

KL Pluckers Get Package

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Keeping in view the welfare of kendu pluckers and other employees, the State Government has announced Special Package for them. And echoing their demand Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has demanded complete withdrawal of GST on the collection of the leaf.

The package was announced a day after the Governing BJD blamed the BJP-led NDA government at the Centre over imposition of 18 per cent GST on kendu leaf trade. CM Mr.Patnaik said the Special Package



will benefit around eight lakh pluckers, binders and other seasonal staff associated with the kendu leaf trade. He pointed out that the Union Government has imposed 18 per cent GST on kendu leaf trade. "I had earlier

requested the Central Government to remove it and I am again raising my demand to completely abolish GST from the business". CM said that the special package was announced after three rounds of discussion in

the past week over various problems faced by the kendu leaf pluckers. Kendu leaf is used to wrap bidis and is one of the most important non-wood forest products in the state. It is called the green gold of Odisha.

Under the package, Rs 1,000 will be given to each kendu leaf plucker and Rs 1,500 to each seasonal staff and binder in the first phase. All kendu leaf pluckers and employees will be covered under Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY), an official release issued by the chief minister's office said.

Special Package also had provision for stipends for the offsprings of kendu leaf pluckers and other employees. Besides, meritorious students will be awarded at the district level. The gratuity payment for

Odisha Matric Exam: Summative Assessment-I begins at 3029 examination centres

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Summative Assessment-I of Matric Exams conducted by the Odisha Board of Secondary Education (BSE) began at 3029 centres across the state, today.

Special squads have been formed to curb malpractice and to smoothly conduct the tests. As many as 5,40,712 candidates will appear the tests this year. Similarly, 2,914 candidates will appear the exams in 108 centres for Madhyama and 7,181 candidates will appear the exams in 146 centres for Open



School Certificate. There are 316 nodal centres in place and the question papers have been kept under strict vigil. Around 22 nodal centres have been setup in Maoist-infested areas, including seven police stations in Kandhamal, 10 in Malkangiri and five in Koraput districts. However, all

the nodal centres are located within 10-kilometre radius of the respective exam centres. Mobile phones will not be allowed inside the exam centres and district education officer (DEO) level squads will be pressed into service along with the central squad to prevent malpractice.

Supreme Court Wants Files On Election Commissioner Arun Goel's Appointment

New Delhi(KCN): Besides some sharp comments and questions on the appointment process for the Election Commission of India, the Supreme Court has now asked for specific files: On the November 19 appointment of Arun Goel to the commission. The hearing will continue on Thursday.

The five-judge Constitution bench headed by Justice KM Joseph said it wants to know if there was any "hanky panky" in the appointment as he was only recently given voluntary retirement and immediately appointed to the poll



body. Arun Goel's appointment was mentioned by activist-lawyer Prashant Bhushan during the hearing of a batch of petitions on the very process. Mr Bhushan underlined that Mr Goel, a recently-retired IAS officer, was made part of the three-member Election

Commission — besides chief Rajiv Kumar and Anup Chandra Pandey — just after the larger issue came up for hearing last week. "Arun Goel was, till Thursday, working as a secretary-level officer in the government. Suddenly, he was

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Wednesday said AMLAN- Anemia Mukta Lakhya Abhiyan in state will be a multipronged approach for accelerated reduction of anemia among targeted groups. Secretary to CM VK Pandian moderated the meeting.

The programme will be carried out by several departments including Health & Family Welfare, School & Mass Education, Women & Child Development, Mission Shakti and ST & SC Development Department, he said launching the programme.

AMLAN To Control Anemia



Termining the mission a giant leap, the Chief Minister said that it's our own programme for making the state free from anaemia, especially women and children. Launching the programme on a

virtual platform, the Chief Minister said that the programme will benefit about 1.37 crore people, which includes pregnant women, lactating mothers, women of reproductive age

group, adolescents and children. He further said that the major interventions are strengthening iron and folic acid supplementation, testing for haemoglobin, treatment of anaemic

cases, capacity building of service providers and social behaviour change communication. "This programme will be rolled out in 55,000 government and government-aided

SBI, Region III Organises Mudra Mahotsav at Esplanade Branch

Kolkata,(KCN):State Bank of India (SBI), Kolkata Region III today organised a Mudra Mahotsav today at the Esplanade Branch of the bank where 22 small enterprises from various parts of the city were provided the sanction letter of the Mudra loan, a part of the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) launched by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on April 8, 2015. According to the scheme, loans up to Rs 10 lakh can be provided to the non-corporate, non-farm small and micro enterprises. Such loans are classified as Mudra loans under the scheme.



Today, the Region III distributed the sanction letters amounting to Rs 1.21 crores out of which, Rs 17.50 lakhs were sanctioned to four females. The Region III of SBI, Kolkata comprises 28 branches, the important being, Esplanade, Park Street, Burrabazar, Brabourne Road, New Market and the like. According to the

Regional Manager, SBI Region III, Kolkata Shri Satyanarayan Senapati, today Mudra Mahotsav has been organised in all the branches of SBI throughout the State.. He also deliberated on the merits of other government Social Security Schemes like PM Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), PM Jivan Jyoti Bima

Yojana (PMJJBY), Atal Pension Yojana and Sukanya Samridhi Yojana in the programme. Among the dignitaries present were AGM, SME, SBI Region III, Kolkata, Shri Soumen Roy, AGM, SBI Region III, Kolkata and Shri Vikash Bagchi, Manager, SBI, Esplanade branch Shri Dhruvajyoti Chatterjee.

Maoist dump busted along Andhra border in Odisha's Malkangiri

Malkangiri(KCN): Security personnel busted a major Maoist dump along the Andhra Pradesh border in jungle area of Dhakadpar village under Jodamba police limits of Malkangiri district in Odisha on Tuesday evening. The combing operation was carried out based on specific information. Police in a release informed that after the camp was busted, a large cache of arms, explosives, IEDs and other incriminating articles were recovered. It is suspected that these articles were intended to make IEDs targeting civilians and

security forces. The seized articles include country made pistol, 16 kg tiffin IED, four hand made codex wire, one HR grenade, two hand grenade, two detonators, two electronic detonator wire, empty detonator, maoist uniform, four bundles of electric wire, etc among other things. "This is a major jolt to the subversive and

anti-national design of Maoists in this area. We are suspecting that these explosives along with other articles belong to Maoist cadres of AOBSSZC and they were intended to be sued against innocent civilians and security forces to carry out their subversive, anti-national activities. In the wake of recovery, further combing and search

operations are going on in the area," the release stated. Addressing media persons, Malkangiri SP Nitesh Wadhwan said the search operation was conducted based on specific intelligence from none other than villagers in the area. "A lot of arms and ammunitions including country made rifles, IEDs, etc were seized from the camp of the ultras. This is proof that the Odisha Police's Ghar Wapsi initiative is being successful in achieving desired targets. We hope this impact spreads to other Maoist-affected areas as well," he said.



Road Map For Malkangiri

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Tuesday said that he was confident that Malkangiri district is set to strengthen its position on the development map in the State with the development Road Map ready for the district. Inaugurating six important development projects for the district virtually, he said that these projects will further lead the social and economic development of the district. Secretary to CM V K Pandian moderated the Meet. Mr. Patnaik said that Malkangiri has always been special to him and the development

work in the district gave him the greatest joy. "I have full faith, the Malkangiri identity will be brighter in the future. Malkangiri will further strengthen its position on the development map as a leading district of the state," he said. Among the projects inaugurated are – two hostels to accommodate 1200 students- 600 boys and as many girls- belonging to the Scheduled Tribe and Scheduled Caste studying in research programmes and Biju Patnaik Inter-state Bus Terminal at Motu Tri Junction to facilitate transit to the district as



well as Chhattisgarh and Andhra Pradesh. In addition, a high-level bridge connecting Malkangiri to Banda area and Biju Bridge

over the Tamsa river at Balimela, a judo academy for sports development and a shelter for children were also inaugurated by the



Chief Minister. The Chief Minister highly appreciated the rapid development program in Malkangiri district. "The people of

Malkangiri are connected with development today. Your cooperation in development work has always encouraged us.

