

# New Governor Takes Oath



**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** The newly appointed Governor Raghubar Das today took oath of office and secrecy at Raj Bhavan. Acting Chief Justice of the Orissa High Court, Dr. Justice Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi administered the oath of office to the Governor in the New Abhishek Hall of Raj Bhavan. The Governor read his oath in Hindi.

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik congratulated the Governor after the swearing in ceremony. Chief Secretary Pradeep Kumar Jena read out the Warrant of Appointment issued by the President of India appointing Raghubar Das as the Governor of Odisha. A Guard of Honour was presented by the Contingent of Commissionerate Police to the Governor soon

after the oath taking ceremony. The Chief Minister, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, Assembly Speaker Pramila Mallick, members of Council of Ministers, people's representatives, Secretaries of Departments and other invitees were present on the occasion. Shri Das had visited the famous Lingaraj temple

this morning and offered his prayers to Lord Lingaraj before taking the oath. "I prayed to the lord that the state of Odisha and our country reach new heights of development. The people of Odisha witness prosperity and happiness," Shri Das said while speaking to media persons. He had also paid obeisance to Lord Jagannath after his arrival

at Puri Monday. "Lord Jagannath has brought me to Odisha to serve the people. I want to assure you that the doors of Raj Bhavan will remain open for the people of Odisha all the time," he had stated in Puri.

## CM Naveen Launches 'Ama Odisha Nabin Odisha' In Balasore, Bolangir Districts, Sanctions Funds

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik today launched the 'Ama Odisha Nabin Odisha' scheme in the Balasore and Bolangir districts through video conferencing from Bhubaneswar today. Under this Yojana, Rs 50 lakh will be given to each panchayat. With this, 8 constituencies – Remuna, Bhograi, Jaleswar, Balasore, Simulia, Basta, Soro and Nilagiri of Balasore district have



received Rs 178 crore for 4,465 projects in 356 gram panchayats of 12 blocks. Similarly, Rs 158.50 crores have been

sanctioned for 5 constituencies Bolangir, Titilagarh, Patnagarh, Kantabanji and Loisinga of Bolangir district for

3911 projects will be done in 317 gram panchayats of 14 blocks. The state government has launched a rural-

oriented ambitious scheme 'Ama Odisha Nabin Odisha' to strengthen the infrastructure of building a new and strong Odisha with a focus on every village. In this program, the basic foundation of Odisha's culture will be improved by spreading Jagannath culture in every village, and digital infrastructure will also be developed. This will be the basic foundation for building an ambitious Odisha.

## PRESIDENT OF INDIA GRACES THE FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATIONS OF UT LADAKH

**New Delhi,(KCN):**The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu graced the Foundation Day celebrations of UT Ladakh at Leh today (October 31, 2023). Speaking on the occasion, the President expressed happiness that her first visit to Ladakh as President of India is taking place on its Foundation Day. The President noted that

Ladakh have been increased five times by the Central Government during the last four years. This shows the commitment of the Government for the development of Ladakh. The President said that Ladakh has to be taken forward on the path of development while preserving the natural beauty of the region and maintaining the distinct

Tourism and Responsible Tourism. The President said that many steps have been taken in line with the goal of developing Ladakh as a Carbon Neutral Region. Public Sector Undertakings have started work for the development of Green Energy. She noted that the world's first High Altitude Green Hydrogen Fueling Station is being set



Ladakh is making rapid multidimensional development. She appreciated the people of Ladakh for moving forward on the path of progress. She noted that the Autonomous Hill Development Councils of Leh and Kargil have continuously strengthened the grassroots democracy and have taken meaningful steps for the development of Ladakh, especially for the youth employment. The President said that the budget provisions for

identity of its people. She was happy to note that a lot of emphasis is being laid on the infrastructure development to increase the connectivity of Ladakh. Many new policies have been implemented. She stated that these steps are resulting in the economic progress of Ladakh, especially the development of tourism. But, at the same time, keeping this region clean is a priority for all of us. Emphasis should be on Sustainable

up in Leh by NTPC. Recently, the Central Government has approved the Green Energy Corridor Project in Ladakh. Under this project, Renewable Energy Projects with a capacity of 13000MW will be connected to the POWER GRID through Inter-State Transmission System. The President wished that in the journey of building a developed India by the year 2047, Ladakh remains at the leading position in the country on the parameters of Economic, Environmental and Human Development.

## Odisha Effects Major Reshuffle In IPS Cadre

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** The Odisha government on Thursday effected a major reshuffle in the IPS cadre. As per the latest notification issued by the Home department: Arun Kumar Ray has been appointed as the Director of Printing, Stationary and Publication, Cuttack. Ray is presently posted

as OSD Home Department. AM Prasad, who is presently posted as Spl DGP HRPC, has been transferred and posted as DG of Prisons and Director of Correctional Services, Odisha. IPS Lalit Das, at present posted as Director of Printing, Stationary, and Publication, has been

appointed as Additional DGP, HRPC. Additional CP, Commissionerate Police Umashankar Dash is transferred and posted as DIG, SIW. DIG Headquarters Brijesh Rai is transferred and posted as Additional CP, Commissionerate Police.

## Three Govt Functionaries Convicted In A Day In Vigilance Trap, Corruption Cases In Odisha

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Special Vigilance Courts in Cuttack, Keonjhar and Phulbani today convicted three government functionaries in trap and corruption cases registered against them by Odisha Vigilance. In the first case, Vigilance Special Judge, Cuttack convicted Dipti Ranjan Mohapatra, former ASI of Garoi Out-post under Nuagaon PS in Jagatsinghpur, for demanding and accepting a bribe from a complainant for expediting the investigation of a case of which ASI Mohapatra was the investigation officer. The court sentenced him to undergo rigorous imprisonment for a period of 2 years and imposed a fine of Rs.10,000. In default of payment of the fine, the convict shall undergo further rigorous imprisonment for a period of 6 months more for the offence U/s 13(2) r/w

13(1)(d) PC Act, 1988, the court ruled. Odisha Vigilance will now move the competent authority for dismissal of Dipti Ranjan Mohapatra, ASI of Police, attached to Court Sub-Inspector under JMFC, Paradeep, Dist- Jagatsinghpur following his conviction. Md. Zahid Hussain, Ex-DSP, Vigilance, Cuttack Division investigated the case and Rakesh Sahu, Spl. P.P., Vigilance, Cuttack conducted the case on behalf of the prosecution. In the second case, Vigilance Special Judge, Keonjhar convicted Pramod Kumar Panda, former GPTA of Keonjhar Sadar Block, who has been already disengaged from service, for demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs.11,000 from a complainant in connection with the execution of a cement concrete road work and for further allotment of a new work.

The Court sentenced him to undergo rigorous imprisonment for a period of 3 years and pay a fine of Rs.5,000 and in default of payment of fine, to undergo further rigorous imprisonment for a period of 1 year more for the offence U/s 7 PC Amendment Act, 2018. Smt. Hemamalini Nayak, Ex-Inspector, Vigilance, Balasore Division, had investigated the case and Sri Debadutta Biswal, Spl. P.P., Vigilance, Keonjhar conducted the case on behalf of the prosecution. In the third case, Vigilance Special Judge, Phulbani convicted Bhuban Mohan Dash, Ex-In-charge Area Manager, MARKFED, Boudh who has been dismissed from service, for misappropriation of Rs.9.66 Lakh in respect of procurement of Niger and Turmeric seeds.

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** The State Level Single Window Clearance Authority (SLSWCA) headed by Chief Secretary Pradeep Kumar Jena today approved 12 investment projects worth Rs 2,794.47 crores. The 123rd SLSWCA meeting showcased the State's commitment to diversifying its industrial landscape across multiple sectors. These projects are set to generate employment for approximately 4,715 individuals. In the semiconductor and ESDM sector, RIR Power Electronics Ltd committed to Invest Rs 510.80 crore in the establishment of manufacturing fabrication and packaging facility for Silico carbide devices and SIC modules on Semiconductor and ESDM Sector.



