

Ruckus Over Farmers' Issues

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Day 2 of winter session of Odisha Legislative Assembly on Friday witnessed a noisy scene as the Opposition and Governing BJD members created a ruckus in the House over farmers issues leading to adjournment of the House without transacting any business till 4 PM. Speaker BK Arukha first adjourned the proceedings till 11.30 AM and again at 4 PM as both the Opposition Congress and BJD members and BJD members shouted slogans inside the well

of the House accusing each other of being responsible for the plights of the farmers in the State. While the Opposition Congress and the BJD Members targeted the BJD Government over the input assistance, mandi issue and insurance under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana(PMFBY), the Treasury Bench Members criticized the Modi Government for not raising the Minimum support Price (MSP) for paddy as per the recommendation of the Swaminathan Committee. As soon after the House



adjourned at 10.30 AM, the Opposition members rushed to the Well of the House demanding disbursement of input subsidy to the farmers

and irregularities in paddy procurement. The BJD Members rushed to the well of the Assembly alleging Central Government's

negligence in implementation of MSP for Paddy as suggested by the House. Later, the Treasury Bench members carrying

banners on the rise of MSP for paddy sat on dharna near the Mahatma Gandhi statue inside the Assembly complex. The Congress and the BJD members also resorted to dharna near the Gopabandhu statue in support of their demands. The business of the Question Hour, the Zero Hour and the adjournment motion was washed out due to protest by both the opposition and treasury bench members. The BJD Members were demanding the hike of MSP for paddy to Rs.2930 per quintal.

Government Chief Whip Prashant Kumar Muduli said the Odisha Assembly in the past had passed a unanimous resolution to hike the MSP for paddy to Rs.2930 per quintal but the Modi government had not implemented it. He alleged that due to the discrimination attitude of the Centre in supply of fertilizers to Odisha, the farmers in state are suffering a lot and are also deprived of insurance benefit under the PMFBY. BJD Chief Whip Mohan Majhi accused the BJD Government of not declaring the districts of Western Odisha drought

prone depriving the insurance benefit to the farmers under the PMFBY. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has declared the input subsidy of Rs.200 crore only recently keeping the Padampur Assembly bypoll in view which he said was nothing but a vote bank politics. Mr.Majhi said the Opposition wanted a motion on farmers' issue to be debated in the House but the Speaker did not accept the motion. He alleged that there has been an unholy nexus between the

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Advanced Molecular and Diagnostic Research Centre for Fungi Inaugurated at AIIM

First of its kind Lab in Eastern India to act as a referral center

Bhubaneswar(KCN): World Renowned Medical Mycologist Prof. Arunaloke Chakrabarti, in the presence of Executive director AIIMS Bhubaneswar Prof Ashutosh Biswas, have kindly inaugurated the ICMR Advanced Molecular and Diagnostic Research Centre for Fungi in the department of Microbiology, AIIMS Bhubaneswar today. The other dignitaries present during the inaugural ceremony include Dean(Academic) Prof P R Mohapatra, Head of the Department of Microbiology Prof. Baijayantimala Mishra, and Dr.



Madhuchhanda Das, Scientist D, Indian Council of Medical Research. Prof. Arunaloke Chakrabarti underlined that there are several deadly fungal infections. Some of these, like mucormycosis and

Candida auris, have recently been noticed by the medical and non-medical fraternity. Prof. Ashutosh Biswas agreed that recently fungal infections have become "viral." Despite the above, there is a lack of expertise in identifying

and treating fungal infections. Advanced Molecular and Diagnostic Research centers for fungi have been established across India to fill this gap. Prof. Arunaloke Chakrabarti & Dr. Madhuchhanda emphasized that the

objective of establishing the advanced laboratory is to make available cutting-edge diagnostics for fungal infections for the people of Odisha, impart training to Odia doctors and paramedical personnel for identification & treatment of fungal infections, and support the different medical hospitals across eastern India for diagnosis and management of fungal infections. The lab will act as a referral center for eastern India. It will help identify medical fungi, offering various serological, molecular, CONTINUED ON: P-7

Maoists kill man in revenge bid in Odisha's Kalahandi

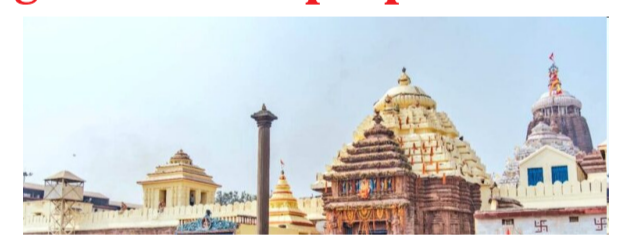
Bhawanipatna(KCN): Maoist menace once again reared its ugly head with the killing of a youth, who also happened to a relative of one of the cadres, in a revenge bid in Kalahandi district of Odisha here today. The deceased was identified as Lalbati Majhi of Panchkul village under Jugsaipatna panchayat of Bhawanipatna tehsil

here. He was the uncle of Kuni Majhi, a Maoist cadre of Niyamgiri Area Committee. While the BGN (Bansadhara Ghumsara Nagabali) division claimed responsibility, they left a poster justifying the act as an act of revenge against Lalbati who had reportedly killed a family member of one of the cadres. Later, Police in a

release informed that last year, Lalbati had taken his brother-in-law and Kuni's father Burja Majhi to Katlang village and murdered him. Besides, Lalbati was against all the people in the area and had the intent of killing Maoists as he went behind the Red Rebels with a country gun, the police release stated.

Use of smartphone by police personnel inside Puri Jagannath Temple prohibited

Puri(KCN): Use of smartphone by police personnel inside the Shree Jagannath Temple here has been prohibited. A direction in this regard was today issued by Puri SP Kanwar Vishal Singh. It was earlier alleged that usage of smartphone by police personnel was resulting



in dereliction of duty by them. Acting on the allegations, the SP today imposed the prohibition. However, police

personnel engaged in special duties and emergency services will be allowed to carry smartphones with them inside the temple.

National Paintings Exhibition Modi @20 Concluded

Modi Most Sought after Leader in World: AP Governor

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi is playing a decisive role in making India Self reliant and Super Power, observed His Excellency Governor of Andhra Pradesh Biswabhusan Harichandan. Modi is the most sought after leader in the contemporary World, Shri Harichandan added. Only Because of Modi India could take a neutral stand without succumbing to the pressure of USA & Russia, he observed. Shri Harichandan emphasised that the danger of third world

war could only be subsided due to the intervention of Shri Modi. Gracing the closing Ceremony of the Two Days long National Paintings and Sculpture Exhibition on the life and philosophy of Prime Minister Modi entitled Modi@20, as Chief Guest Shri Harichandan profusely praised the spectacular and brilliant art works of artistes. Hosted by eastern India's leading Art Institution Suvadra Art Gallery, at the Press Club of Odisha in Bhubaneswar the unique Exhibition witnessed the display



of creative excellence by 45 upcoming and established artistes. Speaking during the occasion Guest of Honour Director of International Indecency Prevention Movement Dr Arundhati Debi lauded the incredible efforts of

the artistes in arousing their intrinsic talents and intellects to provide perfect shape to the accomplishments of Prime Minister Modi through their Art Works. The Distinguished Guest Programme Officer of

the Eastern Regional Branch of Central Sahitya Akademi Dr. Mihir Kumar Sahoo complemented the a w e s o m e achievements of Suvadra Art Gallery. Delivering his Welcome address the Chairman of Suvadra

Art Gallery Dr Surya Rath informed that similar exhibitions will be organised in all Major cities of India for next one year with an aim to acquaint the present generation of youth masses with the ideas and ideals of PM Modi. Reception

Committee Chairman and noted poet Sankar Parida introduced the Guests. Organising Committee Chairman and Senior Journalist Kishore Dwibedi presented the concept note of the Exhibition. The Founder of Suvadra Art Gallery

and famous Sculptor Rabi Narayan Rath presented vote of thanks. The Director of Suvadra Art Gallery Ashok Nayak curated the Exhibition and conducted the proceedings of the Meeting. The participant artistes included Rabi Narayan Rath, Prabodh Kumar Sahoo, Lipsa Pattnaik Mohanty, Meenaketa Pattnaik, Ajay Mohanty, Rajnandini Mohapatra, Manoj Mohanty, Lipishree Nayak, Mamata Samantraya, Soumyaranjan Pattnayak, Dibya Ranjan Rout, manoj

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Man thrashed to death by wife, sons, daughter in Odisha's Bhadrak

Bhadrak(KCN): In a shocking incident, a man was allegedly thrashed to death by his wife, three sons and a daughter at Daulatpur village under Pirahat police limits in Odisha's Bhadrak district. According to reports, a dispute was prevailing between Babua Das and his wife. He was sleeping outside the house last night, during

which his wife, sons and daughter attacked him with an iron rod. The victim sustained critical injuries in the incident and was rescued by one of his relatives. He was initially rushed to the Tihidi Hospital and later shifted to the Bhadrak District Headquarters Hospital as his condition deteriorated. However, he was

declared dead at the hospital. The mother of the deceased lodged a complaint with the police, on the basis of which cops detained one of his sons and started investigation. Though the reason behind the attack was yet to be ascertained, it is being suspected that the incident was a fallout of extramarital affair.



Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik discussing with Mr. Ravi Kant Jaipuria, Chairman, Varun Beverages Ltd at Naveen Niwas

WSC Passouts Honored BJP Worker Arrest Demanded



Bhubaneswar(KCN): Hemant Kumar Sharma, Principal Secretary Skill Development, Technical Education and Industries has pinned high hopes on the students passing

out from World Skill Center (WSC) and said they will be able to place them in Global Institutions. Mr. Sharma was addressing the First Convocation Ceremony of the WSC

here on 24 November. Ace Mandarin handling Skill Development Sector in the state said "This is age of Industry and skill development boosts the employability of the

young graduates". Mr. Sharma said the education imparted by WSC will improve their skill and they will get opportunities in Global Institutions. Known as a highly positive administrator,

Mr. Sharma lauded the passing out students of WSC and said lot of opportunities waiting for them in International Forums. Masood Hussainy, Head of Tata Aerospace & Defence graced the occasion and appreciated the efforts of WSC in providing world Class Technical Education to the students. Mr. Hussainy said that the students who have attained ITI and Diploma from WSC will be able to establish themselves in global arena. WSC Chief Executive Alka Mishra, Principal S Gopal, OSDA Chief Executive G Reghu, Additional Secretary SDTE, Pinaki Patnaik graced the occasion.

Bhubaneswar(KCN): A day after BJP leader and party's candidate in Padmapur by-election accused the ruling BJD of engineering attack on him and his supporters during the electioneering, a group of BJD supporters Thursday approached the Chief Electoral Officer demanding the arrest of a BJP worker who they alleged made murderous attempt on a party worker in the constituency. The BJD alleged that BJP worker Rinku Meher had on

Wednesday attacked Sanju Bariha during the campaign of party candidate Varsha Bariha following which the BJD workers had to be rushed to the Veer Surendra Sai Institute of Medical Science and Research at Burla. "We demand that Meher be arrested immediately along with other BJP workers who supported in the act," a petition to the CEO said. The complainants furnished a video of the purported incident in a pen drive to substantiate their allegation.

In another memorandum, the ruling party also demanded increased surveillance and monitoring on BJP candidate Pradip Purohit alleging that Mr. Purohit was planning to orchestrate a 'fake physical attack' on him during the by-election 'to gain sympathy of the voters and malign the ruling party.' Saying that the BJP is well known for its penchant for poll violence, the memo demanded 'adequate protection' for BJD workers during campaigning.

Sahu On Sahitya Sampan

Bhubaneswar(KCN): To promote Odia literature among school students, Odia Language, Literature and Culture Department ACS Satyabrata Sahu has asked District Culture Officers (DCOs) to organise Sahitya Sampan programme among the students of Class IX to XII from next year.



Mr. Sahu gave this direction to all DCOs while chairing a high-level meeting with them here on virtual mode on Thursday. The State Government is giving almost emphasis to the promotion of Odia art, literature and culture. District Cultural Officers have played an important role in this regard, he said. The Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) asked the DCOs to hold the Sahitya Sampan programme from January to March, next year. Sources that the target was set to include 50,000 beneficiaries under the Mukhyamantri Kalakar

Sahayata Yojana (MKSJ), of which over 34,000 beneficiaries are now receiving assistance through their bank accounts. Therefore, Mr. Sahu directed the Culture Officers to identify the eligible beneficiaries for MMSY and sent it to the Department by the end of this month. In the meeting, the names of the beneficiaries under the Chief Minister's Artist Support Scheme, which is being implemented for the welfare of artists, have been ordered to be selected and sent to the Department soon by the end of this month.

He also issued necessary directions to the officials to participate in district level festivals, involvement of local folk artists in different Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities of the State Government with the support of district administration and implementation of Computerized Cultural Team Management (CTMS) system in the Department. In the meeting, the Additional Chief Secretary of the department gave necessary instructions and suggestions to the cultural officers to work with responsibility and

determination. It was informed in the meeting that the registration of new cultural groups who are eligible but could not register their name in CTMS for any reason will be done between March 1 and 31. In order to expedite the work of under-construction cultural buildings in various districts, cultural officials have been instructed to visit the construction site once in a week. They have also been directed to visit 217 protected heritage monuments in the State and give necessary suggestions for further protection and

beautification of the monuments. The DCOs will also have to ensure that the books have reached various public libraries across the State. Similarly, the CAS has also asked the DCOs to identify places to install the statues of eminent personalities in various districts, garlanding of the statues on Birth and Death anniversaries and holding regular meetings regarding the progress of construction of Manmath-Manoj (Baleshwar District) monument. The concerned district cultural officer has been instructed to visit Suando village, the birthplace of Utkalmani Gopabandhu Das, and supervise its developmental work. It was discussed in the meeting to organize a screening of the "Daman" movie, which is based on the malaria eradication programme of the State Government, during non-official working hours.

Auction For 5 Mines



Bhubaneswar(KCN): The State Government has initiated the process of auction of five virgin mineral blocks issuing notice inviting tender (NIT) for these blocks. The Director of Mines and Geology under Steel and Mines Department has issued the NIT for e-auction of three bauxite and two limestone blocks in accordance with the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015. The mines which are going to be auctions are Ballada bauxite block in Koraput district, Sijimali bauxite block located in the border area of Kalahandi and Rayagada districts, Kutrumali bauxite block in Kalahandi and Rayagada districts, Garamura limestone block in Nuapada and Uskalvaga

limestone block in Malkangiri district. All the mineral blocks are unexplored mines. As per the NIT, the interested bidder can purchase the tender documents after payment of a tender fee on the website of e-auction platform till January 9, 2023 while January 16, 2023 (5 PM) is the deadline for submission of the bid. The tender fee for each of the three bauxite blocks is Rs 5 lakh and Rs 2 lakh each for other two limestone blocks. The two limestone blocks Garamura and Uskalvaga have been put for auction for the second time. Therefore, the bidders who had purchased the tender document for these two limestone blocks in response to the Notice

Inviting Tender dated October 22, 2021, will not be required to pay tender fee again to avail the document for the blocks, it said. The interested bidders can submit technical bids in digital or physical mode. However, the financial bids can be submitted only in digital format, the Government clarified. Meanwhile, the State Government has cancelled the tender issued for auction of four mines in March 2022. The mineral blocks are; Koira iron ore block, Kedesala North East iron ore block, Kusumdihi manganese & iron ore block and Orahuri manganese & iron ore block.

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Nushratt Bharuccha to begin shoot for horror film 'Chhorii 2' - Deets inside!

Bollywood actor Nushratt Bharuccha has recently won an award for 'Chhorii' at Filmfare middle east awards and has already kick-started the preparation for 'Chhorii 2'. Now the actress along with her team is all set to kick-start shoot for 'Chhorii 2' at the same time when 'Chhorii' is clocking 1 year to its release.



Bharuccha had won accolades for evolving as an actor in the layered horror film Chhorii and now she is all set to start the shoot for the film, it will be exciting to see how the film unravels. Talking about the same, she said, "I am starting to shoot for Chhorii 2 on 27th, it's uncanny because Chhorii released last year on the same date. It's even more uncanny because I just won a Filmfare middle east award for Chhorii and have just come back from the award function and now I am directly diving into the shooting of Chhorii 2. I cannot even begin to tell you how scary the script is. I am doing the Muhurat shoot today.