Education and awareness has been spread in the district. Communication has improved. It is a good thing that you are taking advantage of various welfare schemes starting from Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana," he said. He also complemented the success of Malkangiri's successful farmers, women of Mission Shakti, students, youth and said they have brought a new identity to the district today. Citing the example of Karma Muduli, a girl from Banda Ghati

studying in the best government women's university in Bhubaneswar, the Chief Minister said that education brings opportunities and education has brought about this transformation. Mr. Patnaik advised the students to create an identity for themselves by reading the text. On this occasion, Chitrakonda MLA Puranchandra Baka and District Council Chairperson Samari Tanglu gave keynote speeches and praised the strong leadership of the Chief Minister for the rapid development of Malkangiri district.

Timeline For Gundicha Centre permits development of Rasagobindapur airstrip in Odisha



Puri(KCN): Cracks developed in the pillars and beams of Natamandap of Shree Gundicha temple will be repaired and completed by February next, Puri King Gajapati Dibya Singh Deb said here on Tuesday. Shri Deb along with the members of Technical Committee and Managing Committee of Sri Jagannath Temple visited the Gundicha temple here to assess the extent of damages to the Natamandap. SK Bhattacharjee, the former DG of ASI, Engineer Bindheswar Patra and NC Pal will conduct the

repairs under the direction of Sri Jagannath Temple Administration, he said. Shree Gundicha Temple which remained closed for devotees for the last three years due to the Covid pandemic and security reasons except during Rath yatra will be opened for devotees after the repairs, Deb said. This apart, the periphery development and beautification plan for Gundicha temple prepared by Lotus studio, a Delhi-based company that has developed many heritage and historical sites of the country, has been approved by the Sri Jagannath Temple Managing Body. Under this plan beautification work around the Gundicha temple on five acres of land will be taken up. Earlier, on October 29, the technical team inspected the Shree Gundicha temple and reported that the condition of Natamandap was critical. The team had suggested urgent repairs. The sanctum sanctorum of the Shree Gundicha Temple was last repaired in 1994.

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has granted working permission for the development of the airstrip at Rasgovindpur near Amarda Road in Odisha's Mayurbhanj district. "The President of India has granted working permission to government of Odisha on defence land measuring 160.35 acres at Amarda Road in the district of Mayurbhanj for development of airstrip at Rasgovindpur near Amarda Road in Mayurbhanj district, on the basis of cash compensation amounting to Rs 26,03,10,4381 in lieu of defence land," the MoD

said in a letter to Odisha Chief Secretary S.C. Mahapatra. Notably, the airstrip land belongs to the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) under the Ministry of Defence. In February, Mahapatra had written to then Defence secretary Ajay Kumar seeking NoC from the DRDO for commencement of commercial flight operation from the airstrip. Following the request of



Korai station mishap: Normalcy in movement of trains restored

Jajpur(KCN): Normalcy in the movement of trains, which was affected in the aftermath of a goods train derailment at Korai railway station in Odisha's Jajpur district yesterday, has been restored. As many as two freight

trains and a passenger train passed through the station, this morning. However, the Railway authorities have decided that there will be no stoppage of trains at the station for the next five days as some restoration works were yet to be completed.

The Odisha government, the Ministry has granted the permission with certain conditions. The state can use the defence land only for the work on which working permission is being granted and no other purpose, it said.

The state government had sought the permission from the Ministry of Defence as it has planned to operationalise the Amarda Road airstrip near Rasagobindapur under the RCS-UDAN scheme. The airstrip, once operationalised, will facilitate tourism connectivity to important places like Simlipal National Park, Kuldiha Sanctuary and Chandipur & Talsari sea beach, facilitate economic growth through trade, provide jobs, increase revenues from taxes and foster the community relationship with neighbouring states and communities.

Move On For International Flights

Bhubaneswar(KCN): In absence of any initiative taken by the Union Government thus far to resume the international flights from the Biju Patnaik International Airport (BPAI) even after lifting of restrictions which were imposed during Covid-19 pandemic, the Odisha government has gone ahead on its own to attract airline operators for this. The Department of Commerce and Transport (DoCT) headed by Principal Secretary Bishnupada Sethi has floated tender seeking quotations to select suitable operators to have a direct flight between Bhubaneswar to international

destinations like Dubai, Singapore and Bangkok. Tour operators and other stakeholders in the tourism sector applaud this initiative taken by the Principal Secretary Sethi. The State Government has also offered to provide financial support to the selected airlines to start direct flight operation to the abroad cities. Notably, the Odisha government has already exempted VAT on aviation turbine fuel to incentivise international flights from BPAI. The State has planned to start flight operation from Biju Patnaik International Airport to the above three



destinations with at least three flights a week preferably on alternate days including the weekends, senior official sources said here on Tuesday. However, the selected airline can operate on the remaining days of the week without any

financial support from the Government of Odisha, the sources said. Air Asia, the lone international flight operator, stopped operation from Bhubaneswar to Kuala Lumpur before March 2020 COVID-19

outbreak as several Chinese states and south Asian countries had reported COVID Cases. There is a potential of unlocking not only for the tourism sector, but also for the general industrial sector including that of the IT

sector, if Bhubaneswar can have direct connectivity with Dubai in the West, Singapore and Bangkok in East. Dubai and Singapore being two large air hubs, it virtually opens up the entire world to the passengers of Odisha and also for people of Odisha

can be extendable up to three years depending upon the sustainability of operation. In case any of the selected airlines like to change the aircraft type or size, the agreed financial support will be withdrawn until both the parties arrive at a certain conclusion regarding operational cost or revised financial support. The airline must operate a minimum of 70 per cent of the operations mentioned in the bid document in order to be eligible for the financial support; unless the operations are affected due to force majeure, in which case the client will extend the scheme for the selected airline operator.

The Government will allow operations through fixed wing aircraft only with passenger seating capacity of equal to or more than 70 seats. The selected airline will have to commence direct international flight operations on the proposed international route, within a period of 60 days from the issuance of Letter of Award unless any extension is granted by the State Government. The State will provide financial support for the actual number of flights operated by the airline operator initially for a period of one year starting from the date of commencement of flight operations. The support

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Did Ranbir Kapoor already shop for baby clothes in Spain ahead of the pregnancy announcement by Alia Bhatt?

Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor surprised one and all after they announced that they are expecting their first child together. Their fans and well-wishers are super excited about the news.

Now, a new report in Filmfare stated that Ranbir has already started shopping for baby clothes. According to the report, the actor, who was shooting for Luv Ranjan's untitled next with Shraddha Kapoor in Spain, went shopping for baby clothes. Isn't that adorable?

Alia sent her fans into a frenzy after she shared a lovely picture of Ranbir and herself from a hospital where they were having their ultrasound appointment. She captioned the photo, "Our baby coming soon." The actress also shared a picture of a lion, a lioness and their cub.

As soon as the news broke, their family members, including Soni Razdan, Neetu Kapoor, Riddhima Kapoor, Shaheen Bhatt and others too wished the soon-to-be parents with lovely social media posts. Alia had a crush on Ranbir since her teenage days. The couple started dating a few years ago and there has been no looking back for them ever since. They tied the knot earlier this year on April 14 in an intimate wedding ceremony which was attended by only their close friends and family members. The ceremony took place at their Bandra residence.

