

PRESIDENT OF INDIA'S GREETINGS ON THE EVE OF GANDHI JAYANTI

*The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu in her message on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti has said*

NewDelhi,(KCN):“On behalf of all citizens, I pay my humble tribute to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi on his 154th birth anniversary. Gandhiji ideals of truth and non-violence paved a new way for the world. Gandhiji not only fought for non-violence throughout his life but he also took up the cause of cleanliness, women empowerment, self-reliance and farmers rights and fought against untouchability, social discrimination and illiteracy. Gandhiji inspired us to participate in the freedom struggle and led a huge movement that changed the course of history and got us independence. Martin Luther King Jr., Nelson Mandela, Barack Obama and many other politicians of the world were influenced by Gandhiji's ideas. Gandhiji's strong and vibrant ideology will always remain relevant for the world. On the auspicious occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, let us pledge to follow his values ??and teachings in our thought, speech and action to dedicate our self to the welfare of the country”.

13% Growth In GST

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha has recorded a growth of 13 per cent in gross GST collection in the month of September 2023 in comparison to September 2022. According to official sources, the State has collected GST revenue of Rs 4,249 crore during last month while it had collected Rs 3,765 crore GST during the same month of 2022. Notably, the State Government had recorded a growth rate of 13.50 percent in gross GST collection (OGST+IGST+SGST+Cess) during the month of August 2023 in comparison to August



2022. The State has recorded a collection of Rs. 4408.27 crore during August 2023 against collection of Rs. 3883.90 crore over corresponding period of August 2022 with a growth rate of 13.50 percent. At national level, the gross GST revenue collected in the month of September, 2023 is Rs 1,62,712 crore out of which CGST is Rs 29,818 crore, SGST is Rs

37,657 crore, IGST is Rs 83,623 crore (including Rs 41,145 crore collected on import of goods) and cess is Rs 11,613 crore (including Rs 881 crore collected on import of goods).The Government has settled Rs 33,736 crore to CGST and Rs 27,578 crore to SGST from IGST. The total revenue of Centre and the States in the month of September, 2023 after regular settlement is Rs 63,555 crore for CGST and Rs 65,235 crore for the SGST. The revenues for the month of September, 2023 are 10 percent higher than the GST revenues in the same month last year.

Care For Senior Citizens

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik today called upon people to take care of older persons for their peaceful and dignified life. Shri Patnaik in his message on the occasion of International Day for Older Persons has said that older persons have experience and solutions while we have to learn more from them. He has described the senior citizens as valuable assets of the society and said the blessings of senior



citizens are precious for us. The Chief Minister highlighted various welfare schemes for the older persons and said that the State Government has added additional 4 lakh beneficiaries in Madhu Babu Pension Yojana (MBPY).

Facilities such as Old Age Homes, Geriatric ward and Physiotherapy Centres in Hospitals in different hospitals have been made available for senior citizens. He called upon to work collectively for the betterment and good health of older persons.

Ashok Chandra Panda, Minister, Department of Social Security & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (SSEPD), attending the programme as Guest of Honour, described older persons as the guardians of the society. He highlighted the commitment of the State Government for social security, health services and quality life of senior citizens. He also focused on various schemes and programmes of the Department. Among others,

Development Commissioner Anu Garg, Twin City Police Commissioner Soumendra Kumar Priyadarshi also spoke on the occasion. SSEPD Principal Secretary Sushil Kumar Lohani presided over the programme while Bratati Harichandan, Director presented an activity report and Dillip Roy, Special Secretary welcomed the guests. Capital Hospital, UNFPA and Sight Savers India organised a health checkup camp, eye camp and awareness campaign on the occasion.



M participated in the special cleanliness programme 'Ek Taarikh, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath' (Shramdaan) under Swachhta hi Seva campaign in the remembering the inspirations of Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi, in New Delhi

Three Killed In Road Accident In Nuapada

Nuapada(KCN): Three persons died after the motorcycle they were travelling in collided with a roadside water pump house near Larki under Komana block of Nuapada district on Sunday. According to sources, the trio on a bike was en route to Nuapada from Bolangir's Lathore this noon

when they lost control and the motorcycle dashed into a water pump house on the roadside. As a result, the trio was thrown into the air and landed with multiple injuries. While one of them died on the spot, locals rescued two others and admitted them to Komana Community

Health Centre. However, they too succumbed to death while undergoing treatment at the CHC. Two of the deceased have been identified as Girish Chandan of Chaulibanji under Khaprakhol PS in Bolangir and Parameta Nial. The identity of the third victim was not known immediately.

Man Murders Mother, Sets Body Ablaze In Kalahandi Village

Phulbani(KCN): In a horrific incident, a man murdered his mother and set her body on fire inside their house at Badimunda Khajurisahi under Tikabali police station of Kandhamal district on Sunday. According to sources, Samir Naik, son of late Philip Naik of Badhimunda Khajuri

Sahi, was freed from G. Udayagiri Jail last Saturday. He was serving a jail term for the last 3 years and 2 months for attacking his neighbours. Late at night, Samir allegedly killed her mother Manjula Naik and set her body ablaze with firewood inside the house.

After that, he started pelting stones at the neighbours' houses and also vandalized a vehicle parked in front of the house. This morning, the villagers caught him and informed Tikabali police station. Later, the police arrested the accused and started an investigation into the incident.

Boat Gets Stuck In Chilika, 60 Stranded Passengers Rescued After Hours

Krushnaprasad(KCN): Around 60 passengers got stranded for hours in the waters of Chilika lake at Satapada in Puri on Sunday. At around 4 pm this afternoon, a passenger boat from Satapada with 60 passengers and more than 30 bikes on board left towards Janhikuda. However, the boat got



stuck in the middle of the lake after the motor developed technical glitches.

After the boat driver failed to revive the motor and boat remained stuck in the middle of the lake for an hour, the passengers were left terrified. Soon after the boat driver managed to inform the Janhikuda Ghat Penthia about their situation and a boat was sent to rescue them.

After a hour of effort, the passengers were safely evacuated from the boat and were brought to the shore of Janhikuda. Every day, hundreds of commuters make the perilous journey between Chilika to reach the head office at Puri and Krushnaprasad Block and such incidents have turned a regular affair.

4 Arrested, 2 Detained For Killing Two Manipur Students; Flown To Assam

Imphal / New Delhi(KCN): Four people have been arrested and two have been detained by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in the horrific murder case of two students in Manipur in July, whose photo surfaced on social media last week. The four include two men and two women, apart from the two girls who have been detained in the state capital Imphal. The four have been flown to Guwahati in Assam. The accused have been identified as Paominlun Haokip, Malsawn Haokip, Lhingneichong Baite and Tinneikhoh. Lhingneichong Baite was a friend of the girl student who was



murdered, people with direct knowledge of the matter said. One of the suspects is allegedly the wife of an insurgent group based in Churachandpur, sources said without giving further details. A crack unit of the Manipur Police and the Indian Army in a joint operation captured the suspects from the hill district Churachandpur, 51 km from Imphal, where ethnic violence began on May 3. Several Kuki insurgent groups that have signed the tripartite suspension of operations (SoO) agreement are based in this hill district. After catching them, the forces drove swiftly to the airport, where a CBI team was waiting for them. The CBI team and

the suspects took the last flight out of Imphal around 5:45 pm. Sources said some people tried to move towards the airport on hearing about the arrests. The one hour till the time the plane took off was "full of tension" as the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) guarding the airport was informed about possible trouble, people with direct knowledge of the matter told NDTV, requesting anonymity. Nothing untoward happened, fortunately, they said. "As the saying goes, one may abscond after committing the crime, but they cannot escape the long hands of the law. We are committed to ensuring maximum punishment, including capital punishment, for

the heinous crime they have committed," Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh said in a post on X, formerly Twitter. Mr Singh told reporters today terrorists from Myanmar and Bangladesh have joined hands with some insurgent groups to exploit the Manipur crisis, and the ongoing violence is between the terrorists and the state. Yesterday, a terror suspect was arrested from Churachandpur by the National Investigation Agency in a transnational conspiracy case involving terrorist leaders in Bangladesh and Myanmar. After news of the arrests spread, a large crowd came out on the roads in

Churachandpur. The police said the gathering was peaceful. The photos showing the bodies of the two students who went missing in July emerged on social media on September 26, after which the Manipur government assured swift action. The CBI has been looking into this case already, though the bodies of the two students - both minors - are yet to be found. Investigators are also looking into allegations of rape before the minor was murdered, sources told NDTV. The photos show the two students - both 17 years old - sitting at the grassy compound of what appears to be a makeshift jungle camp of an armed group. The Manipur Police last month appointed a former army special forces soldier to oversee combat operations. Ethnic violence between the hill-majority Kuki tribes and the valley-majority Meiteis began on May 3, following a protest by the Kukis over the Meiteis' demand for Scheduled Tribes (ST) status. Over 180 have died and thousands have been internally displaced.



# Balangir Nuakhai Gathering Advocates Journalists as Fourth Pillars of Constitution"

**Balangir, (KCN) :** The Nuakhai Bhet Ghat Program was joyfully observed in Balangir as members of the Apex Body of Working Journalists Association of India (ABAJ OF INDIA), Sanghar Print & Digital Media, and Mishra Paper Products came together within the premises of Sanghar Print & Digital Media Office at the Industrial Estate. The program was presided over by ABAJ OF INDIA Chairperson and Senior Journalist Sunil Kumar Mishra, along with the Editor of Sanghar Print & Digital Media and Proprietor of Mishra Paper Products.



