

Uncertainty over Ratna Bhandar opening after SJTA ducks issue

PURI(KCN): Uncertainty continues to prevail over opening of the Bhitara Ratna Bhandar (inner treasury) of Srimandir with the managing committee of Shri Jagannath temple not



taking up the matter for discussion in its meeting on Tuesday.

Chief Administrator of Shri Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) Vir Vikram Yadav said since the Ratna Bhandar issue was not in the agenda, it could not be discussed in the meeting. The issue will be taken up when it finds a place in the agenda.

Sources said a member of the SJTA raised the issue during the meeting but it was dismissed. As demand for opening the Bhitara Ratna Bhandar of Srimandir is gathering steam, political parties and many religious institutions have been asking the government to open the inner treasury for repairs and conduct a fresh inventory.

As per temple norms, the treasury should be opened every three years and inventory of the wealth conducted. However, it has not been done in the last 27 years. Meanwhile, the meeting of the temple managing committee decided to create a digital database of the immovable property of Srimandir.

Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik in Bengaluru to woo investors

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik arrived in Bengaluru on Tuesday to woo investors ahead of the Make-In-Odisha conclave in November. The State government in collaboration with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) is organising the fifth round of Odisha investors' meet in Bengaluru on Wednesday.



The Chief Minister will be meeting industry leaders to discuss their plans for Odisha and personally invite them to the mega industrial conclave scheduled to be held from November 30 to December 4.

PM Modi on 2-day visit to home state Gujarat from tomorrow to inaugurate several projects

NEW DELHI(KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be on a two-day visit to his home state Gujarat starting Thursday, with several events lined up. He will also participate in Navratri celebrations.

Prime Minister Modi will visit Surat, Bhavnagar, Ahmedabad and Ambaji. Taking to Twitter, PM Modi said, "Tomorrow, 29th September and the day after, I will be attending a series of programmes in Gujarat. My programmes cover different sectors of development and also spread across different parts of the state."

The Prime Minister said that the works whose foundation stone will be laid or dedicated to the nation include projects related to urban regeneration, a Biodiversity park, a science centre and Phase-2 of DREAM City.

"These works will ensure a better quality of life for the people of Surat," tweeted PM Modi.

He further said, "I am eager to be in Surat tomorrow. This city has shown how hardwork can lead to wonders. Among Surat's biggest strengths is the city's diversity - people across states and cultures are happily living and

The SJTA chief said records of land owned by Lord Jagannath will be digitised soon. "Odisha Space Application Centre (ORSAC) will help the SJTA and Revenue department in the project. We will also identify all the places where temple lands are located and a database will be created under the project," he said.

The Adarsha Gurukul project, which would look into school education of children of temple servitors, was also discussed in the meeting. Birla Foundation will implement the Adarsh Gurukul school project. In the next meeting, Birla Foundation will be invited to have a detailed discussion on the master plan for the Gurukul project, Yadav informed.

Progress of the sevyat housing project was also reviewed during the meet. In the first phase, housing units under the project will come up at Harichandi Sahi and a tender has already been floated for construction of the boundary wall. The tender will be opened on October 6. The daily rituals of the Trinity were rescheduled anticipating heavy rush of devotees during the holy month of Kartik.

Topics of Discussion
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working there. Works worth Rs 3400 crore will be dedicated to the nation." Highlighting that the Regional Science Centre in Bhavnagar is going to be a landmark of the city, the PM said it will ignite curiosity and brownfield port project. The economic benefits of these would be immense. The water supply projects are going to help our hardworking farmers. The city of Bhavnagar has a glorious history and exceptional cul-

ture. At a programme in Bhavnagar, development works worth Rs. 5200 crore will either be dedicated to the nation or their foundation stone would be laid. These works are

towards science and innovation among the youth adding that the Centre would have several thematic galleries as well.



"Bhavnagar is all set to get a CNG Terminal

Odisha: Puja organisers feel price rise pinch, artisans back in business

KENDRAPARA(KCN): Price hike and inflation has made Durga Puja a costly affair for festival organisers of the district



this year. Skyrocketing prices of bamboo, lighting items, chandeliers and decorative clothes have badly hit the Puja organisers who are finding it difficult to celebrate the festival in the usual grand manner.

A decorator of Kendrapara Chandan Behera said the pandal makers are faced with acute shortage of bamboo. "The price of a five-metre-long bamboo has gone up from Rs 100 to Rs 200. Due to the increase in bamboo price, many pandal decorators are charging more this year," he said.

Similarly, Puja committee member of Pattamundai Manoj Sahoo said, "The pandal lighting cost is also very high this year. Some lighting decorators are charging Rs 3-Rs 5 lakh for each pandal. Due to such exorbitant prices, many Puja committee members are unwilling to go for big and attractive pandals," he said.

On the other hand, the festive season has brought cheer for artisans who are hoping to make the most of the opportunity after a gap of two years. Adhir Maharana, a costume maker of Kamarakhani on the outskirts of Kendrapara town, said Durga Puja is the best time for artisans to earn money.

"We use zari thread and glitter to make the backdrop of pandals more attractive. Artisans also use 'sola' (thermocool) for making the headgear of idols and flowers with which the pandals are decorated. We are working for 10 hours a day to meet the demand of organisers," he said.

Prabhupada Jena of Ichapur village said the Covid-19 pandemic upended the livelihood of artisans for the last two years. But now, almost all the artisans are back at work as they have received huge orders from Puja committees to decorate the deities and pandals, he added.

Maharshi Public School Principal No more

Baripada(KCN) : Sri Ganeswar Sahu, Principal Maharishi Public School Baghra Road Baripada Passed away peacefully in his Purnchandrapur resi-



dence at evening 5PM. He was a good teacher and nice human being. He was survived by his wife, Son, daughter and grand childrens.

Chairman Dr Pabitra Mohan Samantaray, President, LMC, Mr Pradeep Kumar Nayak , Treasure Mr Ashok Kumar Kar and many prominent people have condoled over his sad demise and Prayed peace for the departed soul.

Russia prepares to annex occupied Ukrainian regions despite outcry

KYIV(KCN): Russia is poised to formally annexe areas of Ukraine where it has military control after referendums there reportedly endorsed Moscow's rule.

But the ballots were widely discredited and earned the Kremlin no relief Wednesday from



international pressure over its assault on its neighbour.

Pro-Moscow administrations of all four occupied regions of southern and eastern Ukraine said Tuesday night that their residents voted to join Russia in five days of Kremlin-orchestrated balloting. According to Russia-installed election officials, 93% of the ballots cast in the

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linked to energy, water supply and ports," PM Modi added.

According to Prime Minister's Office (PMO), on Thursday morning, he will lay the foundation stone and dedicate projects worth more than Rs 3,400 crore in Surat. These include water supply and drainage projects, DREAM City, Biodiversity Park and other development projects such as public infrastructure, heritage restoration, city bus/BRTS infrastructure, and electric vehicle infrastructure as well as joint projects by the central and state government.

