368 amended the Article 31-A and 31-B of the Constitution which are the part of the fundamental rights falling within the part III of the Constitution. A batch of writ petitions were heard by a Constitution Bench comprising Justice HiraLalKania (the then Chief Justice), Justice PatanjaliShastri, Justice Mukherjea, Justice Das and Justice Chandrasekhar Aiyar in the matter of Sri

Shankari Prasad Singhdeo Versus Union of India & State of Bihar etc. etc. reported in (1952) SCR 89. From the said Judgment it is apparent that the constitution (removal of difficulties), order no.2 made by the President on 26th January 1950 which purports to adopt Article 368 by omitting "either house" and in "such house" substituting Parliament "that house" is beyond the powers conferred on him by Article 392 and ultra vires. As per the said judgment, the provisional Parliament is competent to exercise the power for amending the constitution under Article 368. In Shankari Prasad case an amendment to Article 31-A and 31-B was challenged on the ground that the amendment takes away the fundamental rights of the citizens and therefore not allowed by Article 13. The view taken in the said case is that Article 368 is a complete code in itself in respect of the procedure provide by it and does not contemplate any amendment of the constitution after it has been introduced and that if the bill is amended during its passage through the house, the amendment cannot be said to have been passed in conformity with the procedure prescribed by Article 368 and would be invalid. The further view as taken is that although "law" must ordinarily include constitutional law, there is a clear demarcation between ordinary law and constitutional law. The ordinary law is made in

the exercise of the legislative power. The constitutional law is made in the exercise of the constituent power. In the context of Article 13, "law" must be taken to mean rules or regulations made in exercise of ordinary legislative power and not amendments to the constitution made in the exercise of constituent power, with the result that Article 13(2) does not affect amendments made under Article 368. The substantial objection taken in the said case that it was beyond the power of the Parliament to enact the new Articles is equally untenable. The answer is that as stated in the judgment is that Article 13-A and 13-B really seek to save a certain class of laws and certain specified laws already passed from the combined operation of Article 13 read with other relevant Articles of Part III. Finally before dismissing the writ petitions, the Hon'ble Supreme Court held as under: "The news articles being thus essentially amendments of the Constitution. Parliament alone had the power of enacting them. That the laws thus saved relate to matters covered by List II does not in any way affect the position. It was said that Parliament could not validate a law which it had no power to enact. The proposition holds good where the validity of the impugned provision turns on whether the subject-matter falls within or without the jurisdiction of the legislature which passed it. But to make a law which contravenes the constitution

constitutionally valid is a matter of constitutional amendment, and as such, it falls within the exclusive power of Parliament. The question whether the latter part of article 31B is too widely expressed was not argued before us and we express no opinion upon it." In 1955 by the constitution (IV Amendment Act) Article 31-A was amended. Some legislative measures were adopted by different States for giving effect to the policy were effective by challenged in a batch of writ petitions. In order to save the validity of those Acts as well as other Acts which were likely to be struck down, the Parliament passed a Constitutional Amendment Act i.e. Constitution (XVII Amendment) Act 1964 by which Article 13(1)(a) was again amended and forty four Acts were added to the IX schedule. The Petitioners and the interveners were directly affected by one or other acts. They contended that the Act by which they were affected could be saved because the Constitution (XVII Amendment) Act, 1964 was constitutionally invalid. The substantial points urged in the batch of writ petitions in Sajjan Singh Versus State of Rajasthan with connected petitions reported in (1965) 1 SCR 933 wherein the following points were substantially pressed: (i) Since the powers prescribed by Article 226 which is in Chapter V, Part VI of the Constitution

were likely to be effected by XVII Amendment, the special procedure laid down in the proviso to Article 368 namely requiring the ratification by not less than half the number of States should be followed; (ii) The decision in Shankari Prasad Singhdeo Versus Union of India and the State of Bihar which negated such a contention when dealing with the first amendment should be considered; (iii) The XVII Amendment Act was a legislative measure in respect of land and since parliament had no right to make a law in respect of land, the act was invalid; and (iv) Since the Act purported to set aside the decisions of the competent jurisdiction, it was unconstitutional. However dismissing a batch of writ petitions, the Hon'ble Supreme Court held that on the contentions urged there was no justification for re-considering Shankari Prasad's case. It is further held that the power conferred by Article 368 on Parliament can be exercised both prospectively and retrospectively. It is open to Parliament to validate the laws which have been declared invalid by courts. Subsequently in the case of I.C. GolakNath&Ors. Versus State of Punjab &Ors. (with connected petitions)(1967) 2 SCR 762 the validity of the Punjab Security of Land Tenures Act, 1953 and Mysore Land Reforms Act as amended by Act 14

of 1965 was challenged by the Petitioners under Article 32 of the Constitution of India. The said Acts were included in the IXth Schedule to the Constitution by virtue of the Constitution (XVII Amendment Act, 1964), the validity of the said Amendment Act was also challenged. In this connection, the Shankari Prasad's case was emphasized wherein as stated above the validity of the Constitution (First Amendment Act, 1951) had been upheld and Sajjan Singh's case in which the validity of the Constitution (XVII Amendment Act, 1964) had been upheld by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. In the GolakNath Case it was raised that these cases had been wrongly decided. Therefore, in I.C. GolakNath&Ors. Versus State of Punjab &Ors., it was strongly contended that Parliament had no power to amend fundamental rights in Part III of the Constitution. It was urged that the State includes Parliament and Law that includes constitutional amendments. However the Supreme Court rejected the arguments and held that the power to amend the constitution lies with the Article 368 which deals with the power of Parliament to amend the constitution and procedure. Therefore, the Parliament may in exercise of its constituent power amend by way of addition, variation or repealed any provision of the Constitution in accordance with the procedure in the said article. In the said judgment the