Consequently, it will generate employment for 206 individuals in Khordha, InfoValley. Nuvo Aeon Diamond and Jewellery Manufacturing LLP is poised to revolutionize the gemstone sector with its state-of-the-art lab-grown diamond and jewellery manufacturing facility in Khordha. With an investment of Rs 256.50 crores, this pioneering venture will not only generate employment opportunities for 300 individuals but also serve

as the first-of-its-kind manufacturing facility. The steel sector has experienced significant growth due to investment from several companies including Four Star Metaliks Pvt Ltd, Khedaria Ispat Ltd, New Laxmi Steel & Power Pvt Ltd and Abhirav Industries Pvt Ltd. collectively, these companies have proposed to invest nearly about Rs 900 crore in regions such as Jajpur & Sundargarh districts. Through these investments in ancillary

& downstream sectors, the State will generate employment for more than 1696 people. In Fertilizer sector, the Utkal Phosphates Pvt Ltd is investing Rs 62.07 crore on establishing a manufacturing unit of Single Super Phosphate (SSP) & Granulated Single Super Phosphate (GSSP) fertilizer unit with annual capacity of 1,20,000 MT in Jagatsinghpur. Hindalco Industries Ltd has proposed to invest Rs 834.00 crore in the aluminium downstream sector, specifically for the establishment of an Aluminum Battery Foil manufacturing facility in Sambalpur. This significant investment is expected to create job opportunities for 1,038 individuals. Similarly, Narayani Green Pack has decided to set up a corrugated

paper and paper board containers manufacturing facility for Nestle in Khordha with an investment of Rs 50.84 crore. This project will create employment for 120 individuals. In the food, beverage and allied sector, Maa Tarini Roller Flour Mills LLP slated to Invest Rs 58.30 crore on fully automated flour mill in Khordha while Milk Mantra dairy is investing Pvt Ltd., with an investment of Rs 51.10 crore establishing a manufacturing unit for dairy product in Puri. The combined employment generation potential is around 1135. Odisha tourism sector is set to shine brighter with Mayfair Hotels and Resorts Ltd Investment of Rs 73 crore with an employment potential of 150 for its new project in Jharsuguda.



# 71 Guns Seized, 26 Poachers Arrested In Similipal



**Mayurbhanj(KCN):** In a major crackdown on poachers and for the protection of Similipal, the police have effected a major arrest and seize operation said reports on Tuesday. According to latest reports in order to protect

Similipal from poaching a number of steps are being undertaken. As many as 32 cases have been filed during the search operations under as many as 14 police jurisdictions. Furthermore, as many as 71 country guns have

been seized by the police said reliable police sources today. During the first phase of the crackdown in August this year, police and Forest Department personnel seized 156 country-made guns and arrested more than 26

poachers. In both phases combined, they have seized 227 guns and lodged 80 cases against the poachers. The increasing poacher menace in Simlipal National Park, especially the killing of two forest guards earlier this year, compelled the police and Forest Department to launch a crackdown on wildlife hunters and dealers in the region in 14 police station areas. The Mayurbhanj district police had deployed three platoons of force inside the wildlife sanctuary to deal with the crime and nab the poachers.

# Mahanga Double Murder: MLA Pratap Jena Fails To Appear Before Court

**Cuttack(KCN):** Mahanga MLA Pratap Jena today failed to appear before the Court of Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC), Salipur in the Mahanga double murder case citing illness. The legislator submitted a petition through his advocate mentioning that he was unable to appear before the court due to his illness. As per the petition, the MLA was undergoing treatment at the Capital Hospital in Bhubaneswar as the treating doctor has advised him bed rest for one month. Jena presented his stand in JMFC court through his lawyer. Moreover, he urged the court to exempt



him from personal appearance as per section 205 of IPC citing illness. Meanwhile, the opposition lawyer has appealed the court to quash Pratap's petition. The court had earlier served a notice to Jena directing him to appear

before it on October 31 in connection with the murder of local BJP leader Kulamani Baral and his associate Dibyasingha Baral. The two were allegedly hacked to death near Jankoti village in Mahanga area of Cuttack

district on January 2, 2021. A case has been registered against the accused under Sections 302, 506 and 120-B of the IPC. Kulamani was reportedly raising the issue of a few ruling Biju Janata Dal (BJD) leaders' alleged involvement in the misappropriation of funds under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY). Police had booked Jena, then Law Minister, and 12 others in the double murder case on the basis of an FIR lodged by Kulamani's son Ranjit Kumar Baral. However, Jena's name was later dropped from the charge sheet.

# 40-Member KIIT Polytechnic Delegation Heads For Singapore KIIT Polytechnic To Be Modelled After Nanyang Polytechnic

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): KIIT Polytechnic will soon be modelled on the lines of the world famous Nanyang Polytechnic in Singapore. In keeping with this objective, a 40-member delegation, including the faculty and staff, of KIIT Polytechnic left for Singapore today for a week-long 'exposure visit'. During their visit, the delegation will acquire the latest knowledge and skills there, apart from interacting with the faculty and students about the infrastructure, teaching methods, and the use of the latest technology. A driving force behind this transformative initiative is the Founder of KIIT & KISS Dr.



Achyuta Samanta, whose unwavering commitment is aimed at elevating KIIT Polytechnic to a global institution mirroring the accomplishments of Nanyang Polytechnic. Prior to their departure, he extended his warm

congratulations to the team and conveyed his best wishes for their success. The departure ceremony also saw the presence of KIIT Vice Chancellor Prof. Saranjit Singh and Registrar Prof. J. R. Mohanty. The Quality Council of

India (QCI)'s National Accreditation Board for Teaching Education and Training (NABET) QCI Ranking 2023 has adjudged KIIT Polytechnic as the best in Odisha among all public and private institutes for the second time in a row.

# Odisha Govt Issues Matric Exam Tips For Students

**Cuttack(KCN):** Thee Odisha School and Mass Education department has released some tips to help students in their studies and improve matric results. The tips were shared by the Odisha School Education Programme Authority (OSEPA) through a letter to all the District Education Officers (DEO) requesting them to further share it with all the Annual High School Examination (HSE) 2024 students. The OSEPA further requested the DEOs to take necessary steps to organise programme in

high schools under their jurisdiction on November 14 to make the students aware of the tips. The OSEPA has prepared a time table for the students of Class 10 to follow. They are: -Study for 10 to 14 hours a day. 6 to 7 hours for sleep and the rest of the time for other things. -Bedtime between 10 pm to 4 am or 11 pm to 5 am - Do exercise and yoga for some time after waking up in the morning and completing your routine. This will help maintain concentration throughout the day.

-Considering the importance of the subject, each subject will have to be studied for one and a half hour to two hours every day. -Do not eat oily food from outside. Eating junk food will make the body feel heavy and sleepy. So always eat a balanced diet. Drink six to eight glasses of warm water a day. -At the beginning of each study session, spare 30 minutes to revise the lessons read in the previous session. This leads to repetition of the text and quick memorization. -Drinking hot milk or

warm lemonade before going to bed. It leads to better sleep which makes the mind happy thereby increasing interest in reading. The OSEPA even divided the day in five study sessions for the students. Morning session – 6am - 9:30am (Breakfast break) Pre-lunch session – 10am – 1:30pm (Lunch) Post-lunch session – 2:30pm – 4:30pm (Tea break) Evening session – 5:30pm – 9pm (Dinner Break) Night Session (Writing Practice) – 9:30pm – 11pm

# STF Rescues Live Pangolin, Nabs Wildlife Criminal From Nuapada

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** The Special Task Force (STF) of Odisha Police rescued a live pangolin from the possession of a wildlife criminal at Bankapur Chhaka under Khariar Police Station of Nuapada district on Tuesday. On the basis of reliable information, a team of STF conducted a raid with the help of Forest Officials of Khariar Forest Division this morning regarding the dealing or possession of wildlife products. As a result, one wildlife

criminal namely Ranjan Kumar Sahu of Kanatamal village; under Kegaon PS of Kalahandi district was apprehended. During the search one Live Pangolin, One Mahindra Xylo vehicle and other incriminating materials were recovered from his possession. The accused person could not produce any authority to support possession of such Live Pangolin, for which he has been apprehended. In this connection, STF

PS Case No.25 dated 31.10.2023 U/s 379/411(120(B) IPC r/w. Sec.51 of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 has been registered and the accused person will be forwarded to the Court of SDJM, Khariar. The Live Pangolin was also handed over to DFO, Khariar for safe custody. An investigation is going on, the STF said. The Indian pangolin (Manis crassicaudata), also called thick-tailed pangolin, is a

scaly anteater and b a j r a k a p t a '????????' in Odia is a solitary, shy, slow-moving, nocturnal mammal. It is a schedule-I protected animal under Wild Life Protection act, 1972. Schedule I provides absolute protection – offences under these are prescribed for the highest penalties. Special drive against the wildlife criminals/ poachers is continuing, the STF said.



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## Bigg Boss 17: Abhishek Kumar Finds Solace From Udariyaan Co-Stars Ankit Gupta, Kamal Dadiala



In a heartwarming display of camaraderie and support, Abhishek Kumar, well-known for his role in 'Udariyaan', has found solace and strength from his co-stars Ankit Gupta, Kamal Dadiala, Rashmeet Kaur Sethi, and Chetna Singh as he navigates the challenges of the 'Bigg Boss 17' house.