Phase-I of road infrastructure and the main entrance of Diamond Research and Mercantile (DREAM) City will also be inaugurated. The DREAM City project has been launched with the vision to meet the growing demand for commercial and residential space for the rapidly growing diamond trading sector in Surat. The prime minister will also lay the foundation stone for Phase II of the project. Prime Minister Modi will also lay the foundation stone of a biodiversity park, being built over 87 hectares, besides inaugurating the Khoj Museum at Science Centre in Surat. Built for children, the

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STONE CARVING

From very ancient times, the art of stone carving is prevailing in Odisha. It is one of the oldest forms of Oriya art which is practised in different parts of the state.



TEXTILES

Odisha is famous for producing hand-woven textiles produced by skilful handloom weavers. Being a worldly-famous handicraft, textiles in Odisha produces clothes like Saree, Dhoti, and dress materials.

I can't Handle This

Lisa Parks

I can't handle this,
I can't take it anymore.

More hurting, and more pain,
my soul inside of
me is broken into pieces.

Why? Why? Why? Why do people
especially people who pretend
to be your friends, say mean
things?

The pain inside is killing me,
I cry and cry, wondering
Where is God?

But my heart and soul will
eventually will heal, but not
right now, it will take a
while for it to heal.

Quotation of the Day

The best way to
predict the future
is to invent it.

ALAN KAY

EVERYDAY POWER

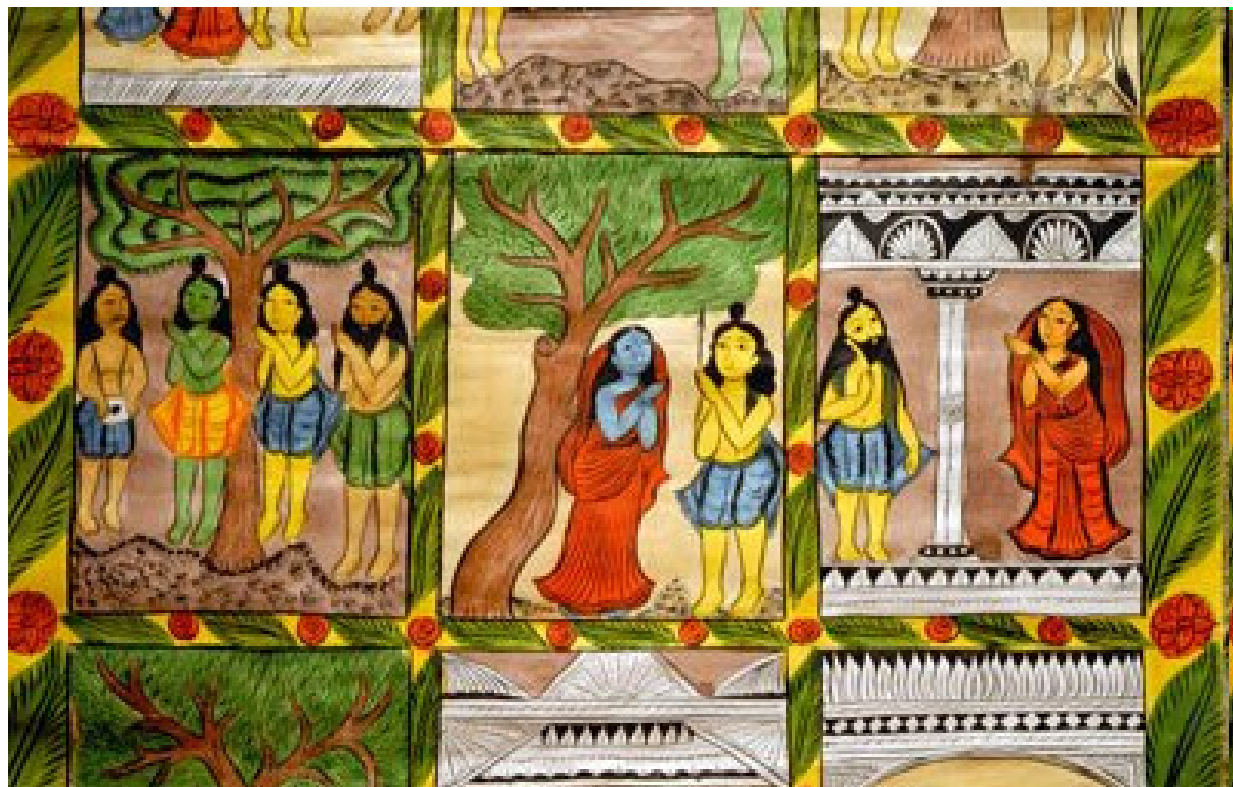
Popular Arts and Handicrafts of Odisha

PATTACHITRA

Believed to be originated in the early 12th-century, Pattachitra is an icon painting which makes it one of the most popular living art forms in India. People in Odisha

sand. Evidently, Sand Art is one of the worldly-famous arts that resides here in Puri, Odisha. For the fact, the state also hosts an International Sand Art Festival.

PALM LEAF PAINTINGS



can be seen practising it daily.

SAND ART

From the days when communication was done through writing, the Palm Leaf



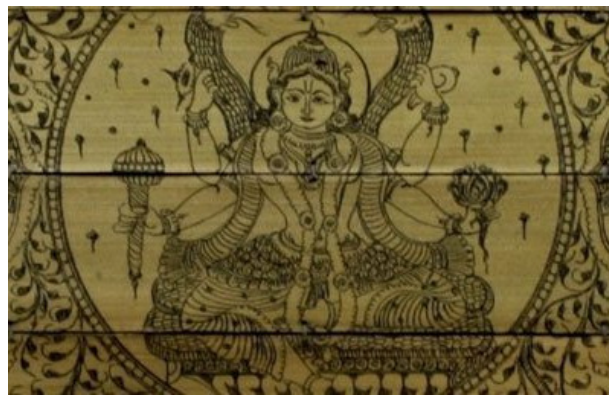
Odisha excels in creating sculptures from



Painting or locally known as Talapatra Chitra is an ancient form of art in Odisha. This is one of the art forms in the state which are considered sacred.

JHOTI CHITA, MURUJA

A traditional Oriya art which is presented on the floor and walls is Jhota Chita. Extremely



popular in the rural areas, Jhota is different from line art and involves line art using a white coloured liquid paste of rice or pithau.

HORN WORK

The most popular art amongst all is Horn Work. A mystical artwork of Odisha,



Horn Work showcases an impressive fashion design. In this art, Horns of Cows and Buffaloes are used to produce utility products like jewelry, ashtray, and comb.

PAPIER MACHE



Most of the arts in Odisha have world-

wide acclamation and Papier Mache is one of them. The art is practised in almost every region of the state and involves the use of waste cloth, natural fibres, and papers.

APPLIQUE WORK

In the village of Pipli, there prevails a tra-



ditional art form - Applique Work. It is a

complex form of art where one material is sewed to the other in order to make an enthralling decorative pattern.

LACQUER WORK

Lacquer Work is one of the famous tribal craft in India which is practised mainly by women. The impressive folk items like bangles, toys, and necklace are made by using this technique of

BELL METAL AND BRASS HANDICRAFTS

An important native art coming from the Kansari and Dhokra caste in Odisha, Ball



Metal and Brass Handicraft is a popular folk art which produces various pieces of household items and decorations items.