Hon'ble Supreme Court held by a majority of 6:5 that Parliament had no power to amend or take away of the fundamental rights. A landmark judgment was delivered by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 24th April, 1973 i.e. KesavanandaBharati Versus State of Kerala &Anr., which redefined the relationship between the Parliament and the Constitution by the narrowest possible margin 7 - 6, the 13 judge Constitution Bench of the Hon'ble Supreme Court ruled that the basic structure of the constitution is inviolable and cannot be amended by Parliament. In its majority view the Supreme Court held that the fundamental rights cannot be taken away by amending them. It observed that Parliament had vast powers to amend the Constitution and upheld the Land Ceiling Laws challenged therein but the Hon'ble Supreme Court drew the line by observing that certain parts are so inherent and intrinsic to the Constitution that the Parliament cannot touch it. The court further substantially held that the amendment would not violate the "basic structure" of the Constitution. The pivotal ruling in the KesavanandaBharati case, the Hon'ble Supreme Court laid down the doctrine of basic structure on the limits of Parliament's power to amend the Constitution. The said judgment on 24th April, 2023 completed 50 years. The doctrine over

the decades has been criticized repeatedly for diluting the principle of separation of powers and undermining the sovereignty of Parliament and as a vague and subjective form of judicial review. By invoking the doctrine "basic structure" sparingly the Hon'ble Supreme Court struck down amendments where judicial powers have been curtailed. It is pertinent to mention here that in the said historic judgment, the Hon'ble Supreme Court while upholding the Land Ceiling Laws that were challenged it struck down a portion of the 25th Amendment Act (1972) which started that "if any law is passed to give effect to the directive principles" it cannot "be deemed to be void on the ground that it takes away or abridged any of the rights contained in Article 14, 19 or 31". It is further pertinent to mention here that since 1973 the year of the KesavanandaBharati Judgment, the constitution has been amended more than 60 times. In these five decades the Hon'ble Supreme Court has tested the constitutional amendments on the anvil of the doctrine, the "basic structure" in at least 16 cases.

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Combating Hunger and Poverty: Modinomics & the New Indian Experience



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and over 22 crore people will experience chronic hunger by 2020. India alone is home to approximately a third of the world's chronically hungry people and a quarter of those who experience food insecurity. The disastrous policies of the BJP-led Modi administration are to blame for the recent surge in the prevalence of hunger and food insecurity in India. The persistent attacks on people's livelihoods by the Modi government, which began with demonetisation in 2016 and continued through the Covid lockdown in 2020, will live on in infamy. Every time a report highlights the suffering of the populace, this government goes into overdrive, alleging that the report is untrue and was purposely written to harm India's reputation. The government's response to the most recent GHI figures is similar. The Modi government has refused to acknowledge the GHI and asserted that it is a "erroneous measure of hunger" rather than acknowledging the rising food insecurity in India

and pledging to take action to address it. The Modi-led BJP government wants the outside world to think that there is no such thing as poverty or famine in India. Since the Modi administration took office, it has stopped defining an official poverty line and estimating poverty. Data on people's material circumstances are either not gathered or are not permitted to be made public. The Modi administration has modified official data collection methods so that they no longer accurately depict the situation. The Indian government criticised the methodology used by WHO when it determined that 4.7 million deaths in India were attributable to COVID-19. Instead, the government insisted that much lower estimates of excess mortality recorded in the well-known for being inaccurate and unreliable measure of births and deaths official civil registration system, should be used. Recently, the government has made data from the Sample Registration

System available to support its claim that the Covid pandemic caused almost no additional deaths in India. The Covid lockout and economic crisis were intended to appear to have no impact on unemployment, according to the official Periodic Labour Force Surveys. In order to prove that poverty has dropped to minuscule levels in India, a new indicator called the Multidimensional Poverty indicator has been developed. This index has nothing to do with poverty and is fed numerous different items of fudged data. To put it another way, the nation's statistical system has been transformed into a tool of government propaganda, and only information that confirms the arrival of Achhe Din and AmritKaal is permitted to be made public. The nationwide Sample Survey Office's nationwide consumption expenditure surveys in India provide the most crucial information for estimating poverty and hunger. The Modi administration suppressed the results of

the 2017-18 survey in an unprecedented step. Since then, no poll on consumer spending has been done. It is vital to keep in mind that the Modi government has not seen the need to broaden the reach of the public distribution system despite the significant worsening of unemployment in recent years and an economic crisis that has plunged millions into poverty and food insecurity. According to the National Food Security Act (NFSA), the government is required to provide food grain at a subsidised rate to at least 75% of the rural population and 50% of the urban population as of the most recent population count. The NFSA's coverage is currently around 12 crore people below the amount required by the constitution, despite the fact that the previous population census was performed more than a decade ago and the 2021 census has not yet begun. In other words, because the official population census was not completed on time,

roughly 12 crore people were excluded from the NFSA. Aadhaar seeding and digitalization has resulted in the cancellation of around 4.4 crore ration cards since 2014. This has been carried out most vehemently in states with BJP rule. It is important to keep in mind that the beneficiaries of the NFSA were chosen in accordance with a set of predetermined standards and data gathered from the 2011 Socio-Economic Caste Census conducted across the country. But the widespread cancellation of the cards of low-income households and the selection of new NFSA recipients in their place have been done solely for political reasons, without any set of guidelines or survey. Even during the Covid crisis, when the government had supplies of more than 10 crore tonnes of foodgrain, it merely boosted the distribution of foodgrain to NFSA beneficiaries who were already receiving it. Millions of additional people who lost their jobs due to the economic crisis and were plunged into poverty

were not even offered any subsidies for food grains. The public distribution system must be made universal, according to CPI(M). This proved especially important during the Covid crisis, when millions of foreign workers' sources of income were abruptly taken away. The administration kept proposing erroneous and convoluted solutions like the One Nation One Card programme, which have not been implemented, rather than just opening the doors of the government's overflowing granaries and making the public distribution system universal. In recent years, a high rate of inflation in food costs has also made food insecurity and hunger worse. Most of 2022's months had food prices that were 7-9% higher than those in the corresponding months of 2021. The Modi government has relied heavily on fuel taxes to pay for government spending for a large portion of its time in office. It is clear that high fuel prices, which are essentially the result of

high taxes, have a cascading effect on the prices of other goods, including food. Additionally, the central government has used the new GST regime to impose a high tax burden on common citizens and small producers, and has been keeping the lion's share of the GST collections for itself rather than passing them on to the states. Statistics that have been manipulated cannot deceive the working people of this nation. They will never forget the suffering they endured as a result of this government's disastrous economic policies. The three most pressing challenges of the day are poverty, unemployment, and food insecurity. There is a dire need to organise people around these livelihood-related problems in the nation to make sure that this government is held responsible for the hardships that the populace is experiencing.

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Rabindranath Tagore played a huge role in shaping Indian identity and culture: Ved Mitra

Gurugram: To mark 162nd Birth Anniversary of Kabi Guru Rabindranath Tagore, Centre for Languages and Communication, S.G.T University, Gurugram, organized an event entitled 'It's My Write and Recite'. On this occasion, Dr Ved Mitra Shukla, an author and Associate professor, Department of English, Rajdhani College, University of Delhi graced the event as Chief Guest. The event began with lamp-lighting ceremony followed by welcome address and presenting a memento to the Chief Guest by Dr Sarju Devi, Head of the Department.