With his acting skills, recently faced a difficult personal challenge within the Bigg Boss house. His co-contestant and former Udariyaan co-star, Isha Malviya, has been sending him mixed signals about their relationship, leading to a rollercoaster of emotions for the actor. While Abhishek is yet to move on from their past, he has been visibly

distressed by the complex situation he finds himself in. The situation took a dramatic turn with the surprise entry of Isha's current boyfriend, Samarth Jurel, into the Bigg Boss 17 house. This unexpected development left Abhishek overwhelmed with emotions, leading to an emotional breakdown on the show. However, in the midst

of this emotional turmoil, Abhishek's colleagues from Udariyaan have rallied around him, offering unwavering support and encouragement. Ankit Gupta, Kamal Dadiala, Rashmeet Kaur Sethi, and Chetna Singh have been a pillar of strength for Abhishek, offering him words of wisdom and lending a sympathetic ear. The actor's fans have also come out in full force to show their support and send messages of encouragement. They are hopeful that Abhishek will find the inner strength to weather this emotional storm and continue to shine in the Bigg Boss house. Abhishek Kumar's journey in Bigg Boss 17 is a testament to his resilience and strength, and with the love and support of his Udariyaan co-stars and adoring fans, he's sure to emerge from this challenging situation with his spirits high and his positive light shining even brighter.

## 'Shah Rukh Khan comes from a space of discipline, Salman Khan is a hustler': Vaibhavi Merchant explains how the actors are different as dancers



Choreographer Vaibhavi Merchant said that both Shah Rukh Khan and Salman Khan come with their own quirks when it comes to dancing. Describing SRK as 'an emotion' and Salman as 'a vibe', she revealed what it was to like teach dance moves to these two actors. Vaibhavi has choreographed Shah Rukh in films like Devdas, Rab Ne Bana Di Jodi, and more recently Pathaan. She has worked with Salman in movies like Sultan, Bodyguard, and the Tiger franchise, including the upcoming Tiger 3. In an interview with India Today, Vaibhavi said, "They are two different personalities. They are two different men. I think Shah Rukh comes from a space of love, respect, a lot of hard work, and discipline. He will rehearse, he comes prepared, and he is at it. He feels that dance doesn't come naturally to him." Vaibhavi added, "But there is a dancer in him. He's of course done 'Kali Kali Aankhen' and all of that; it's not like he's not danced his way through. But he still feels, like an underdog as far as dancing is concerned. So this is, again, that same space where he's trying to psych himself, where he says 'ki nahi hai par mujhe karna hain'. So that is Shah Rukh, he comes with all this energy and passion. He will be like, 'Maine kiya haan, aap dekho lo'."

## Satyaprem Ki Katha: Kartik Aaryan, Kiara Advani's Song 'Aaj Ke Baad' Wins Hearts, Crosses 30 Million Views

Bringing the tunes of pure love, Sajid Nadiadwala and Namah Pictures's 'Satyaprem Ki Katha's title song 'Aaj Ke Baad', started to take over the hearts of the masses in no time. After treating the audience with the romantic melody 'Naseeb Se', 'Aaj Ke Baad' undoubtedly is the most romantic soulful pure love song that has arrived after a long time. Having made its entry directly into the hearts, the song has crossed 30 million views in just 24 hours of its release.

Rejuvenating the feeling of pure love 'Aaj Ke Baad' is one of the songs that the audience heard in the teaser and from then they demanded its



release. As the song dropped, it started to spread its magic and collected 30 million

views in just 24 hours, becoming the most-viewed video worldwide across all platforms. The

song is also trending at the top of music charts and on YouTube in just 24 hours.

Having touched the hearts of millions with its melody, the song has profoundly proven itself

to be worth as good as iconic romantic numbers like 'Kesariya' and 'Kabira'. Moreover, Kartik Aaryan and Kiara Advani's crackling chemistry in the song makes them stand in the league of iconic pairs of Bollywood like SRK-Kajol and Ranbir-Deepika. 'Satyaprem Ki Katha' also marks a massive collaboration between NGE and Namah Pictures. Interestingly, Sajid Nadiadwala and Shareen Mantri Kedia with Kishor Arora and director Sameer Vidwans won a National Award for their respective feature films. 'Satyaprem Ki Katha' will be released in theaters on June 29, 2023.

## Saif Ali Khan Indulges Himself Into Intense Workout For Action-Thriller Devara

Saif Ali Khan, the versatile actor, is currently engrossed in the shooting of his highly anticipated project 'Devara'. The film features intense action sequences between Saif Ali Khan and the acclaimed Telugu actor NTR, which has necessitated a rigorous work regime and dedicated fitness schedule for Saif.

In 'Devara', an action-packed thriller directed by acclaimed filmmaker Koratala Siva, Saif Ali Khan plays the role of a fearless and determined protagonist. To portray this character authentically, Khan has



taken on a rigorous fitness routine in Hyderabad, pushing his limits to achieve the desired physical transformation. Guided by a team of expert trainers and nutritionists,

Khan's dedication and hard work have been commendable. Recognizing the importance of physicality in portraying a character convincingly, Saif Ali Khan has invested

significant time and effort into his training. His gym routine consists of a combination of weight training, cardio exercises, and functional training, carefully tailored to meet the demands of his role in

'Devara'. Khan's determination to excel in every aspect of his performance is a testament to his professionalism and passion for his craft. Every character brings unique challenges and requires a certain level of dedication. For 'Devara', he wanted to not only understand the emotional depth of the character but also physically embody his strength and resilience. It has been an exhilarating journey, and excited to bring this character to life on the silver screen. With 'Devara', Saif Ali Khan continues to push his boundaries as an actor,

delving into the action genre with the same finesse that he brings to his diverse repertoire of roles. His collaboration with NTR has generated tremendous excitement among fans and industry insiders, who eagerly await the release of the film. 'Devara' promises to be a thrilling cinematic experience, combining edge-of-your-seat action sequences with an engaging storyline. With Saif Ali Khan's unwavering commitment to his role, the audience can expect an immersive and authentic performance that will leave a lasting impact.



## RSS BAN IN KERALA TEMPLES - DECADES OF IDEOLOGICAL HOSTILITY



For anyone who understands the dynamics of politics in Kerala, the decision taken by the Travancore Devaswom Board run by the state government is not a surprise. The board which administers hundreds of temples in the state has ordered not to allow mass drills or any other activities organized by the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) on their premises. The decision by the Board was not an unpredictable act. The government began its efforts in 2016 with strong allegations against the RSS being raised by its Devaswom minister. His accusation was about the RSS mass drill and its martial training in the temple campuses. To understand the depth and meaning and effect of this blanket ban, we should know the background of the rivalries between the RSS and the ruling CPI (M) in the state of Kerala. Two years to go for its centenary in 2025, the RSS must be planning huge events

across the country and abroad. The outfit enjoys huge backing in Kerala though its organizational skills failed to translate its acceptance into electoral fortunes. The history of RSS is the history of its relentless struggle for survival in Kerala. Especially its entry into the Kannur district, an all time Communist stronghold in the state witnessed numerous factional fights between the two ideological opponents mostly leading to bloodshed. Hundreds of workers from both sides were ruthlessly butchered in the process of establishing their hegemony and many still struggle to survive with permanent disabilities. The decision of the Devaswom board to ban the RSS activities in temples might aggravate their animosity. Unsurprisingly, both CPI (M) and RSS strongholds in the district of Kannur are identifiably demarcated while both groups earnestly maintain restraint before they break into the opponent's area. An attempt of intrusion to the opponent's village would cause unspeakable violence. Mostly, the violence between the two groups began in the mid 1960s turned the

district into India's political murder capital. The RSS, as it began to make inroads into the district of Kannur had to face serious opposition from the Left parties. The new entrant was seen as a potential threat to the party strongholds and the



organizational skills of the saffron brigade began to shake the left fiefdom causing erosion in its cadre-base. Clashes and bloodbath became a routine affair with generations growing in fear and vengeance. Their enmity became a perfect example of ruthless ideological animosity and Kannur became the epicenter of political murders. RSS turned Kerala, especially the Kannur district, one of its aggressive laboratories where its existence was

challenged by the omnipresence of the Communists. It fought not only for its survival but also for prominence. The CPI (M) with its firebrand leaders including the present Chief Minister coming from Kannur could not afford to lose its strength in the

district and the battle went on. It is necessary to know the impact of the ban. The RSS through its daily assemblies called Shakhas have spread its activities across the state. Mostly these daily assemblies take place in the premises of temples. It was occasionally opposed by different political parties, especially ever since comrades from the Left parties, shedding their atheistic credentials, began to administer private temples and

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temples under the boards. Why was this ban an inevitable affair for the left leaning Devaswom Board? The saffron block of the state might call it a systematic annihilation of its ideology. But the ruling CPI (M) is well

aware of the organizational reach of the Sangh and keeping it away from the temples is almost like keeping it away from the spiritual and social activities through which the RSS mainly connects its cadre with the society. I cannot say if the Hindu hardliners will be affected in any manner by the ban. But, if the present ban creates a spillover effect and the other Boards under the government pressure decide to joyfully march in tune with the