Distinguished guests including Social Activists Satya Ranjan Mishra, Chairman of NGO Peace Unison, Successful Businessman Umesh Kumar Agrawal, Farmer Leader Siba Prasad Sahu, and Jay Sri Ram Pujak attended the event. Nuakhai, known as the Brotherly Festival

among family members and strengthen their relationships. Highlighting the importance of journalism, speakers at the event emphasized the need for the Indian government to recognize Working Journalists as the Fourth Pillars of the Constitution before the 2024 General Election. Many citizens consider journalists as an essential part of the nation's democratic fabric. If the government fails to acknowledge this role before the upcoming election, the attendees suggested the possibility of encouraging citizens to boycott the General

Election in 2024. Er. Shobhya Ranjan Mishra, Chief News Editor of Sanghar Print & Digital Media, extended his gratitude during the program. Intellectuals, educationists, social activists, journalists, and general citizens were in attendance, and they collectively decided to appeal to the government to recognize the Mass Nuakhai/Nabanna Festival as a National Festival. This gathering served as a platform for discussing not only cultural traditions but also the role of journalists in shaping India's democratic landscape, emphasizing the significance of their recognition as the Fourth Pillars of the Constitution.

## KIMS Organises Massive Swacchata Hi Seva Drive on Campus

**Bhubaneswar, (KCN):** Celebrating the 9th Anniversary of the Swachh Bharat Mission, a flagship programme of the Government of India to instil the philosophy of cleanliness among people across the entire nation, Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS), a constituent under the KIIT-DU, today organised a mega cleanliness drive for "Swachhata Hi Seva" (SHS) programme as part of Swachhata Pakhwada, 2023 on the medical college campus. The programme was executed under the leadership of KIMS Principal Prof Ambika Prasad Mohanty and Medical Superintendent Prof Rama Chandra Das on



the eve of Gandhi Jayanti. Senior faculty members and staff including Vice-Principal Prof Shubhransu Patro, Additional MS Prof Kabikanta Samantray, Senior Professor O&G Dr Sudhanshu Kumar Rath and Group Director Mr Dillip Kumar Panda and many others joined the SHS drive. The SHS drive started at 10 am and continued till 11 am and the faculty and staff

members participated in the activity to make the campus clean. It was a wonderful sight for the public to watch as the doctors, who usually handle patients with their stethoscopes and surgical equipment today took the brooms and cleaned the campus along with other staff members. Speaking on the occasion, Principal Prof Ambika Prasad Mohanty called for a sustained campaign round the year to keep the college campus clean and green.

## Central University of Odisha celebrates 'Swachhata Hi Seva'

**Koraput(KCN):**The Central University of Odisha, Koraput organised Swachhata Hi Seva in its campus at Sunabeda on 01 October, 2023. The programme was initiated as part of Swachhata Pakhwada - Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2023, for a massive cleanliness drive to a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on the eve of his birth anniversary on 2nd October 2023, "The Father of the Nation". Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University conveys the message for initiation of Swachhata Hi Seva programme in a great spirit. The Programme was organised successfully in the campus by the direction of the Registrar In-

charge, Prof. N. C. Panda. He said this is an initiative and it should continue throughout our



life. He also urged the students to strengthen the mission by carrying it to common people in nearby localities as an outreach programme. While coordinating the Programme in the University Dr. Kapila Khemundu, Associate Professor and HoD of the dept. of Sociology urged the students and the staff

to adopt cleanliness as a permanent ethos of their life and work for generating awareness

In order to sustain the drive in a befitting manner especially keeping a clean environment all the sections of the University like Academic, Administration and other related areas and street of adjacent village Nuaguda were cleaned. Open spaces in and around the University and Grounds were removed of grass, cutting wild bushes and removal polythene bags was taken care off. It was organized with a mission to make the our surroundings clean, green and plastic free. All the, employees and staff participated in the "Swachhata Hi Seva" in order to make it a success in true letter and spirit so as to achieve laudable goal.

## The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others



Biswa Ranjan

One of the most significant events of the nation, Gandhi Jayanti marks the birthday of India's most revered activist-lawyer Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, who played a great role in ending the British colonial rule in India. Also known as the 'Father of the Nation', Mahatma Gandhi or Babu Ji was born on 2nd October 1869. This year, Gandhi Jayanti will mark the 154th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Which is observed as Gandhi Jayanti every year in India for commemorating his efforts and ideologies. The United Nation declared this day as the 'International Day of Non-Violence' on 15 June 2007 during a General Assembly. On this day, awareness is created on the

importance of non-violence and convergence of peace, harmony and unity across the world. In 2007, the United National General Assembly announced October 2 as the International Day of Non-violence to honour Gandhi's ways. On October 2, a national holiday is observed to respect Mahatma Gandhi and pay our tributes to the freedom fighter. Mahatma Gandhi inspires the masses beyond the boundaries of colors and classes, believed that education acts as a catalyst in fostering peace and ensuring socio-economic development of the society as well. He considered education the panacea for all social evils. Gandhi once viewed: "Education means all-round drawing out of the best in child and man in body, mind, and spirit." Thus the right to education, like other human rights, is an inalienable and basic right in nature, for which

every human being is equally entitled, regardless of one's nationality, place of residence, gender, national or ethnic origin, color, religion, language, or any other status. Viewing the unique importance of education in nation building and for individual's development, India stood out to amend its Constitution more than once to make education more inclusive and equally accessible to all its citizens. The nation imposed upon itself an obligation and accorded the status of fundamental right to education with the passage of Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act 2009 (or Right to Education Act) which came into effect on April 1, 2010. Education as a basic human right is a sine qua non for the development of humans. It is an important claim because there is a responsibility to enable children to develop a set of capabilities to lead their

own lives in a meaningful and fulfilling way. Mahatma Gandhi initiated the Satyagraha and the Ahimsa movement when Indian was still in the clasp of the British rule. His path of following non-violence and winning people over with the power of love has since then influenced a lot of civil rights in the country. Mahatma Gandhi also led India's struggle to attain freedom and gave his life for the benefit of the country. Gandhi Jayanti is celebrated everywhere in the country - from schools, colleges to government and non-government offices. The day usually starts by singing Gandhi's favourite hymn Raghupati Raghava. Then a memorial serve is organised where people reminisce the teachings of Mahatma. People also organise cultural activities, patriotic songs and dance. Speech on the teaching so Mahatma Gandhi is also given.



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# Why Gandhi was fond of meeting students, visiting schools-colleges



Notwithstanding his busy schedules, Mahatma Gandhi always find time for students. He visits schools and colleges often. He even became teacher of both young and old. When he came to Delhi for the first time on 12 April, 1915, he stayed at the St. Stephen's college. He was then only Mr MK Gandhi. He became Mahatma Gandhi and Babu later. According to Father George Solomon of Delhi Brotherhood Society (DBS) that had established St. Stephen's college, "Gandhiji arrived here with his wife, Kasturba Gandhi ji. They were received at Delhi Junction by principle of the college, Prof. S.K. Rudra, his several colleagues and some students."

1941. But before we move further, we should know as to why he stayed at St. Stephens College only? There is a story behind Gandhi's tryst with St. Stephen's college. "Actually, Gandhi ji has already become a highly respected name as a crusader for the rights of people of Indian origin in South Africa before he returned to India in 1915. He also took up the fight against racial oppression there in South Africa. Prof. Rudra knew about his work in South Africa mainly thoroughly his friend and colleague Deen Bandhu CF Andrews. Andrews also taught at the college and was an active member of Delhi Brotherhood society," says Father Solomon. In this background, Prof. Rudra wanted to meet him. And when Gandhi ji returned from South Africa, Rudra requested CF Andrews to use his good office so that Gandhi ji be his guest on his first visit to Delhi. Andrews

dutifully contacted Gandhi ji and expressed the desire of his friend, Rudra. It is said that Gandhi ji happily accepted this offer. During his stay at the college, he met St. Stephen's College community. Gandhi ji had narrated his



experiences of South Africa and stressed the need to fight the British rule. Gandhi ji visited St. Stephens College again on January 27, 1918. During this visit, Brij Krishna Chandiwala, a student of this very college met him. Deeply influenced by Gandhi ji, Chandiwala became his close associate and authored many books about his life with Gandhi. Meanwhile, Pandit Malaviya had invited Gandhiji to speak on the occasion of the opening of the Banaras

Hindu University. Lord Hardinge, the Viceroy, had come specially to lay the foundation-stone of the University. Eminent persons from all over India had come. Many of them delivered addresses. On February 4, 1916 it was Gandhiji's turn to



address the audience, mostly consisting of impressionable youths. A galaxy of princes, bedecked and bejeweled, had occupied the dias. Not many people know that Gandhi ji had even become a teacher. While the world knows Gandhi as an apostle of peace, leader of our freedom struggle to social reformer, not many are aware that briefly he also became a teacher. Well, he was a regular teacher to kids and their parents. He

became teacher of English and Hindi by choice when he started living at Valmiki temple in Delhi. That was perhaps the first and only time when he became a teacher in true sense of the world.

When you visit



Babu's room inside the Valmiki temple, you would see several old sepia coloured photographs of Gandhi ji with Lord Mountbatten and Lady Mountbatten, Acharya Kriplani, Frontier Gandhi, C. Rajgopalachari, Sardar Patel, Maulana Azad and Pt Nehru. However, one painting would tell you the story of this venerable room. Here in this carpeted room, you would also find a wooden desk in the centre that Gandhi

ji use to write. And on the right side is the bed that Gandhi ji would use. Babu's charkha is also there close to the bed. This charkha is a small one. There are still many Valmiki families who live around the Valmiki temple. It is said that Gandhi ji asked elders of Valmiki colony in 1946 that he wanted to stay with them for a couple of months. They gladly asked him to stay with them. Gandhi ji stayed here for exactly 214 days from 1 April 1946 to 10 June, 1947.

