

Two days National Consultation for Ending Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation at Bhubaneswar Concluded....

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Working together in convergence and coordination can make the future of our children safe was said by



Tusharkanti Behera, Minister of State, Home, Electronics and Information Technology, Sports and youth services joining as the Chief Guest in the valedictory session of the National Consultation and Stakeholders Convergence Meeting for Ending Child Sexual Abuse organized at Bhubaneswar by National Action and Coordination Group for ending Violence Against Children (NACG EVAC)India. Generating awareness among the parents especially in the rural area, strengthening child protection mechanism in the school, handholding from the Govt. side can help in curbing the child sexual abuse and exploitation was emphasized by Mr. Behare. The two days national consultation

successfully concluded today. The National Consultation for Ending Child Sexual Abuse and exploitation was organized at Hotel Excellency, by National Action Coordination Group for Ending Violence against Children (NACG EVAC) India, & it's National Secretariat People's Cultural Centre (PECUC), in collaboration with BMZ, WVG, WVI, in association with ABHAS, ADF, ADARSH, AV BALIGA TRUST, EKTA, HELP, MIHY, OPEN LEARNING

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AND VHAI. More than 150 delegates from 25 different states and Union Territories from both Govt. and Non Govt. Organisation participated in this National Consultation. Addressing the valedi-

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Congress doesn't respect tribals, didn't support Murmu in presidential polls: PM Modi in Gujarat

NETRANG(KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday accused the Congress of having no respect for the tribal community in the country, and said it even opposed the candidature of Droupadi Murmu in the presidential election held earlier this year. Addressing a public rally at Netrang, a tribal area of Bharuch district in poll-bound Gujarat, Modi also said that the

entire world was amazed at how India has come out of such a big pandemic of COVID-



19 in such a short span. "Congress has no respect for tribals in the

country...We decided to make our tribal daughter (Droupadi Murmu) the president of the

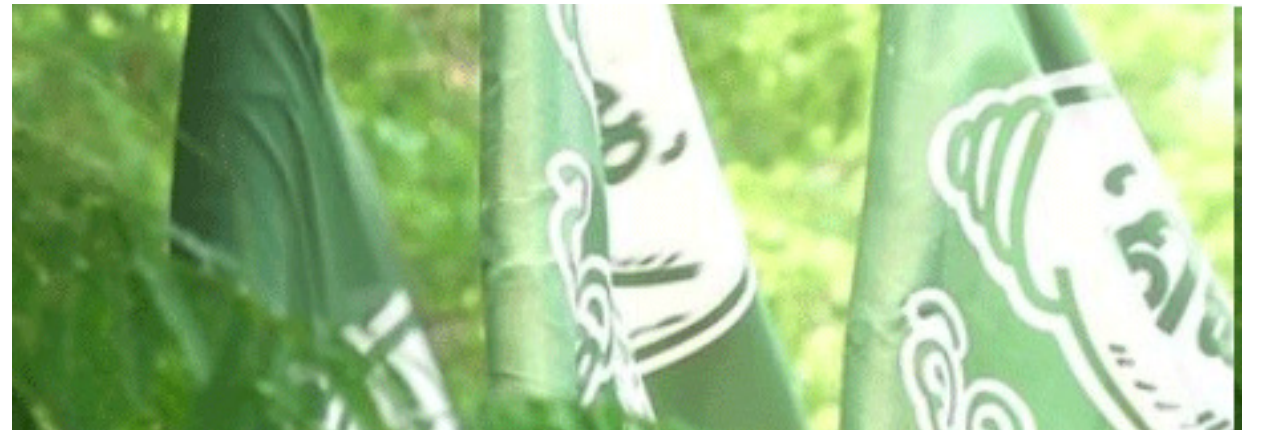
country. We went to Congress with folded hands to accept her

(support her candidature), but they opposed. We put all our might and made the tribal daughter win the election," Modi said. "Be it, Birsa Munda or Govind Guru, the Congress did not give respect to tribal leaders of the country," he further alleged. Congress gave you MGNREGA, scholarships; BJP took away your land: Rahul to

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Guard your identity

Bhubaneswar(KCN): All of a sudden Governing Biju Janata Dal lawmakers have become vociferous about 'central neglect'. Treasury Bench members rushed to the well of the House and demonstrated near the statue of



Mahatma Gandhi in the Odisha Legislative Assembly compound. Why this change in approach of the BJD, which was silent over price rise, inflation, neglect of the farmers' issues, rise in fuel price for the last four years? It looks like BJD is revisiting its policy towards the NDA Government and trying to boost its regional character, which is its strength.

Ever since Naveen Patnaik came to politics and formed the regional political outfit - Biju Janata Dal (BJD), he has never encountered any problem in winning elections. He and his party continued to rule over Odisha for over two decades.

However, the on-going by-election in Padampur Assembly segment in Bargarh district, seems to be a tough job for the regional political party as it has turned out to be a "prestige" issue after its defeat in Dhamnagar by-poll. While BJD lost the Dhamnagar seat

despite its all-out efforts, the Balasore Sadar by-poll in 2020 was an easy ride as it could successfully counter the sympathy wave. Then, what is the difference between the by-polls in Balasore and Dhamnagar? Naveen



said late Bishnu Charan Sethi was popular and therefore, his son Suraj won the by-poll. This particular statement of the BJD President may be for record's sake, but the fact remains that the regional party lost to a national party. BJP had won 23 assembly seats and 8 Lok Sabha seats in the 2019 general elections. But, what is a matter of concern is that the BJD won the seat in Dhamnagar despite the best efforts of the BJD. BJP's Suraj stopped the BJD's winning spree, thus giving a clear message that the Naveen party can also be defeated if it lacks the regional identity.

The BJD, which is deeply rooted in Odisha winning five general elections since 2000, is different from other political parties as its rivals like BJP and Congress are national parties. Naveen, during his several election meetings, has appealed to the people to choose a local (regional) party rather than the national parties because

Russian strikes on Ukraine's freed city

KHERSON(KCN): Fleeing shelling, civilians on Saturday streamed out of the southern Ukrainian city whose recapture they had celebrated just weeks earlier.

The exodus from Kherson came as Ukraine solemnly remembered a Stalin-era famine and sought to ensure that Russia's war in Ukraine doesn't deprive others world-

wide of its vital food exports.



A line of trucks, vans and cars, some towing trailers or ferrying out pets and other belongings, stretched a kilometer or more on the outskirts of the city of Kherson.

Days of intensive shelling by Russian forces prompted a bittersweet exodus: Many civilians were happy that

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Minister duo blame BJD

Padampur(KCN): With the senior Union Ministers Narendra Singh Tomar and Ashwini Vaishnaw hitting the Election Campaign for the By-Poll of Padampur Assembly seat, political environment has heated up on 27 November.

Union Minister Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar and Union Minister Railways & IT, Ashwini Vaishnaw, hitting the campaign trail and accusing BJD leaders of "lying to people" over farmers' issues and other development work.

Mr.Tomar and Mr. Vaishnaw addressed a Joint Poll Campaign meeting at Paikmal in the by-poll-bound Odisha seat.

In this backward assembly segment farmers make for a sizeable chunk of the population. Mr.Tomar alleged that slow pace of work by the BJD Government led to delayed disbursement of crop insurance in the state.

"The Centre has long released funds for crop insurance under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana. The farmers here did not get the money due to the Odisha Government's slow pace of work, "Instead of settling all claims, the state government is now misleading people with fake allegations," Mr.Tomar pointed out.

He said that no party should politicize issues that affect farmers' interests. Both the Governing BJD and the Opposition BJP in the



state had been blaming each other for the delay in payment of crop insurance to farm-

ers affected by drought and it has become a burning political issue.

Mr.Tomar appealed the voters to cast their

have never suffered had the saffron party formed government in the state.

"Padampur bypoll, if won by the BJP, will send a clear message to the people of Odisha that winds of change are blowing in the state," the Union Minister said.

Mr.Vaishnaw, Union Minister,Railways claimed at the public meeting that BJD leaders had been "misguiding people with lies" about a proposed rail line project in Bargarh district, of which the by-poll-bound assembly segment is a part.

"Minister Commerce & Transport, Tukuni Sahu, and ex-MP Prasanna Acharya have been wrongly blaming the Centre for the non-implementation of the Bargarh-Nupada rail line project, " Mr.Vaishnaw pointed out.

"I am throwing an open challenge to Odisha Government that if it provides land for the rail line tomorrow, we will start work the very next day," he asserted.

The Narendra Modi government had been pumping in funds to strengthen the railway infrastructure in Odisha, he said.