Arjun Kapoor who has recently wrapped shooting for the UK schedule of his new film, a full-on romantic comedy has left to shoot for the next schedule in Rishikesh and Delhi. He was spotted at the Mumbai airport which piqued our interest to know more.

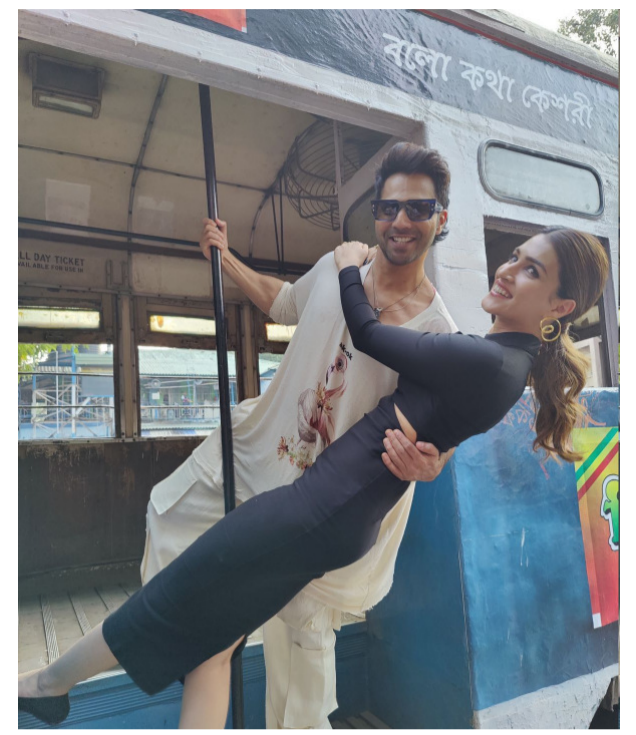
Reportedly the film is being directed by Mudassar Aziz, and co-stars Bhumi Pednekar and Rakul Preet Singh. A source revealed, "Arjun is diving headlong into the shooting of this film and he will be joined by Rakul and Bhumi in due course of time. The film projects him as the hero that audiences have always wanted to see him as and the genre

Varun Dhawan, Kriti Sanon and team Bhediya howl over Kolkata

Kolkata (KCN): "The Bhediya tour is howling away in full steam! The cast and crew of the upcoming creature comedy have been jet setting across the country to promote the film, and fans have gone nothing but gaga over the whole Bhediya mania. "Team Bhediya's latest stop was charismatic Kolkata. From leads Varun Dhawan and Kriti Sanon, co-stars Abhishek Banerjee and Paalin Kabak, to producer Dinesh Vijan and director Amar Kaushik, the entire Bhediya family made their presence felt in aamar Kolkata. "The

team's visit to Bhawanipur College especially sparked a sensational furore as hordes of youngsters thronged around the stars and makers of Bhediya. While Varun and Kriti danced to the film's chartbusters, the humongous crowd grooved along with them too. "The Bhediya clan also pulled some time out of their busy schedule to take a memorable ride on Kolkata's famous tram. Varun, Kriti and the others gorged on delectable local delicacies as well. "Talking about the Kolkata leg of the tour,

producer Dinesh Vijan says, "Kolkata is really buzzing with excitement for Bhediya in more ways than one. The audience here not only looking forward to the film, but has also shared great reactions on technical details like music and VFX". "Director Amar Kaushik has similar thoughts, as he adds, "The moment we set foot in this city, people have been trying to uncover details about Bhediya and know more about the film. This visit has shown us that the city of joy is joyously waiting to watch our movie on the big screen". "Bhediya tells

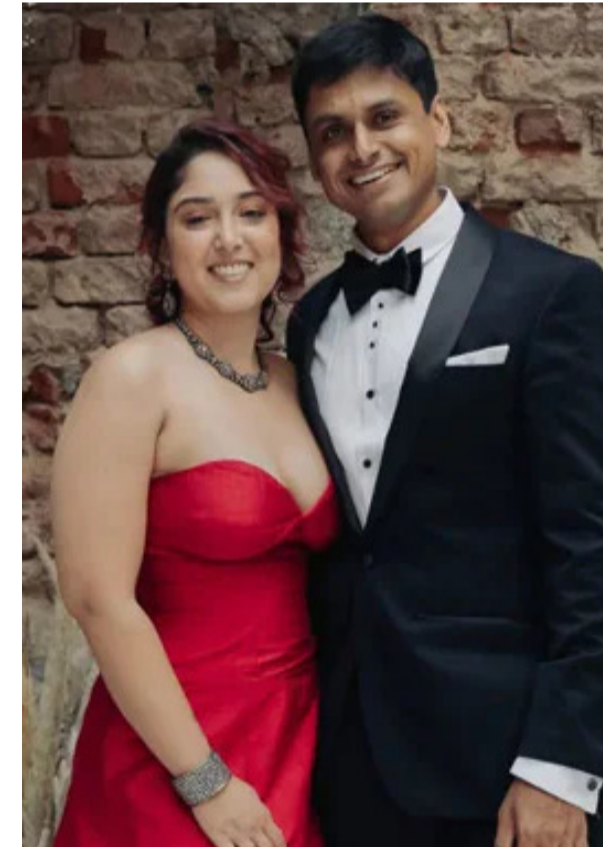


the story of Bhaskar, a man who slowly begins to transform into a wolf after being bitten by the mythical creature. As Bhaskar and his buddies try to look for answers, the film takes us on an epic adventure like no other. "Well, if the love that team Bhediya received is anything to go by... on the 25th of November... Kolkata is ready to say cinema chalo

re! "Jio Studios & Dinesh Vijan present, 'Bhediya'. A Maddock Films production, directed by Amar Kaushik, produced by Dinesh Vijan and starring Varun Dhawan, Kriti Sanon, Deepak Dobriyal and Abhishek Banerjee among others, is releasing in cinemas Pan-India in Hindi, Telugu and Tamil in 2D and 3D on 25th November 2022.



The Moment Ira Khan And Nupur Shikhare Exchanged Rings At Engagement And Then Danced



Ira Khan and Nupur Shikhare hosted a lavish engagement party for their family and friends in Mumbai on November 18. On Monday, Aamir Khan's daughter Ira offered a sneak peek into the party on Instagram. In the video, they can be seen exchanging rings, kissing and dancing. While in the background, we can hear a loud cheer. Ira Khan looks beautiful in a red off-shoulder gown and accessorised her look with statement jewellery. Nupur, on the other hand, looks dapper in a black suit paired with a white shirt. Along with an adorable video, she wrote a long note

thanking everyone for being part of their memorable day. However, towards the end of the note, she hinted at dropping a love-filled post for fiance Nupur. She started her note with these words, "This moment. Multiple people on multiple occasions have told me that I throw really good parties. I think they give me a little too much credit." Ira Khan added, "The main difference between my parties and other people parties is the guest list. The people in our lives are what make it happy and fun and quirky and so very, very wholesome.

Thank you for being there and allowing us to be seen in our proclamation of love for either other. Because that's exactly what we wanted to do. Sending much joy and appreciation to you all." She concluded the note like this, "The most to @nupur_shikhare but that's a whole other post. Obviously. P.S. Instagram only allows me to tag 20 people. There were many more." Ira Khan is Aamir Khan's daughter from his first wife Reena Dutt. She has an elder brother Junaid Khan and a half-brother, Azad Rao Khan.

