

Target for Arms Export Regularization of 57K Employees

New Delhi(KCN): "Self-reliance & secured borders are central to making India a powerful nation," said Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh at an event in New Delhi on October 15, 2022. The Raksha Mantri, in his address, echoed the Government's unwavering resolve to transform India into one of the most powerful nations by 2047, asserting that Ministry of Defence (MoD) is leaving no stone unturned to achieve Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'. Shri Singh underlined the Government's focus to equip the Armed Forces with state-of-the-art weapons/

equipment, manufactured by a self-reliant defence industry. He



listed out a number of steps taken by MoD to reduce dependency on imports, including issuance of positive indigenisation lists. Citing the example of recently-commissioned INS Vikrant, which contains 76 per cent indigenous content, he stated that India has the ability and capability to manufacture modern weapons and platforms. He exuded

confidence that the country will start manufacturing mod-

ern and effective water, land, sky and space defence platforms in the next ten years. The Raksha Mantri appreciated the fact that due to the steps taken by the Government in the last few years, defence exports have seen a massive jump. "There was a time when India only exported defence equipment worth Rs 1,900 crore. The figure to-

day has crossed Rs 13,000 crore. We have set a target of Rs 1.75 lakh crore of defence production by 2025, including Rs 35,000 crore worth of exports. We are well on course to achieve the target," he said.

Terming border area development as another aspect at the core of the Government's vision, Shri Singh said that all efforts are being made to increase connectivity with far-flung areas to further strengthen the preparedness of the Armed Forces and linking the country with people residing in the region. He lauded the exceptional synergy between the Armed

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Bhubaneswar(KCN): On the eve of his Birth Day, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Saturday announced a gift for the 57,000 contractual employees, who were demanding regularization of their service



for a long time.

The Chief Minister has announced complete abolition of the contractual recruitment system in the State Government. This decision was taken at the State Cabinet meeting held here this evening.

Addressing the people, Patnaik said, in the year 2000, when he got the opportunity to serve Odisha, the post-supercyclone situation and the fragile financial conditions were biggest challenges for him.

The State was running on overdraft and the government was dependent on the Reserve

Bank of India (RBI) for wage and means, said Patnaik, adding, "It was indeed a black period for the Odisha economy. The state exchequer was empty. There was tremendous pressure on our

economy. We were lagging behind in various fields including health, education, infrastructure, agriculture, irrigation and many others." At that time his priority was to bring improvement in all these sectors within limited resources. With this condition, his Government stopped recruitment completely, he said.

"We were forced to abolish government posts and it was very painful for me. The youths of my state were running from pillar to post for employment with the government. I was really very sad,"

said the Chief Minister. Patnaik said he was always worried for—when would the situation improve and when would the children get regular recruitment in the State Government? With the blessings of Lord Jagannath, the support of people, better financial management and good governance, the situation started to improve slowly.

"The contractual recruitment system started in 1913. It was, too, a difficult decision for me. Now our economy has improved significantly. Odisha has created a new identity for itself in the field of development in the country," he pointed out. Last year, the State Government had substituted the contractual recruitment posts with initial appointees. Today, the state cabinet has decided to abolish the contractual system of recruitment permanently, he announced.

Even today, he mentioned, there are no regular recruitments in many states and they are still continuing with the

contractual recruitment system. But in Odisha, the era of contractual recruitment has come to an end, added the CM. He also informed that the notification will be issued on Sunday. More than 57,000 employees will be benefited from this move. The government will spend approximately Rs 1300 crore per annum. "This decision brings early Diwali for their family members. Today, Odisha is moving ahead with confidence. A strong and empowered Odisha. This is a golden moment in the history of Odisha," said Patnaik. In his message, he urged all the government employees to work sincerely and serve the people with commitment.

Follow the 5-T initiative of team work, technology, transparency, time and transformation diligently while discharging the duty. Work hard to enhance the image of Odisha, and play a significant role in the transformation of Odisha, he advised the employees.

Congress' Udaipur declaration my manifesto: Mallikarjun Kharge



BHUBANESWAR(KCN): Congress presidential candidate Mallikarjun Kharge on Friday said the Udaipur declaration of the party is his manifesto and he will implement it if elected. Asked about allegations of discrimination levelled by his rival Shashi Tharoor, Kharge told mediapersons here he cannot refuse delegates from meeting him. "The delegates are coming

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Star Campaigners for D'Nagar

Bhubaneswar(KCN): After picking up fighters for the Dhamnagar by-election, Governing BJD and Opposition Congress and BJP have announced their star campaigners for the by-poll scheduled for November 3.

The Biju Janata Dal (BJD) has named party Supremo and Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik as its first star campaigner in a 40 star campaigners list submitted to the Election Commission.

BJD Organisational Secretary Pranab Prakash Das, Prasanna Acharya, Debi Prasad Mishra, Ranendra Pratap Swain, Prafulla Samal,

Similarly, the BJP's National General Secretary Arun Singh had earlier sent a list of party's star campaigners to the Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar for the upcoming by-poll.

Odisha BJP President Samir Mohanty along with three Union Ministers- Dharmendra Pradhan, Ashwini Vaishnaw, and Bisweswar Tudu will campaign for the party candidate Suryavanshi Suraj Sthitaprajna, son of Bishnu Charan Sethi.

BJP Vice-President Baijayant Panda, LoP Jayanarayan Mishra, and senior leaders Sunil Bansal, Sambit Patra, Jual Oram and Bhubaneswar MP Aparajita Sarangi are also the star campaigners of the saffron party for the by-poll.

The Congress party has named A Chella Kumar, in-charge of AICC Odisha; G Rudra Rju, AICC secretary; Sarat Patnaik, President of OPCC; senior MLA Narasingha Mishra, former OPCC Presidents Niranjana Patnaik, Jayadev Jena and Prasad Harichandan as its star campaigners.

Among other leaders, Chiranjib Biswal, Bhakta Charan Das, MP Saptagiri Sankar Ullaka, Rama Chandra Khuntia, Sushila Tiria, Sarat Rout, MLAs Suresh Kumar Routray, Santosh Singh Saluja and Tarapasad Bahinipati would also campaign for Congress nominee Baba Harekrushna Sethi in the by-poll. However, Congress has excluded the name of Barabati-Cuttack MLA Md Moquim in the list.



Pramila Mallik, Pratap Keshari Deb, Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak, Ashok Chandra Panda, Amar Prasad Satpathy, Arun Kumar Sahoo, Pritiranjana Gharai, Rajendra Dholkia, Snehangini Chhuria, Sudam Marndi, Pranab Balabantaray, Byomkesh Ray and Captain. Dibya Shankar Mishra among the other star campaigners of the BJD.

However, actor-turned politician Anubhav Mohanty, Minister Samir Dash and senior Lawmaker Pratap Jena have been excluded from the list.

Notably, the BJD has named Abanti Das who is currently serving as the Block Chairman of Tihidi as its candidate for the poll.

PM favors speedy justice

Kevadia(KCN): Prime Minister, Narendra Modi addressed the inaugural session of All India Conference of Law Ministers and Law Secretaries today via video message.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister noted that the critical meeting of law ministers and secretaries of all states in the country is taking place under the grandeur of the Statue of Unity, and it is the inspiration of Sardar Patel that will help us achieve our goals by pointing us in the right direction during this phase of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

The Prime Minister pointed out the need for a dependable and speedy justice system for a healthy and confident society in a developing country like ours. He further added that the judicial system and various procedures and traditions in every society have been developing according to the needs of the time period. Shri Modi said, "When justice is seen to be

delivered, then the faith of the countrymen in the constitutional institutions is strengthened. And when justice is delivered, the confidence of the common man goes up." He further added that such events are very important for the con-



tinuous improvement of the law and order of the country. The Prime Minister informed that the development journey of Indian society is thousands of years old and we have made steady progress despite facing critical challenges. "The big-

gest aspect of our society is the tendency to improve itself internally while moving forward on the path of progress", Shri Modi added. Stressing the need for continuous improvement, the Prime Minister pointed out that it is

an indispensable requirement for the smooth functioning of every system. "Our society keeps on weeding out irrelevant laws and wrong customs. Otherwise, when any tradition turns into orthodoxy, it turns out to be a burden on society",

he added, "The people of the country should feel neither the absence of government nor the pressure of the government."