SILVER FILIGREE WORK

Probably the most unique and finest of all art forms in Odisha is Silver Filigree Work. This more than 500-year old art form is practised by local artisans mainly in Cuttack. Ornaments and decorative items are two main categories of this impressive artwork.

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WATCH 'Manikarnika' trailer: This Kangana Ranaut-starrer looks like bits from a Bhansali product



MUMBAI(KCN): Finally it comes. The trailer of the beleaguered historical "Manikarnika - The Queen Of Jhansi" brings to us a furious, ferocious and feral Kangana Ranaut, who tells the 'gora log', "We both want Jhansi. But you want to rule. I want to serve."

Well, precisely. The Rani Of Jhansi was passionately dedicated to her

kingdom. I don't see much of that dedication in the trailer. Much of it is devoted to displaying its leading lady's skills on horses and with swords. The trailer gives us an epic primer on 'Kangana Rides The Horse', 'Kangana Swats The Enemy', 'Kangana Bays For Blood', so on and so forth.

There is so much of the talented ac-

triss' efforts to appear queenly, the trailer barely offers a glimpse of the impressive supporting cast, namely Danny Denzongpa, Atul Kulkarni, Suresh Oberoi and others who flit by in this steamroller view of a woman warrior's day-out binge. Threadbare thunder in a fancy teacup.

Alarmingly and annoyingly, the film

wears a thick and heavy Sanjay Leela Bhansali hangover. In the way the camera zooms in and pans the long stretches of the battle scenes, I was taken back to Bhansali's "Bajirao Mastani". In fact one of Kangana's derring-do in a battle sequence here, she gambols over her army to strike was a move identical to Ranveer Singh's in

"Bajirao Mastani".

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It's a highly derivative world created by people who seem to have the resources but not the vision. We could do with a lot more chutzpah when recre-

ating such an important chapter from Indian history.

It's not all a wash-out, though. Kangana seems to convey sufficient fire and elasticity. Her accent is a downer, though.

This is the way the trailer moves: uplifting one moment down to being a disappointment the next. Let's hope the film is not as uneven in tone.

When Julia Roberts realised she was famous

LOS ANGELES (KCN): Actress Julia Roberts, 51, revealed that the first time she realised she was famous was when she was in a bathroom stall at age 21 and a fan asked her for an autograph.

The actress had just starred in the 1988 film "Mystic Pizza" at the time of her bathroom encounter.

The Oscar-winner told the story during an appearance on an episode of a podcast, reports dailymail.co.uk.

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Roberts stopped by the bathroom afterward.

"It was after the movie was over and I was in the bathroom and there was a woman in the bathroom who said, 'Hey, girl in stall number one, were you in 'Mystic Pizza?'" she said.

The pushy fan proceeded to slip something under the stall and asked the "Mystic Pizza" star to sign it.

Hansika in Mohanlal's next Tamannaah Bhatia and Shruti Hassan are the new gal pals

It seems Mohanlal-B to @Hansika for her While Rockline



Unnikrishnan team's untitled film is getting bigger and bigger. After Vishal and Srikanth, another popular south star Hansika Motwani will be making her Mollywood debut through the film. The update was announced by the director himself on his official Facebook page.

"I wish great luck

new release Bogan. She will have a very special appearance in my Mohanlal film produced by Mr Rockline Venkatesh," posted Unnikrishnan.

According to the director, who had last teamed up with Mohanlal for Mr Fraud, VFX and special effects will have a lot of importance in the the big budget project.

Venkatesh, who has made films like Bajrangi Bhaijaan and Linga, is the producer, the project also boasts of an excellent crew. Manoj Paramahansa, who has cranked camera for films including Vinnaithaandi Varuvaaya and Nanpan, is the cinematographer. 4 Musics, the band behind the hit songs of Oppam, will be scoring the music.

Tamannaah Bhatia has been bonding with her contemporary Shruti Hassan.

talk everyday due to their busy schedules, but they always make sure to make time on

for Shruti. Tamannaah says, "Shruti is a sweetheart and a dear



for a while now. Tamannaah chose to take some time out last week to meet her new BFF Shruti Hassan to celebrate her birthday.

According to a source close to Tamannaah says. "Tamannah and Shruti share a special bond, the two actresses may not be able to

each other's birthdays. Shruti Hassan, who celebrated her birthday couple of days ago with close friends, had Tamannaah as one of her special guests. It is said that Tamannah makes it a point to not miss her friend's special day at any cost. She had also brought a special gift

friend. Since we both have tight schedules, we don't get much time to spend with each other the rest of the year, so I needed to be at her birthday party so that I could be with her. I have been attending her birthday since the last three years and making sure to be with her on her special day."

Corporate Governance – Wisdom from dharma

Introduction:

There is a saying, “small drops make a big ocean” since ancient days. This was



mainly used by the farmers who were very conscious about the rain. They used to be carefully working towards the preservation of the rain water so that the needs are met. Post

Industrial revolution in Europe, the concept of bulk production came into being. The inventions and discoveries were galore and the quantity and quality of the goods manufactured proved to be having far reaching effect on global economies. The related issues became more complicated in areas of commerce and finance. During the initial stages, the rich alone could afford to create new age business & industry and the poor continued to be poor with the shift in their respective owners. At this juncture the new commercial idea of corporate form of business surfaced.

An insight into the corporate governance today and the developments

The Corporate form of business management has got more than 300 years' history. It all commenced in the United Kingdom along with the industrial revolution where mass production was the key factor. While the business community was very new with such evolutions and large sums of capital were required to establish such business entities. There were only proprietary and partnership forms of businesses in existence but the scope for raising capital was very limited. Then the limited liability company form of business got invented. This form could pool large capital in small lots with an assurance that in the event of failure the investor's liability was limited to the share capital subscribed by him. So the business risk was well within the reach of ordinary people who could really think of investments.

The journey had come a very long way and currently majority of the business entrepreneurs prefer to have the corporate form of business over the others.

In India, there were more amendments brought into the Company Law by the Companies Act 2013 which need the Companies to be more responsible citizens of the societies. Now, Companies have to be transparent in their operational presentations to the society at large and

their social responsibilities are well defined.

In 2016, the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) was introduced. This is the most talked active law in force today and has been creating good disciplinary working results in the corporate system.

The Non-performing asset (NPA) levels of the financial institutions went splitting the roofs and the recovery mechanisms that have been in existence have not yielded the desired results. With the induction of IBC, there are resolutions happening around. Of course as any new system would have the initial teething problems, this law also is finding its own peculiar issues; at the same time this is quite common in any evolving legal system and hopefully by passage of another couple of years, IBC would find itself a welcome exit management system for struggling corporate entities with very little pain to the stakeholders.

The Emergence of the Three Mega Institutions

INSTITUTES, MOTTO, TAKEN FROM, MEANING;

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, Ye Esa Suptesu Jagati Katopanishad, The one who is awake when others are sleeping; The Institute of Company Secretaries of India, Satyam Vada, Dharmam, Chara, Tattriyopanishad, Speak the truth, follow the dharma; The Institute of Cost Accountants of India, Tamaso ma Jyotirgamaya, Brahadaranyaka Upanishad, Enlighten in darkness.