"While the previous UPA government had allotted Rs 800 crore in annual budget for railway development in Odisha, PM Modi enhanced it to Rs 10,000

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One dead, two injured with critical condition at Barbil in a road accident



Barbil(KCN): One person died in a fatal road accident near Serenda on Barbil-Joda main road under Barbil police station of Keonjhar district in Odisha late night yesterday while two others are being referred to Barbil hospital in critical condition. The deceased

20 goats killed, five missing in Ganjam

BERHAMPUR(KCN): As many as 20 goats were allegedly killed by a suspected predator in Khalingi village of Sanakhemundi block in Ganjam district on Friday night. Sources said while 20 goats owned by one Das Gouda were killed, five of another Kanha Gouda in the village are missing. Das said at around 10 pm, he visited his goatshed and returned home. On Saturday morning, he once again went to the shed only to find 15 of his goats dead and another five critically injured. The injured animals died later on the day. "Soon others from the village reached the spot and informed forest officials of the matter. The goats had sustained injuries on their neck and abdomen. A wild animal might have sneaked into the shed and killed and injured the goats," he said.

Panic over Maoist poster near poll-bound Padampur

BARGARH(KCN): A purported Maoist banner triggered panic in Paikmal block of poll-bound Padampur sub-division of Bargarh district and sent the police into an overdrive. With political leaders across party lines making a beeline to Padampur to woo the voters ahead of the crucial by-poll on

ner was found hanging between two trees along Biju Expressway at Rasmunda, on the road from Paikmal to Padampur late on Friday night, police said. With heading, 'Bharatiya Communist Party (Maobadi)' the banner read, "the ministers of Odisha government who have been

Sub-divisional police officer, Padampur, BB Bhoi said, "The banner has been seized and investigation is underway. We are yet to ascertain the authenticity of the banner. A case has been registered in this regard." He urged people of the region not to panic. Meanwhile, Bargarh police suspect the

range of Balangir district, close to Padampur sub-division. The two slain rebels belonged to Chhattisgarh and were area committee members (ACMs) of Balangir-Bargarh-Mahasamund (BBM) division. Back in June, a Maoist banner was found near Majhipali on Biju Ex-



December 5, police said adequate security arrangements have been put in place. Union Ministers Ashwini Vaishnaw and Narendra Singh Tomar will visit Padampur on Sunday to campaign for BJP candidate Pradip Purohit. "Six companies of CRPF and three of BSF have been deployed to ensure smooth passage of the polls," said Bargarh SP Parshotamdas Smit Parshotamdas. The purported Maoist ban-

threatening the voters ahead of the Padampur by-election will be given a strong reply. The voters are requested to vote for a good candidate." The valediction at the end of the banner read, 'Chhattisgarh Odisha Mao Sangathan'. Official sources said the mention of Chhattisgarh Mao Sangathan at the end of the poster and the rebels' interest in the by-poll to Padampur Assembly constituency is unusual.

poster maybe the handiwork of some mischievous elements. "An investigation has been launched into the matter. As part of confidence building measures, CRPF and District Voluntary Force carried out flag march in Rasamunda and Sadanandapur villages in Paikmal on the day," said SP Parshotamdas. On Thursday, two women Maoists were gunned down by security forces in Gandhamardhan hill

pressway in Paikmal block in which the Left Wing Extremists (LWE) had warned government officials for depriving labourers from getting employment under welfare schemes. The rebels also warned people, against giving information to police regarding their movement and activities. Prior to that, another banner was found on February 1 this year just before the panchayat polls at the same spot.

Farmers' issue rocks Odisha Assembly again, BJP stages dharna

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): Odisha Assembly on Saturday witnessed noisy scenes over

Nayak. The BJP members raised objection to the absence of departmen-

the Assembly by BJP and BJD members over farmers' issue, Mishra said a sepa-

not agree to it.

Santosh Singh Saluja of Congress also targeted the state government over the issue and alleged that bonus on paddy has not been paid even though it was announced by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik. Besides, input subsidy has been announced for affected farmers without declaration of drought by the state government, he added.

However, replying to the discussion, the minister dismissed the allegations brought by the Congress members and asserted that the state government has always acted for the welfare of the farmers. Several schemes have been announced for the welfare of the farmers, he added.



the issue of neglect of farmers by the state government with Opposition BJP members staging a dharna in the well of the House. The BJP members staged dharna in protest when Forest and Environment Minister Pradip Amat replied to an adjournment motion on farmers' issue on behalf of Cooperation Minister Atanu Sabyasachi

tal minister, who is busy campaigning in Padampur bypoll, when the House is in session. Earlier, raising the issue during the zero hour, leader of the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) Narasingha Mishra targeted both the Centre and the state government for neglecting farmers in the state. Referring to Friday's disruption of

rate law should be brought in the House if all the political parties want welfare of the farmers of the state. The CLP leader also demanded that the state government should raise minimum support price (MSP) of paddy to Rs 2,930 per quintal basing on the unanimous resolution passed in the Assembly if the Centre did

A debate on "Odia Novel" held at Barbil, by Odisha Sahitya Academy

Barbil(KCN): Oriya literature and novel have been a part of Indian history for a long time. It has become an influential part of the national culture in terms of its language, traditions and even

Mahal in Barbil of Keonjhar district. This programme was organised jointly by Milani Sahitya Sansad and Barbil Sahitya Sansad. Two sessions of the programme were intensely debated on

Dr. Ava Bal, Pinaki Mishra and Pratap Das participated in the first phase. Discussed held about the development of novel and its various phases in Odisha history. In this

Mishra. Prominent orator, novelist and awardee of Odisha Sahitya Academy, The eminent writer P a b i t r a Panigrahi, Orator Amiya Bez, Dr. Sumantra Naik, Khaldhar Panda, Dr.



literature. But the question today is: Where is Odia novel today? Does it have to be brought forward or will it eventually die? Do the stories of the orthodox novels influence people today? Can it be helpful for the growth of the society? On Sunday, Odisha Sahitya Academy organized a seminar at Vikas

"Movement and trends of Odia novels." Prominent novel writers from various regions of the state and outside the state took part in the program. Eminent poet and president of Milan Sahitya Sansad Debasish Chakraborty inaugurated the programme by lighting the lamp. Dr. Arvind Naik, Professor Sudha Das,

discussion, light was shed on the contribution of Keonjhar towards Odia novels. Aditya Prasad Das of Barbill Sambad Ghar thanked all the writers who participated in the first phase of the discussion. The second phase of the programme was held under the chairmanship of poet Dr. Chittaranjan

Debapriya Chakra, Sharat Chandra Barik, Basant Kumar Mahapatra and Padmini Mishra thoroughly discussed the pace and trends of major Odia novels and writer's determination. They too have suggested that the novel can be more entertaining if the reader's interest is maintained. At the end, Suryakant Das expressed his thanks.

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Maara Movie Review: A grounded remake of Charlie with quite a bit of heart

If you didn't know that Maara is the remake of the Malayalam film, Charlie, the opening shot of fireflies fluttering about is a strong hint of the magic contained within the universe of this film. Shortly, you see little Paaru in rapt attention, as a nun narrates to her the story of a soldier who's travelling across seas and jungles in a quest to find his soul. This is pretty much the story of this film as well, as Paaru (Shraddha Srinath) grows up to find herself in a similar quest for her soul, well, soulmate, in Maara (Madhavan). There's another quest for a soulmate in this film, one undertaken by Vellaiyan (a wonderful Mouli), one that is later taken over by Maara. The film is a reinforcement of the power of stories, of the stories each of our lives are. This is why there are multiple characters with their own short stories, including those of Selvi (Abhirami), the sex worker, and Kani (Sshivada), the guilt-ridden doctor. The implication is that no one story is necessarily more important than another. I got the sense that Maara doesn't think of himself as a hero or a saviour, even if those around him seem to believe that. He's merely a tool, a person who breezes through life hoping to repay the extraordinary help that Vellaiyan has done to him. I loved this touch because shorn of it, Maara, the character, could have felt idealistic

and unrelatable—which would have gone against the point of the film itself. This way, there's a reason for why Maara is the way he is, why he can't afford to stay at one place for too long. I quite enjoyed that Madhavan plays this

Maara's home, in the designer kites, in the sketchbook and its pencil illustrations, in the sculptures... hell, even in the blotches of Maara's acid-wash hoodies. There's a call through this film, through its characters, to refuse to fall

get by, winning and returning favours in his small community. Maara, the film, suggests that perhaps, just perhaps, his way of life could also come down to the courage to choose to step away from the norm. Realise the magic of life in you,

providence, or as one character, when speaking about Maara says, "destiny". Another likens him to a mythical character, Santa Claus, while commenting on Maara's habit of sudden appearances that usually result in joy to whoever he meets.

another scene with Paaru as she tells him about Meenakshi; watch his eyes grow wide in surprise, and almost well up under the weight of decades of mourning. Ghibran's background music and Thamarai's evocative lyrics add so much to such scenes as well. It's wonderful that films like Maara are able to offer elderly characters like Mouli's as much purpose and are able to see them for the individuals that they are, instead of simply as a crutch for a lead character. Of course, much of this credit must go to the original film, Charlie.