Throwing light on the special emphasis on removing the pressure of the government from the citizens of India, the Prime Minister informed that in the last 8 years, India has repealed more than one and a half thousand archaic laws and reduced more than 32 thousand compliances to put an end to the legal hurdles that obstruct the path of innovation and ease of living. "Many of these laws were continuing from the time of slavery", he said. The Prime Minister further added that many old laws from the time of slavery are still in operation in the states and urged the dignitaries present on occasion to make way for the abolition of such laws at this conference. "In this Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal, new laws should be made by abolishing

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Fresh push to parallel road project in Bhubaneswar

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): In a fresh push to the parallel road project on Jayadev Vihar N a n d a n k a n a n stretch of the State Capital, the Forest department has given nod for diversion of forest land on a 1.7 km stretch. Officials of Forest

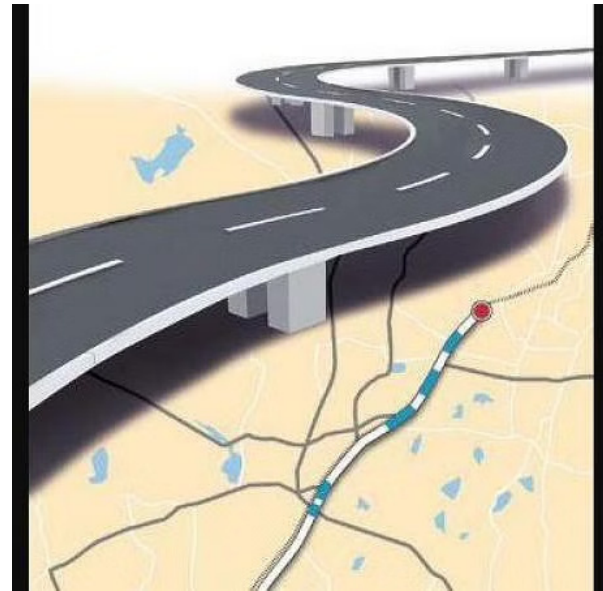
and Environment department said the department has given nod for diversion of 10.18 hectare (around 25 acre land) of the Chandaka Wildlife Division following identification of a similar patch of land for compensatory afforestation.

“A patch of land near Tulasadeipur under Bhubaneswar tehsil of Khurda was earmarked and transferred in favour of the Forest department in August this year after declaring it as Tulasadeipur protected forest for compensatory afforestation. The

land patch is 10.37 hectare in size,” said a forest official from Chandaka. He said the patch has been identified in lieu of land diversion for a 200 feet wide road over a length of 1.790 km from Rail Vihar to H a t i a s u n i - Ekamrakanan park

for the left parallel road also known as

had sought permission for diversion of



‘Left Side Road Network’. Sources said the Roads and Buildings division of the government

land for the project back in March, 2018. The parallel road project is being ex-

ecuted by the R&B division and Bhubaneswar Development Authority (BDA). It envisages developing two roads parallel to the existing stretch from Jayadev Vihar to Nandankandan for decongestion of traffic. The left parallel road from Xavier Square will be connected to Chandaka Square via Patharagadia and the Institute of Mathematics. The 13 km road, estimated to cost around Rs 92 crore is being constructed in seven stretches. Work on one of the stretches

has already been completed and the remaining are in progress. Similarly, the 6.25 km right parallel road from Acharya Vihar to Patia Big Bazaar, is proposed to be constructed at a cost of Rs 239 crore. Both the projects are moving at a snail's pace owing to a host of problems including land acquisition, forest diversion and other issues. BDA secretary Kabindra Kumar Sahoo said efforts are on to clear land hurdles to complete the right side road at the earliest.

Deputy Consul General of Japan in Kolkata, Honourable Mr. YAMASAKI Matsutaro San, will be inaugurating 'Eye Testing and Surgery Instruments for Restoring Vision of Needless Blind Poor Patients in Gaya and Adjoining Districts on 1th October

Kolkata (KCN): Deputy Consul General of Japan in Kolkata, Honourable Mr. YAMASAKI Matsutaro, San will be inaugurating 'Eye Testing and Surgery Instruments for Restoring Vision of Needless Blind Poor Patients in Gaya and Adjoining Districts on 1th October.

Inauguration Ceremony .Consulate General of Japan in Kolkata takes pleasure in informing that Mr. YAMASAKI Matsutaro, Deputy Consul General of the Consulate General of Japan in Kolkata will be inaugurating “The Project for Eye Testing and Surgery Instruments for Restoring Vision of Needless Blind Poor Patients in Gaya and Adjoining Districts in Bihar”.

This project is implemented with the support from the People and the Government of Japan through the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Scheme on October 17 (Monday), 2022.

Brief Summary of the Grassroots Project: The Consulate General of Japan in Kolkata, on behalf of the Government of Japan, had signed the Grant Contract with the recipient NGO, Nav Bharat Jagriti Kendra (NBJK), with the amount of US\$ 85,214 on March 10, 2021 to procure 8 advanced eye equipment : 1 Operating Microscope, 1 Phaco Machine, 2 Slit Lamps, 1 A-Scan, 1 Non-Cataract Tonometer, 1 Yag Laser, 1 Auto-Refractometer to provide better eye treatment to the poor patients. According to NBJK, with the above mentioned equipment it will be possible to provide smooth access of Ophthalmic medical services to approximately 7 million pa-

tients in Gaya and two adjoining districts Nawada and Jehanabad in Bihar, which currently do not have any Ophthalmic hospital at no charge or low cost for the poor except for hospitals run by NBJK.

The GGP Scheme was established to assist local NGOs in developing countries in responding various development needs in a prompt and complete manner, even though on a comparatively small scale. As a donor, the Consulate General of Japan in Kolkata has supported more than US\$ 4.7 million to numbers of NGOs in eastern 4 states; Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha and West Bengal for the last more than 2 decades to fight against various challenges at the grassroots level. We cordially invite Reporters / Photographers of your esteemed media in the above-mentioned address, date and time to cover the Handing Over Ceremony.

For more details: GGP Project Coordinator Consulate General of Japan in Kolkata Tel: 033 3507-6830, Fax: 033 3507-6834 Email: japanconsulate.ggp@cc.mofa.go.jp Event Outline Attendee Mr. YAMASAKI Matsutaro (Deputy Consul General) Organization Name Nav Bharat Jagriti Kendra (NBJK) Project Title The Project for Eye Testing and Surgery Instruments for Restoring Vision of Needless Blind Poor Patients in Gaya and Adjoining Districts in Bihar Project Site Gaya / Bihar Date & Time October 17 (Monday), 2022 | 09:30 am Person in Charge (NGO) Mr. Satish Kumar “Satish Giriya” (Secretary) Phone: 94311 40508

Core Banking For PACs

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Friday said that the core banking solution platform for Primary Agriculture Cooperative Societies (PACS), a first of its kind initiative in the entire country, will bring efficient and transparent service delivery in banking, credit and other operations in the State.

Launching the platform here he said that this is an historic moment for the co-operatives of the State. Secretary to CM V K Pandian moderated the Meeting. Minister Co-operation Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak was present.

APC Sanjeev Chopra, Principal Secretary Co-operation and Chairman Odisha State Warehousing Corporation(OSWC), Sanjeev Chadha and other senior officials graced the Meeting.

“Co-operative Banks and Primary Agriculture Cooperative Societies (PACS) provide around 60 per cent of the total crop loans disbursed in the state. Almost the entire paddy procurement operations and procurement of other agricultural produce are done by these PACS,” he said. With this, 2063 PACS in State have come under the Core Banking Solution platform.

Speaking on the initiatives of his government in strengthening cooperatives in the state, he said that the government has been providing share capital assistance to the Co-operative Banks and PACS in order to build up a strong capital base for them. The Government is also

schemes of the Government. He also congratulated the 28 newly inducted personnel of the Corporation and hoped they will work with sincerity and efficiency to strengthen the system.

During the programme, the OSWC paid a



dividend of Rs 3.07 crore to the government. Speaking on the occasion, Cooperation Minister Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak outlined the steps taken by the department to strengthen the cooperative sector.

He said computerisation of Cooperative Banks, PACS will bring revolutionary changes in the Cooperative sector, and farmers' financial inclusion will improve rapidly. Three newly appointed employees — Jayashree Soren, Biranchi Narayan and Sandeep Sourav—lauded the transparency and speed with which such a huge recruitment process was carried out.

Complementing the Chief Minister for the 5T initiative, they assured absolute transparency and commitment to serve the people of Odisha, especially farmers.

As many as 384 Banking Assistants were inducted in 15 District Central Co-operative Banks in presence of the Chief Minister.

Notably, the Cooperative Banks and PACS provide banking and credit services to the people at the grassroots level. The PACS and LAMPCS disburse crop loans for seasonal agricultural operations to the farmers through Kisan Credit Cards and to the tenant farmers, sharecroppers, oral lessees etc. through Self Help Groups and Joint Liability Groups. The government is facilitating disbursement of crop loans up to Rs.1 lakh free of interest, thanks to overdrive of Principal Secretary Cooperation, Mr.Chadha.