All the above three institutions have adopted their mottos from the UPANISHADS which are considered to be the gist of the Vedic principles that almost present the essence of ethics and governance in one form or the other. The Upanishads are many in number and they are omnipresent. We may not be in a position to fix the age to them as they are ever green and are capable of adoption in any age and dimensions of the human history.

The institutions, over the period have been supporting the corporate system in their respective domain areas. We can therefore call them the three pillars that support corporate governance and Structure. And the basic moral principle that binds these three mega institutes is “ETHICS”.

We in India, have over ages achieved the boon of “ETHICS” which was passed down through generations running back to thousands of years. The essence of ethics

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is based on the concept of

“DHARMA”. Hence ethics in its ancient crux can also be referred to as “DHARMA”. The word Dharma has often been translated as ethics morality, righteousness and goodness which clearly depict the parallelism between the two words.

In order to achieve excellence, the companies should have basic positive values and attitudes. Dharma encompasses the ideas of duty, rights and all the behavioural characteristics considered appropriate, correct or morally upright in the corporate world. Ethics relatively deals with what is wrong and what is right in various disciplines of the organisation. Both these concepts together inducted into reality ensure the efficient and diligent management within various sectors in the corporate system.

The Institute of Company Secretaries of India:

The younger one of the three Institutions and the one that focuses on corporate governance. This institution deals in the corporate form of managing and administering businesses, leading from the front in terms of emergence and guidance. Its motto was adopted by the Institute from the “TAITRIYOPANISHAD”. In this Upanishad numerous living principles appear in the form of guidelines to the student from the teacher. As the student is getting ready to leave the school after the completion of his education and training, one of the very important guidelines given to him is “SATYAM VADHA DHARMAM CHARA”. The student is well trained in the theoretical aspects of life, profession and also about the long term vision, he is expected to possess. He has understood that life ahead would be throwing lots of challenges where he may be threatened to compromise his principles and dilute the essence of his fundamentals in order to move forward in life.

The need for a separate Institution for addressing the corporate world was felt by the Government and the business world. The Institute of Company Secretaries of India was thus born. Initially the company secretaries looked after the fundamental requirements of the corporates like formation, maintenance of records, filing of returns, conducting the Board meetings, General Meetings etc.

After the crisis of 1991, the need of professionals in the areas of foreign exchange, external commercial

borrowings and the foreign direct investments grew rapidly and the Company Secretary who had the skills of these areas also were consulted by the corporate houses.

In the new role, people with legal knowledge coupled with the business orientation were the most sought after professionals and the company secretaries fit the bill perfectly. The Institute also realized the potential and rose to the occasion with change of syllabus by introducing the latest commercial subjects and strengthened the members. Rapidly, the role of the company secretaries shifted from that of a “Form filers” to Corporate Administrators and or to a Conscious Keeper.

Regulatory Bodies of the Corporate World

The corporate system has become the most chosen form of doing business today. As already mentioned above in this article, the corporate form of business possesses many advantages for a growth oriented entrepreneurial group. But in many small and medium businesses, they are mostly proprietor driven, even when in the form of a corporate structure. This is because of fundamental issues within the structure and as investor awareness improves these flaws become rectified.

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs is an Indian government ministry primarily concerned with administration of the Companies Act 2013 and other relevant acts responsible mainly for the regulation of Indian enterprises in the industrial and services sector. The Acts and regulations encouraged promoters who were willing to abide by the laws and associated rules and practice corporate governance in an earnest way for the success of the organization. The company management understood and realized that unless there are effective regulatory bodies that guided them in the right way, doing business would be troublesome causing anchors in their corporate voyages. This is where the MCA emerged as a saviour.

In India, apart from the Ministry of corporate Affairs which is the apex body for the Corporates, for those companies who wish to have the participation of public at large in their equity shareholding, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) takes care of those affairs.

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How Young is Your Heart?

29th September is celebrated as World Heart Day to spread awareness about heart



disease and stroke prevention. This is the great day to quit smoking, get exercising and start eating healthy food and improving the

health and well being of people the world over. Heart disease and stroke are the world's leading causes of death. The increasing incidents of heart disease and stroke claims 17.3 million lives every year. A study has shown that 2 out of 4 Indian women are at risk of heart problems due to increasing weight. Heart failure can result in poor quality of life and early death. Early diagnosis is a key. Heart failure patients need to power their heart muscle first for longevity and better

quality of life. The ever increasing burden of

cardiovascular ailments among the population can only be controlled by taking preventive measures.

There are many who think heart disease occurs mostly in older people, but numerous deaths from this condition happen well before people reach the age of 75. The heart starts pounding until the time of death, it may beat more than 3.5 billion times. The center of the circulatory system is the heart. The average heart beats 100,000 times each day, pushing around 2,000 gallons of blood throughout your body. With a life span of 70-90, the heart will beat two to three billion times and circulate 50-65 million gallons of blood.

Heart disease was once considered an old-age ailment but has now become a common

Vinod Chandrashekhar Dixit

lifestyle concern. Statistics show that the rate of heart

diseases in India is double that of the national averages of western countries.

Any imbalance or blockage will manifest as dysfunctional relationships, feeling isolated, skin conditions, asthma, circulatory problems, low or high blood pressure, heart palpitations, chest pains and, in extreme cases, heart attack. A heart-healthy environment can help persons make healthy choices to reduce their risk for heart disease. Creating a heart healthy environment where you live, learn, work, and play is one way you can reduce your risk for heart disease and stroke.

Heart disease can take many forms. Stroke or heart attack is the number one cause of mortality, especially among young Indians. According the Indian Heart

Association, 50% of all heart attacks in Indian men occur under 50 years of age and 25% of all heart attacks in Indian men occur under 40 years of age.

Every citizen must make their own heart health a priority and take the vital steps necessary to reduce their risk. Keeping in mind the hectic lives we lead, we need to adopt healthy weight management as one of the key ways to improve heart health. It's the small things that make a difference. If we make time to walk together daily for 30 minutes, it'll go a long way in protecting our hearts.

When we see the World Heart Day as an ideal opportunity to scale up efforts at the country level within a globally led initiative, let us encourage everyone to take the road that leads to a heart healthy life.

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

Centre asks states to facilitate central deputation of more IAS, IPS officers; weed out 'dead wood'

NEW DELHI: The Centre on Wednesday asked the states to spare more IAS, IPS, and IFoS officers for central deputation besides seeking their cooperation in weeding out the inefficient and corrupt employees.

The request came during the annual conference of Principal Secretaries of states/Union Territories (UTs), held to deliberate on personnel, general administration, and administrative reforms related work here.

Addressing the conference, Union Minister of State for Personnel Jitendra Singh said an all India service officer is an important interface of the government, both within the state as well as the Centre.

He said there is already a structure laid down

There are three all India services --Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Police Service (IPS) and Indian Forest Service (IFoS). These officers are allocated a cadre, which is either a state or a group of states, or states and Union territories.

The central government has been facing a shortage of all India services officers and has been already seeking officers for central deputation from the states, officials said.

To tide over this inadequacy, the Centre had in December last year proposed changes in the service rules that give it overriding power to decide on the central deputation of the IAS, IPS, and IFoS officers, they said.