Travancore Devaswom Board, without access to the temple courtyards and corridors, the RSS will have to find perfect places for its ideological seminars. By doing this, the Left government is excavating solid

electoral fortunes from the minority. But these appeasement modules do not enjoy the support of the entire Christian community. Many Christian denominations in the state have disagreements with the government as its initiatives have almost been in the direction of comforting the Muslims. And to scribble a recent development here, it is seen that some among the Christian fraternity began to take a friendly approach on

the RSS due to this Left-Islamic nexus gaining momentum. But the question is would this already febrile mood between the two prominent organizations in the state be heightened by the blanket ban on the Shakhas? Looking back, while recalling the scary images of political rivalry; spine chilling waves of horror would make you frozen and frantic. K.T.Jayakrishnan was a teacher who was hacked to death in the classroom as he was conducting classes for students of class 6 in the Kannur district. Seven goons from the rival camp armed with swords and choppers hacked him multiple times. They continued to stab, inflicting 48 ante-mortem injuries all over his body with blood spattered on the walls of the tiny classroom. Children who witnessed this heart wrenching brutality had to undergo years of counseling to get back to their emotional stability. I decided not to reveal the identity of the butchers and the political baggage of the person who became the victim. There were many instances of inhuman political savagery for which both sides could be held accountable. In principle, a ban on the

RSS by the state government is an attempt to stop people from joining the activities of the organization, which the government fears has credibly stretched its wings all over the state. The RSS is known for reinstating many ruined temples in the state and its efforts have naturally brought the divided Hindu community together in certain localities. This could be one of the reasons that the ruling Left has been ringing its alarm bells again and again. The state government is almost devoured by expectations that the more it locks horns with the right-wingers the more support would flow from the minority side. But for the BJP and RSS, the ban may be a blessing in disguise to wage an open ideological war against the CPI (M) calling the ban the latest example of the ruling party's anti Hindu stand. The question is, if the ban on the right-wing is a clandestine checkmate by the ruling Left?

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## Let the message of peace be proclaimed



It is indeed a strange war. No one wins, both sides lose a lot of life and wealth. The throne of the Dwapa era was adorned by the blind Dhritrastra. On that day both the Kauravas and the Pandavas lost their wits. On both sides, the blindness of fear, the blindness of love, the blindness of rights prevailed. Srikrishna was also disappointed when he went to bring a message of peace between the Kauravas and the Pandavas of the Mahabharata. This was the last message to prevent a repeat of what happened due to the war and the blind agreement. After the Mahabharata, that scene was painted by Bhasadeva of Dharma in his 'Blind The Blind Age' (Dum Yuga'). This discussion is from the evening of the eighteenth day to the death of

Srikrishna in Prabhas-Tirtha. The standard of decoration was to tie a thin thread of silk. Even the shrewd sages did not dare to save so much destruction in that fine thread. Perhaps neither Dhritrastra nor Duryodhana understood Shakuni's treacherous behavior. One after another, even the sages with perfect and powerful weapons could not turn away from that subtle formula.

In the present era, India has claimed the vision of Mahabharata as its own. India incorporates Mahabharata with its philosophy. Now is not the time for war. The tone and direction of the talks at the G-20 summit in India last month changed this sentiment. There was speculation that no joint declaration of any kind could be made in the absence of the Russian and Chinese leaders. The Russia-Ukraine war divided world powers into two camps. So it was difficult to speak in a common voice. India has charted the way forward and sent a message that this is not the time for war. Supporters of Russia or Ukraine cannot be against the war or against such sentiments.

War is such a destructive situation that even war community groups cannot continue or advocate for war. Whoever wins also tries to make up for his losses in the war. When the world recovered after Corona, the war between Russia and Ukraine started. The world was shocked to see the horrifying picture of the war site. Governments that have failed in their own countries in terms of employment and inflation point to the Russo-Ukraine war, which caused oil to become more expensive and grain to become more expensive, resulting in a market downturn.

In modern history, from the First World War to the present day, no war has been successful that has caused rivers of milk and honey to flow across the land like the fields are watered. Building new schools and hospitals for children or building new facilities for the development of new generations has brought opportunities. Despite this, some have a fascination with war. This irrational attraction to killing and dying is the thought of the mind. Really harmless charm. A few days ago it was said

that now the time of ammunition war is over. But during the Russo-Ukrainian war itself, it became clear that the attraction of killing and death had not ended. Women and children came out with guns in their hands. They themselves considered themselves to be glorified and glorified. How long can they stay at war? But those who stood strong in battle will sing the song of victory. People on both sides will be forced to boast about their part in the war. In the days to come, the small graves of the children will say, 'Look, how little land we took in your war.'

Once again India is wavering about the above mentioned Mahabharata. Inspired by Mahabharata, India has repeatedly said that it is against any form of terrorism and war. Because of India's clear statement against war, India has been considered as a country of humanity at the global level. Now when India says that this is not the time for war, the inspiration for saying this also comes from the Mahabharata. The message of Mahabharata is against war. The message of the

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Mahabharata is with the entire community of the Gaza Strip, in which a war has been waged. Every civilization has considered its motherland as heaven. An entire civilization cannot be punished for the actions of one group. India today stands in favor of humanity in the Gaza Strip. Schools and hospitals are the two main sanctuaries. Which is considered the most secure in the world. But while Palestinians were being sheltered and treated in the Gaza Strip, the cost of the late 20th century also appears to have been killed. The 20th century was a century marred by the First and Second World Wars.

Hiroshima-Nagasaki marks a century of horror on the pages of history. The 21st century is going to be regarded as the century of humanistic knowledge and science, correcting the course of mistakes. In schools, children sing songs against war and recite peace. He dreamed of changing the world within the confines of schools and colleges. But this world is changing in the opposite direction.

Every civilization in the world has set some rules to keep war morally pure. A line of polite philosophy was mentioned that hospitals and schools should not be attacked to warm the moral heart of the war. Bombs will not be used where there are sick and children.

The debris from the Gaza hospital destroyed by the rocket attack is not the only hospital's massive debris damage. This is an estimated loss of all the schools and research institutes built in the 20th century, which cannot be recovered. Like some so-called powerful, one, two, three, four to the next hundred, it may be the destruction of a group or community in a rocket strike. But it is wrong to think so. Rather, it is the destruction of the world, institutions like the United Nations. Which the world powers have turned into decorative objects according to their own power. In the Gaza Strip, they are standing without medicine and resources. It contains the ashes of that book of international treaties, the basic letters of which each country is erasing in its own way. The entire Gaza Strip has been

reduced to an open coffin. Not even an inch of land is left that can be called safe. Rockets were fired only at human cost. Amidst the roar of war and the war of the world powers, the citizens there are left orphaned, helpless, hopeless, disappointed. Every citizen there is facing death threats every moment. Because they live in such a specific geography, whose history the current politics want to use for their own purposes.

Today, India stands against terrorism and for the right to life of the people of Gaza. Mahabharata has a message of peace in India. In the Mahabharata, one such fierce battle took place for eighteen days, after which the Dwapa era ended. Every good message, Lord Krishna's message of peace was rejected by Duryodhana, the son of the blind Dhritrastra, leading to the evil of war. The doctrine of war propaganda was to lead humanity in a certain direction, where no war of any kind would occur in the future. The end of Mahabharata is a message of peace, it is a message of dignity and respect. Whoever understands Mahabharata will choose

the path of non-violence. Peace not war, creation not destruction, life not death - this is the wish.

Today, there are statues of Mahatma Gandhi, the symbol of non-violence, on the main streets of many countries around the world. Because of the tool of non-violence, India has in its hands, which can proudly say that we stand with the citizens of Gaza. Once you include non-violence in your policy, there is no policy conflict. Those who have killed human values ??in Gaza due to the blindness of rights, tomorrow they too will have to talk about non-violence with shame. Those who have turned the entire Gaza Strip into a graveyard will soon see this scene after the eighteenth day of Mahabharata. Another beautiful, happy, gentle sunrise. India has used the message of non-violence to stand against war and killing. It has sharpened the tool of non-violence. Non-violence is immortal, immortal, eternal. Which never decays.