Arjun Kapoor begins shoot for his upcoming rom-com in Rishikesh



of romantic comedy has always worked for Arjun. So, all eyes are on how well this film does at the box office as Arjun has a natural audience

pull because of the genre. The film's first schedule was in the British capital. The team is now all set to shoot the next schedule in Rishikesh

and then in Delhi." Meanwhile, Arjun Kapoor has been getting appreciation for his recent roles in 'Sandeep Aur Pinky Faraar' opposite Parineeti Chopra and 'Ek Villain Returns' alongside Tara Sutaria, John Abraham and Disha Patani. On the work front, he will next be seen in 'Kutney' which is releasing on Jan 13th, 2023. The film also stars Radhika Madan and Tabu in pivotal roles. He will also be seen in Ajay Bahl's thriller 'The Ladykiller'. Arjun made his debut in Bollywood with Yash Raj Films' 'Ishaqzaade' opposite Parineeti Chopra and since then he has starred in several hits like '2 States', 'Ki & Ka' among others.

'3 to 4 Drishyams' are the tonic Bollywood needs, says Ajay Devgn



'Drishyam 2', headlined by Ajay Devgn has brought some much-needed cheer to the beleaguered Bollywood box office with a strong opening worldwide weekend gross of Rs 89 crore, reports 'Variety'. The suspense thriller, which also stars Tabu and Akshaye Khanna, is a sequel to the 2015 hit 'Drishyam'. The Hindi-language films are remakes of the Malayalam-language 'Drishyam' films (2013 and 2021) headlined by Mohanlal. Bollywood has been undergoing a box-office slump in 2022 and 'Drishyam 2' serves as a tonic to revive it. "To talk about tonic, I feel it needs three or four Drishyams -- that is what is required, I hope this is the beginning," Devgn told 'Variety' in an exclusive interview. "The bottomline is all about entertain He added: "I feel it is not very easy to make entertaining films -- you have to keep the audiences engaged for two and a half hours.

Mumbai Dabbawallas are a perfect example of an important principle of both business and management



Vinod Chandrashekhar Dixit

It is rightly said that “Work is Worship & Customer First is their Mantra”. Recently I got an opportunity to attend an Interactive Session on “Mumbai Dabbawala Association” addressed by the Management Guru Dr. Pawan Agarwal-CEO – Mumbai Dabbawala Association. Really I was shocked to hear & see over the Power Point Presentation how a simple man can manage his business much better than trained managers. I also felt that successful businesses in India and around the world are not necessarily run by managers passing out of IIMs as we think and for this the famous Dabbawala of Mumbai is an example. Popularly known as Mumbai's Dabbawallas, they show us how their establishment is managed to supply, without any hitches, 2,70,000 lunch boxes

everyday in the busy metropolis of Mumbai. In the words of Dr. Pawan Agarwal, I would say that “Consistency is the key to ensure a meticulous network with an error rate of just one in 16 million transactions. At the end of the day its just effective team work,” and “Dabbawala organisation is the only one in India and the second in the world who had got six-sigma rating”. Dabbawallas are synonymous for simplicity, most of the enterprises have around 270,000 transactions daily — 150,000 boxes are delivered to offices every morning and 150,000 are returned home every afternoon viz. six days a week, 51 weeks a year which comes to nearly 80 million annual deliveries.

I feel that Dabbawallas are indeed management gurus. They prove how no formal education but intuition and planning can help to achieve great results. The corporate ideals of teamwork, dedication and accuracy are reflected with a whole new perspective. I would like to share that Mumbai Dabbawallas are a perfect example of an important principle of both business and management viz. The thirst to serve customers in a simple yet effective fashion without falling into the technology trap. I think this is an aspect which needs to be re-learned and implemented in any organisation today. There is a three-point formula behind their success - that is of discipline, code of conduct and

hard work. The only thing that differentiates them from other delivery is made,” I conclude that the most enduring lesson that we learnt was to such that it did not interfere with their mid-day delivery timings. The most surprising thing is that without any technological backup and logistical support, they perform their duty with utmost precision. In terms of employment or in terms of gaining new customer, recommendation

put the customer ahead of everything else. I would like to quote here an example that when Prince Charles expressed a desire to meet them during his Mumbai visit in 2003, the Dabbawallas requested him to schedule the meeting

such that it did not interfere with their mid-day delivery timings. The most surprising thing is that without any technological backup and logistical support, they perform their duty with utmost precision. In terms of employment or in terms of gaining new customer, recommendation

plays an important part in the entire eco-system. The satisfied customers proudly refer their friends and relatives to these Dabbawallas. Lastly, the most interesting thing to note is that there is no retirement age, because any person can work till he is fit enough to carry on the tasks required of him. One can't believe but Dabbawala's service in Mumbai proves that hard work, honesty and assiduousness is the only way to success. I feel, we can learn lot about the time management and marketing from Dabbawallas. Don't we? Hats Off to Mumbai Dabbawallas.



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Editor To Letter

Dear Editor, Manage e-waste with consummate

As humanity's need for brand new technology grows, thus do the mountains of probably harmful electronic waste. More than million metric tonnes of phones, computers and different questionable e-waste are produced a year in our country according to information from Environmental research. Approximately world's e-waste is five kilogrammes for each person on Earth; variety foreseen to double by 2050 if nothing is done. When it comes to our our country Only ten percent of e-waste is recycled. The remainder is drop and informal workers, together with children, seeking to extract valuable materials at grave risk to their health. Progress needs to be made with UN Environment Program by our country particularly for leading science-based international efforts to stem pollution and waste. The intense meeting is needed on e-waste management to make sure country Properly recycled. Major selections on e-waste movement and ban of harmful chemicals moving firefighters are mandatory. Foundations of a property circular economy is required in order that a lot of is recycled, repaired, and reused. Pollution and waste are a part of the triple planetary crisis that features nature and variety loss, and climate change, all driven by unsustainable consumption and production. To wait and see the torrent of trash, experts say everybody should take action. customers should purchase fewer things whereas employment and reusing more. Governments should develop e-waste management systems to gather and recycle, extracting in an exceedingly safe approach a number of the calculable million important from discarded materials. Finally, corporations can build merchandise designed to last, to not be replaced, and to be reused as per experts.

VijayKumar H K Raichur, Karnataka Social worker and Environmentalist



Saikat Kumar Basu

The great North-South divide between the developed industrialized western nations and the developing and under developed economically backward nations with respect to adopting appropriate mitigation measures to deal with challenges of Climate Change has significant impact on global agriculture. The lack of coordination, collaboration and communication (4Cs) between First and Third World countries on various aspects of Climate Change issues is only sliding down our strategies to cope with Global Warming and related global geatmospheric changes negatively impacting both our ecology and economy. Without close cooperation there is very little chance that we would be able to deal with Climate Changes at a global scale impacting the future of our global agriculture. Furthermore, we are

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loosing our natural biological pollinators at an astonishing rate. Loss of honey bees and native (wild) bees along with other pollinator insects, snails and slugs, birds and small mammals like bats have significant negative impacts on our ecology and economy. Around 85% of flowering plants are dependent on biological pollinators like bees to propagate. Several anthropogenic factors such as over application of toxic chemical pesticides, pollution, prevalence of various parasitic diseases and Colony Collapse Disorders (CCD), poor immunity, lack of suitable melliferous flora and

our agriculture, apiculture and forestry industries leading to economic disruption and ecological stabilization. Sustainable, environment-friendly approaches like establishing Pollinator Sanctuaries has been proving to be effective five in bee conservation and local biodiversity enrichment with promising future. There is opportunity for both India and Canada to collaborate and work in a common platform for both climate change mitigation as well as pollinator like bee conservation. The rich expertise and experience of both countries can support one another in a



potential for both countries to engage and work together in the following key areas:

1. Strengthening people to people contact.
2. Naval and military cooperation.
3. Increasing use of Nuclear, wind, geothermal and hydro power technologies for civilian purposes
4. Forest conservation
5. High altitude abs remote location road construction and infrastructure development
6. Increasing agricultural imports and exports
7. Expanding cooperation in modern agriculture, irrigation technologies and biodiversity conservation
8. Cooperation in areas of marine engineering and technology, mining and
9. Reducing dependency on fossil fuels and work together to explore use of various modern alternative energy resources
10. Exploring forage crop industries in both countries and establishing forage crop production to boost local livestock and cattle.
11. Exchange knowledge and experience in expanding the livestock and dairy industries.
12. Promote both conventional and non-conventional tourism (eco tourism) in both countries
13. Encouraging exchange of soft powers between India and Canada and to

make it beneficial for both parties in a sustainable fashion

14. Exchanging snow and ice based technologies between two countries as Canada is a pioneer in this area and could serve as a big help for India.
15. Cooperation in North Pacific security establishment could be a win win for both countries
16. Genetic and biological exchanges of animal, plants and microbial materials will boost agriculture and forestry industries, open up tourism and increase employment
17. Cooperation in use and processing of products related to iron and steel, fertilizer and petroleum-chemical industries
18. Increase in exchange of new military technology and equipment for both countries
19. Open border trade agreement to boost economy on both sides.
20. More stronger socio-cultural, socio-political and socio-economic engagements between the two countries are essential now

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changes in land use patterns are collectively resulting in catastrophic bee and other insect population collapse around the globe. Loss of pollinators means destruction of

comprehensive manner. There are some lacunae between the two countries in some areas that has impacted the relationship over the past few years. However there is huge



The Union Minister for Defence, Shri Rajnath Singh at the maiden India-ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting, in Siem Reap, Cambodia

BJP To Reach Out To Over 1 Crore Voters Ahead Of Delhi Civic Body Polls

New Delhi: Stepping up campaigning for the MCD polls, the BJP will launch a massive voter outreach drive in the 250 municipal wards across the national capital on Sunday, with a string of Union ministers and chief ministers going door to door seeking support for the party candidates. Last Sunday, led by party chief J P Nadda, Union ministers, including Rajnath Singh and Hardeep Singh Puri, and the chief ministers of BJP-ruled



Assam, Uttarakhand, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh took part in roadshows in 14 areas of Delhi. The drive to be launched on Sunday is aimed at reaching out to people with the help of more than one lakh party leaders and workers accompanying the Union ministers and chief ministers, Delhi BJP chief Adesh Gupta said. "The party will reach out to more than one crore voters in Delhi through the campaign," he added. Around 1.4 crore voters will cast their votes for the 250 wards of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) on December 4.

Mr Gupta said the public outreach campaign will start at 8 am and conclude at 10 pm on Sunday. The party leaders will visit every household in their designated wards, he added. "The campaign is going on in a very organised manner and all the candidates are getting a huge support from the general public. Now the party is laying an emphasis on corner meetings and direct public outreach," Mr Gupta said. During the Sunday campaign, the party leaders will also listen to the monthly radio broadcast of Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with members of the public.

Motorman Foils Woman's Suicide Bid On Railway Track In Mumbai

Mumbai: A motorman of a suburban train foiled a woman's suicide bid near Vashi station in Navi Mumbai on Tuesday, an official from the Central Railway said.

The incident took place around 2.07 pm when a train from Pnavel was heading towards Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT), the Central Railway's public relations officer Shivaji Sutar said. A woman in her late teens was lying down on the tracks near Vashi station, when motorman Prashant Konnur spotted her and immediately applied brakes to stop the train, he said.

According to another official, the train had gained the speed of 40-60 kmph, but Konnur, who has been in service for about 20 years, noticed the unusual movement of the woman and immediately applied brakes.

The train's bull guard almost touched the woman when the train stop, but she was unhurt. Once the train halted, Konnur alighted and rescued her from the tracks, the official said. The woman had allegedly attempted suicide. But the motorman tried to calm her and helped her board the first compartment next to his cabin, he said.

People Behind Leak Pak Army Chief's Tax Records Identified: Report

Islamabad: Assuring a "logical conclusion" for the report related to the leak of Army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa's income tax records, Finance Minister Ishaq Dar shared that people behind the leak have been identified.

Dar received the interim report on Tuesday and repeated that leaking the army chief's income tax returns was "illegal," reported Geo News. He shared that one person involved in the leak is from Lahore and another from Rawalpindi.

However, he added that there is a possibility that some of the individuals involved may have the authorisation to look at the income tax records as there is a "circle" in Rawalpindi where assessments take place, reported Geo News.

"These people are authorised to access (data) for their assessment," said Dar. The finance minister believed that if "illegal work" is allowed or a blind eye is turned towards it then a person will not be fulfilling their duty, reported Geo News.

"The law does not allow the release of the army chief or anyone else's income tax returns without a court order," said the finance minister. A day earlier, Finance Minister Ishaq Dar took notice of the "illegal and unwarranted" leakage of tax information of Gen Bajwa's family members, reported Geo News. "This is clearly a violation of the complete confidentiality of tax information that the law provides," a statement from the Finance Division had read.

In view of this serious lapse on the part of today's unknown functionaries, Dar had directed Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Revenue Tariq Mehmood Pasha to personally lead the probe, affix responsibility, and submit a report within 24 hours. "I have seen the interim report. I hope to receive the final report today," Dar told Geo News. He added that the government has found a few people behind the leak and the issue will reach its logical conclusion.



Notably, a damaging report has shed light on the sharp rise of wealth of close family members of the most powerful person in the country in a span of six years, less than two weeks before Bajwa's tenure is about to end. Writing for Fact Focus, Pakistani journalist Ahmad Noorani has unearthed how Bajwa's immediate and extended family members, in a matter of few years, became owners of farmhouses in prominent Pakistani cities and bought foreign properties, making billions of dollars in the process. The investigative report by Fact Focus is supported by a lot of data that looks into the

financial dealing of Bajwa's family including his wife Ayesha Amjad, his daughter-in-law Mahnoor Sabir and other close family members. "Within six years, both families become billionaires, started an international business, purchased multiple foreign properties, started transferring capital abroad, become owners of commercial plazas, commercial plots, huge farmhouses in Islamabad and Karachi, an immense real estate portfolio in Lahore, and so on. The current market value of the - known - assets and businesses within Pakistan and outside accumulated by the Bajwa family during

the last six years is more than Rs12.7 billion," Noorani wrote.

Based on tax returns and other financial statements, the Pakistani journalist noted how between 2013 and 2017, Bajwa revised the wealth statement for 2013 three times, after being appointed country's army chief.

"In the revised wealth statement for the year 2013, General Bajwa added a commercial plot in phase VIII of DHA Lahore. He claimed that in fact he had purchased this plot back in 2013 but forgot to declare. He would continue to forget for the next four years and could only remember his omissions in 2017, one year after becoming army chief," he wrote in Fact Focus. Back in 2016, Ayesha Amjad declared eight "Any Other Assets", without giving much detail. However, this was revised on April 17, 2018, when Bajwa became the Pak army chief. She declared that the net value of her assets during the previous financial year, 2015, was zero. But within six years, after dubious dealing

of residential and commercial plots, her wealth went from zero in 2016 to ? 2.2 billion - "not including residential plots, commercial plots, and houses given by the army to her husband." The change in fortune of Bajwa's daughter-in-law Mahnoor Sabir is equally amazing. "The total worth of a young woman's declared assets was zero in the last week of October 2018, it jumped to more than one billion (Rs 1271 million) just one week before her marriage on November 02, 2018," Ahmad Noorani wrote. Though Mahnoor Sabir declared these properties to the FBR in 2018, the report added that the filing retrospectively stated that these properties were acquired in the tax years 2014, 2015, and 2016. This report on Bajwa comes on Sunday, a day before the process for the appointment of a new army chief is likely to start. The content of Fact Focus is so damaging that the website of the publication is reportedly being blocked in Pakistan.