The center organized a poetry writing and recitation competition on the birth anniversary of Tagore. The event drew diverse group of students from across the university, and more than 30 participants recited their own poetic composition during the event. All the participants celebrated the power of words and showcased their talent and creativity. The event was judged by a panel of judges, Dr. S. K. Pandey, Dr. Tejee Isha and Sourabh Kumar, who praised the creativity and emotional depth of the submissions. The event also included expert talk from Dr Ved



of poetry. He talked about various aspects of poetry, putting emphasis

on the 'idea of creator and creation in poetry'. He said that

Rabindranath Tagore was a philosopher as well as an artist. He

was a Bengali polymath – a great poet, philosopher,

music composer and an educationalist, who took Indian culture and tradition to the whole world and became a voice of Indian heritage. He played a huge role in shaping Indian identity and culture. Dr Sam Raj Nesamony, Professor, Centre for Languages and Communication also recited Wordsworth's and Keats' famous poems. Tushar, Assistant Professor, Centre for Languages and Communication, read few lines from his poem which dealt with the themes of partition and war. Dr Anupam had a very

engaging QA session on the various aspects of poetry writing with Dr Ved Mitra Shukla. With this, the event concluded with the announcement of results by Dr Ved. The first prize went to Samridhi Sood, Faculty of Law, the second prize was won by Ashwini from Faculty of Dental Sciences, and Priyanshu from Centre for Languages and Communication secured third prize. The event was a huge success as students from across the university came together to discuss and share their precious thoughts with everyone present.

Around 28 colleges, and 38 events made Emblaze 2023 a grand success

Kolkata: On 2nd May, The Heritage College, Kolkata, organized an Inter-college Meet Emblaze 2023 which was participated by more than 28 colleges across the State. Around 38 events were there at Emblaze to ignite the young minds with fun, enthusiasm, creativity and excitement. The inaugural ceremony of the event was addressed by well known Theatre artist and Film personality Mr. Sujoy Prosad Chatterjee as the Chief Guest. During his address, he guided the students to explore all the events at Emblaze that ignites talent and creativity among the students. The event was also addressed by Dr. Basab Chaudhuri, Principal, Heritage Institute of Technology, Mr. P.K. Agarwal, CEO, Heritage Group of Institutions, Prof.



K. K. Chaudhuri, Director, Heritage Business School, Prof. Amitava Ghosh, Teacher-in-charge, The Heritage College and Dr. Madhupa Bakshi, Dean, Department of Media Science, The Heritage Academy, Kolkata. Emblaze offered a range of events including Sports, Science, Management, Literary, Photography, Debate, Art, PR & Branding and

Culture and continued till 6th May. The events at Emblaze were judged by esteemed personalities such as Ms. Rajnandini Paul, a renowned television actor and Mrs. India Pride of the Nations & Mrs. Persona of India 2021, Ms. Labony Ray for the Fashion Show event, Mr. Rob Dey, a well known actor for the Drama event and Mr. Boidurjyo Chowdhary,

lead guitarist at Cactus Band for the Music event. Bethune College, Lady Brabourne College, Jadavpur University, Bhowanipur Education Society College, St. Xavier's University, Shri Shikshayatan College, Goenka College of Commerce, Maulana Azad College, Rani Birla Girl's College Jogamaya Devi College, THK Jain College, Sarojini Naidu

College for Womens, Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose College, Shri Shikshayatan College, Techno Main Saltlake, Government College of Art and Craft, Calcutta, iLEAD - Institute of Leadership, Entrepreneurship and Development, Sister Nivedita University (main campus), Gokhale Memorial Girl's College, Shree Agrasain College, Calcutta Institute of Engineering and Management & Ashutosh College were among the colleges who participated for this mega event. The Heritage College Kolkata was declared the overall champions for Emblaze and the runners-up position was bagged by Shri Shikshayatan College. Since The Heritage College is the host of the event, the winners trophy was handed over to Shri Shikshayatan College, Kolkata

Special Flights Help Meet Demand As People Scramble To Leave Manipur

Kolkata/Guwahati: Several airlines were operating special flights from Imphal to help people stranded in violence-hit Manipur return home, officials said on Monday,

There is no question of charging more from distressed passengers," he said. AIX Connect, formerly AirAsia, will also operate a relief flight from Imphal to

route, it was around 8,000. Most of the state governments were bearing the cost of air tickets of their people they were bringing back, officials said.



maintaining that this resulted in airfares on the route not rocketing out of control despite the massive jump in demand. Regional carrier Flybig said it operates a Guwahati to Imphal flight via Tezu six days a week. But, since Saturday it has operated three additional flights between Imphal and Guwahati, on which people from Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya and Maharashtra returned from Imphal. "A total of 150 passengers were brought back from Imphal to Guwahati over the three days. On Saturday, people from Arunachal Pradesh were brought back, while people of Meghalaya came on Sunday, and a group from Maharashtra were brought to Guwahati on Monday," Flybig's director of corporate affairs Ajay Jasra told PTL. "Flybig operates under the UDAN scheme, and our average fare from Imphal to Guwahati is ₹ 3,500.

Guwahati on Tuesday, besides the two regular flights it operates on the route. The special flight will arrive at 11.15 am in Guwahati, an official said. Alliance Air operated two special flights on the Imphal-Guwahati route on Monday. The country's largest airline IndiGo said it has operated two special flights from Imphal to Kolkata on Saturday. Air India said it operated two special flights on the Imphal-Delhi route on Saturday and Sunday. Air India and IndiGo have waived fees for rescheduling and cancellation for all their flights to and from Imphal from May 4 to 7. An IndiGo spokesperson said it was working to keep the airfares affordable amid the crisis in the Northeastern state. According to travel websites on Monday evening, fares of direct flights from Imphal to Guwahati on Tuesday were around ₹ 11,000, while on the Imphal-Kolkata

An Airports Authority of India (AAI) official said various measures were being taken to help people at the Imphal airport, which has seen a huge rush of passengers trying to flee the state amid the ethnic violence that began on May 3. The AAI has set up a helpdesk at the airport for the stranded passengers. The Imphal airport served 10,531 passengers between May 4 and May 6, and handled a total of 108 flights, officials said. The airport, which usually handles 14 flights a day, operated 40 flights on Monday, they said. Ethnic clashes broke out in Manipur on Wednesday after tribals organised a demonstration in the ten hill districts of the state to protest against the Meitei community's demand for Scheduled Tribe (ST) status. The clashes displaced around 23,000 people and resulted in the deaths of at least 54 people.