The existing rules allow mutual consultation

Most states are also not meeting their Central Deputation Reserve (CDR) obligations and the number of officers sponsored by them to serve at the Centre is much lesser, they said.

Every cadre is allowed a CDR to ensure that officers have the opportunity to work on central deputation, which adds to their experience.

Addressing Wednesday's conference, the Union Minister said the "central deputation is part of the federal structure in our country" as he urged the state governments to cooperate.

Singh underlined that the central government, with the sole objective of weeding out the deadwood in order to maintain a high standard of efficiency and initiative at the state/Centre, carries out intensive review of service records of members of the services which has been provided under Rule 16(3) of All India Services (Death-cum-Retirement Benefits) Rules, 1958.

The minister solicited the cooperation of the state governments in completing all such reviews pending with them expeditiously, under intimation to Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), according to the statement.

The review allows the government to retire corrupt and inefficient public servants from the service Singh said that during the current year, the central government has successfully allotted 180 IAS officers through civil services examination and around 434 vacancies have been determined for recruitment through induction from state services that are to be filled up soon.

The minister said that he would also request the state governments to follow the guide-

lines related to effective service and vigilance management of all India services officers circulated by the central government from time to time.

Singh said that the conference, coming as it was after the Covid pandemic, was a revival of the tradition of annual conferences with state secretaries in charge of personnel matters to discuss and engage on matters of mutual concern and interest.

On the training aspect, he said, to get the best out of a government officer, he or she should be adequately trained.

The central government has prepared effective training modules for training its officers, he added.

Singh said that the central government has also devised a module for the state government officials, particularly those working at a cutting-edge level, and urged the state governments to take full advantage of it.

The minister said that the officers of all India services form the backbone of Indian administration and it is important that the states and the Union unite their efforts to achieve good governance of policies and programmes.

He said there is a need to have a platform where interactions at regular intervals between DoPT and other stakeholders continue to take place.

The government of India and the governments of states are the biggest employers of the country, the statement said.

"A government job is the dream job for every citizen, cutting across all sections of the society. The people look up to the government job not only because it provides the best facilities, salary package and job security but also because the selection process is open to all and is merit based," it said.



for cadre management of all India services and it needs to be followed in letter and spirit. A particular aspect in this regard is the deployment of the all-India service officers at the Centre, the minister added.

He asked the state governments to facilitate the central deputation of IAS and other all India services officers, according to a statement issued by the Personnel Ministry.

between the Centre and the state while deciding on deputation of these officers.

At present this matter is under consideration of the central government as almost all the opposition ruled states including Odisha, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, and Rajasthan had opposed the move, the officials said.

Death toll climbs in Iranian drone attack: Kurdish officials

KOYA: An Iranian drone bombing campaign targeting the bases of an Iranian-Kurdish opposition group in northern Iraq Wednesday has killed at least nine people and wounded 32 others, the Kurdish Regional Government's Health Ministry said.

The strikes took place as demonstrations

Iran's state-run IRNA news agency and broadcaster said the country's Revolutionary Guard targeted bases of a separatist group in the north of Iraq with "precision missiles" and "suicide drones".

Gen.Hasan Hasanzadeh of the Revolutionary Guard said 185 Basijis, a volunteer force,

mon the Iranian ambassador to deliver a diplomatic complaint over the strikes.

Following the first series of strikes, Iran then shelled seven positions in Koya's stronghold in Qala, a KDPI official told The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity in order to speak publicly.

The Qala area includes the party's politburo. An Associated Press journalist saw ambulances racing through Koya after the strikes. Smoke rose from the site of one apparent strike as security forces closed off the area.

On Saturday and Monday, Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard unleashed a wave of drone and artillery strikes targeting Kurdish positions.

The attacks appear to be a response to the ongoing protests roiling Iran over the death of a 22-year-old Iranian Kurdish woman who was detained by the nation's morality police. The United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq said in a tweet that the country cannot be treated as "the region's 'backyard' where neighbours routinely, and with impunity, violate its sovereignty."

"Rocket diplomacy is a reckless act with devastating consequences," the UN agency said. The United Nations Secretary-General called on Iran early Wednesday to refrain from using "unnecessary or disproportionate force"

against protesters as unrest over a young woman's death in police custody spread across the country.

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Antonio Guterres said through a spokesman that authorities should swiftly conduct an impartial investigation of Amini's death, which has sparked unrest across Iran's provinces and the capital of Tehran.

"We are increasingly concerned about reports of rising fatalities, including women and children, related to the protests," UN spokesman Stéphane Dujarric in a statement.

"We underline the need for prompt, impartial and effective investigation into Ms.Mahsa Amini's death by an independent competent authority."

Protests have spread across at least 46 cities, towns and villages in Iran. State TV reported that at least 41 protesters and police have been killed since the protests began Sept 17.

An Associated Press count of official statements by authorities tallied at least 14 dead, with more than 1,500 demonstrators arrested. The New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists, meanwhile, said it documented the arrests of at least 23 journalists as the clashes between security forces and protesters heated up.

CPJ in a Wednesday statement called on Iranian authorities to "immediately" release arrested journalists who covered Amini's death and protests.

Dujarric added that Guterres stressed the need to respect human rights, including freedom of expression, peaceful assembly, and association during the meeting with Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi on September 22nd.



continued to engulf the Islamic Republic after the death of Mahsa Amini, a 22-year-old Iranian Kurdish woman who was detained by the Iranian morality police.

Iran's attacks targeted Koya, some 65 kilometres east of Irbil, said Soran Nuri, a member of the Democratic Party of Iranian Kurdistan.

The group, known by the acronym KDPI, is a leftist armed opposition force banned in Iran. Iraq's Foreign Ministry and the Kurdistan Regional Government have condemned the strikes.

were injured by "machete and knife" in the unrest, state-run IRNA news agency reported Wednesday.

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Hasanzadeh also said rioters broke the skull of one of the Basij members. He added that five Basijis are hospitalised in intensive care. The Iranian drone strikes targeted a military camp, homes, offices and other areas around Koya, Nuri said. Nuri described the attack as ongoing.

Iraq's Foreign Ministry spokesman said the government in Baghdad is expected to sum-

State Plans 10 Ropeways

Bhubaneswar(KCN): In an aim to attract a large number of tourists to several religious and natural tourist destinations, the State Government is planning to install a ropeway in 10 locations across the State.

According to a proposal prepared by Depart-

Kandhamal (0.26 km), Satkosia in Nayagarh district (1.72 km), Eco Retreat Koraput (1.5 km), Kalijai Temple in Puri (5.3 km) and Chilika in Puri (3.34 km).

These ropeway projects will be taken up by National Highways Logistic Management Limited (NHLML), subsidiary of National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) under Parvatmala scheme, sources said here on Tuesday.

The NHLML has been entrusted to take up ropeway projects, identified by the State Government in the hilly terrain, for urban decongestion, connecting inaccessible areas and to improve tourism and of religious importance in the State.