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# Woman Arrested With Norwegian Passport In Manipur Is Myanmar Insurgent: Sources

**New Delhi/Imphal(KCN):** A woman who was released on bail after her arrest in Manipur in August last year over her expired Norwegian passport and Indian e-visa is allegedly a top member of a Myanmar-based insurgent group, people with direct knowledge of the matter told NDTV. The insurgent group is fighting the junta in Myanmar's Chin State, just across the border from Mizoram and Manipur, sources said. Mya Kyay Mon, 52, was found walking "suspiciously" at a market in Manipur's capital Imphal on October 23, sources said, adding how she continued to stay on with expired documents and what she was doing in violence-hit Manipur are under investigation. With Imphal on high alert amid the ethnic tensions

between the Meiteis and the Kuki tribes following months-long violence, the police questioned Ms Mon after they found her at the market. She showed her travel papers that turned out to be expired, sources said. She was taken to the foreigners detention centre and is kept there since then, following an order by the Manipur government to the state police chief and the jail superintendent. NDTV has seen a verified copy of the Home Commissioner T Ranjit Singh's letter to the police chief and the jail superintendent. "It is claimed she came to Imphal to appear in a legal case concerning expired documents. But we are exploring all angles, including the allegation that she's a top member of a Myanmar-based insurgent group and has links with some



armed elements in the hill district Churachandpur," a senior police officer who has direct knowledge of the matter told NDTV, requesting anonymity. Some 25 hill-based Kuki insurgent groups have signed the suspension of operations (SoO) agreement with the centre and the state government. These insurgent groups along

with some civil society organisations in valley-majority Imphal have come under intense scrutiny over alleged participation in the ethnic violence that has killed over 180 and left thousands internally displaced. The Manipur ethnic violence has claimed the lives of over 180 people (File) Ms Mon was first

detained by the Assam Rifles during routine checking in August last year on the highway connecting Imphal with the border trading town Moreh. The Assam Rifles in a statement had said they found an expired Norwegian passport and an Indian e-visa, and she came to India in May 2019. Subsequently, the Manipur Police took her

into custody and kept her in Imphal's central jail, until she got bail in February this year, after which an Imphal-based human rights organisation run by local activist Babloo Loitongbam helped her find a women's shelter home to stay. "The case of Ms Mya Kyay Mon, a Norwegian citizen of Myanmar origin, was brought to the attention of HRA (Human Rights Alert) by the Myanmar language instructor of the Centre for Myanmar Studies of Manipur University... HRA took up her case as a 'woman in distress case' and informed the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Delhi. Thereafter, she was issued a fresh Norwegian passport as her old one had expired," HRA executive director Mr Loitongbam said in a statement in response to local media reports on

the matter. "... In the wake of the ethnic unrest in Manipur and when the NGO (shelter home) expressed their discomfort in keeping her, we organised an air ticket for her to get out of the state. We have been informed she was summoned by the court to appear in her pending trial in Manipur," Mr Loitongbam said in the statement, adding they did not know Ms Mon before and after her arrest in August last year, until the moment they met her in the Imphal jail. The activist, who is also a fierce critic of Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh and whose house was vandalised by a mob earlier this month over his comments on two Meitei organisations, said HRA only gave "legal and humanitarian services" when requested

by a woman in distress "as per our mandate as an organisation defending the human rights for all." A statement purportedly given by Ms Mon to the media said she left Manipur in May when ethnic violence broke out and lived in Delhi for two months. She then went to Punjab for four weeks and returned to Delhi. She went to Rajasthan next, from where in October she came to Kolkata and proceeded on to Dimapur. Finally, she came to Imphal to meet members of the Manipur Human Rights Commission on October 11, the statement said. But she couldn't meet them and left Imphal, only to return on October 23, the day she went to the market in Imphal from where she was detained by the police. NDTV could not independently verify this statement.

## Chandrababu Naidu Faces New Corruption Case Involving Liquor Licences



**Vijayawada(KCN):** The Andhra Pradesh Crime Investigation Department (CID) has registered another case against former CM Chandrababu Naidu in connection with allegations of illegal licensing of liquor companies in the previous government. Advocate Sunkara Krishnamurthy said the case against Chandrababu has been

registered under the PC Act 1988. CID officials have included Chandrababu as A3 in the case. The CID officers filed a petition to conduct an inquiry regarding the case in the ACB court and the court allowed the hearing on this petition. Meanwhile, the Vijayawada ACB court extended N Chandrababu Naidu's remand in the alleged

multi-crore skill development scam case till November 1. Naidu is currently in judicial custody. The TDP leader was presented virtually before the court from the Rajahmundry Central Prison. "Not In Jail But...": Chandrababu Naidu Writes To Party Workers From Prison "Not In Jail But...": Chandrababu Naidu Writes To Party Workers From Prison The former Andhra Pradesh chief minister was arrested by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) on September 9 in connection with the multi-crore skill development scam case, leading to apolitical turmoil in the state with several TDP leaders alleging that the arrest was nothing but a political "witch-hunt" and that Naidu was held on the basis of false allegations.

## After 46 Years, Navy's Last Il-38SD Maritime Reconnaissance Plane Retires

**Panaji(KCN):** The Indian Navy on Tuesday decommissioned the last of its Ilyushin Il-38SD Sea Dragon Long Range Maritime Reconnaissance aircraft from operational service, 46 years after their induction.

Navy chief Admiral R Hari Kumar, who was present at the "drawdown ceremony" of the aircraft at INS Hansa at Vasco town, 35 km from Goa's state capital Panaji, described the occasion as "truly historic" and one filled with nostalgia. The Navy chief said the aircraft brought glory to the Indian Navy time and again.

The last IL-38SD decommissioned on Tuesday will be put on display at the Naval Aviation Museum at Dabolim. Another such aircraft was put on display there in March 2020.

During Tuesday's ceremony, the aircraft made its final landing, completing the deinduction process. It was given a water cannon salute as a mark of respect. On January 26 this year, the Il-38SD participated in the Republic Day Parade flypast for the first and last time. The aircraft were operated by Indian Naval Air Squadron (INAS) 315 Winged Stallion. The Il-38 was inducted into service from 1977 onwards and five aircraft were procured till 1983. In October 2002, the Indian Navy lost two aircraft in a mid-air collision above INS Hansa in Goa. Two ex-Russian Navy Il-38s were added to the squadron in December 2009 and February 2010.

At INS Hansa, the Sea Dragons are being replaced by Boeing P-8I Neptune, of which four aircraft have been delivered to INAS316 The Condors since December 2021. The new unit was officially commissioned on March 29, 2022. With the induction of the IL-38s, the Navy had acquired modern maritime reconnaissance and fixed-wing Anti Submarine Warfare (ASW) capability.

## India Faced Problems As Vallabhbhai Patel Was Not Assigned Task Of Integrating Kashmir: Veep

**New Delhi(KCN):** Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Tuesday said India faced "problems" as Vallabhbhai Patel was not assigned the task of integrating Jammu and Kashmir with the Union post-independence and asserted that, with the abrogation of the provisions of Article 370 of the Constitution, things are "on track". Mr Dhankhar also said as the chairman of its drafting committee, B R Ambedkar had declined to draft Article 370 into the Constitution. According to an official statement, Mr Dhankhar expressed happiness that Article 370 is "no more in our Constitution". "All states' integration was assigned to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel except Jammu and Kashmir, and we know the problem we faced," he said.



The vice president made these remarks while addressing an event of the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) here. He described Parliament as a "solemn House meant for dialogue, debate, deliberation and discussion", and underscored the need for the sensitisation of young minds to shape narratives that will effectively counter the "nefarious narratives" of disturbance and disruption.

Mr Dhankhar said transparency, accountability and achievement have now become the new norm in the country. "Power corridors, once infested by corruption and power brokers, have now been fully sanitised, and this is a big milestone achievement," he said. During the event, Mr Dhankhar also conferred various awards, including the Paul H Appleby Award and Dr Rajendra Prasad Award for Academic Excellence, and released publications.

# "This Is Not Nepotism...": Priyanka Gandhi Slams BJP Over Dynasty Politics

**Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh(KCN):** Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi on Monday launched a veiled attack on the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) over dynasty politics and said that it's not about nepotism, it is the devotion towards the country which cannot be diminished. "When we talk about our ancestors, then those who criticize us talk about dynasty politics. This is not nepotism, this is a devotion towards the country that cannot be finished," the Congress leader said while addressing a public rally in Chhattisgarh's Bilaspur. She also gave examples of sacrifices made by her family while referring to

her grandmother, Indira Gandhi and her father Rajiv Gandhi, both were former Prime Ministers of India. "I always think that such a violent incident happened with us but our grandmother has filled our hearts with such patriotic sentiment that even for once our faith towards our country didn't diminish. After seven years of her passing away, when I was 19, a similar incident happened with my father, still, my faith in this country didn't diminish," the Congress leader said while addressing a public rally in Chhattisgarh's Bilaspur. Hitting out the BJP

government in Madhya Pradesh, Priyanka Gandhi said that the party didn't think of helping women in the last 18 years, and now since the elections are near they are starting schemes in favour of women of the state. "There has been a BJP government in Madhya Pradesh for 18 years. The BJP government has not thought of helping women in 18 years. Now the scheme was started two months before the elections and money is being given to women," the Congress leader said. Meanwhile, the Congress also announced eight benefits for the people of the poll-bound state of Chhattisgarh.