"Once he moved to Valmiki colony, he started interacting with Valmiki families. He was shocked that they were all illiterates. Nobody had seen even school. Then he asked local residents to send their kids to him as he would teach them. With Babu's offer, elders started sending their kids in his classes," informs Krishan Vidhyarti, the caretaker of the temple. Vidhyarti's father and uncles were also attended Babu's

classes. And Gandhi ji ensured that his classes took place both in morning and evening without fail. He was such a conscientious teacher that he often used to delay his meetings with stalwarts of freedom movement in order to finish his classes. That starts before prayers. So during his classes and later prayers, he didn't meet guests. Well, Gandhi ji was a hard-task master. He used to chide students if any of them attended his class without taking bath. And much before his classes at the Valmiki temple, Gandhi ji had visited prestigious Modern School in capital in 1935 at the invitation of Sardar Sobha Singh, head of the Modern School managing committee. He was also the father of certain writer and journalist, Khushwant Singh. A sepia coloured picture of Babu with students of Modern school is there in school principal room. Finally, Mahatma

Gandhi and Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) are inseparable. JMI was founded in 1920 during the Khilafat and Non-Cooperation Movements in response to Gandhiji's call for a boycott of all government-sponsored educational institutions. It had the blessings of Gandhi at its very inception. In 1925, it was moved from Aligarh to Karol Bagh, Delhi. Gandhiji sent his grandson Rasiklal to the Jamia for his education. His youngest son, Devdas Gandhi taught English there too. So, Gandhi ji had very intimate ties with various students, schools and colleges. Father George Solomon, who also takes part in all religion prayer at Rajghat, says "Gandhi ji would remain our guiding lights. Thanks to his blessings, Delhi Brotherhood Society is now opening St. Stephen's School in Haryana". Ends.

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# Hero of our Agricultural Revolution and Food Self-sufficiency

- Lalit Garg -



Dr. M.S. Swaminathan was the Father of the Agricultural Revolution in India, who is the first person to receive the World Food Award. He made India the powerhouse of innovation in agriculture and agronomy. Dr. M.S. Swaminathan's demise has brought to end the golden era that is an irreparable loss to India. The contribution of this agriculturist is immense, who freed India from food famine, and also made India a storehouse of food grains. His contribution to the agronomy is so versatile and long-lived that he will remain alive in the memories of a grateful nation for many centuries to come. He has left behind such a legacy that the crisis of Indian agriculture and global food will never come again. His contributions as a scientific leader of the 'Agricultural Revolution Movement' began during the severe famine of 1943, when lakhs of people died for every single grain of rice. This grave human tragedy and crisis awakened the commitment and

determination of this eighteen year old Swaminathan from Kerala University to eradicate hunger in the country with his passion and zeal for agricultural research. He carved a new Swastika in Indian agriculture by embarking on a mission to develop high yielding varieties of wheat and rice. His agricultural revolution had freed India from the stigma of being the country with the greatest food shortage in the world, and made it self-reliant in less than 25 years. Since that time, India's agricultural renaissance and advocacy of sustainable agriculture geared towards the Evergreen Agricultural Revolution that earned them the status of world leader in the field of sustainable food security. Mankombu Sambasivan Swaminathan was born on 7 August 1925. He developed high productivity wheat hybrid seeds in 1966 by mixing seeds from Mexico with the domestic varieties from Punjab. M / s. Swaminathan was awarded 'Padma Shri' in 1967, 'Padma Bhushan' in 1972 and 'Padma Vibhushan' in 1989 by the Government of India in the field of 'Science and Engineering'. He was also honoured with the Magsaysay Award in 1971 and the Albert Einstein World Award in

1986. With the funds received along with various awards and honours, M.S. Swaminathan established a research center in Chennai for 'sustainable agriculture and rural development' in



the early 1990s. The main objective of Swaminathan Research Foundation is to promote employment through generating economic development strategies based on the development and dissemination of nature and women- friendly technologies in Indian villages. The work being done by Swaminathan and his colleagues in the fields of environment, agriculture and food technology has received international recognition. Swaminathan has also held positions in UNESCO in the field of environmental technology with

responsibility for South Asia. In recognition of his great scholarship, he has been included in the Royal Society of England and the National Science Academies of Bangladesh, China, Italy, Sweden, USA and Soviet

Union. He is one of the founding members of the 'World Academy of Sciences'. In 1999, Time magazine named Swaminathan one of the 20 most influential Asian persons of the 20th century. Swaminathan was one of the greatest people who did something unique and extraordinary on the spear of India. Swaminathan was a true Indian and a personality full of nationalism. When the country was struggling for political independence, young Swaminathan fought hard to free the country from hunger, and created a new history of success.

He shaped a unique and effective technique to increase grain production in independent India. It was his dream that in a country like India, food grains should be produced in such large

quantities that no one here would have to sleep hungry, but it would also be a step forward in eradicating the hunger of other countries. Today, during the golden period of independence, India exports grains to many countries, kudos to his contributions. He did many experiments bringing innovation in agriculture, and developed a cold-resistant variety of potato. He brought a revolution in rice and wheat production. The then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi emphasized his suggestions and experiments, and started

filling the grain reserves of her country. Today, if our country's Prime Minister Narendra Modi is in a position to say that India can feed the entire world, then undoubtedly, most of the credit for this goes to Swaminathan.

India is a country of millions of villages and most of the people here are associated with agriculture. Despite this, for many years the people related to agriculture continued to spend their lives on the verge of starvation. Whatever may be the reason behind this, it is also true that even during British rule, many people involved in farming or labour face great difficulties in getting food when the country was in the grip of famine for a long period. Regarding India, there was a feeling that despite being associated with agriculture, it is difficult

for India to get rid of hunger. The reason behind this crisis was that ancient agricultural equipment and seeds were being used in India for centuries. No one had paid attention to the improvement of seeds for better crops. There was an expectation of a new revolution in Indian agriculture, which Swaminathan carried out. Swaminathan, who is committed to changing the condition and direction of villages, welfare of farmers and upliftment of the poorest people of the society, cannot be praised enough. He devoted a long time of his life to increase agricultural production. During the famine of the 1960s, he, along with American scientist Norman Borlaug and other scientists, developed seeds of high and improved yielding varieties of wheat. It is the result of Swaminathan's efforts that India has become self-sufficient in food grains production. While holding many important positions, he gave new dimensions to India's agriculture, and opened new doors of advanced agriculture. He was a guide and source of inspiration for various governments in making agricultural policies. The recommendations of his committee, ranging from determining the minimum price for the produce to recovering

agriculture from losses, will remain a guide and base vision in the future. He was the first experimenter in empowering women labourers by removing gender discrimination in agriculture. How pleasant it is that the agricultural scientist who became a ray of hope for crores of people of the country and was helpful in procuring food, was blessed with a long life of 98 years and his daughter and former Chief Scientist at WHO, Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, congratulated the country with great pride. Swaminathan has left this world very peacefully. Swaminathan, who is committed to the welfare of farmers and upliftment of the poorest of the poor in the society, cannot be praised enough. The heights and achievements that Swaminathan has achieved by living a purposeful life are beyond any flight of imagination. This country will always be indebted to this greatest ever agricultural scientist. His unique contribution in building a self-reliant India is an indelible article in our history.

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# Maintenance of Books of account for whom



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1. It is often seen that confusion prevails among the taxpayers as to whether they are required to maintain any books of account and if required, where should the same be kept or for how many years these are required to be preserved. Maintenance of books of account is in itself a headache for taxpayers, particularly for those who do not have accountant and proper infrastructure. In this article various issues relating to maintenance and preservation of books of account have been discussed. 2. Taxpayers required to maintain books of account: The following category of persons are required to maintain the books of accounts: (a) Persons carrying on specified professions: As per section 44AA read with Rule 6F the persons carrying on any of the professions mentioned hereinafter are required to maintain books of account and other

documents if yearly gross receipts of the profession exceed Rs.1,50,000 vide Notification No. S.O. 352 (E) dated 6.4.2000. The CBDT may revise the monetary limit by amending Rule 6F. The monetary limit of gross receipts of as prescribed under Rule 6F shall apply to the professions engaged in legal, medical, architectural, engineering, accountancy, technical consultancy, interior decoration, acting as authorised representative before any tribunal or other authority, film artist, company secretary, Information technology. Where the assessee's gross professional receipts in one of the three years preceding the previous year in question have not exceeded Rs.1.50,000, the assessee is not required to maintain books of account for that previous year even though such gross receipts have

exceeded Rs.1,50,000 in the other two preceding years - A. Keshava Bhat v. ITO [2001] 237 ITR 83 (Kar.) : 115 taxman 208 (Kar.). (b) Persons engaged in other profession or business [other than those covered by (a) and (c)]: In relation to persons engaged in any other profession or carrying on any business, the requirement of compulsory maintenance of books of account applies in case of Individual or HUF if either the income from business or profession exceeds a sum of Rs.2,50,000 or the turnover or gross receipts exceed, a sum of Rs. 25,00,000/- in case of Individual or HUF. In case of a new business or profession, if the turnover or income is likely to exceed the above limits, the books of account are required to be maintained. 3. For those on whom presumptive income scheme is applicable: The assessee on whom estimated/ presumptive income scheme u/s 44AD, or 44ADA or 44AE is applicable, are exempted from maintaining books of account as well as tax audit if they declare profit or income as prescribed under those sections. W.e.f. asst. year 2017-18, any assessee carrying on any business having turnover or gross

