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Bhubaneswar(KCN): Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has always laid emphasis on transforming and developing each corner of



Odisha. Thanks to his initiative now Jeypore is connected with Capital City of Bhubaneswar by aerservie.

In order to enhance regional air connectivity within the State and beyond, State Government has developed the Jeypore Airstrip situated in Koraput District into a fully fledged commercial Airport under UDAN (Ude Desh ki Aam Naagrik).

Bishnupada Sethi, Principal Secretary Commerce & Transport and Manoj Kumar Mishra, Special Secretary Commerce & Transport worked relentlessly to fructify the vision of Chief Minister. CONTINUED ON: P-7

Congress demands CM Naveen Patnaik to break silence on Archana case

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): Congress on Sunday hit out at Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik for his silence on the Archana Nag sex and extortion scan-

dal in which leaders from several political parties including ruling BJD are allegedly involved. Addressing media persons here, the president of the Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) Sarat Pattanayak demanded a high court-monitored SIT probe into the entire issue as the police

has not acted despite the involvement of several senior political leaders. Stating that the incident has tarnished the image of Odisha, the OPCC president said that police is not able to take any action despite having all information about the case due to pressure from some quarters. Pattanayak said the police which had earlier done some commendable job is surprisingly inactive in this case. He said the chief minister should break his silence and take action against all political leaders involved in the case. All information related to the case should be made public as several people's representatives are involved, he added. Dismissing the OPCC president's allegations, BJD spokesperson Lenin Mohanty said that police investigation is on and the truth of the matter will come out at the right time.



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BJD BJP Hit Streets

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Ahead of the Dhamnagar bypoll, the Governing Biju Janata Dal (BJD) and Opposition BJP on Monday held demonstrations in the capital city against each other.

The BJD has staged demonstration before Raj Bhawan and all district headquarters across the State over delay in payment of crop insurance dues to farmers by Centre, while the BJP took out a mega rally in the city over involvement in BJD leaders in lady black-mailer Archana Nag case and death of BJD Zilla Parishad Member Dharmendra Sahoo. BJD claimed that a large number of farmers are yet to get crop insurance money of kharif 2021 under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), a Union Government sponsored crop insurance scheme.

ment scheme. Dubbing BJD's protest as a gimmick to distract public attention from 'cash for vote' scandal in Dhamnagar Assembly by-poll, BJP state general secretary Prithviraj Harichandan claimed that farmers are suffering as the State Government flouted guidelines laid down for resolution of insurance issues.

The national technical advisory committee (TAC) is looking into the issues and resolving them. The next meeting of the TAC is scheduled for November 3. Prior to the meeting, the BJD is doing drama to hoodwink the farmers, said Mr.Harichandan.

On the other hand, the BJP took out a protest rally from the party office and tried to march towards Naveen Niwas. However, police stopped the BJP leaders and workers at Sishu Bhawan square.

The BJP is demanding CBI probe and action against BJD leaders allegedly involved in the sensational lady black-mailer scandal and death of Nimapara ZP member Dharmendra Sahoo. A large number of BJP workers and leaders were detained as a preventive measure.

BJP national spokesperson Sambit Patra, state general secretaries Prithviraj Harichandan and Lekhashree Samantsinghar and senior leader Pravati Parida participated in the rally and slammed the BJD Government accusing it of shielding high-profile party leaders allegedly involved in both the cases. Though several BJD leaders and ministers are involved in the two sensational cases, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik is sitting idle. To wake him up from the deep sleep, the BJP has organised this rally, said Shrimati Samantsinghar.



BJD spokesperson Lenin Mohanty said thousands of farmers are yet to get crop insurance money for kharif 2021 under the PMFB. The insurance companies are delaying the process of payment of around Rs 500 crore, he added.

In July, the State Government had written two letters to the Centre requesting the latter's intervention regarding non-payment of claims by insurance companies for the kharif 2021 in Odisha. It is very unfortunate that the Centre has yet to take any action leaving lakhs of farmers in lurch, said Mohanty.

BJD women wing President Snehangini Chhuria said the Centre should ensure that farmers get crop insurance amount without much delay as PMFBY is a Central Govern-

Rashtrapati Bhawan themed pandal to honour the first President from Odisha



BARIPADA(KCN): In a bid to honour President Draupadi Murmu, a 60 feet pandal resembling Rashtrapati Bhawan will be erected for Jagadathri Puja at Bhanjpur here. Media coordinator of Bhanjpur Jagadathri Puja Committee Somanath Singh said the present occupant of Rashtrapati Bhawan is Draupadi Murmu, the first tribal woman President who made Mayurbhanj district proud by getting elected to the nation's highest constitutional post. "The committee has been celebrating Jagadathri Puja for the last 70 years. A pandal resembling the Rashtrapati Bhawan will be

a first. It will be a humble gesture for the country's first citizen," he said. The pandal is being constructed at a cost of Rs 10 lakh. Around `1 lakh is being spent on construction of the idol of Goddess Jagadathri. A fair will also be organised by the committee during the puja which will start from November 6 and end on November 18. Around 300 stalls will be set up at the fairground. This apart, CCTV cameras and fire extinguishers will be installed. Rashtrapati Bhawan at the national capital is an H-shaped building, covering an area of five acre on a 330-acre estate.

Baliyatra's bid to enter Guinness Book of Records this year

CUTTACK(KCN): The famous Baliyatra of Cuttack could soon find a place in the Guinness Book of World Records. While the Cuttack Municipal Corporation (CMC) and the district administration are leaving no stone



turned to organise the event in its usual grandeur after a gap of two years, an attempt at the world record will be made at the fair this year. Sources said the CMC has contacted

the headquarters of the Guinness Book of Records. CONTINUED ON: P-7

CM lauds State Vigilance

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha Government has adopted 'Zero Tolerance' approach to corruption, said Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik. Addressing the Vigilance Awareness Week Celebration here on Monday he said that the State Government aims at providing basic

"My government has been taking a number of proactive steps to strengthen Odisha Vigilance, so that it can discharge its mandate more professionally and serve the people in a better way," Chief Minister said.

The theme of this year's programme is "Corruption free India for a developed Nation". Mr.Patnaik further said that it is very encouraging to see that in all major parameters like registration and disposal of corruption cases and conviction of corrupt public servants, Odisha Vigilance is among the top performing anti-corruption agencies in the country, as revealed by the latest statistics in Crime in India-2021 published by the National Crime Record Bureau.



public services made available to the people at the grassroots level in a fair and transparent manner and the benefits of welfare and developmental schemes reach the backward and poor sections of the society.

"With proactive steps like 'Mo Sarkar', we are also trying to empower the people, who are the ultimate masters in a democracy, for claiming their rightful entitlements," Chief Minister said. Secretary to Chief Minister V K Pandian moderated the proceedings.

He administered Integrity Pledge to all officials of the State Government on Vigilance Awareness Week.

Mr.Patnaik said that 'Transparency' is a critical factor of the 5T initiatives undertaken by the State Government with a view to achieve transformational goals in governance and ensure better delivery of public goods and services to the people in a hassle free manner.

Expressing happiness over the report, he said that in the last 12 months, Odisha Vigilance has created new records by seizure of highest amount of cash in a trap case, seizure of highest amount of cash during a house search and unearthing the highest amount of Disproportionate Assets.

He said that these are days of ever changing technological and professional advancements in every field.

"I therefore urge the Vigilance Department to take Odisha Vigilance to the next level by bringing in technological up-gradation and expanding its multi-disciplinary character by roping in more professionals. Odisha Vigilance must take leverage of best practices and technologies available in the field of anti-corruption to enhance the capacity and effectiveness of Vigilance. CONTINUED ON: P-7

Rastriyaekta Diwas observed at DAV, Kalinga Nagar Awareness programmes & outreach activities during vigilance awareness week 2022

Bhubaneswar(KCN): DAV Public School, Kalinga Nagar ob-

ferred their floral tribute to Sardar Patel and took the national

ther said that the intense love of sardar Patel for his mother-

morning. More than 150 scouts, guides, NCC cadets and



served Rastriya Ekta Diwas in its premises in commemoration of the birth anniversary of our former Deputy Prime Minister and freedom fighter Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. As a mark of respect to the great patriot, the Principal, teachers and the students of-

unity day pledge. In his address to the gathering, the Principal reiterated the decisive role and audacity of the Iron Man of India in the unification of the country in the post-independence era and his contribution to the freedom movement. He fur-

land and his ideologies shall continue to rule the hearts of thousands and millions of people all over the world till eternity. As a mark of respect to the great leader, Unity Run was flagged off by the Principal in the

teachers ran up to SUM Hospital square giving slogans of India's inherent unity and integrity. The entire programme was arranged successfully by the School's Scout and Guide and NCC wings with the whole-hearted support of all the staff.