The Union Minister for Defence, Shri Rajnath Singh visit to Indian Air Force Heritage Centre, in Chandigarh

100% Tap Water In 8850 Villages

Bhubaneswar: After touching the milestone of providing tap water supply to more than 50 lakh households in the State, Odisha government has ensured tap water connection to each household in 8850 villages across the State under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). Sushil Kumar Lohani, Principal Secretary Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water took stock of Tap Water Program. As per data available on the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) dashboard, 8850 villages of the State reported 100 percent tap water supply connection. Thus, all these villages have become 'Har Ghar Jal'. Highest 990 villages of mineral-rich Kendujhar district have 100 tap water connections,

followed by Bhadrak (781 villages), Mayurbhanj (714), Boudh (565) and Ganjam (500). The bottom five districts in the list are—Jharsuguda (41 villages), Jagatsinghpur (74), Malkangiri (78), Nabarangpur (93) and Kendrapara (119). Similarly, 422 Gram Panchayats in the State have reported tap water supply connections to all households. However, not a single village has been certified to have 100 tap water connection till now. On the other hand, over 53.15 lakh households in Odisha have been provided with tap water connections under different schemes including the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). Out of 88,60,078 households, piped water connection has been

ensured for 53,15,033 households, which is 59.99 per cent. Odisha has performed better than a few major States like Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, J h a r k h a n d , Chhattisgarh, West Bengal and Kerala. The data available in the JJM dashboard shows that Nuapada tops the district list in the State where over 97.68 percent of households have a tap water supply. Nuapada remaining at the top position assumes significance when the district has the most blocks under the contamination category, officials said. As many as 21 districts in the State now have tap water connections to half of their households. The districts other than



Nuapada are Keonjhar (94.67 per cent), Bhadrak (83.71 per cent), Boudh (79.67 pc), Deogarh (75.58 pc), Dhenkanal (74.72 pc), Jharsuguda (73.58 pc), Kendrapara (67.78 pc), Nabarangpur (65.28 pc), Khorda (64.72 pc), Angul (64.63 pc),

Bargarh (63.46 pc), Balasore (62.92 pc), Ganjam (62.14 pc), Puri (61.96), Jajpur (61.57 pc), Sonepur (59.85 pc), Sundergarh (59.67 pc), Cuttack (55.35 pc), Kalahandi (52.41 pc) and Rayagada (50.61 pc). Tribal dominated Malkangiri district has

remained bottom of the list with coverage of only 35.10 per cent of the total households so far. Malkangiri was preceded by Bolangir with 38.49 per cent and Sambalpur with 41.65 per cent coverage. The other districts those were recorded below 50

per cent water supply coverage are—Jagatsinghpur—49.85 per cent, Koraput—49.52 per cent, Nayagarh—47.27 per cent, Kandhamal—43.67 per cent and Mayurbhanj—42.78 per cent. An amount of Rs 4096.31 crore has been utilised under the JJM during last financial year. During the current financial year (2022-23), the State Government has made budgetary provision of Rs.13,215 crore during the year 2023-24 for piped drinking water in rural areas from budget and off-budget sources. This includes Rs.4,750 crore under Basudha scheme, Rs.5,750 crore under Jal Jeevan Mission, and Rs.269 crore for operation and

maintenance of the water supply system, Finance Minister Niranjan Pujari had stated in his budget speech. All 691 directly affected villages in 8 mineral-bearing districts will be covered under piped water supply with an estimated cost of Rs.2127 crore under OMBADC funds and Rs.588 crore under DMF, he had announced. About 207 Mega Piped Water Supply Projects worth Rs.36,455 crore have already been executed in the state. "We have embarked upon a plan to increase the coverage of piped water supply and safe drinking water to all the rural households by the end of 2024 and all out efforts are being made to achieve the target within the stipulated time," Shri Pujari had said.

Online banking fails old-age pension beneficiaries who await doorstep services in Odisha

BHUBANESWAR: A number of elderly beneficiaries in Ganjam's Patrapur block are not as lucky as 70-year-old Surya Harijan of Nabarangpur district whose struggles to collect old-age pension from bank drew the attention of Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. Several old-age pension beneficiaries of Patrapur are leading a miserable life since the last five months as they are unable to withdraw their allowance due to digitalisation of bank services. They are unable to open an account in bank or link passbooks with their Aadhaar card due to fingerprint mismatch owing to old age.



Seventy-five-year-old Pana Naik of Kolathia village under K Nuagaon panchayat in Patrapur is one such unlucky beneficiary. Unable to walk straight due to old age, she is forced to crawl with the help of her hands. Since the last five months, Pana is not receiving her old-age pension as she is unable to provide her fingerprint for opening an account. Similar is the situation of Sakili Kanyari (75), Aji

Kanyari (75), Parbati Pradhan (87), Raghunath Naik (80), Kama Naik (71) and Bhanu Naik (73) of Kolathia. Besides, over a dozen of elderly beneficiaries of Patrachudi village in Chandapur panchayat too are making rounds of bank kiosks for their pension in vain. Earlier, these elderly beneficiaries received their monthly pension from their respective

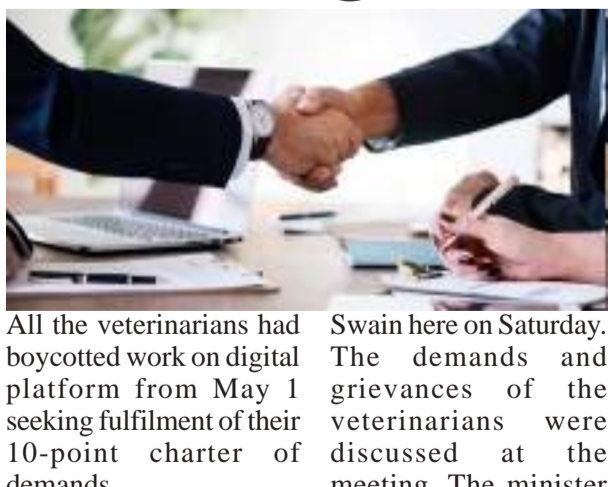
panchayat offices. To provide them respite from the pain of standing in long queues, the government began paying their pension online. But that has not helped the beneficiaries. Social security officer of Patrapur block K Choudhury admitted that online payment of old-age pension has created several problems for beneficiaries. "We had

approached the higher authorities requesting special arrangement for those unable to avail the benefit and also suggested for disbursing pension at their respective panchayat offices but to no avail," he said.