For this purpose Chief Engineer (DPI & Roads), Er. Tara Prasad Mishra has asked the Superintending Engineer of the R&B Divisions to identify other locations under their jurisdiction, where ropeway projects can be taken up. After receiving reports from the Superintending Engineers, the Works Department will submit it to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways. After that, work will be started for execution of the ropeway projects, the source informed. The 'Parvat Mala' scheme was announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman during the Union Budget 2022. The scheme is aimed at facilitating modern mode of transportation in the hills, and will give fillip to border villages in such areas, experts feel.

Under the scheme, ropeway connectivity will be provided in remote areas through the national ropeway development program. Eight ropeway projects across 60 km will be constructed in this financial year in hill states.

In April 2022, the Himachal Pradesh Government had signed a MoU with the National Highways Logistics Management Limited for the construction of ropeways in Himachal Pradesh under the ambitious Parvatmala Yojana. Seven ropeway projects of a total length 57.1 km at a total cost of Rs 3,232 crore will be constructed in the Himalayan State.



ment of Works, the ropeways are likely to be operated at Bhimkund in Mayurbhanj district (0.7 km), Gonasika in Keonjhar (0.67 km), Malayagiri Mountain in Angul (2.6 km), Devkund in Mayurbhanj (0.36 km), Dudhari in Koraput (0.32 km), Putudi waterfall in

Odisha On 'Rethinking Tourism'

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha Tourism on World Tourism Day organized a super Bike Rally from Infocity Square to Dhauli Shanti Stupa.

S K Priyadarshi, Twin City Commissioner of Police along with Director Tourism Sachin R. Jadhav in the presence of Convenor Odisha Super Riders Shri Devjyoti Patnaik flagged off the rally.



With more than 150 super bike riders participating, the rally culminated at Dhauli Shanti Stupa where an event was organized on the occasion to promote road trips by rider communities as part of tourism initiative.

A special message by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik was read out by Director Tourism Sachin R Jadhav. With 'Rethinking Tourism' being the global theme set by UNWTO for World Tourism Day celebrations.

Chief Minister's message highlighted various initiatives taken by the Government towards development of key tourism destinations through integrated master planning.

"These projects have scope for community participation and incorporation of sustainable value-adding enterprise to promote local handloom and handicrafts, cuisine, and culture among others", it stated.

A special guidebook 'Unexplored Odisha' was launched by Tourism Minister Ashwini Kumar Patra. This guidebook along with the State's tourism map showcases the hidden tourism

gems of Odisha for travelers to explore.

Odisha Tourism's initiative Odisha by Road, launched in the year 2020, promotes various road trip itineraries that makes use of the State's excellent road networks that enables road trippers to discover India's best kept secret.

Special videos to promote the initiative have been launched every year on the occasion since then. During today's event, Odisha by Road 3.0 was launched that showcased various tourist destinations in South Odisha.

Commissioner BMC Vijay Kulange, Collector Khordha K. Sudarshan Chakravarthy, and Addl. Commissioner BMC Suryawanshi Mayur Vikas were the esteemed guests on

this occasion.

On behalf of the Department of Tourism, a cultural program was organized by the Paryatan Bibhaga Sanskrutika Parishad today evening at Bhanj Kala Mandap, Bhubaneswar. The guests were emphasized on development of tourism in Odisha as well as more tourist arrival to Odisha. Later, the drama Manisa Gachhara Chhae was staged by the officials of the Department of Tourism. The pace of the broken world is very strange. In today's society, there is no account of how much the world of gold is broken and turned into gold for the sake of self-interest, pride and desire for money.

Man plants a tree not for himself but for the shelter of many pedestrians. Just like a man living a childless life takes an orphan child to save his family. In the cycle of time, the wheels change and two twins come to the family of that childless man. The twins go on a wild road for money and love. But that orphan has changed the whole family. In the end, everyone realized their mistakes and returned to the family with laugh but lost the man.

Odisha: BJP mounts pressure on Minister Samir Ranjan Dash over BJD member's suicide

BHUBANESWAR: The Opposition BJP has started mounting pressure on the police to bring School

mortem report of Sahoo says Sahoo's death was due to asphyxiation, a delegation of the BJP led by

Parida who has been claiming that Sahoo is a victim of a well-planned murder told mediapersons after

responsibility of party observer and organisation in charge. Both of them were seen on the



and Mass Education Minister Samir Ranjan Dash under the purview of investigation to mystery surrounding the alleged suicide of BJD Zilla Parishad member Dharmendra Sahoo.

Even as the post-

party's State vice-president Pravati Parida met Police Commissioner S a u m e n d r a Priyadarshi and submitted a memorandum demanding an impartial probe and the role of the Minister in the case.

meeting the CP that the deceased was given BJD ticket by Dash to contest Zilla Parishad election despite the fact that he was never in active politics.

After the election, the Minister had given Sahoo the re-

same platform at all official and political functions in Puri district.

A close confidant of the Minister, Sahoo had posted on social media that political dispute is the major reason behind his marital discord.



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India doesn't need so many public sector banks, says former SBI chief

NEW DELHI: India needs 'fewer' but stronger Public Sector Banks (PSBs), and the smaller ones could be privatised or merged, former SBI chief Arundhati Bhattacharya has said. Bhattacharya further said many of the goals that are expected to be achieved through the privatisation of PSBs can also actually be achieved by enabling the state-owned banks and by levelling the playing field.

"The thing is, privatisation has never been the answer to all the ills," she told PTI while responding to a question on former RBI governor D Subbarao's suggestion that the government should come up with a 10-year road map for privatisation of all PSBs. Subbarao had recently suggested that the government should come up with a 10-year road map for privatisation of all PSBs as it would provide much-needed predictability to stakeholders.

"I don't really believe that we need so many public sector banks either, the number of PSBs could be decreased. Some of them could be privatised. And maybe you know, the stronger ones could still remain public sector banks," said Bhattacharya, who is currently the chairperson and CEO of Salesforce India.

In 2020, the government merged 10 nationalised banks into four large lenders, thereby bringing down the number of PSBs to 12. While observing that even at this point in time PSBs are not enabled enough, she asserted that wholesale privatisation of state-owned

banks is not the answer. Subbarao had also said that the big bang approach to privatisation of public sector banks is not desirable but at the same time the issue should not be put on the back burner.

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hike likely In the Union Budget for 2021-22, the government announced its intent to take up the privatisation of two PSBs in the year and approved a policy of strategic disinvestment of public sector enterprises.

The government think-tank NITI Aayog has already suggested two banks and one insurance company to the Core Group of Secretaries on Disinvestment for privatisation.

On NITI Aayog's proposal of setting up full-stack digital banks, Bhattacharya said the people in the age group between 17 and 25 seem to be okay with not having brick-and-mortar branches of banks.

"Now, if the customers are there then at some point of time this (digital banks) will come

EU's 27 member countries.

The war in Ukraine has brought an energy standoff between the EU, many of whose members have for years relied heavily on Russian natural gas supplies, and Moscow.

The damage makes it unlikely the pipelines will be able to supply any gas to Europe this winter, according to analysts.

Meanwhile, Ukraine's military and a Washington-based think tank said Wednesday that Russia is sending troops without any training to the front line.