Bigg Boss 16 Day 54 updates: Sajid Khan and Archana Gautam get into BIG fight as she comments on his father

It's another day at the Bigg Boss house and we are back with the updates. The day begins with Bigg Boss anthem. Sajid says Tina and Nimrit should ignore Archana. He says she has been sent to trigger all of us. Priyanka and Ankit get into an argument over who does more for the other. Soundarya asks Archana to get almond milk but she denies. Priyanka and Ankit's argument intensifies and goes beyond jokes. He says very soon I'm going out of the house.



Bigg Boss then announces ration task. The contestants have to climb up the truck and get ration for their rooms while captain Shiv will drive the truck. During the task, Archana and Sajid get into an argument over the driver of the task. Archana calls Sajid rich and says his

father will drive the truck. Sajid gets infuriated and says I'm provoked now. They get into a big fight over it. They keep on arguing and all the housemates get involved. Archana says don't go on my mother and starts shouting. Priyanka and Soundarya also blame Archana for talking like this. Priyanka says to Archana

to not come to anyone's mom and dad. Sajid says Archana is destroying the energy of this place and Bigg Boss keeps bringing her back. Ankit says kicking was wrong. Priyanka and Soundarya get furious at Archana and ask her to leave their room. Archana says everyone is fake and I am very hurt with Soundarya. Soundarya says she is lashing out at

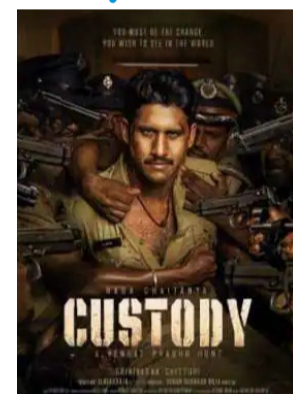
me for ginger, what should I say now? Soundarya says I stood up for Archana in front of Sajid and still she is behaving like this. Sajid gets emotional in front of MC Stan and Shiv. He says I lost my father to alcohol and I could not do anything. He says Salman Khan's father Salim came to help me at that time. He says until Bigg Boss calls me

to confession room, I will not eat food. Meanwhile, Soundarya and Archana try to resolve their issues. Sajid asks Bigg Boss to call him to confession room. Soundarya tries to clarify things with Sajid. Bigg Boss calls Shiv and Nimrit into the confession room and ask their opinion on Sajid and Archana's fight. Bigg Boss says Sajid's condition of not eating is not good. Nimrit and Shiv ask Sajid to eat food and not protest as it's not that grave a matter. Housemates celebrate Sajid's birthday. He thanks them. Priyanka breaks down in front of Ankit and says you have made fun of this on national television. He tries to resolve the issues but again ends up hurting Priyanka. That's all for today, stay tuned for more updates!

Custody makers unveil Naga Chaitanya's first look from the film on his birthday

Actor Naga Chaitanya turned a year older today. To mark this special occasion, the makers of the film, unveiled the first look and the title, which was tentatively titled 'NC 22' on Wednesday. Director Venkat Prabhu took to Twitter and treated fans with a first look poster featuring Naga Chaitanya. Chaitanya is playing a cop character in the film

titled 'Custody'. He could be seen bruised and surrounded by guns pointed at him by his fellow cops. Though overpowered but he shows no sign of submission. Sharing the first look poster, the filmmaker wrote, "Let's be the change we want to see in the world! Happy bday bro @chay_akkinenilet the hunt begin!" The film, which is



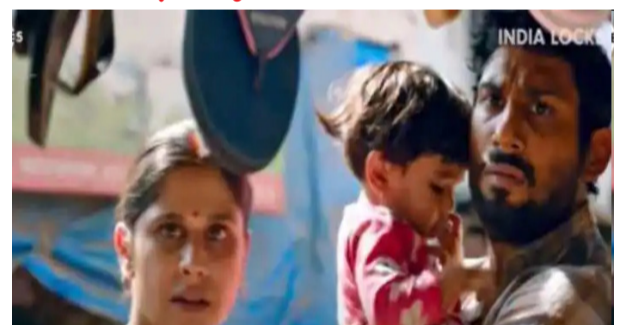
multilingual in Tamil and Telugu, was also scripted by Venkat Prabhu. The female lead in the movie

is played by Keerthy Suresh. And for the first time, renowned musician Ilaiyaraaja and his successful music director son Yuvan Shankar Raja are working together to create the soundtrack for this movie. Naga Chaitanya is marking his debut in Tamil cinema. Interestingly, Venkat Prabhu will make his foray Telugu industry with this bilingual. Talking about the film,

Venkat Prabhu said, "I am aware of Naga Chaitanya's strengths and the sensibilities of Telugu audiences and hence I have prepared a winning script for the movie. It is an out and out commercial entertainer. The film will not only have many noted actors but also have signed some popular technicians who will take care of different crafts."

Prateik Babbar opens up on working in 'India Lockdown', says, 'It was a huge challenge to step into the shoes of a migrant worker...'

The trailer of Zee5 upcoming original film 'India Lockdown' has been released. The film traces the how the lives of people in India were hit by the pandemic. It stars Shweta Basu Prasad, Aahana Kumra, Prateik Babbar, Sai Tamhankar and Prakash Balewadi in lead roles and Hrishitaa Bhatt in a cameo. Actor Prateik Babbar opened up on how it felt like stepping into the shoes of a migrant worker. When Prateik Babbar was asked what made him say yes to the film, he said, "The film India Lockdown is about our country in lockdown. It was a huge challenge to step into the shoes of a migrant worker which I never thought I would be exploring in my career. As an actor, I look forward to step out of my comfort zone with the



kind of roles I choose to play. I believe the shelf life for a film like this is forever. It is a reminder of the difficult times when our nation stood strong and fought the virus. Such films are a reminder for generations to come who haven't seen or been through this global crisis, who have no idea what we faced in the pandemic. It will educate the future generations. Another reason was of course the best we know, Mr. Madhur Bhandarkar. It was a matter of pride working with 5 times National Award winner

and Padma Shri recipient Madhur sir." In the trailer, we see that Shweta Basu Prasad plays the role of Mehruissa, a sex worker in Kamathipura in Mumbai who is forced to adapt to the changes brought about by the lockdown and experiment with new ways of doing her business online. Aahana Kumra plays Moon Alves, a pilot who is used to soaring high in the sky but is suddenly grounded for months together and who for the first time realizes what it is like to have her wings cut.

Drishyam 2 Hindi Box Office Collections: Ajay Devgn starrer continues POWER RUN with Rs 86 cr on Day 5

Superstar Ajay Devgn starrer Drishyam 2 Hindi version has managed to win a million hearts and that clearly shows at the ticket counters. Good word of mouth publicity and positive reviews have pushed the fans to theatres in huge numbers and looks like soon it will cross the Rs 100 crore mark. Drishyam 2 Hindi raked



in Rs 86 crore in flat 5 days. He wrote: While most films collapse / struggle on Day 5, #Drishyam2 continues to GALLOP TRIUMPHANTLY... Scores double digits [again]... Remarkable achievement during this turbulent phase... Fri 15.38 cr, Sat 21.59 cr, Sun 27.17 cr, Mon 11.87 cr, Tue 10.48 cr. Total: ? 86.49 cr.

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Yami Gautam starrer 'Lost' receives outstanding praise at IFFI's Asian Premiere Gala

Zee Studios and Namah Pictures' 'Lost' opened to great appreciation at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI). After the film received a positive response at several renowned film festivals like Chicago South Asian Film Festival and the Atlanta Indian Film Festival, it was scheduled to premiere at the IFFI for an Asian Premiere Gala. The film opened to a great reception at the Gala as the crowd stood up to applaud the film's breathtaking storyline. Helmed by Aniruddha Roy Chowdhury, 'Lost' is a gripping investigative drama thriller that depicts a higher quest, a search for lost values of empathy and integrity.