receipts generally not exceeding Rs. 2 Crore and paying tax on income in accordance with section 44AD is also exempted from maintaining books of account as well as tax audit. Such assessee will be required to maintain books of account if they show income lesser than what is prescribed and further if their income exceeds the exemption limit. 4. Non-resident engaged in the business of providing services or facilities in connection with or supplying plant and machinery on hire used, or to be used, in the prospecting for or extraction or production of mineral oils covered u/s 44BB and a foreign company engaged in the business of civil construction or the business of erection of plant or machinery or testing or commissioning thereof in connection with a turnkey power project approved by the Central Government, covered u/s 44BBB are also not required to maintain books of account if such taxpayer declares income as specified in sec. 44BBB. However, they have to pay tax on deemed income as per the provisions of section 44AD, 44ADA, 44AE, 44BB or 44BBB, as the case may be. 5. If assessee has claimed his income to be lower

than specified: It has been provided in section 44AA(2)(iii) that where the profits and gains from the business are deemed to be the profits and gains of the assessee under section 44AE or section 44BB or section 44BBB, as the case may be, and the assessee has claimed his income to be lower than the profits or gains so deemed to be the profits and gains of his business, as the case may be, during such previous year, such person is required to keep and maintain such books of account and other documents as may enable the A.O. to compute his total income as per Income-tax Act. It may be noted that those assessee falling under Presumptive Income Scheme and claiming income lower than deemed income will have to maintain books of account if their income exceeds exemption limit. 6. Whether a professional specified in section 44AA, is required to maintain compulsory books of account, if the gross receipts exceed the prescribed limit in any one of the three preceding years, but not in the other two years: The proviso to rule 6F(1) contemplates that the compulsory maintenance of books of account are not required if the gross receipts do not exceed

the prescribed limit, in any one of the said preceding three years - A. Keshava Bhat v. ITO [2001] 247 ITR 83 (Kar.). The Court has further observed that this proviso cannot be construed to mean that if the gross receipts exceed the prescribed limit in any one of the said three years (but not in the other two years), books of account must mandatorily be maintained. 7. Books of account required to be maintained: As per rule 6F(2), the books of account and documents required to be maintained are : Cash book, journal, if the accounts are maintained as per mercantile system of accounting; ledger; carbon copies of bills, serially numbered and carbon copies or counterfoil of receipts issued in respect of sums exceeding Rs.25; and original bills for expenses exceeding Rs.50 and payment vouchers for petty expenses. However, in a case where the cash book maintained by the person contains adequate particulars in respect of the expenditure incurred, then vouchers are not necessary in respect of expenses upto Rs.50. 8. Extra requirement for medical profession: Persons engaged in medical profession are, in addition, required to

maintain daily case register in the prescribed proforma (Form No. 3C) and inventory, as at the beginning and end of the year, of stock of drugs, medicines and other consumable accessories used for the purpose of his profession. 9. "Books or books of account" includes :As per section 2(12A) "books or books of account" include ledgers, day books, cash books, account books and other books, whether kept in the written form or as print-outs of data stored in a floppy disc, tape or any other form of electro-magnetic data storage device. 10. Definition of Documents : Section 2(22AA) defines documents to include data, record or data generated, image or sound stored, received or sent in an electronic form or microfilm or computer generated microfiche. 11. Non maintenance of stock register: Amritsar Bench of Tribunal in the case of Sujan Singh v. AO [2007] 110 TTJ (Asr.) 818 wherein it was held that sub-section (2) of section 44AA stipulates that every person carrying on a business or profession other than those mentioned u/s 44AA(1) is required to keep and maintain books of account, if his income or turnover exceed specified limits. The

assessee was required to keep and maintain the books of account in such a manner so as to enable the AO to determine his total income in accordance with the provisions of the Act, because the turnover of the assessee exceeded Rs.10 Lakh. The assessee had maintained cash book and ledger. All purchase vouchers were also maintained. Stock register is not necessary for computing profit correctly. Hence non-maintenance of the same does not contravene the provisions of section 44AA. 12. Company engaged in running a nursing home: A Company being an artificial person does not possess any personal skills and therefore, cannot be said to be engaged in any profession like in the case of a Medical professional. It can neither have any intellectual skill nor manual skill. Therefore, requirement of Rule 6F(3) cannot apply to an incorporated company - ITO v. Ashalok Nursing Home Pvt. Ltd. [2006] 103 TTJ (Del) 820.

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## Empowering Women and Pioneering Change Sujata .R. Pandian's Leadership in Mission Shakti, Odisha

Prasar Khuntia



In the intricate tapestry of women's empowerment initiatives spanning across India, Mission Shakti, Odisha, emerges as a radiant beacon of hope and progress. Mission Shakti was launched in the state on 8th March 2001 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, Mr. Naveen Patnaik. Since its inception on the memorable date of March 8th, 2001, this visionary program has played a pivotal role in creating equal opportunities for women, transcending the boundaries of gender, and empowering them to lead lives defined by dignity and economic prosperity. However, the transformational journey of Mission Shakti received a significant boost when it was turned into a directorate in 2017 and subsequently carved out as a separate department on June 1, with the capable leadership of IAS officer Sujata.R. Karthikeyan Pandian at its helm. It's leaders like Mrs.Pandian

who have elevated this mission to unprecedented heights. What initially commenced as a self-help mission has matured into a powerful catalyst for change in the state of Odisha. At its core, Mission Shakti's principle lies in encouraging women to actively participate in socio-economic activities through Women Self-Help Groups (WSHGs). Under this visionary mission, women who are members of these groups receive unwavering support from the state government to engage in lucrative endeavors. The fundamental belief underlying this initiative is the intrinsic linkage between economic development and social progress. As women flourish economically, they naturally gain independence and secure a more substantial foothold in society, thereby steering the state's overall development. On the auspicious occasion of International Women's Day, Odisha pledged to undertake an array of socio-economic activities under the auspices of Mission Shakti. Since that momentous commitment, an astonishing 6 lakh groups, comprised of nearly 70 lakh women, have come to the forefront. This rapid growth has propelled women in the state into a

realm of newfound opportunities. To effectively manage this monumental initiative, a dedicated Directorate of Mission Shakti was established, not just to promote self-help groups but also to provide essential financial and occupational guidance. At the forefront of this transformation stands the remarkable leadership of

Odisha has earned her accolades not just within the state but across the nation. Under Mrs. Pandian's inspired leadership, Mission Shakti has surged forward, realizing its objectives that encompass promoting women's independence, fortifying social linkages through self-help groups, enhancing livelihood

federations. The mission ardently seeks to foster gender equality and provide an environment conducive to the growth and empowerment of women. Continuous training and exposure are pivotal facets of building an efficient team, thereby promoting self-reliance and awareness regarding diverse occupational avenues.



IAS officer Mrs. Pandian. In her role as the Commissioner-Cum-Secretary of Mission Shakti, Odisha, she has not only meticulously monitored the scheme aimed at empowering women but has also set an exemplary standard for the entire nation. Under her discerning guidance, Mission Shakti has transcended the realm of being a mere initiative; it has metamorphosed into a shining exemplar of women's empowerment. Mrs. Pandian's unwavering focus on the financial and social growth of the women of

opportunities, facilitating market exposure for group products, providing women access to financial institutions, creating awareness about local occupations, and harnessing women's talents to catalyze their progress. Importantly, this transformative initiative has addressed deeply ingrained issues of discrimination against women, consequently leading to their political empowerment and augmented social equality. At the heart of Mission Shakti is the establishment of Women Self-Help Groups and higher-level

The State Interest Subvention Scheme, launched in 2013, offers loans to Self-Help Groups at minimal interest rates. Over time, the interest rates have been progressively reduced to 0% if repaid promptly. This scheme not only infuses much-needed capital into these groups but also alleviates them from the burden of interest payments, fostering productivity and financial stability among women. Mission Shakti, under the astute guidance of Mrs. Pandian, passionately advocates a range of income-generating

activities. These encompass agriculture, organic farming, and the creation of handcrafted products such as bamboo crafting, candle making, and incense stick production. The mission's scope extends across a spectrum of livelihoods, including horticulture, handloom, floriculture, goatery, piggery, and more. These transformative initiatives empower women to independently operate businesses, acquire new skills, and establish market linkages for their products. In summation, Mission Shakti stands as an extraordinary saga of women's empowerment in the vibrant state of Odisha. Mrs. Pandian's exemplary leadership has played an indispensable role in propelling this mission to unparalleled success. As Odisha strides resolutely into the future, it does so with an unwavering belief that empowering women is not merely an aspiration of equality but a potent force propelling progress and prosperity. Guided by leaders of Mrs. Pandian's caliber, Mission Shakti represents the unwavering commitment of the state to a brighter and more inclusive tomorrow, where gender knows no boundaries.