In a world that is in a tearing hurry, at a time when films and stories are designed to be rapid for fear of making audiences impatient, films like Maara come as a welcome relief. In this film, at least two important exchanges—between Vellaiya and Paaru, and later, between Maara and Kani—happen as wood slowly burns to ember, as tender faces are lit by the warm glow of a fireplace. It's for such moments that I'll remember this film, even if some inconsistent performances and some synthetic moments stop it from being truly great. Nevertheless, it's a film that has heart and that encourages empathy towards those around us, and if possible, to note that magicity doesn't need to be thought of an otherworldly trait, if only we cared to pay more attention to the beauty around us.



character without a sanctimonious flavour—and more importantly, in a way that shows that Maara isn't above vulnerability. There's no moral superiority in that ascetic laughter of his—which probably can be thought of as even the desperate attempt of an unhappy man to be happy, chained as he is to his lifelong quest.

Director: Dhilip Kumar

Cast: Madhavan, Shraddha Srinath, Mouli

The film is almost a homage to art—and the dreaminess inherent in it. This can be spotted throughout the film: In the pretty wall murals, in the art plastered across and drawn all over the walls of

into the trap of mundanity and indifference, into routine and repetition. Maara is pretty much the film equivalent of 'Follow the white rabbit'. That's perhaps why during a conversation between Maara and a thief (Alexander Babu), you can see a neon sign in the background that reads 'White Rabbit'. The usual response to such a call is to cite a lack of financial security, and while that is a reason to be empathetic about—especially given the enviably cushy work-free existence Paaru seems to be leading in this film—we could also note how Maara, who's hardly a wealthy man (as a thief realises), makes the choice to

it seems to be saying... notice the almost mystical beauty of existence. It's also likely that this is why the film's many shots are lit as they are, with many faces often aglow, as though in the presence of a halo.

This is why the coincidences in this film become palatable. The central idea at the heart of this film is of two lonely souls in search of each other. Take note of that inexplicable attraction little Paaru feels as she sees a speeding train from within her bus. Or take note of that instinctive smile from Maara as he steps into his room, a room that Paaru has lived in briefly. In such a film, coincidences are to be thought of as divine

Maara himself, as he does many times in this film, underplays this notion that he's a mystical being. It's his understanding—and you will see it from his eyes when he's engaged in conversation with every single character—that each of us is magical, as are our stories.

In this film with performances that range from great to over-the-top, I loved Mouli in particular, who plays Vellaiya, an old man consumed by his unrequited love. Watch him in that scene with Paaru as he brings to her an old photo of his beloved, Meenakshi, but hesitates after seeing her be so charmed by photos of Maara instead. Watch him in

Shooting for third season of 'Four More Shots Please' to begin soon: Kirti Kulhari

MUMBAI(KCN): Bollywood actor Kirti Kulhari on Thursday said shoot for her series "Four More Shots Please!" is set to commence in coming days. The Amazon Prime

Taking to Instagram, Kulhari shared her excitement to team up with her co-actors again for the new season. "And we are back #fourmoreshotsplease #season3 shoot begins

tions, the show was recently nominated in the best comedy series category at the 48th International Emmy Awards. On the film front, Kulhari is currently awaiting the release



Video series, which also features Sayani Gupta, Maanvi Gargroo and Bani J, follows a quartet of friends who deal with their relationships, work-life conflicts, ambitions and anxieties in a male-dominated society.

super soon. Lovely to be back with the crazy 3," Kulhari wrote alongside a series of candid photos with Gupta, Gargroo and Bani. Created by Rangita Pritish Nandy and produced by Pritish Nandy Communica-

of the Hindi remake of Hollywood blockbuster "The Girl on the Train", starring Parineeti Chopra. The movie, which premiere on streamer Netflix on February 26, will feature Kulhari as a British cop.

Vijay Sethupathi, Katrina Kaif in Sriram Raghavan's next?

It was recently revealed that Sriram Raghavan's upcoming film, Ekkis, has been put on hold. A big-budget military drama starring Varun

Santosh Sivan, is a Hindi remake of Maanagaram (2017). He is also rumoured to star in an upcoming web series directed by Raj and

Sriram Raghavan's last film was Andhadhun (2018) with Ayushmann Khurrana and Tabu. The film is getting a Tamil and Telugu re-



Dhawan, the film was delayed due to Covid-19.

Now, rumour has it that Sriram has signed Katrina Kaif and Vijay Sethupathi for his next. If true, this is the latest Hindi project Vijay Sethupathi is attached to — the others being Laal Singh Chadha and Mumbaikar. The latter, directed by

DK. The unrevealed series will also star Shahid Kapoor.

Banita Sandhu clarifies on COVID-19 diagnosis, says she 'continues to test negative'

MUMBAI(KCN): "October" actor Banita Sandhu said she has continued to test negative for COVID-19 since her arrival to the country in January 3, contrary to what is being reported in media. According to health

make with Prashanth and Nithiin, respectively, in the lead.

department sources, Sandhu had tested positive for COVID-19 on January 4 in Kolkata after flying from United Kingdom and was admitted to a private hospital after she refused to be treated in a government facility.

Treating unexplained investments as income u/S 69-Part 2

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5. Conclusion primarily on imaginative basis and conjectures deleted:

In the case of CIT v. Lalit Bahsin 290 ITR 245 (Del.), assessee purchased a ticket of Calcutta Stock Exchange for Rs.50,000. The AO took the value of the ticket at Rs. 11.5 lakh on the basis of the prevailing market price and added Rs 11 lakh as unexplained investment. Delhi High Court deleted the addition on the ground that AO arrived at conclusion primarily on imaginative basis and conjectures rather than on the basis of any record or books of account and hence deleted the addition.

6. **No basis of making the estimated addition:** In Omega Estates v. ITO106 ITD 427 (Chennai) AO relying on some letters given by the assessee to prospective buyers mentioning rate of flats at Rs.1,250 per sq. ft calculated sale receipts of all flats at the said rate. The Chennai Bench of ITAT held that since the revenue could not prove that actual consideration was more than that recorded by the assessee and since books of account had not been rejected, there was no basis of making the estimated addition.

7. **There has to be evidence to support Revenue's case:** In Amarjij Singh Bakshi (HUF) v. ACIT 263 ITR (AT) 75 (Del.) a search was conducted at the premises of one Mr. A and the agreement between the assessee and Mr A. was found pertaining to sale of 9.16 acres of land. the consideration mentioned in the agreement was Rs. 7.07 crore as against the consideration of Rs.23.5 lakhs declared by the assessee. AO added the difference Rs. 6.83 crore u/s 69B. The court held that the provisions of the Indian Evidence Act are not strictly applicable to the proceedings under IT Act but the broad principles of law of evidence apply to such proceedings. Notings on loose sheets of paper are required to be

supported / collaborated by other evidence. A

Narayan Jain

distinction also needs to be drawn between slips of paper or loose sheets found from the possession of the assessee and similar documents found from a third person. In case the statement of the third person is recorded or relied upon then such statement undoubtedly has to be confronted to the assessee and he is to be allowed an opportunity of cross examination. Delhi ITAT Bench said that the entire addition was based on the document found but there was no evidence to support Revenue's case that a huge figure over and above the figure booked in the records and accounts changed hands between the parties and thus no addition could be made.

8. **Need for corroborating evidence to make addition:** In M.M. Financers (P) Ltd. v. DCIT [2007] 107 TTJ 200 (Chennai) a search was conducted at the premises of MR a business associate of the assessee and an unsigned MOU was found reflecting the purchase price of a land at Rs.2.4 crore whereas the disclosed value was Rs.91 lakh. AO added the difference as income of the assessee. ITAT Bench, Chennai held that since the MOU was found at the premises of MR and not at the premises of the assessee and that AO had not found any corroborating evidence from any seized material and since there was no evidence of payment of money other than Rs. 91 lakh, addition was not justified. Similar view has been expressed in Chintan Jadavbhai Patel v. ITO [2017] 79 taxmann.com 302 (Gujarat); Pr. CIT v. Phonenix Datatech Services (P.) Ltd. [2017] 77 taxmann.com 294 (Delhi), R. Ramachandran Nair v. DCIT [2017] 78 taxmann.com 110 (Kerala).

9. **Addition can not be made merely on ground of document found at premises of assessee:** In Manohar Lal Rattan Lal v. DCIT [2004] 91 TTJ (Asr) 737 an addition was made solely on basis of a copy of agreement indicating large consideration, found and

seized by the Department. ITAT Amritsar Bench deleted the addition holding that since the signature of the assessee, i.e. the purchaser was not on the document no addition can be made merely on the ground that the said document was found at the premises of the assessee. Moreover the seller of the property was not examined. Hence no addition can be sustained.

10. **Where Agreement for purchase of property was not signed and none of the buyers or buyers were examined:** In Rajendra Kumar Garg v. DCIT [2000] 67 TTJ (Del) 347, sale consideration of a property was recorded in the books at Rs. 9.3 lakhs but the assessee declared during the search the sale consideration at Rs. 38 lakhs. However in an Agreement to sell, found in search, the consideration was stated at Rs. 1.10 crore. The Delhi ITAT Bench directed the AO to compute the income by taking sale consideration at Rs. 38 lakhs and not one crore as the agreement was not signed and none of the buyers or proposed buyers were examined by A.O. and the department did not get the property valued to establish its real value.