The screening was attended by Yami Gautam Dhar, director Aniruddha Roy Chowdhury, Pankaj Kapur with wife Supriya Pathak Kapur, Tushar Pandey, CBO of Zee Studios, Shariq Patel, Producer Shareen Mantri Kedia, Kishor Arora, Sam Fernandes and Kanwal Kohli. Inspired by true events, 'Lost' is a story of an enthusiastic young woman crime reporter in

her relentless search for the truth behind the sudden disappearance of a young theatre activist. The cast's stupendous performances and the film's brilliant narrative are not the only ones to be praised but also the subjects it touched upon including strong women, feminism and journalism.

The intriguing drama boasts a powerful cast. Along with Yami Gautam, the film will feature Pankaj Kapur, Rahul Khanna, and an ensemble of younger talent, including Neil Bhoopalram, Pia Bajpiee, and Tushar Pandey, in prominent roles.

Women are more than just bodies



Vinod Chandrashekhar Dixit

25th November is observed as International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women to raise awareness around the world that women are subjected to rape, domestic violence and other forms of violence. The crime against women seem to be increasing at an alarming rate. Crime

is endemic to the human condition, but a crime specifically directed at one sex is most despicable and unfortunately, the one that is punished least. It is found that the media exposure and all the legislation have little impact. Legislation introduced by the government is often merely tokenism. One would find that

the problem before the majority of women in our country is not equality but survival. There is scarcely a day when cases of rape or a dowry murder are not reported from different parts of the country. The pati-parmeshwar has rudely and gradually been brought down to earth. The scenario for women seems grim indeed and this will continue so long as the basic social and economic structures remain unchanged and the implementing and law and order agencies show indifference. The thinking of society has to change and parents must value their daughters on a par with their sons and should give them the same advantages and means of independence. The law which is implemented for this

purpose must also demonstrate that it will come down with a heavy hand on offenders otherwise we can put an to this problem. Despite the existing legislation to protect women's rights women hesitate to take any step because of their own weak social and economics status. The movement for improving women's status should form part of the struggle against all inequalities and indignities prevalent in society. I would like to point out that while laws alone cannot put an end to evils that are endemic in the social structure, the government can at least make some attempt to take it's own enactments seriously. The condition of women is one of the most remarkable circumstances in the

manner of nations. Among rude people the women are generally degraded, among civilised people they are exalted." If the stories of rape and torture of women in India that have hit the headlines recently are anything to go by, then can we consider India to be a developing country? Among the worst countries in crime, India has an abhorrent track record in all forms of sexual exploitation. In homes, on streets, in public transports, at offices, even on vacations. No place is safe. And the most terrible fall out of this is the lack of self worth and feeling of degradation following the emotional and physical trauma that constant harassment creates. Such is the recurrence of these incidents that Delhi

has earned the ignoble nickname of the 'Rape Capital'. While most cases go unreported as it is considered an act that puts one to shame, only 20% of the registered cases for sexual harassment reach actual conviction. In every 10 rape cases, 6 are of minor girls. Every 7 minutes, a crime is committed against women. Every 26 minutes, a women is molested. Every 34 minutes, a rape takes place. Every 42 minutes, a sexual harassment incident occurs. Every 43 minutes, a women is kidnapped. Every 93 minutes, a women is burnt to death over dowry. A shameful plight!!! The thinking of society has to change and parents must value

their daughters on a par with their sons and should give them the same advantages and means of independence. It is rightly pointed out that "The subject of gender based violence, especially against women is complex, multilayered." The crime is an endemic to the human condition, but a crime specifically directed at one sex is most despicable and unfortunately, the one that is punished least. One would find that the problem before the majority of women in our country is not equality but survival. There is scarcely a day when cases of rape or a dowry murder are not reported from different parts of the country. Despite the existing legislation to protect women's rights women hesitate to take

any step because of their own weak social and economics status. The movement for improving women's status should form part of the struggle against all inequalities and indignities prevalent in society. I would like to point out that while laws alone cannot put an end to evils that are endemic in the social structure, government should come out with much more essence and urgency to check the indecent behaviour against women folks, and the need to chart out stern measures on the part of administrative authorities for curbing down such events.

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Perils of Smuggling and Counterfeiting

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Our country's profitable growth story has lately captured the world's attention, posing new challenges for the domestic frugality. One of the ongoing challenges is the growing illegal trade in fakes, pass-offs, and smuggled goods. Counterfeiting and smuggling detriment public progress by affecting fiscal, social, and physical health around the world. Smuggling is a international and transborder crime. It destabilises the legal assiduity, stifles invention and investment, reduces government earnings, and jeopardises consumer health and safety. The arrival of technology, rapid-fire communication channels, and globalisation have accelerated the exponential growth of lawless trade in dangerous forms similar as counterfeiting and smuggling.

Lawless trade is a public trouble because it generates black plutocrat, which is also used to fund systematized crime, similar as terrorism. The actuality and operation of counterfeiting and smuggling are broad in compass and large in value, impacting

not only the global frugality, causing losses to both assiduity and government, but also negatively impacting consumer health and safety and largely funding terrorist conditioning worldwide. A trouble to Our public Interests investigates the impact of lawless trade in five crucial Indian diligence mobile phones, FMCG- Household and Personal Goods, FMCG- Packaged Foods, Tobacco Products, and Alcoholic potables. According to the report, the lawless request in the five key diligence was worth three thousand crores in the former time, with the FMCG assiduity — menage and particular goods, and packaged foods — counting for 3/4th of the total lawless value of goods in the five key diligence. According to the report, illegal trade in the five diligence mentioned above results in a total estimated licit employment loss of sixteen lakh. The estimated duty loss to the government due to lawless goods in these diligence is about fifty thousand crore, with tobacco products and alcoholic potables

counting for nearly fourty-nine percent of the overall duty loss. To combat the growing troubles of counterfeiting and smuggling, it's critical to strengthen the rule of law and ameliorate the effectiveness of penalties and warrants. Businesses must take applicable way to cover consumers from the proliferation of scammers and infringers who seek to take advantage of the situation. Mindfulness and outreach is an essential element in erecting a visionary strategy to check this growing imminence of counterfeiting and smuggling. Government has to concentrate on spreading mindfulness and enabling a dialogue between the stakeholders on the intimidating magnitude of lawless trade to abolish this demon from the society. Central government should organize mindfulness programs in educational institutions and considerably involve the youth in this fight against lawless trade. Need for nonstop mindfulness generation to educate the consumers on the implicit pitfalls and mischievous impact of buying and using fake,

spurious and smuggled products. Creating public mindfulness, adding surveillance, collaboration and combined sweats are needed amongst colorful stakeholders, enforcement agencies, assiduity, cooperation with private stakeholders and consumers can help fight the problem of counterfeiting and smuggling. Government has to propagate the problem of counterfeiting and smuggling on social media channels, journals and other promotional sources in order to make the general public apprehensive of this intimidating issue. There's vital need for the policy makers, enforcement agencies and assiduity to be on the frontal bottom, to attack it. Customs and border control agencies has to be a visionary in precluding lawless trade and dismembering international smuggling operations. Indian customs has to make a legal and executive system, introducing the perpetration of new technology, threat operation and data analytics to combat lawless trade.

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Raichur, Karnataka

Globalisation and its impact

Pratap chandra sahu

The essence of globalisation in a broad sense is connectivity in all aspects of human life. Globalisation means integration of economics and societies through cross country flow of information, ideas, technologies, goods, services, capital, finance and the people. Although economic forces are in integral part of globalisation, it would be wrong to suggest that alone produced it. It has been driven forward above all by the development of information and communication technology, that have been intensified the scope and speed of interaction between the people. Different countries have been doing trade with one another. But the process has got a tremendous boost in about last two decades due to high handed policies of international monetary fund, world bank and world trade organisation, who have been working on the agenda of developed countries like u.s.a and others. Globalisation has intensified independence and competition between

economics in the world market. This will be reflected in interdependence in trading of goods and services. As a result domestic economic developments are determined entirely by economic policies and conditions. This constrained the policy option available to the government which implies loss of autonomy to some extent in decision making at the national level. With the opening of special zones the availability of new jobs have been quite effective. There has been a considerable rise in employment. The foreign companies brought in highly advanced technology with them and this helped to make indian industry more advanced. There is an international market for companies and for consumers. There is a wider range of products to choose from. Increase in flow of investments has been used for economic reconstruction. Apart from these positive aspects there are some negative aspects which are attributed to globalisation process

only. Due to independence of indian economy and world economy it has become very difficult for government to insulate its economy from world economy. Indian people now prefer global brands over indian brands because they are cheap, easily available, more fashionable. Step and fast reduction in custom duties have snatched large part of indian market from established global players. For its survival in the face of global competition. Indian industry has transformed itself from labour intensive to capital intensive by adopting global technology and automatic machinery which has resulted in the high rate of unemployment. Improved economic conditions increased recognition of human rights. Unprecedented mobility and interaction of people the world. India is not an exception in this case. Indian family system is shifting towards nuclear family system instead of joint family system. Globalisation has

undermined the traditional role of women in home making handicrafts handlooms etc. and resulted in a relativity better environment for women. Their security has become a major issue in this changing scenario and they are the bearer of double burden of family as well as that of job. People today especially young mass have developed an identity that gives them a sense belonging to a worldwide culture which includes awareness of events, practices, styles and information that are part of global culture. We can not say that impact of globalisation has been totally positive or negative. It has been both positive and negative. It becomes a point of concern when an overwhelming impact of globalisation can be observed on the indian culture. Nothing in india is to be approved unless it is recognised and recommended by an appropriate authority in the west. This must be checked.