Moscow has struggled to hold the line against Ukraine's recent counteroffensive and has ordered a partial mobilization to replenish its ranks. The effort is causing unrest, however, amid a reluctant public.

In a daily briefing, the Ukraine military's general staff said 1st Tank Regiment of the 2nd Motorized Rifle Division of Russia's 1st Tank Army has received untrained new troops.

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The Ukrainian military also said prison convicts are arriving in Ukraine to reinforce the Russian lines. It offered no evidence to support the claim, though the Ukrainian security services have released audio of allegedly monitored Russian phone conversations on the issue.

The Institute for the Study of War think tank cited one online video by a man who identified himself as a member of the 1st Tank Regiment, visibly upset, saying that he and his colleagues wouldn't receive training before shipping out to the Russian-occupied region of Kherson in Ukraine.

"Mobilized men with a day or two of training are unlikely to meaningfully reinforce Russian positions affected by Ukrainian counter-offensives in the south and east," the institute said.

The U.K. ministry of defense said Ukraine's counteroffensive, which has inflicted some humiliating defeats on Moscow's forces, is advancing slowly.

It said Russia is currently putting up a stouter defense. In the eastern Ukrainian region of Donetsk, which is partially occupied by Moscow, Russian fire killed five people and wounded 10 others over the last 24 hours, said Pavlo Kyrylenko, the head of the local military authority.

Authorities in the southern Ukrainian city of Nikopol said Russian rockets and artillery pounded the city overnight.

The city, across the Dnipro River from Russian-occupied territory, saw 10 high-rises and private buildings hit, as well as a school, power lines and other areas, said Valentyn Reznichenko, the head of the local military administration, said.

into play," she said.

Bhattacharya recalled that in 2010, she had approached the RBI seeking a license of this sort and she was told that there was no such proposal or no such thought in the offing.

While admitting that even though there are a lot of risks in setting up full-stack digital banks, she said, "The change is inevitable. You may try to stop it, you may try to delay it. But you can't stop it altogether."

Recently, Niti Aayog had said India has a technology stack to facilitate digital banks and there is need for creating a regulatory framework for promoting this.

The Aayog, in its report titled 'Digital Banks: A Proposal for Licensing & Regulatory Regime for India', had made a case and had offered a template and road map for a digital bank licensing and regulatory regime for the country.

Replying to a question on RBI's proposed Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC), she said the launch of CBDC this year will be a big step.

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"But the digital currency as it exists today does not inspire confidence," she said.

Noting that one of the biggest attributes of currency is that people holding it should be confident of its value, Bhattacharya said digital currency the way it is now is more like a commodity.

The former SBI chief opined that digital currency will have to be on a different kind of platform with only the central bank issuing it or mining it and attributing a value to it.

The RBI has proposed to launch CBDC on a pilot basis this year, as announced in the Budget by finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

In the Union Budget for 2022-23, the finance minister had said the RBI would roll out a digital currency equivalent to the rupee in the current financial year.

Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik in Bengaluru to woo investors

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ing (ESDM) sector, auto and auto components, textiles and apparel, aerospace and defence besides food processing.

Some of the major investors across sectors including e-commerce and IT space are also scheduled to have one-on-one G2B meetings with the Chief Minister. Managing Partner of IBM India Amit Sharma, MD and CEO of Wipro-GE Healthcare Pvt Ltd Shraavan Subramanyam, MD and CEO of Indo Nissin Foods Pvt Ltd Gautam Sharma, MD of Wonderla Arun Chittapalli and Founder and MD of Cotton World BN Monappa are slated to meet the CM.

On the eve of the event, businessman, philanthropist and former Chairman of Wipro Limited Azim Premji met the Chief Minister and discussed the investment opportunities in the State.

"Odisha will showcase its diverse business-friendly ecosystem to the potential investors during the roadshow and invite them to invest here to meet the ever-growing demands in eastern and north-eastern regions as well as the ASEAN markets," said Principal Secretary of Industries department Hemant Sharma. Apart from Sharma, the delegation included Minister for Industries, MSME and Energy Pratap Keshari Deb, Secretary of Electronics and IT department Manoj Kumar Mishra and Executive Chairman of StartUp Odisha Omkar Rai.

On Tuesday, multiple one-on-one meetings with potential investors across sectors, including food-processing, aerospace and defence and healthcare were also held. The investors were assured of best-in-class investment facilitation in the State.

Among others, Director and CFO of Merlinhawk Aerospace Ltd, Founder and Managing Director of Golden Hatcheries Ltd Syed Fahad, Managing Director of Nandi Powertronics Pvt Ltd HN Ramakrishnaiah, Founder and Managing Director MVM Industries Ltd Nanda Venkata Rao and Co-Founders of 91 Springboard Varun Chawla and Pranay Gupta also met the official delegation. Over 500 industrialists, business persons and investors across sectors are expected to attend the investors' meet on Wednesday.

PM Modi on 2-day visit to home state Gujarat from tomorrow to inaugurate several projects

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museum will have interactive displays, inquiry-based activities and inquisitiveness-based explorations.

Thereafter, he will travel to Bhavnagar to lay the foundation stone and inaugurate multiple developmental initiatives worth over Rs 5,200 crore.

The prime minister will lay the foundation stone for the world's first CNG terminal and a brownfield port in the city. The port will be developed at a cost of over Rs 4,000 crore and will have state-of-the-art infrastructure for the CNG terminal. The port will have an ultra-modern container terminal, multipurpose terminal, and liquid terminal with direct door-step connectivity to the existing road-way and railway network.

The prime minister will also inaugurate a regional science centre in Bhavnagar, spread over 20 acres and built at a cost of around Rs 100 crore. The centre has several theme-based galleries including the marine aquatic gallery, automobile gallery, and the Nobel Prize gallery. The centre will provide a creative platform for children.

During the programme, the prime minister will also inaugurate various other projects including package 7 of Sauni Yojna Link 2, 25 MW Palitana Solar PV Project, APPL Container (Aawadkrupa Plastomech Pvt. Ltd.) project; and lay the foundation stone of projects including package 9 of Sauni Yojna Link 2, Chorvadla Zone water supply project, among others.

The same day evening, Prime Minister Modi will declare open the 36th National Games in a grand ceremony at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad. He will also address athletes from across the country participating in the National Games.

National Games are being held in the state of Gujarat for the very first time. It will be organised from September 29 to October 12, 2022. Nearly 15,000 sportspersons, coaches, and officials from across the country will participate in 36 sports disciplines, making it the biggest National Games ever.

Prime Minister Modi will also inaugurate the "Swarnim Gujarat Sports University" in Desar. This landmark project is expected to transform the sports education landscape in the country.

On the second day of his visit, Prime Minister Modi will flag off the Gandhinagar-Mumbai Vande Bharat Express at Gandhinagar station. He will also travel on the train from there to Kalupur Railway Station.

Around 11:30 am, the prime minister will flag off the Ahmedabad Metro Rail project and will take a metro ride from Kalupur station to Doordarshan Kendra metro station. Around 12 noon, he will inaugurate Phase-I of the Ahmedabad Metro project at a public function at the Ahmedabad Education Society in Ahmedabad.