11. **Addition cannot be made if agreement was not signed by the buyer and the deal had not materialised:** In Smt. Saroj Kumari L/H of Late Smt. Dampati Devi (Decd) v. ACIT [2004] 91 TTJ (Asr) 733a search was carried out at the premises of a firm Lachman Dass Jaspal Singh, Mansa. In the course of the search an agreement between Smt. Dampati Devi and Shri LachmannDass for sale of a property at Rs. 188000 was found. The above property was acquired by Dampati Devi at Rs. 33750. The legal heir of Late Dampati Devi argued that the agreement was not signed by the buyer and had not materialised. But AO added the same in the hands of the seller also on the ground that the purchaser had accepted the addition in his hands u/s 69 of the entire amount of Rs. 1,88,000. ITAT Amritsar Bench

held that the sole basis of addition was that Lachmann Das (the purchaser) agreed to the addition and on that fact alone addition cannot be made.

12. **Statement in search made by assessee, Retraction after a period of two years, may be rejected as an afterthought:** In Thiru S. Shyam Kumar v. ACIT [2018] 99 taxmann.com 39 (Madras), a search was conducted in the business premises of the assessee wherein certain loose slips were recovered, which showed several entries pertaining to cash and cheque transactions in respect of purchase of a property. Before Assessing Officer, assessee had given statement accepting the on-money payment. Accordingly, the Assessing Officer treated on-money payment as undisclosed income of the assessee. On appeal before Commissioner (Appeals), assessee retracted from its statement given before the Assessing Officer and took a stand that the slips were only dumb sheets and there was no connection with the purchasing of residential property. The Commissioner (Appeals) dismissed appeal of the assessee holding that retraction was vague and a clear afterthought. The Tribunal also dismissed appeal of the assessee. On appeal it was held the notings are clear and it is not any scribbling, which shows the figures and also shows whether the payments were in cash or in cheque. The retraction made by the assessee, after a period of two years, was rightly rejected as an afterthought. The case on hand is not a simple case of relying upon some scribbling and notings, but a case where the entries, which were clear and legible, were taken into consideration by the Assessing Officer. The correctness of which was examined by the Commissioner (Appeals) and further examined by the Tribunal. Thus, the assessee has not made out any good ground to interfere with the order of the Tribunal.

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Happy Forget –Me- Not Day

10th November is a day to ensure that we really won't forget. Forget Me Not Day has been around since World War I, although it's often lost in the hustle and bustle of preparing for Thanksgiving. **Charles Spurgeon English Particular**

Baptist preacher said "A good character is the best tombstone. Those who loved you and were helped by you will remember you

Letter to Editor

Country needs Bio-economy

Bio-economy has the implicit to produce jobs and induce new results for the earth's major challenges in the fields of health, food, water and climate change.

Bio-economy is or bio-based frugality involves using renewable natural coffers sustainably to produce food, energy and artificial goods. It exploits the untapped eventuality of natural waste and residual accoutrements. Himalayas passing frequent flash cataclysms, melting of glaciers, loss of territories, and landslides due to unplanned development for the region's profitable growth. Bio-grounded frugality is the result for the growth and development of the Himalayan countries. Experts say bio-economy has the implicit to produce jobs and induce new results for the earth's major challenges in the fields of health, food, water, and climate change, and deliver social, environmental and profitable benefits. Bio-economy is a fairly new conception and fleetly developing in several nations. India can be a major player with its unique coffers from the Himalayan region, especially from the north-eastern Himalayas if central regime look into this seriously.

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when forget-me-nots have withered. Carve your name on hearts, not on marble." When each war ends, many Soldiers who returned wounded would require longer care to recover. During the 1920s there were not many organizations and services that supported the wounded soldiers. Thus Judge Robert S. Marx, who fought as a soldier in World War I, found a spark for the forget-me-not day when he was wounded on November 10th, 1918. Although there is a common misconception that Forget Me Not Day pertains to people losing touch with one

Vinod Chandrashekhar Dixit

by battle. The day was called Forget-Me-Not Day and funds were raised by selling forget-me-nots. The first published occurrence of this day was on December 17, 1921. Forget Me Not Day as we know it was established following World War I, when Judge Robert S. Marx, himself a WWI veteran, declared the holiday in honor of veterans who had suffered physical losses in the line of battle — those who had lost limbs, blood, and other integral



another, it's actually a day meant for us to celebrate our troops.

The day serves to honour all past and current United States Military veterans who bear the permanent scars of battle. The day is dedicated to all past and present US military veterans who have been permanently scarred

body parts. Since Robert S. Max was a law practitioner before joining WWI as a soldier, he continued practicing Law after his recovery. Soon, Robert S. Marx was chosen Judge, and his interest in the military veterans' affairs was seen afloat. He was seen making speeches and raising funds for this cause.

The Forget-Me-Not flower stands as the symbol for National Forget Me Not Day. It grows in open, rocky places and the mountain areas of Alaska. Forget-Me-Not The day is reminiscent of the Great War. Wounded soldiers returned at the time, requiring long-term care after the conflict finished. While the situation of wounded veterans was not new, there were no services available to meet their needs. In addition, the administration was unprepared for the large number of wounded soldiers who returned. There were few programmes and organizations available to offer veterans the care and support they required. In 1921, a campaign to commemorate and provide assistance to returning soldiers began in earnest. And it all started with a single injured soldier. Forget-me-nots represent true love and giving someone this flower means you truly love and respect this person. It is a testament to your relationships and promises the other person that you will never forget them in your thoughts. A symbol of fidelity and being truthful to someone you love.

Let us send forget me not flowers to our loved ones as a simple way to show them how much they mean to us.

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

China unrest: Testing time for President as protesters chant 'Step down, Xi Jinping'

A little over one month after Xi Jinping reaffirmed his iron grip on power during the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CCP), an acid test confronts his leadership as protests have erupted over the past two weeks against the draconian restrictions imposed by the regime to curb the spread of Covid-19. Maybe, it's too early to compare the ongoing protests to the 1989 student-led Tiananmen Square protests which was precipitated by the death of a pro-reform CCP leader, but how it would pan out, the coming weeks would reveal.

Even as the stringent policy, amplified by lockdowns, against Covid-19 enforced by the regime left the people frustrated, the new locally transmitted cases reported on Wednesday stood at 31,444, which is reported to be the highest daily figure since Covid-19 was first detected in the cen-



tral Chinese city of Wuhan in late 2019. The ongoing protests had its beginning in early November following a deadly fire in Urumqi that claimed 10 lives. The people were outraged that firetrucks were not able to enter the residential area due to pandemic control measures that were in force in Xinjiang.

Residents mourn for the victims of a deadly fire at a residential building in Urumqi city at a road sign of the Middle Urumqi Rd in Shanghai. (Photo | AP) Sparks of discontent among the people exploded into a fire following reasons such as joblessness, food shortages, and poor conditions in makeshifts hospital. The fire spread through Chinese social media platforms leading to the present stage wherein protesters in Shanghai reportedly chanted, "Step down, Xi Jinping! Step down, Communist Party!" This is quite phenomenal in a country under a dictatorship.

According to CNN, the ratcheting-up of restrictions in recent months, coupled with a series of heart-breaking deaths blamed on an over-zealous policing of the controls, has brought matters to a head.

Kashmiri Pandits hold barefoot march in Jammu, demand to ensure their 'Right to Life'

JAMMU: Kashmiri Pandit Migrant Employees held a barefoot march in Jammu demanding that the government should address their safety concerns while bringing out a comprehensive roadmap to relocate them to the Valley. The pandits held the march on the occasion of Constitution Day on November 26 demanding from the government to safeguard their "Right to Life" provided in Article 21 of the Constitution of India.

"We have spent 15 years in Kashmir. The Kashmiri Pandits and the employees are demanding a comprehensive roadmap to relocate the Kashmiri Pandits in Kashmir. On the occasion of Constitution Day, we demand the lives to be saved in Kashmir," one of the protesters said. "The people of Kashmir are with us in this fight. Kashmiri Pandits are becoming scapegoats due to the targeted killings. The migrant workers from other states are being killed," he added.

Another protestor said that their Right to Life is being violated in Kashmir with the spate of targeted killings and demanded Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to take note of the situation and talk to the employees.

"Our Right to Life in the Constitution is being violated. We demand from the government to ensure the right to education and the Right to Life which is being violated in Kashmir. Until the situation becomes good in the valley, we



demand the government to relocate us to Jammu. The employees are not demanding anything but their lives. The administration should show sensitivity and come forward to talk to the employees. The L-G should take note of these things," he said.

Last week, workers at Apple iPhone maker Foxconn's Zhengzhou plant clashed with riot police amid their protest in support of multiple demands including pending payments. Following this mass exodus of hired employees at the plant was reported by the media.

Earlier, migrant workers in the southern Chinese metropolis of Guangzhou crashed through lockdown barriers and marched on the streets.

There has also been an outpouring of grief on social media over the death of a four-month-old baby whose father reportedly said her medical treatment was delayed for 12 hours because of curbs enforced by the government.