Nabarangapur

Conspiracy to create Rift Between SC,ST And Soren Government in Jharkhand:V S Nayak

Ranchi:(KCN) : Leaders of RSS sponsored organizations are conspiring to create a fight between SC-ST, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren should not come under any influence or pressure and protect the constitutional interests of all the society. Today, Vijay Shankar Nayak, the Central Vice President of Adivasi Moolvasi Jan Adhikar Manch and former candidate of Hatia assembly constituency, said in a letter sent by email to the Chief Minister of the state, Hemant Soren. He further said that in Jharkhand, a malicious attempt is being made by the

leaders of the RSS sponsored organization to make the Dalit tribal native society fight among themselves. Recently, an attempt was made to fight the tribal and Kurmi society, when they did not get success in this work, then they are now engaged in a conspiracy to fight between ST-SC on the question of reservation for the post of Mayor in Ranchi, whose There is less to be condemned. Mr. Nayak requested the Chief Minister of the state, Hemant Soren, that he should not act under the influence of any



organization or political, social pressure and protect the constitutional interests of all the people of the society so that every class gets social justice and their successful life. There should be all-round development of all the people of the society

under the leadership could be able to Manage He also said that it should not happen that due to someone's pressure or misguiding, he should not become a victim of the politics of a p p l y i n g antimony in one eye and

politics of constitutional interests and egalitarian society, social justice for all classes. They will get far reaching benefits otherwise a special class. The politics of appeasement will work to drown them. Therefore, as soon as possible, by taking concrete initiatives towards ending the ST-SC reservation dispute for the post of Mayor in Ranchi, elections should be conducted as soon as possible and social justice should be given to all classes, so that Dalit tribals under their leadership should think seriously. Political development of native society can also take place

After Violent Protests At iPhone Plant In China, Foxconn Promises \$1,400 Payment To Workers

Beijing: After offering an apology for the technical error, Apple's major supplier, Foxconn, has begun offering 10,000 yuan (\$1,400) to any workers who choose to leave. The sum will be paid out in two installments, according to a CNN report. After violent protests shook the biggest iPhone plant in the world, this extraordinary decision was made public. The report further stated that the company urged workers to "please return to your dormitories" on the campus. It also promised them 8,000 yuan if they agreed to leave Foxconn and another 2,000 yuan

once they boarded buses to leave the sprawling site. According to Bloomberg, many of the 200,000-plus workers at Foxconn's main plant in Zhengzhou hail from elsewhere in the province or country. But the intent was also to usher out recent employees that the local government helped recruit, many of whom fueled tensions among the ranks. Earlier on Thursday, Apple's major supplier Foxconn said a "technical error" occurred when hiring new recruits at a COVID-hit iPhone factory in China and apologized to workers after the company was

rocked by fresh labour unrest. Men smashed surveillance cameras and clashed with police as hundreds of workers protested at the world's biggest iPhone plant in Zhengzhou city on Wednesday, in rare scenes of open dissent in China sparked by claims of overdue pay and frustration over severe COVID-19 restrictions. Workers said in videos circulated on social media that they had been informed that Foxconn intended to delay bonus payments. Some workers also complained they were forced to share dormitories with colleagues who had tested positive for COVID.

Elon Musk's 2-Year-Old Son Ran Around Twitter Headquarters, Played With Toys During Talks: Report



London: The day Elon Musk took ownership of Twitter, the tech billionaire brought his 2-year-old son X A E A-Xii with him to intense talks at the company's headquarter's in San Francisco, US. The Washington Post reported that on October 27 Mr Musk and his team met with Trust and Safety Officer Yoel Roth in a conference room in order to outline his plans for the site's future. During the meeting, toys were scattered round the second-floor conference room, dubbed the war room, and Mr Musk's 2-year-old X A E A-Xii, was running around. X A E A-Xii may have

been at Twitter's headquarters to attend the office Halloween party that day, where some staff brought their children. He was born in 2020 and is Elon Musk's first child with Canadian musician Grimes. The pair have been co-parenting their children after splitting up in September 2021. Meanwhile, coming back to the ongoing Twitter chaos, last month, immediately after taking over the platform, Mr Musk fired some of Twitter's top executives, including chief legal officer Vijay Gadde, CEO Parag Agrawal and CFO Ned Segal. As per the Post, Mr Gadde's

termination meant that Mr Roth was suddenly the highest-ranking executive in the platform's trust and safety department. On October 27, Mr Musk was joined by his inner circle at Twitter headquarters. The "Chief Twit" and his new team used a large second-floor conference room, dubbed the war room, to discuss topics from layoffs to the site's engineering. The Post reported that the meeting between Mr Musk and Mr Roth, where they discussed content moderation, including issues related to the Brazilian general election, took place shortly after Mr Gadde was fired. Two weeks later, Mr Roth also quit. He reportedly had a clash with Mr Musk over issues including allowing controversial Christian news outlet The Babylon Bee and conspiracy theorist Jordan Peterson to return to Twitter.

Taliban Urges Afghan Refugees To Stay Away From Protests In Iran, Pakistan

Kabul: Abdul Rahman Rashid, the Taliban's Deputy Minister of Refugees, urged Afghan refugees to avoid taking part in demonstrations held in Iran and Pakistan. The Taliban representative said in a video message that was released on November 23 that "the demonstrations are their (Iran and Pakistan's) domestic affairs, their people are demonstrating, do not ruin your life," reported The Khaama Press. Rashid added that these protests are internal issues of the respective countries and Afghan nationals should not participate in them. The Taliban's call to Afghan refugees comes while Iranian citizens have been holding nationwide protests for several weeks across Iran. Iranian woman Mahsa Amini, 22, died while being held by the Iranian Morality Police for not observing the mandatory



hijab, prompting an unprecedented flurry of public protests against the Iranian government. These widespread protests sparked by Amini's death, are one of the biggest challenges faced by the Iranian government and leadership after the 1979 revolution. However, so far, the

Iranian government has not spoken about the participation of Afghan immigrants in the demonstrations. On Tuesday, Iran's judiciary announced that the government of Iran had arrested 40 foreign citizens in connection with the country's recent protests. However, it has not revealed more

information about the identity of the arrested individuals. Prior to the Taliban taking control of Afghanistan, 3.4 million Afghan immigrants--nearly two million of them were undocumented--lived in Iran, according to statistics from the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR),

reported Khaama Press. However, UNHCR said that after August last year when the Taliban took control of Afghanistan, hundreds of thousands of Afghans fled to Iran. Meanwhile, Pakistan is also in turmoil due to political instability, after Imran Khan, the former prime minister of Pakistan was ousted. Violent protests by his supporters occurred parallel with protests in Iran, reported Khaama Press. While the ousted PM of Pakistan sustained a shot in his leg in a protest on November 6, he stated that the protest marches towards Islamabad would resume. Although the UN International Organization for Migration (IOM) estimates that there are now 1.3 million Afghan immigrants living in Pakistan lawfully, it is also believed that hundreds of thousands of Afghan immigrants are also residing there irregularly, reported Khaama Press.