New York Court Sets Tax Fraud Trial Date For Trump And His 3 Children

Washington: Donald Trump and his three eldest children will go on trial late next year in a civil lawsuit brought by New York's attorney general that accuses them of fraud, a judge ruled Tuesday. Justice Arthur Engoron of the Manhattan Supreme Court set a trial date of October 2, 2023 in the case that alleges Trump and his family members misstated the value of properties to enrich themselves. The trial -- and a host of criminal, civil and congressional probe cases that Trump is facing -- will likely complicate the ex-president's run for



a second term in office, which he announced last week. The date, which Trump attorneys are likely to try to delay, would come close to the start of primaries season for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination. Top New York prosecutor Letitia James sued Trump, Donald Trump Jr, Eric Trump, Ivanka

Trump and the Trump Organization in September alleging they lied to tax collectors, lenders and insurers for years. She says they provided fraudulent statements of Trump's net worth and false asset valuations "to obtain and satisfy loans, get insurance benefits, and pay lower taxes." James, a Democrat, has requested that Trump pay at least \$250 million in penalties -- a sum she says he made from the fraud -- and that his family be banned from running

businesses in the state. Her office does not have the power to file criminal charges in the case. Trump, 76, says the lawsuit is politically motivated. He has repeatedly tried to have it dismissed. He endured another legal blow Tuesday when the Supreme Court cleared the way for his tax returns to be handed over to a committee of the Democratic-majority House of Representatives. Unlike presidents since the 1970s, Trump refused to release the records while in office and took to the courts to block the congressional request.



The Film Producer, Mr. Manish Mundra, the Actress Ms. Pooja Pandey alongwith the cast and crew of Indian Panorama Feature Film 'Siya' felicitated at the 53rd International Film Festival of India (IFFI), in Goa

Bhubaneswar: Locals accuse Airfield Police Station IIC of playing badminton with murder accused

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Tension ran high at the Airfield Police Station in Odisha capital last evening as many residents of Sundarpada village

intercepted Amaresh Rout of Sundarpada's Talasahi while he was returning home with a woman on a motorcycle. They thrashed and

2019. Similarly, Rashmi is accused in the sweets shop owner murder incident in Samantarapur, they said, adding that Tushar was involved in a



gheraoed it alleging that the IIC of the police station was spending time with several murder accused. They claimed that the police official has been playing badminton with the accused men in the locality. According to reports, Raghunath Barik, Rashmi Barik, Tushar Behera, Biswajit Routray and Rajesh Nayak had on November 20

injured Amaresh, following which the victim lodged a complaint in this regard with the Airfield police. Though police registered a case against the attackers under relevant sections of the IPC, no action was taken against them. The villagers have alleged that Raghunath, Biswajit and Rajesh are prime accused in the sensational Amaresh Nayak murder case of

kidnapping. Instead of arresting them, the IIC was seen playing badminton with them, they said. As they gheraoed the police station opposing the incident, ACP Anirudha Routray reached the place and tried to pacify the locals. As per the direction of the ACP, the Airfield police detained Raghunath and initiated efforts to trace others.

Sundargarh: Locals 'celebrate' death of 115-year-old woman with DJ music during funeral procession



Sundargarh(KCN): It was a funeral like no other. While mourning usually marks the death of a person, locals of Panchra gram panchayat in Kutra block of Odisha's Sundargarh district 'celebrated' the death of a 115-year-old

woman with DJ music during the funeral procession. The incident took place on Sunday and later came to fore as a video of the villagers dancing to the tune of music during the procession surfaced on social media and went

viral. According to reports, the centenarian woman, identified as Sombari Soren, died of old age at her house located in Khadiapada hamlet of the panchayat. After the woman's demise, her kin decided to celebrate the fact that

JSW steps forward to promote education for the children of remote mining villages.



Barbil(KCN): To offer seamless connectivity to the school going students, JSW has come forward to deploy several school buses that transports hundreds of students remote villages of the mining belt to schools in Barbil, Joda and Koira towns Koira every day. The company deployed a 32-seater school bus on

Tuesday in Narayanposhi of Sundergarh district. This is second bus that the company has provided to this village for hassle-free transportation. The bus will facilitate movement of students from Narayanposhi, Rengalbeda, Kasira and Bhanjapali to Koira. The bus will provide maximum protection for children and its occupants.

The bus was inaugurated by Koira Sarpanch HK Deora. Company officials were also present at the event. Sarpanch Deora said, "This is a great help for the students. We thank the company for the support." Similarly, in November, two school buses were also launched for the Jajang area. It was inaugurated by Jajang

Sarpanch Priyanka Majhi. This 32-seater bus will travel from Bandhuabeda, Jurudi and Jajang to Joda. Likewise, two school buses were unveiled for Nuagain area. Sarpanch Pabitra Munda did the honour of inaugurating the busses. For the little children of many of these villages, attending school has always been difficult, owing

to lack of private or public transport. Now that the buses ply on a daily basis picking up and dropping off the students from their doorsteps, it feels like a dreamy ride to a bright future. JSW has deployed 7 school buses in four mining areas including one in Ganua. JSW Foundation, the CSR arm of the multi-billion dollar steel to cement conglomerate has been working on several socio-economic issues of the mining affected villages since taking lease of 4 iron ore mines in Joda and Koira blocks. The company is working in close collaboration with the communities to ensure access to education, drinking water, health care and other basic necessities to the people.

12-hour Sambalpur bandh over separate state 'Koshala' demand

Sambalpur(KCN): The Sambalpur Nagarika Kriyanusthana Committee is today observing a 12-hour bandh in the town demanding formation of separate state 'Koshala' comprising districts of western Odisha. The committee has also been demanding establishment of a permanent bench of the Orissa High Court in Sambalpur. Shops and business establishments remained closed while vehicular movement was



affected due to the dawn-to-dusk bandh from 6 am to 6 pm. However, emergency services, educational institutions and vehicles carrying examinees have been

excluded from the ambit of the bandh. Various traders associations have extended support to the bandh call. The members of Sambalpur Nagarika

Kriyanusthana Committee alleged that the Odisha Government has been conspiring to prevent the establishment of the High Court bench in Sambalpur.



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India Will Grow To Become A \$40 Trillion Economy By 2047: Mukesh Ambani

Gandhinagar: Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Dhirubhai Ambani has said that India is poised for an "unprecedented explosion in economic growth and opportunities" during the Amrit Kaal and will grow from a \$3 trillion economy to \$40 trillion economy by 2047 to rank among the top three economies of the world. Addressing the convocation of Pandit Deendayal Energy University (PDEU) today, Mukesh Ambani said three game-changing revolutions will govern India's growth in the decades ahead - the Clean Energy Revolution, the Bio-Energy Revolution and the Digital Revolution. "Together, they will transform lives in ways unimagined. While the Clean Energy Revolution and the

Bio-Energy Revolution will produce energy sustainably, the Digital Revolution will enable us to consume energy efficiently. All three revolutions will together help India and the world save our beautiful planet from the Climate Crisis," he said. "I am confident that you, the students of PDEU, along with lakhs of other bright young minds from across the nation, will leverage these revolutions to enable India meet its energy goals," he added. Mukesh Ambani, who is President, Board of Governors of PDEU, said he was excited about the convocation ceremony. "This batch of PDEU is graduating during a year that marks the beginning of India's Amrit Kaal. In our tradition, Amrit Kaal is

regarded as the most auspicious time to start anything new. And each of you are starting your professional journey in this period. As the Amrit Kaal unfolds, India will witness an unprecedented explosion in economic growth and opportunities," he said. "From a 3 trillion-dollar economy, India will grow to become a 40 trillion-dollar economy by 2047, ranking among the top three economies of the world in your working life. In other words, a bright future beckons you. Be ready to step out confidently when opportunity knocks on your door," he added. Mukesh Ambani said the university has made the students future-ready, because it researches and teaches "energy with a very comprehensive perspective".