Credit support is also provided to the farmers for asset creation in agriculture under farm mechanization, land development, horticulture, animal husbandry, fishery etc. In addition, farmers in the State avail the services of inputs supply like seeds, fertilizers, pesticides along with marketing of their agricultural produce viz. paddy, oilseeds and pulses through these PACS and LAMPCS.

1553 Cr for Rural Water

Bhubaneswar(KCN): State Cabinet headed by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Saturday approved tenders of Rs 1553 crore for execution of mega piped water supply projects in rural areas of 11 Blocks in four Districts. Apart from the abolition of the contractual recruitment system, the Cabinet has approved eight other proposals of the Departments of Skill Development and Technical Education, General Administration & Public Grievances



and Pachhayati Raj & Drinking Water. Briefing the media, Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mahapatra said that the Cabinet approved the tenders for construction of major piped water supply projects in 4 districts. The Cabinet has approved a tender worth Rs. 395.43 crore for execution of Mega Piped Water Supply projects to provide safe drinking water in Nayagarh District out of JJM funding, said the Chief Secretary.

By execution of the projects, 1,54,594 people of 232 villages under 37 GPs of Ranpur Block and 1,53,637 people of 197 villages under 36 GPs of Odagaon Block of

the District will be provided with safe drinking water

Another Mega Piped Water Supply project of Rs 453.10 crore has been approved by the Cabinet to provide safe drinking water in Baragarh District out of JJM funding. With the execution of this project, 65,715 people of 104 villages under 15 GPs of Ambabhona Block; 90,321 people of 84 villages under 16 GPs of Bhatli Block and 1,39,254 people of 128 villages under 27 GPs of Sohela Block of the District will be benefited, said Mahapatra.

Similarly, tender for the third PWS project worth Rs 456.51 crore has been awarded to provide drinking water to 4,16,886 people of 356 villages under 63 GPs of 4 Blocks of the Khurda district.

Moreover, the State Cabinet has approved the tender amounting to Rs. 248.91 crore for execution of PWS projects to provide safe drinking water in Kalahandi District out of JJM funding.

By execution of the projects, around 1,26,328 people of 155 villages under 36 GPs of 2 Blocks of the District will be benefited. Mahapatra added that the Cabinet also approved waiver of rent of SDC and SDECs for the period from March, 2020 to October 2020 due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Rules for Odisha Group-B, C, and D Posts (Repeal and Special Provisions)-2022; Amendment of Odisha Heads of Department of Recruitment and conditions of service of Junior Assts, ASOs, SOs Rules-2019; Combined Technical Service recruitment examination Rules; and, Combined post-graduate level recruitment examination for specialist posts service Rules-2022 have been approved by the Cabinet.



providing interest subsidy support to the farmers.

He further said that core banking solutions and computerised operations of PACS have been included as important interventions under the 5T charter of the State Government.

Congratulating the new Banking Assistants, who joined the Government on Friday, he advised them to follow the 5T initiative as it carries special significance for the cooperative sector.

Speaking on Odisha State Warehousing Corporation (OSWC), he said, it provides logistic support for storage of food grains for distribution under PDS and other welfare

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Shanthnu Bhagyaraj joins Vijay's 'Thalapathy 64'



After back-to-back Thalpathy 64 updates over the past two days, it is clear that the makers of the film are keen to capitalise on the trend. Today, they have

announced yet another detail about the Lokesh Kanagaraj directorial.

As we had earlier speculated, actor Shanthnu Bhagyaraj has in-

deed been roped in for Vijay's upcoming film, which already boasts of a stellar cast that includes names such as Vijay Sethupathi and Angamaly Diaries-

fame Antony Varghese.

This project will have Anirudh Ravichander composing for a Vijay film for the second time after Kaththi. Sathyan

Sooryan, who is the cinematographer for Lokesh's upcoming film, Kaithi, will handle camera duties in Thalpathy 64 as well.

Bankrolled by

Xavier Britto of XB Film Creators, Thalpathy 64 is also speculated to feature Malavika Mohanan, and this might be the update that the makers are expected to announce later today.

Weird that women still need to protest for rights, says Shruti Haasan



MUMBAI(KCN): Actress Shruti Haasan has raised question over why women still feel the need to protest for their rights, not only in India but all around the world.

"People organise marches and protests for women's rights and I find it weird that we still feel the need to do these protests for women's safety and equality rights. It has been happening for years. I do believe there is a change in the scenario but I feel sad that the problem still exists," said Shruti, while interacting with the media at an RPG Foundation-

organised get-together for women who work under their CSR initiative on Tuesday in Mumbai.

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She added: "I don't feel it is happening only in our country. It is happening all around the world. When you look at international news, you realise this topic comes up many times."

Asked what she felt about the fact that there were lesser female-centric films made in India, she said: "I think slowly things are changing. Films are

being made that are rooted around women characters, so change is taking place. But it should have happened bit earlier."

ALSO READ: Shruti Haasan to have break-up song in her debut EP

Talking about Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary on October 2, Shruti said: "It's such an important day and important part of our history. My father (Kamal Haasan) really believes in his philosophies."

Shruti Haasan will next be seen in an untitled film directed by Mahesh Manjrekar, along with Vidyut Jammwal.

'Joker' review: Solid filmmaking, messy politics

In many of its seedy street side shots, Todd Phillips's Joker focuses on a theatre and clearly shows the titles playing. There is Zorro the Gay Blade, which came out in 1981, a time that seems closer to the mood this film is going for – the late 70s and impending Reagan era vibe of New York that it lends Gotham City. But the more interesting title it shows is probably Ace in the Hole.

Is it the Billy Wilder film? It's a film that hints at media manipulation and Joker insists on a

kind of manipulation by everything from TV, press to upbringing and economic condition that drives Arthur Fleck (Joaquin Phoenix) to become the murderous eponymous character.

Ace in the Hole was also one of Wilder's famous critical and commercial failures. Failure and rejection are important driving forces in this film that's more honest and focused on its visual splendour than it is on the condition and circumstances that create the space

for a turn like that of Arthur Fleck's to Joker. Also, who refers to Harvey Dent as "ace in the hole"? Heath Ledger's Joker in The Dark Knight.

ALSO READ: There are many ways to see 'Joker', says director Todd Phillips The Gotham City and its socio-economic atrophy that writers Phillips and Scott Silver envision can come across as unconvincing and out of context. It talks of class issues but without clear markers for the oppression it wants us to zero in on.

Representation in tax matters

The art of effective representation is very important, a professional to succeed as well as taxpayers for making proper representation in his case. It has become more relevant in Faceless Assessments and Faceless Appeals. There are no separate approaches in the art of representation before the I.T. authorities, appeals before CIT (Appeal) or Tribunal or any other forum. Broadly we feel that the art of



representation is not confined only to the IT authorities or the Court, but anywhere in life, in any discussion forum. Wherever you are, it is the same quality, it is the same approach, which can bring you success. The person making the representation before the A.O., CIT (Appeal) or other Appellate Authorities should keep in

mind the following aspects which may help in making an effective representation:

- 1. Give due importance to FACTS, furnish Paper Book in appeals:** The first suggestion, is to work hard on your matter. The stakes involved in tax disputes are normally very large and in many cases, very intricate facts are involved. One must master the facts. While making representation narrate the facts first, straightaway do not jump to law. **The importance of facts in the case should never be under-estimated.** Facts are lifeline of the case and the entire edifice is built on the facts of a case. Therefore, one must study the facts extremely well and narrate relevant facts chronologically before the authorities in the first instance. As pointed by Bertrand Russell **"The degree of one's emotion varies inversely with one's knowledge of the facts – the less you know, the hotter you get."**
- 2. Statement of facts in appeal:** The Statement of facts furnished in first appeal i.e. before the CIT (Appeals) have to be enclosed with the appeal before the ITAT. Therefore one need to be very careful in preparing the Statement of facts at the time of first appeal itself. Sometimes while filing the first appeal, some taxpayers or professionals commit blunder by not preparing and

submitting the statement of facts or they mention the same "as per Assessment Order". In Statement of facts, one is supposed to mention as to what papers/ documents/ books of account were submitted or produced or explained or what points were argued; or whether compliance was properly made on all occasions. One must properly go through the text of the assessment order and point out if it contains some observations, which are factually erroneous. While making compliance of the requisitions made in a **Faceless scrutiny assessment** also, it is advisable to make written submission and enclose with it the requisite documents and evidences. It is advisable to submit the relevant documents in the form of a **paper book even before the CIT (Appeals)** so that it is easier to prepare a paper book to be filed before the ITAT.