Locals, meanwhile, said the administration should engage officials including bank mitras to disburse pension to elderly beneficiaries either at their doorsteps or special camps. "If the neighbouring Andhra Pradesh is distributing pension and PDS commodities at the doorsteps of beneficiaries, why can't Odisha government do the same?" they questioned. Last month, a video of Surya walking barefoot for several kilometres to collect pension from a bank in Jharigaon block of Nabarangpur district went viral on social media. In the video, the frail woman was seen walking barefoot in scorching heat with the support of a broken chair. After coming across the video, Sitharaman pulled up the bank authorities who assured to provide Surya her pension amount at her doorstep.

Veterinarians resume work after talks with Odisha government

BHUBANESWAR: Members of Odisha Veterinary Service Association (OVSA) have taken back their resignations and resumed work following assurance from the state government for favourable consideration of their grievances and revocation of transfer orders of the central executive committee members. Veterinary doctors across the state had resigned en masse on May 4 protesting vindictive transfer of around 20 office bearers of OVSA.



All the veterinarians had boycotted work on digital platform from May 1 seeking fulfilment of their 10-point charter of demands. Representatives of all district units of OVSA attended a meeting convened by Fisheries and Animal Resources Minister Ranendra Pratap

Swain here on Saturday. The demands and grievances of the veterinarians were discussed at the meeting. The minister said some of the demands like pay parity with general doctors, cadre restructuring to create promotional avenues, filling up of

all vacant posts and infrastructure development will time to fulfill and assured he will take up the same with the government. "After getting assurance on revocation of transfer orders of executives of OVSA CEC and consideration of grievances of OVS cadre, all Vets resumed work with digital support," said a tweet posted by OVSA Cuttack district unit. Earlier, members of OVSA met chief secretary Pradeep Kumar Jena.



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SBI Life Insurance registers New Business Premium of Rs21,512 crores for the period ended on 31st December, 2022

Bhubaneswar: SBI Life Insurance, one of the leading life insurers in the country registered a New Business Premium of Rs21,512 crores for the period ended on 31st December, 2022 vis-avis Rs18,791 crores for the period ended December 31, 2021. Regular premium has increased by 22% over the corresponding period ended on 31st December, 2021. Establishing a clear focus on protection, SBI Life's protection new business premium stood at Rs2,545 crores for the period ended December 31, 2022 marking a growth of 25%. Protection Individual new business

premium registered a growth of 12% and stood at 7696 crores for the period ended December 31, 2022. Individual New Business Premium stands at Rs15,242 crores with 31% growth over the corresponding period ended 31st December, 2021. SBI Life's profit after tax stands at Rs944 crores for the period ended December 31, 2022.

The company's solvency ratio continues to remain robust at 2.25 as on December 31, 2022 as against the regulatory requirement of 1.50.

SBI Life's AUM also continued to grow at 17% to Rs2,99,987 crores as on December

31, 2022 from Rs2,56,871 crores as on December 31, 2021, with the debt-equity mix of 71:29. Over 95% of the debt investments are in AAA and Sovereign instruments.

The company has a diversified distribution network of 2,55,848 trained insurance professionals and wide presence with 990 offices across the country, comprising of strong bancassurance channel, agency channel and others comprising of corporate agents, brokers, Point of sale persons (POS), insurance marketing firms, web aggregators and direct business.

Industrialization can be a powerful tool to enable holistic rural development

Bhubaneswar: There is an old adage that says, 'when a child is born, new parents are also born'. The responsibility of parenthood marks the transition of a man and a woman to parents. And this same sense of responsibility and willingness to nurture is inherent to industrialization. Whenever a new industry is born, a new industrial ecosystem is also born!

Just as joyful parents work towards raising a successful and responsible citizen, so too with industry. While setting up a new plant brings an industrialist a sense of pride, purpose and fulfilment, it comes with the responsibility of

ensuring the well-being and prosperity of the communities around them, supporting them to play a larger role in building the nation.

Over the years, several industries have played a significant role in contributing to society through their operations, creating employment, and ensuring a better quality of life for those living around their plants. Industries have built infrastructure, supported the area's development through the construction of roads, water supply, sewage treatment facilities, and made electricity available.

Deepak Fertilisers and Petrochemicals Corporation Limited

(DFPCL), has played a similar stellar role in the development of Talaja in Maharashtra since it set up operations there in 1979. The plant has been a key manufacturing hub for the company for the production of Technical Ammonium Nitrate (TAN), Industrial Chemicals and Fertilisers. In the process, it has created employment for thousands of people from the area and played a significant role in empowering the community by supporting them to learn employable skills that generate sustainable livelihoods, thus enhancing financial and emotional independence of the population.

GreenCell Mobility appoints Devendra Chawla as CEO

Mumbai: GreenCell Mobility (GreenCell), a leading pan-India shared electric mobility player, has announced that Devendra Chawla has been appointed as the new CEO of the company. Mr. Chawla will lead the company's objective of being the prime mover in building a sustainable growth momentum in the shared e-mobility space. He will report to the board of GreenCell.

Devendra Chawla, who has a rich and varied experience of 26+ years, was until recently the MD & CEO of Spencer's Retail and Nature's Basket. Prior to that, he was associated with

Walmart India as EVP & COO and was CEO of the Future Consumer Limited (FCL) and Group President - Food, FMCG, Brands Future Group. He also served as the CEO - Food and Business Head for private brands (Future Group). Previously with Coca Cola, he led various roles including Area Operations Director, Director - Customer Service/Route to Market. He has also had a stint at Asian Paints as Regional - Branch Manager. Commenting on the appointment, Mr. Dhanpal Jhaveri, Vice Chairman - Everstone Group and CEO - Eversource Capitalsaid,

"We are excited to welcome Devendra to the GreenCell team, having successfully led many customer centric businesses to grow GreenCell into India's leading green surface transport company." Mr. Devendra Chawla, CEO, GreenCell Mobility said, "I am extremely thrilled with the opportunity to lead GreenCell that is revolutionizing the future of e-mobility in India. I feel privileged to scale the company's growth to next phase which has established its base in business and is now ready to accelerate its businesses in green surface transport."