These benefits include a subsidy of ₹ 500 on refilling cylinders. Free electricity up to 200 units, and free electricity up to 200 units per month on high consumption. Loans taken under women's self-help groups and the Saksham scheme were waived off. The Establishment of 700 new rural industrial parks in Swami Atmanand will upgrade all government schools into English and Hindi medium schools. Free treatment will be provided in case of road accidents and emergencies. Loans worth ₹ 726 crore for 6,600 vehicle owners associated with the

transport business till the year 2018 were also waived off and lastly, the Congress leader said that 'Tivara' will also be purchased on MSP. Chhattisgarh is scheduled to hold polls in two phases on November 7 and 17. The counting of votes will take place on December 3 in all five poll-bound states. The Model Code of Conduct has come into force with the announcement of poll dates. Earlier in the 2018 assembly polls, the Congress witnessed a landslide victory in Chhattisgarh, winning 68 seats out of 90 of those against the then-ruling BJP, which acquired 15 seats.



# Tridhara Captivates Audience

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** In keeping with Guru Debaprasad Das's heartfelt wishes, Tridhara has been concluded the 17th Guru Debaprasad Award Festival today. Tridhara is continuing the Parampara of Guruji by teaching, choreographing and organising festivals, seminars, workshops worldwide for last three decades.

The closing ceremony of this grand celebration began with the traditional lighting of the lamp by the esteemed guests. ACS Odia Language,

Literature and Culture, Satyabrata Sahu graced the occasion. Rajya Sabha MP Prashanta Nanda, Ananta Narayan Jena, MLA, Bhubaneswar Central; Ashok Tripathy, Independent Director, Steel Authority of India Limited and Guru Gajendra Kumar Panda, Director, Tridhara attended the ceremony. The ceremony commenced with the presentation of the prestigious Guru Debaprasad Award 2023 presented to Padma Shri Ileana Citaristi (Odissi Dance); Padma Shri Kamalini Asthana &

Padma Shri Nalini Asthana (Kathak Dance); Padma Shri Pratibha Prahlad (Bharatnatyam Dance) and Guru Ramakrishna Talukdar (Sattriya Dance). Similarly Guru Debaprasad Yuva Prativa Award 2023 presented to Guru Sonali Mohapatra (Odissi Dance) and Ms. Dipika Priyadarsini (Odissi Dance) by the esteemed guests of the evening.

After the award ceremony, internationally acclaimed Bharatnatyam danseuse Pratibha Prahlad presented Solo Bharatnatyam dance.



Her first item was Bruhadiswara Mahadev set to Rag-Kanada and Tal-Rupak followed by Natha Hare based on Geeta Govinda.

The music composition was made by Dr. M. Balamurlikrishna and dance was choreographer by Guru Pratibha Prahlad. The

next item was Duet Kathak dance presented by Nalini Asthana and Kamalini Asthana. They were presented Siva Stutee followed by Pada

Sanjoyana. Their every movement of the body and each gesture of limb are analyzed with basic emotional steps, pattern of rhythm and foot movement to make the dance form more elegant, attractive and meaningful.

The programme was appreciated by the audience present in the auditorium. Concluding evening last presentation was flute recital by the students of Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia and his Virndaban Gurukula. First they played raga marwa and then khilali dhun along

with various ragas and taals and the flute playing was very heart warming. The audience at the Rabindra Mandap enjoyed the flute played by the students of Vrindaban Gurukul.

The 17th Guru Debaprasad Award Festival 2023 was sponsored and supported by Ministry of Culture, Government of India; Dept. of Odia Language, Literature and Culture, Govt. of Odisha; ONGC, Vedanta, Royal Midtown Hotel (RMH), MGM Minerals, SAIL and Priyadarshini. The program was anchored by Dr. Mrutyunjay Rath.

# Clean Drive On Coasts

**Puri(KCN):** The Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) conducted mega citizen-led beach clean-up drives at Puri, Gopalpur, Chandipur and Paradip Sea Beaches to mark International Coastal Clean-up Day on Saturday and Sunday. It was also done in 79 locations in 8 coastal states and 4 UTs of the country on 16 September 2023 that continued on 17 September 2023 to mark International Coastal Clean-up Day. The event was aimed to encourage citizens to clean up the coastal line and create awareness about preserving and protecting the oceans and waterways. It witnessed mass participation from government institutions, NGOs, students and youth, local dwellers, and the public. Over five thousand volunteers helped clean about 18 tons of waste. At 12 select locations, Fisherfolk Awareness Programs to educate coastal communities about the services of the MoES were organised along with the beach clean-up drive. The 2023 Swachh Sagar Surkashit Sagar beach



clean-up drives by five MoES institutes—Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), National Centre for Coastal Research (NCCR), National Centre for Ocean and Polar Research (NCPOR), Centre for Marine Living Resources and Ecology (CMLRE), and National Centre for Earth System Sciences (NCESS)—got associated many volunteers and NGOs making it a one-of-its-kind successful event. "Our oceans are vital to our survival, for regulating the climate and weather, which impact livelihood and economy, are home to valuable resources, and nurture a large share of biodiversity of this planet. The International

Coastal Clean-up Day serves as a reminder for all of us to keep our coasts clean and our oceans safe", said Dr M Ravichandran, Secretary, MoES. He also mentioned Ozone Day on the occasion coinciding with International Coastal Clean-up Day on September 16, 2023. The International Coastal Clean-up Day is observed annually worldwide on the third Saturday of September every year. In 2022, the Ministry of Earth Sciences coordinated the inter-ministerial Swachh Sagar Surkashit Sagar (clean coast, safe sea) campaign as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav of the Government of India. The Swachh Sagar Surkashit Sagar 2022

was a 75-day long campaign covering 75 beaches with 75 volunteers every kilometre of the coastline, making the event a hugely successful mass public participatory and awareness initiative. MoES services (by the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services, i.e., INCOIS) for fisherfolk and coastal communities include potential fishing zone advisories, Tuna advisories, ocean state forecasts and alerts, such as for tsunamis, storm surges, swell surges, etc. Ocean-related information is made available to more than 4 lakh beneficiaries every day through the latest modes of digital communication, such as mobile apps, SMS, and websites.

# MGM Care For Culture

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** MGM Group has been consistently promoting rich legacy of Art, Culture, Heritage and Tourism of Odisha.

Pankaj Lochan Mohanty, Chairman of the MGM Group is leading from the front for promoting Odishan Art, Culture, Heritage and Traditions, said an Art Connoisseur. Shri Mohanty, an ace philanthropist has molded MGM Groups CSR Policy in such a way that it is helping the artists, dance groups, cultural organizations and others.

MGM Minerals extended its support for Tridhara, which organizes premier event in the cultural calendar of Odisha. The 17th Guru Debaprasad Award



Festival 2023 received the support of MGM Group, said the organizer of the premier event. Tridhara is continuing the Parampara of Guruji by teaching, choreographing and organising festivals, seminars, workshops worldwide for last three decades. Thanks to the Positive Mindset of the Mining

Magnet, Shri Mohanty, an connoisseur of Odishan Art and Culture, Tridhara received the much needed support from the MGM Group. Not only Tridhara, MGM Group had also extended its support for 29th OMC Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra (GKCM) Award Festival 2023.

MGM Group is spreading Art, Culture, Traditions, Heritage of the State in foreign countries also. Shri Mohanty is an ace cultural enthusiast has been actively participating and promoting Odishan Art and Culture through supporting various events and activities, while promoting the artists.



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## National Unity Day at Kaniha



**Kaniha, (KCN):** National Unity Day observed at Kaniha on October 31st to commemorate the Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel. National Unity Day pledge was administered to the employees, PTS Township by Shri N. S. Rao, ED, Kaniha in the presence of Shri A. K. Sehgal, GM(O&M) & Heads of

Departments . Paying tributes to iron man of India , Shri Rao spoke about the valiant efforts put in by Sardar Patel to unify India into one strong nation . He said Sardar Patel visualised one India, a strong India. He also spoke about the significance of Unity in Diversity & Diversity in Unity in the present times . This

was followed by Run for Unity walk which enlisted the participation of employees, ladies, CISF personnel and township residents . The walk for National Unity started from DAV school gate and passed through the township and concluded at Deep Tarang Auditorium .

## Texmaco Rail & Engineering Ltd signed MoU with South Korean company

**Kolkata (Ambar Mukherjee):** Texmaco Rail & Engineering Ltd., a distinguished leader in the railway industry, has signed a Memorandum of Agreement with Sampyo Railway Co. Ltd. of South Korea. This technical collaboration signifies a notable advancement in the field of Railway Turnout System which is a core product in the railway track field followed by previous successful technical partnership for manufacturing Weldable CMS Crossings for the Indian Railways.

Sampyo Railway Co. Ltd., a leading entity in South Korea, has an impressive portfolio encompassing, railway infrastructure, logistics, and railway R&D and has evolved into a comprehensive railway engineering company with a global footprint. This collaboration is about the development and advancement of the Railway Turnout System, a pivotal component in the railway track sector. Through this strategic association, both Texmaco Rail & Engineering Ltd. and Sampyo Railway aim to improve and set high industry standards and deliver heightened value to the Railway Turnout System. By leveraging the unique strengths and capabilities of both organizations, the partnership will pave the way for major developments for the railway industry in this country. Because of the partnership, this project complemented Indian Railways' modernised infrastructure agenda. Together, the two organization will pool their expertise to develop pioneering solutions and products in the field of Railway Turnout System, ultimately contributing to the modernization and efficiency of the Indian railway network.