- 3. Furnish affidavit, wherever necessary: Wherever supporting evidence is not possible or not available, an affidavit should be furnished before the authorities. The same is usually accepted unless the authority has any material to controvert the statements contained in such affidavit. Where a fact is alleged, which cannot be borne out by, or is contrary to the record, it should be stated clearly and concisely and supported by a duly sworn affidavit. In this context following decisions are also relevant:**
 - a) Mehta Parakh & Co. v. CIT 30 ITR 181, 187 (SC) -** The importance and relevance of the averments made in the affidavit cannot be brushed aside without really having any material to contradict the same. It is matter of common knowledge that even in Courts the affidavits are furnished and relied upon. It was held that rejection of an affidavit filed by an assessee was not justified unless the assessee had either been cross examined or called upon to produce documentary evidence in support of the affidavit sworn by him.
 - b) L. Sohanlal Gupta v. CIT [1958] 33 ITR 786 (All.) -** The Tribunal was not entitled to reject the Affidavit filed by the assessee on the mere ground that he had produced no documentary evidence; if it was not accepted as sufficient proof, the assessee should have

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been called upon to produce documentary evidence or he should have been cross

- c) CIT v. Lunar Diamonds Ltd. [2006] 281 ITR 1 (Del.) -** The assessee had filed an affidavit stating that it had not received the notice and the High Court sustained the order of the Tribunal, which had held that under these circumstances, the burden was upon the Department to prove that notice was served upon the assessee within the prescribed time. The Department had failed to prove its case in this regard. The Tribunal was right in setting aside the order of assessment. No substantial question of law arose from its order.
- d) Baban Singh v. Jagdish Singh AIR 1967 SC 68 -** Where a false affidavit is shown, the offence would fall u/s 191 and 192 of the Indian Penal Code 1860. Hence an affidavit has to be considered as a piece of evidence.
- 4. Get acquainted with the latest law and decisions:** It is also vital for succeeding in a case to **get acquainted with the latest law and decisions.** The decisions on tax matters are now abundant and for reading and mastering these, hard work is imperative. It is advisable that in addition to tax magazines like ITR, Taxman, CTR, ITR (Trib.), ITD, etc., one should also take benefit of the case laws or gist of case laws, available online magazines like taxmann.com as well as relevant websites. It is very convenient to search decisions or circulars or notifications on any issue or any section or a specific decision by using the search facility offered by websites. For representing the case properly, it is advisable that –
 - **The decisions proposed to be referred to should be read fully** and not only the head note.
 - **Refer the decisions in favour as also those against and try to distinguish** as to how a case which is against you, can be distinguished from the facts of your case. Remember, in ITAT one has to face departmental representative (D.R.), who would obviously like to refer to the case in favour of the department. So get

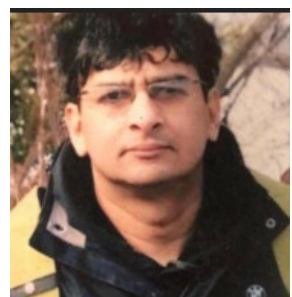
prepared for all possible cases which may be cited by the Id. D.R.

- In addition to the book containing case law, you will do well if you can also furnish a copy of the relevant decisions mentioning the citation. It is further advisable to provide to the appellate authorities **the gist of the portions of the decisions, which you are relying upon**, otherwise it is really difficult for the appellate authorities to remember the para which is relevant in a case.
- **Don't forget to mention if the case is covered by decision of ITAT or a Court in the case of appellant himself.** Provide a copy of such decision, which is likely to be followed by the appellate authority. Even if your case is fully covered by some other decision of the Supreme Court, jurisdictional High Court or any other High Court or ITAT, categorically refer the same. That makes the hearing shorter and helps in succeeding on the issue.
- **If an identical matter is pending on the same issue on a question of law in the Supreme Court or in the High Court** in case of the appellant, this should be pointed out to the A.O., CIT (Appeals) or ITAT giving particulars of the same then the assessee may furnish a declaration u/s 158A that if the A.O. or the appellate authority, as the case may be, agrees to apply in the relevant case the final decision on the question of law in the other case, he shall not raise such question of law in the relevant case in appeal before any appellate authority or in appeal before High Court or the Supreme Court. This provision of section 158A has been enacted for avoiding repetitive appeals in the same case for different assessment years and it should be used for reducing litigation expenses.
- 5. Don't make haste, proceed carefully observing the mood of the authority:** Some new professionals, proceed in the ITAT as well as before other authorities with great haste. It does not serve the purpose, because unless the authority is listening to you carefully and following your arguments, the fast pace only satisfies yourself, but does not take you anywhere. (Contd.)

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Geopolitics of Iran: A nation riding a sea saw of utter confusion, chaos, mismanagement and political crises

Since 1979, when there was a revolution in Iran and the United States was expelled from Iran, the United States, with the help



of its allies, has always tried to force the country to surrender to the United States by creating a rebellion in Iran. Iran's military power in the Middle East has angered Both America and the Europe Union. According to the airwoman officials, the western democracies are trying to incite Iranian people to revolt against the current regime through both main stream media sources and through the strategic use of the social media. Post Islamic Revolution, Iran has no doubts transformed into a security state. But the tussle between the West and the Middle East with Iran is only resulting in the acute suffering of the ordinary citizens. During the pandemic due to strong sanctions against the nation, Iran was not even allowed to import urgent medicines, vaccines and masks from other countries legally. But Iran claims that she has made both medicines and vaccines for supporting her people in distress. The long term ban on the entry of drugs and necessary medications for children and senior citizens resulted in monumental suffering for ordinary Iranians.

Iran feels that the world that US wants for others is that of abject poverty and hunger, like politically unstable and under developed countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America. They feel that the western media never portrays the reality of Iran; and always highlight the negative sides to humiliate the current regime. The Western allies on the other hand considers Iran to be a belligerent nation that is always initiating proxy wars across the Middle East to establish their supremacy and challenging the current Middle East regimes with particular emphasis to Saudi Arabia. The battle of mistrust, misunderstanding and lack of flexibility has been resulting in a deadlock in coming into any agreeable peace accord between Iran and her opponents. Both sides are inconsiderate about the security and geopolitical compulsions of the other side. Hence no meaningful dialogues between the two sides are taking place, while the ordinary citizens continue to suffer under the dreaded sanctions against the country.

Not many of us are aware of the fact that Iran has made significant breakthroughs in science, technology and engineering. Iran has made commendable advancements in

Letter to Editor

Sir,

Ban Palm oil, our country is the world's largest importer of palm oil, and recently, even after the import duty was cut, the price of palm oil has climbed. If you carefully read the labels, you'll notice that most fast foods, crisps, cookies, and many bakery products all use palm oil rather than healthy oils like coconut and olive oil. In India, palm oil is less expensive and has a lower production cost than other oils. Regular consumption of palm oil, which is known to contain a lot of saturated fat, can raise harmful cholesterol levels. As a result, heart disease risk is increased. Therefore, our government should immediately outlaw the use of palm oil in food products.

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nuclear technology, aerospace engineering, space research, military technology, nanotechnology, agriculture, biotechnology and medical sciences. a lot in air and space?

The nation has unique drone technology that can rival few of the most advanced western nations. Iran has achieved huge strides in designing and manufacturing her own fighter jets, attack helicopters, missiles as well as advanced missile defence system. Conventional Western media never reflect this. Iran is on the way to becoming an advanced military and geopolitical power in Asia. This is viewed as a significant threat to the current assets, economic and political power enjoyed by US, EU, Saudi Arabia and her allies and above all Israel.

We have to accept based on our similar experiences in other developing and under developed countries; that both regional and global media do not accurately reflect the current scenario of the nation to the people of the world. Iran is unfortunately grossly isolated from the rest of the world. The strict Islamic rule and Shia dominance has further alienated the nation even from the very region it is a part of. Iran does not enjoy cordial relationships with any of her adjoining neighbours like Iraq, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Turkmenistan Pakistan and Afghanistan. In the context of the hijab controversy in the country, the Iranian Govt claims to have established equal rights for male and female students in schools, colleges and the universities.

There is no doubt that there are many bright students and intellectuals in Iran and they are very capable. But in an Islamic country men and women have equal rights and opportunities is a bit difficult to digest.

Furthermore there is huge sociology-economic dominance of social elites, corrupt politicians and bureaucrats, army top brass and Islamic clerics and imams on the life abs prospects of the public historically. Ordinary citizens in Iran cannot get similar opportunities as families of political beneficiaries, influential clerics, people in the government. Iran also has strong opposition of the Sunni Muslim countries around and the region is fighting with one another for dominance. Poorest of the poor are worst sufferers. No one cares for them. Iran is caught badly between the animosity and negative geopolitics of Western democracies and the rivalry of Islamic countries of the Middle East. This is a very difficult situation for the country. There is no doubt about non-cooperative intentions of the USA and her allies; but unfortunately Iran does not have good allies either. It is indeed a very difficult challenge for the current regime to bring a balance in the socio-political life of the ordinary people. We sincerely hope that the poor ordinary people of Iran can stay safe and get peace and prosperity in the future; but based on present circumstances that seems to be a dream too far fetched to take roots.