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### Letter To Editor

**Dear Editor**  
Zoological gardens around the globe are doing absolutely excellent job in highlighting and publicizing importance of global biodiversity conservation through an extraordinary effort in disseminating environmental education and awareness and other beneficial environmental activities to the public at large. Hats off to them specially in the context of noticeable negligence of governmental policies and strategies with respect to conservation of global biodiversity for promoting infrastructural development, economic growth and prosperity without doing proper environmental impact assessment. Some of the most important aspects of modern biodiversity conservation are : 1. Biodiversity importance & need for comprehensive conservation strategy 2. Captive breeding & reintroduction of endangered animal species back to the nature: Success and failures 3. Wildlife trade and trafficking and role of modern zoos towards wildlife conservation and education/awareness 4. Reporting of nature based stories for newspapers/ magazines; and how to make it attractive and educational for the readers 5. An overall idea of global wildlife conservation initiative and the importance forest conservation. It is therefore important for us to understand that that zoological gardens around the world have shifted from their principal role of displaying of animals or specific fauna towards holistic conservation efforts. Zoos now play an important and integral role in captive breeding of several endangered and critically endangered species of wildlife and their successful reintroduction to the wild habitats. Zoos also provide veterinary care for sick animals or wildlife that need medical interventions. It is simply not a centre of recreation for the public anymore; but, a wildlife refuge, rehabilitation, education and awareness centre rather.

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# Pollution Free atmosphere needed -Dr Rajesh Kumar

**Bhubaneswar, (KCN):** The environment must not be abused and the people have to give back something to nature and follow the four principles of Ecology said Dr Rajesh Kumar Member Secretary west Bengal Pollution Control Board. One major pollutant is use of Chullas by road side vendors, the other is menace of single use plastic carry bags he said. Dr Kumar was addressing the members of Concern for Calcutta

on Saturday evening. He lauded the sustained efforts of Concern for Calcutta to fight plastic menace during last few years. Concern for Calcutta, would always work with the pollution control Board said KS Adhikari President. The New Governing body for 2023-24 elected Ashok Purohit as president. Other office bearers are Lekha Sharma (Vice President); Joeta Basu

(Secretary) and Jagat Singh Baid (Treasurer). Narayan Jain was appointed Chairman of Advisory Board. It's Members include Sohan Raj Singhvi, Shishir Bajoria, Samir Dutt and Rajendra Khandelwal. Speaking on the occasion Shishir Bajoria, Chairman, IIM, Shillong cautioned the members against spread of Dengu. On this occasion past Presidents Samir Dutt, Narayan Jain, Tapan Gooptu, RL Auddy, Raju

Khandelwal, Deepak Jain, Pawan Paharia, Mamta Binani as well as Ramakant & Vineeta Burman, Sharat Jhunjhunwala were felicitated for their admirable contribution. Newsletter edited by Mamta Binani was also released. Other members of Governing Body include KS Adhikari (IPP), Dr Anjula Binakya, Annapurna Mishra, Bibhas K Maiti, Gopeswar Agarwal, HS

Gupta, JK Sharma, KN Gupta, KC Tewary, OP Jhunjhunwala, Dr Pratibha Kothari, Pawan Paharia, Pushpa Agarwal, Ramesh Mahajan, Ravindra Khandelwal, Sharat Jhunjhunwala, Sonali De. Special Invitees are BG Roy, R. K. Burman, Dr. Purnendu Roy, Seema Sonthalia. An interesting musical programme of Ghazals and songs was presented by Dubai based Singer Tariq Hussain and Joeeta Basu.

## GSI (Eastern Region) takes Part in 'Swachhata hi Seva' Campaign, with Enthusiasm

**Kolkata, (KCN):** Treading into the new age of "Garbage free India", Geological Survey of India (GSI), Eastern Region Headquarters, Kolkata, undertook to accomplish the "Swachhata Hi Seva" Campaign 2023 with great fervour by devoting an hour of Shramdaan today (October 1, 2023). Around 500 people thronged with an effort to remove garbage and promote cleanliness in and around GSI premises near Anandalek Hospital, Salt Lake. The event was aimed towards paying homage to the Father of the



Nation on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti. The GSI, Eastern Region under the leadership of the Additional Director

General & HoD, Smt. Varsha Ashok Aglawe rendered "Shramdaan" under the aegis of "Ek Tareekh Ek Ghanta". She

emphasised on regular maintenance of clean premises and surroundings round the year. The Chief

Engineer, all the Deputy Directors, General Managers, Directors, senior officers, staff members and outsourced personnel participated enthusiastically in the drive to make it a grand success.

The local people including senior citizens also overwhelmingly joined the mega cleanliness event. An eminent national football player, Sri Sandeep Nandi, graced the occasion and voiced his opinion on the necessity of such events to foster awareness and sense of responsibility amongst citizens to build a clean environment.

## India has emerged as a G-20 leader in scientific research: SK Varshney

**Warangal (KCN):** The Asia-Oceania Sonochemical Society 5th meeting: International Conference was organized by NIT Warangal during 28th to 30th September. The valedictory of the event was organized today in Seminar Halls Complex of NIT Warangal. This conference aims to bring out ideas and scopes to meet today's challenges associated with the real-life applications of sonochemistry and sono-technology. 250 Delegates from China, Australia, Korea, Japan, Brazil, and Brunei have participated in this conference. Also, professors and students from esteemed institutions like IITs, NITs, and CSIR Laboratories have



presented their work at this conference. The chief guest for the conference Inaugural program was Shri. S.K. Varshney, Adviser & Head - International Cooperation, DST, Government of India. Plenary lectures were delivered by Prof. A. B. Pandit, AOSS Chairman & Vice Chancellor, ICT

Mumbai and Prof. Érico M. M. Flores, Federal University of Santa Maria Santa Maria, RS - Brazil. Keynote lectures were delivered by Prof. Judy Lee, University of Surrey, Guildford, Surrey, United Kingdom; Prof. Susumu Nii, Kagoshima University, Japan; Prof. Sivakumar Manickam, University of

Technology Brunei, Brunei Darussalam; Prof. Parag R. Gogate, Institute of Chemical Technology Mumbai; Prof. S Anandan, National Institute of Technology Trichy; Dr. Sunita Jadhav, Bharati Vidyapeeth University, Pune; Prof. Dr Grzegorz Boczkaj, Gdansk University of Technology, Poland; Marcia Foster Mesko, Federal University of Pelotas - UFPEL, Pelotas, RS, Brazil; Dr. Tanmay Basak, Indian Institute of Technology Madras; and Dr. T. Bhaskar, Tata Long Products Limited, Jamshedpur. Also several faculty and researchers from IITs, NITs, ARCI, CSIR laboratories and deemed universities delivered the advancements in this field.

Sustainability remains the key focus, ensuring equitable growth while considering the long-term impact on the environment. This conference has opened a fresh gateway to collaborations among academicians, researchers and industrialists to explore the scope of utilizing ultrasound technology in obtaining sustainable -intensified processes. Chemical industries, chemical engineers, and chemists play a dual role in contributing to the nation's growth and environmental protection. This conference is coordinated by Prof. Shirish Sonawane, Dr. Raghuraja, Dr. Rajmohan, Dr. Manohar K Sampath Kumar of Chemical Engineering department.

## Swachhata Hi Seva campaign Launched



**Warangal (KCN):** As part of the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign launched by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, NIT Warangal participated in the national wide campaign "Ek Tareekh -

Ek Ghanta" organised today morning 10 AM. Prof. Bidyadhar Subudhi, Director, of NIT Warangal thanked all the volunteers to have come forward to spread the message of cleanliness. A rally was held around the campus by the Faculty, staff, and

students. Later cleaning drive was performed near the staff quarters of the campus. Plantation drive was also conducted. Around 200 volunteers participated in the drive. Prof. Prakash Kodali, Faculty Advisor, National Service Scheme Coordinated the event. As part of the campaign, NIT Warangal organised cleaning drives in the hostels, departments and common areas over the last four days. Prof. D. Srinivasacharya, Dean Student Welfare, Heads of the Departments and other Committee members coordinated the events.

## Sonamarg Development Authority organised cleanliness (Shramdaan) drive At Sonamarg

**Sonamarg Jk (Aasif Malik):** Sonamarg Development Authority Celebrates Swachhata Hi Seva Clean As a part of the Swachhata pakhwada campaign a series of events were held at tourist resort Sonamarg. The main event was held near main market Sonamarg where hundreds of stakeholders took part in the sanitation and cleanliness drive. Sonamarg Development Authority in association with various departments like Tourism, JKTDC, Forest, Police, stakeholders from trade, transport, hospitality and other sectors took active participation during the event. Various areas of the market, bylanes, transport stand and river front was focused and polythene, plastic, food wrappers and other solid waste was collected in huge quantities. Besides a sanitation and a plantation drive was held in Youth hostel area of Sonamarg where conifers were planted and a sanitation drive was held in association with the forest department and other stakeholders. Another event was held in the hotel area wherein the majority of hoteliers in association with SDA and tourism department conducted a sanitation drive across the hotel area and along the road side and green meadow. A good number of tourists witnessed the events and appreciated the role of stakeholders to keep the tourist destination neat and clean. A huge quantity of solid waste was collected during the sanitation drive and the same was taken to the solid waste management plant Sarbal for further disposal.

## SER TAKES PART IN "1 HOUR SHRAMDAAN FOR SWACHHATA" As a Part of 'Swachhata Hi Seva' - a Special Cleanliness Campaign



**Kolkata, (KCN):** Sri Anil Kumar Mishra, General Manager, South Eastern Railway (SER) today launched the "One hour Shramdaan for Swachhata" - the Cleanliness Drive at Shalimar station of SER. Sri A.K. Dubey, Additional General Manager and other Principal Head of the Departments along with staff and officers took part in this programme.