Residents record the scene as they mourn for the victims of a deadly fire at a residential building in Urumqi city at a road sign of the Middle Urumqi Rd in Shanghai. (Photo | AP)

According to CNN, late on Saturday night, hundreds of residents gathered for a candlelight vigil on Urumqi Road (Shanghai), which was named after the city, to mourn the victims of the Xinjiang fire, according to videos widely circulated – and promptly censored – on Chinese social media and a witness account. Protesters chant 'step

down CCP' in Shanghai against China's zero-Covid policy

Surrounding a makeshift memorial of candles, flowers and placards, the crowd held up blank sheets of white paper – in what is traditionally a symbolic protest against censorship – and chanted, "Need human rights, need freedom."

According to The Guardian, a 32-year-old mother of two killed herself in a quarantine centre in Guangzhou earlier this month after she was tested positive and separated from her husband. The news story, reported by respected financial publication Caixin, was quickly scrubbed from social media. However, The Guardian quoted social scientist Prof Chung Kim-wah as saying that the protests "demonstrate that people have lost patience with the unreasonable [Covid] measures and are questioning their effectiveness", but added that the unorganised protests are not a strong enough force to confront the government. He noted that if minor adjustments are made, protesters typically give in. "This makes bottom-up changes very difficult, if not impossible," he said.

Kashmir has been witnessing a series of targeted killings since October last year.

Targeted killings in Kashmir Valley were part of a larger conspiracy by terrorists of Hizbul Mujahideen and other proscribed terrorist outfits to disturb the peace and democratic process established by the Panchayati Raj System in Kashmir Valley and also to create terror among the politically elected representatives, an NIA charge sheet said earlier.

Congress demands white paper from Modi government on 'plight of Kashmiri Pandits'

The revelation came when the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in September filed the charge sheet against six accused in the targeted killing of a

like Hariprasad garu have sent letters to me saying that their hearts have swelled with pride at the country hosting such a big summit. They have highly appreciated India's pro-active efforts regarding G-20," PM Modi added.

The Prime Minister said that he had the privilege of launching G20 logo and website of Presidency of India, and the logo was chosen through a public contest.

PM gives shout-out to TS weaver for highlighting India's G20 meet

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while addressing the 95th episode of his monthly radio programme 'Mann Ki Baat' on Sunday, lauded a weaver from Telangana who gifted him a self-woven logo of the G20 Summit which will be hosted by India next year.

Mentioning Veldi Hariprasad, who hails from Rajanna Sircilla district of Telangana, the Prime Minister said that he has a mastery over his skills and he was "surprised to see this amazing gift".

"A weaver from Rajanna Sircilla district of Telangana Veldi Hariprasad garu has sent me a self-woven logo of G20. I was surprised to see this amazing gift. He has such mastery over his skills that it attracts everyone. He also sent me a letter. He says that hosting the G20 Summit next year is a matter of immense pride for India. To celebrate this achievement, he

made this logo. He inherited this talent from his father," he said.

"Today, many people

"When I received this gift sent by Hariprasad garu, another thought came to my mind," he said.

an opportunity for us. We have to focus on global good, be it peace, unity or sustainable develop-



I WAS AMAZED TO SEE THIS PRECIOUS GIFT

The Prime Minister said that India's Presidency of the G20 Summit shows India's growing importance on a global stage. "Leading a group of nations that account for 85 per cent of trade is a huge responsibility and opportunity," he said.

Calling the G20 presidency an "opportunity" for India, the Prime Minister said that the country has to focus on global good. "G20 presidency is

ment, India has the solution to challenges related to these things. We have given the theme of 'One Earth, One Family, One Future'," he said. "I extend warm welcome to you all in 'Mann Ki Baat', once again. We are fast moving towards the century of Mann Ki Baat. Before every episode, reading letters, listening to audio messages; it is like a spiritual experience for me," the Prime Minister added.

added.

Protests over China's COVID controls spread across country

BEIJING: Protests against China's pervasive anti-virus controls that have confined millions of people to their homes spread to Shanghai and other cities after complaints they might have worsened the death toll in an apartment fire in the northwest.

Shanghai police used pepper spray against about 300 protesters, according to a witness. They gathered Saturday night to mourn the deaths of at least 10 people in an apartment fire last week in Urumqi in the Xinjiang region in the northwest.

Videos posted on social media that said they were filmed in Nanjing in the east, Guangzhou in the south and at least five other cities showed protesters tussling with police in white protective suits or dismantling barricades used to seal off neighborhoods. Witnesses said a protest occurred in Urumqi, but The Associated Press was unable to confirm details of other videos.

President Xi Jinping's government faces mounting anger at its "zero-COVID" policy that has shut down access to areas throughout China in an attempt to isolate every case at a time when other governments are easing controls and trying to live with the virus.

That has kept China's infection rate lower than the United States and other countries. But the ruling Communist Party faces growing complaints about the economic and human cost as businesses close and families are isolated for weeks with limited access to food and medicine.

Some protesters were shown in videos shouting for Xi to step down or the ruling party to give up power.

Party leaders promised last month to make restrictions less disruptive by easing quarantine and other rules but said they were sticking to "zero-COVID." Meanwhile, an upsurge in infections that pushed daily cases above 30,000 for the first time has led local authorities to impose restrictions residents complain exceed what is allowed by the national government.

The fire deaths in Urumqi triggered an outpouring of angry questions online about whether firefighters who needed three hours to extinguish the blaze or victims trying to escape might have been obstructed by locked doors or other controls. Authorities denied that, but the disaster became a focal point for public anger about anti-disease restrictions, ruling party propaganda and censorship.

In Shanghai, protesters gathered at Middle Urumqi Road at midnight with flowers, candles and signs reading "Urumqi, November 24, those who died rest in peace," according to a participant who would give only his family name, Zhao.

Zhao said one of his friends was beaten by police and two were pepper-sprayed. He said police stomped on his feet as he tried to stop them from taking his friend away. He lost his shoes and left barefoot.

According to Zhao, protesters yelled slogans including "Xi Jinping, step down, Communist Party, step down," "Unlock Xinjiang, unlock China," "do

not want PCR (tests), want freedom" and "press freedom."

Around 100 police stood in lines to prevent protesters from gathering or leaving, Zhao said. He said buses with more police arrived later.

Another protester, who gave only his family name, Xu, said there was a larger crowd of thousands of demonstrators, but police stood in the road and let them pass on the sidewalk.

Internet users posted videos and accounts on Chinese and foreign social media showing protests in Shanghai, Nanjing, Chengdu and Chongqing in the southwest and Urumqi and Korla in Xinjiang.

A video that said it was shot in Urumqi showed protesters chanting, "Remove the Communist Party! Remove Xi Jinping!"

Protests in Xinjiang are especially risky following a security crackdown against Uyghurs and other mostly Muslim ethnic minorities that has included mass detentions.

Most protesters in the videos were members of China's dominant Han ethnic group. A Uyghur woman in Urumqi said Uyghurs were too scared to take to the streets.

"Han Chinese people know they will not be punished if they speak against the lockdown," said the woman, who asked not to be identified by name for fear of retaliation. "Uyghurs are different. If we dare say such things, we will be taken to prison or to the camps."

Two Urumqi residents who declined to be named for fear of retribution said large-scale protests occurred Friday night. One of them said he had friends who participated.

The AP pinpointed the locations of two of the videos of the protests in different parts of Urumqi. In one video, police in face masks and hospital gowns faced off against shouting protesters. In another, one protester spoke to a crowd about their demands. It was unclear how widespread the protests were.

Xi has defended the strategy as an example of the superiority of the Chinese system compared with the United States and other Western countries, which politicized the use of face masks and had difficulties enacting widespread lockdowns.

But support for "zero-COVID" has cratered in recent months, as tragedies sparked public anger. Last week, the government of the central city of Zhengzhou apologized for the death of a 4-month old girl who was in quarantine. Her father said his efforts to take her to a hospital were delayed after ambulance workers balked at helping them because he tested positive for the virus.

The Uyghur woman in Urumqi said she had been unable to leave her apartment since Aug. 8, and was not even allowed to open her window. On Friday, she and her neighbors defied the order, opening their windows and shouting in protest. "No more lockdowns! No more lockdowns!" they screamed, according to the woman.

Central team to evaluate hepatitis programme

BHUBANESWAR: A central team will visit Odisha to evaluate the implementation of National Viral Hepatitis Control Programme (NVHCP) in the state. The 12-member team will arrive here on Sunday. They will visit different districts till December 3 before having a formal meeting with state health officials on the outcome of the programme. NVHCP, launched by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, is being implemented in the state since last year. The integrated initiative for the prevention and control of viral hepatitis aims at ending viral hepatitis by 2030.

Public health director Dr Niranjana Mishra said this is a comprehensive plan covering the entire gamut from Hepatitis A, B, C, D and E, and the whole range from prevention, detection and treatment



to mapping treatment outcomes. "As part of the programme, hepatitis screening and treatment are going on in all districts with a focus on people below poverty line, underprivileged, migrants, transgender, labourers and high risk population, including elderly persons, pregnant and lactating women," he said.