Iran is the largest producer of saffron and pistachio in the world. Any agricultural product can be cultivated in Iran due to its multiple agro-climatic zones. But recently, because of the water issue, Iran has signed an agreement with Venezuela and Russia to grow water-rich crops abroad. The best rice in the world is grown in Iran. It can almost be said that all the citrus fruits, tea, legumes, and major food, feed and agro-industrial products can be cultivated in Iran. To a large extent, Iran is self-sufficient in terms of agriculture. The most popu-

Saikat Kumar Basu

lar honey in Iran is natural honey. Of course, in recent years, it has moved towards commercialization. But

many people still prefer to use natural honey, although it is much less available than commercial or industrial honey. In terms of mining, Iran has mines of uranium, gold, silver, copper, zirconium, chromite, etc. Iran ranks among the top ten countries of the world in terms of natural resources. In terms of oil and gas, Iran has some of the largest reserves of oil and gas in the world. But yet due to wrong geopolitical strategies and due to lack of diplomatic compromises and accommodation, the country has been suffering badly both socially, economically and politically. The long unrest across the nation is also pushing the country slowly towards abject poverty, bad recession, rampant anarchism, crude authoritarian rule and a thoroughly mismanaged economy.

There is high level corruption in the government. The social, political and military elites of the country get the lion's share of the oil profit, while the poor and underprivileged section of the society continue to suffer. The current regime emphasizes that all is good in Iran and that only foreign powers are causing trouble by interfering in the local politics of the nation. But there has been numerous cases of discrimination, torture, abuse and exploitation of ordinary citizens in the hands of the current regime that is always kept suppressed as a state secret. But at the same time for those who have known Iran only from their own media, it is difficult to know the real Iran.

Iran is separated from the world and has a serious geopolitical issues with Saudi Arabia fighting to dominate the Islamic world. But this equation has become highly complicated with the entry of Turkey into the equation of dominance. Furthermore, Israel is worried by open threats issued by Iran from time to time increasing the number of tentative enemies challenging the country. Iran has been deeply involved in the conflict zones of Syria and Yemen and has direct participation into the contagious Israel-Palestine conflict through Lebanon. At times, Iran has also made uncomfortable friendship with a global power like India, by making negative comments on various aspects of Indo-Pakistan relations over Kashmir. The Iranian government does not have cordial relationship with the Taliban of Afghanistan as they are a staunch opponents of ISIS and other Islamic terrorist groups operating in the region. The volatile Kurdistan region is also behaving as a breakaway part from time to time with their underlying support for a great Kurdistan in the Middle East regional politics.

The unemployment rates are soaring high in Iran and this is one of the root cause of the current agitation, the loss of faith on the local government! The global geopolitics is dominated now by the US, EU, China, Russia and India. Iran is one of the countries that attacked American assets and targets; and hence America feels threatened because it doesn't want different countries to come out of its control. Iran's current issue is security, and the enemy, will soon be caught in the cold of winter and the energy crisis in the world due to the current Russia-Ukraine conflicts.

I hope all world crises will be resolved soon. Whether it's the food crisis in war-torn Yemen or the fuel crisis in Europe, because only ordinary people are affected. May the world become a better place. Where judgment is based on humanity, not wealth. Didn't I bore you? If all the media in the world

were neutral, there would be no conflict and bad judgment in the world. No wars would have been fought and poor and helpless people not killed and displaced from their home. There is no such thing as politics. Everything is economy and economy. Strong countries exploit weak countries economically and call it politics.

When people are exploited regularly and the top government brass, politicians, bureaucrats, clerics, religious leaders, police, paramilitary and army personnel are the sole beneficiaries milking the economy of the country to their maximum advantage, this is the consequence. Only blaming western countries and media will not be able to sweep injustices under the carpet for Iranian Government. The government has oppressed the common people for long abs it is the outburst of that suppressed anger, frustrations and helplessness against rampant corruption, adultery, nepotism and persecution of ordinary people protesting against injustice. The freedom is not just for religious purposes; but a fight for justice against oppression, repression, illegal abduction, custodial abuse, inhuman torture, secret targeted murders and gross violation of human rights by security forces against their own citizens.

Iran believes that the world is the same world that helped Iraq against her with all possible means during the eight years of Iran-Iraq war. That world is based on capitalism and everyone must either be a servant of America or be hated. According to the Iranian media the deaths of thousands of people around the world during the pandemic was not covered with a negative momentum as was done in case of pandemic deaths in Iran simply to make the current regime look bad. The situation in Iran is making the US and her western allies increasingly nervous and worried about the future political vacuum in the region. But what western democracies fail to understand is the fact that pushing Iran on every aspect is only bringing her closer to an extremely belligerent China and Russia, forming an axis that can further endanger western interests in the not so distant future.

India canceled the embargo on its economic relations with Iran, but now it is back, so are many other countries. But America does not like this. In the society, with the power of the media, it instills distrust in the government in order to make Iran look insecure with chaos. But on the other hand, the profit from both legal and illegal oil trades are flowing into the secret pockets of the social elites; while the poorest of the poor are starving to death. Anyone who criticizes the government is declared an enemy of the nation. The vast resources and economic power is restricted to top 5% of the elite population of the Iran; while 95% of the people are suffering from abject poverty. A nation does not simply mean a country and her borders, assets, military, economic and political power only. A nation means a platform or an umbrella that provides shades and security to her people. A nation will cease to exist and crumble if that central supreme power; the core of which is represented by ordinary citizens of the country are oppressed. It is time for Iranian government to drop the ego and look for opportunities to work for the people that makes this great country and civilization. The nation is not to cater for the top 5% only; but also for the oppressed and under privileged 95%, failing which will bring destabilization today or tomorrow.

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Global Hunger Index: India ranks 107 of 121 nations, behind Pakistan, Nepal

New Delhi: India ranked 107 out of 121 countries in the Global Hunger Index 2022 with its child wasting rate at 19.3 per cent, being the highest in the world. The Global Hunger Index (GHI) is a tool for comprehensively measuring and tracking hunger at global, regional, and national levels. With a score of 29.1, the level of hunger in India has been labelled "serious". In Asia, Afghanistan with a rank of 109 is the only country behind India. Neighbouring countries - Pakistan (99), Bangladesh (84), Nepal (81) and Sri Lanka (64) have all fared better than India. In 2021, India ranked 101 out of 116 coun-

"Possible solutions and the scale of investment required are known and quantified. Rather, the problem lies in policy implementation and the lack of political will in the world," it said. Activists and politicians have hit out the government for India's ranking. Sitaram Yechury, Secretary-General of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) said the government must take responsibility for this era of darkness India has been brought to in 8.5 years. "Dangerous, sharp slide of India on global hunger index since 2014. Modi govt is disastrous for India. Low food stocks barely over minimum buffer plus rising prices. Gov-



tries while in 2020 the country was placed at 94th position. South Asia, the region with the world's highest hunger level, has the highest child stunting rate and by far the highest child wasting rate in the world, the report said. "India's child wasting rate, at 19.3 per cent, is the highest of any country in the world and drives up the region's average owing to India's large population," it said. India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan each have child stunting rates between 35 and 38 per cent, with Afghanistan's rate being the highest in the region. Undernourishment prevalence rose in India from 14.6 per cent in 2018-2020 to 16.3 per cent in 2019-2021. This translates into 224.3 million people in India being undernourished out of the total 828 million people globally. Child wasting which is a strong predictor of mortality among children under five years of age also worsened from 15.1 per cent in 2012-16 to 19.3 per cent in 2017-21. India, however, noted improvement in two parameters of child stunting from 38.7 per cent in 2012-16 to 35.5 per cent in 2017-21 and child mortality from 4.6 per cent in 2014 to 3.3 per cent in 2020. The GHI said stunting disparities between districts were particularly pronounced in India. "The example of India shows the importance of considering the subnational context when designing programs and policies to target child stunting. Researchers investigated the factors that contributed to a decline in stunting in four Indian states between 2006 and 2016: Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Odisha, and Tamil Nadu," it said. The report said the researchers found that stunting fell mainly in response to improvements in the coverage of health and nutrition interventions, household conditions (such as socioeconomic status and food security), and maternal factors (such as mothers' health and education). "While improvements in household conditions were the most important factor for each of the four states, the second most important factor varies by state. As the authors conclude, this variability across states indicates the need for contextualized policy and programmatic initiatives to help focus the efforts in the sectors that need the most attention for continued decline in stunting," it said. The GHI said the world is facing a serious setback in efforts to end hunger with conflict, the climate crisis and the economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, compounded by the war in Ukraine ? are major drivers of hunger. The report warned that the situation is expected to deteriorate further as global crises overlap.

ernment must take responsibility for this era of darkness India has been brought to in 8.5 years. Enough of PR, spin & lies," Yechury tweeted. Congress leader P Chidambaram said, "When will the honourable PM address real issues like malnutrition, hunger, and stunting and wasting among children? 22.4 crore people in India are considered undernourished." "Our score has worsened since 2014 in the 8 years of the Modi government 16.3 per cent of all Indians are undernourished, meaning they do not get enough food," he said in another tweet. "19.3 per cent of children are wasted, 35.5 per cent of children are stunted Hindutva, imposing Hindi and spreading Hate are not the antidote to Hunger," the former union minister tweeted.