Intensive cleanliness drive was initiated at the platforms, railway track and station area as a part of "Swachhata Hi Seva" campaign. Officers and staff also offered Shramdaan at 10 locations of SER Headquarters, Garden Reach.

As a run up to Gandhi Jayanti, a unique call to action has been given by the Prime Minister to the fellow citizens. He

appealed for an hour of shramdaan for Swachhata at 10 am on October 1, by all citizens collectively. He said, this will be a 'Swachhanjali' to Bapu on the eve of his Jayanti.

This "One Hour Shramdaan for Swachhata" was also organised in the four Divisions of SER i.e. Kharagpur, Adra, Chakradharpur and Ranchi. Shramdaan was offered at 1829 locations and a total of 29364 officers and staff participated in this massive cleanliness campaign.

Apart from the intensive cleaning drives, nukkad natak, tree plantation, awareness campaigns were also organised at different locations over the SER jurisdiction.

## LAUNCHING OF "14 MINUTES MIRACLE"-THE VANDE BHARAT CLEANING SCHEME AT 3 STATIONS OF SER

**Kolkata, (KCN):** As a part of the Swachhata Hi Seva Cleaning Campaign today (October 1, 2023), a novel scheme named "14 Minutes Miracle" was launched by Indian Railways for cleaning of rakes of Vande Bharat Express. This super-fast cleanliness drive was launched at three stations viz. Howrah, Ranchi and Rourkela of the South Eastern Railway (SER) today. Vande Bharat trains thus witnessed a revolutionary cleaning process that aims to optimise efficiency and reduce turnaround time. These premium trains, known for their luxurious services, will now be cleaned and prepared for the next trip within a remarkable 14 minutes time. In this "14 Minutes Miracle" scheme, the cleaning will be done manually, for which the staff have been extensively trained. The Railway Board has instructed all zones and divisions to ensure that cleaning of trains starts only after all passengers have de-boarded. The Cleaning staff started the process by collecting garbage from different



parts of the coach. Then dry mopping started inside the coach and window glasses were cleaned from outside. Dusting is done on the snacks table and seats from one end to other. Later, wet mopping was done inside the coach. Meanwhile, toilets, mirrors & doorway areas were cleaned and toiletries were refilled. Finally, the cleaning staff took the collected garbage and disposed of it at designated locations.

This scheme will ensure that the passengers are able to board a cleaner train in a shorter time.

20898 Ranchi-Howrah Vande Bharat arrived at

Howrah station and was cleaned in a record 14 minutes. DRM, Kharagpur has monitored the total cleaning process at Howrah Station New Complex.

22349 Patna-Ranchi Vande Bharat reached Ranchi and was also cleaned in a record 14 minutes. DRM, Ranchi has monitored the total cleaning process at Ranchi station.

20836 Puri-Rourkela Vande Bharat Express reached Rourkela and was cleaned in a record 14 minutes. DRM, Chakradharpur has monitored the total cleaning process at Rourkela station.

## Union Minister for Women & Child Development and Minority Affairs visits Atal Tea Garden and Participates in Swachhata hi Seva Campaign with Tea Garden Workers

**Siliguri, (KCN):** The Union Minister for Women & Child Development Smt Smriti Zubin Irani today visited West Bengal to participate in a campaign on 'Swachhata hi Seva' in Siliguri, North Bengal. At Bagdogra Airport the Union Minister was given a warm welcome by MP, Darjeeling Shri Raju Bista by offering her ceremonial Khada. She then visited Atal Tea Garden on the way and participated in a one-hour shramadan activity centering 'Swachhata hi Seva' campaign with the tea garden lady workers and exchanged pleasantries with them. Smt Irani also visited the Tenzing Norgay Bus Terminus to attend a



'Swachhata hi Seva' programme there. She was accompanied by Shri Bista there. The BJP State President Dr Sukanta Majumdar was also present on the occasion. Smt Irani also paid floral tributes to the portrait of Dr B R Ambedkar, the legend behind drafting Indian

Constitution. The Union Minister then sat at a nearby tea shop at the bus stand and offered tea to everybody and talked to the crowd. After remaining there for some time, she went for a party programme at Dagapara Football Ground, Siliguri



# Window Clears 19 Projects

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** The State Level Single Window Clearance Authority (SLSWCA) under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary Pradeep Kumar Jena today approved 19 investment projects worth Rs 3,663 crores. These projects are set to generate employment for approximately 13,663 individuals, reflecting the State's unwavering commitment to job creation and sustainable development. The EPIC Group, an apparel manufacturer based in Hong Kong renowned for serving

some of the world's leading brands, is poised to bolster foreign direct investment (FDI) in Odisha. Trimetro Garments India Pvt. Ltd. a subsidiary of the EPIC Group, is planning to invest Rs 376.85 crores in the establishment of its apparel manufacturing facility, consequently generating employment for 7,050 individuals in Khordha. Time Technoplast Limited and Oricon Enterprise Limited are set to enhance the plastic sector with their manufacturing units in



Khordha, with investments of Rs 57 crore and Rs 90 crores, respectively. The steel sector has

experienced significant growth due to investments from several companies, including Nezone Steel

Utkal LLP, Advance Steel Tubes Limited, Nirmal Steels Private Limited, Rungta Mines Limited, Ferro Tech

India Private Limited, and Super Sonic Logistics Private Limited. Collectively, these companies have proposed to invest over Rs 2,000 crores in regions such as Kalanganagar, Dhenkanal, and Sundergarh. Notably, Nezone Steel Utkal LLP is expanding its manufacturing capacity with the establishment of their second unit. In the renewable energy sector, Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL), and Odisha Power Generation Corporation Limited

(OPGCL) are launching solar power plants with investments of Rs 297.61 crore and Rs 215 crore, respectively. The Agro and Food Processing sectors are poised to benefit from its homegrown companies, such as Pragati Milk Products Pvt. Ltd.'s ice-cream and baked product manufacturing plant in Chandanpur and Coastal Biotech Private Limited's modern rice mill in Paralakhemundi. Infrastructure projects of Koli Commercial LLP and Vimla Infrastructure (India) Pvt Ltd, both establishing Private

Freight Terminals under the Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Terminal scheme, have been approved by the government today. Krupalu Kunja is setting up a compressed bio gas and fermented organic manure plant in Jajpur with annual capacity 46,000 MT with an investment of Rs 73.25 crore and an employment potential of 138. Odisha's Tourism sector is set to shine brighter with Mayfair Hotels & Resorts Ltd's Convention Centre in Paradeep, Jagatsinghpur, which is expanding its capacity by 20 rooms.

## Remark On LoP Expunged

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Following a ruckus created by BJP MLAs, Speaker Pramila Mallik today expunged the remark made by BJD legislator Arun Kumar Sahoo on the LoP Jayanarayan Mishra from the Assembly proceedings. The Speaker made an announcement in this regard in the House this evening as the BJP members disturbed all proceedings of the Assembly during the entire pre-lunch and major part of the post-lunch session. The legislators of Opposition BJP stalled the proceedings of the Assembly on Saturday by creating a ruckus over the statement of Sahoo. They created a ruckus in front of the Speaker's podium inside the well of the House demanding the MLA's remarks to be expunged. With no way out, the Speaker conveyed an all-party meet and later the Speaker announced that



Shri Sahoo's remarks on the BJP leader stand expunged from the official records. On Thursday, Shri Sahoo had made the statement after Jayanarayan Mishra and Congress Legislature Party Leader Narasingha Mishra raised some questions on the tour of 5T Secretary and Chief Minister's statement in this regard in the House. "Two Mishras have been criticising the 5T governance style of the government. There has been overall development in all the constituencies including those of Opposition MLAs under the 5T initiative," Shri Sahoo said.

There seems to be some "mental health disorder" and requested all to come to the House in a good mental health condition, he added. On the other hand, the BJP members trooped into the Well of the House and demanded immediate expunction of the words "mental disorder" from the record. The Speaker on Thursday suspended two BJP MLAs— Mohan Charan Majhi and Mukesh Mahaling for the rest of the session after they allegedly threw pulses at the Speaker's podium. Meanwhile, Leader of the Opposition Jayanarayan Mishra said he was not feeling safe

both inside the House and outside it. "A few days ago, BJD workers ransacked the Sambalpur Circuit House thinking I was present there. I would have been killed had I been there. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik will be responsible if something happens to me and my family," he told reporters outside the House. The LoP said he had returned to state security after the assassination of the then health minister Naba Kishore Das by a police officer on January 29 this year. "If a minister can be killed, what can other MLAs expect from the Odisha Government?" he said. Dismissing Shri Mishra's allegation, BJD MLA Rajkishore Das said, "The Odisha CM considers every life as precious... everybody is safe here. It appears the LoP is making such statements only to hog the limelight as there is no reason for saying such things."

## All India Yadav Mahasangha holds Press Conference


**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** All India Yadav Mahasangha holds a Press Conference today at Hotel Kalinga Ashok, Bhubaneswar. The National Executive President of All India Yadav Mahasangha cum National Commission for backward classes, New Delhi Mr. Jagadish Yadav joined as a chief guest in the press conference. The members of the Mahasangha have demanded to establish Ahira Regiment at all India level along with 27 % reservation for OBC in the field of education and service in this occasion. In addition to that, share the information about the newly appointed state committee of All India Yadav Mahasangha in Odisha. In this connection, the newly appointed members of the committee are as follows: Mr. Sabyasachi Mahala &



Prem Sindhu Herna are appointed as executive president of Odisha where as Ms. Mamina Khilar appointed as a women president of all India Yadav Mahasangha and Jyotiranjana Kansha appointed as a National General Secretary and Mr.