NSUI activists stage protest in Capital

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): Hundreds of National Students' Union of India (NSUI) activists attempted to march towards Naveen Niwas on Saturday to protest the alleged police inaction in the death of BJD Zilla Parishad member Dharmendra Sahoo. The protesters were stopped by the police near Forest Park area and 50 of them taken into preventive custody. The activists back to Congress Bhawan after they failed to proceed to the Chief Minister's residence. However, minutes later the NSUI activists launched protests in front of Minister of State for Home Tusharkanti Behera's residence in Unit-II area here. As Bhubaneswar DCP Prateek Singh and other police personnel rushed to the spot, there was a tussle between the police and the activists when some of them managed to enter the Minister's residence. The protesters also hurled tomatoes and eggs on the spot as part of their demonstration.

"Police is acting as an agent of Odisha government. Even though School and Mass Education Minister Samir Ranjan Dash is accused of harassing Dharmendra Sahoo, both the Chief Minister and Tusharkanti Behera are silent over the matter," said NSUI State president Yashir Nawaz. Our demands are to bring Samir Ranjan Dash under the purview of the investigation related to Dharmendra Sahoo's death and he should resign from his post, he added. "There were about 400 protesters. They also broke the windows of a police truck," said DCP Singh. Sources said the police may register two separate cases against the protesters - one for attempting to march towards Naveen Niwas and another for demonstrating outside Minister Behera's residence. Dharmendra Sahoo allegedly died by suicide and his body was recovered from his house at Laxmi Vihar in Sisupalgarh under Dhauli police limits on September 24.

West Bengal Federation of United Nations Associations & Gaudiya Mission inaugurates "Centre for UN Peace Studies & Founded its Library" besides convening a seminar on "Challenges of Climate Change and Role of the United Nations in Kolkata

Kolkata (KCN): West Bengal Federation of United Nations Associations & Gaudiya Mission jointly set

about the role of United Nations to serve humanity. Special conferences and seminars will be held at

people – those who have contributed least to the global climate emergency yet are hit the hardest and millions of others are losing their homes, their livelihoods and their lives"

main objectives of the United Nations namely peace and security, sustainable development, and human rights. WEBFUNA has Consultative Status at the United Nations Economic and Social Council



up the "CENTRE OF UNITED NATIONS PEACE STUDIES & FOUNDED ITS LIBRARY" in the premises of the Gaudiya Mission at Bagbazar in Kolkata which was inaugurated by Ms Melinda Pavek; Consul General of the United States of America, Mr Nicholas Low, British Deputy High Commissioner, Mr Andalib Elias, Bangladesh Deputy High Commissioner, Mr Eshor Raj Poudel ; Consul General of Nepal, Mr Sitaram Sharma, Chairman WEBFUNA, Sri Srimad Bhakti Sundar Sanyasi Goswami Maharaj, Acharya & President Gaudiya Mission, Mr Ashok Dhar Eminent Author and other distinguished dignitaries. This will be the first of its kind in India which will give access to readers of all ages to know more

this centre for audience participation and awareness of the sustainable development goals of the UN. On this momentous occasion Mr Sitaram Sharma, Hon. Consul of Republic of Belarus for Eastern India and Chairman West Bengal Federation of United Nations Associations, said The Centre of United Nations Peace Studies and its Library will immensely benefit students, scholars and the public at large who wish to peruse about the role and activist of the United Nations and role in ushering world peace. He also emphasised the "The climate emergency is wreaking havoc across the world at a scale that that people on the front lines in the humanitarian community cannot manage. Time is already running out for the world's most vulnerable

The other distinguished dignitaries Ms Melinda Pavek; Consul General of the United States of America, Mr Nicholas Low, British Deputy High Commissioner, Mr Andalib Elias, Bangladesh Deputy High Commissioner, Mr Eshor Raj Poudel ; Consul General of Nepal, Mr Ashok Dhar Eminent Author and Sri Srimad Bhakti Sundar Sanyasi Goswami Maharaj, Acharya & President Gaudiya Mission emphasised that, "On an increasingly crowded planet humanity faces many threats but none is greater than climate change. Climate change if unchecked is an urgent threat to health, food supplies, bio-diversity and livelihoods across the globe as it magnifies every hazard and threatens our very existence". About West Bengal Federation of United Nations Associations The West Bengal Federation of United Nations Associations (WEBFUNA) is affiliated to the Indian Federation of United Nations Associations (IFUNA) which, in turn, is a member of the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA), which is one of the largest global non-profit organizations having its International Headquarters at UN Plaza 2, New York. WEBFUNA was founded more than four decades back with the primary objectives to propagate and promote the values of the UN Charter, defend multilateralism, work towards a better United Nations Organisation. It raises awareness on the

(ECOSOC) and the mission of supporting the principles and purposes of the United Nations. It is affiliated with the Indian Federation of United Nations Associations and has liaison links with many other UN organizations and agencies. Our mission is promoting and disseminating knowledge and information about the Principles and Purposes of the United Nations and its specialised agencies. About Gaudiya Mission The Gaudiya Mission is a Gaudiya Vaishnava monastic and missionary organization whose founder Acharya is Sri Prabhupada alias Srimad Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Goswami Maharaja. Gaudiya Mission' is a missionary organization for preaching the process of pure devotion through practice as taught by Lord Sri Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. The Gaudiya mission has been registered since March 1940 as a society. Gaudiya Mission is celebrating the ' 150 advent commemoration of Sri Bhaktisiddhant Saraswati Goswami Thakur

Kolkata(KCN): Vigilance Awareness Week is observed every year during the week in which the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel falls (October 31). The theme for Vigilance Awareness Week 2022 is "Corruption

active session. A Walkathon is going to be organised at Haldia, with participation of around 500 people from various organisations like the Port itself, Customs, CISF, several Port Users and other citizens, which will be followed by a 'Fun Run'. Besides, a 'Quiz Competition', on anti-corruption, will be organised in Kolkata, where employees of the Port – from both Kolkata and Haldia – would participate. This apart, the Port is spreading awareness through various modes, including



free India for a developed Nation." During October 31 to November 6, 2022, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (SMP), Kolkata is organising multiple events in line with awareness campaigns and outreach activities recommended by Central Vigilance Commission. On this significant occasion, Shri P. L. Haranadh, Chairperson, SMP, Kolkata administered 'Integrity Pledge' from Paradip today. Shri A. K. Mehara, Dy. Chairman (H), Shri Samrat Rahi, (Dy. Chairman (K), Dr. Preeti Mahto, CVO, HoDs, Senior Officers and Employees of SMP, Kolkata were also present. With the objective of collective involvement of various stakeholders of the Port in awareness programs, the Port is organising 'Customer Meet' by Traffic Department – separately at Kolkata as well as Haldia – wherein the trade fraternity is being invited for interactive sessions with the Port Officers. While the 'Customer Meet' at Kolkata had already been held today, the same at Haldia is scheduled to be held from 1100 am on November 5, 2022. Moreover, a "Stakeholders' Meet" is going to be organised by the Estate Division at Kolkata, which will also have an inter-

newspaper advertisements, Jingles, Videos, SMS and various social media platforms. With an objective to raise awareness about the perils of corruption and to instill a sense of integrity amongst the budding citizens of the country, the Port is organising drawing competition, slogan contest, essay competition and other cultural competitions for school children as well as college students. The said events will have participation from various schools and colleges in both Kolkata and Haldia. Besides, debates are also being planned for schools and colleges, on the issues of corruption and vigilance, to make the youth realize the importance of the issues. SMP, Kolkata is confident that the above efforts by the Port will go a long way in raising awareness amongst the citizens of the country regarding the perils of corruption and the urgent need to combat the same, so that our dream of seeing India as a developed nation is fulfilled.