Expired drug kills 10 child leukemia patients in Yemen

CAIRO: At least 10 child leukemia patients in Yemen have died, and dozens more left seriously ill, after being administered expired doses of a cancer treatment in the rebel-held capital, medical officials and workers said on Friday. Yemen's ruinous conflict, now entering its eighth year, has caused one of the world's worst humanitarian crises and killed in excess of 150,000 people. The children were aged between three and 15 and died at Sanaa's Kuwait Hospital after being injected with old doses of smuggled medicine at a number of private clinics, the rebel-run Health Ministry said in a statement Thursday. The officials did not say when the 10 deaths occurred.

According to a half dozen health officials and workers who spoke to The Associated Press, some 50 children received a smuggled chemotherapy treatment known as Methotrexate that was originally



manufactured in India. They said a total of 19 children had died from the expired treatment. The officials and workers spoke on condition of ano-

nymity as they were not briefed to speak with the media. Amid Yemen's war, the lack of access to basic resources, including food and medicine, has created large smuggling networks across both rebel-

held Houthi and Saudi coalition-run areas. Several doctors in Sanaa said that Houthi officials secretly work in partnership with medi-

cine smugglers who sell often expired treatment to private clinics from storage houses across the country. In doing so, they said the Houthis were limiting the availability of safe treatments. The Houthi health

lack of available medicine in Houthi-controlled areas. The family of one of the deceased children said that their son felt pains and cramps after receiving the expired chemotherapy treatment then died five

"One of the most dangerous nations in world": Biden's comment on Pakistan

Washington: In perhaps the most candid statement made against it, US President Joe Biden described Pakistan as "one of the most dangerous nations" in the world with holds

Jinping) who understands what he wants but has an enormous, enormous array of problems. How do we handle that? How do we handle that relative to what's going on in Russia? And

"So, folks, there's a lot going on. A lot going on. But there's also enormous opportunities for the United States to change the dynamic in the second quarter of the 21st century,"

with each other but the challenges they pose are distinct. "We will prioritize maintaining an enduring competitive edge over the PRC while constraining a still profoundly dan-



"nuclear weapons without any cohesion." The US President made these remarks at a Democratic Congressional Campaign Reception in Los Angeles (California), during which he berated both China and Russia. The remarks on Pakistan were made while Biden was talking about US foreign policy with regard to China and Vladimir Putin's Russia. Biden concluded by saying he considered Pakistan to be the most dangerous country in the world. "This is a guy (Xi

what I think is maybe one of the most dangerous nations in the world: Pakistan. Nuclear weapons without any cohesion," said Biden, as quoted in a White House press release of his remarks at the Democratic party event. Biden's remarks could be seen as a setback to the Shehbaz Sharif government's bid to improve ties with the US. At the event, Biden said there were enormous opportunities for the US to change the dynamic in the second quarter of the 21st century.

the US president said. These comments come two days after the release of the US' National Security Strategy. The 48-page document makes no reference to Pakistan. On Wednesday, the Biden administration released the Congress mandated key policy document, underlining the threat posed to the US by both China and Russia. The National Security Strategy states that China and Russia who earlier this year announced a "no-limits partnership" are increasingly aligned

gerous Russia," it adds. The policy document contends that competition with China is most pronounced in the Indo-Pacific, but it is also increasingly global. The US Security Strategy highlighted that the next ten years will be a decisive decade of competition with China. On the Russia-Ukraine conflict, the document says Moscow's "imperialist foreign policy" culminated "in a full-scale invasion of Ukraine in an attempt to topple its government and bring it under Russian control."

'Unnati' to promote mango farming

BHUBANESWAR: Governor Ganeshi Lal on Friday launched project 'Unnati Aamrit' that aims at enhancing the livelihoods of

tiative of Coca-Cola Foundation. The Governor said Unnati has transformed the lives of farmers across 11 states in the country

munity in the eastern region of the country," Lal said. The project will be launched on pilot basis in Boudh, Kandhamal and

Rajesh Ayapilla said initially it has been planned to empower over 10,000 farmers in Odisha by promoting mango plantation on around



mango farmers in the State by promoting sustainable and high-tech agriculture practices. Odisha is the 12th State to be included in the flagship project 'Unnati', which is a part of the fruit circular economy ini-

over the past decade. "The State is supportive of the Central government's call for an Atmanirbhar Bharat. The sustainable agriculture initiative will give an impetus to self-resilience and uplift the agri-com-

Nayagarh districts in partnership with SWADESI, a rural development organisation and extended to other potential districts in the next phase. Director, CSR and Sustainability for Coca-Cola India

10,000 acre land in key farming districts. Project Director of SWADESI Sukanta Panigrahi said the collaboration has already tied up with around 5,000 farmers for its food processing unit in Kandhamal.

Colleges get new courses, more seats

SAMBALPUR: The State government has

pals on Thursday. The Government

Sanskrit, Education and Hindi, five sci-

"Many girl students show willingness to continue their studies here but they are forced to change college due to lack of options in PG here. With the launch of these new PG courses they can now uninterruptedly continue their Masters studies here." The NSCB college, on the other hand, has been granted permission to open PG courses in History, Odia and Commerce with 16 seats each. Five new courses for UG including Hindi, Home Science, Library Science, Sanskrit and Sociology with 32 seats each will also be introduced. While the number of seats for Plus Three Commerce has been increased from 64 to 128, for Arts it has been made 320 as against the previous 128 seats.



granted permission to two of Sambalpur's oldest government colleges, the Government Women's College and Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose (NSCB) College for starting new PG courses besides doubling the number of seats for the Plus Three courses from this academic session.

Women's College established in 1959, has been granted permission to launch UG programme in commerce with 32 seats. Besides, PG programmes in 17 subjects with seat capacity of 32 each, will also be introduced. Apart from 12 subjects in Humanities, Anthropology, Economics, English, Geography, History, Home Science, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology,

ence subjects -Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Botany and Zoology will be introduced. This apart, seats for PG course in Odia will be increased from 16 to 32. Similarly, the seats of UG courses in Arts will be increased to from 128 to 416 while for UG courses in Science, seats will be increased from 64 to 160. Principal of Women's College, Rajashree Baral said,

Giant of skies -- Airbus A380 -- lands in Bengaluru

BENGALURU: On Friday evening, the world's largest passenger aircraft, which flew in from Dubai, touched down at the Kempegowda International Airport with 231 passengers on board at 3.37 pm, creating an epochal moment in aviation history. The superjumbo Airbus A380 flew announced its arrival in Bengaluru with a big group of Emirates staff on board. The commercial launch will start on October 30. Flight EK 562 took three-and-a-half hours to complete its journey from Dubai International Airport, landing smoothly on the Southern Runway of KIA. BIAL airport operator accorded a "follow me" welcome with three yellow cars guiding the flight to the parking lot. Bengaluru will only be the second airport after Mumbai to have received this Superjumbo flight with a seating capacity of 493, which is 45% more than the Boeing 777. Speaking about its features, an Emirates spokesperson said, "The aircraft is 72.7m long, weighs over 510 tonnes and stands at 24.1m tall." Dr Ahmed Abdel Rahman AlBanna, UAE ambassador to India flew in from New Delhi to welcome the Airbus which had on board Adnan Kazim, Chief Commercial Officer, Emirates and Ahmed Khoory, Senior vice-president of Commercial Operations, West Asia and Indian Ocean. Co-opera-

tion Minister ST Somashekhar and BIAL CEO Hari Marar were present. Air hostesses at the mini bar for first class flyers | Vinod Kumar T The first class section has a shower spa, mini bar, a big screen in front which can be operated from the seat. The flight departed at 6.40pm from Bengaluru. From October 30, Airbus 380 will be on flight schedule: EK 568 will leave Dubai at 9.25pm (Dubai time) and will reach Bengaluru at 2.30am. The return flight EK 569 will leave KIA at 4.30am and will reach Dubai at 7.10am (local time). EMIRATES PILOT SOAKS IN THE LUXURY Among the 231 passengers on board, six travelled first class, 40 business class and the rest in economy. Among them was Zaosh Godrej, an Emirates pilot, who enjoyed the experience as a passenger. "The flight was an experience by itself with an ultra comfortable spacious seating. The lounge on the first class has a mini bar by one's seat. With the pastries and other delicacies being supplied continuously, the trip is something to be cherished really," he told TNIE. Adnan Kazim, Chief Commercial Officer, Emirates, added, "It was truly an out of the world experience for me."