Hitesh Bagartti appointed as a National vice president of the Mahasangha for Odisha. The Mahasangha also requested to govt. of Odisha to provide a place at Bhubaneswar for Yadav's of Odisha.

Apart from that, among others the General Secretary of all India Yadav Mahasangha Mr. Chittaranjan Kansha, Mr. Jagabandhu Khilar, Ms. Snehalata Barik and Rabindra Kumar Palei were present in the press conference.



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# INTENSIVE CLEANLINESS DRIVE BY ECoR TO MARK SWACHHATA PAKHWADA

**Bhubaneswar, (KCN):** In response to Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's call for a Nationwide Cleanliness Drive on 1st October 2023, whole the Nation enthusiastically participated in the 'Shramdaan for Cleanliness' program as part of the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' Campaign to mark Swachhata Pakhwada. Hon'ble PM in last September 2023 also announced to conduct Mega Cleanliness Drive to mark the celebration of Gandhi

Jayanti with a slogan 'Ek Tareekh, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath' Campaign by people from all walks of life to give tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the Nation. To mark the occasion, Indian Railways also conducted Mega Campaign all over its network where Railwaymen, their family members, Passengers, Rail Users were participated. In view of the above, East Coast Railway also conducted massive cleanliness drive all over its jurisdiction by

involving its three Railway Division i.e. Waltair, Khurda Road and Sambalpur including its production Units and other Railway establishments. ECoR General Manager Shri Manoj Sharma led the team at Bhubaneswar Railway Station where a numbers of Railway Employees participated in the Cleanliness drive. A Nukkad Natak was also performed to aware the passengers about the cleanliness by East Coast Railway Womens Welfare



Organisation. Additional General Manager Shri Sharad Kumar Srivastava also

led the team at Cuttack Railway Station. Divisional Railway Managers and

Additional Divisional Railway Managers were also led the team at their respective

Divisions. Apart from the above, a 14-minute Miracle Cleanliness Drive was also launched to clean all Vande Bharat Express trains at various nominated Stations. Howrah-Puri-Howrah Vande Bharat Express was also nominated in this programme and got for the next journey in just 13 minutes. Divisional Railway Manager Khurda Road led the team at Puri Railway Station to mark the 14 Minute Miracle Cleanliness Drive.

The Swachh Bharat Mission was launched on 2nd October 2014 on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti that commemorate birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi also known as Mahatma, Bapu or Father of the Nation. In 2021, PM Modi introduced the Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0 on October 1 in the year 2021 with the objective of making all Indian cities 'Garbage Free' and 'Water Secure.' It serves as a forerunner to the 'Swachhata Pakhwada - Swachhata Hi Seva' 2023 campaign.

## Jobs through PM Rojgar Mela unconstitutional

**New Delhi (KCN) :** The Indian National Trade Union Congress (INTUC) has described as unconstitutional the appointments being made through Prime Minister Rojgar Mela in various government bodies and PSUs. Addressing the national working committee yesterday here, its Vice President Dr R C Khuntia criticized the idea of distributing jobs through the PM and CM office saying such methods make the statutory bodies like UPSC and SSBs irrelevant. Dr Khuntia said that



under the constitution, recruitment rules have been framed under Article 309, and the manner of selection has to be through those rules only and not through the prime

minister or any chief minister office. Dr Khuntia said even as lakhs of vacancies have been crippling functions of various government organizations and

PSUs, Prime Minister appropriating credit for distributing jobs of government organizations and PSUs speaks of a narrow mindset as the general election is not far off.

While the government is emphasizing upon uniform civil code, which is apparently impractical, he said at least the government should now consider developing a uniform wage code so that there would not be any discrimination in matters of wage in different states. This would at least prevent massive inter state migrations. Dr Khuntia said it is high time that India follow the UN convention on nonbinding convention of 2018 which envisages protection to migrant workers and protection.

## Ex -cadre teachers' movement reached PMG in 62 days.



**SUBARNAPUR, (KCN):** State Primary Teachers (Ex -cadre ) Maha Sangha protested on 31st July and August at Gandhi Marg in Bhubaneswar under the leadership of Sharat Chandra Naik, President of State Primary Teachers (Ex -cadre) Maha Sangha. Maha Sangha expressed dissatisfaction in discussion with the Secretary of Maha Sangha then last on 16.9.23 called a 6 member's representative team of Maha Sangha with the sub-committee constituted by the department and said that the demand was justified

and that the government was positive in this direction and so Maha Sangha did not accept the government directives till the movement. Decided to keep. Therefore, yesterday, on behalf of Boudh district, Boudh district president Ranju Amat and Secretary Birbikram Pradhan, Keshab Pradhan, Prakash Danga have continued the movement on the 62nd day. However, since 0 1 . 3 . 2 0 1 7 , Ganashikshak who completed eight years have been given the status of regular teachers, but they are not given increment under OTET

and more than 3000 to above teachers have been promoted from regular. Those who are regularly deputed to the entire education and placed in Ex-cadre. The Maha Sangha has demanded to cancel the deputation to the entire education and bring them all into cadre from 01.3.2017. Pay through Treasury, 7th Pay Commissioner increased arrears of 50% pay. Due to the fact that the government is not paying attention to it, even though they have been demanding payment etc., all the 22 thousand families of the state are deeply dissatisfied. As per the

instructions of the Department of School and Mass Education dated 25.7.2016, Level V Elementary teachers are being excluded from the selection process of Festival Advance, RCM, HBA, MCA and CRCC, with the intervention of the Hon'ble Chief Minister to send a clear instruction to the District and Block level in this regard. "Protests and protests will continue until the solution is not resolved," said Maha Sangha General Secretary Hanes Patra Bagh and Treasurer Bijaya Mishra. State Vice President Rajib L o c h a n

Pradhan, Secretary Pramod Behera said in a press release that the government will not tolerate the injustice done to the teachers and Ganashikshak of Ex -cadre . According to the previous plan, there will be a life-and-death battle on the soil of the capital and if the problem is not resolved, there is a plan to move 22 thousand teachers' families to Naveen Niwas . If the problem is not resolved, the agitation will continue till the general elections, Prashant Kumar Khamari, General Secretary of Mahasangha of State Primary Teachers( Ex-cadre ) informed.

## A newborn baby boy was rescued from the roadside.

**SUBARNAPUR, (KCN):** A newborn baby boy stuffed in a bag was rescued from the roadside of Tevapadar

under Subalaya police station of Biramaharajpur block of Subarnapur district. The baby boy was rescued by

a woman named Bhanumati Bagh of the village and admitted to the Biramaharajpur hospital. However, the

doctor examined the child and shifted him to the district head quarter hospital. It is said that some women in a bolero

were spotted by locals last night and dropped the newborn baby boy from the said bolero.

## AIIMS BHUBANESWAR Takes Initiative in Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign at DERAS DAM

Executive Director Dr Ashutosh Biswas leads the initiative



**Bhubaneswar, (KCN):** A I I M S BHUBANESWAR, in alignment with the Ayushman Bhav Swachhata Hi Seva campaign, conducted a significant Swachhata Shramad (cleanliness drive) at DERAS Dam today. This picturesque tourist destination, beloved by the people of Odisha, boasts natural beauty that AIIMS BHUBANESWAR is dedicated to preserving and protecting. Led by Executive Director Dr. Ashutosh Biswas, students, faculty, and employees of the National Institute came together for this massive cleanliness initiative. In the spirit of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji's vision for a cleaner environment, A I I M S BHUBANESWAR is

wholeheartedly committed to maintaining garbage-free surroundings. Executive Director Dr. Ashutosh Biswas remarked, "We are actively participating in the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign to ensure the cleanliness of both our academic institution and the surrounding areas." A I I M S BHUBANESWAR took it a step further by raising awareness among tourists and locals about the importance of keeping DERAS Dam pristine. Today, as the nation united in a one-hour cleanliness drive at the Prime Minister's call, A I I M S BHUBANESWAR joined in and contributed one hour of Shramdaan (voluntary labor) for the cause. Notably, students and

employees even cleaned a toilet facility at the dam, setting an inspiring example for all. In addition to Executive Director Dr. Ashutosh Biswas, the campaign witnessed active participation from Medical Superintendent Dr. Dillip Kumar Parida, Dr. Manoj Kumar Mohanty, Dr. Soubhagya Kumar Jena, Dr. Prabhas Ranjan Tripathy, Dr. Ashok Kumar Jena, DDA(I/c) Rasmi Ranjan Sethy, as well as enthusiastic students and employees. A I I M S BHUBANESWAR remains committed to contributing to the cleanliness and preservation of our natural treasures and encourages all members of society to participate actively in such initiatives.

## PPA conducts "Swachhata Hi Seva" in the township



**Paradeep, (KCN):** As per clarion call given by Hon'ble of Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi Ji, Paradip Port Authority along with Paradeep Municipality, Paradip Sakharata Samiti, Local school students and denizens of the township conducted One Hour long Shramdaan for

cleanliness drive at the Bank Street and Creek side near Mausima temple. Gracing the occasion as chief guest Shri P.L. Haranadh, Chairman, PPA flagged off a Swachhata Rath in presence of Shri Basant Kumar Biswal, Chairman, Paradeep Municipality and

other HoDs and senior officials of PPA. Commenting about the Swachhata drive Shri Haranadh commented that Cleanliness is not just a transient allegiance, but it is a way of life for realising a dream of clean and green society. Similarly, CISF Unit of PPA conducted plogging activity at the Paradip Beach.