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Disney's Marvel unit files lawsuits to keep rights to 'Avengers' characters from copyright termina-

WASHINGTON: Disney's Marvel unit has filed lawsuits to niuses including Stan Lee, Steve Ditko and Gene ship of characters worth billions. Marvel has faced terminations in 1962. Under the provisions of copyright



acquire full control of 'Avengers' characters including Spider-Man, Iron Man, Black Widow and others.

According to The Hollywood Reporter, the complaints come against the heirs of some late comic book ge-

Colan. The legal document seeks "declaratory relief that these blockbuster characters are ineligible for copyright termination as works made for hire." Reportedly, if Marvel loses, Disney would have to share owner-

terminations from Ditko as well as Larry Lieber's (who worked at Marvel as a writer, too) estate. In August, the administrator of Ditko's estate filed a notice of termination on Spider-Man, which first appeared in comic book form

2023, reported The Hollywood Reporter.

Larry also filed termination notices to Marvel in May.

The heirs of the comic book creators (including Black Widow creator Don Rico) are being represented by Marc Toberoff, who had also represented Superman creators Jerry Siegel and Joe Schuster in an unsuccessful termination attempt against DC which saved off termination by counterclaiming against Toberoff. As per The Hollywood Reporter, Dan Petrocelli represented the publisher at that time and will be representing Disney for the new case. Petrocelli has already filed several

lawsuits against Lieber, Don Heck, Patrick Ditko, Don Rico and Keith Dettwiler. The cases will focus on the creation of famous comic book characters and who should be deemed the statutory author.

One of the complaints filed on Friday asserted, "Marvel had the right to exercise creative control over Lieber's contributions and paid Lieber a per-page rate for his work."

If the plaintiffs win, Disney would have to share profits with the others and hold on to at least a share of character rights as co-owners.

As per The Hollywood Reporter, the termination provisions of copyright law only apply in the United States, allowing Disney to continue

'Kanyadaan' an outdated ritual or important custom? Alia Bhatt's ad sparks debate

The bride, pretty, radiant and in red, sits in front of the sacred fire, her family, the groom and his parents around her, the love flowing like a balmy breeze.

And in that arguably most precious moment, she looks into the camera and asks, "why must a woman be commodified through the custom of 'kanyadaan' literally 'donating a daughter'."

The ad for a lehenga brand featuring Bollywood star Alia Bhatt as the much-indulged daughter and granddaughter has fired debate on social media platforms and elsewhere on the age-old tradition of giving away the daughter.

Many term it Hindu phobic for casting aspersions on a ritual that is part of the warp and weft of society, others appreciate it for calling out the patriarchy that underderscores the custom and there are those that feel it should have gone even further in its rejection.

"There is a growing number of young women who are beginning to think about the issue, especially as increasing number joins the workforce, has access to ideas (via social media etc) that are critical of 'women as property' concept. This ad reflects that," sociologist Sanjay Srivastava told PTI.

In the 1.41 minute ad, Bhatt, the self-assured woman of today who also does a selfie pout with her father while at the 'mandap', recalls her lifetime of 'othering' in a monologue - her fond grandmother saying she would one day go to her own home, her father not reacting when people called her "paraya dhan" (alien property) and her mother calling her a 'chidiya' which would fly away one day.

The Manyawar ad ends with the grooms' parent also joining in in the ritual (though it is unclear whether they too are giving away their son) and Bhatt's bride saying it should be 'kanyamaan' (respect for the girl child) and not 'kanyadaan', and asking, "Am I a thing to be given away?" Her angst finds a wide echo. Actor Dia Mirza, who decided to do away with the rituals of both "bidaii" and "kanyadaan" when she got married to businessman Vaibhav Rekhi, said they wanted the wedding to reflect their "beliefs and not outmoded ideas." "Neither of us believes that women are com-

modities to be given away or 'donated.' Women have agency, selfhood and can make decisions about their lives on their own so my wedding reflected exactly that by not including a ritual like 'kanyadaan'," the actor told PTI.

She even engaged a female priest for her wedding to emphasise gender equality.

"It is time for young couples to define how they want to get married and if their ceremony is truly representative of their personalities and love for each other," said the actor, who is also the United Nation's National Goodwill Ambassador from India.

The ritual of giving away the bride is, of

married. 'Kanyadaan' is like you're giving me away and you have nothing to do with me anymore. You're severing ties like I'm some object basically that you're giving away. My parents did understand it but the issue was 'this is how it is, has been and will be'."

Actor Kangana Ranaut was among those who disagreed. Criticising the ad in an Instagram post, she said, "Humble request to all brands. Don't use religion, minority, majority politics to sell things. Stop manipulating naive consumers with shrewd divisive concepts and advertising. Please stop mocking Hindus and their rituals."

One of the Twitter users echoed similar sentiments.



"Our traditions are not regressive, your mindsets surely are! Kanyadaan is a sacred tradition, where a father/parent parts with their most precious and cherished daughter, a bitter-sweet emotional moment filled with hopes, promises and dreams," the user wrote.

Women's rights activist Shabnam Hashmi said the attacks on the ad "reflects the highly patriarchal mindsets of our society".

course, not just about Hindu weddings.

It is also a vital part of a Christian wedding service where the father walks down the aisle with his daughter and "hands her over" to the waiting groom.

Brought up on tradition and a diet of popular culture, including movies, both Indian and western, many women have now begun to question the patriarchal traditions of wedding ceremonies across societies.

Mumbai-based IT analyst Meghna Trivedi, who got married in February last year, said the ritual of 'kanyadaan' does not make sense in today's day and age but had to undergo the ritual anyway.

Trivedi, a Gujarati who married a Punjabi, said she asked the priest to find another way but he maintained 'kanyadaan' is a "must".

"What you mean by 'kanyadaan' is that you're giving away your daughter to somebody else and that is something you have to do in your life and it's related to your duties as a parent that now your daughter belongs to another family," she told PTI.

"But I'm still my parents' daughter after I got

advertisement and raises important questions of women's dignity and equality," Hashmi told PTI.

Sociologist Shrivastava added that people reacted negatively because there is an increasing intolerance against anything that is seen to question 'Indian traditions'.

The reaction, he said, also reflects a "male anxiety" about the changes that are happening in addition to the current climate where it has become difficult to question anything Indian/Hindu.

There were also those who felt the ad didn't go far enough.

"The idea should not be to perpetuate the custom but to break away from it," said a young woman, who welcomed the ad and the questioning of traditions but would have preferred that it didn't end with the parents of both sides taking part in it.

A radical break would have been more effective in sending out the message, she said.

However, a debate reflects a churn.

And in that sense, any discussion is welcome, even if it has unlikely beginnings in an ad for a bridal lehenga.

Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you

29th October is observed as International



Internet Day. The internet is defined as a remote connection between two computers. The first internet connection was made on October 29th, 1969. This was

just two months after Neil Armstrong landed on the moon. To commemorate the event, International Internet Day was celebrated for the first time on October 29th, 2005.

It's hard to fathom a world without the Internet. The Internet provides instant access to information. Search engines make this information easy to attain. Besides gaining knowledge, internet users have an endless supply of entertainment. The internet makes it possible to do banking and shopping from the comfort of your own home. Internet is not just a need or luxury, it has become a

household necessity. Internet connects you with your friends, and

Vinod Chandrashekhar Dixit

family, and access the top courses without moving geographically. Now, the Internet has revolutionized communication systems and even our attitudes towards everything. Old are the days of the usage of fax and the mail services.

Internet has changed our lives in numerous ways. It has raised our standard of living and made several tasks extremely smooth and easy. However, it also offers several disadvantages. The Internet's drawbacks can't be overlooked any longer as numerous teenagers are affected by Internet Addiction Disorder, then many ladies became online shopaholics.