Shraddha Walkar Murder Case Has An Element Of Love Jihad, Says Assam Chief Minister

New Delhi: Assam Chief Minister and BJP leader Himanta Biswa Sarma has claimed that the Mehrauli killing has an "element of love jihad" and said besides roads and electricity, security of daughters is a poll issue. Responding to a question on him raising the Shraddha Walkar murder case during the poll campaign and calling for a stringent law to prevent "love jihad", Mr Sarma on Thursday said the case relates to the security of women and also has an "element of love jihad". "Aaftab brought Shraddha to Delhi for



marriage. He cut her body into 35 pieces and put in the fridge...then he brought another woman in the same room...it relates to the security of women, it is related to the security of my daughter, and there is an element of love



jihad," he said at the Times Now Summit here. Aaftab Amin Poonawala allegedly strangled Walkar (27) and sawed her body into 35 pieces, which he kept in a 300-litre fridge for almost three weeks at his residence in south

Delhi's Mehrauli before dumping those across the city over several days past midnight. Walkar was allegedly killed in May. Mr Sarma also said Leftist historians have betrayed the country. He said those who wrote Indian

history wanted to portray a "bigger picture" of Aurangzeb vis-a-vis Indian kings. The Assam chief minister, who has campaigned in the Gujarat Assembly polls, defended his remarks comparing Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's looks with that of former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein. He said the Congress leader was batting in the pavilion with his gloves and pads on when the pitch was elsewhere. He said while the Congress was contesting polls in Gujarat, Gandhi was walking with Medha Patkar in Madhya Pradesh in the Bharat Jodo Yatra.

BJP Supporters Plotted In Party To Weaken It: Uttarakhand Congress Chief

Dehradun: The Congress' Uttarakhand unit chief Karan Mahara has alleged that the BJP's "sleeping cells" had entered the party and were trying to weaken it in every way. While Mr Mahara did not take any names, he said anyone speaking against a Congress leader must be hand-in-glove with the BJP. "They are people who have been put into the Congress by the BJP. They are BJP supporters. They will definitely oppose or indulge in 'character assassination' of anyone who tries to strengthen the Congress," Mr Mahara said while addressing party workers on Thursday. Referring to a meeting



held by Amit Shah with BJP MLAs, he said the Union Home minister had advised them to follow the mantra of "idol breaking" to weaken the Congress and come to power. "Idol breaking means indulging in character assassination of Congress leaders who

are doing well and that is exactly what these elements planted in the Congress by the BJP are doing. They are in the Congress office during the day and BJP leaders' homes at night," Mr Mahara said. He also cautioned party workers to be on their guard against such elements.

Odisha: Martyr Baji Rout's village reels in neglect as farmers make bamboo bridge to cross river

Bhuban (KCN): Odisha's Nilakanthapur village in Dhenkanal district may have scored a place in history as the home of India's youngest freedom fighter Baji Rout but even 75 years after Independence, development continues to elude the local residents. The village, in 1926, had shot to limelight after the 12-year-old laid down his life while rising against the British. But today, it paints a sorry picture as basic amenities like road and bridge connectivity continue to be a far-fetched dream for the people here. The plight of locals here has once again come to light after farmers in the village, after being deprived of a proper bridge for years, were recently seen voluntarily



coming together to build a bamboo bridge across the Brahmani river. Sources said the farmers, in absence of a road or bridge, had to resort to this make shift arrangement as a last option for their livelihood as they have to put their lives at risk every day while swimming across the river to their fields. Home to a population of 1525 with 245 families, the village, which comes under Mahulpal Kanapal panchayat of Bhuban block, was divided by the

Brahmani river with their agricultural farmlands on the other side. With farming and fishing as their major means of sustenance, crossing the river was a daily routine for the farmers. But with rising cases of mishaps and drowning, wading across the water body became an issue specially for female farmers. Sources said their plight worsened during monsoons when their paddy and vegetable crops were damaged due to standing water but they were unable to

swim to the other side due to the swelling river. This started to impact their livelihood as most of the time, the villagers were unable to carry out their daily business. Left with no other option, they volunteered and constructed a bamboo bridge in two days' time recently. Sharing their angst, the villagers said the government has come up with so many initiatives but not even once considered the plight of farmers here who have to put their lives at risk daily just to go to work. They have also demanded that the government come up with solution to their problem at the earliest. "Farming is our bread and butter, We can go to any

lengths to fill our stomach. But is this what we deserve? There's no count of people who have drowned while crossing the river and this is what we face on a daily basis just to go our fields. We demand that the government ensure proper bridge connectivity to us at the earliest," said female farmer Mamina Sahu. Geographically, the region including Nilakanthapur was considered an island prior to 2016 with accessibility being a major issue. In 2004, bridge work started at Rangamatia while Baji Rout Setu came up four years later. A bridge over Pandara canal started in 2015 and was completed the following year. While connectivity improved in all these surrounding areas, Nilakanthapur has seen no such development over the years.

Naveen inaugurates Happiest Minds Technologies' Development Centre in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Expanding IT ecosystem in Odisha, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik today inaugurated the development centre of leading IT major 'Happiest Minds Technologies' here in the city. The new IT development centre will strengthen Odisha's position as a technology resource hub in India, a release from the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) stated today. The Innovation Centre will have capacity for more than 1000 employees as the company is looking to expand its capacity to serve global clients out of India. The company will create job opportunities for talented engineers from the region in the coming years. Inaugurating the Happiest Minds Technologies' development centre at Fortune Towers in Bhubaneswar, Patnaik said, "Odisha has been taking giant strides in IT

sector in recent years. The growth momentum is accelerating in IT space with growing confidence of IT companies on Odisha as an investment destination. Odisha is now fast emerging as a technology resource hub of India creating jobs for our youth." Highlighting the IT friendly ecosystem available in Bhubaneswar, the CM said that most of the IT companies have set foot in the capital city. "The enabling environment, facilitation service and huge talent pool available here have turned Odisha into coveted destination. Opening up of the Happiest Minds Global IT Development Centre adds yet another defining chapter, signifying the fast changing IT ecosystem in the state," he added. Manoj Kumar Mishra, Secretary, E&IT Department said, "Under the guidance of Hon'ble CM, we are committed to provide an ecosystem for

job linked industrial growth. Thank Happiest Minds for choosing to be part of the transformative story of Odisha." "It will further bolster IT ecosystem in the state and create jobs for youth in Odisha," the senior official added. The new development centre will enable the company to expand its capacity to deliver digital transformation solutions to enterprises and technologies for seamless customer experiences, business efficiency and actionable insights. The company aims to leverage a spectrum of disruptive technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain, Cloud, Digital process automation, Internet of Things, Robotics/ Drones, Security and Virtual/Augmented Reality. Ashok Soota, Executive Chairman, Happiest Minds Technologies said, "We are delighted to start with a new development centre in Bhubaneswar.

Apprehending attack by BJP leaders, BJD seeks protection from CEO for MLA Susanta Singh



Bhubaneswar(KCN): A delegation of the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) today met the Odisha Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) and sought increase in security for party's Bhatli MLA Susanta Singh ahead of the Padampur bypoll. In a memorandum submitted to the CEO, the party said it was fearing murderous attack on the MLA by two leaders of the BJP who had earlier assaulted the legislator's brother

during Bijepur bypoll. "BJD has a long history of electoral violence in Odisha. We had in fact filed a petition with your office yesterday itself how BJD worker Sanju Bariha was murderously attacked on 23rd November, 2022 by BJP worker Rinku Meher along with other BJP workers at Bubuda Village, Dahigaon GP, Padampur Block leading to serious head injury for which he had to be shifted to

VIMSAR, Burla as his condition worsened. Electoral violence is a habit for the BJP in Odisha and they might well be preparing for more in the coming days," the BJD said in the memorandum. "During the 2018 Bijepur by-poll, it is well known that two BJP leaders had murderously attacked BJD MLA Susant Singh's brother and these two BJP leaders are now star campaigners of the

BJP in Padampur by-poll. They were in jail for this crime and now out on bail and campaigning for BJP. It is also being heard that they are now planning to attack Susant Singh in this Padampur by-poll and for that they have also started preparations," the BJD said. "We therefore request you to kindly increase the security of Susanta Singh in order to protect him from this murderous conspiracy that has been hatched again by these BJP leaders during this Padampur by-poll. We look forward to your kind intervention and also strict monitoring and surveillance of these criminal elements within the BJP who have a penchant and history of crime during elections in Bargarh district," it added.