Baripada: Road blocked over teacher shortage

BARIPADA: Students of Government Primary School, Dhanpur under Shamakhunta blocked the school entrance and blocked the road between Baripada and

education department stating that teaching posts have been lying vacant for the last three months but there is no effort to fill them. The institution with 73 students on roll was be-

day meals." The students complained that some of them are only studying Odia because of lack of teachers in other subjects. "We have no classes being held for other subjects so

other authorities of the department but to no avail. "One assistant teacher cannot manage the entire school and its additional works," he said. The protest was with-



Similipal on Friday protesting lack of teachers in the institution. President of school management committee along with more than 60 students and their parents raised voice against the district

ing run by an assistant teacher only. A Class V student of the school Devasmita Mohanta said, "There are no teachers and headmaster in the school. We have only one teacher who takes classes and also looks after mid-

we are worried for our upcoming half-yearly examination," they complained. President of the school management committee Jaydev Mohanta said the issue was earlier taken to the district education officer and

drawn after assistant block education officer (ABEO) Giridhari Mandal assured them that the vacant teacher posts will be filled on Saturday and the school would start functioning with more staff by Monday.



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Worry for Global Economy

Washington: Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman said India has projected growth rate of 7 Percent for the Indian Economy.

While participating in Joint World Bank-International Monetary Fund (WB-IMF) Development Committee (DC) meeting during the Annual Meetings 2022 in Washington DC, she said however, we remain concerned about the global economic outlook and geopolitical environment.

Smt. Sitharaman stated that the Food and Energy Crisis paper rightly identifies energy efficiency as the "first fuel of choice". Similarly, reducing crop loss and food waste should also be the "first intervention of choice" to ensure food security.

The Finance Minister urged the World Bank to avoid a unidimensional view of subsidies and to differentiate between distortive subsidies and targeted support to the vulnerable households.

Giving India's example as an illustration, Smt. Sitharaman said that by providing free LPG connections under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojna over the last six years, India has ensured that access to Clean cooking methods has achieved near saturation for women in India. This has made a definitive contribution in improving India's performance on SDGS 3, 5 and 7.

While the quest for energy and food security necessitates non exclusion of fossil fuels from our energy mix, the Finance Minister noted that India has set up its first pure hydrogen producing plant as well as its first 2G bioethanol refinery this year.

Going forward, Smt. Sitharaman said that there

are 3 clear opportunities for the World Bank Group:

Promoting behavior change to increase energy efficiency and to reduce food losses. Programs like the Lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE) launched by the Prime Minister of India on the World Environment Day in June 2022, in which David Malpass, president, World Bank Group, delivered a wonderful keynote address, can mainstream responsible consumption behavior.

On financing climate and development goals, the Finance Minister said that the WBG is uniquely placed to bring together all stakeholders for developing an investment strategy for climate and development finance. Yet, the world must never lose focus on the internationally agreed basic principle of common but differentiated responsibilities. This necessitates avoidance of a one-size fit-all approach.

Smt. Sitharaman stated that mitigation of risks is essential for crowding in private capital. While welcoming the launching of SCALE, the Finance Minister encouraged the World Bank to increase the share of grants from the current 5 % level and to work below the country level to support projects with huge climate impact beyond the national borders.

While urging the World Bank to take the lead and also help build consensus across MDBS, the Finance Minister pushed for the recommendations of the Independent Review of the MDB Capital Adequacy Frameworks commissioned by the G20 hold the key for sustained financing.



RBI panel favours rate hike to tame inflation

NEW DELHI: Most members of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) raised concern over uncertainty around both growth and inflation, but kept

2022 announced 50 bps hike in repo rate, the short-term rate at which RBI lends to banks.

Dr Ashima Goyal made an impassioned argument in favour of

in 2011, 2014 and 2018, when credit and investment slowdown was aggravated (due to high repo rates)," she said in her statement. ALSO READ | RBI to

forceful tightening of monetary policy. He said front-loading of monetary policy actions can keep inflation expectations firmly



their focus on taming inflation, the minutes of the MPC meeting showed.

The minutes of the meeting which were released on Friday showed that while most members favoured an increase in repo rate by 50 basis points or more, Dr Ashima Goyal was in favour of only a 35 bps hike. The RBI on 30 September

a 35 bps rate hike as she opined that a 50 bps rise just to preserve a spread with US policy rates would be an over-reaction driven by fear. "...if lagged effects of monetary policy are large, as in India, overreaction can be very costly," she warned while reminding that taking repo rates too high imposed heavy costs

tell govt why it failed to check inflation since January Prof Jayant R Varma, who sees the terminal repo rate at 6.25-6.5%, was in favour of a front-loaded hike of 60 bps but ultimately voted for a 50 bps hike. Deputy governor of RBI Dr Michael Debabrata Patra was also in favour of more

anchored, and also cut the medium-term growth sacrifice associated with steering inflation back to target. Governor Shaktikanta Das in his remarks said though economic activities were steadily improving, there were mixed signals on the growth front.

Congress' Udaipur declaration my manifesto: Mallikarjun Kharge

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voluntarily and the election being conducted as per democratic process" he said. Describing Tharoor as his brother, Kharge said the election is being conducted as per the constitution of the Indian National Congress and due procedure is being followed. "Besides, all the leaders of the party wanted me to contest the election," he said, adding he is confident of victory.

Kharge, however, said he does not have a new manifesto. "I will implement the declarations made at the 'chintan shibir' of the party at Udaipur on social justice, rights of farmers and youths, economic and foreign policy and resolutions on organisational matters," he said.

Stating that the Bharat Jodo yatra of Rahul Gandhi will bring revolutionary changes, Kharge said when the BJP is trying to divide the country, Gandhi is doing a commendable work by trying to unite it. "Bharat Jodo yatra is the Maha Sangram of Rahul Gandhi against poverty, price rise, unemployment, economic disparity and hunger," he stated.

Targeting the BJP-led government at the Centre, Kharge said there is need for a strong agitation to save the country. Alleging democracy and constitution are in danger, he said the Narendra Modi government is creating problems for the non-BJP ruled states across the country by adopting intimidatory tactics.

Stating that BJP and RSS did not play any role in the country's independence, he said Congress brought freedom and played a major role nation building. "The role of Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Patel and Subash Chandra Bose in country's independence was immense," he said.

Target for Arms Export

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Forces and the general public in the North-East states and their patriotism, despite challenging circumstances.

The Raksha Mantri termed North-East as the arm of India which was ignored for a long time after independence. He asserted that the progress of the North-East has been one of the major focus areas of the Government, led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, since the beginning as the region is crucial for the economic, social, political and strategic development of the country.

"Our greatest achievement in the last 8.5 years has been the restoration of peace & prosperity in the North-Eastern states. Since 2014, there has been about 80-90 per cent reduction in violence incidents in almost every state of the North-East. Most of the extremist organisations have either been rooted out or have surrendered and joined the mainstream. Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act has been removed from 80 per cent of the areas. This was made possible as now there is peace, stability and durability in the region," Shri Singh said.

The Raksha Mantri described connectivity with the North-East as another achievement of the Government in the last 8.5 years. He stated that air, road and rail connectivity infrastructure has been strengthened and there is now a direct link with the region. He termed the Union Cabinet approval of Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region (PM-DevINE) as a testament to the Government's commitment towards progress of the Northeastern states. The progress of the North-East region is pivotal to making a strong, prosperous and self-reliant 'New India' as envisioned by the Prime Minister, he said.

Shri Singh commended Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi under whose leadership the country's economy has become more dynamic and stronger. He added that the number of start-ups in the country has increased manifold to 75,000 from just 400 in 2014. Of these, more than a 100 are known worldwide as unicorns due to their valuation of \$1 billion, he said.