AU Bank launches another industry first innovative Credit Card offering- SwipeUp platform

Mumbai/ Jaipur: AU Small Finance Bank, India's largest Small Finance Bank, today announced the launch of a first-of-its-kind platform in the credit card industry - the SwipeUp platform. With this platform, AU Bank will provide an opportunity to other bank Credit Cardholders to upgrade their card to one of AU Credit Cards. The Bank has provided a platform to compare existing Credit Cards of customers within 2-3

seconds. Thereafter, within minutes they can upgrade credit limit, cashback, reward points with a quick end-to-end digital process so that the Card can match their current lifestyle. Credit Cards have been in circulation for over two decades and progressing with a healthy growth rate year-on-year. However, when you see it from the customer's perspective, most customers continue to use the same features & offers for many years despite the continuous

upgrade in their income and lifestyle. Their credit card continues to be according to their lifestyle at the time of submitting the credit card application. While many banks offer to increase the credit limit, the features and benefits tend to remain unchanged. This means customers continue to use credit card features that do not match their current lifestyle. AU Bank identified this customer requirement and decided to fulfil this gap with SwipeUp platform.

Udit Narayan and Alka Yagini roll back the years with their classic performances

Bhubaneswar: - Into its second week .FEST continued to attract a record number of audiences with its unique mix of food, live music and cultural exhibitions. Day 8 of the festival saw over nineteen thousand visitors attend the 'Suhana Safar' musical concert at IDCO Exhibition Ground, where live performances by legendary singers Udit Narayan, Alka Yagini and lit up the night sky. Local heartthrob Satyajee Jena also stole people heart with his soothing voice. People of Bhubaneswar enjoyed the night full of legendary tracks like 'Papa Kehte Hein' and 'Tip Tip Barsa Paani' performed by Alka Yagini and Udit Narayan. Bhubaneswar MLA North Shri. Susanta Rout, BMC Mayor, Smt. Sulochana Das along with Shri Ashok Chandra Panda, Hon'ble Cabinet Minister Social Security & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Public Enterprises, Science and Technology felicitated the singers on the stage.

The International Food Festival was enjoyed by the foodies and alike, Belgium fries and cone ice creams were an attraction for the visitors. The Flea Market, which was founded with the intention of displaying the handicrafts and textiles of Odisha, proved to be a wonderful crowd-puller and a shopping experience for visitors with more than 120 stalls showcasing locally made goods. The Flea market made business worth INR 8 Lakh on 21st January, which highlights that .FEST has provided the regional entrepreneurs an opportunity like never before. With almost each and every music genre covered in the last week, Day 9 of .FEST is set to turn it up a notch with popular fusion tracks being played by singers like Siddharth Mahadevan, Shivam Mahadevan, Srinidhi Ghatate and Aseema Panda. The theme for the day will be 'Fusion Fiesta'.

Despite potential short-term challenges, the India story is a reality now: DSP Investment Managers

Bhubaneswar: Despite potential short-term challenges, DSP Investment Managers is confident that the India story is a reality now. In its annual note - 2023, It's a relative world, DSP says that the country's structural turnaround is being accelerated by several factors, including de-leveraging by corporates, increased capacity utilization in the manufacturing sector, government investment in infrastructure and a well-capitalized banking system. This represents a

PhonePe raises growth funds at a \$12 billion valuation, led by General Atlantic

Bhubaneswar: PhonePe, one of India's largest fintech platforms, today announced it has raised \$350 million in funding from General Atlantic, a leading global growth equity firm, at a pre-money valuation of \$12 billion. The General Atlantic investment marks the first tranche of an upto \$1 billion total fundraise that PhonePe has commenced in January 2023. Other new marquee global and Indian investors have already been signed up for the second tranche, which is expected to close next month. The fundraise follows PhonePe's recently announced change of domicile to India and full separation from Flipkart. PhonePe plans to deploy the new funds to make significant investments in infrastructure, including the development of data centers and help build financial services offerings at scale in the country. The company also plans to invest in new businesses, including Insurance, Wealth Management, and Lending. The fundraise is expected to support PhonePe as it seeks to turbo-charge the next wave of growth for UPI payments in India, including UPI lite and Credit on UPI to enable greater financial inclusion for Indians. Founded in December 2015, PhonePe has become a home-grown success story, with the company's significant expansion powered by India's emerging digital ecosystem.

ENT surgeons at MGM Healthcare successfully perform complex airway surgery to help Odisha child breathe normally after 7 years

Chennai / Bhubaneswar: MGM Healthcare, a multi-specialty quaternary care hospital in the heart of Chennai, today announced the successful outcome of a complex airway surgery performed on a child by the team headed by Prof. Dr. Sanjeev Mohanty, Senior Consultant & Head, Institute of ENT,

Bhubaneswar : BMW India has launched the new BMW 3 Series Gran Limousine in the country. Locally produced at BMW Group Plant Chennai the car is available in both petrol and diesel variants at all BMW India dealerships. The new BMW 3 Series Gran Limousine takes on the position of the longest, most spacious and comfortable car in its segment and sets a new benchmark in the class. It offers superlative luxury, extraordinary driving dynamics and incredible innovations. The ex-showroom prices of the BMW 320Ld M Sport and the BMW 330Li M Sport are INR 59,50,000 and INR 57,90,000 respectively. Mr. Vikram Pawah, President, BMW Group India said, "The 3 Series has won over millions of customers around the world. The BMW 3 Series Gran Limousine

has the blend of ultimate sports sedan for the driver and unmatched luxury for passengers. The new BMW 3 Series Gran Limousine is all set to take a clear grand leapforward with its refreshed design, an extensively modernised spacious ambience, and clear advances in the areas of digitalisation. It delivers Sheer Driving Pleasure and indulges in superlative luxury, making it a perfect choice for individuals as well as the family. With its pioneering connected drive technology and powerful engine, the new BMW 3 Series Gran Limousine offers driving pleasure in the premium segment."

Thanks to BMW India Financial Services, customized and flexible financial solutions are designed as per individual financial requirements. BMW 360° financial services offers attractive monthly

outflow starting from INR 59,999*, assured buy-back plan up to five years with flexible term-end options. Service Inclusive and Service Inclusive Plus further reduce cost of ownership. Customers can choose from a variety of service plans according to duration and mileage.

The enhanced exterior body design features are more expressive and powerful than ever. The chrome-double bars on the BMW Kidney Grille highlights the bold sporty appearance of the new BMW 3 Series Gran Limousine. The newly redefined interior design is designed to offer a modern space with a focus on driving enjoyment. Higher quality materials, precise build quality and numerous meticulously crafted details set the tone for the refined premium character of the four-door sedan.

enough. This could lead to further downward revisions in the near future. Current multiples for Indian markets (the MSCI India Index is trading at ~21X Forward PE) are high compared to history and the returns from these levels have been moderate in the past. The note also highlights that 2022 has been a challenging one for the "Quality" factor in India and globally, particularly in the US where it has experienced one of its worst years since 2008.