Mayurbhanj Kai Chutney all set to get GI tag; Consultative Group Meeting on Dec 6

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Kai (Red Ant) Chutney of Odisha's Mayurbhanj is likely to get Geographical Indications (GI) tag as a meeting in this regard will be held in Odisha capital on December 6. The Odisha University of Agriculture & Technology (OUAT) had earlier submitted an application to the Geographical Indications Registry seeking the tag. In response, the office of



the GI Registry has formed a Consultative Group of Experts to ascertain the correctness of particulars furnished in the application. The Consultative Group Meeting has been fixed for

December 6 in Bhubaneswar. The applicant has been asked to prepare a Power Point presentation to support the claim. As many as five experts of Red Ant from Mayurbhanj will be present at the meeting. Notably, red ants are consumed in the form of a chutney namely 'Kai Chutney' in Mayurbhanj district.

The red weaver ants are indigenous to Mayurbhanj and are found in forests, including Similipal. The tribal people use them to make chutneys and soups. The chutney is believed to have medicinal properties as it is rich in protein, calcium, zinc, vitamin B-12, iron, magnesium, potassium, sodium, copper, fiber and amino acids.



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Rupee Rises 22 Paise To 81.63 Against A Retreating Dollar On Fed Rate Outlook

New Delhi: The rupee gained on Thursday against a retreating dollar, which added to significant losses overnight after the minutes of the latest Federal Reserve meeting showed support for tapering interest-rate hikes, providing some impetus to risk assets. After opening at 81.70 per dollar, the rupee was last at 81.6275, with the domestic currency trading in the 81.6037 to 81.7750 range during the session compared to its previous close of 81.8513, according to Bloomberg. PTI reported that the rupee gained 29 paise to close provisionally at 81.64 against the US dollar. "The rupee has been in a range of 10 paise as the opening at 81.72 was quite high with the dollar index falling below 106. all Asian currencies gaining up after the Fed's dovish minutes yesterday," said Anil Kumar Bhansali, Head of Treasury at Finrex Treasury Advisors. The dollar was down 0.14 per cent at 105.75, following a 1 per cent fall overnight after the anxiously awaited summary of the Fed meeting from



November 1-2 showed policymakers were generally confident they could now advance in smaller steps. "I think now it is

almost certain that we'll see the FOMC slow its pace of tightening from December," Carol Kong, a Currency Strategist at the Commonwealth

Bank of Australia (CBA), told Reuters. On hopes the Fed eases the pace of its aggressive rate hike trajectory after weaker-than-

expected US inflation reading has seen the dollar slide over 5 per cent in November, putting it on track for its worst monthly performance in 12

years. However, CBA's Mr Kong warned that the markets are overly excited about a potential impending halt to the tightening cycle and pointed out that the zero-COVID policies of China continue to provide significant support for the dollar. As a result of an increase in coronavirus cases, Chinese cities have implemented more restrictions, raising investor concerns about the economy and reducing their risk appetite. Still, the yuan strengthened after state media in China cited the cabinet as saying that Beijing

would employ timely reductions in banks' reserve requirement ratios (RRR) and other monetary policy measures to maintain a reasonable level of liquidity. But Gita Gopinath, the first Deputy Managing Director for the International Monetary Fund, told in an interview with Bloomberg Television that China's Covid-zero policy has had "a significant effect on consumption" while the property crisis is "affecting investment in the sector and affecting property developers."

DIB Expo-2022 Inaugurated

New Delhi: Defence Infrastructure Construction and Building Materials Expo (DIBEX-2022) was inaugurated and presided over by Lt Gen Harpal Singh PVSM AVSM VSM ADC Engineer-in-Chief. Major General Sandeep Vohra, Officiating DGW, Maj Gen Sanjay Malik Chief Engineer, South western Command, Sh. J. S. Verma Joint DG (Contract), Dr. P.R. Swarup Director General CIDC besides many other senior officers from MES/Govt Departments were also present on the occasion. The Exhibition has been organized jointly by MES Builders Association of India and M/s Triune Exhibitors Pvt.Ltd. The Hony.Gen.Secretary



Sh.Azeezulla Khan welcomed all dignitaries/participants/Exhibitors/Builders Members to DIBEX-2022. He stressed upon that there is need of these type of Exhibition to enhance the knowledge of Department and Builders. President Sh.Anil Kapoor emphasized that the MES Builders Association want the industry to know that we consider it as an integral part. We cannot look at each other only with the point of view of vendor and customer. We have to

align our interests with each other and make efforts to grow together. The contractors are solely responsible for the end product i.e. the project that we complete. We both need to hold each other's hand and push all those new innovative products which can go a long way to reduce the risk of failure and improve reliability. Therefore, I want to send out a message to our friends in the industry that henceforth MESBAI will be your voice as well.

In Talks To Sell Bisleri, Including With Tata Group: Chairman R Chauhan

BENGALURU: Veteran industrialist Ramesh Chauhan on Thursday said he is scouting for a buyer for his packaged water business Bisleri International and is in talks with several players, including Tata Consumer Products Ltd. However, the 82-year-old pioneer of the Indian packaged water business denied a report that a ? 7,000 crore deal has been finalised with Tata Consumer Products Ltd (TCPL). When asked if he is selling his Bisleri Business, Ramesh Chauhan answered in the affirmative. "Yes. We are," he told PTI. However, he also added that the group is in discussions with several prospective



buyers. When asked about the report that he has agreed to sell his business to the Tata Group firm, Chauhan, Chairman of Bisleri International said, "It's not correct... We are still discussing." When asked about the reasons for the sale of Bisleri business, the octogenarian business leader said someone

had to handle it and look into it. His daughter Jayanti is not interested in handling the business, Chauhan added. Later in a media statement, Bisleri International Spokesperson said: "We are currently in discussion and cannot disclose further." Three decades ago Chauhan's sold their soft drinks

business to the US beverage major The Coca-Cola Company. He transferred brands such as Thums Up, Gold Spot, Citra, Maaza and Limca in 1993 to the Atlanta-headquartered firm. Of these brands, Thums Up has already become a billion-dollar brand and Coca-Cola expects fruit drinks brand Maaza also to be

a billion-dollar brand by 2024. Chauhan re-entered the soft drinks segment in 2016, by launching "Bisleri POP" but failed to create that magic again. A reply from Tata group FMCG arm TCPL could not be ascertained by the time of filing of the story. The Tata group firm, which has the ambition to be a "formidable player in the FMCG industry" has recently done some acquisitions and is expanding its reach in the addressable market. If TCPL's deal with Bisleri is finalised, then it is going to convert the Tata group firm into a leader in the fast-growing bottled water segment.

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millers and the officials involving corruption to the tune of Rs.3000 crore in the procurement of paddy every year forcing the distress sale of paddy by the farmers. As per reports, there is a Rs 3,000 crore scam in procurement of paddy due to Katni Chatni, Mr.Majhi alleged.

On the other hand, the Congress members slammed both the State and the Centre for the plight of the farmers. They accused the state government of delaying input subsidy and hit out at the centre for the delay in the settlement of crop insurance claims.

Both the State and Centre are looting the farmers in the State. When the Congress raises the issue, both BJP and BJD have went to the well of the House. Both the parties are doing Drama, alleged Congress Lawmaker Taraprasad Bahinipati.

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Prominent personalities present include Saroja Choudhury, Sanjay Mohanty, Kaveri Behera, Anil Mishra, Dillip Mohanty and Ajay Rout. In the inaugural Ceremony Chairman, Public Accounts Committee of Odisha Assembly Mohan Majhi, Secretary of Servants of People Society Pravash Acharya, Senoir Journalist Arun Panda, BJP Leaders Pruthwiraj Harichandan, Bhruhu Buxipatra, Chairman of National Human Rights Protection Organisation Abhinna Hota and Senior Bureaucrat Dr. Debendra Majhi attended as Guests.