Internet addiction is detrimental to not only fitness but also psychological state. Hacker programs a virus that gets into the pc and ruins valuable data. Users' personal

information like name, address, master card, bank

details, and other information are often accessed by culprits when used on the web, leading to significant economic loss. Time spent online flies fast without consciousness. After getting attracted the user is trapped into the trap, users are trapped by a "net", spending less time with people in the real world. Less interaction and face-to-face communication, actually, may end in a decrease in social abilities. The unnecessary emails, advertisements, etc. are sometimes said to be spam because they need the power to hamper the system and make the users face many problems. One of the main disadvantages of internet is that it serves as a major distraction at work place. Whether it is a student or a working professional everyone these days is addicted to internet. While internet is a great

way to enhance your knowledge and grow professionally it can also distract you from work. As it is said people tend to adopt the bad habits faster so, instead of making the most of the information available on the internet to improve their knowledge and skills, people usually fall prey to the numerous sources of entertainment the internet offers. From gaming to watching videos, from listening to music to overspending while shopping online, from stalking their relatives and friends online to copying their lifestyle – people, these days, indulge in such useless activities and their work/studies take a back seat. Apart from this, hacking, spamming and other such notorious activities on the internet have also become quite common. Internet is such a great platform to enhance and promote one's business and grow professionally. We must use it for that purpose only rather than letting it distract us from work.

B-15 Jyoti-Kalash Society, Jodhpur
Tekra, Satellite, Ahmedabad

The quest for social equality

The Hijab rumpus never ends. Massive



protests in the Iranian streets did not make any ripples in India. Almost forty days after the death of 22 year old Mahsa Ahmini, a young

lady alleged to have refuted Iran's strict

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laws, its Islamic administration could not contain the protest of the common people, especially women. The only demand of the revolting women is the country's emancipation from the clutches of radical Islamic structure and the first move that they did to register their protest was to remove the compulsory headscarf and trim their hair. An outcry for freedom in a country that believes in patriarchal authoritarianism invariably supported by a powerful religious clergy was met with an iron fist. The police intervention to quell the public outrage killed more than 250 people across Iran. The magnitude of the intense protest could successfully hijack the state TV during the speech by the country's supreme leader replacing it with the images of the women who have been killed by police brutality.

The intensity of emotions that the country is rattled with is unparalleled and cries for 'women, life, and freedom' became a usual affair for the Islamic state. Is this just a beginning? The image of young women chopping off their hair comes as a symbol of greater resilience and an aspirational resistance against the patriarchy that throws them into relentless suffering and persecution and suppression. The Islamic morality police and its intervention in people's life seem to have gone beyond an acceptable limit. India did not debate this important development of Iran. There is a visible reluctance in our country to bring the topic for a sensible discussion. Everybody is conveniently silent on the impact of Islamic radicalisation and a revolution seeking progress and liberation in a country which considers women as veiled creatures. Amini is a symbol and the Iranian outrage is a message that the world should actually be cognizant of. With its reach in essence and practice across the globe, the world's second largest religion poses certain significant questions when its rigidity becomes abhorrent and dishonest. The first one is, how long any administration would fight back human aggression against the spiritual madness of religions. Will clamping down on the internet and clashing with the outrageous public cure the real malady that the society is infested with? Why are some religions unable to

bring credible, viable and visible

humanitarian amendments in their religious ethos? How long should the world suffer these unprincipled ways of patriarchal interventions?

India's hesitation to debate the Iranian stalemate needs to be seen as the result of its secular compulsions. The split verdict on the hijab controversy has added to the confusion. Sloganeering and unrepressed gatherings in the Indian streets have disappeared temporarily since the perpetrators of the controversy, the Popular Front of India (PFI), have been under the scanner of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and a nationwide crackdown on the outfit on issues that concerned the country's internal security. And of course, a predictable silence on Iranian uprising against the clergy is mostly because we have the same subject which is a controversy from a different angle. India witnessed a well calibrated protest in favour of the Hijab but the Iranian outrage is exactly against the hijab imposition; it is for the liberation from the suffocation of a veil that the religion made mandatory. The veil, indeed, is a reminder of the hegemony of the religious patriarchy that celebrates the suppression of the feminine considered to be preordained by the divine, therefore treated as holy and obligatory. Modesty laws enforced to the extent of persecution began to bring bubbles of repercussions in Iran. India being a democracy is yet to march in the direction of such extremist interventions. This is mainly due to the religious diversity that India managed to maintain with its significant majority and the majority in India not only advocates but also practices secularism. But we cannot deny the fact that the history of India tells us tales of intolerance in localities where religious radicalism flourished. Unrest, anger and outrage against other religions in areas where Islamic beliefs consolidated and disruptions amounting to rioting often disturb India's social fabric even today. For the sake of ornamenting a secular democratic republic with religious amity, it is unjustifiable to stay in denial of the reality. Essentially, the aggression in Iran is a

frantic pursuit of a significant chunk of its populace seeking a new secular beginning for the country; a change that the clergy would fight to quash by all possible means. India's hijab conundrum seems to be progressing in the opposite direction, compelling the secular framework of the country to snail-pace towards a 'religious' republic. In Iran the government's retaliation on the protesters is a possible effort to establish its control over the society and retain a complete patriarchal dominance. India's hijab battle is also indicating the same spirit of a male dominance. But the difference is that the religious clergy in India managed to convince the Muslim women on a political reason that they encouraged them to stand united irrespective of the discomfort in the veil, just for the sake of challenging the administrative reforms of a party that they count as majoritarian. Unlike Iran, the clash in India is not between the patriarchy and the suppressed womenfolk. While a religious leadership with an extremely hard line approach is acting against the revolting crowd in Iran, India's secular identity with its democratic structure have so far managed to barricade such hard line ideas from being spread. A recent poll reveals that more than 60% of Iranians want a non-religious state. An unquestionable thirst for democracy and freedom began to accelerate the movement in Iran. For India, its secular values always act as a platform for its people to cherish freedom in every sphere of life. But religious fundamentalism loaded with patriarchal sensitivities has despicably managed to gain attention and sympathy of the liberals and a section of the media in India with an insidiously imposed narrative such as the right to carry out religious dressing to schools and workplaces. The message that the Iranian public outrage passes would take time to sink in a beguiled society such as ours as India's secular freak show has terribly collapsed its cognitive abilities and its outlandishness seems to be dancing in tune with its own pathological condition of secularism.

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Letter to Editor

Dear Editor

The annual celebration of Bhai Phonta Hindi: Bhai Duj) is an auspicious festival of the Hindus to commemorate the divine and loving relationship between brothers and sisters. Although meant for blood relatives; but it has now become an accepted tradition of a respectful relationship between any man and woman who mutually considers one another as supportive brother and sister. A socio-religious tradition has thus transformed over time into a celebration of kinship, fellowship, companionship and above all a strong humanitarian respect between fellow citizens who consider themselves without any blood connection as their siblings. In no other culture this unique theme is celebrated across the planet except India. The sister puts a sandalwood paste circle on the forehead of the brother with her pinky saying Bhaiyer kopale dilem phonta Jomer dore porhlo kanta Jamuna dei Jomke phonta Ami di amar bhai-ke phonta Jom jemoni amar Aamar bhai hok temoni amar.

(I place the auspicious Tika or sandalwood paste mark on my Brother's forehead just as Yama's sister Yamuna places the Tika on Yama's forehead. This Tika will protect my brother and make him as immortal as Yama.)

The brothers and sisters exchange love, blessings and gifts following the ceremony. The brother vows to protect his sister against all odds, evils and challenges; and promises to stand by her in every moment of her life. What an affectionate gesture of humanity that is unparalleled in the global heritage and culture. Wish all a very happy Bhai Duj and Bhai Phonta

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7500 CR Loan in Rabi

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The State Government has enhanced the limit of disbursement of crop loans from Rs.50,000- to Rs.1,00,000, interest free from April 2022.

Keeping the above in view, the Department of Co-operation has set a target to distribute crop loans of Rs 7,500 crore during the ongoing Rabi season. The State had distributed crop loans of Rs 5740.56 crore in the Rabi season in the financial year 2019-20, which has been increased to Rs 6868.87 crore



in 2020-21 Rabi crop season.

During the 2021-22 Rabi crop season, the State Government had set a target to disburse crop loans of Rs 6,500 crore. However, the amount exceeded the target and Rs 7362.46 crore disbursed to the farmers in 2021-22 Rabi season, sources said.