Later in the day, Prime Minister Modi will lay the foundation stone and dedicate various projects worth over Rs 7,200 crore in Ambaji and perform Darshan and Pooja at Ambaji Temple. Thereafter, he will attend Maha Aarti at Gabbar Tirtha.

The programmes in Ambaji include laying the foundation stone of over 45,000 houses built under the PM Awas Yojana. Prime Minister Modi will also lay the foundation stone of Taranga Hill - Ambaji - Abu Road New Broad Gauge Line and development of pilgrimage facilities at Ambaji temple under the PRASAD scheme.

The new rail line is expected to benefit lakhs of devotees visiting Ambaji, one of the 51 Shakti Peethas and will enrich the worship experience of the devotees at all these pilgrimage places. Other projects whose foundation stone will be laid include the construction of the runway and associated infrastructure at Air Force Station, Deesa; Ambaji Bypass Road among others.

Prime Minister Modi will also dedicate the 62-km-long New Palanpur-New Mahesana section of the Western Freight Dedicated Corridor and the 13-km-long New Palanpur-New Chatodar Section (Palanpur bypass line). It will enhance connectivity to Pipavav, Deendayal Port Authority (Kandla), Mundra and other ports of Gujarat.

With the opening of these sections, 734 km of the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor will become operational. The opening of this stretch will benefit industries in Mehsana-Palanpur in Gujarat; Swaroopganj, Keshavganj, Kishangarh in Rajasthan; Rewari-Manesar and Narnaul in Haryana. The prime minister will also dedicate various road projects including the widening of Mitha - Tharad - Deesa Road among others.

CM Naveen unveils first-of-its-kind encyclopedia on tribes of Odisha

BHUBANESWAR: Encyclopedia of Tribes in Odisha - an exhaustive work on the various aspects of life, culture and development of 62 Scheduled Tribes and 13 Particularly Vul-

Naveen said. Odisha happens to be the only State to publish such an encyclopedia. As per 2011 census, tribals account for 22.85 percent of the



nerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) of Odisha - was released by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik at the SCSTRTI & Tribal Museum Complex in the city on Monday. Comprising five edited volumes with 3,800 pages, the encyclopedia has 418 research articles covering all ST communities and PVTGs which had been published in the 'Adivasi' journal and other publications over the last six decades. Besides the papers contributed by SCSTRTI's own research personnel, the articles of other research scholars and eminent anthropologists on different aspects of the tribes in Odisha and other states had also found place in this journal. The articles have been edited, compiled and republished over a period of last four years by Director of SCSTRTI Prof Akhila Bihari Ota and SC Mohanty, consultant of SCSTRTI. Applauding Prof Ota for such a rare and impressive publication, the Chief Minister said 'Encyclopedia of Tribes in Odisha' will be used as a repository for reference by a wide range of readers. "It will certainly be a great treasure and repository for all the academicians, researchers, policy makers and those interested to know about the tribal communities of the State and their rich culture,"

State's total population. The uniqueness of this segment of population is that different tribal communities are at different levels of socio-economic development. But as a matter of fact, the age-old culture and way of living of these tribal communities are changing fast and their cultural identity is disintegrating. Before it gets entirely vanished, systematic documentation needs to be done on an urgent basis which is what the book attempts to capture. Each of the volumes is a fine repository of ethnographic knowledge as well as excellent exposition of pristine tribal culture with its specificity and variety. Prof Ota said the five volumes on the Odishan tribes are unique in their perspective and presentation as a modest attempt has been made to accumulate and present the published and unpublished data regarding their ethnography and development with the objective appraisal of the old and the new; the past and the present. He, has in the past, also authored a number of books on various tribes of the State.

Key highlights
Encyclopedia comprises five edited volumes with 3,800 pages
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India under-17 men's football team register 3-1 win over Oman in 'friendly'

NEW DELHI: The India U-17 men's team registered a 3-1 victory over Oman in a football friendly

tally in the second half. Alhaitham Alshukaili scored the solitary goal for Oman a couple of

doubled the lead from Guite's pass in the 18th minute.

A couple of more chances were missed by India but the youngsters remained upbeat in their efforts to score more goals. At the stroke of half-time, Korou's powerful shot from a free-kick hit the pole.

The second half began on similar lines as Bibiano Fernandes's boys got back into attacking mode immediately. Indian earned a couple of free-kicks in good positions but couldn't make best use of them. In the 48th minute, Guite saw his free kick being cleared by the Omani defender.

Korou Singh proved to be a constant threat for the Oman defence and he often tested the opponent custodian with his

shots.

In the 61st minute, Korou was provided with an opportunity to widen the lead off a Lalpekhlua cross from the left flank but the former failed to tap home.

Nine minutes later, Tamim Alburaiqi tackled Lalpekhlua in the box and India earned another penalty. Lalpekhlua shot went straight into the back of the net making it 3-0 for India.

With 70 minutes gone, Bibiano made some changes bringing in Lalhmingchhuanga, Bobby Phoenix, Shaiza, Faizan in place of Danny, Lalpekhlua, Gangte, Guite and Korou.

In the 88th minute, Alhaitham Alshukaili scored for Oman from a free-kick. They were down to 10 men after Tamim Alburaiqi was handed a red card.



match held in Muscat. The team landed in Oman yesterday to play against the hosts as part of their preparations for the AFC U-17 Asian Cup Qualifiers 2023 which is scheduled to begin on October 3, 2022 in Dammam, Saudi Arabia.

Indians notched up the win courtesy goals from Gangte (10') and Thokchom (18'), who scored in the early minutes into the game and Lalpekhlua (69'), who rounded off the

minutes before the end of regulation time.

The first half began with the Indians pressing hard to seize the initiative. In the 7th minute, Lalpekhlua's shot went wide off a Danny through the pass.

Three minutes later, India were awarded a penalty. Gangte stepped up and made no mistake to give India the lead. The Indian colts gradually found their footing as Thokchom

FIFA honours Sunil Chhetri for his achievements, releases three-episode series on him

NEW DELHI: World football governing body FIFA has re-

now get the definitive story of the third highest scoring ac-

"The first episode takes us back to where it all

wonders for the national team, his big dream of playing pro-



leased a three-episode series on the life and career of talismanic Indian football team captain Sunil Chhetri in recognition of his achievements and goal-scoring exploits. FIFA announced that the three episodes are available on FIFA+, its streaming platform.

"You know all about Ronaldo and Messi,

ive men's international. Sunil Chhetri | Captain Fantastic is available on FIFA+ now," the FIFA tweeted from its World Cup handle. The 38-year-old Chhetri is third in the list for active footballers with most international goals with 84 strikes to his name, behind Cristiano Ronaldo (117) and Lionel Messi (90).

started...all leading up to his India debut at the age of 20. Close associates, loved ones, and footballing colleagues help tell the tale -- apart from the man himself, the man affectionately dubbed, 'Captain, Leader, Legend'," the synopsis of the first episode said.

The second episode was about Chhetri starting to perform

professional football for a top-class overseas club.

In the third episode, Chhetri reached the zenith of his professional career and his personal life. Trophies piled up and records were shattered. Chhetri made his India debut in 2005 and since then has played in 131 matches, including the one against Vietnam on Tuesday.



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