Under the national programme, the Centre has prioritised strengthening of existing infrastructure, building capacity of existing human resources and enhancing additional manpower where required for providing comprehensive services for management of viral hepatitis and its complications. A web-based viral hepatitis information and management system has been developed by the ministry to maintain a registry of persons affected with viral hepatitis and its sequelae.

Odisha pavilion Bags Award

New Delhi(KCN): Odisha Pavilion has been awarded with the prestigious "Special Appreciation Certificate for excellence in display" in the category of "State Government and Union Territory" at the 41st edition of India International Trade Fair(IITF), 2022 held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. The Trade Fair which began on 14 November, 2022 concludes here on Sunday.

Indramani Tripathy, Director, I&PR, Government of Odisha and Subash Nial, Director, Odisha Pavilion at IITF, 2022 have received the award from Pradeep Singh Kharola, Chairman and Managing Director, ITPO in a special ceremony organized at Conference Hall of Exhibition hall No.7, Pragati Maidan, New

munications of Bhubaneswar and fabrication was done by Bharati Chitralaya, Cuttack.

On 24 November, the Odisha State Day was celebrated at Amphitheatre-1 of Pragati Maidan. Cultural extravaganza marked the Odisha State day celebrations with the enthralling performance of various cultural troupes that participated in the event.

Minister, Rural Development, Skill Development and Technical Education, Govt. of Odisha Pritiranjana Gharai Inaugurated the event who had graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Member of Parliament, Bhadrak Lok Sabha Constituency Manjulata Mandal, Lenin Mohanty, Chairman, OTDC, Smt. Kasturi Mohapatra, Editor, Utkala Prasanga



Delhi on the final day of the Trade Fair. After a series of visit by the Jury members to different pavilions, Odisha Pavilion has been selected for the award. Congratulatory messages are pouring in after the Odisha Pavilion received this high profile national level award. There were joy and jubilation among the officials, exhibitors and other team members present in the Odisha Pavilion as well. In this mega trade fair 29 States and Union territories had participated along with big corporate and foreign countries.

The Odisha Pavilion, which was inaugurated on 14 November by Minister, Panchayati Raj, Forest, Environment and Climate Change, Information and Public Relations, Pradip Amat, had showcased numerous products manufactured locally by rural women artisans and entrepreneurs under the theme "Vocal for Local, Local to Global" in line with Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik's vision to empower women and rural entrepreneurs of the State. Odisha Pavilion had been designed and decked up highlighting various initiatives and developmental strides of the Odisha Government in this regard. The Odisha Pavilion also showcased the rich cultural heritage, handicrafts and handlooms of Odisha which were great attraction for visitors in the trade fair. A total of 24 stalls had been opened in the Odisha Pavilion where famous handloom, Government owned handicrafts and handlooms outlets like Boyanika, Utkalika along with various departments and agencies of the State Government such as Agriculture and Farmers' Empowerment, ORMAS, SER-IFED, Mission Shakti, Industries, ST&SC Development, Start Up Odisha participated. Upcoming events like "Make in Odisha", "Hockey Men's World Cup" as well as Millet Mission Mascot "Mili" were also prominently displayed in the Pavilion. The Odisha Pavilion was conceptualised by Virtu Com-

and Odisha Review, Resident Commissioner, Odisha, New Delhi Ravikant, Special Resident Commissioner Debjani Chakrabarti, GM, ITPO R.S.Sahoo, Director, Information and Public Relations, Indramani Tripathy attended the celebration as Esteemed Guests. Cultural and Dance programmes like Odissi, Dalkhai, Bajasal and Modern fusion dance were performed in the State Day and the electrifying performances of the artists left the audience mesmerised who thronged in large numbers to the amphitheatre to witness the Odisha's rich cultural grandeur and magical rhythm, beats, synchronisation of the songs and dances. Besides this the latest issue of Utkala Prasanga and Odisha Review were also released by the Guests.

During the fair the Odisha Pavilion was visited and appreciated by several high profile dignitaries including Principal Secretary, I&PR and RD Sanjay Singh, Principal Secretary, Agriculture and Farmers' Empowerment, Arabinda K Padhee, Senior IAS Officer, Usha Padhee, Secretary and COE, NRA Sanjeev Mishra, and IAS @ Ranglal Jamuda etc. The Odisha Pavilion had also witnessed lakhs of footfalls including students from various educational institutes in and around Delhi and a sale turnover to the tune of around Rs. 40 lakh has been made during the event. In the award presentation ceremony Santosh Das, Additional Director, Information and Public Relations, Sudhanshu Sekhar Mohanty, Deputy Resident Commissioner, New Delhi, Odisha and other officials were present. Director, Odisha Pavilion Subash Nial led the team of officials camping at New Delhi for planning, preparation and execution of the events in the fair. All department officials and employees rendered their valuable support for successful installation of the pavilion and organisation of cultural events and other associated works.

BJP chief Nadda to launch 'Jan Aakrosh Yatra' against Rajasthan govt on Dec 1

JAIPUR: BJP chief J P Nadda will on December 1 launch the party's 'Jan Aakrosh Yatra' in Congress-ruled Rajasthan to corner the state government on issues related to farmers and governance.

Nadda will flag off 51 'Jan Aakrosh Rath' at Jaipur that will travel to different assembly constituencies across the state, BJP state president Satish Poonia told reporters at a press conference here.

The rath yatras in all 200 assembly constituencies will start from December 3 and 4. The objective of the movement is to corner the state government on its fourth anniversary, he said.

The Ashok Gehlot-led Congress government is completing four years on December 17.

Attacking the government, Poonia alleged that the people of the state are fed up with the Congress rule due to its misgovernance and wanted a change in which the Jan Aakrosh movement will play a crucial role.

Congress had promised loan waiver for farmers but in the last four years of its rule, they

have been in distress and committed suicide, Poonia said, adding that lands of 9,000 farmers were attached by the Gehlot government. "Law and order have deteriorated under Congress rule and women are not safe. Even



priests are being burnt alive," he said. He said the BJP aims to reach out to two crore people across all assembly constituencies through the yatra.

Each rath will have a box in which people can drop their complaints. Based on the complaints and feedback, the party will prepare its manifesto for the 2023 assembly elections, he said.

In addition, nearly 20,000 nukkad natak will be performed, and public meetings in each constituency will be held by party leaders.




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Russian strikes on Ukraine's freed city

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their city had been won back, but lamented that they couldn't stay.

"It is sad that we are leaving our home," said Yevhen Yankov, as a van he was in inched forward. "Now we are free, but we have to leave, because there is shelling, and there are dead among the population."

Poking her head out from the back, Svitlana Romanivna added: "We went through real hell. Our neighborhood was burning, it was a nightmare. Everything was in flames."

Emilie Fourrey, emergency project coordinator for aid group Doctors Without Borders in Ukraine, said an evacuation of 400 patients of Kherson's psychiatric hospital, which is situated near both an electrical plant and the frontline, had begun on Thursday and was set to continue in the coming days.

Ukraine in recent days has faced a blistering onslaught of Russian artillery fire and drone attacks, with the shelling especially intense in Kherson. Often the barrage has largely targeted infrastructure, though civilian casualties have been reported. Repair crews across the country were scrambling to restore heat, electricity and water services that were blasted into disrepair.

Russia has ratcheted up its attacks on critical infrastructure after suffering battlefield setbacks. A prominent Russian nationalist said Saturday the Russian military doesn't have enough doctors, in what was a rare public admission of problems within the military.

In the capital Kyiv, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy oversaw a busy day of diplomacy, welcoming several European Union leaders for meetings and hosting an "International Summit on Food Security" to discuss food security and agricultural exports from the country. A deal brokered by the U.N. and Turkey has allowed for safe exports of Ukrainian grain in the Black Sea amid wartime dis-

ruptions that have affected traffic.

"The total amount we have raised for 'Grain from Ukraine' is already about \$150 million. The work continues," Zelenskyy said in his nightly TV address. "We are preparing up to 60 ships. All of us together do not just send Ukrainian agricultural products to those countries that suffer the most from the food crisis. We reaffirm that hunger should never again be used as a weapon."

Ukraine works to restore water, power after Russian strikes

The prime ministers of Belgium, Poland and Lithuania and the president of Hungary were on hand, many others participated by video. Zelenskyy said more than 20 countries supported the summit.

Ukrainian Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal said Ukraine — despite its own financial straits — has allocated 900 million hryvna (\$24 million) to purchase corn for countries including Yemen, Sudan, Kenya and Nigeria. Russian shelling kills 15 in Kherson as Ukraine battles to restore power

Our food security summit was supported by more than 20 countries. The total amount we have raised for 'Grain from Ukraine' is already about 150 million US dollars. The work continues. We are preparing up to 60 ships. All of us together do not just send Ukrainian agricultural products to those countries that suffer the most from the food crisis. We reaffirm that hunger should never again be used as a weapon.

The reminder about food supplies was timely: Ukrainians were marking the 90th anniversary of the start of the "Holodomor," or Great Famine, which killed more than 3 million people over two years as the Soviet government under dictator Josef Stalin confiscated food and grain supplies and deported many Ukrainians.