So, this Rabi season, the loan amount has been increased to Rs 7,500 crore. Highest crop loan target of Rs 650 crore has been given for Bargarh district, followed by Rs 600 crore for Kendrapara district, Rs 550 crore in Sundergarh district, Rs 430 crore for Ganjam, Rs 410 crore for Jajpur district, Rs 400 crore for Balasore, Rs 390 crore for Kuhrda, Rs 380 crore for Balasore, Rs 330 crore for Cuttack and Rs 300 crore for Bhadrak. Similarly, target was set to distribute Rs 280 crore crop loan in Angul, Rs 180 crore in Dhenkanal, Rs 30 crore in Gajapati, Rs 150 crore in Kalahandi, Rs 50 crore in Nuapada, Rs 130 crore in Sonepur, Rs 120 crore Boudh, Rs 60 crore in Kandhamal, Rs 200 crore in Jagatsinghpur district, Rs 250 crore in Keonjhar, Rs 170 crore in Koraput, Rs 75 crore in Malkangiri and Rs 130 crore in Nabarangpur district. Moreover, Rs 230 crore of crop loan will be distributed in Nayagarh district

Crypto rewards fund son's Dubai trip

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): Senior engineer Nihar Ranjan Das, arrested for amassing disproportionate wealth, reportedly used reward points obtained through a cryptocurrency exchange to arrange a trip to Dubai for his son, Vigilance officials revealed on Saturday. Das' disproportionate assets has been estimated at around Rs 5 crore. The anti-corruption agency's initial investigation suggests Das was investing in digital currency through eight to nine exchanges including one from the United Kingdom. He had reportedly opened accounts in different crypto exchanges such as Coinsbit, Atlantis, Bibox, Binance, Royal Q, ZebPay, WazirX, Latoken, Bitcoin, DigitalOcean and others. The Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (RWSS) additional chief engineer is suspected to have invested in digital currencies in his and family members' names and 38 wallets in different names/IDs have been traced by the anti-corruption agency till now. Investigators have already traced a whopping investment of Rs 1.75 crore in 32 wallets and the verification of six others is continuing.

India gives USD 2.5mn to UN agency for welfare of Palestinian refugees

RAMALLAH: [Palestine]: India on Monday presented the second tranche of aid of USD 2.5 million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the



Near East (UNRWA) for the financial year 2022-2023.

In a statement, India's Representative Office in Ramallah said this will support the agency's core programs and services, including education, healthcare, relief and social services. "The Government of India presented USD 2.5 million (second tranche of a total contribution of USD 5 million for the Financial Year 2022-2023) to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), in support of the Agency's core programmes and services, including education, healthcare, relief and social services," Representative Office of India Ramallah said in a statement.

"The financial contribution was presented to Ms Xuran Wu, Associate Donor Relations

while Rs 85 crore crop loan will be disbursed to farmers of Rayagada, Rs 280 crore for Mayurbhanj, Rs 260 crore for Sambalpur, Rs 110 crore for Jharsuguda, Rs 100 crore for Deogarh and Rs 170 crore for Puri district.

Secretary Cooperation, Sanjeev Kumar Chadha has asked all District Collectors to give emphasis to cover more number of eligible new farmers under institutional credit in the State.

Hence, meticulous planning and due emphasis needs to be given to make timely and adequate agricultural credit available to the more number of farmers members of the Primary Agriculture Co-operative Societies (PACS) of the State, Chadha said.

Crop loans financed by the Cooperatives during last Kharif 2022 registered an all-time high of Rs.6,594.44 crore as on 26 September 2022 as against the target of Rs.9000 crore. This provides the Short Term Cooperative Credit Structure the ideal backdrop to go for an ambitious Rabi 2022-23 program to meet the credit needs of the farmers and help increase production and productivity in agriculture, he pointed out.

Crop loans sanctioned to farmers have a large interest subvention/incentive component which is provided by the Government of India and the State Government. Hence it is required to obtain valid AADHAR Numbers of the beneficiary farmers to link it to their KCC and the Loan/ Savings Bank Accounts opened in the District Central Cooperative Banks/ PACS Commercial Banks/ RRBs so as to ensure that genuine farmers have access to the subsidized crop loans disbursed through Banks, he added.

Notably, after erratic rainfall during the early part of Kharif 2022 season, State witnessed widespread rains subsequently leading to normal rainfall in 25 districts and above normal rainfall in 5 districts.

This will help retention of residual moisture in the field which will be conducive for Rabi operations.

Vigilance Wing has requested the crypto exchanges and banks to share detailed information regarding Das' investments. The agency has also requested a UK-based firm providing wallet services to provide details of transactions and investments made by him. "He assisted his son in opening a construction firm in partnership with a person in Odisha. It is suspected Das used his influence to provide contracts to his son's company," said Vigilance sources. Das had reportedly flung his mobile phone along with documents relating to investments in digital currencies when a search team reached his house in Bhubaneswar on Friday. The officers have sent the damaged device to a forensic team for examination. The engineer, who also is additional chief engineer (planning, monitoring, design and investigation) in RWSS Bhubaneswar circle, was found in possession of disproportionate assets which is 275 per cent higher than known sources of his income. A case was registered against Das and his wife. Further investigation is continuing with the assistance of experts, said a Vigilance officer.

and Projects Officer, Department of External Relations, UNRWA at the Representative Office of India in Ramallah, Palestine," the

statement added.

Earlier, UNRWA informed that Palestine refugees in Lebanon have hit rock bottom, reaching a point of no return.

Poverty, unemployment and despair are in high doses across the country, severely hitting the Lebanese people, Syrian and Palestine refugees.

This comes amid one of the worst economic crises in recent history, compounded by the Beirut blast in 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic, poor governance and an almost total collapse in basic services.

Palestine refugees, living in overcrowded camps, are historically one of the poorest people in the country. They are at the end of the rope.

According to the latest UNRWA Crisis Monitoring Report on the Socio-Economic Situation of Palestine Refugees in Lebanon, 93 per cent of all Palestine refugees in Lebanon live in poverty.

While UNRWA has been helping, providing cash assistance and other basic services, our assistance is a drop in an ocean of despair.

Don't want to politicise Gujarat bridge tragedy: Rahul Gandhi

HYDERABAD: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday declined to blame anybody for the bridge collapse tragedy in Gujarat, saying he doesn't want to politicise it. "I don't want to politicise this incident. People have died and it is disrespectful to them to politicise it," he said in reply to a question at a press conference in Rangareddy district near Hyderabad during Bharat Jodo

business and job creation in the country was destroyed.

He said if voted to power, Congress would ensure that the business environment is fair and money is not concentrated the way it is concentrated now.

"If fitness is the goal, the gym is much more effective medium than walking across the country," he quipped when asked about criticism from some parties



that Bharat Jodo Yatra is merely helping him remain fit.

He claimed that the idea of the Yatra is to fight the hatred the anger BJP is spreading across the country.

"We are walking 3,500 km across the country and we are inviting people who believe in the idea of Bharat Jodo

Yatra. The Congress MP was asked who he would blame for the bridge collapse at Morbi which claimed more than 130 lives.

Replying to queries about Gujarat elections, he exuded confidence that the Congress will emerge victorious. He also claimed that there is strong anti-incumbency in Gujarat.

"Congress is fighting effectively. It will win. There is strong anti-incumbency," he said.

He did not agree that Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has any presence on the ground.

"AAP is only in air. It's not there on ground," he said adding that a false impression is being created about AAP's strength.

The Congress leader said Party president Mallikarjun Kharge will decide his role in the elections in Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh.

"Kharge Ji will decide how I am going to be utilised," he said.

On Gujarat not being covered by his Yatra, he said the route was decided from Kanyakumari to Kashmir and it's not possible to cover every state. "We are covering as many states possibly we can."

Gandhi alleged that a lot of damage has been done to the institutional framework of the country under the BJP rule. "There has been systematic attack on different institutions. You know how the press is controlled, pressurised, and threatened. It's not just media. Judiciary, bureaucracy and all others are under attack. This is extremely damaging to the country," he said. "When Congress comes back to power, we are going to make sure that these institutions are freed from the grasp of RSS and certain independence is maintained in these institutions. That is our record and that is what we will do very aggressively," he added. Replying to another query, he said those who damaged the institutions would have to pay a price.