## Labuschagne replaces injured Agar in Australia's World Cup squad

New Delhi: Australia have included Marnus Labuschagne in their 15-man squad for the World Cup as replacement for the injured Ashton Agar. It is the only change to the original squad announced by Cricket Australia with destructive batter Travis Head retaining his spot despite his own injury with the hope of him being available midway through the tournament. Squad: Pat Cummins (c), Mitchell Marsh, David Warner, Steve Smith, Marnus Labuschagne, Travis Head, Cameron Green, Sean Abbott, Alex Carey, Josh Hazlewood, Josh Inglis, Glenn Maxwell, Mitchell Starc, Marcus Stoinis, Adam Zampa. Left-arm spinner Agar was picked as one of two frontline spinners in the preliminary squad named on September 6. He



picked up a calf injury on the tour of South Africa and returned home for the birth of his first child. Subsequently, he missed the series in India. Brought back for the ODIs in South Africa, Labuschagne top-scored with 283 runs from five games at an average of 70.75 and added

another 138 runs at 46 from three games in India. Meanwhile, Australia decided to keep Head in the squad despite the South Australian suffering a fractured hand during the fourth ODI against South Africa and some way away from regaining match

readiness. "This was a tough call but unfortunately, we couldn't carry both Travis and Ashton into the tournament with the injuries they have," chief of selectors George Bailey said. "We have made the decision to carry Travis through the early stages

with the aim of him being available around the mid part of the tournament. He has been a really important player in this ODI team and we are hopeful his return can provide a positive impetus as it gets to the business end of the tournament.

"Mitchell Starc and Glenn Maxwell are progressing well through the rehabilitation of their respective injuries and it was pleasing to see them return to the playing eleven last night," he added.

Meanwhile, Matt Short and Tanveer Sangha, who were part of the tour of India, will remain with the squad until at least the conclusion of the warm-up matches. Australia begin their quest for a sixth ODI World Cup title with a clash against India in Chennai on October 8.

## Kane Williamson to miss World Cup opener



New Delhi: Kane Williamson is set to miss the team's opening game of the World Cup against England on October 5, as he continues his injury rehabilitation. He is also set to play only as a batter in the first warm-up game, stated New Zealand Cricket. "Right from the start we've taken a long-term view on Kane's return to

play," head coach Gary Stead was quoted as saying. "His recovery is tracking well and it's now a matter of making sure he can cope with the rigours and intensity of international cricket. We'll continue to take a day by day approach to Kane's rehabilitation and certainly won't be putting any pressure on him to return before he is ready."

Williamson was included in the squad despite lingering concerns about his knee injury that he suffered during this year's IPL. However, New Zealand included him in the squad with the hope that he'd be fit over the course of the tournament. Tom Latham will be leading the team in the warm-up game against Pakistan.

## "Best Player Of This Generation": Yuvraj Singh's Massive Prediction For India Star

New Delhi: Former India all-rounder Yuvraj Singh believes that the country's star batter Shubman Gill has the potential to become the best player of this generation. Gill is surely one of the rising superstars of Indian cricket. The 24-year-old is among the best batters the Indian team has. However, it seems that Gill's own best is yet to come as his batting graph continues to rise with time. The right-handed batter was the top run-scorer during India's recently-concluded three-match ODI series against Australia. "Shubman Gill has the potential to become the best player of this generation. The guy works hard. Since he was 19-20, his attitude has always been like that. He works four times harder than a normal guy since he was a kid. Whatever I have worked with him, he can be the player of



this era," Yuvraj Singh told The Week. "He (Gill) scored 91 in a Test match which India won. He scored two fifties as well on his first tour to Australia which I don't know how many players have done. I am sure he will score runs in Australia, South Africa as well as England," he added. After a sensational Indian Premier League 2023 season, Gill's form saw a dip before he made a brilliant comeback. The Asia Cup 2023 saw the batter ending as the top

scorer with 302 runs to his name across six matches at an average of 75.50. The ODI series against Australia that followed saw Gill scoring 178 runs across two matches at an average of 89. Gill came under scrutiny and a lot of criticism after he underperformed against West Indies, especially in the two-match Test series and five T20Is this year. However, his comeback in Asia Cup has once again put the batter in the list of key players that India will be having during the Cricket World Cup 2023.

New Delhi: Former Indian cricketer Laxman Sivaramakrishnan recently stirred up a social media storm with a scathing Twitter rant targeting star off-spinner R Ashwin. The crux of Sivaramakrishnan's argument was his claim that Test match pitches in India are allegedly "doctored" to favour Ashwin's style of bowling. This controversy unfolded amidst discussions about the upcoming World Cup commentators, leading to a heated exchange on social media.

Sivaramakrishnan's Twitter outburst began innocuously enough, responding to a post detailing the World Cup commentator lineup. He criticized the absence of "genuine spinners" in the panel, calling it a "pathetic mix." Among the commentators listed were renowned spinners Lisa Sthalekar, Samuel



Badree, Ravi Shastri, and Russell Arnold, all with substantial international wicket records. The turning point came when another commenter suggested that flat pitches would be prepared for India's batters in the World Cup. In response, Sivaramakrishnan made a bold assertion,

claiming that Indian Test pitches were deliberately tailored to suit Ashwin's bowling prowess. He also questioned Ashwin's performance in SENA countries (South Africa, England, New Zealand, and Australia). Amidst the Twitter storm, R Ashwin maintained his composure and humility. He expressed his surprise

at being included in the World Cup squad and acknowledged the difficulty of his journey back to limited-overs cricket after a substantial hiatus. Unfortunately, the warm-up match between India and England in Guwahati was washed out, denying fans an opportunity to see

Ashwin's performance on the field.

A passionate Ashwin supporter quickly responded, defending the spinner's impressive record and asserting his superiority over Sivaramakrishnan. Ashwin had recently been drafted into India's World Cup squad after Axar Patel's injury, boasting 155 ODI wickets in 115 matches. In contrast, Sivaramakrishnan's own limited international record stood at 15 wickets in 16 ODIs and 26 wickets in nine Test matches. Sivaramakrishnan didn't back down from his controversial stance. He further fueled the fire by stating, "Any fool will get wickets on tampered pitches in India." He went on to claim that he had witnessed instances of pitch tampering firsthand, insinuating that it was done to favour Ashwin.

## Not India, Sunil Gavaskar PICKS England As Favourites To Win Cricket World Cup 2023

New Delhi: Former India captain Sunil Gavaskar has picked his favourites for the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 and it is not India. The India batting great feels that Jos Buttler-led England will start as favourites to win the tournament. Not to forget, this World Cup is being played in India, giving the Men in Blue a slight edge over other teams. But it is also true that being a host nation puts added pressure on the shoulders of Rohit Sharma and Co. Gavaskar believes that England have an all-round side with all

bases covered, from top-order batting to middle order to fast bowling to all-rounders, they look solid on paper. "The defending champions, England because of the kind of talent that they have at, at the top of the order, the batting order, they've got two or three world class all-rounders who can change the game with both bat and ball. They've also got a very good bowling line-up, experienced bowling line-up, so at the moment in my book certainly," Gavaskar told Star Sports.



On the other hand, former Indian pacer Irfan Pathan believes that India are one of the favourites to win the Cup. India enter the World Cup as the No 1 side in ICC's ODI rankings ahead of Babar Azam's Pakistan. Irfan thinks that wins in Asia Cup and the recently-concluded ODI series

vs Australia keeps India in good stead ahead of the tournament. Speaking exclusively to Star Sports, StarCast expert for 'Mission World Cup', Irfan Pathan has also named his World Cup favorites, he said, "I'm very excited to see how India performs and I

really think they are one of the favorites, for sure because especially last couple of series, like Asia Cup, and the way India played against Australia as well in the home conditions. I think they are ticking all the boxes. They have players who are performing really well but you have a guy like Mohammed Shami, who's not in the part of playing 11 consistently, who's a world class bowler himself, so it shows the kind of team India has and at the same time the bench strength India has."

## MS Dhoni Is The Greatest Finisher In History Of Cricket, Says David Warner Ahead Of Cricket World Cup 2023

New Delhi: Australia's opening batter David Warner opened up on many interesting questions, relating to his taste, favourite and inspiring cricketers as well as food. Warner will be playing a big role for Australia in the ODI World Cup 2023. He is a top-order batter and looked in good touch against India in the recently-concluded ODI series. The pocked-sized dynamite is pumped up to perform in front of his packed cricket stadiums in India, a country which he calls as his second home. Warner was quizzed by JioCinema

recently as many rapid fire questions were thrown at him and he gave good answers for each one of them without wasting any time. The Aussie was asked who was the inspiring figure in his cricket career. Warner took three names: Adam Gilchrist, Shane Warne and Ricky Ponting. "I wanted to play how they played the game. I wanted to be a leg spinner, Gilchrist was an opening dasher and Ricky Ponting – one of our best cricketers ever," said Warner. The batter was also asked to tell who he feels has been the greatest finisher in

the history of the game. Warner was quick to reply, "For me, it's MS Dhoni." Not to forget, before Dhoni, it was Michael Bevan who enjoyed the tag of best finisher in the world. Bevan was the saviour of the Australian team on many occasions but Warner chose Dhoni over his own countryman. MS Dhoni was, indeed, one of the finest ODI batters the world saw, especially when it came to the chases. Dhoni's legacy will be known for the ICC trophies he won and the chases he pulled off from difficult situations.