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz marked the commemoration by drawing parallels with the impact of the war on Ukraine on world markets. Exports from Ukraine have resumed

under a U.N.-brokered deal but have still been far short of pre-war levels, driving up global prices.

"Today, we stand united in stating that hunger must never again be used as a weapon," Scholz said in a video message. "That is why we cannot tolerate what we are witnessing: The worst global food crisis in years with abhorrent consequences for millions of people — from Afghanistan to Madagascar, from the Sahel to the Horn of Africa."

He said Germany, with the U.N.'s World Food Program, will provide an additional 15 million euros for further grain shipments from Ukraine.

Scholz spoke as a cross-party group of lawmakers in Germany are seeking to pass a parliamentary resolution next week that would recognize the 1930s famine as "genocide." Last year Ukraine and Russia provided around 30% of the world's exported wheat and barley, 20% of its corn, and over 50% of its sunflower oil, the U.N. has said.

Russia says 'fortifying' annexed Crimean peninsula as Ukraine reclaims Kherson region In a post on the Telegram social network on Saturday, Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko said more than 3,000 specialists for a local utility continued to work "around the clock" and had succeeded in restoring heat to more than 90% of residential buildings. While about one-quarter of Kyiv residents remained without electricity, he said water serviced had been returned to all in the city.

The scramble to restore power came as Belgian Prime Minister Alexander De Croo met Saturday with Zelenskyy in Kyiv.

'We cannot be broken': Zelenskyy vows on famine anniversary during Stalin period "This might be a difficult winter," he said, alluding to Belgium's contributions of generators, and support for schools and hospitals in Ukraine, as well as military aid such as "fuel, machine guns, propelled artillery and so on." "And by standing here, we hope that we provide you hope and resilience in fighting through this difficult period."

Two days National Consultation for Ending Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation at Bhubaneswar Concluded....

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ctory session in the virtual platform Shree Priyank Kanoongo, Chairperson, National Commission For protection of Child Rights said rights of the children cannot be suppressed and they should be given opportunity to put forward their issues. He further said that the support system should be strengthened to provide essential support to district child protection mechanism. Mr. Santhanagopalan R, IAS, Commissioner cum Secretary, labour and ESI Dept. Govt. of Odisha addressing the gathering said that children at work are more vulnerable to Child sexual abuse and exploitation .We have to work together to make india child labour and child sexual abuse free. Presiding the valedictory session Ranjan Kumar Mohanty, Chairperson, NACGEVAC India stressed that through convergence and coordination at the village level to country level is the need of the hour. Mikhael Pradhan, Head Advocacy, World Vision, India presented the recommendations and Aditi P Kaur, Thematic Head, Child Participation, NACGEVAC India summed the deliberation of national consultations. In today's session success stories were shared by the representatives of both the govt.and non Govt . agencies i.e. Sanjay Kumar, Chairperson, CWC, Nalanda, Parul Seth, Director, Shaisav, Ms, Anuradha Mohanty, Executive Director, PECUC, Arun Shrama, DCPO, Delhi, Dr. Gayatri Devi, Special Public Prosecutor, Koraput, Abdhesh Yadav, CEO, SPID, Delhi, Ubachak Mohanty, Secretary, MIHU. Deliberation on the topic of laws to end child sexual abuse and exploitation, opportunities and lacunas in enforcement of POCSO Act, JJCP Act was made by the dignitaries like Kesali Apparao, Chairperson Andhrapradesh SCPCR, K. Naganna Gowda, Chairperson Karnataka SCPCR, Ananya Chakraborty Chatterjee, Advisor, West Bengal, SCPCR, Shashanka Sekhar, Former member, DCPCR, Advocate Supreme Court of India and Head, Centre for Research and Advocacy for Child Rights and Persons with Disability, Kasturi Mohapatra, Former Chairperson OSCPCR and SSEPD. This session was chaired by Mr. Sanjay Gupta, Vice Chair, NACGEVAC India. Vote of thanks was moved by Anuradha Mohanty, Executive Director, PECUC.

Guard your identity

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they have a common agenda for the country while BJD is totally focused and committed to the interest of Odisha alone.

The regional party guaranteed the people to upkeep the state's art, culture, heritage, language and all other aspects of life. Women back BJD as the Naveen government takes stringent actions against those involved in heinous crimes against women and children. However, the same commitment was not seen after the 2019 elections and BJD, according to public perceptions, became an unofficial ally of the Narendra Modi-led NDA government at the centre. Be it demonetization or amendment of the MMDR Act, Odisha's BJD supports the Modi government and in the process has acquired the fame of being a "trusted friend" of the BJP-led government.

This is not all, of late after 2019 general elections, the BJD also stopped its "Central Negligence" cry and never hit the streets even as the Union Government failed to control price-rise. In the pre-2019 era, one saw BJD leaders Sanjay Das Burma and Ananta Narayan Jena protesting in streets of the capital city after the Centre raised paltry sums on petrol or cooking gas. These activities on the streets give a clear message to the people that the BJD as a regional party has been fighting for the common people and is worried over the price rise and unemployment. The regional party even remained silent when the centre decided to impose GST on "Chuda", "Mudhi" and even raised the GST to 18 per cent on kendu leaf trade. Of late, Naveen ahead of the Padampur by-poll has written to the Centre to withdraw GST on kendu leaf on which about 8 lakh poor families depend.

While the party MLAs and MPs are clueless about the BJD's "devoted support" (even offering a RS seat to BJP candidate) and refraining from the central bashing policy, many fear to raise the issue. An interesting episode of the BJD's policy of not opposing the BJP government came to the fore when State Agriculture Minister, Ranendra Pratap Swain openly said at the Baramunda ground meeting that he has been restricted from speaking on the issue. The television channel showed the video-clip as to how a senior party functionary rushed to Swain at the dais while he attempted to speak against the Centre and its alleged negligence towards Odisha.

The change of stand by the BJD seems to be affecting its image as a regional party, which is the core strength of the party and basis to win the trust of the people. "What is left in BJD if it loses its regional identity and rubs shoulders with BJP leaders in Delhi? In the era of social media, it is difficult to hide reality from the people even living in remote corners of the state. People now realize everything and it is difficult to tell them that BJD has no such cordial relations with BJP," a senior lawmaker said.

The senior BJD leaders who used to remain silent for long, realized that during the election campaigning in Dhamnagar, the BJD did not raise the issue of central negligence and also the price rise. Therefore, voters did not see any difference between the two rival parties and Suraj could win the election out of the BJD's policy.

However, of late, the BJD in its Legislature Party meeting on November 24, has resolved to raise the issue of central negligence in the Assembly. However, the decision was mostly to counter the opposition Congress and BJP which has announced to corner the governing party in the House over the woman blackmailer's sextortion racket, farmers' plights and others.

Though the BJD, may be due to political compulsion and to counter the opposition, has decided to raise central negligence issues, was yet to keep it in its agenda in the on-going Padampur by-poll campaign. The senior party leaders, who contributed to formation of BJD as a regional party, however, privately opined that the people must be convinced that the Naveen's party is different from national parties and is committed to the interest of Odisha alone.

CII urges RBI to moderate pace of interest rates hikes

NEW DELHI: India Inc has begun to feel the adverse impact of RBI's interest rate hikes of 190 basis points in the current financial year, industry body CII said on Sunday, as it urged the central bank to consider moderating the pace of its monetary tightening ahead of the forthcoming policy.

CII's analysis of results of 2,000-odd companies in the second quarter (July-September 2022) shows that both the top-line and bottom-line have moderated on a sequential and annual basis.

Thus, moderation in the pace of monetary tightening is the need of the hour, it argued.

According to CII, domestic demand is recovering well as mirrored by the performance of a host of high-frequency indicators.

However, the prevailing global 'polycrisis' is likely to impinge on India's growth prospects too.

"Given the headwinds to domestic growth mainly emanating from the global uncertainties, the RBI should consider moderating the pace of its monetary tightening from the earlier 50 basis points," the industry body stated.

While CII is cognisant of the fact that RBI's interest rate hikes of 190 basis points so far in this fiscal have been warranted to tame inflationary pressures, the corporate sector has now started to feel its adverse impact, it said.

Rising interest rates will help Indian banks post healthy profits in FY23: S&P

However, given the sticky core inflation at around the 6 per cent mark, the RBI could consider hiking the key interest rates by an additional 25 to 35 basis points to tame inflation, it suggested.

It pointed out that notwithstanding the recent moderation noted in the CPI headline print in October 2022, inflation continues to remain outside RBI's target range for 10 consecutive months.

With a yawning gap existing between credit and deposit growth, an additional rate hike will incentivise savers, thus providing an impetus to deposit growth and helping narrow the credit-deposit wedge, the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) said.

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Minister duo blame BJD

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crore," he noted.

However, Governing BJD rejected the allegations made by the two Union Ministers.

"It is the BJP that is peddling lies, having realized that its candidate is losing the Padampur by-poll", said Debi Prasad Mishra, BJD Vice President.