The Congress leader also alleged that there is a massive concentration of power and capital in a few hands. He said small and medium

Lucky escape for two families as British-era bridge caves in near Bhagirathi Park in Odisha

BHAWANIPATNA: Nabarangpur district. They were on way to nearby Phurlijharan, a popular tourist spot. The mishap took place in the afternoon. The two cars



around four km from Bhawanipatna in Kalahandi district on Sunday. The six were travelling in two cars. Of them, two minors sustained injuries and have been admitted to Bhawanipatna government hospital. All of them belong to

On being informed, police and fire service personnel reached the spot and rescued the six persons.

Sources said the route would normally have been busy but since it was Sunday, there was little traffic on the bridge when it collapsed. Built in 1925, the bridge connects Bhawanipatna with Thuamul Rampur and Kasipur. The 24-metre-long pre-Independence era bridge was constructed by the engineering department of the former princely State of Kalahandi. It has two-span stone pillars and iron T-beam girder slabs. Following the inci-

dent, superintending engineer of Public Works department (PWD) Ajit Babu along with a team reached the spot and started restoration work. Babu said inspection of the bridge was carried out recently and it was found that the old structure was in distressed condition. The matter was also informed to higher authorities. However, the cause of the bridge collapse will be investigated. "Work is underway on war-footing to lay a temporary road to restore connectivity on the route. A 40-metre-long bridge will soon be constructed at the place where the old bridge stands now," he added.

Bless Abanti; BJD Boss BJD raises code violation

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Making an appeal to the voters of the Dhamnagar Assembly constituency, where by-election is scheduled for November 3, BJD Supremo requested to bless Abanti Das, Party candidate by casting their votes on the 'Conch' sign for development and growth. Chief Minister said that "I am responsible for the development of your re-

Women SHGs has made me very happy. So I want to see a 'Maa' as your MLA. You want too. Women are able to perform all the responsibilities beautifully," he said. "With your help, Odisha is now famous all over the country in the field of development. I fully believe that this trend will continue further with your support," he said.



gion. I am responsible for the development of Dhamnagar constituency," he said campaigning for party's candidate in the constituency virtually at as many as 13 places.

Mr.Patnaik said that Odisha has gained a reputation across the country in the field of development. "I myself will see how the development of Dhamnagar will progress. I am responsible for the development of Dhamnagar constituency," he told voters. "Only 18 months are left for the general election and in this time we can do five years' work," he promised to the people. BJD Supremo said, "As you know, Biju Janata Dal is always with you in happiness and sadness. It has been working for you and for the welfare of all the people." Mr.Patnaik said that Dhamnagar is a land of peace and harmony and of brotherhood. "This is the biggest identity of Dhamnagar. We are all working to protect this identity," he said. CM said he was happy that the benefits of Kalia Jojana, Mission Shakti and Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana have reached the eligible people in the constituency. "Women are now empowered. Mission Shakti is their new identity. The good work of

"The views you had in the 2019 elections have changed in 2022 Panchayat and Municipal elections. You believed the 'Conch' sign in the last panchayat and urban local bodies' elections. I am indebted to you for the huge support and opportunity you have given to the

'Conch' sign," the Chief Minister said.

Complementing the voters of the constituency for having given a chance to the Biju Janata Dal in all the 6 Zilla Parishad seats of Dhamnagar, he said, "Similarly, you have chosen nine of the 11 ward members in Dhamnagar NAC and given the chairmanship and vice-chairmanship of the NAC."

"I fully believe that this trend will continue in this election too and the development of Dhamnagar will go further. Now the general election is only 18 months away. In this time we can do five years of work. I will see for myself. The development of Dhamnagar will continue further," he asserted.

Election meetings were organized at 13 places of the constituency, which witnessed massive gatherings. Thousands of people of all sections anxiously waited to hear the speeches of the Chief Minister.

The entire area resonated with dance, song, music and slogans as the Chief Minister addressed the crowd through virtual media at around 5.30pm. Ministers and Lawmakers are camping in the Gram Panchayats and campaigning for the BJD Candidates.

MiO Portal Launched

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik today launched the website and mobile app for Make In Odisha Conclave'22 (<https://www.mio.investodisha.gov.in>).

Speaking on the occasion, Mr.Patnaik urged all the departments to work in close collaboration to ensure the grand success of Make in Odisha Conclave'22. He called upon them to ensure Make in Odisha Conclave'22 become a landmark event in Odisha's Industrial Growth Story."

He said that Odisha today is ranked among

Mumbai, New Delhi, Hyderabad and Bengaluru.

It may be mentioned here that the make in Odisha portal is the repository of all information pertaining to the MIO Conclave'22. Delegates can get detailed information on the Plenary Session, Thematic Sessions, Business Leadership talks, Sectoral Sessions and detail of the speakers in the portal. Delegate can register themselves for the conclave and book their travel and accommodation during the visit. The mobile app is now available to all users on the Android, Playstore and Apple Appstore.

The Make In Odisha Conclave'22 is the flagship investor summit of the Government of Odisha. After the event's resounding success in



the top states of India in terms of live manufacturing investments and has been accorded the "Achiever" status in the recently released "Ease of Doing Business" ratings.

The CM further said that the Make in Odisha Conclave, 2022 is a platform for our state to showcase our growth story and present what we have to offer to investors across the globe. It is a platform for industry captains and thought leaders to talk about the outlook of various industrial sectors.

Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mohapatra said that we have to make all efforts in next 30 days to see that this year's event become even better than two previous ones. The state has brought up FICCI as national industry partner and the govt has finalised all details of the sessions for the event, he added.

Welcoming the guests Industry Principal Secretary Hemant Sharma said that during the five-day event, there will be 3 conclave days with 20 sessions. The investors would get an opportunity to know the state's industrial prowess and future potential, he added. He said that the Govt has organised 10 roads shows in which the CM has led in five- Dubai,

2016 and 2018, the state is organizing the third edition of the marquee event at Bhubaneswar from November 30 to December 04, 2022.As a build-up to the Make in Odisha Conclave'22, in the last three months, the government has led delegations on roadshows to various metros across Coimbatore, Jamshedpur, Ahmedabad, Lucknow, New Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, and Hyderabad in India as well as in Dubai. The Make in Odisha Conclave'22 is a unique opportunity to understand Odisha's policy and regulatory environment, and the vast existing and emerging business opportunities across sectors.

Odisha, under the visionary leadership of Naveen Patnaik, has grown significantly in the last decade. While the state government was not able to host the event in 2020 due to the global pandemic, the government stated that they would make up for that absence by hosting an even grander Make in Odisha Conclave this time. The State Government is optimistic about this edition and hopes to see more participation and more investment intent than the previous two editions.

New Delhi: Governing Biju Janata Dal has registered a complaint with the Election Commission of India alleging that Union Minister Bisheswar Tudu violated the model code of conduct while campaigning for the BJP candidate in the Dhamnagar assembly bye-poll and demanded exemplary action against him.

The Delegation of Regional Party also submitted a memorandum to the Chief Electoral



Officer (CEO) of Odisha and the Election Commission of India office in the national capital accusing Mr.Tudu, the Union Minister of State for Jal Shakti, of violating the model code of conduct (MCC).

The BJD delegations also submitted a video clip to the poll panel offices, alleging that Tudu had given assurance to the people of Dhamnagar that his Ministry would undertake works to protect Dhamnagar from flood fury.

"Union Minister Mr.Tudu made certain assurances that the Centre would undertake developmental works related to Jal Shakti Ministry in the constituency while talking to reporters during campaigning for BJP's candidate," BJD Leader Rajya Sabha Sasmit Patra said, adding that such "promises are gross violation" of the model code of conduct (MCC).

Dr.Patra, along with his party leader Amar Patnaik, submitted a memorandum at the Elec-

tion Commission office in the national capital against Tudu.

Mr.Patnaik said, "If the minister was so serious about the development of Dhamnagar then works related to his ministry should have been started by now, but he intentionally chose to make assurances about the developmental works while election is due. This is a clear case of violation of poll panel's rules and the

commission should take exemplary action against him."