He also had a word of advice for students, saying that in era of 4G and 5G, there is no 'G' greater than "MataG and PitaG". Today is your day. The arc lights are on you. But standing in the wings are your parents and elders... it's a very special day for them too. They have waited eagerly to see you walk up to the stage and receive your graduation certificate. It has been

their lifelong dream," Mukesh Ambani said. Don't ever forget the struggles they underwent and the sacrifices they made to bring you here. Their contribution to your success is immeasurable. Let me tell you something in your own lingo - the language of the youth. Nowadays, every youngster is excited about 4G and now 5G. But there is no 'G' in

this world greater than Mata G and Pita G. They were, are, and will always remain your most dependable pillars of strength and support," he added. He said PDEU students were "bubbling with energy and enthusiasm", "brimming with creativity and ideas" and "bristling with entrepreneurial spirit" and were equipped with the knowledge and the

skill-set needed to design breakthrough energy solutions for 1.4 billion Indians. "You have all the necessary ingredients to be the leaders India needs... And as leaders of India's future, you should ensure our nation leads the global clean and green energy revolution. It is a goal each one of you should pursue in mission mode," he said. The leading industrialist shared three mantras with students to help them achieve success in this mission: "One, Think Big. Be an audacious dreamer. Every great thing ever built in this world was once a dream thought to be impossible. You have to own your dream with courage, nurture it with conviction and realise it with bold and disciplined action. It is

the only way you can make the impossible possible. "Two, Think Green. The Clean Energy movement is about adopting a green mindset. It is about being sensitive to Mother Nature. It is about inventing means to harvest its energy without harming it. It is about ensuring that we leave behind a better and healthier planet for future generations. "And three, Think Digital. In your mission of making India a clean energy leader, digitisation will play the role of a force multiplier. Technologies such as AI, Robotics and IoT are powerful enablers of change. Use them to your advantage. These three mantras will be your astras in your mission of making India a global clean energy leader," he said.

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schools and 74,000 Anganwadi centers across the State," he announced. Claiming that that all the endeavours of the State Government is focussed on the principle of 'Every life is precious', he said that the State Government has prioritized for development of the health sector in our state. "With intensive focus on public health schemes, Odisha has shown improvement in many health indicators like Immunisation, Infant Mortality Rate, Maternal Mortality Ratio, infant and young child feeding practices, and under-nutrition. However, anaemia remains a major public health challenge across the country," he added. Mr. Patnaik urged the concerned departments and on-field service providers to work in a concerted manner for successful implementation of AMLAN for achieving Anaemia Mukta Odisha. He also released the operational guidelines for AMLAN. Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mohapatra said that this programme will definitely succeed with coordinated efforts of all departments. Previously, we have done it in management of Covid-19, he added. Health & Family Welfare Secretary Shalini Pandit and Director Family Welfare were present at the function while Principal Secretaries and Secretaries of several departments, officials from all districts joined online.

KL Pluckers...

kendu pluckers of a circle and leaf binders has been revised from seven days to 15 days. All pluckers will be issued identity cards, CM Mr. Patnaik said. The kendu leaf pluckers belong to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families and the State Government has always been working for their welfare and for other employees in the sector.

"Odisha is the first state in the country to give bonus to kendu leaf pluckers. This policy has become a model for other states," he said.

BJD Spokesperson Sasmit Patra attacked BJP on Tuesday accusing it of cheating farmers across the country.

"You (BJP) cheated kendu leaf workers who are men and women mostly from the BPL families. When the GST was at five per cent on kendu leaf they had a decent living. But you (BJP) increased it to 18 per cent and impacted their source of earning. Isn't this cheating?" Dr. Patra said.

Supreme Court Wants....

given VRS on Friday and appointed as an election commissioner," Mr Bhushan said. He was otherwise to retire on December 31 at the age of 60.

The court rejected the objections by the government lawyer, Attorney General R Venkataramani, who said it wasn't right to take up individual instances.

"We want to see what is the mechanism. We will not treat it as an adversarial and keep it for our record, but we want to know as you claim that everything is hunky dory... You have time till tomorrow," the court told the government lawyer.

Arun Goel took charge only this Monday, November 21, according to the commission's website. An IAS officer of the 1985 batch from the Punjab cadre, he retired as Secretary, Union Ministry of Heavy Industry, after more than 37 years of service.

He is now in line to be Chief Election Commissioner after Rajiv Kumar demits office in February 2025.

The specific "hanky panky" check comes at a time when the court has been rather scathing in its observations on the wider process.

RBI Imposes Fines Worth ? 73 Crore In 30 Months, But No Details On Violations: Report

New Delhi: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed fines to the tune of ? 73.06 crore in 48 cases involving banks for violating certain provisions or contravention of its directions since January 2020.

The central bank has levied the penalties in brief orders providing little details, according to The Indian Express. The RBI slapped a public sector bank with a monetary penalty of ? 32 lakh citing non-compliance with certain provisions of Reserve Bank of India (Fraud classification and reporting by commercial banks and select FIs) Directions 2016, in August this year, the report added. In the majority of



orders passed by the RBI, the banking regulator has said that the fines were imposed for not complying with certain provisions and directions. The orders are in the form of paragraphs on RBI's website containing sparse details about the violations. On the other hand, penalty

orders of regulators such as the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI) and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) are more detailed. They have stated the violation and the modus operandi in their orders, the report said.

RBI's orders have also drawn ire where some have suggested challenging its decision by setting up an appellate court like the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT). This month, the central bank imposed monetary penalties ranging from ? 25,000 to ? 3.1 lakh on nine

cooperative banks on account of non-compliance of its guidelines. The banks included The Kendrapara Urban Cooperative Bank, The Berhampur Cooperative Urban Bank, Renuka Nagarik Sahakari Bank Maryadit, The Jamshedpur Urban Cooperative Bank, Krishna Mercantile Cooperative Bank among others, according to nine standalone statements by the RBI. The RBI cited deficiencies in regulatory compliance for the action taken and said that it was not intended to pronounce upon the validity of any transaction or agreement entered into by the banks with its customers.

Paytm Slumps To Record Low As Macquarie Flags Risk From Jio Finance

New Delhi: One 97 Communications, the parent company of digital services brand Paytm, lost over 11 per cent to set a record low ? 474 on BSE on Tuesday.

Analysts said Paytm was battered after reports emerged that competition will intensify in the fintech sector, with Jio Financial services entering the turf of the likes of Paytm, PhonePe. Business Standard citing Macquarie Research on Tuesday reported that Jio Financial Services (JFS), owned by Reliance Industries and set for demerger

and listing, could become India's fifth largest financial services firm.

"Paytm may feel the heat coming from Jio Financial services which would be stepping into the turf of Paytm, PhonePe, and even Bajaj Finance business model. This is an alarming note for the space," said Prashanth Tapse, Research Analyst and Senior Vice-president-Research, Mehta Equities.