But "Quality" factor has been one of the best performing factors, second only to "Momentum" since 2007. It is worth noting that the recovery of this factor has often been gradual rather than sharp in the past. In contrast, the "Value" and "Momentum" factors tend to exhibit more significant fluctuations. Hence, we need to be cognizant of these behaviors. While it is natural to speculate on the future movements of

commodity prices, central bank policies, liquidity levels, and the impact of COVID-19, DSP mentions in the note that it is important to recognize that these factors may not have significant bearing on the success of most investors. Instead, what has often made a difference is avoiding significant mistakes at pivotal moments, maintaining investment discipline, and accepting that higher equity returns come with a certain level of volatility.

Samsung Launches Galaxy A14 5G and Galaxy A23 5G to Consolidate 5G Leadership in India

Bhubaneswar: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, announced the launch of Galaxy A14 5G and Galaxy A23 5G today. The latest additions to the popular Galaxy A series are aimed at offering a complete package of the latest Galaxy innovations at an affordable price. "Samsung has been driving 5G adoption in India with its widest portfolio of 5G devices. With the launch of Galaxy A14 5G and A23 5G, Samsung will now have the widest distribution of 5G devices in the country," said Aditya Babbar, Senior Director, Mobile

Business, Samsung India. Galaxy A14 5G will come in three new colours - Dark Red, Light Green and Black. Galaxy A23 5G comes in three exciting colours - Silver, Orange and Light Blue. Galaxy A14 5G comes with 6.6" HD+ display with 90Hz refresh rate for real smooth scrolling. With 6.6" FHD+ screen, Galaxy A23 5G ensures immersive content viewing experience. Galaxy A23 5G's best-in-segment 120Hz refresh rate enables smooth scrolling and fluid screen transitions. Galaxy A23 5G sports 50MP quad rear camera set-up along

with ultra-wide, depth and macro lens to shoot vivid and crisp photos and videos. Galaxy A23 5G comes with OIS that allows users to click bright photos and videos without shakes and blurs. Galaxy A14 5G features 50MP triple-lens rear camera set-up with depth and macro lens for high-quality shots and 13MP selfie camera. Galaxy A23 5G's Knox Security suite, built at the chip level, ensures your data is in safe hands with 3.5 years of security patch updates. It comes with four years of security updates and two OS upgrades, making it a future-ready smartphone.

tracheostomy tube all these years. The supportive family members explored all possibilities to cure the child, but with no results. The entire upper airway was scarred and stenosed above and below the vocal cords in the laryngeal airway tract. The only method of breathing possible was through the

tracheostomy tube, which needed to be changed very frequently. The child has been hospitalised 55 times over the past 7 years in various premier institutes of repute across the length and breadth of the country. All methods of surgical treatment under general anaesthesia proved futile, and the resultant

sequelae proved even more catastrophic, leading to more fibrosis of the airway. The family had lost hope and, in despair, came to MGM Healthcare Chennai. After being appraised about the prevailing work culture of the skilled clinicians and their proven credentials along with good patient outcomes, the family hoped for a positive result.

No room for complacency, warns Tamim

Dhaka: Bangladesh skipper Tamim Iqbal wants to guard against complacency and is not ready to claim the 'favorites' tag ahead of the upcoming three-match ODI series against Ireland. Bangladesh come into the series at the back of having clean-swept Ireland in the three-match ODI series at home in May. "I don't want to use the favorite word a lot," Tamim told reporters at the Fenners Ground at Cambridge University on Sunday. "We came here to play good cricket and win games, but in cricket you can't say anything beforehand. They will play and they

are a good team in these conditions and are quite familiar with it. "We hope that it will be a good and competitive series," he said. Bangladesh are scheduled to play at Chelmsford from May 9 while the remaining two matches of the series, which are a part of the ICC Super League, are slated to be played on May 12 and 14 respectively at the same venue. Even though Bangladesh reached England by May 2 due to bad weather, visitors could not prepare as per their expectation while the only practice game against Ireland Wolves got washed away due to rain on May 5.



Furthermore, the tourists are yet to practice at the venue - where the ODIs

are scheduled to be played - as it is hosting a game of the ongoing County Championship. "We couldn't prepare to our potential as weather is not in our hands. We are trying to prepare as much as we can and the rest will have to be mental preparation. The target is to play well and win. We will visit the ground tomorrow where the game will be held and if weather allows, we will practice," said Tamim. "It would have been great if we could play a session on that ground. But that facility is not available there because a county championship match is probably going on. So, I'm not thinking about all

these things because these are not under my control as a cricketer or captain or any of our players. "Without thinking about them, we have an important game on the 9th for which we can mentally prepare as much as possible, and everyone is involved to some extent in the game. I am sure that the more mentally prepared we are, the more it will help us," he said, adding that they will make a call on their playing XI after seeing the wicket and the conditions in Chelmsford. "We can only say what the combination will be after looking at the wicket since we don't

have much experience of playing at this ground," he said. Tamim added that the top-order batting unit needs to be aware of the initial challenge. "At the beginning of the season, the wicket here is somewhat slow. I can't say for sure whether it will be low-scoring or not. Perhaps the wicket will be somewhat helpful for the bowlers, especially at the beginning of the season in England. "We'll have to do well with the top order batsmen as much as possible, to avoid losing too many wickets. In any condition, the first 10 overs are always tough, but it gets easier later on."

Robinson's 14-wicket match haul steals the show on dull day



New Delhi: Skipper Adam Lyth's 220-ball 174 was the highlight of Yorkshire's attempted chase of 491, where they had to settle for a draw eventually. But it was not before they got to 412 with George Gill and Jordan Thompson also cracking fifties against Glamorgan. After Tom Kohler-Cadmore's 130 and Jordan Mew's 89 earned Somerset a first innings lead of 77, Northamptonshire

replied in kind in their second innings. Leading the batting effort there was skipper Sam Whiteman with a patient 130, which included a 79-run partnership for the eighth wicket with Tom Taylor, who helped himself to half-century as well. Nottinghamshire had a defiant Brett Hutton to thank for afterholding onto a draw against Lancashire. The No. 8 Hutton blocked for 141 balls for an unbeaten 23,

including 43 balls with last man Olly Stone who faced only 5 balls in the stand before the game drew to a close with honours shared. Azhar Ali replied to Cheteshwar Pujara's century with one of his own as Worcestershire held their own against Sussex, and managing to draw the game after conceding a first innings lead of 109. Ali's unbeaten 103 off 279 balls was the pillar that held up the innings even as Ollie Robinson picked 7 more wickets in the second innings.