The BJD said the MCC prohibits any form of promise and assurance about undertaking government works by a public representative while the poll code is in force. Similar charges were made by the BJD del-

egation while submitting complaint to the chief electoral officer's office in the state.

"The Union Minister has violated the MCC. He has promised that he would hold discussion with them and send a Central Water Commission team to Dhamnagar," BJD leader and former MP Pradeep Majhi told reporters.

"If action is not taken against Mr.Tudu, it will set a very bad precedence for the voters of Dhamnagar and for democracy," the BJD memorandum said. The Dhamnagar assembly constituency has been witnessing high-voltage campaigning by leaders of the BJD, Congress, BJP and Independent candidates. A number of Ministers and Lawmakers were engaged in campaigning for BJD candidate Abanti Das in the bye-poll.

Two Union Ministers, Dharmendra Pradhan and Bisheswar Tudu, campaigned for BJP candidate Suryabanshi Suraj for the second consecutive day on Saturday.

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Bank of Baroda launches two premium debit cards

HYDERABAD: Bank of Baroda and Visa



on Monday announced the launch of two new premium Debit Cards for Bank of Baroda customers – bob World Opulence - a super-premium Visa Infinite Debit

Card (Metal Edition) and bob World Sapphire - a Visa Signature Debit Card.

The two debit card variants come packed with a best-in-class and powerful rewards proposition exclusively designed for the bank's High Networth Individual (HNI) customer segment. The bob World Sapphire card will come in two sub variants – bob World Sapphire (Male) and bob World Sapphire (Female), offering customised privileges to customers.

Badminton icon PV Sindhu, who is Bank of Baroda's brand endorser unveiled the cards at the launch event here.

Joydeep Dutta Roy, Executive Director, Bank of Baroda said, "As our customers' requirements, preferences and aspirations evolve, so have our offerings. We are adding two premium debit card offerings to our portfolio and are pleased to enter into a collaboration with Visa for the launch of two high-end variants for our high networth customers."

Akhil Handa, Chief Digital Officer, Bank of Baroda said, "The bob World Opulence - Infinite (Metal Edition) debit card is truly a status symbol, offering a world of lavish privileges and benefits combined with a distinctive card design. The bob World Sapphire card offers a signature experience with a Him and Her concept. We are delighted to launch these two new debit card variants, which our customers will truly value."

Sandeep Ghosh, Group Country Manager India & South Asia, Visa said, "Consumers today seek customised payment products that cater to their aspirations. We are delighted to partner with Bank of Baroda to launch premium debit cards for affluent customers on the Visa Infinite and Signature platforms. Designed for users whose buying preferences and aspirations are rapidly evolving, these cards provide convenience, security and seamless ease of use across digital payment channels."

Existing customers can apply for a bob World Opulence - Visa Infinite (Metal Edition) debit card or bob World Sapphire - Visa Signature debit card through any branch or the bob World mobile banking app. New customers can also apply for either of the debit cards by opening a Bank of Baroda savings account and then selecting their preferred card.

Jeypore direct; daily

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And now efforts of both the Top Mandarins has yielded results, said a senior officer in the Department of Commerce & Transport, team efforts always pays dividend and both Mr.Sethi and Mr. Mishra working with Team Spirit.

The UDAN scheme is a collaborated effort of Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India and Airports Authority of India, official say.

The UDAN scheme was introduced by Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India in consideration to the passenger traffic growth in regional areas and with an objective to provide affordable air connectivity and developing unserved/existing Airstrips into fully fledged commercial Airport.

As per the obligations under this scheme, State Government will provide land, Security & Fire personnel, electricity & water charges, supervising manpower and VGF (viable gap funding), etc.

It's a matter of great pleasure to inform that, the Jeypore Airport has officially received its Aerodrome license for 2B category with day VFR operation from the Office of the Director General of Civil Aviation, New Delhi on 20 October 2022 and it will be the fourth Airport in the State to get license after Bhubaneswar, Jharsuguda and Rourkela Airport.

Unlike the other Airports in the State, this will be a State owned Airport to be licensed for commercial flight operation.

Initially, the Jeypore city is now connected with Bhubaneswar and India One Air has launched service in the above route using a 9 seater scheduled airline on regular days with an introductory airfare of Rs. 999.

This reduces the travel time between the State Capital and Jeypore town to 1.5 hrs. An airport at Jeypore to connect the capital city was a much-needed aspiration to accelerate economic activity in the region.

The City has emerged as a trade centre of Southern Odisha having lots of manufacturing units. Besides it has very popular tourist spots & attractive places for visitors and various reputed institutions. There was a continuous demand for Airport.

Tata Motors Q2 loss widens to Rs 4,440 cr

PUNE: Tata Motors, India's biggest automaker by revenues, on Monday reported a consolidated net loss of Rs 4,441 crore for the September quarter against the loss of Rs 314 crore reported in the same quarter last year. It had reported a loss of Rs 4,451 crore in the June quarter. The Mumbai-based company's revenue from operations rose 14 per cent to Rs 61,379 crore against Rs 53,530 crore a year ago. Tata Motors said India operations showed significant improvement in the second quarter as compared to a year ago.



However, the supply chain issues and commodity inflation impacted the margins. The India business revenues were up 91 per cent to Rs 18.4K crore and pre-tax loss before exceptional items came in at Rs 819 crore compared to a loss of Rs 1,166 crore a year ago. But the firm's performance took a hit from lower volumes at Jaguar Land Rover.

Baliyatra's bid to enter Guinness Book of Records this year

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Guinness Book of World Records in London for an attempt to make 10,000 paper boats in just 15 minutes. The record book authorities have issued the protocol for organising the event and the civic body has roped in 3,000 college students who are being trained on making paper boats.

The primary objective of the exercise is to attain global recognition for Cuttack's Baliyatra, said CMC Mayor Subhas Singh. For evaluation and management, two judges from the Guinness Book of World Records headquarters and a five-member team from the Mumbai branch office will be present during the event. The size and weight of the paper boats have been prescribed by the record book authorities. As of now, the record is of making of 1,200 paper boats in 15 minutes and the civic body is attempting to beat it by a huge margin.

Singh said the State government has accorded the annual fair 'State level festival' status. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik too has urged the Centre to accord 'National Maritime Heritage Festival' tag to Baliyatra. Singh said he along with eight MPs had met Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture Meenakshi Lekhi and submitted a memorandum for national recognition to the festival.

CM lauds State Vigilance

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organization," he said. "I am delighted to know that in the area of detection and registration of disproportionate assets cases, Odisha Vigilance has ranked number 1 in the country as per the latest NCRB data," the Chief Minister said.

The Chief Minister congratulated Odisha Vigilance for its sustained initiatives in combating corruption. He also called upon all the public servants to show exemplary probity and integrity in their work and appealed to the people of Odisha to renew their resolve to fight against corruption and strengthen the transparency and anti-corruption initiatives of the Government.

Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mohapatra said that with 5T and MO Sarkar put in place, most of the services are now offered online. People need not come to Government offices.

"This visionary initiative has improved transparency," Mr.Mahapatra said. Mr.Mahapatra lauded State Vigilance Organization saying it is running very professionally.

He said that the state vigilance academy is one of the best academies of the country. The Chief Secretary emphasised on strengthening the internal vigilance mechanism.

Development Commissioner PK Jena, DGP Sunil Bansal, and top police officers were present. Director of Vigilance Jaswant Kumar Jethwa gave the welcome address and ADG Vigilance Asheet Panigrahi offered the vote of thanks. Awards were also given to best performing officers and prosecutors in presence of the Chief Minister. Bhubaneswar Vigilance Division received the Best Vigilance Division Award.

Kejriwal new President of Calcutta Chamber of Commerce

Kolkata (KCN, By Partha Roy): Shri Kishan Kumar Kejriwal, noted Industrialist, is elected as President in 191st Annual General Meeting Calcutta Chamber of Commerce on October 28th, 2022 in Kolkata.

Dr. Sashi Panja Hon'ble Minister of Industry, Commerce & Enterprises and Public Enterprises & Industrial Reconstruction, Government of West Bengal, who was Chief Guest, inaugurated the 191st Annual General Meeting of Calcutta Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Shailja Mehta, President of Calcutta



Chamber of Commerce in her Welcome address listed various activities initiated by the Chamber over last year as well as various industry friendly measures initiated by Government of West Bengal in consultation with the Chamber to bring investment in West Bengal.