After opening weak Tuesday, the stock plunged to record low levels in the morning deals. It attempted some recovery from low levels but the



sentiment remained weak. Paytm has been disappointing investors since its IPO last year. Last week early investor Softbank had sold 4.5 per cent stake at ? 555 - ? 601 range which was at a discount. The largest investor selling its stake after such downfalls has weakened the sentiment on this counter, Rahul

Sharma, Research Head, Equity 99, has said. Analysts noted that an excess supply of shares in the market is weighing heavy on Paytm. A large supply of shares is from investors from pre-IPO placements as well as non-promoter investors, analysts added. According to SEBI rules, pre-IPO investors need to hold the shares post-listing for upto six months to one year from the IPO. This lock-in period expired on November 15. "Markets are not

respecting the non-profit making company valuations which are not justified as of now," Prashanth Tapse - Research Analyst and Senior vice-president, Research - Mehta Equities, said. Paytm was listed on November 18 last year. Compared to the IPO prices of ? 2,150 a share, investors have suffered huge losses as the stock is trading at ? 483. Other new-age stocks, listed in November-December last year, are facing the same fate in the market today. Fashion retailer Nykaa is trading at ? 177.30, down 3.41 per cent. Policybazaar is trading over 1 per cent lower at ? 407.25.

There is lot of time, everyone will get chance: Hardik Pandya

New Delhi: On the back of India clinching the T20I series versus New Zealand, Hardik Pandya said that his intention is to create a culture where the players would be given the freedom to play freely. He also pointed out that India had a similar template for the just concluded T20 World Cup held in Australia but they couldn't perform as per their expectations. The third and final T20I in Napier came to an abrupt end due to rain, with India on par with New Zealand's score (as per DLS Method). So the game ended in a tie, with the visitors winning the series 1-0.

"In my view, as a captain, I want to give as much freedom as possible, the kind of culture where the player can go out there and play with freedom," Hardik said at the post-match press conference

on Tuesday (November 22). "It was there during the World Cup too. Obviously, there were things we couldn't do better, those things got highlighted and we couldn't win. But going forward, it would always be. We won't play in a certain way. The attempt would be to enjoy the game, if you want to hit the first ball, we will always back and we will try to ensure that the players play with freedom."

Hardik paid no heed to the noises that surrounded the non-inclusion of Sanju Samson and Umran Malik in any of the games and stressed that every player would be given a long run at some point in the future.

"What people are saying from outside, it doesn't matter much at this level. This is my team, firstly. The coach and I will pick

the team we feel is right," he said. "There is a lot of time, everyone will get a chance, when one gets a chance, he will get a long run. If it was a longer series, if there were more matches, obviously opportunities would have been given. But when it is a short series, I don't believe in chop and change and in future also, I wouldn't believe. "If they are sitting out... Sanju Samson, for example: we wanted to play him, but for whatever reason, we couldn't. But I can get into their shoes and understand how they are feeling. As a cricketer, it is difficult, whatever one might say. You are in the Indian team, but you are not getting a chance in the XI, so that's difficult. At the end of the day, I can say whatever I want, but those will just be words. It will still be difficult for them to deal with. But if I



can create a healthy environment, where the players can come and speak to me if they are feeling bad, or go and speak to the coach, if I remain the captain, I think it won't be a problem. Because my nature is such that I make sure everyone is together." Hardik also heaped praises on Mohammed

Siraj who bagged the Player of the Match Award for his impressive bowling spell of 4 for 17 - the speedster's best T20I bowling figures. The pace bowler used hard lengths to good effect to engineer a collapse, with New Zealand losing their last eight wickets for just 30 runs.

"Siraj did exactly what I

wanted from this wicket," said the allrounder. Hardik once again established that under his leadership, the team will look to play with intent. "In T20 cricket, you definitely get hit, somewhere down the line if you go on defence as a bowler, you will have good days but at the same point of time, you're not

having a good day, it will literally haunt you. So for me, and for my bowling unit, the plan is simple: let's be aggressive. What is going to happen? We will lose the game.

"As I mentioned in the last game as well, it is not about being aggressive, it is not about going for a wicket every ball, it is about your behaviour. It is about your attitude, it is about your body language. Going forward, we will maintain this, we will be aggressive as a bowling unit and at the same point of time, we will pick bowlers who can intimidate batters if needed."

All the three encounters were affected by rain. However, Hardik said the set-up will take a lot of positives from the shortened series. Deepak Hooda's bowling is certainly a box ticked and Hardik

expects more batters to roll their arm over in the future.

"It was a short tour but it was important. The way we played and dominated in the second game, going forward it would give a lot of confidence to the team. There are certain things that we need to do better going forward, I think this was one step, we have time. But it has started from here, whatever series we play from here, we will try to get better.

"It was simple, whatever was needed for the team, like I needed a sixth bowling option, that thing has come in this tour. The way Deepak has bowled, if slowly the batters chip in like that. Eventually, in T20 cricket, even if the game isn't going anywhere, you can dictate by using new bowlers and surprise the batter."

FIFA World Cup 2022: Olivier Giroud EQUALS Thierry Henry record as World Champs France thrash Australia



New Delhi: France showed they can cope without their star striker at the FIFA World Cup 2022. In Karim Benzema's absence, Kylian Mbappe scored one and set up the second of Olivier Giroud's two goals to help the defending champions beat Australia 4-1 on Tuesday (November 22). Giroud equaled Thierry Henry's national record of 51 goals with a header from Mbappe's

cross in the 71st minute. Giroud, who failed to score at the last World Cup but did find the net at the 2014 tournament, can break Henry's record when France faces Denmark on Saturday.

"It's not just about chasing records but what he always does on the field," France coach Didier Deschamps said. "He's a very important player for us." Moments before that strike, Mbappe headed

in Ousmane Dembele's cross from the right to start this World Cup as he finished the last — with a goal. He knelt with one hand behind his back and his finger on his forehead in a new celebration.

Deschamps joked that Mbappe could now become even more lethal. "He always dreams about scoring headers, so if he starts doing that he'll be even more dangerous," Deschamps said,

cracking a smile. "I knew he would be ready tonight because this is his competition."

Craig Goodwin gave Australia the lead when he turned in winger Mathew Leckie's cross in the ninth minute. France midfielder Adrien Rabiot equalized with a powerful header in the 27th and set up Giroud's first goal shortly after.

"It's great for our momentum and confidence to have turned things around," Giroud said. "Even though we could have scored more we combined well." France were playing without the injured Benzema, who was ruled out of the World Cup last week. The Socceroos were pumped up and the green-and-gold Aussie fans were loving it. They even mocked Mbappe with chants of "Who are ya? Who are ya?" after he lost the ball dribbling down the left.

Jadeja unlikely for Bangladesh tour, selectors may name replacement

New Delhi: Ravindra Jadeja is set to miss the tour of Bangladesh next month. The India all-rounder, laid low due to an injury since the Asia Cup, has not recovered and will have to be replaced in the Bangladesh-bound squad. He was a conditional inclusion in both ODI and Test squads for the tour which includes three ODIs and two Tests.

According to sources in the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and his home town Rajkot, Jadeja, who will turn 34 next month, has not fully recovered from the freak injury he had suffered during Asia Cup in August. Jadeja's last India game was against



Hong Kong on August 31 in Dubai. Eventually, he had to miss a large part of the Asia Cup and subsequent World Cup. While announcing the India squads for the Bangladesh tour, the BCCI had mentioned that Jadeja's participation in the tour is subject to fitness. "Mr. Ravindra Jadeja's availability is subject to fitness," the BCCI had said in its

October 31 media release. With the national selection committee overhauled, the situation may have become a little tricky but Cricbuzz understands that the Chetan Sharma panel is performing work as if it is business as usual. They may announce the replacement some time later this week, when the India A squad also is

expected to be announced.

The members of the selection committee, sacked en-masse recently, have been watching the Vijay Hazare matches at different centres. Most of them, if not all, are also expected to be in Ahmedabad, where the knockouts of the 50-over tournament will start on November 26. Meanwhile, speculation is rife over the candidates interested to be the members of the new committee. From down south, the new names being spoken about are M Venkataramana, a former India spinner, and D Vasu, a former Tamil Nadu all-rounder.



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