"Today, most of the countries are facing the problem of slowdown in economy. International Monetary Fund (IMF) has projected its global GDP growth rate to be 2.9 per cent in 2022-23. While India's growth rate has been underestimated, it is still pegged at 6.1 per cent. The world is looking up to India's growth story," the Raksha Mantri said.

PM favors speedy justice

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the laws which have been going on from the time of slavery", Shri Modi added. The Prime Minister also pointed towards reviewing the existing laws of the states while focusing on Ease of Living and Ease of Justice for the people.

The Prime Minister noted that the delay in serving justice has come across as the biggest challenge and the judiciary is working with utmost seriousness in this direction. Throwing light on the mechanism of alternative dispute resolution, the Prime Minister suggested that it has been put to good use in the villages of India for a long time and can now be promoted to the state level. "We have to understand how to make it a part of the legal system at the local level in the states", Shri Modi added.

Recalling the time when he was the Chief Minister of Gujarat, the Prime Minister said that the then government had introduced the concept of evening courts. He further explained that cases which were less serious in terms of sections were taken up by the evening courts which resulted in the resolution of more than 9 lakh cases in Gujarat in recent years. The Prime Minister also highlighted the emergence of Lok Adalats that have led to the disposal of lakhs of cases in various states and reduced the burden of the courts. "People living in the rural areas have benefitted immensely from this", he added. Noting the responsibility of the ministers in formulating laws in the Parliament, the Prime Minister remarked that if there is confusion in the law itself, it is the common citizens who have to bear the brunt of it in future, no matter the intentions. He further added that ordinary citizens have to spend a lot of money and run around from post to pillar to get justice. He said, "When the law comes to the understanding of the common man, then its effect is something else."

Drawing examples from other countries, the Prime Minister noted that when a law is made in the Parliament or Legislative Assembly, it is prepared to explain it in detail within the definition of law, and secondly to draft the law in a language that can be easily understood by the common man. The timeline of the execution of the law is also determined and the law is reviewed again in the new circumstances. "Local language plays a big role in the legal system for ease of justice. Academic ecosystem will also have to be created for the youth in the mother tongue. Law courses should be in mother tongue, our laws should be written in simple language, digital libraries of important cases of High Courts and Supreme Court should be in local language", he added.

"When the judicial system grows along with society, it has a natural tendency to adopt modernity. As a result, the changes that take place in society are also visible through the justice system" Shri Modi said. Putting the spotlight on the integration of technology in the judicial system, the Prime Minister pointed out the emergence of e-courts and virtual hearings and the promotion of e-filings. Shri Modi further added that these systems will get a major boost with the arrival of 5G in the country. "Every state will have to update and upgrade its systems. It should also be an important goal of our legal education to prepare it according to technology", he added.

Recalling the joint meeting of Chief Justices of High Courts where the Prime Minister had raised the issue of undertrial prisoners, he urged the dignitaries to work towards speedy trials for the disposal of such cases. The Prime Minister further added that state governments should work with a humane approach regarding undertrial prisoners so that the judicial system moves forward with human ideals. "A sensitive justice system is essential for a capable nation and a harmonious society", Shri Modi added.

Underlining the supremacy of the Constitution, the Prime Minister said that the Constitution is the origin of the judiciary, legislature and executive. "Be it the government, Parliament, our courts, all three are, in a way, the children of the same mother. So even though the functions are different, if we look at the spirit of the constitution, there is no scope for argument or competition. Like the children of a mother, all three have to serve Maa Bharati, together they have to take India to new heights in the 21st century", the Prime Minister concluded.

Union Minister of Law & Justice, Kiren Rijju and Union Minister of State for Law & Justice, S P Singh Baghel were those present on occasion among others.

Man Utd's Greenwood charged with attempted rape

LONDON: Manchester United forward Mason Greenwood has been charged with attempted rape, engaging in controlling and coercive behaviour, and assault, prosecutors said on Saturday.

wood, 21, with attempted rape, engaging in controlling and coercive behaviour, and assault occasioning actual bodily harm.

"All three counts relate to the same complainant. Specialist rape prosecutors from CPS

North West's complex casework unit authorised the charges following a review of a file of evidence received from Greater Manchester Police."

Within hours of the allegations surfacing online at the beginning of the year, Greenwood, who has

made one appearance for England, was suspended from playing or training with United. Nike suspended and later terminated its sponsorship deal with Greenwood, while Electronic Arts confirmed his removal from active squads on its FIFA 22 game.

Greenwood, who made his United debut in 2019 after coming through the youth ranks, has played 129 times for the club, scoring 35 goals. He signed a new deal in February 2021, keeping him at Old Trafford until at least 2025.

Greenwood made his England debut against Iceland in September 2020 but he and Manchester City midfielder Phil Foden were sent home after a breach of the team's coronavirus guidelines. He has yet to win another cap for the Three Lions.



The 21-year-old England international is due to appear at Manchester and Salford Magistrates' Court on Monday facing three counts relating to the same woman.

The player was first held in January over allegations relating to a young woman after images and videos were posted online. He had been on bail since then, but was arrested on Saturday for an alleged breach of conditions.

Shortly after 1500 GMT, the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) said it had authorised Greater Manchester Police to charge Greenwood.

Janet Potter, deputy chief crown prosecutor for CPS North West, said: "The Crown Prosecution Service has today authorised Greater Manchester Police to charge Mason Green-

BJP asks ECI to check bogus voters in Munugode

HYDERABAD: The Bharatiya Janata Party on Thursday charged the Telangana Rashtra Samithi government with "moving its Secretariat from Hyderabad to Munugode" and with

removed. The BJP leaders, led by party general secretary and Telangana affairs in-Charge Tarun Chugh met with the Election Commission of India officials in Delhi to submit a petition list-

Rachakonda commissioner of police Mahesh Bhagwat saying that the official had been in his current post for more than three years. "As per ECI guidelines, no official who has been in the same post

party delegation that called on the ECI along with Chugh, Union Minister V Muralidharan, senior party leader Pratap Narain Sarang, said "in the past when new voters were added in a constituency going to polls, the number never usually ex-



abuse of power using its officials to unduly influence voters in the constituency. The BJP also sought intervention of the Election Commission of India to ensure that names of 25,000 bogus voters enrolled into the Munugode constituency voters list be

ing irregularities in Munugode and sought ECI action in cleaning up of the voters list, stop misuse of official power by TRS government.

The BJP leaders also submitted a separate petition to the ECI seeking the immediate transfer of

for three years of more, should be allowed to continue in the position in a constituency going to polls as such officials can unduly influence voters and ground level government staff," Chugh said. The BJP MLC N Ramchander Rao, who was part of the

ceeded 2,000 or so. But this time, the TRS had 25,000 named added, all of these people are from constituencies surrounding Munugode. The ECI said it will look into our submissions, and also examine our plea for deploying central government observers and central forces to ensure a free and fair election," he said

China censors rare anti-Xi protest ahead of Communist Party congress

BEIJING: China's internet censors removed on Friday virtually all references to reports of a rare protest in Beijing that involved banners denouncing President Xi Jinping and the country's Covid policies. Beijing is on high alert against any dis-



ruption to a landmark Communist Party meeting that begins on Sunday, where Xi is expected to secure a historic third term. Incoming parcels and subway commuters have been subjected to additional security checks, and armies of volunteers have been deployed in every neighbourhood to report anything out of the ordinary. But video footage and photos that spread online on Thursday appeared to show a defiant protester draping two hand-painted banners with slogans criticising the Communist Party's policies on the side of a bridge in Beijing.

"No Covid tests, I want to make a living. No Cultural Revolution, I want reforms. No lockdowns, I want freedom. No leaders, I want to vote. No lies, I want dignity. I won't be a slave, I'll be a citizen," one banner read.

The other banner called on citizens to go on strike and remove "the traitorous dictator Xi Jinping".

Other images showed a person in a hard hat standing on the bridge behind the banners, as well as smoke rising from a fire on the bridge and police rushing to remove the banners.

There was no sign of the banners or their writer when AFP journalists arrived at the scene of the reported protest Thursday. There appeared to be an elevated police presence around the site but locals said they had not seen the banners being unfolded.

Public protests are extremely rare in the Chinese capital and those who defy Beijing's strict security apparatus face serious punishment.

By Friday morning, Chinese social media censors had blocked posts and keywords related to the protest, including "Sitong Bridge", the name of the overpass where the slogans appeared to have been displayed.

Search results for the keyword "Beijing" on the popular Weibo platform were restricted to just verified accounts on Friday, instead of the usual torrent of regular users' posts about the capital.

Even phrases that referred obliquely to the protest, including the hashtag "I saw it", returned no results by Friday afternoon.

"I saw it" was one of the last hashtags with which Weibo users discussed the incident in veiled references early Friday, with one user posting: "I saw it, I will not forget it."



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