Commenting on the collaboration, Mr. Cha Jae Jung, CEO, Sampyo Railway Co. Ltd., said, "We are pleased to collaborate with Texmaco, which has technology and competitiveness in the Indian railway market, and hope that this MOA will serve as an opportunity for the two companies to take the Indian railway market to the next level.

Mr. Sudipta Mukherjee, Deputy Managing Director, Texmaco Rail & Engineering Ltd. expressed, "We are excited about our partnership with Sampyo Railway. This collaboration not only reinforces our commitment to quality products but also embodies our dedication in supporting the growth of the Indian Railways."

## Blenders Pride Fashion Nights arrives in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar : Blenders Pride Fashion Nights, a unique travelling experiential property, arrived in the City of Temples – Bhubaneswar – celebrating the authentic spirit of the city through fashion and style. A spirit that echoes with Pride and inspires the creators of today to become icons of tomorrow. Bhubaneswar's 'Made of Artistic Flair' edition for Blenders Pride Fashion Nights, brought together an eclectic evening that blended fashion, culture and dance, celebrating a symbolic amalgamation of homegrown artistry and the unwavering spirit of local talent.

Exemplifying the region's signature weave through a curated evening at the majestic Vivanta, Bhubaneswar, DC Square was Odia designer Sabyasachi Satpathy, whose intricately crafted ensembles drew inspiration from the multicultural city and its colourful history. In a true celebration of Odisha's distinct and masterful craftsmanship, the show was elevated with a captivating performance by the Prince Dance Group– from the small Odisha town of Berhampur – widely lauded for their artistry. The show drew to a finale with none other than actor Diana Penty, who captivated the audience in a beautiful ensemble by the designer. The "Made of Artistic Flair" edition of Blenders Pride Fashion Nights was a beautiful embodiment of the rich craft and cultural heritage of the city in a modern and contemporary setting.

Taking us on a 'Jatra' – The Journey of a Young Woman – the show encapsulated the journey of a woman from post adolescence to her nuptials, navigating the various challenges, trials and significant moments that come her way. The enigmatic journey was captured through the array of colours and textiles that Odisha Bandha/Ikkat offers.

## NSDL launches "Market ka Eklavya- Express" in 75 cities to mark 75 years of Independence

Mumbai: India's largest depository, National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) launched 'Market ka Eklavya- Express', an online investment awareness program for students that will be conducted in 8 different languages including Hindi. The program would serve as a beginner's guide for investing for the youth.

To mark the significance of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, an

initiative of Government of India to celebrate 75 years of independence and the glorious history of our people, culture and achievements, NSDL has launched a new initiative towards investor awareness 'Market Ka Eklavya - Express' across 75 cities, especially aimed at the college students who would very soon be entering the phase where they would start earning and naturally,

look for avenues of investment.

Earlier this month, Market ka Eklavya (5-hours program) was launched by the hon'ble Finance Minister of India, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman at the silver jubilee event of NSDL.

On the launch of the initiative Ms. Padmaja Chunduru, MD & CEO, NSDL said, "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is a special initiative launched by

our Prime Minister to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of India's Independence. Our program has been particularly aimed to create awareness about the financial markets to the young minds who will be the future of our country. In this Amrit Kaal, our digital education initiative focuses on building a path towards Financial Freedom for our youth, symbolizing the spirit of

Atmanirbhar Bharat."

Students across India will benefit from this program as it does not restrict to just an area of the population. The program will be conducted for 1 hour and mainly educate the students on demystifying the jargons, 3I's – types of Income; Inflation and its impact, types of Investment; 3S – Start early- Power of Compounding, Spread wide, Stay long etc.

## Kuwait's writers forum Meeting held



**Kuwait (KCN):-** Poetry and creative writing is all about being positive and spreading hope whilst accepting the realities of life. This was well proven during the emotional conclave of members of the Writers' Forum Kuwait where the poets met each other on 29th October at the residence of the General Secretary of the Forum, Ms. Nazneen Ali. The meeting started on a usual high note with Ms. Nazneen Ali, welcoming everybody and rejoicing the escalation of the Forum with joining of yet another new member Dr. Rajesh Gupta.

Ms. Nazneen Ali expressed her satisfaction that joining of new members is a sign that the forum is on the path of growth and progress.

The Multilingual status of the Forum was maintained with Shri Biswa Ranjan's outstanding Motivational Odiya Story along with a Hindi translation by him.

Mr. Biswa Ranjan has been involved various social welfare activities in the Gulf countries. He is the the President of Bharatiya Pravasi Parishad Odisha Association of Kuwait / President of International Human Rights Defenders - Socio Economy affiliated by

United Nations ) / World Odisha Society, Kuwait / Convener of Bharatiya Pravasi Parishad Association of Kuwait for Social Welfare Activities, Member of Writer Forum of Kuwait & Chairman & Founder of Bharat Seva Darsan Charitable Trust of Odisha.

All members of the Forum congratulated to Shri Biswa Ranjan Sahoo for the Acknowledge the effort, dedication, energy, sacrifice, or skill necessary for the achievement.

As a usual norm, renowned Urdu poet Ibrahim Qasid was requested to preside over the meeting while the guest member Dr Rajesh Gupta was invited to be the chief guest. The formal session of the meeting started with a keynote by the President of the Forum Mrs. Maimuna Choughe who welcomed the new member and wished him good luck for his activities on the forum's platform and otherwise. Like her usual attempts to bring something new and commendable to the knowledge of the members while also attempting to introduce the members of the Forum to the larger literary world, Mrs Maimuna read an article on the poetry skills of

Ms. Madhulika, an ex-member of the Forum.

The poetry session incepted with Ms. Nazneen Ali presenting a beautiful Urdu Ghazal and an Urdu poem showcasing her art of writing on different subjects. Sabir Omer followed the suit with his equally impressive Urdu ghazal and poem. The beauty of Urdu language and the exceptional crafting and drafting art was further showcased by Sayeed Nazar Kadpawi. Shabih Ahmed also mesmerized the members by his creativity.

This was followed by an array of Hindi poems on contemporary subjects each of which contained a message that was unique in itself. While Aamir Diwan recited a poem on reservation, Vinod Kaushik chose relationships as his topic for the day. Ms. Kalpana Shah was in her usual form and recited a patriotic poem.

Ms. Sabiha Bilgrami, another dedicated member was also present in the meeting. Before winding up the day's proceedings Ms. Nazneen Ali thanked everyone for their presence while the members reciprocated their gratitude to her for the savory dishes and delicacies.

## Various Government Departments Observe Rashtriya Ekta Diwas & Take Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Pledge



**K o l k a t a , (KCN):** National Unity Day is celebrated in India on October 31. It was introduced by the Union Government in 2014. The day is celebrated to mark the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the first Home Minister of India who had a major role in the political integration of India. Like every year, the Metro Railway, Kolkata observed Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) today to commemorate the 148th birth anniversary of Sardar Patel. Shri P Uday Kumar Reddy, General Manager, Metro Railway administered the

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas pledge to the officers, staff of Metro Railway at Metro Rail Bhavan. Metro officers and staff also vowed to preserve the unity, integrity and security of the nation.

As part of this programme, a 'Run for Unity' from Metro Rail Bhavan to Maidan area via Mayo Road gate of Park Street Metro station was organised. RPF officers and staff took part in this run. Rashtriya Ekta Diwas pledge was also taken at all the stations of North-South, East- West Metro, Purple Line Metro and at RPF Barracks. The Press

Information Bureau, Kolkata also observed the Day with solemnity today. To offer due honour to Sardar Patel, the officials of PIB, Kolkata took the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas pledge in Hindi and English respectively.

It is to be noted that Eastern Railway also paid homage to Sardar Patel on Monday (October 30, 2023) while observing the Vigilance Awareness Week, which is generally observed from October 30 to November 5. In that function, the Additional General Manager, Shri Sumit Sarkar paid floral tribute to the portrait of Sardar Patel.