Ollie Robinson, after picking 7 in the first innings against Worcestershire managed to repeat the feat in the second innings as well but it was still not enough to force a victory. Chris Rushworth blitzed through the Hampshire batting unit with 7/38 as Warwickshire registered a big win by an innings margin. Rushworth accounted for 7 out of the nine wickets that fell with Hampshire reeling on 35/9 before James Vince's half-century took them slightly ahead but not enough to reverse the damage done by Rushworth.

New Zealand overcome Iftikhar fight for consolation win

Karachi: A collective batting effort, led by half-centuries from Will Young and Tom Latham, was followed by a three-wicket hauls for Henry Shipley and Rachin Ravindra as New Zealand overcame Iftikhar Ahmed's fighting 94 not out for a consolation win in the final ODI against Pakistan in Karachi. In reply to New Zealand's 299, Pakistan were bowled out for 252 as the visitors prevented them from cleansweeping the series. Fakhar Zaman got off to a watchful start in the chase and watched Shan Masood, Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan head back to the hut for single-digit scores. The opener then fell for a 64-ball 33 as Pakistan slipped to 66/4 in the 19th over. Agha Salman and Iftikhar Ahmed tried to revive the innings with a partnership of 97 for the fifth wicket. Shipley, who had earlier bagged the wickets of Babar and Rizwan, returned to break the partnership by sending Salman back for 57. Iftikhar was single-



handedly trying to keep Pakistan in the game even as wickets fell regularly at the other end. Iftikhar was on 47 off 45 at the time of Salman's dismissal and he raced past 90 in quick time. However, he was left stranded when Haris Rauf became run out in the 47th over as New Zealand finally managed to win an ODI in the series having lost four in

a row. Earlier, having opted to bat, New Zealand managed to string together useful partnerships to get off to a good start. Young was the chief contributor in the first three stands as he struck 8 fours and two sixes before his outing was ended by Shadab Khan. Latham, who had added 74 with Young, assisted Mark Chapman

in a 56-run association to help New Zealand's progress. There were useful 20s from Cole McConchie and Rachin Ravindra following the dismissals of Chapman and Latham and New Zealand were looking good for a 300-plus total. However, Shaheen Afridi's three-wicket haul prevented them from reaching

300, which, however, did not matter much in the eventual outcome of the game. Brief scores: New Zealand 299 all out in 49.3 overs (Will Young 87, Tom Latham 59; Shaheen Afridi 3-46) beat Pakistan 252 all out in 46.1 overs (Iftikhar Ahmed 94*, Agha Salman 57; Henry Shipley 3-34) by 47 runs.

Samad, Phillips steal the show in blockbuster run-chase

New Delhi: In one of the more thrilling finishes of recent times, bottom-ranked SRH pulled off a midnight heist against the Rajasthan Royals, chasing down 215 off the final ball. With five runs required off the final ball, Sandeep Sharma of Rajasthan Royals bowled a no-ball, allowing Abdul Samad a second chance to seal a win for SRH, which he did, smashing a straight six and breathing some air into SRH's deflated campaign. But let us start at the very beginning...

Buttler suffers a bit of a trough in his form. The two openers carted their way to a half-century stand, with Jaiswal taking the lead and Buttler playing second fiddle. However, Jaiswal's pyrotechnics were cut short by Marco Jansen, but that couldn't stop RR from ending a dominant powerplay, with the scorecard reading 61-1. That's right. RR's talisman, and perhaps a chief reason behind their recent downfall, found his lost mojo and took on the SRH bowler's along with Sanju Samson, carting Abhishek Sharma and Mayank Markande in particular, following his

captain's lead. His face showed relief when he took the single to get to his fifty off 32 balls, and the fact that this is one of his slower fifties speaks volumes about his prowess and perhaps spells doom for his upcoming opponents. Jos Buttler clubbed his way and toyed with the bowling to get to the nineties, and by no means did Samson play second fiddle, matching Buttler stroke for stroke. The pair put on 138 runs in 81 balls, sparing no one, before a yorker from Bhuvneshwar Kumar pinned Buttler in front for 95 (courtesy DRS) -- a relief for SRH, perhaps saving them a few runs at the death.



Samson wrapped it up with some lusty blows in the final over, scoring 17 off it, bringing the day's first innings aggregate to 441 runs for the loss of 4 wickets in 40 overs across two games. SRH didn't exactly set the stage on fire, even in response to a 215-run target facing them. However, by the time

Anmolpreet fell, they had scored 51 runs in the powerplay and had certainly accelerated maturely rather than going Hail Mary at the RR bowlers from the get-go. Despite the required rate being over 12, Abhishek Sharma and Rahul Tripathi continued to milk the runs, save wickets, and

encash every boundary ball available. ...between Tripathi and Sharma, worth 65 runs off 41 balls, and then between Sharma and Klaasen - 41 off 19 balls, that handed SRH the momentum and more importantly, belief that they could pull this off. The required rate always remained above the current rate, but the consistent boundaries prevented the pressure from mounting and therefore prevented rash shots. SRH were on the verge of something special, before... On a day that saw 11 wickets fall in three innings (across two double-headers), Yuzvendra Chahal led a

crucial 3-wicket collapse from 157-2 to 174-5, getting rid of Klaasen, Markram and Tripathi in a two-over window. The required rate was now nearing twenty, with Abdul Samad and Glenn Phillips at the center. Could they pull it off, or would SRH submit to their fate? After warming the bench for most of the season, Glenn Phillips struck 6,6,6,4 to bring the equation down from 41 off 12 to 19 off 8. He was then dismissed to bring it to 19 off 7, and just when we thought we'd seen everything after Rinku's sixes, with 5 required off 1, Abdul Samad, handed a catch

to long-off to send the Royals into raptures... and then, it happened. The siren rang, and it turned out that Sandeep Sharma had overstepped, bringing the equation to 4 off 1. And Samad did the needful, getting on his knee and launching the slot ball down the ground for six to resurrect a game that was dead and buried only seconds ago. Brief Scores: Rajasthan Royals 214-2 in 20 overs (Jos Buttler 95, Sanju Samson 66*) lost to Sunrisers Hyderabad 217-6 (Abhishek Sharma 55, Rahul Tripathi 47, Yuzvendra Chahal 4-29) by 4 wickets.