By-poll to Padampur was necessitated by the death of BJD MLA Bijay Ranjan Singh Bariha in October.

The BJP has fielded its Odisha Unit Krushak Morcha Chief Pradip Purohit from the seat, who is set to take on BJD's Barsha Singh Bariha, the elder daughter of the deceased MLA. Satya Bhusan Sahu is contesting from Congress along with several Independent candidates.

Voting will be held on December 5, and the results will be released on December 8.

Further, with rising global risk aversion adversely impacting our foreign capital inflows, CII stated that it poses challenges for financing India's current account deficit.

In fact, the country needs to keep a watch on capital flows across all three buckets -- foreign direct investment (FDI), NRI flows and foreign portfolio flows (FPI).

High focus only on FPI numbers may not always provide a complete picture, it cautioned.

CII stressed that the incipient signs of domestic recovery need to be preserved to help accelerate movement towards a normalised growth scenario.

"As in the past, the RBI should use all the weapons in its arsenal to ensure that while through its actions inflationary expectations are well anchored, it should in no way muzzle the growth impulses," it said.

The rate-setting Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the RBI will announce its interest rate decision in the first week of December.

Congress doesn't respect tribals, didn't support Murmu in presidential polls: PM Modi in Gujarat

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tribals in Gujarat

The PM said the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in a big country like India was terrifying.

"The whole world faced such a terrifying pandemic. If someone gets sick at our home, we take four to five years to come out of it (financial effect). We faced the pandemic in such a big country. But the way we came out of it, the entire world is amazed. They are not able to understand how it happened," Modi said.

"Factories got closed; people had to go back to their villages. In such circumstances, our first concern was there should be enough food for poor people; a child of a poor should not go to sleep without food. So we have been providing free ration to 80 crore people for the last three years," he said.

"Secondly, to fight the pandemic, vaccination was crucial. Even now, many countries are struggling to vaccinate their entire population. We have given more than 200 crore doses of anti-coronavirus vaccine. After two doses, we provided a booster dose also free," Modi said.

The prime minister said that the Digital India campaign has brought about a revolution in the country. If the Congress was in power, your mobile bill could have been around Rs 4,000 to 5,000 per month, which is minimal now. "We made data affordable," he said. Speaking on the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), he said that in the past, specifications of houses built under government schemes were set by the people sitting in Gandhinagar or Delhi.

"But we changed the rules. How can a person sitting in Delhi know what is the requirement of a tribal person who is in poultry farming? We said that you should trust our people as nobody will build an inferior quality home for themselves," the prime minister said.

AIIMS Bhubaneswar organises Walkathon for Organ Donation Awareness

Hockey India Chairman Dilip Tirkey flagged off the Walkathon Around one Thousand Medical students participated

Bhubaneswar(KCN): A mass walkathon for "Organ Donation Awareness" has been all steps to create mass awareness on organ donation for the society.



organised by AIIMS Bhubaneswar today. Hockey India Chairman Dilip Tirkey flagged off the Walkathon and congratulated A I I M S BHUBANESWAR for its initiatives to create awareness in the society for organ donation through this walkathon. Students of AIIMS BHUBANESWAR should come forward to combat superstitions and wrong notions existing in the society over organ donation. And, this is really need of hour, said Hockey superstar Dilip Tirkey.

The Walkathon organised by Department of Surgical Gastroenterology, AIIMS BHUBANESWAR witnessed huge success as around one thousand medical students, faculties and employees of the national institute participated. Executive Director Dr Ashutosh Biswas participating in the Walkathon reiterated to take

Italy take doubles to edge USA in Davis Cup quarter-final

PARIS: Fabio Fognini and Simone Bolelli cruised to victory in the deciding doubles as Italy beat the United States 2-1 their Davis Cup quarter-final in Malaga on Thursday. "I am really happy, I am here with my 'brother'. We played really well," said Fognini, after the pair beat Jack Sock and Tommy Paul 6-4, 6-4. Italy, shorn of their two top players, world number 15 Jannik Sinner and 16th-ranked Matteo Berrettini, eliminated an American team led by ninth-ranked Taylor Fritz and Francis Tiafoe, who is in the top 20.

Lorenzo Sonego, ranked 45th, opened the tie by coming from a set down to beat Tiafoe 6-3, 7-6 (9/7).

Fritz levelled when he survived a tough first set to beat Lorenzo Musetti 7-6 (10/8), 6-3.

That set the stage for the first doubles match of the week. The first two quarter-finals were both settled after the two singles rubbers.

Fognini and Bolelli, the 2015 Australian Open champions, broke in the ninth game of the first set and the seventh game of the second to win.

Italy, the only one of the eight nations in Malaga whose football team is not at the World Cup, were roared on by strong support.

"I'm really proud of my team and of this crowd," said captain Filippo Volandri.

"It's like we are in Italy! All the players did an unbelievable job. Even Matteo who couldn't play because of injury is here and Jannik is supporting from home." USA captain Mardy Fish did not enjoy his Thanksgiving. "No doubt that was a tough day," he said. "No doubt that they were the better team today." "Their doubles, they played phenomenally

well. They're a great team." On Saturday, Italy, whose only Davis Cup title came back in 1976, will face 2019 runners-up Canada or three-time winners Germany. Jan-Lennard Struff, ranked a lowly 152 in the world, gave Germany the lead in their quarter-final with a stunning 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (7/2) win over 18th-ranked Denis Shapovalov. Struff has now defeated the Canadian six times in nine meetings and on Thursday survived an 18-ace barrage from the left-hander.

Later, Felix Auger-Aliassime, the highest-ranked man in Malaga at six in the world, levelled the quarter-final with a 7-6 (7/1), 6-4 win over Oscar Otte, Germany's 65th-ranked player. Auger-Aliassime unleashed 15 aces and 21 winners, converting the only break of the contest in the seventh game of the second set. The tie will be decided in the doubles when Kevin Krawietz and Tim Puetz face Shapovalov and Vasek Pospisil. Krawietz and Puetz won the decisive doubles in the qualifying round earlier this year as Germany defeated France, Belgium and Australia. On Friday, two-time champions Croatia face Australia, who have won the Davis Cup on 28 occasions, in the first semi-final.



Department Dr Bramhadutta Pattnaik conveyed thanks to all for the success of the event caused for noble issue.

It may be noted here that a CME and Workshop in association with NOTTO was organised yesterday at AIIMS BHUBANESWAR to create awareness regarding organ donation and transplantation. The oneday workshop was attended by many experts of national repute.

Among others Medical Superintendent Dr S N Mohanty, Dean Dr P R Mohapatra, Registrar B B Mishra, DDA Rashmi Ranjan Sethy, Dr Prabhash Ranjan Tripathy, Dr. Sanjay Giri, Nursing college Principal Asha P Setty, Dr Prashant Nayak, Dr Hemant Nayak and others participated in the Walkathon.

Pioneer in Liver Transplant surgery in public sector Dr. Viniyendra Pamecha also took part in the

FIFA World Cup: Varane's return lifts French mood even higher

DOHA: Kylian Mbappe's goals took defending champion France into the knockout round of the World Cup. Raphael Varane's return gave the French camp an added reason to celebrate.

The pre-tournament injury blues are fading, Les Bleus are feeling upbeat again and looking like one of the tournament favorites.

Mbappe's two goals in Saturday's 2-1 win against Denmark helped the French become the first defending World Cup champions to

reach the round of 16 since Brazil in 2006.

France's night was made even better by the return of Varane to the center of defense. It was the elegant defender's first game since limping off in

tears after sustaining a hamstring injury playing for Manchester United on Oct. 11. There were genuine fears his World Cup might be over, or that he wouldn't be fit enough to play in Qatar. But his 88th appearance for Les Bleus went smoothly.

"I'm very happy, very satisfied to be here. I've worked very hard and I enjoyed it a lot," Varane said after the game. "It's always special to play at a World Cup, to play for your country. I'm making the most of it."

His calming presence, exceptional reading of the game and strong heading ability were on display at Stadium 974, where he played alongside Dayot Upamecano. Varane lasted 75 minutes without any apparent discomfort, before coach Didier Deschamps gave him a breather ahead of table-topping France's final Group D game

Wednesday against Tunisia.

With France already through, it's a low-pressure match that gives Deschamps an opportunity to test another central defensive partnership with Varane alongside Ibrahima Konate — who played in the 4-1 win against Australia. Then Deschamps can decide which pairing he prefers for the round of 16.

It was a relief for Deschamps to see Varane come through a physical encounter un-



scathed, even more so because he has so many stars missing. Ballon d'Or winner Karim Benzema; key midfielders Paul Pogba and N'Golo Kante; central defender Presnel Kimpembe, left back Lucas Hernandez, and forward Christopher Nkunku were all ruled out of the World Cup by injuries.

So it would have been a crushing blow for Deschamps to lose Varane, his best defender when France won the 2018 World Cup and a hugely-respected member of the squad.

Luck could be turning France's way, with Theo Hernandez replacing his injured brother at left back and setting up Mbappe's first goal against Denmark after a slick one-two with the PSG star, who has three goals in the tournament.

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