# Pakistan don't get to play a lot of the top nations: Grant Bradburn

**NewDelhi:**Pakistan head coach Grant Bradburn lamented that his team doesn't always get to play the top teams, especially India, between ICC events. Bradburn was responding to a question on the eve of the Bangladesh clash about the fortunes of his team that has plummeted in the last month when they've gone from being the top-ranked ODI team to now needing something short of a miracle to make the final four of the ongoing World Cup. Bradburn refuted the assertion that Pakistan had been 'favourites' to win this competition at any stage and stated the ICC rankings were misleading. "Look I'm not sure where you get favourites from because there are 10 teams in this tournament, there's 150 cricketers who are the best on the planet," he said on Monday (October 30). "In terms of the ICC rankings, we

know they are skewed because we don't get to play India, we don't get to play a lot of the top nations who haven't been to Pakistan of late. "We were No. 5 in April, we became No. 1 recently before the tournament, and that might be where you term the phrase favourites. But we're realistic. We have not been the best in the world as yet, so which highlights where we are in this tournament right now. We have no divine right to beat anyone in this tournament. We have to play quality cricket, and we have to put all three departments of our game together." Pakistan played only seven completed ODIs against the 'Big Three' of India, England and Australia between the two World Cups, the same number as Bangladesh. Only Zimbabwe, Netherlands, Ireland and Nepal have



played in fewer games. Babar Azam's team also has the obvious disadvantage of not playing the IPL and while Bradburn denied feeling the team isolated, he did cede that there is an obvious unfamiliarity with conditions across different grounds in India, including in Kolkata where they play their next game. "No, we don't feel isolated or intimidated by that," Bradburn said. "Mickey [Arthur] and I, when we took over this team in April, six months ago, we recognised that the team was playing a gear or two below where we wanted the team to be playing in terms of the brand, because we know the brand of cricket that is winning against quality teams is a more dynamic brand than perhaps, we were playing. So, we set a new

that over the last six months, and as I've mentioned, during this tournament, we're very proud of some of the performances that we've put on the park. "It's taking a little bit longer than we were hoping, but we want to play a dynamic brand that matches the challenge of the conditions we're playing in. So, this tournament is foreign condition for us. None of our players have played here before. Every venue is a new one, including this one. So, we've done our homework meticulously on our opposition, on our venues that we're playing at, and we're prepared very, very well for each and every encounter. But the reality is that each and every venue is a new one for us and we don't feel disadvantaged at all in terms of the knowledge, the quality, the skill, the backing that we have for this team of cricketers." Among the challenges

posed by the conditions is the absence of swing for the fast bowlers, a traditional strength of the side. Among the venues, only Dharamsala, Delhi and Lucknow have been conducive in terms of either swing or seam, but Pakistan haven't played in either of those venues. "So, you know, we're learning that on the fly as well so therefore our lines have been different that we've been bowling and we haven't put enough balls in good areas really to create the pressure that we want and to take the wickets," Bradburn said. "Look, we haven't got on a roll in this tournament, and we understand that it's fine lines here in Indian conditions," Bradburn said. "And particularly, I would say, with our bowlers, we're renowned for having a fantastic group of fast bowlers, both here and at home. We have a great resource of fast-bowling talent in

Pakistan. We do rely on swing, but we haven't experienced too much swing here. The balls are different. The conditions are different, and certainly the ball tends to wear a lot quicker here." Bradburn however stated that the team was unwilling to throw in the towel despite their unenviable position in the qualification race. "We are desperate to bring joy to our nation. We are desperate to make our nation very proud of this cricket team. And we are also realistic in the knowledge that we haven't put all departments of our game together over the last four games but four losses does not define who we are as players, as coaches or a team. So we're determined now to focus on what we can control and that is putting our best on the park in these last three games and then leaving that to fate as - to determine the remainder of the tournament for Pakistan."

## 'Finishing higher on the table is a goal' - Shakib

**Dhaka:**Bangladesh are hopeful of a strong comeback in the ongoing ICC World Cup after a poor start saw them lose five games in the tournament. Bangladesh's qualification for the 2025 Champions Trophy is at stake as the ICC announced that the top seven sides at the end of the league stage will qualify for the tournament along with hosts Pakistan. Bangladesh are currently placed ninth in the league table and are scheduled to take on Pakistan in their next game on October 31 before facing Sri Lanka and Australia. "Apart from the Champions Trophy, finishing higher on the table is a goal," Shakib told reporters ahead of



the game against Pakistan. "We haven't performed up to expectations. If we can still get some good results, we can be slightly satisfied and then reflect on how we can do better." Bangladesh Cricket Board president Nazmul Hassan held several meetings with the Tigers

after their disappointing loss to Netherlands as it pretty much killed their slender hopes of making it to the semifinal. "We discussed it in our team meetings. We talked about overcoming this situation. We have to show it in action. Talk is cheap when it's not working. We will do it in the ground so that

everyone can see what we are doing," Shakib said. "We felt bad on that day (after losing to Netherlands). But we have to look forward, which everyone tried to do. We did what can make things better. We can change the situation of the team with our actions. We are here to play the World Cup. Every match is as important as it gets. We will take one game at a time. We don't think about anything else other than performing to the best of our ability." Shakib added that every individual will need to make their own plans to get back into form and only then they can showcase collective results which he feels is currently required for

them to get over the lean patch. "Only an individual can bring himself back to form," he remarked. "First you have to perform individually and then it happens collectively. It is up to the individual to motivate himself. I want to perform as well. I am trying to find out. "Individuals have different ways of thinking. Some like to talk about their process. Some want to talk about their technique or their mentality when they were batting. When a batter or bowler does well, they try to remind themselves what process works for them. A player not doing well will forget the process despite doing it repeatedly."

**NewDelhi:**The turmoil within the Pakistan team continues to persist, with Inzamam-ul-Haq resigning from his position as the chief selector of the national team. Simultaneously, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has formed a five-member committee to investigate allegations of conflict of interest in the World Cup squad selection process. The PCB on Monday said it has set up a panel to inquire following which Inzamam, a Pakistan legend and a former captain, said he would like to step aside pending inquiry. The PCB earlier said, "Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has set up a five-member fact-finding committee to investigate allegations in respect of



conflict of interest reported in the media pertaining to the team selection process. The committee will submit its report and any recommendations to the PCB Management in an expeditious manner." The development comes amid reports that Inzamam (53), who played 120 Tests and 370 ODIs, is associated with a player management firm which

manages among others, Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan. "We are cricketers and we are available all the time to serve the country. Since I am facing an inquiry, and as the nature of my job is, I should step down and let them conduct the probe. I am a human and it hurts. I have a 20-year cricket career during which I represented Pakistan. I am not someone who people don't know.

## Sri Lanka Cricket's Greatest Fan, Uncle Percy, Passes Away At 87

**Colombo:**In the world of cricket, there are fans, and then there was Uncle Percy. Percy Abeysekera, affectionately known as Uncle Percy, wasn't just a fan; he was an icon, a living legend who dedicated his life to supporting Sri Lankan cricket. His incredible journey as a superfan began in 1979 when Sri Lanka made its debut in the ODI World Cup in the West Indies. From that moment on, his unwavering love for the game and his nation's cricket team knew no bounds. Uncle Percy's passion for cricket took him on numerous journeys as

he followed the Sri Lankan team to various cricketing destinations, both near and far. His iconic presence at stadiums, proudly waving the Sri Lankan national flag, became an integral part of the team's support system over the years. His enthusiasm was infectious, and his love for the game was unwavering. However, in recent months, Uncle Percy's health had been declining, and the cricketing community recognized his invaluable contribution to the sport. Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) honoured him by

presenting a generous sum of Rs. 5 million to support his health and well-being. SLC Secretary Mohan De Silva personally handed over the cheque, a gesture that demonstrated the profound respect and gratitude of the entire cricketing community. Indian cricket captain Rohit Sharma also paid a visit to Uncle Percy at his residence during the Asia Cup 2023 in Colombo. It was a moment of mutual respect between a cricketing legend and one of the most passionate fans the game has ever known. The news of Uncle Percy's passing sent



shockwaves throughout the cricketing fraternity. Players, legends, and fans from around the world joined in an outpouring of condolences and heartfelt tributes. Among those expressing their grief

were former Sri Lankan cricket superstar Sanath Jayasuriya, Indian cricketer Irfan Pathan, and former Sri Lanka cricketer turned commentator Russel Arnold. Sanath Jayasuriya, an icon in Sri Lankan

cricket, took to Twitter to share his feelings, saying, "It is with great sadness that I heard our beloved Uncle Percy has met his maker. You were the first superfan, and for all of us, you will always be special.

**RIP"** Russel Arnold, who shared a close bond with Uncle Percy, posted a heartfelt picture of the two together on social media. He captioned it with a simple yet poignant "RIP #unclepercy" accompanied by sad emojis. The depth of their friendship was evident, and Russel's words spoke volumes about the loss felt by the cricketing community. Irfan Pathan, an Indian cricketer with a deep respect for Uncle Percy, expressed his condolences and wrote, "My condolences to the

family of UNCLE PERCY. Sri Lankan cricket's biggest fan is no more. If Sri Lanka lost or won, he was always happy. The Indian team had a lot of respect towards him." Uncle Percy's spirit and enthusiasm transcended borders and were respected and cherished by cricketers worldwide. Uncle Percy's passing marks the end of an era in the world of cricket. His legacy as one of the most devoted and passionate supporters of the game will live on in the hearts of cricket fans and players, serving as an inspiration for generations to come.