Founded in 1830, Calcutta Chamber of Commerce is oldest Commerce and Industry Association not only in India but in entire Asia. The records indicate that the idea of business assembly was first mooted at a meeting on 5th July 1830 attended by about 200 businessmen of Calcutta and Calcutta Trade Association was born. The Association adopted the name "Calcutta Chamber of Commerce" in 1977.



The impact of this Chamber has been immense in shaping the way Kolkata developed, including the broaching of the idea of construction of the famous Howrah Bridge and the first railway track connecting Calcutta to Burdwan. Various initiatives of the Chamber played major role in development of industries across the state of West Bengal as well as in Eastern Region of India. It has often given constructive lead in the

humanitarian sphere.

Minister Dr. Sashi Panja highlighted various initiatives of Government of West Bengal to boost investment in the state specially in infrastructure development, MSME sector, Information Technology,

IT- enable services, food processing, horticulture, agro industries, tourism,



mining, biofuels including ethanol production industry, textile, tea and jute industry.

Minister Dr. Panja emphasized that as West Bengal has agriculture lead economy and Government will welcome investment in agro based industries. Government of West Bengal has developed industry-specific and multi product growth centres and industrial parks



with plug and play infrastructure available for investments.

The state offers natural resources and minerals, huge well trained manpower and human resource. Shilpa Sathi scheme is helping the industries experience ease in their investment journey in the state.

Shri R. K. Chhajer, Past President of Calcutta Chamber of Commerce and Chairman -MSME, FICCI Eastern Region moderated the session.

Shri Hari Shankar Halwasiya is Senior Vice President of Calcutta Chamber of Commerce. Vote of Thanks was given by Shri Kishan Kumar Kejriwal new President of the Chamber.

BCCI announces squad against Bangladesh for ODI, Test series

MUMBAI: (Maharashtra): The Board of Control for Cricket (BCCI) in India on Monday announced the squad for the upcoming ODI and Test series against Bangladesh.

The Men in Blue will be captained by Rohit Sharma for both ODI and Test series, while KL Rahul will play the role of deputy. Rahul Tripathi and Yash Dayal got their call-up for the ODIs.

Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli and KL Rahul have been rested for the upcoming white-ball series against New Zealand.

Earlier, Hardik Pandya was announced as captain of the Indian squad in T20Is against New Zealand with Rishabh Pant being his deputy, while Shikhar Dhawan will lead Men in Blue in the ODIs against the Kiwis.

Team India will play three ODIs and two Tests against Bangladesh. The opening ODI will take place on December 4, followed by the second and third match on December 7 and 10 respectively.

The Test series against Bangladesh will begin on December 14 with the first Test and the second one will begin at December 22.

Jasprit Bumrah, who got ruled out of the T20 World Cup due to back injury, has been rested from these tours again to give him adequate time to recover fully.

Shubman Gill, Ishan Kishan, Deepak Hooda and Sanju Samson will be among players who will have an opportunity in the T20Is and ODIs against New Zealand as also in the series against Bangladesh. Rajat Patidar and Rahul Tripathi had impressed with their batting performances during the white-ball series between India A and New Zealand A.

Squad for Bangladesh ODIs: Rohit Sharma (C), KL Rahul (vc), Shikhar Dhawan, Virat Kohli, Rajat Patidar, Shreyas Iyer, Rahul Tripathi, Rishabh Pant (wk), Ishan Kishan (wk), Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, W Sundar, Shardul Thakur, Mohd. Shami, Mohd. Siraj, Deepak Chahar and Yash Dayal.

Squad for Bangladesh Tests: Rohit Sharma (C), KL Rahul (VC), Shubman Gill, Cheteshwar Pujara, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, Rishabh Pant (wk), KS Bharat (wk), Ravichandran Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav, Shardul Thakur, Mohd. Shami, Mohd. Siraj, Umesh Yadav.

Australia keep semifinal hopes alive with win against Ireland



BRISBANE: Defending champions Australia kept their semifinal hopes alive at the T20 World Cup as they registered a 42-run win over Ireland here on Monday. Skipper Aaron Finch (63) struck a fine half-century to guide Australia to 179 for five before the bowlers shot Ireland out for 137 in 18.1 overs.

Lorcan Tucker was the lone warrior for Ireland as he remained unbeaten on 71. Earlier, Finch made 63 off 44 balls, while

Marcus Stoinis scored 35 off 25 deliveries after Australia were sent in to bat. Barry McCarthy (3/29) was the pick of the bowlers for Ireland, while left-arm pacer Josh Little (2/21) scalped two wickets.

Brief Scores:

Australia: 179 for 5 in 20 overs (Aaron Finch 63; Barry McCarthy 3/29).

Ireland: 137 all out in 18.1 overs (Lorcan Tucker 71 not out; Adam Zampa 2/19).

4 spots in CL up for grabs; Bayern, Napoli chase perfection

LONDON(KCN): The Champions League has reached the final round of group-stage matches, with four spots in the lineup for the last 16 still up for grabs.

Here's what to look out for this week:

Qualification spots

Eight teams are still in contention for the knockout stage with four of them all coming from the same group.

coach Domenico Tedesco. The German team has bounced back under Marco Rose, upsetting Real Madrid 3-2 last week after twice beating Celtic.

Group winners

Bayern Munich, Chelsea and Manchester City are the only teams to have already won their groups heading into the final matchday. Real Madrid will win Group F — regardless



It's everything to play for in Group D, with just two points separating top-place Tottenham and Marseille at the bottom. Those two teams face each other in France on Tuesday, while Sporting Lisbon hosts Eintracht Frankfurt.

A draw will be enough to see Tottenham qualify but all of the teams in the group know a win will ensure qualification.

AC Milan and Salzburg meet at the San Siro on Wednesday to decide which team joins Chelsea in qualifying from Group E. A draw would be enough for Milan.

Leipzig needs to avoid a loss against Shakhtar on Wednesday in Group F to secure progress to the round of 16. Shakhtar would advance with a win.

Shakhtar's quest

Ukrainian club Shakhtar had a tough task just to play in the Champions League again following the Russian invasion. Now it could fly the Ukrainian flag in the last 16.

Shakhtar has to play its home Champions League games in Poland because of the war and is fielding a young squad after FIFA allowed foreign players to suspend their contracts with Ukrainian teams and play elsewhere.

Coach Roberto De Zerbi left and the Ukrainian league shut down for six months from February to August. Shakhtar's league game Saturday was interrupted for more than an hour by an air-raid alarm.

Despite that, Shakhtar has stayed competitive and knows it will qualify from its group if it beats Leipzig. Shakhtar is assured of placing at least third and continuing its unusual European season in the Europa League.

Shakhtar won its first meeting with Leipzig 4-1 in September, prompting Leipzig to fire

of rival Leipzig's result — by beating Celtic at home on Wednesday.

Napoli will be the Group A winner if it avoids defeat at Liverpool on Tuesday by four goals or more in a match between two teams already sure of progressing.

Paris Saint-Germain and Benfica are the teams advancing from Group H. They each have 11 points before closing matches at Juventus and Maccabi Haifa, respectively, on Wednesday.

In Group B, Club Brugge leads Porto by a point and both teams have already qualified. They finish against teams who are fighting to finish third to reach the Europa League knockout round playoffs.

Brugge visits last-place Bayer Leverkusen on Tuesday and Porto hosts third-place Atletico Madrid.

Perfect records

Only 10 teams have finished a single Champions League group stage with six wins from six matches. There could be two more this week.

Bayern could achieve the feat for the third time with a victory on Tuesday in Group C over Inter Milan, which is already guaranteed to finish in second place so may choose to rest some players.

Napoli is looking to become the first Italian team since AC Milan in 1992 to have six straight wins in its group but has to win at Anfield to do so.

Rangers and Viktoria Plzen have zero points ahead of group closers at home to Ajax and Barcelona, respectively.

Last-16 draw

The draw for the last 16 takes place at UEFA's headquarters in Nyon, Switzerland, on Nov 7.




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