Another Sign Of India Slowdown? Amazon To Shut Online Learning Academy

Bengaluru: Amazon.com Inc said today it would shut down its online learning platform for high-school students in India less than two years of its launch, without citing a reason. The Amazon Academy platform, launched early last year amid a boom in virtual learning during the COVID-19 pandemic, offered coaching for competitive exams including Joint Entrance Examination (JEE), which allows entry



into top engineering colleges across India. Based on an assessment, the e-commerce giant said in a statement that it had made the decision to discontinue Amazon Academy "in

a phased manner to take care of current customers". The winding down comes at a time when multiple edtech firms are reeling under the pressure of schools and coaching centres

reopening across India after COVID-19 induced lockdowns. Amazon Academy to Shut Down Less Than Two Years After Launch as Edtech Firms Face Post-Pandemic Challenges

In Talks To Sell Bisleri, Including With Tata Group: Chairman R Chauhan In Talks To Sell Bisleri, Including With Tata Group: Chairman R Chauhan G7's Oil Price Cap Sanctions To Have Little Impact On Russian Revenue Other players Unacademy, Toppr, WhiteHat Jr, and Vedantu had also announced layoffs earlier this year, as per local media reports.

Cristiano Ronaldo SAVOURS 'beautiful moment' after RECORD goal

New Delhi: Cristiano Ronaldo said he was living a 'beautiful moment' after becoming the first player to score in five men's World Cups as he helped Portugal to a 3-2 victory over Ghana on Thursday (November 24) at the start of their campaign in Qatar. "It's a beautiful moment in my fifth World Cup," Ronaldo told reporters. "We won. We started on a good foot. It's a very important win. We know in these competitions the first match is fundamental. "It's another record too," he said. "That makes me very proud. I am very happy for the team to have put on excellent performance. It was difficult but we deserved to win." Asked about his



acrimonious departure from Manchester United this week, Ronaldo said the only thing that counted was Portugal's win. "All the rest, it doesn't matter," he added. Portugal coach Fernando Santos hailed his 37-year-old captain who won a second-half

penalty and converted it himself to open the scoring against Ghana. "I think Cristiano is a phenomenon, a legend," Santos told reporters. "In 50 years time, we will still be talking about him." Ronaldo was substituted in the 88th minute to a rousing reception around

Stadium 974 in Doha at the start of what is likely to be his last World Cup. Santos rebuffed suggestions by his Ghanaian opposite number Otto Addo that the penalty decision was incorrect - given for a shove by defender Mohammed Salisu - and should have been

reviewed by US referee Ismail Elfath via the VAR system. "If the VAR tells the referee that he has to have a look, he will have a look," he said. "If the VAR didn't call over the referee it's because they watched the images and there was nothing to see." Santos, in charge of Portugal since 2014 and who led them to the 2016 European Championship title, said the game had their 'highs and lows' for Portugal and he was unhappy about conceding two goals. "Now we have to look and see what happened with the players and respond to it," he said. Portugal, who top Group H, face Uruguay - who drew 0-0 with South Korea on Thursday - in their next match on Monday.

Sri Lanka-Pakistan Galle Test under ACU scanner

Galle: The International Cricket Council (ICC) will investigate the allegations of match-fixing in the July's Test between Sri Lanka and Pakistan in Galle. The match was won by the visitors, who chased down a formidable fourth innings target of 342, thanks to a heroic knock by opener Abdullah Shafique, who remained unbeaten on 160. The decision is an initiative of Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) which invited ICC Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU) chief Alex Marshall to probe the sanctity of the July 16-20 match after Nalin Bandara, a Member of Parliament in the country, made the startling charges of underperformance by the home team. After a meeting of its executive committee, SLC decided to invite the ACU head of the world body. As

a matter of practice and policy, the ICC would not comment on the anti-corruption matters but Cricbuzz understands that the world body will send an ACU official to conduct the investigation. The SLC sent its letter a couple of days ago. Speaking in Parliament recently, Bandara, said everyone in the SLC setup is involved in corruption and the result was compromised. When asked for a comment, the opposition MP, told Cricbuzz, "There are some issues, I will speak tomorrow (on Friday, November 25)." Reports have suggested that he did not offer any proof but as an MP he enjoys parliamentary immunity from libel cases. Sri Lanka Cricket has been a centre of many allegations in the past leading to ICC action against many of its

cricketers, including against star player no less than a World Cup (1996) hero Sanath Jayasuriya, who was banned for two years in 2019. An ICC ACU representative was a constant presence in Sri Lanka to probe charges of corruption. The match in question was part of a two-Test which ended in a draw earlier this year. Batting first Sri Lanka made 222 and 337 and set up a 342-run target for Pakistan. Babar Azam's team reached the target, losing six wickets with skipper himself contributing 55, the second highest score of the innings after Shafique's 160 not out. The series was conducted in the midst of an economic crisis in the island nation which was reeling under acute shortage of power and other essentials. SLC officials did not offer comment till the time of going to print.

Shakib Al Hasan returns for India ODIs

Dhaka: All-rounder Shakib Al Hasan returns to the ODI fold as the Bangladesh Cricket Board announced a 16-member squad for the upcoming three-match 50-over series against India, scheduled at home from December 4. Shakib didn't travel to Zimbabwe, where Bangladesh played their last ODI series in August, due to a personal reasons. Batter Yasir Ali made a return to the 50-over set-up for the series while pacer Ebadot Hossain managed to retain his place after impressing the selectors in the lone ODI that he played against Zimbabwe. Ebadot was not picked initially for the ODI series against Zimbabwe, but was brought in as a late inclusion. He repaid the team management's faith by picking two wickets in his debut game.



Mohammad Naim, who also made a late entry alongside Ebadot, didn't enjoy similar fate as he hasn't been considered for the India series. All-rounder Mosaddek Hossain along with pace bowler Shoriful Islam and left-arm spinner Taijul Islam failed to retain their places in the squad. "We included Mosaddek in the tour of Zimbabwe for the ODIs as we did not have Shakib. As he

returned in the 50-over fold, we opted to drop him," BCB chief selector Minhajul Abedin told Cricbuzz on Thursday. "As far as Ebadot is concerned, we want to see him how he fares in ODIs as he is bowling quite well for the last couple of months," he said, adding that they have included Shoriful in the Bangladesh 'A' team for the two-match four-day series against their Indian counterparts, who

will arrive in Dhaka on Friday (November 25). The first two games of the series will take place at the Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium in Dhaka on December 4 and 7 respectively while the third one is scheduled at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chattogram on December 10. The BCB is yet to announce their 'A' team squad for India A series, scheduled from November 29. Bangladesh squad: Tamim Iqbal (capt), Litton Das, Anamul Haque, Shakib Al Hasan, Mushfiqur Rahim, Afif Hossain, Yasir Ali, Mehidy Hasan, Mustafizur Rahman, Taskin Ahmed, Hasan Mahmud, Ebadot Hossain, Nasum Ahmed, Mahmudullah, Najmul Hossain Shanto and Nurul Hasan Sohan.

Root enters IPL auction in bid to relaunch T20 career

New Delhi: England cricketer Joe Root has enrolled himself for the forthcoming IPL auction, slated to be held on December 23 in Kochi, Cricbuzz understands. Root had entered the IPL auction in 2018 but remained unsold. Due to a hectic schedule, Root's appearances in T20 tournaments have been limited. Although, he did play in the Big Bash League for Sydney Thunder in 2018-19 where he compiled 93 runs, alongside partaking in a few matches in The Hundred for Trent Rockets. Root has a fine record for England in T20Is (893 runs at an average of 35.72) but has



not played for the national side in that format since May 2019. Recently, the former England captain had observed that he would look to explore new opportunities in the shortest format. "I would certainly debate going into the IPL draw quite seriously and hope to get exposure in that tournament. It would be

great to get involved in the continuous enormity of each game and how much it means," Root was quoted as saying by Daily Mail. "I have no thoughts or feelings of retirement or slowing down or playing fewer formats," Root said. "If anything, I feel a little bit more freedom with my time. I always used to get rested for the

T20s and I feel like I got alienated from the format because I had not played enough of it. You can feel like you are getting left behind a little bit. Now, the next couple of years, might be a good time to explore playing a little bit more of that format and see how far I can take that side of my game," he added. Root is presently in the UAE as part of preparations for the Test tour of Pakistan in December. England then embark on a Test tour of New Zealand in February next year where they play two Tests. England also play white-ball series in South Africa and Bangladesh in early 2023.

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